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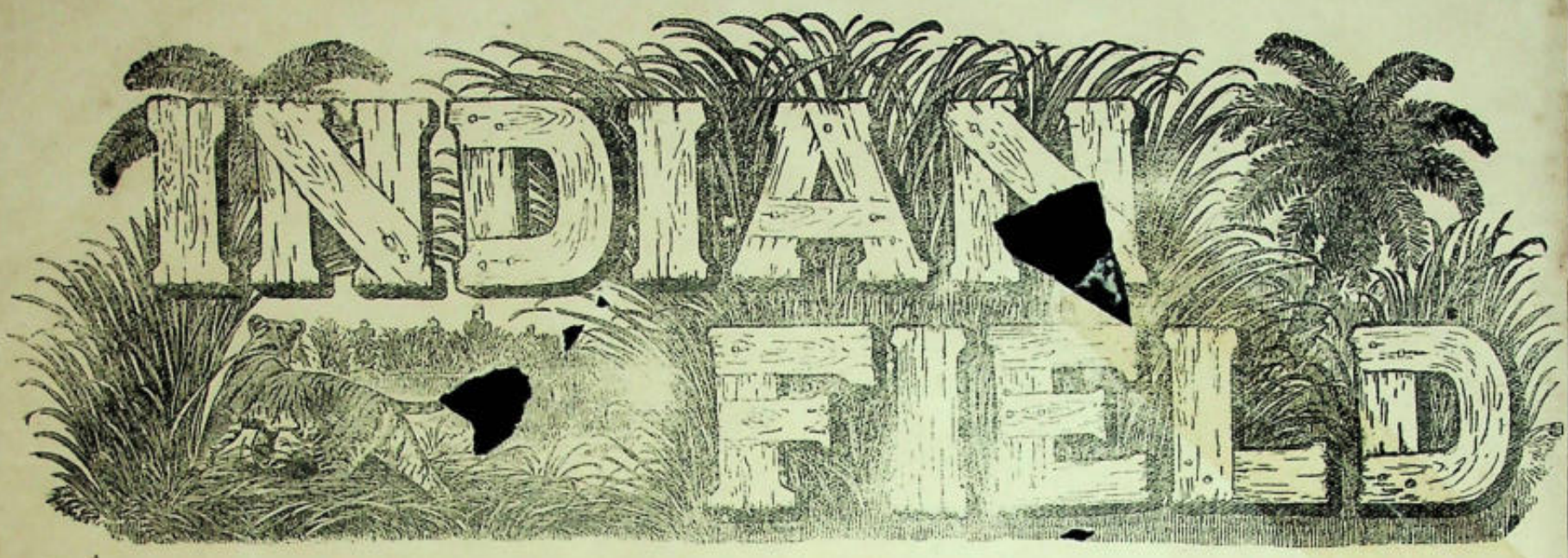

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"EXTINCT" SPECIES.

THE report, based apparently on reliable authority, that passenger pigeons in small numbers have twice been observed by different naturalists at two separate districts of Ontario, gives us one more hint of the necessity for prolonged delay ere we take it upon ourselves to add a species of bird or beast to the list of those extinguished. The case of the American passenger pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) is, we must admit, peculiar. Fifty years ago the name of the bird was a synonym for incalculable numbers: it was on the same footing, one may say, as the locust and the "sands of the sea." Alexander Wilson, the famous American naturalist, described a breeding place of this pigeon personally known to him in Kentucky: the tract of wood patronised by the pigeons was forty miles long and several miles in breadth: "almost every tree was furnished with nests wherever the branches could accommodate them;" and the appearance of the young squabs was the signal for the people to assemble from miles round, who came to camp in the vicinity, to cut down the nest-bearing trees and collect the young; while hogs on the ground and vast numbers of birds of prey collected to batten on the unfortunate nestlings. So lately as 1881 there existed in Michigan a passenger pigeon nursery eight miles long and a mile broad; but the records kept by Mr. L. H. Smith of Strathroy, Ontario, show that by the year named an enormous diminution in numbers had occurred; the annual decrease was very marked during the seventies and of recent years most naturalists have been content to relegate this pigeon to the list of extinct species.

The exertions of man may be held in a measure accountable for the destruction of the bird, for we must regard the depredations of hawks and their allies as a natural check on undue increase: but in a vast continent, which for the most part is but thinly populated, human agency cannot be held wholly accountable for it, even though we read of schooners being laden with the young squabs for carriage to New York and other centres of population. Many authorities believe that the disappearance of the birds is due to their being overtaken while on migration flight by fog or snowstorm: but this theory is not quite easy of acceptance. If we are right to picture the whole mass of individuals that make up the species—if all the passenger pigeons that ever existed dwelt in one vast flock and migrated as one bird, then we can accept the disaster theory: otherwise it becomes necessary to assume a series of fogs and, or, snowstorms occurring at such times and such places as to intercept the various migrating bodies to work their undoing. It would seem, however, that whatever the causes or forces which reduced the immense flights of passenger pigeons nearly to extinction, a few still survive and the species may, therefore, in course of time, recover its quantity to some extent. None of the *columbidæ* err on the side of profusion in family, and such recovery, if it takes place at all, must necessarily be slow.

The case of the passenger pigeon would seem to be on much the same footing as that of the American bison: for years, once the great herds had been destroyed, entirely by man in this instance, the species was popularly held to be extinct; a few individuals saved from the holocaust and harboured chiefly in great parks and reserves, were

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regarded with sympathetic curiosity as the last lingering representatives of a doomed race. Then, as the interest stimulated by report of extinction gradually spread into remote corners, the scientific men working in their studies began to hear from herdsmen, cowboys and others whose lives lay in the wilds that the bison still existed: that he had changed in some cases his habit of life and, avoiding the open, was become a dweller in the woods, where safety lay from the only foe he had to fear. Unless we are mistaken too, small herds of bison were reported as living in the prairies in undisturbed corners of the most thinly populated States. It is impossible that the bison can ever resume the place he once occupied: for obvious reasons he must go to the wall, for there is no room for him and civilisation together. There is no reason however why he should not continue in existence if afforded a fair chance: it is true that the reduction of a species below a certain *minimum* involves extinction sooner or later; but it is astonishing at how low a point that minimum may be maintained or, to put the same thing in another way, how long the last remnant of a species may be preserved. We have an excellent sample of this in the English wild cattle, small herds of which are still in existence at Vaynol, Hamilton, Chartley and Chillingham. These herds, numbering probably in the aggregate 250 individuals, represent a species against which war was declared by agriculture perhaps 800 years ago. Cattle do not reproduce their kind with conspicuous rapidity, and the survival of a remnant, close in-breeding notwithstanding, proves how enduring is the vitality of a species. We may regard the Chillingham cattle as a species for our present purpose as the herds have been so scrupulously excluded from outside crossing.

We cannot satisfy ourselves that any accepted authority ever pronounced the square-lipped rhinoceros (*R. simus*) extinct: and indeed, when we consider the enormous area at the animal's disposal, he were a bold man who ventured to assert that none of the species survived because a period of years had passed without a specimen being brought to bag. Whatever the "Foundation of Belief" the fact remains that when Mr. Coryndon in 1894 took a couple of skins to England and made them over to Rowland Ward to be mounted the event created something like a sensation in the natural history world and *R. simus* received the welcome due a beast called back from the grave. Since then, various sportsmen have secured examples, Major St. Hill Gibbons, the well-known traveller, being, if we are not mistaken, the last to take home a skin.

For many years the so-called "Maneless Lion of Guzerat" was supposed to be numbered with beasts that were. That the lion in question is not maneless and was not peculiar at any time to Guzerat are mere details of no particular interest: but they held to emphasise the circumstance that when a fog of misconception grows up about any animal that fog or mist of distortion clings to it with singular tenacity. This species, in defiance of the popular verdict of extinction, remains in the land of the living, or to be more precise in the Gir Forest of Kathiawar. Seventy or eighty years ago they were numerous in all the wilder parts of the province. In the sixties they were occasionally killed about Mount Abu, Gwalior, Goona, and even within a hundred miles of Allahabad, so said a correspondent of our London contemporary, *Land and Water*, writing in August 1896; and the writer appeared to know what he was talking about. At that time the "lion area" had become very circumscribed and the Gir Forest is accepted as its only stronghold. Much to the credit of the Junagadh Durbar orders were issued protecting the lions absolutely for a period of six years: this "close season" expired only last year, and we have not heard what results have attended this endeavour to preserve the remnant of the species, for remnant we fear it must be considered though not without hopes that it may prove once more the adage concerning "threatened men" which applies equally to threatened species.

Regarding the verdict "extinct" from a practical standpoint we are quite sure it has beneficial results to the creature so described. Let the voice of authority proclaim a species rare or on the point of vanishment and at once a premium is put on the death of the rarity. Ninety men out of a hundred (we might say ninety-nine perhaps without overstatement) shoot a rare animal or rare bird for no other reason in the world than that it *is* rare; and the report that a rarity has been seen will bring the hungry collector to the spot, eager for his prey. Dub a species extinct and the remnant is comparatively safe, inasmuch as reports that an example has been seen are not readily credited. Incredible as it seems to planters and others in certain districts of India, the idea that "the Indian elephant is on the verge of extinction" is widely cherished in England and in quarters which should be much better informed the truth that elephants are numerous enough, in places, to be a serious nuisance has not yet penetrated.

Special Telegrams.

THE CHESTER CUP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Chester Cup (handicap)—Of 2,550sovs. (a Cup value 50sovs. and the remainder in specie), by subscription of 25sovs. each, 15sovs. ft. or 5sovs. only if declared; second to receive 300sovs. and the third 200sovs.; winners after 12th March at noon, of the Two Thousand Guineas or One Thousand Guineas Stakes at Newmarket in 1903, or a handicap value 500sovs. 14lbs, of a handicap value 300sovs. 7lbs extra. Old Cup Course (nearly two miles and a quarter). (46 subs, 12 of whom declared.)—Closed 3rd February.

A Champion Prize Cheshire Cheese, of the value of 5sovs. will be given to the owners of the first, second, and third horses respectively.

Lord George Thursby's b c VENDALE, by The Bard—Water Lily, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs, Trigg 1

Mr F Alexander's b c THROWAWAY, by Right-away—Theale, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs, Hardy 2

Duke of Portland's ch c CARO, by Carbine—Nenemoosha, 4yrs, 7st, Griggs ... 3

Lord Howard de Walden's b c St. MACLOU, by St Simon—Mimi, 5yrs, 9st 5lbs ... 0

Mr Reid Walker's b g TEMPLEMORE, by St Hiliare—Little Widow, 5 years, 8st 5lbs 0

Mr J Collins's b c CARABINE, by Carbine—Saintfield, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs 0

Baron de Forest's b c LOGNES, by Simonian—Barcarolle, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs 0

Lord Carnarvon's b c PREEN, by Sheen—Coquette, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs 0

Sir E Vincent's ch f PARODY, by Avington—Portree, 4yrs, 6st 5lbs 0

Mr Arthur James's br c SHELLMARTIN, by Florizel II—Bentesta, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs ... 0

„ L de Rothschild's b f VENUS, by St Simon—Lady Loverule, 4yrs, 6st 3lbs ... 0

„ S Platt's b f MONITRESS, by Trenton—Lady Detective, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs ... 0

„ R Croker's br c LIQUIDATOR, by St Frusquin—Eau d'Or, 4yrs, 6st 6lbs ... 0

Mr A Stedall's br c GRAND DEACON, by Freemason—L'Excepcion, 5yrs, 6st 4lbs ... 0

Mr R C Thompson's ch c LEVIATHAN, by Isinglass—Galiana, 5yrs, 6st 0lb ... 0

(*Winner trained by W. Dyke, Cranborne, Dorset.*)

Betting: 10 to 1 against Vendale.

Won by one length; three lengths between second and third.

Previous Winners.

Year.	Winner.	Time.	Jockey.
1877	Mr F Gretton's Pageant	6 7 10	... Glover (10)
1878	Mr F Gretton's Pageant	a 8 12	... T Cannon (10)
1879	Lord Dupplin's Reefer	4 7 1	... Luke (10)
1880	Mr Lde Rothschild's Fashion	3 6 5	... Graves (10)
1881	Sir J D Astley's Windsor	4 6 6	... Weston (10)
1882	Ld Rosebery's Prudhomme	5 8 4	... Lemaire (7)
1883	Mr Lde Rothschild's Bisert	3 6 4	... S Loates (6)
1884	„ C J Merry's Havock	6 7 10	... C Wood (11)
1885	„ H B Craig's Merry Prin	5 7 3	... S Loates (7)
1886	Duke of Beaufort's Easte Emperor ...	5 8 2	... G Barrett (9)
1887	Mr Somers's Carlton	4 7 11	... G Barrett (10)
1888	„ J G Homfray's Kinsky	a 8 12	... Watts (12)
1889	„ B Maple's Mill Stream	6 7 4	... T Loates (11)
1890	„ S J Baker's Tyrant	5 7 0	... Chandley (10)
1891	„ Baron Hirsch's Vasistas	5 8 3	... G Barrett (12)
1892	„ C Perkin's Dare Devil	4 7 5	... Mullen (9)
1893	„ C Perkin's Dare Devil	5 8 1	... Fagan (8)
1894	Lord Penrhyn's Quæsitum	4 8 0	... T Loates (11)
1895	Capt Machell's Kilsallaghan	5 7 9	... Finlay (16)
1896	Mr Dobell's The Rush	4 8 5	... O Madden (11)
1897	„ R Lebaudy's Count Schomberg	5 8 10	S Loates (12)
1898	Mr Pack's Up Guards	6 13	S Chandley (16)
1899	„ Teddy's Uncle Mac	5 7 7	F Finlay (13)
1900	„ C A Brown's Roughside	a 7 5	... J T Sloan (14)
1901	„ Lorillard's David Garrick	4 8 10	... L Reiff (16)
1902	„ J Collin's Carabine	4 7 5	... M Aylin (16)

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

London, *Friday, 1st May 1903.*

The One Thousand Guineas Stakes—Of 100 sovs. each h. ft. for three-year-old fillies, 9st. each, the owner of the second to receive 400 sovs., and the owner of the third 200 sovs. out of the stakes; R. M.—76 subs. Closed 5th November, 1901.

Lord Falmouth's b f QUINTESSENCE, by St Frusquin—Margarine, 9st, H Randal ... 1

Prince Soltykoff's b f SUN ROSE, by Sheen—Unia, 9st, W Halsey 2

Prince W Raphael's ch f SKYSCRAPER, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandry, 9st, D Maher 3

Mr J R Keene's ch f DAZZLING, by St Leonards—Splendour, 9st 0

Mr J Musker's br f BARONESS LA FLECHE, by Ladas—La Fleche, 9st ... 0

Major Eustace Loder's b f HAMMERKOP, by Gallinule—Concussion, 9st ... 0

Sir J Blundell Maple's ch f KITTYWICK, by Childwick—Kate Miller, 9st ... 0

Mr L Brassey's b f RED LILY, by Persimmon—Melody, 9st 0

Mr P P Gilpin's b f STAR OF THE SEA, by Gallinule—Ethel, 9st 0

Sir J Blundell Maple's b f GIRLIE, by Royal Hampton—Minting Queen, 9st ... 0

Sir W Brodrick Cloete's ch f GUIGNE, by Cherry Tree—Sigh, 9st 0

Lord Alington's ch f YOU GO OFF, by Sir Hugo—Fuse, 9st 0

(*Winner trained by J. Chandler, Lambourne.*)

Betting: 15 to 8 agst. Baroness La Fleche, 9 to 4 Skyscraper, 4 to 1 Quintessence; 20 to 1 Sun Rose.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third.

Pedigree of the Winner.

QUINTESSENCE (B. 1900).

Margarine (2) (B 1887)	St. Frusquin 22 (Br 1893).	Galopin 3 (B 1872)	Vedette (19 (Br, 1854)	Voltigeur (2) Mrs Ridgway
			Fling Duchess (B 1853.)	Fg Dutchman 3 Merope
		St. Angela (B 1865)	King Tom 3 (B 1851)	Harkaway (2) Pocahontas
			Adeline (B 1851)	Ion (4) Little Fairy
	Isabel (Ch 1879)	Plebian 11 (B 1872)	Joskin (5) (Br 1856)	West Australian 7 Peasant Girl
			Queen Elizabeth (Ch 59)	Autocrat (1) Bay Rosalind
		Parma (Bl 1864)	Parmesan 7 (Br 1857)	Sweetmeat 21 Gruyere
			Archeress (B 1858)	Longbow 21 Tingle
Margarita (B 1873)	Petrarch 10 (B, 1873)	Ld. Clifden (2) (B 1860)	Newminster 8 (B 1848)	Touchstone 14 Beeswing
			The Slave (B 1852)	Melbourne (1) Volley
		Laura (B 1860)	Orlando 13 (B 1841)	Touchstone 14 Vulture
			Torment (Br 1850)	Alarm 19 Dau of Glencoe
	St. Simon 11 (B, 1881.)	The Duke 12 (B 1862)	Stockwell 3 (Ch 1849)	The Baron 24 Pocahontas
			Bay Celia (B 1851)	Orlando 13 Horsey
		Tasmania (Br 1854).	Melb'rne (1) (Br 1834)	Hmpy Clinker 3 Dau of Cervantes
			Daughter of (Bl 1846)	Picarwon (4) Bonny Bonnet

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Year.	Winner.			Jockey.
1875	Lord Falmouth's b Spinaway, by Macaroni	47	6	... F Archer
1876	Count Lagrange's ch Camelia, (a) by Macaroni	55	13	... Glover
1877	Lord Hartington's b Belphœbe, by Toxophilite	84	19	... H Jeffery
1878	Lord Lonsdale's ch Pilgrimage, by The Earl or The Palmer	89	9	... T Cannon
1879	Lord Falmouth's b Wheel of Fortune, by Adventurer ...	84	8	... F Archer
1880	Mr T E Walker's b or br f Elizabeth, by Statesman	71	10	... C Wood
1881	Mr W S Crawfurd's ch f Thebais, by Hermit ...	90	13	... Fordham
1882	Mr W S Crawfurd's ch f St Margeruite, by Hermit —	60	6	... C Wood
1883	Mr C J Lefevre's b f Hauteur, by Rosicrucian	57	9	... Fordham
1884	Mr Abington's b f Busybody, by Petrach	62	6	... T Cannon
1885	D of Westminster's ch f Farewell, by Doncaster ...	64	16	... G Barrett
1886	Duke of Hamilton's b f Miss Jummy, by Petrarch ...	57	10	... Watts
1887	D of Beaufort's ch f Reve d'Or by Hampton	62	12	... C Wood
1888	Mr Douglas Baird's b f Briarroot, by Springfield ..	65	14	... Warne
1889	Mr Vyner's b f Minthe, by Camball	48	14	... J Woodburn
1890	Duke of Portland's b f Semolina, by St Simon ...	66	10	... J Watts
1891	Mr Noel Fenwick's b f Mimi, by Barcaldine	78	12	... F Rickaby

1892	Baron de Hirsch's br f La Fleche, by St Simon	74	7	...	G Barrett
1893	Sir J B Maple's ch f Siffleuse, by Saraband ...	75	11	...	T Loates
1894	Duke of Portland's b f Amiable, by St Simon... ...	66	13	...	Bradford
1895	Mr Fairie's b or br f Galeottia, by Galopin	84	15	...	F Pratt
1896	H R H The Prince of Wales's br f Thais, by St Serf ...	91	19	...	J Watts
1897	Lord Rosebery's b f Chelandry, by Goldfinch	84	9	...	J Watts
1898	Sir J B Maple's b f Nun Nicer, by Common	89	15	...	S Loates
1899	Lord W Beresford's b f Sibola by The Sailor Prince ...	70	14	...	Sloan
1900	Mr Leonard Brassey's b f Winifreda, by St Simon ...	81	10	...	S Loates
1901	Sir J Miller's b f Aida, by Galopin	82	15	...	Maher
1902	Mr R S Sievier's b f Sceptre by Persimmon	102	14	...	Randall

(a) Ran a dead heat with Enguerrande for the Oaks, and divided stakes.

OURSELVES.

THE INDIAN FIELD enters upon the second year of its existence with this issue. We have strenuously endeavoured to carry out the programme we set before us when we started, and our subscribers' list and advertising connection justifies us in believing that we have not failed. We take this opportunity of thanking all who have contributed to our success so far, and the many friends who have expressed their congratulations on the first anniversary of our birthday. Our brethren of the Fourth Estate have gone out of their way to say kind things about us, as thus :—

To-day our popular sporting contemporary, *The Indian Field*, celebrates the anniversary of its first birthday. Twelve months ago, to-day, this enterprising journal was launched on the sporting public of Calcutta under the ægis of Mr. W. S. Burke, whose connection with the *Asian* for several years will hardly be forgotten by devotees of the turf, the rod and the gun.

Started on a basis of pure speculation, within the space of a brief twelve-month *The Indian Field* has developed into what we may safely say without being invidious one of the leading sporting journals of the East. A glance at a recent copy of the paper is enough to convince the most pessimistic of speculators that it has before it a rosy future and has panned out handsomely. The motive power responsible for this unprecedented forging ahead, the hand that has carefully and judiciously controlled the helm and led popular sentiment in the matter of sports has been that of Mr. W. S. Burke whose personality in the Metropolis is recognised by the public whether sporting or otherwise.

We offer our contemporary our warmest congratulations. For the trend of the organ in the matter of veracity, accuracy of detail and distaste for the methods of the Yellow Press have appealed to us very forcibly, and we have no doubt that with these characteristics *The Indian Field* will find a tenfold popularity.—*Englishman.*

To-morrow, 1st May, will be the first anniversary of our newest sporting contemporary, *The Indian Field*, edited by Mr. W. S. Burke, and I am sure all who know the paper and its owner will heartily wish them both many happy returns of the day. Mr. Burke's energy and perseverance are things to admire, and in common with many more of his friends, I hope that they have met with all the reward that they have certainly merited. *The Indian Field* has kept its end up in contest with two elder and powerful rivals, though it must at the same time be said that the rivalry is of a healthy and generous sort, as all games of the sort ought to be. I trust that *The Indian Field* (not its working proprietor) will go on increasing in size and stature, and that when the next May Day comes we shall still find it and W. S. B. flourishing like a brace of green bay trees.—*I. D. News.*

THE "INDIAN FIELD."—This excellent sporting journal, which has made rapid progress under the experienced control of Mr. W. S. Burke, celebrates its first anniversary to-day. The first few months of the existence of a new journal is always a critical period, but *The Indian Field* has successfully survived the trials of its early career, and it may be confidently anticipated that, under its present management, it will continue to grow in popular favour and to merit the support of the sporting community.—*Statesman.*

On 1st May 1902, was offered to the Indian public, a new sporting paper, *The Indian Field*, edited by Mr. W. S. Burke, who had for many years been associated with the *Asian*, and who had brought that paper to a very high state of efficiency, the new venture came into being under the most favourable auspices. During the past year the progress of *The Indian Field* has been followed with the greatest interest, not only by Mr. Burke's many friends, but by every lover of sport in India. The result, it is hardly necessary to say, is that *The Indian Field* has worked its way to the front with extraordinay facility.—*Indian Daily Telegraph.*

Many happy returns of last Thursday to our junior contemporary, *The Indian Field*. It was the first anniversary of Mr. Burke's plucky venture.—*Indian Planters' Gazette.*

The *Indian Field* is just celebrating the first anniversary of its birthday. Although only twelve months ago since it made its bow to the public, the *Field* has established itself as the leading sporting paper in India, and its able and popular editor and proprietor, Mr. W. S. Burke, is to be congratulated most warmly on the great measure of success which has attended his venture. A really good sporting paper was a felt want, and the manner in which Mr. Burke has supplied that want has given satisfaction throughout sporting circles in India.—*Advocate of India.*

"INDIAN FIELD."—Yesterday, our new Calcutta sporting contemporary—*Indian Field*—celebrated its first birthday anniversary—and its talented and spirited proprietor has, without question, a good deal to be congratulated upon, in connection with his undoubted and splendid success. He was faced in his start by many stubborn obstacles, and by formidable rivalry, from journals of standing; but with steady and determined energy and perseverance, he continued his toilsome march to prosperity, and has now achieved it to an extent that relieves his mind of all concern for his future. Our contemporary is a safe and careful writer, of pronounced literary ability, and it is not too much to hope for his intelligence and energy, a career marked by happy fluctuations. For a long future of usefulness, enlivened by financial and journalistic success, he has our best wishes. There is no sporting authority, we learn, that can equal *The Indian Field* of No. 8, Hare Street, Calcutta.—*Bengal Times.*

Sporting Notes.

FIRST entries for the Mysore meeting are good on the whole, though for the Arab events they are poor. More entries are expected, especially from Poona. In the country-bred races two out of three have not filled according to the rules; but as there are some four ponies running in each it is as well to let them stand and see what Mysore-bred ponies like those from the Kungal farm can do against one from the other side.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes :—The Bangalore Gymkhana meeting arranged for Thursday, 30th April, fell through owing to paucity of entries. Why? The station is absolutely teeming with ponies. Can polo have anything to do with it? Will not owners race their polo ponies? It assuredly cannot do them any harm from a polo point of view to race them occasionally.

That the above can hardly be the cause for the regrettable effect, is partly shown, however, by the fact that two sporting little impromptu sweepstakes were run off on the Bangalore race-course on the evening of the 30th April, one open to polo ponies and the other to all comers. The first was won by Mr. Anketell-Jones' China, with Captain Tatam up, and the second by Mr. Waterhouse's beautiful little mare Flight well ridden by her owner.

There was also a half-mile match between Mr. Kidd's Red Gauntlet (Captain Tatam) and Mr. Saunders' Lascar II. (owner). Red Gauntlet won comfortably by three lengths, but something had gone wrong with the loser's saddle which was slipping back and he hardly seemed able to do himself justice at the finish. A trotting match between Captain Claridge's Bumble and Mr. Kidd's Lady Michael, which the latter won by four lengths, brought a very pleasant little afternoon to a close, but the start in this latter event was a very bad one, and the winner most sportingly insisted on considering the match off and trotting it over again. This will shortly be done.

The first Gymkhana of the Simla season was brought off at Annandale on the 2nd instant when the Viceroy's Staff entertained a large number of friends at lunch at the new club. The Gymkhana was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by a large attendance. There was a field of ten for the first event, the Novice Stakes, R. C. race for ponies 14 hands and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50. Colonel Baring's Dingo won with Captain Peacock's Autralia next. The second event, hitting a polo ball round a post was won by Colonel Baring, Mr. Mant taking second honours. The Trotting Race for Ladies round the course produced ten competitors and was won by Miss Harkwell, with Mrs. Hitchins second. Fifteen couples competed in the fourth event, a ladies' nomination. Lady to throw a polo ball to gentleman, who catches it while galloping and throws it in a bucket. Captain Wigram and Mrs. Birdwood beat Lord Suffolk and Miss Ibbetson for first place.

The Poona Open Polo Tournament has been fixed for the 15th, 16th, 19th and 24th September.

Little Tom Melsom, the Newmarket jockey, who is now in Poona, has been engaged to ride by Lieut. W. Hamar Bass, 10th Hussars, the owner of Sceptre.

Mr. A. W. A. Plâté appears to have caught the recored trout in the lake at Nuwara Eliya on the 23rd ultimo. It was a brown trout and weighed 10lbs. 9¾ ounces, length 27¼ inches and girth 17⅜ inches and was in splendid condition.

A Mahableshwar correspondent writes under date the 1st instant :—

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote gave a garden party on the 27th ultimo. It was attended by all the principal people of the station. There was plenty of amusement—badminton "putting," and an enjoyable little gymkhana.

The entries for the coming races have proved fairly satisfactory, and the course during the last few mornings has presented quite an animated appearance. There are a good many animals at exercise and their work is being watched with interest. Amongst the owners Captain C. F. Greville holds a fairly strong hand with Leader, Hoosainee, Scattercash, Hermione and Maori Girl. Captain Balmain, who became the owner of Lady Dean, just before her last win at Kirkee on the 25th of last month, has also old Expert and that grand looking pony Jessoor, who, however, has so far failed to fulfil the high opinion formed of him when first he landed on these shores.

Major Edwards, one of the oldest riders on the Bombay side, has two very fetching animals in Quickstep and Daimya.

Colonel Eccles is sending up the speedy Lady Betty, Rocket and Pomfret. The Reverend, belonging to Mr. MacSwiney, and Mr. Cooper's Duldul, who finished third in the last Army Cup, are looking fit.

Influenza is very prevalent among horses at Ootacamund just now, and in Madras coughs and colds are reported to be epidemic.

The Hon. Mr. A. A. Apcar has bought Great Scot, an Australian three-year-old of great promise and some performance.

The following paragraph about the starting gate, culled from a home exchange, does not, fortunately, describe with any accuracy the working of the gate in India. Says the writer :—"One drawback to starting with the machine which has not up to the present been sufficiently insisted upon is the circumstance that the majority of the horses jump off sideways. It thus happens that 'cannons' are of frequent occurrence, and some day one of these may lead to a fatality. At Leicester the other day young Cole, a son of the Exton trainer, was knocked off his horse by a rival competitor, and in the event of a jockey getting 'hung up' in the stirrup under such conditions it is easy to guess what would happen. The fact is, of course, that horses cannot start properly when standing, and unless some method can be perfected of walking them up to the webbing, accidents of a more or less serious nature are certain to continue to happen."

An Open Gymkhana Meeting is advertised by the Lucknow Executive for the 16th instant.

Lucknow will soon say good-bye to the 5th Dragoon Guards, who are under orders for South Africa. They are a fine sporting lot and will be much missed in the station.

Our Poona correspondent writes :—We are getting through the hot weather marvellously well. When we feel inclined to criticize the thermometer we read of Calcutta heat with its attendant terrors of sunstroke and apoplexy and console ourselves. Our gallant gunner friends at Kirkee too have helped to while away the time with their little Gymkhana meetings, admirably managed and a great success in every way, and it is certainly a most healthy spirit of the times to see so many G. R's. "taking silk," even if the skill displayed is possibly not quite of the very highest order. The true sporting spirit is, however, undoubted and the quality of ponies distinctly above the average of Gymkhana race meetings.

Several men and a few ponies are starting for Mahableshwar's heights for the sporting little race meeting which is one of the leading features of the Olympian week, and those keen spirits who have not had enough of it go on from there to Belgaum for the small meeting which is a relic of former greatness, of days when some Judge Macpherson was, I am told, a power in the land of the Southern Mahrattas.

It is a remarkable thing what food for reflection is afforded to the ordinary lay public by the erudite proceedings of City Fathers in all parts of the world. The mere perusal of their wit and wisdom is oftentimes an education in itself. Sipping knowledge from my Local Thunderer as I sipped my morning tea I naturally perused with interest the wisdom of the Solomons who rule cantonment affairs. One of the subjects was the time-honoured one of taxation and an honourable member with a grand originality suggested that race-horses though stabled outside cantonment limits are "constantly being taken up and down the roads in cantonments" and that consequently it was hard they should not pay a tax. Another distinguished member endorsed the idea. The one he

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considered was aggravated from the fact that many of these horses were ridden along the rides in cantonments and when one went out riding "the chances were that one of these animals would be met *backing along sideways* into you until you had a toss." "Backing along sideways" is good. Another injustice to oppressed Ireland! I don't know much of the mysteries of racing and race-horses, but with the utmost deference to the opinions of our local law-maker it seems to me that racing and race-horses must bring such a flood of wealth into Poona cantonments that the triviality of a petty taxation on them might well be ignored, and if the horsemanship of the Poona public is at such a low ebb that they cannot pull the correct rudder string at the critical moment and steer away from the wicked race-horse "backing along sideways" then (as an unbiased devotee of the gentle bike) I cannot help thinking that it is the sadly unaccomplished equestrian so graphically described and not the poor race-horse that is the real source of danger to the public and should in consequence be doubly taxed. It did not therefore surprise me inordinately when I read a little lower down that the question "was then allowed to drop!"

Admirers of the gentle art of self-defence are anticipating a great intellectual treat between the 18th and 23rd of May, when in the Annual Boxing Competition the chivalry of the officers, N.-C. O's and men of the Regular Army, Navy, Marines and Volunteer Corps in India will have an opportunity of proving their claims to championship honours. Arrangements are in the skilled hands of Captain Lewis and prospects of a large entry are at present most flattering. It is earnestly to be hoped that there will be no difficulty in obtaining a thoroughly competent referee, without which the chance of a completely successful issue is always hazardous, and thoroughly competent referees like poets are born, not manufactured. Captain Gordon, who is an ideal one (referee, not poet,) is unhappily, I believe, not available, the sea claiming his services. It is also devoutly to be wished that the officers' competitions will not absolutely collapse for want of sufficient entries, as was the case last year.

The following ominous warning has graced our daily news sheet:—

NOTICE.

Will the person who has decoyed away and tied up a white long haired terrier bitch with brown ears and one brown eye, answering to the name of "Vic" let her loose to save further unpleasantness.

SHYLOCK.

No alternative suggestion, be it noted, of "Lost" or "Strayed" and a discreet fencing with the usually accepted third possibility. No reflection on the fidelity of the loved Vic with the one brown optic "Decoyed away and tied up" is the accusation. Shylock, as of old, claims his bit of flesh and one can only trust that he will recover it without the spilling of one drop of blood. But the reference to "further unpleasantness" scarcely breathes of peace.

Mr. W. Hawkins, the well-known and deservedly popular horse importer of "Kia Ora," Garden Reach, Calcutta, left for New Zealand on Tuesday last and expects to be back again with another big shipment in November.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes:—The only event likely to be of any interest to your readers this week is the third paperchase, which came off on Thursday. The field was not as good as usual, owing to the absence of the officers of the 5th Dragoon Guards. Still there must have been about a score ready to do their best to overcome the various difficulties provided for their discomfiture by Major Fanshawe, who made the course. Among those I saw were Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Ryves, Miss Williams, Miss Porter, Captain Davis, and Messrs. Fremantle, Jackson, Johnson, Meadows, Montgomery, Robinson, Smithe, Stanley and Story. The course was an excellent one, with some rather ticklish jumps; the wind, too, rendered the task of the riders none the easier. Eventually Mr. Montgomery came in first, a couple of fences ahead of everybody else. After the run, the Officers, R. A. Mess, were "At Home," and the long drinks were by no means unwelcome.

Though not concerned with matters commercial, we heartily congratulate those who have so pluckily carried out the sugar-growing industry in Tirhoot to a successful conclusion. Planting cane means more pigs; prosperity spells more planters; and while Western India has lately been moaning over the decadence of "sticking" the triumph of the men of Ottur will go far towards reviving sport in the Garden of Bengal. Once more we may hope to witness gatherings equal to those of forty years ago; even the crumbling vats in Lower Bengal that some one wrote about lately may rise Phœnix-like from their ashes, though in a different form, and the sport be reinstated in all its pristine glories.

A correspondent writes to the *Madras Mail* on the subject of "hares and plague" as follows:—

"Can any of your sporting readers inform me whether they have ever known hares to be affected with plague? On this property, up till very recently, hares were numerous, but lately it is hard to see one. Almost all have disappeared. I have come across several dead ones lately, but as they were partly eaten, I attributed their death to wild dogs or jackals. In course of conversation with a coolie, he told me he had found two dead hares yesterday. They too were partly eaten. I mentioned this again later on to other coolies, and one of them told me he had also come across several. He also cautioned his coolie bearers against partaking of hares they found dead, although they might look fresh, when found; for, said he. 'you'll find buboes on their neck, their mouths more or less filled with blood, and their eyes blood-shot.' He had, he said, partaken of the first hare that *he* found, but a few days afterwards had been attacked with fever, and had also had a slight attack of plague. I wonder if anyone else has had the same experience."

M. Paul Belloni Du Chaillu, the discoverer of the gorilla and the pigmies, and one of our most brilliant Equatorial African explorers, died at the end of last month. Besides his fame as a scientist and traveller he will long be remembered as the author of some of the most charming books on travel ever written.

We are glad to hear that Mr. C. M. Moore, whose encounter with a bear we reported in our last issue, has made an unusually speedy recovery and is now practically out of the doctor's hands. Apparently the mauling he received was not so bad as it was at first represented to be.

Last week Mr. Collins of the Neduvattam quinine factory in the Nilgiris had a piece of luck which seldom falls to sportsmen in spite of the best of *bundobusts*. On the 30th ultimo, a pony was missed by an employée of the factory and on enquiry it was said to have been carried off by a tiger. Mr. Collins followed up the tracks and in the jungle discovered four tigers making a meal of the missing animal. He put in three shots out of a single barrel ·400 cordite rifle and secured three of the tigers—a splendid feat.

A special general meeting of the Colombo Turf Club is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, when Mr. F. C. Allen will propose that the report of the Sub-Committee upon the adoption of the Calcutta Turf Club Rules be confirmed, with the exception of the portion relating to rules of measurement, and that in the opinion of the meeting the Calcutta Rules of Measurement be also adopted, power being given to the Stewards to make such alterations as may be obviously necessary to suit local conditions and that the Secretary be directed to print the Rules forthwith.

Mr. Leslie Porter, Commissioner of Lucknow, has just returned from a successful shoot in Nepal, his bag including six tigers, two leopards and a bear.

An underhand chopping match between E. R. Terry, of New South Wales, and R. Featherstone, of the West Coast, took place in Tasmania on 21st ultimo. The contest was for £25 aside, through 18-inch blocks. Featherstone was favourite. At the word "Go" Featherstone was the first to strike wood, and was also the first to turn. Eventually he won by two blows. Terry had the misfortune to overbalance, and thus lost time, but to compensate for this Featherstone had to return to his opening scarf before severing his block. Time—1min. 47⅕secs.

Athletic Notes.

THE Poona Boxing Tournament promises well: entries are very good and with Major-General Burnett and Captain Lewis on the spot, its success seems to be assured. A beginning will be made on the 18th instant.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Some excellent racing was witnessed in connection with the weekly races held on Saturday by the Royal Bombay Yacht Club. As per usual, the programme comprised three events—during the past month or two the races for ships' boats have always fallen through owing to the fact that the Indian Defence Squadron has been abandoned, and there being only one ship of the East Indies Squadron (H. M. S. *Pomone*) at present in Bombay harbour. An exceptionally fresh breeze was blowing on Saturday, which gave the hard breeze boats an opportunity of showing their merits. The first race started at 2-45, when six yachts of the "A" class went away well together, the course being to South Karanja Buoy, on which mark *Forella* had a good lead, followed by *Sapphire*, *Turquoise*, and *Stella* together. In the beat to Sunk Rock, *Forella* maintained her lead. *Melody's* foresail blew away shortly afterwards, also carrying away her main sheet block stop, and she consequently had to retire from the race. The *Stella* on this beat carried away her bobstay which naturally considerably handicapped her for the remainder of the race. The corrected times of finishing were as follows:—*Sapphire* (4mins. 53secs. handicap), entered by Capt. R. S Muter, R E., and Mr. R. H. H. Hopkins, 1 hr. 47mins. 10secs.; *Turquoise* (4min. 53secs.), Mr. C. A. R. Crommelin, 1hr. 47mins. 22secs.; *Nanta* (16mins. 35secs.), Commander Beauchamp, R.I.M., 1hr. 47mins. 40secs; *Forella* (scratch), Mr. C. T. R. Scovell, 1hr. 49mins. 4secs.; and *Stella* (3mins. 54secs.), Col. H. W. Boyd, I.M.S., 1hr. 51mins. 4secs. The "B" class race started at 3 P. M., the order of crossing the line being:—*Mannikin*, *Pixie*, *Sayonara*, *Trixie*, and *Janetta*. The first mark was Tucker Benson, which was first rounded by the *Pixie*. A heavy broken sea was here experienced, which was rather too much for the *Sayonara*, who gave up. In the beat to the N.-W. Red Channel Buoy *Janetta* passed *Pixie* and *Trixie*, but carried away her bobstay. In spite of this, however, she succeeded in rounding the Red Buoy one minute ahead of *Trixie* and three minutes before *Pixie*, *Mannikin* following five minutes behind. There was no further change in the order, and the corrected times of finishing were as follows:—*Janetta*, entered by the officers of the Royal Engineers, 1hr. 42mins. 49secs.; *Trixie*, Mr. A. M. Monteath, 1hr. 44mins. 36secs; *Pixie*, Mr. E. R. Smetham, 1hr. 50mins. 2secs; and *Mannikin*, officers of the Royal Artillery, 1hr. 57mins. 17secs. In the Tomtit class race, which started at 3-15, there were only three competitors. The Tomtit was first over the line, followed by *Lapwing* and *Meg*. Rounding Sunk Rock Tomtit still maintained the lead, *Meg* being close behind, and *Lapwing* following a minute afterwards. Owing to the roughness of the sea the course to South Karanja Buoy proved a somewhat trying one to these small boats which rolled very heavily in the cross-swell. That mark was rounded without change in order and the times of arrival home were:—Tomtit, Dr. F. M. Gibson, 4hr. 54mins. 15secs; *Meg*, Mr. C. H. Byrne, 4hrs. 56mins. 4secs; and *Lapwing*, Mr. E. C. Richards, 4hrs. 50mins. and 6secs. There was a special race on Wednesday for yachts with Y. R. A. time allowances. Four boats were entered, but of these one, the *Forella*, did not start. The race, which was started at 2-15, was over a course of nearly sixteen miles, the wind being from W. S. W. and fresh to light in strength. The following are the corrected times of finishing—*Sapphire* (6mins. 48secs.), entered by Capt. R. S. Muter, R.E., and Mr. R. H. H. Hopkins, 2hrs. 55mins. 28secs.; *Melody* (15mins. 30secs.), Mr. Bernard Triggs, 2hrs. 57mins. 9secs.; and *Turquoise* (3mins. 45secs.), Mr. C. A. R. Crommelin, 2hrs. 57mins. 55secs.

I am glad to be able to state that good progress continues to be made with the scheme for sending a team of Native Indian cricketers to England next year. The question of finances promises to be easily settled, and what is of most importance at the present moment is to ensure that the team shall be thoroughly representative. Mr. F. E. Lacey, the Secretary of the M. C. C., has written to the Committee saying he will have much pleasure in bring-

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ing the matter before his Committee, and adding that he may with confidence say that they will welcome a visit from native cricketers of India, and will be prepared to do anything they can to contribute to its success. Then Lord Harris, who always took a warm interest in native cricket during his term as Governor of Bombay, has sent the Committee a long letter in which he says:—"You may be perfectly certain that I will do my best to help you, and if it can be done I shall be delighted to see the team over here, if for no other reason because you have been able to sink caste and religious differences, and therefore, able to get together, or, I hope so, the best team possible." H. H. the Aga Khan, with his customary liberality, has promised the handsome sum of £350 sterling towards the Guarantee Fund in addition to which H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, Sir Dinshaw Petit, Bart, Mr. Dinshaw Bomanjee Petit, Mr. J. N. Tata, and others have all promised subscriptions as well as large sums towards the Guarantee Fund. From this it will be seen that the scheme has thoroughly "caught on," and barring any untoward and unforeseen circumstances the proposed tour will certainly be carried out. The services of B. Jayaram and A. H. Mehta will, it is firmly believed, be utilised in all the matches, and there are good hopes of including K. S. Ranjitsingji in the team for the more important matches.

Hockey is now in full swing in Bombay, and judging by the large number of spectators who line the Cooperage of an evening, the popularity of the game appears to have in no way diminished—in my opinion it seems to be on the increase. From Mr. P. J. Arnot, the Honorary Secretary of the Aga Khan Tournament, which will start on 18th May, I learn that the tournament of 1903 promises to in no way fall short of those of previous years. It will be remembered that last year the Cup was won by the Shropshire Light Infantry from Poona, but they will be unable to compete this year, having proceeded to England. Quite a number of friendly games have been played during the past week. A night or two since the Cathedral "Old Boys," who, I understand, intend making a big effort to regain the Aga Khan's Cup this year—they won it in 1901—met a team of the Bombay Gymkhana, who have at last turned out. It cannot be said, however, that the team which the latter put in the field was by any means a representative one, and the wonder to me is that they were not beaten by a bigger margin than four goals, by which their opponents won. In the first half the game was fairly evenly contested, the "Old Boys" crossing over with a lead of one goal to *nil*. In the second moiety, however, the boys had all the best of matters, and eventually run out winners by four goals to *nil*. Another very interesting game was that between the "Old Boys" and the North Staffordshire Regiment, who appear to be a very good sporting lot. When the whistle sounded half-time the "Old Boys" were leading by three goals to one, but after changing ends the soldiers were responsible for some excellent play, and were frequently on the attack. In the end, however, the "Old Boys" won by five goals to four.

A most promising shot-putter has been discovered in America. This is what a Yankee paper says of him:—

"A phenomenal shot-putter has been unearthed at Harvard, and his prowess at propelling the 16-pound iron sphere has set partisans of the track team at Cambridge wild with joy. The new heavy-weight tosser is Frank P. Schoenfuss, a junior, and formerly of Roxbury Latin School. Even before entering Harvard Schoenfuss showed his adaptability as a weight-thrower, but since being coached by John Graham he has shown greater improvement. In an unofficial trial a few days ago the embryo champion sent the 16lb. ball the grand distance of 44ft. 6ins. These figures easily eclipse the former Harvard record held by Chester Robinson. The best inter-Collegiate record is 44ft. 3ins. by Fred. Beck, of Yale—figures which seem to be easily at the mercy of the Harvard man, if everything about him proves to be all right. He has nearly three months to practice for the I.C.A.A.A.A. Championship and should he improve with the progress which has marked his work since he came to Cambridge there is no knowing how far he will send the 16lbs. on 30th May. The addition of Schoenfuss to the Harvard team will strengthen her where she was supposed to be lamentably weak."

It will be noticed that the writer speaks of Schoenfuss propelling the 16lb. iron sphere. This is wrong, because in the States they use a leaden implement. He is also described as "the new heavy weight tosser," and as "a weight thrower." The 16lb. shot is not a heavy weight, and "throwing weights" is altogether different from putting a shot.

We give elsewhere full details of the recent Boxing tournament at Bangalore, which was a most pronounced success.

The Calcutta Swimming Club opened its season last Friday evening with the two lengths Novices' Handicap, which was won by Mr. A. S. B. Siddons. Full details will be found in the usual place.

We are glad to find that entries for the forthcoming Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta are good; there are now three crews in for the Class Fours, five crews for the Two Pairs and we shall not be surprised if the entries for the Junior Sculls are bigger than they have ever been. There has not been very much practice yet, but we shall doubtless see the various crews hard at it between this and the 23rd instant.

We are indebted to the Honorary Secretary of the Calcutta Football League for a complete list of the season's fixtures, which we publish in our issue of to-day.

Private Andrews, of the Essex Regiment, issues a boxing challenge, to all South India, twenty-five rounds, bar Gunner Lacey of the 58th Battery, R.F.A. Andrews is an excellent man, but was not fit at the boxing competition.

Our Hockey readers will be interested to know that the Captain of the English International Hockey team, J. W. Horne, was born in Calcutta and is the son of Mr. J. Horne, well known in Calcutta commercial circles. He went home when a little fellow, hardly able to see over the top of a Hockey stick, but the questionable disadvantage of being born in the tropics has not prevented him from being Captain of the Cambridge Hockey team in 1902, and successfully captaining the English International team against Wales, Ireland, and Scotland this year.

A copy of the Calcutta Football League Handbook, a neat little booklet, well turned out by the Edinburgh Press, has been sent us by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. E. Rope. The book gives us a list of the Committee, rules of the League competition, its results since 1898, laws of the game, a plan of the field and the League fixtures for 1903. The price of the book to the general public is four annas.

Just as we go to press we hear that the 79th R.G.A. have scratched from the Calcutta League; but as the Y.M.C.A. will now come in and take over all their fixtures, the fixture card will not be entirely upset.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—There was a capital breeze blowing on Saturday when the Royal Bombay Yacht Club carried out three races under excellent conditions. The class A handicap was over a 9½ mile course and Mr. C. A. R. Crommelin's *Turquoise* was first, 19 seconds ahead of the *Sapphire*, owned by Captain R. S. Muter and Mr. R. H. H. Hopkins, whilst Mr. Bernard Triggs sailed the *Melody* into third place. In the class B race over 7·1 miles, the *Janetta*, from scratch, sailed by Royal Engineer Officers won easily, Mr. A. M. Monteath's *Trixie* being second and Mr. C. G. Nomico's *Sayonara* third. The *Tomtits* had a 5·7 mile course and Mr. C. H. Byrne's *Meg* beat Dr. F. M. Gibson's *Tomtit* by a minute and a half.

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General Notes.

CAPTAIN LYGON, who left for England last week, has been succeeded as A.-D.-C. to the Governor of Madras by Mr. Thompson, R.A., from St. Thomas' Mount.

Owing to the spread of plague this year Government has acquiesced in the decision of the executive of the Calcutta Municipality not to decrease the plague staff in Calcutta at present.

We are glad to hear that Mr. W. H. Cobb, to whose accident while pigsticking we referred in a recent issue, has recovered sufficiently to be able to proceed to Bombay *en route* for England.

Calcutta has been submerged in a heat wave for several days; the temperature has been over 107° in the shade, the highest point reached at this season of the year for some considerable time.

Mr. Clarence Kirkpatrick, a pleader, has brought a summons against Mr. Pike, late Editor of the *Morning Post*, for defamation by furnishing the report of the case of the Delhi Cotton Mills, published in the *Pioneer* of the 24th April.

Another water famine seems to be threatening Simla owing to the failure of the winter snow and rain; let us hope the monsoon will arrive early, as predicted, and avert a repetition of the discomfort which is still vivid in the memory of many good Simlaites.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Yate has gone to Simla under orders from the Military authorities. Luckily for him the Afghans did not make him the subject of one of his own Ambulance lectures. He has been told to submit a report which many people await with interest.

Bombay lost an old and prominent resident last Saturday in the death of Mr. C. W. L. Jackson, clerk of the Insolvency Court. He was going home for his health, which had been in a precarious state for some time, but died immediately after being placed on the steamer.

Madam Agnes Freid, the Californian nightingale, is now in Simla, where she intends giving some concerts. Madam Freid has a great reputation in America as a dramatic soprano and is now touring in the East. She has met with great success in Southern India, appearing before Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill, the Maharajah of Mysore and several other distinguished personages.

The general rejoicings in France over the visit of King Edward to Paris have found a mild reflection out here. Pondicherry, Karikal and Mahé were *en fete* last week, while our neighbours at Chandernagore indulged in a spontaneous exhibition of good will towards England, in which everybody in the settlement, from the school girls to the soldiery and the fishermen to Monsieur le Gouverneur, took part.

There was considerable excitement in the Patiala Jail last week. Some of the prisoners surprised the head warder and having pinioned him brought him down. A general skirmish followed between the escaping prisoners and the guards, resulting in two of the jail birds being shot. The Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Warburton, was soon on the spot and having recaptured the escaped prisoners, restored order.

Mr. C. S. Murray, C.I.E., District Superintendent of Police, died of heart failure at the ball held at the Amusement Club, Darjeeling, on the 4th instant, after the Flower Show. Mrs. Murray was at the dance. The deceased had taken an active part in the arrangements for the Flower Show and seemed to be in the best of health. The Law Courts and Clubs were closed and current social engagements were postponed. The funeral was on Wednesday and was attended by His Honor and Staff and all Civil officers.

The Darjeeling Flower Show, held on the 4th instant, was a great success, the exhibits being good and well arranged. There was a large number of visitors including H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bourdillon. The Band of the West Riding enlivened the proceedings. The principal prize winners are: J. Morganstein, for the best show of plants: R. D. Mackie, for best rose of show and orchids and best cactus: Misses Walsh and Marindin, prize for children's arrangements of flowers: Mrs. Searight, for a lovely basket of roses; Miss Wernicke, for a fine bouquet of red roses; and Mrs. Sarman, first in table decoration.

Full report in our next issue.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 17th April 1903.

AFTER one tantalising glimpse of spring we have got the winter back again; an overdue instalment of January, which is destroying our flowers and tempers and making things generally unpleasant. Monday, the Bank holiday, brought a snowstorm as a gentle reminder to those who snatched at the beginning of the cricket season at the Oval that the second week of April is better suited for football than the summer game. Wednesday night brought frost and six inches of snow was reported from Scotland. People who went out of town for Easter have come back growling to their own firesides to growl more loudly at the convention which requires house painting and cleaning to be done at this time of year: a process which involves open windows and no fires with the temperature at 30 degrees or thereabouts and half a gale blowing from the north. For myself I have put my foot down upon that annual curse they call spring cleaning. I have no objection to spring cleaning in the summer or autumn while I am away. The sharer of my sorrows points out that spring cleaning *must* be done when winter is over: whereto I reply that when she is sure winter *is* over she shall spring-clean. Can she answer for it that this year's Derby shall not be run in a snowstorm? No. Then until the last possible snowstorm is over it is manifestly impossible to assert we are clear of winter. She yields to this argument. I can never be sufficiently thankful for that snowy Derby day: it is a pillar of strength in the maintenance of domestic comfort: and I live in hopes of a snowstorm being soon vouchsafed us in Goodwood week.

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Concerning matters domestic, I have been watching with unsympathetic interest the progress of an experiment made by adventurous neighbours. The Great Servant Difficulty lay so heavily upon them that at last they embarked on the experiment some few other people have tried—Lady Servants, two of them, who undertook to do all the work of their small house. It is interesting. B. was delighted with them at first (and certainly the young lady who plays at "Home parlour maid" is very nice looking), but he seems to be discovering drawbacks in ratio with their stay; if I happen ever to smoke a pipe with B. at any time its even betting that he or Mrs. B. opens the door "because Miss Mary *must* be tired with so much running about." B. is a neat man, but he couldn't bear the idea of a lady blacking his boots; he tried it himself, but fell back next day and ever after on the shoe black at South Kensington Station or the Temple. Then a Lady couldn't carry the coals upstairs so B. helped till the luminous idea of getting in a boy for a couple of hours every morning struck him and solved at a stroke that difficulty and the boot cleaning business.

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The B.'s are quite satisfied with Miss Mary (they call them "Miss"), B. particularly so—she really is a pretty girl—but I hear murmurs about the cooking. It seems that if Miss Jane had known what the interior of a fowl was like she would never have taken up the job: and B. is eloquent on the money he has had to spend on "Kitchen truck" since she came. Their Lady Servants are become the B.s' one topic of conversation, Jane's appetite, Mary's eyelashes (Mrs. B. doesn't encourage B. to enlarge on this), their little treats, their sitting room furniture: the propriety of letting Mary use the piano (B. Aye: Mrs. B. No; self-appealed to as arbitrator): should B. take off his hat to them if he meets them out? These matters will settle themselves in time perhaps, but an unforeseen difficulty has just arisen. Can Mrs. B. go away to Ireland for a fortnight leaving B. alone with those two—meaning that one? It is a delicate case; and has been complicated by B.'s unsolicited promise to "keep Miss Mary up to the mark in her dusting."

Professor Fleming has been conducting a series of experiments with the view of ascertaining whether there be truth in the objection that the "bellow of a Marconi shore station" will smother the cry of a ship in distress signalling Marconi-wise to the shore. It was only reasonable to suppose that a "wave" powerful enough to find its way in intelligible shape across the Atlantic would play havoc with the weaker wave cast upon the mercy of the air by a ship: but the experiments, most carefully made by cross-messages from stations quitting waves, one 280 times stronger than the other, prove that the more powerful waves do not in the least impair the weaker that come in their way. The more we learn about the Marconi system the more mysterious do its ways become: but Professor Fleming's experiments are a great score for the serograph, or whatever you please to call it.

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Mr. George J. Henderson's statement that a Universal Language is coming within the sphere of practical things, and that Hindustani, which has made itself the *lingua franca* of 300 millions in the East, is "a very good type of the sort of language which many people in Europe are finding more and more necessary," opens up a world of interesting possibilities. Are we to adopt the vernacular as our daily speech, to be understanded of all men? Will it be taught in our wonderful Board Schools? Say Editorjee, what is "Pipar! Latess' 'deeshun!" in the vernacular: or "*H'áll* the winnurs!"? Methinks I hear the dustman pleading in fluent Urdu (Essex accent) with the cook (South Irish accent) to bring me the subscription book for the "Day in the Country" collection made by the member of his useful if soiled fraternity. Joy! A silver lining appears. We adopt the *lingua franca* of the East and the habitual speakers thereof adopt us! We shall have our Bengali and Madrasi servants to replace English State-educated incompetence. Let Hindustani (jungle pattern) forthwith come first on the curriculum of the elementary Board Schools.

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Of dramatic news there is little this week, but what there is has interest. Miss Ellen Terry made her *début* as managerss on Wednesday at Mrs. Langtry's theatre, the Imperial. The piece she has selected for her new enterprise is Ibsen's "The Vikings," period tenth century, scene Island of Helgeland (?): tone strenuous, not to say quarrelsome. There is heaps of bloodshed. Viking society was much in the habit of conveying hints with the spear and contradicting error with the battle axe; and before the curtain falls there is every indication that the Helgeland undertaking profession is in a fair way to fortune. The play is impressive in a melodramatic way and has more interest than such far-fetched historico-legendary things can generally boast. We are in the atmosphere of muscular virility: the gentleman who can hit hardest is the best man; hence the action hinges on the prowess of Sigurd the strong, Sea King (Mr. Oscar Asche) and Gunnar, a yeoman. Gunnar would marry Hiordis (Miss Ellen Terry), but her virgin bower was guarded by a white bear, and Gunnar was not partial to shikar. So Sigurd, the strong and obliging, slew the bear, and Gunnar took the credit of the achievement and married Hiordis. The truth comes out some years after at a party given by Hiordis and everybody who respect himself lays down his spoon and fork and starts in with his battle axe—Viking manners really left much to be desired.

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Hiordis, who has been boasting about the strength and courage of her husband as proved by his slaughter, she has supposed, of the white bear, has no weapons, so she goes way from the table to manufacture bow and arrow to kill Sigurd, the object being apparently to make Gunnar the strongest man in Helgeland by the Arcadian process of elimination, for Sigurd it appears was really the only man she ever loved. Sigurd tells Hiordis that she is the only woman he ever loved, and she would have eloped with him had Sigurd not developed a sense of propriety much in advance of his age and declined. So Hiordis shoots him to the end that they twain may reign as King and Queen in Vallialla: Sigurd baulks her by professing Christianity while he his dying: and Hiordis to avoid "a single life" in Vallialla drowns herself. The play stops there for the sufficient reason that most of the players are dead by this time. The piece—or Miss Ellen Terry—was very well received; the staging and dressing alone justified a cordial reception, but the part of a loud-mouthed virago does not

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Having regard to the monstrous deficiencies of our educational methods from the 'Varsities down to the Kindergarten it is truly wonderful that our country manages to get along at all. I am moved to this reflection by perusal of much-animated correspondence which has been flooding the papers—somehow one never hears the subject discussed at the club or dinner table—and from which it appears our methods are, and always have been, radically wrong. The general complaint is that youth, heedless, ill taught youth, contrives to leave school, public or private, with his ability for forgetting what he has learned better developed than anything else. He emerges free from the clinging taint of Latin and Greek, innocent of French and German, a child in English composition and arithmetic and with his mind a blank concerning History, Geography and Science: the supposition being that his poor father has paid heavily to have all these things rubbed into him. The writers of newspaper letters want this changed, "reformed" is the proper word: they want Modern Methods substituted: I don't glean what Modern Methods are exactly, but gather that that way lies regeneration, a New Manhood and a noble contempt for such vanities as athletics and games. What do the reformers want? We seem to be at the top already among the nations and the best of everything is good enough for most of us. It never seems to strike these ardent souls with their craving for educational betterment that far more depends on the horse than the stable. They say that we are falling behind in commerce. Well? I know an old gentleman at this hour who is enjoying a self-made income of between £60,000 and £70,000 a year. He never writes a note without a pocket dictionary at hand and couldn't tell you offhand when William the Conqueror came over to save his fortune, but if I wanted sound advice on any practical affair of life, I would go to him rather than to all the dons and school men in England in conclave assembled.

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There are signs in the London streets that the day of the lighter draught horse is passing. Coming home late from the theatre a few nights ago I was struck by the number of carts piled high with vegetables bound for Covent Garden market which were drawn by baby traction engines in place of horses. Many of these carts come from the outer suburbs of London and make nightly journeys of from 12 to 15 miles into the heart of the town, and are no doubt better served by engines than horses. I am bound to say that they are better behaved than motor cars: they are neither noisy nor evil smelling, and their pace is not four miles an hour. A motorist assure me a day or two ago, by the way, that the great obstacle to the general adoption of these economities, is the fact that the annual cost of upkeep is very little short of the original cost of the car: what with tyres, petrol, wages and other expenses his £500 car costs him about £450 a year!

ONLOOKER.

Review.

THE "ZOOS" OF EUROPE.

MR. C. V. A. PEEL conceived the idea of making a tour of all the Zoological Gardens in Europe and this book is the result of his enterprise. The warning conveyed in his preface, that inasmuch as these institutions are much alike, and monotony of description is therefore unavoidable, would hardly be needed by the least thoughtful reader; but when Mr. Peel tells us that the "chief thought that has occurred to me as the result of my tour is that we in England take little interest in the breeding and acclimatization of wild animals" as compared with the Germans, he prepares us for more information on this head than his pages afford. His silence is no doubt due to the fact that the German language is a closed book to him; what he acquired through the eye is excellent, discriminating, and well considered; but his ignorance of the language explains his silence on an important feature of zoological gardening, if we may use the expression. He learned various things which he has set down for the guidance of those who will be guided. The care with which nearly all Continental directorates endeavour to attract the public, for example, is well worthy of consideration: money, money, money is the foundation stone of zoological enterprise! and if concerts and amusements bring grist to the mill in the first place the cash taken at the gates goes to improve the collection and the housing of beast and bird. Perhaps the new *régime* promised at Regent's Park will see something more done in this direction: it is idle to say, as the narrow-minded say, that Zoological Gardens are "not the place" for music and *café chantant*; we hear the same objection to the side shows which draw the public to the great agricultural shows which the sterner among the brethren insist should not be "degraded" even by the performances of a band.

In regard to the housing of animals Mr. Peel has some interesting and very valuable remarks to offer. The experience of Continental zoological gardeners demonstrates that even for tropical animals fresh air is a far more important matter than heat, once the strangers are become acclimatized: when we hear of monkeys playing on the snow and thriving we recognise that a close vitiated atmosphere is not the ideal climate for beasts which are liable to lung diseases.

It is curious to hear that though public generosity is so freely displayed towards zoological gardens on the Continent "great cruelty is inflicted by underfeeding these large pachyderms, some of the elephants being wretchedly thin and emaciated. In one case an Indian elephant was receiving four pounds of wheat cake only a day. No wonder he had turned into the savage brute he was." Mr. Peel does not mention what ration of hay was given besides this four pounds a day, which would hardly satisfy a large and hungry English navvy.

Of all the gardens visited by the author the *Jardin d'Acclimatation* at Paris is directed on the most catholic lines. The scope of its utility travels far from zoological education but the existence of the riding school is perhaps a natural and practical outcome of the collection of horses and ponies, 250 in number, which represent half the breeds of the world. Dogs of various breeds stand there for service and a good business is done in puppies, as is also the case in domestic and ornamental fowls. The Antwerp Zoo, which possesses a huge collection of birds makes, as we happen to know, a large profit on the sale of specimens. The German Zoo keeper appears to be as objectionable a character as the German official in any other department. On several occasions Mr. Peel's camera was taken away from him and impounded for reasons know only to the keeper himself. Possibly the author omitted to try the effect of *backsheesh*. Where he was allowed to use his camera he made excellent use of it and obtained some admirable pictures.

He deals with the historical side of his subject in many cases, and it is noteworthy that some of the most flourishing Continental gardens owe their origin to the enterprise of some individual animal lover who began his collection unaided. The history of the Paris collections is necessarily the most eventful in view of the siege during the Franco-German war which forced the Parisians to eat the inhabitants of the gardens. Elephants, camels, giraffes, hippos, lions, bears and antelopes—everything that could be eaten was killed and lion and hippo meat among others sold at 25 francs the pound.

The book may be a little disappointing to the scientific man, but it serves a useful purpose in giving the average reader a very good idea of the extent and management of Continental zoological collections.

The Zoological Gardens of Europe. By C. V. A. Peel. F. E. Robinson & Co.

Shikar.

WITH CANOE AND RIFLE IN THE SHAN STATES.

I.

IN 189—I determined to make a combined exploring and shooting trip on the Salween river, and endeavour to navigate it from its upper waters to the place where it enters the sea at Moulmein.

I was aware that the journey had been done before, partly by boat and partly by land, and from my own previous experience of the river—which although nearly impassable in the rains, and difficult at all seasons, owing to falls and rapids—I did not think it would offer any insuperable hindrances to the success of my plans.

My original intention was to take boat at a spot some miles north of T—— ferry, and thence to make the journey down stream; but as I learnt that villages were very scarce along the banks north of T——, I eventually decided to make the shorter journey starting from the ferry itself. This change of plan was of less importance as the more difficult and to me more interesting portion of the river lay south of this point.

In May I started for T—— and arrived there without incident and at once set about getting a canoe or native dug-out suitable for my purpose.

I found nothing at the village itself that exactly suited my requirements, for although there were several boats there, I judged them either too large and cumbersome, or else too small and frail for a journey of this duration and for the passage of rapids that we might have to negotiate.

The headman of the village very readily accorded me assistance in the matter, and declared that he could obtain a canoe of the right sort if I would wait a few days while he sent down stream to another village to procure it. This I readily agreed to, and as he promised the boat would be ready on a certain day, and the two boatmen that I required also prepared for me, I decided to make a short march on the western bank of the river and spend these days at a spot I know of, where sambhur were unusually plentiful. My only anxiety was to get fairly started before the rains should commence and the river rose, but there was at present no appearance of the monsoon and so I was not disturbed at this short delay.

I had with me a Burman boy and an Indian cook as my only servants, but I had also a very good Karen shikari, who had served me in various capacities for some years, and who had proved himself a good tracker and was moreover, a very useful man, being acquainted with many of the dialects of the country, and being able, as well, to turn his hand to almost anything, from cleaning a pony to cooking a dinner. He had at one time been employed as a Government interpreter on some of the many military operations in Upper Burma, but apparently found private service more remunerative and more congenial. These three then I took across the river, and after a march of about ten miles we reached the sambhur ground that I had previously visited. We had a somewhat tiring march as the road was up hill for a good deal of the way, and the sun was powerful at this season of the year even in the hills. We had a walk all the way too, and I missed my pony, which I had sent back from T——, on arrival there, as I did not expect to want him again till after the completion of my projected tour.

On arrival at our destination, which was a small hill village of some half dozen houses only, inhabited by Shans, I at once summoned the headman and told him I wanted accommodation for self and servants for a few days. In this country, it must be remembered, it is quite possible to do without tents, for every village, however small, possesses its "zaiat" or traveller's rest-house, and though sometimes small and often delapidated these rest-houses are quite capable of affording one shelter at night.

On this occasion the headman appeared eager to help me and shortly conducted me to a newly-built rest-house just outside the village, which I saw at once would suit me admirably, and which the headman even improved for my use by hanging up purdahs and screens and arranging a bath-room with matting walls.

As soon then as my coolie transport came in, we settled down for a two or three days' stay, and as it was too late to go out that day, I instructed my shikari to go and prospect the country and look for tracks while I myself, after a rest until the extreme heat of the day was past, took my gun to see if a few jungle-fowl or partridge could be obtained as an addition to the larder.

I got two or three partridge, but no jungle-fowl, and on my way back in the evening my Karen overtook me, and informed me he had come on two or three small herds of sambhur, all does, but had not seen any stags. He had found tracks, however, of the latter and he believed we should have sport the following day.

We started early next morning commencing by moving along to the foot of some low hills where the jungle was of high trees and open in places. We found tracks of sambhur fairly plentiful here, but saw nothing, and therefore commenced to climb the hills to reach the place where the shikari had met with the does on the previous evening. After going for two or three hours we came on a herd of three does feeding, and spent some time watching them in case there should be a stag lying down anywhere in their vicinity. We could not discover any signs of one, however, so we again moved on. Towards midday we made a halt for a couple of hours, as the heat was becoming trying. We had come on tracks of what appeared to be a good stag about an hour previously and had been following them up. We had lost them again, however, on some stony ground and so we thought a rest advisable before making a new effort.

We halted for a couple of hours and then made a fresh start. We hit off the sambhur's tracks again very shortly and followed them for some considerable distance. At length after topping a slight rise, from which a view could be obtained of the ground ahead, we suddenly came on to the stag. Fortunately he was standing with his head turned from us and at a distance of about 100 yards, otherwise he would probably have seen us as soon as we did him. Owing to his position, however, I could not get a good shot, and as both the shikari and I had dropped at once into the grass, we remained there concealed until he should turn round. To my annoyance, however, he commenced to move slowly away, never offering a shot. He was a fine animal and was carrying a good head and therefore I did not wish to run a risk, but endeavour to get a fair shot later. We followed up slowly after a little, but lost sight of him. However the shikari again spotted him at some little distance. We determined now to move round and head him as he was only going slowly: for a little further on we saw he would pass into a small gorge in the hills. I therefore left the shikari to watch him and myself made a detour so as to head him. I was quite successful in this and obtained a position on the side of the hill where he must pass. Shortly he came into view, still moving along and grazing at times. I waited until he was only thirty yards from me, when he stood a moment giving me an easy shot, and I dropped him with one barrel of my double ·303 behind the shoulder. My shikari came running up soon after the shot and told me that a second stag had gone off also, just as I fired, that had been lying down in the grass. It was too late in the day to do any more, and so after covering over the dead sambhur with branches to keep away vultures, we started back for camp, intending to send out coolies to bring in the head and meat on the morrow.

Next morning, taking coolies with us, we led them to the place where the deer was, and left them there with instructions to cut up and carry in the deer. We ourselves, the shikari and I, moved on and picked up the tracks of the other stag he had seen the previous day. They led us a very long way without affording us any view of the animal, and at length as we were at a considerable distance from home, we had to knock off and return.

On arrival in camp just about dusk I was met by a coolie bringing a letter from the headman of T——, in which he said that my boat would be ready for me in two days. As this letter had been written the previous day, I thought it advisable to move back to T—— on the following morning as I was anxious to waste no time in setting off on my river trip, so as to avoid being caught by the commencement of the rainy season in the hills.

Consequently we marched next morning, and reached T—— in about three hours after a fairly early march, for it was nearly all down hill this time. We found the river had risen slightly, but nothing of any consequence, but owing, no doubt to some rain in its upper waters. The headman at T—— informed me that these small rises were frequent at this time of year but were never of any great extent until the regular rains set in about June.

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Some of my stores I got on board at once, while the two boatmen set to work to erect a mat covering near the stern to shelter us, the passengers, in case of rain, or to give us a place to sleep in, should we pass the night on the boat. It was my intention, however, to land each evening, if possible, near some village on the banks, where local supplies of fowls and vegetables might be obtained.

All being ready we made a start about 10 A.M. the following day and pushed out into the stream. I was glad to find that the craft was not a crank one, and, loaded down as she was with men and stores, appeared to be very steady even in the strong current of the river.

We soon shot out of sight of the ferry leaving the obliging headman waving us farewell on the shore, and turning a bend of the river, we were fairly embarked on our journey.

The stream runs here at least some 5 or 6 miles an hour, and so practically no paddling was necessary on the rowers' part. All they had to do was to keep the boat straight and maintain a sharp look out at the bends of the river, for although the stream was deep here, and no rocks or snags appeared during our first day's journey, at each bend there were very strong eddies and backwaters, so that it required no little skill and occasionally hard paddling on these occasions to keep the head of the canoe straight with the current and prevent her being whirled round. For about two hours we continued our progress without incident. Frequent turns and changes in the river's course kept the men employed, but occasionally a fairly long reach would give us time to observe the country we were passing through, which was very limited in extent, however, being confined to a view of the high wooded banks on either side with an occasional glimpse of higher ground beyond or of hill peaks in the distance. SALWEEN.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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AN EASTER MONDAY SNIPE SHOOT.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Reading over the last issue of the *Indian Field* I was much interested in the letter contributed by that good sportsman "Raoul" *re* "Late snipe;" the following may also interest a few of your numerous readers.

During Easter week S. and C. C. very kindly invited me to a quail shoot which was to take place on Easter Monday within easy reach of Calcutta. Now, being well acquainted with the religious tendencies of these two sabbatarians, I had some doubts as to their turning up at 6 A.M. at the rendezvous; however being a lover of the sport, I tumbled out of bed at 5 A.M., got into my shooting togs and outside of a couple of poached eggs and a cup of tea, and drove over to meet my two friends; I was accompanied by a friend new to the game, but a willing and companionable pupil. Arriving at the house at 5-45 we found *sub bund, sahib eshleep!* Ultimately C. C. awakened to the fact first that it was daylight, then Easter Monday, then that both he and S. had forgotten all about the shoot and that he "really could not go" as he had been to a very late *service* with S. the night previous! but would we join him in an iced one (so early). Well we did; then not to lose such a day and knowing that most if not all of the business houses were closed and holidays scarce, my pupil and I started for a seven-mile drive. I had made no arrangements for a shikari, and was not quite sure where to find quail, so got out at an old snipe ground that I have known for years. We soon found some willing coolies, who swore that there were a great number of *Khada Kuncha Patie* (Bengali for snipe *à la* Josh Billings) quite near. Relying on "Raoul's" book which I swear by, I told these gentlemen they were "Irish harps" when almost immediately a small boy shouted "mar," but he wanted me to shoot one of those grey legs or stints, explaining that many sahibs shoot this kind of snipe. I explained as forcibly as I could in my best Bengali, that I did not want this kind. Then another coolie, less dense than most, said he knew where there were about *ek coorie* (twenty) snipe of the *tek* kind. I followed him, and to my great surprise and greater delight, I heard the welcome "stek." and my right barrel dropped my first Easter Monday fan tail. My pupil was so surprised at my energy that he left me, saying he was going off on his own and would shoot a few grey legs as he could see them sitting, and he went. To make a long story short, by midday I had bagged fifteen couple of snipe, all fantails, in first-class condition and as afterwards it proved, did not eat at all fishy. I did not notice anything extraordinary about their coloring, nor did it strike me that they were in any different dress to other snipe shot earlier in the year. These were all flushed from old paddy fields with from two to eight inches of water.

The day was a hot one, and the joy to get back with an unexpected bag and to meet a full peg with a full soda and a big lump of ice, only those who know can appreciate. S. and C. C. still regret their religious tendencies on that particular Easter Sunday. TILLICK.

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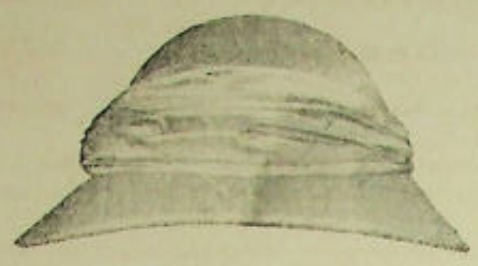

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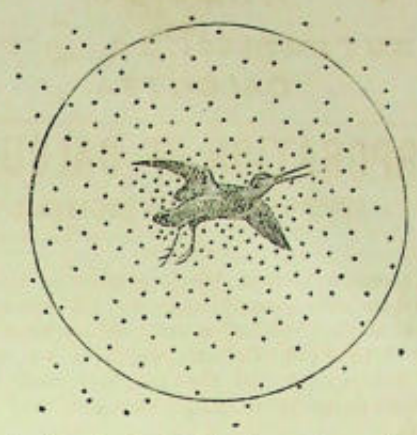

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
S. M. Summer Sky (Belgaum)	May	14 16 & 18	
Dibrugarh	,,	26	
Simla Summer	,,	26, 28 & 30	476
Ootcamund ...	,,	5, 7 & 9	
Mahableshwar Sky ...	,,	5, 8	
Lucknow Open Gymkhana ...	,,	16	
Darjeeling	,,	28 & 30	
Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	574
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	24 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	522
Simla Autumn ...	Oct.	6 & 8	
Simla Gymkhanas ...	May	2 9 & 16	
Ditto ...	June	13 20 & 27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Pachmari	Early June		
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	575
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	,,	26	
Meerut Autumn ...	,,	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	24, 26 & 28	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	24 25 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb.	6	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First ...	... 1st Sept.
	Second ...	... 15th Oct.
SIMLA SUMMER ...	Third ...	... 15th May.
MAHABLESWAR SKY ...	Second ...	... 8th ,,
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...	...	... 8th Dec.
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...	...	... 15th Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 1st Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES SECOND MEETING	First ...	... 1st Dec.
	Second ...	... 9th Jan.
	Third ...	... 16th Jan.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 1st Dec.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES SECOND DAY	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 2nd Jan.
POONA	First ...	... 4th Augst.
	Second ...	... 25th ,,
	Final ...	... 8th Sept.
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second ...	... 1st July.
	Third ...	... 16th Sept.
	Fourth ...	... 1st Dec.
	Final ...	... 20th Jan.
BANGALORE	First ...	... 1st June.
	Second ...	... 20th June.
	Third ...	... 1st July.
MYSORE	Second ...	... 15th May.
	Third ...	... 1st June.
LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First ...	... 15th Aug.
	Second ...	... 1st Oct.
	Third ...	... 14th Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

SIMLA TOURNAMENT	Begins 1st June
POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT	...Sept. 15th, 16th, 19th & 24th
GULMARG POLO TOURNAMENT ...	24th to 29th August.

ROWING.

CALCUTTA R. C. SECOND REGATTA	... 23rd May.

CRICKET.

SIMLA V OUTSTATIONS ...	... May 27th & 29th

THE HORSE.

OOTACAMUND HORSE SHOW ...	... May 22nd & 23rd.
SIMLA HORSE AND DOG SHOW ...	... June 6th.

SPORTS.

OOTACAMUND SKITTLE GYMKHANAS	May 12th & June 15th, 27th
SIMLA VOL. SPORTS	... May 23rd.

FOOTBALL.

DURAND TOURNAMENT, SIMLA ...	... 14th to 25th Sep.

HOCKEY.

BEIGHTON CUP	... Now on.
AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT ...	... Begins 18th May

GOLF.

VIZIANAGRAM CUP	... Begins 5th May
GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August

BOXING.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT —	... 18th and 23rd May

SWIMMING.

CALCUTTA S. C.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP ...	... 8th May.
THREE LENGTHS HANDICAP ...	... 22nd May.
DITTO FINAL HEAT AND PLATE DIVING ...	29th May.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap (1¼ miles) ... — ...	Saturday, May 9
Newmarket Stakes	Wednesday, May 13
The Derby (1½ miles)	Wednesday, May 27
The Oaks (1½ miles)	Friday, May 29
Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) (1½m)	Sunday, May 31
Manchester Cup (1½ miles)	Friday, June 5
Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1½m)	Saturday, June 13
Grand Prix de Paris (1 mile 7 furlongs) ...	Sunday, June 14
Ascot Stakes (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds) ...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds) ...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles) ...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs) ...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Royal Military Tournament ...	15th May.
Golf Open Championship	11th June.
Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's) ...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords)	6th July.
Henley Regatta	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's)	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval)	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's) ...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	4th August.
America Cup First Race — ...	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

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THE extra day's racing was brought off in cool weather, but there was not a very large attendance. Fields were fair and the racing of good class. It was a favourites' day, the popular fancy winning in four out of the six races. The Bookies did badly over the last race owing to Tsain Tin's disqualification.

TOM-THUMB HANDICAP.—Rs. 200. A handicap for Burma ponies 12-2 and under. Distance—5 furlongs.

Major Cox's Tsundee Mai, 9st	...	 1
Maung Po Chone's Tsaw Mai, 8st	...	 2
Oge Maung's Beryl, 10st	... ...	 3

Three ran.

BETTING: 5 to 1 on Tsundee Mai; anything the rest.

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Mr Aldworth's Rownuck, 8st 11lbs	...	 1
Tin Tin's Tsain Tin, 9st 7lbs ...	...	 2
Mr Wahab's Zernigar, 9st ...	...	 3

Seven ran.

BETTING: Evens Zernigar, 2 to 1 agst. Tin, 4 to 1 Rownuck.

Won by a neck; a length between second and third.

THE MEDIUM HANDICAP.—Rs. 300. A handicap for ponies 13-2 and under. Distance—7 furlongs.

Mr Bham's Edith, 12-0 ...	...	 1
„ Chin Tsong's Little Sarah, 10st 3lbs ...		 2
Major Cox's Nonpareil, 8st 9lbs	...	 3

Four ran.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Nonpareil, 3 to 1 agst Edith and Little Sarah.

Won by two lengths easily; one length between second and third. Time—1min. 43⅗secs.

THE SYDNEY HANDICAP.—Rs. 200. A handicap for the new batch of Griffins imported in March 1903, 14 hands and under. Distance ½ mile.

Maung Tsoe Min's Tsain Chit, 10st 9lbs ...		 1
Mrs Doo's Star of Burma, 9st ...	...	 2
Yeo Eng Pwa's Mah Hla Glay, 10st	...	 3

Eight ran.

BETTING: Evens Tsain Chit, and 6 to 1 against Star of Burma.

Won by half a length; one length between second and third.

THE SHWAY DAGONE HANDICAP.—A handicap for "Indo-Burman" ponies 13-0 and under. Distance—3 furlongs.

Maung Pe's Aung Ban, 12st ...	...	 1
Maung Bah In's Ke Ke Gyi, 9st 2lbs	...	 2
Mr Aldworth's Thainden, 7st 11lbs	...	 3

Eight ran.

BETTING: 6 to 4 against Aung Ban, 3 to on 1 Ke Ke Gyi, and 4 to 1 Thainden.

Won by a length; the same distance; between second and third.

THE GIANT HANDICAP.—Rs 200. A handicap for ponies, 14-0 hands and under. Distance—5 furlongs.

Dr Blake's Brownie, 9st ...	...	 1
Mr Bham's Edith, 11st 7lbs ...	...	 2

Six ran.

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Brownie, 3 to 1 agst Edith, and 6 to 1 Tsain Tin.

Tsain Tin won this race from Brownie by a length, but was disqualified being a quarter pound over weight.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 17th April 1903.*

THE TURF.

OF the thousand and one holiday attractions arranged for the pleasure-seekers of London on Easter Monday, none holds a higher place in the esteem of that vast sport-loving community than Kempton Park. The picturesque riverside enclosure is a safe draw for the masses, and the outlook being propitious this morning, they began to flock towards Sunbury in their thousands from an early hour. The number who availed themselves of the special service of trains by the South-Western Railway showed no falling off, whilst a host of the searchers after novelty patronised the more circuitous and enjoyable route by the new electric tramway system *via* Hampton. The upshot was that the rings and enclosures were packed long before racing began, whilst the crowd that lined the rails across the far side of the course and wandered about the Park at will was of prodigious dimensions The weather was an incongruous admixture of winter and spring, driving showers of sleet and snow occasionally rendering matters uncommonly trying for the onlookers. The keen northerly wind was genially tempered by a glorious sunshine during the greater part of the afternoon, however, and the sport was full of life and incident from start to finish.

THE QUEEN'S PRIZE (handicap)—Of 1,325 sovs. New Jubilee Course (one mile and a quarter).

Sir J Thursby's b h Fighting Furley, by Colorado—Bay Celia, 6yrs, 7st 9lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Trigg 1
Lord Dunraven's b c Morganatic, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs	Plant 2
Capt Laing's br h Padlock II, 5yrs, 7st 9lbs	Hardy 3
Duke of Westminster's Cupbearer, 4 yrs, 7st 11lb	Watts 0
Mr H I Higham's Royal George, 5yrs, 8st 11lb (car 8st 2lbs)	K Cannon 0
Mr J Gubbins's Port Blair, 4 yrs, 8st ...	J H Martin 0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Nabot, 4 yrs, 7st 11lbs	W Lane 0
Lord Farquhar's Pellison, 6 yrs, 7st 4lbs ...	H Aylin 0
Mr G Parrott's Lord Carbine, 4 yrs, 7st 4lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	O Madden 0
Lord Howard de Walden's Glass Jug, 4 yrs, 6st 13lbs	Miller 0
Mr W Raphael's St Uncomber, 4 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Rule 0
Mr L de Rothschild's Pom Pom, 4 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Griggs 0

(*Winner trained by Duke, at Cranborne*).

BETTING: 7 to 2 agast Fighting Furley 5 to 1 Pellisson 11 to 2 Lord Carbine, 6 to 1 Cupbearer, 8 to 1 Pom Pom, 10 to 1 Glass Jug, 100 to 8 Nabot, 100 to 8 Padlock II, 100 to 7 Royal George, 100 to 7 Morganatic, 100 to 6 St Uncomber, 20 to 1 Port Blair (o).

Royal George led the parade from Port Blair, Fighting Furley, Nabot, padlock II., with Morganatic and Pom Pom bringing up the rear, and they cantered to the post in much the same order. There was very little delay before Mr. Coventry despatched them, the first to break the line being Nabot, who dashed away with a clear lead of Lord Carbine, Morganatic, and Fighting Furley with Pellisson next in front of Royal George, Padlock II. being the whipper-in for half a mile, when Lord Carbine joined Nabot, with Morganatic and Fighting Furley in close company. Turning into the straight Nabot was completely done with, and Fighting Furley took up the running followed by Morganatic, Lord Carbine, Pellisson, and Cupbearer, and, remaining in the van for the remainder of the journey, won easily by three lengths; a length separated the second and third. Cupbearer was fourth, Lord Carbine fifth, Port Blair sixth, Pellisson seventh, Royal George eighth, and Nabot last.

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THE RENDLESHAM TWO YEAR OLD STAKE—Of 238 sovs; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs. Five furlongs.

Mr L de Rothchild's ch f Catgut, by Lactantius—Catkin, 8st 9lbs ...	K Cannon	1
Mr H Lindemere's b f Mrs Hawkins, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon	2
Mr H Combe's b f Imago, 8st 9lbs ...	Maher	3
„ S Darling's Bungebah, 8st 12lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Major Edwards's Volar, 8st 12lbs ...	P Purkiss	0
Mr R H Henning's Portman, 8st 12lbs ...	McNaughton	0
„ R H Henning's Accroc, 8st 12lbs	Elliott	0
„ E Carlton's Myrtis, 8st 9lbs ...	C Leader	0
„ G Edwardes's Kolmia, 8st 9lbs ...	Randall	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Royal Request, 8st 9lbs	W Lane	0
Mr R Sherwood's Mitrahineh, 8st 9lbs ...	I. Sherwood	0
Capt F Forester's Musk Rose, 8st 9lbs ...	B Dillon	0
Mr C Wood's Wizard, 8st 9lbs ...	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Watson at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 13 to 8 agst Catgut, 3 to 1 Imago, 8 to 1 each Myrtis and Royal Request, 10 to 1 each Mrs Hawkins and Wizard, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by a neck; four lengths divided second and third. Volar was fourth, Mitrahineh fifth, Halmia sixth, Bungebah seventh and Wizard last. Time—1min. 4⅗secs.

The few survivors of the old school of sportsmen whose season terminates with the Houghton Meeting, and who do not emerge from their retirement until the Craven Meeting lures them once more to the head-quarters of the Turf, console themselves with the idea that it is their privilege to enjoy a wholesome immunity from the worst rigours of early spring. Theoretically they have the best of matters, but there has been a hitch in the meteorological arrangements this time, and the wintry winds and belated snowstorms which are the usual accompaniments of sport at Lincoln and Liverpool have been held over until the middle of April A biting northerly wind rendered the conditions under which the Newmarket campaign of 1903 was initiated anything but congenial, and racegoers have experienced few colder days throughout the entire winter A keen frost during the night was succeeded by showers of snow which fell at intervals in the morning, and, though the solar rays were pleasantly warm, they were not in sufficient evidence to raise the temperature to any appreciable extent.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE FORTY-FOURTH NEWMARKET BIENNIAL STAKES—Of £768 10s., for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 10lbs; with penalties and allowances. R. M. (one mile).

Sir E Cassel's ch c Sermon, by Friar's Balsam—Listen, 9st 5lbs ...	Halsey	1
Mr Douglas Baird's b c Martinet, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	2
Sir E Vincent's b c Donatello, 8st 7lbs ...	J H Martin	3
Mr R H Henning's Jennico, 9st 5lbs ...	Lyne	0
„ L Brassey's Bayona, 8st 10lbs ...	Hardy	0
Lord Cadogan's Bassoon, by Trenton—Simoom, 8st 7lbs	Maher	0
Lord Farquhar's Gilbert Orme, 8st 7lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Duke of Portland's De Witt, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Eriestane, 8st 3lbs	W Lane	0
Prince Soltykoff's Paregoric, 8st 7lbs ...	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Mr F. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 agst Martinet, 6 to 1 De Witt, 7 to 1 Sermon 8 to 1 each Paregoric and Bassoon (Simoomcolt), and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by four lengths; two lengths separated second and third, Time—1min. 40⅘ secs.

THE CRAWFURD STAKES—(handicap)—Of 385 sovs. Brethy Stakes Course (6 furlongs).

Sir J Blundell Maple's ch h Lord Bobs, by Bend Or—Silver Sea, 5yrs, 9st 11lb ...	W Lane	1
Sir E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, 4 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Miller	2
Sir J Miller's b h Cossack, 5 yrs, 9st 4lbs...	Maher	3
Mr L de Rothschild's Kunstler, 5 yrs, 7st 11lb (inc 10lbs ex)	Watts	0
Mr J Hammond's Burses, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Prince Soltykoff's Leisure Hour, aged, 7st 4lbs	Hardy	0
Count Lehndorff's St Briavels, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs	Trigg	0
Mr W C Whitney's Pan Michael, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs	Griggs	0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs ...	Plant	0
Mr T Simpson Jay's St Gerald, 3yrs, 5st 9lbs	Layburn	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agast Kunstler, 100 to 30 Burses, 4 to 1 Speculator, 8 to 1 Cossack, 10 to 1 each St Briavels and Salute, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won by a neck: a head divided second and third. Pan Michael was fourth, Leisure Hour fifth, Kunstler sixth, and St Gerald last, except Burses and Salute, who took no part in the race. Time—1min. 14⅘secs.

THE FITZWILLIAM STAKES.—Of 515 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs. Rouse Course (5 furlongs).

Mr D Baird's b c Mousqueton, by Carbine—Musa, 8st 12lbs. ...	M Cannon	1
Mr C D Rose's b c Serpolet, 8st 12lbs ...	S Loates	2
„ C S Newton's ch c by Enthusiast—Miss Ellison, 8st 12lbs	Maher	3
Sir R Waldie Griffith's c by St Frusquin—Wedding Bell, 8st 12lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr L de Rothschild's St Felix, 8st 12ls ...	K Cannon	0
His Majesty's Plombieres, 8st 9lbs. ...	Jones	0
Count de Berteux's Majorca, 8st 9lbs ...	Hardy	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Stately Lady, 8st 9lbs	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by H. Enoch, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 each agst Wedding Bell colt and Stately Lady, 4 to 1 Mousqueton, 8 to 1 Majorca, and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by three lengths; a length and a half separated second and third. Time 1min. 2⅘secs.

At headquarters just now the weather is the all-absorbing topic of conversation, and rightly so. The conditions in the neighbourhood of Newmarket early this morning were almost Arctic, and man and beast alike seemed to cringe before the icy blast that swept the Heath with razor-like keenness. Well may Huggins's gardener have doubted the evidence of his own eyes when he found his thermometer recording 16 degrees of frost during the night. The garden is in an exposed position, but at Exning, in a more sheltered locality, 15 degrees of frost were recorded, verifying the accuracy of the Heath House reading, and from Mildenhall came news of frozen taps and ice half an inch thick in the farmyards. These are not the normal accompaniments of sport under Jockey Club Rules, and, in addition to the physical discomforts engendered thereby, the responsibilities of trainers are increased tenfold. There was a modicum of sunshine during the day, but it barely sufficed to counteract the sting of the boisterous north wind, and it snowed heavily for the last hour of racing Only a few enthusiasts gathered round the ringside at Park Paddocks to assist at the sale of the horses in training of the late Mr. Forrest Tod. Nor was the attendance in the Rowley Mile enclosures by any means representative, but fields again ruled large, and some capital sport was witnessed.

THE WOOD DITTON STAKES—Of 342 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs; winners extra. D. M. (one mile).

Sir J Blundell Maple's b f Girton Girl, by Royal Hampton—Lady Wrangler, 8st 9lbs	W Lane	1
Mr L de Rothschild's b c Gourgaud, 8st 12lbs	K Cannon	dead
Lord Durham's b f Caparison, 8st 9lbs	Watts	heat.
Lord Howard de Walden's Spinning Minnow, 8st 12lbs	M Cannon	4
Mr E Lamp's g by St Angelo—Doncaster Belle, 9st 2lbs	O Madden	0
His Majesty's Email, 8st 12lbs	H Jones	0
Mr E Carlton's Ariosto, 8st 12lbs	C Leader	0
Mr J. R. Keene's Flying Prince, 8st 12lbs,	Lyne	0
Mr W C Whitney's White Webbs, 8st 12lbs	J. H. Martin	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Flying Prince, 3 to 1 Spinning Minnow, 6 to 1 Girton Girl, 7 to 1 Doncaster Belle gelding, 10 to 1 Gourgaud and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won easily by two lengths from Gourgaud and Caparison, who ran a dead heat for second place.

THE BABRAHAM PLATE (handicap)—Of 480 sovs Last mile and a half of the Cesarewitch Course.

Sir E Vincent's ch f Parody by Avington—Portree, 4 yrs, 6st 13lbs	Tree	1
Mr L Brassey's b c Alderman, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs	Knott	2
Sir M Fitzgerald's b f Happy Match 4 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Plant	3
Lord Durham's Mardonius, 5 yrs, 7st 8lbs	Watts	0
Duke of Portland's Mannlicher, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs	Hardy	0
Mr J Musker's McYardley, 5 yrs, 8st	O Madden	0
„ Douglas Baird's Marmelo, 4 yrs, 7st 11lbs	J H Martin	0
„ Mr L de Rothschild's Pom Pom, 4 yrs 6st 8lbs	C Loates	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Glorious Uncertainty, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 9lbs)	Miller	0
Mr J W Larnach's Tingewick 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	McGough	0

(*Winner trained by R. Day, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 100 to 30 agast Alderman, 4 to 1 McYardley, 6 to 1 Mardonius, 7 to 1 each Pom Pom and Glorius Uncertainty, 8 to 1 Mannlicher, 10 to 1 Parody, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won easily by a length; four lengths separated second and third. Time—2mins 37secs, Marmeld broke a fetlock joint and was subsequently destroyed.

There was little or no improvement in the weather at Newmarket to-day, and when racing was resumed with the Second Welter Handicap, snow was falling heavily, whilst there was a biting northerly wind. Of course, many declined to see the meeting out, and the proceedings were lacking in life. Grateley had a big plunge on General Cronje for the first event, and after a desperate race he won by a short head. A terrific snowstorm was raging when Coal Sack won the Biennial Stakes. Details:—

THE BENNINGTON STAKES—Of 50 sovs each, h ft, for three-year-olds. D M. (one mile).

Sir J Miller's Rock Sand, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, 9st 4lbs	J H Martin	1
Sir E Cassel's Love Charm, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	2
Mr L Brassey's San Terenzo, 8st 11lbs	K Cannon	3

(*Winner trained by Blackwell*).

BETTING: 5 to 1 on Rock Sand, 5 to 1 agst Love Charm, 20 to 1 San Terenzo (offered).

They ran as placed throughout. Rock Sand winning by a length; bad third.

THE CRAVEN STAKES—Of 500 sovs added to a Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each for starters; second to receive 50 sovs; for three-year-olds. An M. (one mile 22 yards).

Sir E Vincent's Countermark, by Worcester—Asay, 8st 13lbs	W Lane	1
Mr W C Whitney's Pan Michael, 8st 5lbs	J H Martin	2
Lord Derby's Gay Gordon, by St Frusquin—Broad Corrie, 8st 5lbs	D Maher	3
Mr J Musker's William Rufus, 9st 13lbs	O Madden	0
Mr L Brassey's Saltpetre, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 8st 5lbs	Croft	0
Sir Waldie Griffith's Omar Khayyam, 8st 5lbs	F Hardy	0
Mr T Leader's North River, 8st 5lbs	C Leader	0
Duke of Portland's Brauneberg, 8st 5lbs	M Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by R. Day*).

BETTING: 5 to 1 agst Countermark, 9 to 2 Pan Michael 20 to 1 Gay Gordon.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION RULES.

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

DIVISION 1.

DERBY COUNTY *vs.* SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.—There were 10,000 spectators on the Baseball Ground on Saturday, the 11th instant, the weather being fine at starting, though a few smart showers fell towards the close of the game. Davis had sufficiently recovered from the injury he had sustained in the International match on the previous Saturday to be able to play, but Bloomer was an absentee from the Derby side, having been kicked on the ankle at Newcastle on Good Friday—an injury that may possibly keep him out of the final next Saturday. Wednesday had the benefit of the wind in the first half, but they failed to make much use of it, and after seventeen minutes' play they had the misfortune to lose the services of Davis, through the latter's ankle giving way. Derby afterwards played finely and had more of the play than their rivals. Boag once failed to reach a centre from York, but later on he sent in a splendid shot that Lyall saved in fine style. Five minutes from the interval, however, some capital work by the Derby right wing resulted in Boag getting in a capital shot which Lyall failed to clear, and which with some assistance from Richards passed into the net. The second half was chiefly remarkable for the extraordinary persistency with which Sheffield tried to equalise. Fryer had quite as much work to do as Lyall, and more than once it appeared as though he would be beaten. The visitors throughout this half played only one back, and this quite upset the calculation of the Derby forwards, who were given offside again and again. The Derby men, it should be added, played in red shirts, it having been arranged that they shall don that colour next Saturday, whilst Bury play in blue. Result: Derby County, one goal; Sheffield Wednesday, none.

BOLTON WANDERERS *vs.* SUNDERLAND.—This important match was played at Bolton on Saturday, the 11th instant, and proved a capital attraction, fully 14,000 being present. The visitors won the toss, and were helped with a strong wind. Hogg early on became dangerous, but Brown kicked strongly, and for a time the home team had the best of matters, Marsh and Greenhalgh going very close. Try as they would neither side could make an impression, and the score-sheet at the interval was blank. Resuming, with the same advantages that the visitors enjoyed in the first half, the home team made matters warm for Sunderland, and White, with a magnificent shot, beat Doig all the way. Not content with this, they again pressed strong, and Marsh, after trying on several occasions to get through, eventually scored a lovely goal, and a fine game ended in a win for Bolton by two goals to love.

SHEFFIELD UNITED *vs.* GRIMSBY TOWN.—The Sheffield United Club placed in the field for its last home match on Saturday, the 11th instant, the same team as had beaten Notts County the previous day, save that Lang, the latest acquisition from Barnsley, took the outside right position. Grimsby had Gardner away in addition to Hall, and Appleyard has been transferred to Newcastle for £400, so that he also was missing from their ranks. There were about 9,000 people present, the weather being beautifully fine and pleasant, Grimsby won the toss, but throughout the game could make but little headway, and before a quarter of an hour had elapsed Archie Needham headed past Whittaker, and so put on the first goal. Right up to the interval Grimsby were seldom dangerous, and at that stage the United led by one goal to love. The opening of the second half saw Brown score in the first half-minute, and again United were much more dangerous than their rivals. Before the end Brown put on a third with a superb shot, and Sheffield United won by three goals to love.

NEWCASTLE UNITED *vs.* BURY.—These clubs met at Newcastle on Saturday, the 11th instant, in gusty weather and before 18 00 spectators. Newcastle had Turner at outside right, *vice* Roberts, who on Friday sprained his thigh against Derby County. Newcastle opened strongly, but the Bury forwards were in great form and troubled the Newcastle defence greatly. The shooting all round, however, was but moderate several good chances being missed, Wood and Leeming being the chief offenders. Eventually Templeton broke away and centred. McColl from the ruck shot in, but the ball rebounded and Turner, meeting it, banged it into the net. Newcastle had the better of the game until the interval and led by a goal to love. In the second half play was even, and Newcastle, against the wind, almost scored by McColl and Templeton, whilst at the other end Kingsley saved miraculously whilst lying on the goal-line. The "Shakers" put forth a big effort towards the close, but Newcastle defended well, and just on time Turner who had been limping badly, brought Monteith to his knees. Final: Newcastle United, one goal; Bury none.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS *vs.* NOTTS FOREST.—Playing at home on Saturday, the Wanderers beat the Forest by brilliant football, and it was only the excellence of Linacre in the visitors' goal that prevented a larger score than two to one. Starting splendidly the Wolves opened the scoring through Haywood, after five minutes' play. Wooldridge and Smith then had points disallowed, but Fellows added a second and legitimate goal. The Forest improved, and Sugden reduced the lead a few minutes before the interval. In the second half the Wanderers again had nearly all [illegible] play, but nothing further was scored, owing to Linacre's brilliant defence

LIVERPOOL *vs.* ASTON VILLA.—On Saturday at Liverpool the above clubs were well represented, and a fairly good game under adverse weather conditions resulted in favour of the home team by two goals to one. Liverpool had to face the wind at the start, but they kept the Villa out by capital defence. Platt being particularly good. The home team subsequently became very aggressive, both Raybould and Goddard scoring goals before the interval. In the second half the Villa lost chances through weak play in front of goal, their shots being ill-directed. At length a penalty kick against Glover ena led McLuckie to score, the result being: Liverpool, two goals; Aston Villa, one.

NOTTS COUNTY *vs.* STOKE.—After drawing at Sunderland on Friday, toke on Saturday, gave a vastly different display at Nottingham, and were badly beaten by three goals to none. Two changes were made in the Stoke team, while Pennington reappeared in goal for Notts. After the County had appealed in vain for a penalty kick Humphreys opened the scoring for them, this being the only goal of a moderate first half. Weak forward play rather spoiled the closing stages but Humphreys obtained a second goal for Notts, and Green added a third from a penalty kick.

MIDDLESBROUGH *vs.* BLACKBURN ROVERS.—At Middlesbrough, on Saturday, the home team beat the Rovers with unexpected ease by four goals to none McAulay opened the scoring from a penalty kick, while Cassidy added a second goal before half-time from a pass by A. Robinson. Despite the capital defence of Crompton in the second half, Robertson twice broke through and scored, Middlesbrough thus claiming a very handsome victory.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won	Drn	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Sheffield Wednesday	33	18	4	11	40	51	35
Sunderland	31	15	9	7	39	47	29
Sheffield United	33	17	5	11	39	56	40
Liverpool	31	15	4	12	34	64	48
Stoke	31	14	6	11	34	43	35
Derby County	31	16	2	13	34	47	39
W Brom Albion	31	15	4	12	34	49	47
Aston Villa	29	14	3	12	31	46	37
Bury	31	14	3	14	31	47	40
Notts County	31	12	7	12	31	49	43
Wolvrhmptn Wnd	31	13	5	13	31	46	51
Notts Forest	32	12	7	13	31	43	45
Everton	32	12	6	14	30	43	44
Middlesbrough	30	13	3	14	29	36	41
Newcastle United	31	12	4	15	28	37	48
Blackburn Rovers	32	10	5	17	25	38	62
Grimsby Town	32	8	8	16	24	41	58
Bolton Wanderers	32	8	3	21	19	37	69

DIVISION 2.

LEICESTER FOSSE *vs.* WOOLWICH ARSENAL.—Of the 10,0 0 spectators who witnessed this match at Leicester on Saturday, nearly one half were supporters of the Arsenal team, who had the satisfaction of applauding a 2—0 victory. Play in the first half was very interesting, each side being dangerous in turn. The Gunners, however, showed much the better combination. Coleman, the inside right, directing several capital shots to Ling, which the home keeper successfully dealt with. Corners were forced by both sides nearing the interval, but nothing tangible resulted, and half-time arrived without a score. Soon after resuming a foul by Rouleston on Briercliffe inside the penalty line gave the Arsenal an opportunity, but Jackson kicked straight to Ling, who had little difficulty in clearing. A spell of even play, by no means devoid of interest, ensued. Occasionally the Fosse pressed, but they were by no means smart in front of goal, and the ball was seldom past the opposing backs. Once Simpson, on the left wing, made a brilliant effort on his own, but the shot went wide from short range. This was really Fosse's best opportunity, for the Arsenal afterwards renewed their attack with great vigour. Another foul by Rouleston on Briercliffe led up to an onslaught on the home goal, and the ball being sent across to Coleman, who scored with a beautiful oblique shot well out of Ling's reach. In the next few minutes the bulk of the home defence rested upon Ling, who came out of a trying ordeal with credit, shots high and low being capably dealt with. At length after a couple of brilliant saves in succession, he conceded a corner from which Gooing headed through. Woolwich continued to hold the whip hand, and was never seriously threatened. Result: Woolwich Arsenal, two goals; Leicester Fosse, none.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Manchester City	33	24	4	5	52	92	29
Small Heath	32	23	3	6	49	72	32
Woolwich Arsenal	33	20	7	6	47	66	30
Bristol City	32	15	8	9	38	55	38
Chesterfield	31	13	8	10	34	64	47
Manchester United	30	13	7	10	33	46	35
Preston North End	31	13	7	11	33	54	38
Burslem Port Vale	31	12	7	12	31	54	60
Barnsley	29	12	6	11	30	50	44
Lincoln City	32	12	5	15	29	46	49
Burton United	31	11	6	14	28	39	55
Glossop	32	11	5	16	27	40	54
Blackpool	33	8	10	15	26	42	58
Gainsboro' Trinity	30	10	5	15	25	36	57
Leicester Fosse	31	10	5	16	25	41	65
Doncaster Rovers	32	9	6	17	24	35	68
Burnley	33	6	8	19	20	30	74
Stockport County	32	6	5	21	17	34	73

IMPORTANT RESULTS.

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.—DIVISION 1.

	G.		G.
Wolverhampton Wndrs	2	bt Notts Forest	1
Derby County	1	bt Sheffield Wednesday	0
Middlesbrough	4	bt Blackburn Rovers	0
Sheffield United	3	bt Grimsby	0
Newcastle United	1	bt Bury	0
Bolton Wanderers	2	bt Sunderland	0
Liverpool	2	bt Aston Villa	1
Notts County	3	bt Stoke	0

DIVISION 2.

Woolwich Arsenal	2	bt Leicester Fosse	0
Burton United	3	bt Gainsborough Trinity	0
Manchester City	2	bt Blackpool	0
Small Heath	12	bt Doncaster Rovers	0
Preston North End	3	bt Manchester United	1
Barnsley	2	bt Bristol City	0
Chesterfield	1	bt Lincoln City	0
Burnley	3	bt Stockport County	2
Burslem Port Value	1	bt Glossop	0

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Reading	1	bt West Ham United	0
Queen's Park Rangers	1	bt Bristol Rovers	0

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Portsmouth	4	bt Brentford	0
New Brompton	3	bt Tottenham Hotspur	0
Luton	3	bt Wellingborough	1
Northampton	2	bt Swindon	0

DIVISION 2.

Fulham	7	bt Grays United	0

THE SCOTTISH CUP.—FINAL TIE.

LONDON LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Clapton Orient	2	bt Tottenham Hotspur Res	0
†Glasgow Rangers	1	dr Heart of Midlothian	1

† At Glasgow.

THE MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Lincoln City Reserves	5	bt Leicester Fosse Res	1
Whitwick Whitecross	6	bt Gainsboro' Trin Res	1
Sheffield Wednesday Res	3	bt Derby County Res	0
Grimsby Reserves	1	dr Barnsley Reserves	1
Newark	4	bt Sheffield United Res	0
Walsall	1	dr Hinckley	1
Burton United Reserves	3	bt Denaby	0

SCOTTISH INTER-CITY LEAGUE.

St Mirren	1	bt Dundee	0
Hibernians	2	bt Celtic	1

LONDON LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Queen's Pk Rangers Res	1	bt Clapton Orient	0
Woolwich Arsenal Res	4	bt Leyton	1

DIVISION 2.

Walthamstow Town	4	bt Child's Hill Imperial	2

SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

Dulwich Hamlet	1	dr Wandsworth	1

THE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Middlesbrough Res	2	bt West Hartlepool	0
Stockton	4	bt Scarborough	0
Sunderland Reserves	11	bt St. Augustine's	0
South Bank	1	bt Stockton St. John's	0
Crook	2	bt Grangetown	1

WEST YORKSHIRE CUP.—FINAL.

Altofts	1	dr Mirfields	1

SOUTHPORT CHARITY CUP.—SEMI-FINAL.

Skelmersdale United	0	dr Southport Central	0

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Small Heath Reserves	1	bt Worcester City	0
Aston Villa Reserves	12	bt Ironbridge	0
Crewe Alexander	5	bt Dudley	0
Coventry City	2	bt Wolverhmpn Wndrs	1
Kidderminster H	4	bt Stafford Rangers	1
Wellington	2	bt W Brmwch Albion Res	0
Druids	0	dr Shrewsbury Town	0
Halesowen	1	bt Stoke Reserves	0
Brierly Hill Alliance	0	dr Stourbridge	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—DIVISION 2.

Falkirk	4	bt Motherwell	2
Arthurlie	3	bt Hamilton Acads	2

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OTHER MATCHES.

Civil Service ...	...	2	bt	Budapest Torna	... 1
War Office ...	...	5	bt	Guernsey Island	... 1
Shepherd's Bush	...	3	bt	Oxford City	... 1
London Caledonians	...	2	bt	Casuals ...	... 2
Kettering ...	...	2	dr	Scottish Amateurs	... 0
Corinthians ...		2	bt	Southampton	... 0
Clapton ...	...	5	bt	King's Lynn	... 0
Brighton Railway	...	3	bt	West Croydon Res	... 0
Millwall ...	...	1	bt	3rd Lanark...	... 0
Newportonians	...	3	bt	Lymington A.	... 0
Old Tollingtonians	...	1	bt	Bexhill ...	... 0
Godalming ...	...	3	bt	Beddington Corner	... 2
Edmonton Woodgrange	...	4	bt	Alston Works	... 2
West Croydon ...	...	4	bt	Grenadier Guards	... 1
Willesden Town	...	9	bt	Luton Reserves	... 0
Plashet ...	...	0	dr	South Borough	... 1
Deal Cinque Ports	...	5	bt	Raveley ...	... 0
Hunstanton ...	...	1	bt	Kestrel ...	... 1
G E R Mechanics	...	3	bt	Boleyn Castle	... 1
Buckenham ...	...	2	bt	Chesham Generals Rs	... 1
Reigate Priory...	...	10	bt	Bows Park ...	... 0
Watford ...	...	7	bt	Darlington ...	... 0
Brighton and Hove	...	4	bt	Bedford Queen's	... 2
Godalming ...	...	0	bt	Beddington Corner	... 0
Woking ...	...	7	bt	Weybridge ...	... 2
Addlestone ...	...	4	bt	Royal Berks	... 2
Ventnor ...	...	3	bt	Hornsey United	... 1
H M S Excellent	...	3	bt	Ryde ...	... 1
R M A Portsmouth	...	3	bt	Field Artillery	... 1
Farnham ...	...	3	bt	Aldershot Town	... 0
Haverhill ...	...	8	bt	Saffron Walden	... 2
Aberdare ...	..	3	bt	Upton Park	... 0
Banbury Harriers	...	3	bt	King's Sutton	... 0
Ramsgate St George	...	4	bt	London Caledns Res	... 2
S E College ...	...	2	bt	St Lawrence	... 0
Henley ...	...	7	bt	Marlow Wanderers	... 1
Hailsham ...	...	1	dr	Croydon Wanderers	... 1
Ipswich ...	...	3	bt	Lynn ...	... 2
Harwich ...	...	4	bt	Finchley ...	... 2
Leytonstone ...	...	3	bt	Deptford Town	... 1
Southport Central	...	2	bt	Everton ...	.. 1
Maidenhead Norfolkians	...	1	bt	Maidenhead...	... 0
Wycombe Wanderers	...	4	bt	London Welsh	... 1
Yarmouth R A	...	5	bt	Yarmouth Swifts	... 1
Maldon ..	...	9	bt	Eton Mission	... 2
Old Holloway Collegians	...	3	bt	Walton Town	... 2
Lowestoft ...	...	7	bt	C E Y M S ...	... 0
Kirkley ...	...	4	bt	Halesworth ...	... 1
Southampton League	...	4	bt	Bournemouth League	... 2
Clapton (A) ...	...	5	bt	Colchester Town	... 2
Porth ...	...	1	dr	West Norwood	... 1
Ayr ...	...	2	bt	Kilmarnock	... 0
Thornerbank ...	...	3	bt	Johnstone ...	... 0
Alloa Athletic ...	...	5	bt	Stenhousemuir	... 2
Royal Albert ...	...	1	bt	Albion Rovers	... 0
Beith ...	...	3	bt	Cartvale ...	... 1
Orion ...	...	3	bt	Cowdenbeath	... 1
Dundee Wanderers	...	3	bt	Forfar Athletic	... 1
St Johnstone ...	...	1	dr	Aberdeen ...	... 1
Dunfermline Athletic	...	0	dr	Adventurers	... 0
Victoria United	...	2	bt	East Stirlingshire	... 0
Wells City ...	...	1	dr	London Devonians	... 0
Clapton ...	...	5	bt	Yarmouth ...	... 0

RUGBY RULES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES JUNIOR CUP.—FINAL.

	G.T.			G.T.
†Moseley (A) (11) ...	1	2	bt Stratford (A) (4) ...	1 0

†At Leicester.

OTHER MATCHES.

Swansea (28)	...	6	0	bt Barbarians	... 0 0
Devonport Albion (19)		2	3	bt Old Mercht Tlrs (4)	... 1 0
Newport (22)	...	2	4	bt Rockcliff (3)	... 0 1
Mountain Ash (26)	...	4	3	bt London Welsh (5)	... 2 0
Cardiff (13)	...	2	1	bt Hartlepool Rovers	... 0 0
Northampton (11)	...	2	1	bt West Hartlepool (7)	... 2 0
North of Ireland (8)	...	1	1	bt Birkenhd Park (3)	... 0 0
Bedford (11)	...	2	1	bt Olney (3)	... 0 1
Neath (6) ...	...	0	2	bt Aberavon (4)	... 1 0
Gloucester (11)	...	1	2	bt Penygraig	... 0 0
Stroud (22)	...	—		bt Abergavenny (3)	... 0 1
Exeter M	...	0	0	dr Leicester	.. 0 0
Bristol (9)	...	2	0	bt Cheltenham (3)	... 0 1
Twickenham (11)	...	—		bt Hammersmith (A)	... 0 0
Bridgwater (34)	...	5	3	bt London Devonians	... 0 0
Torquay Athletic (31)	...	5	2	bt Civil Service (11)	... 2 1
Wimbledon (12)	...	—		bt Mr Gunnery's XV (9)	—
Llanelly (20)	...	1	5	bt Lydney ...	... 9 0
Westoe (6) ...	...	0	2	dr Durham City (5)	... 0 2
Taunton (18)	...	—		bt Penylan (7)	... 1 1
Furness (11)	...	1	2	bt Malone (3)	... 6 1
Plymouth (17)	...	—		bt Bristol Wanders (15)	—
Carlisle (3) ...	...	0	1	bt Whitehaven (3)	... 0 1
Castleford (23)	...	1	6	bt Tudhoe (3)	.. 0 1
Bath (24) ...	...	0	8	bt Knowle ...	... 0 0

CRICKET.

SURREY *vs.* LONDON COUNTY C.C.—Played at the Oval on 13th, 14th, and 15th April.

For various reasons Surrey were unable to put anything like their best team in the field, among the absentees being Abel, Richardson, E. M. Dowson, Brockwell, Stedman, and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, while of course V. F. S. Crawford will now no longer be included in the eleven. As usual Dr. Grace managed to get together a powerful team, and he introduced B. Jaya Ram, the Indian batsman, to first-class matches. The weather was entirely unsuitable for cricket, being cold and cheerless in the extreme, but for all that some five thousand people were induced to watch the game on the Bank Holiday. The feature of the day, and indeed of the match, was the use of the gauge by Titchmarsh, the umpire at the pavilion end, who tested the bats of several players on their arrival at the wicket. Those of Sewell and Board were the only ones challenged which would not pass muster at the first time of asking; indeed, it was not until Sewell produced his third bat that the umpire was satisfied. The two players, instead of being disconcerted by the incident, proved the largest run-getters on the side. Although W. L. Murdoch, Jaya Ram, and Braund were all disposed of for small scores, the Doctor himself played a very pretty innings, while the pair named greatly distinguished themselves. In partnership, after coming together when five wickets had fallen for less than a hundred, they put on 127 runs in about an hour and a half. Sewell was the hero of the day, and played the best innings of his career as a first-class cricketer. Last year he occasionally showed clearly enough that he was a fine player, who only wanted a little good fortune to come to the front, and it may be hoped that this good fortune will not be wanting to him in the future. He certainly has the makings of a fine cricketer. The only Surrey bowler who met with marked success was Hayward, but bowlers were decidedly handicapped by the cold weather. Snow fell during the London County innings, and caused a cessation of play for about ten minutes. At the end of the day London County had completed a first innings of 267, while Surrey had made 32 1or the loss of a wicket. On Tuesday Hayward and Hayes quickly settled down to their work, and the Surrey score progressed steadily. Both players exhibited fine cricket, Hayward's display being a very meritorious one considering the earliness of the season. Several of his strokes were quite reminiscent of the form he showed in 1899, in which year he scored over a thousand runs by the end of May. His capital all-round cricket, indeed, was quite the most gratifying feature of the match from a Surrey point of view. His score of 107 was composed of two 5s, eleven 4's, eight 2's, and thirty-seven singles, there not being, curiously enough, any 3's. Walker, Jephson and Lockwood all scored well, and when the last Surrey wicket fell the home team held an advantage of 118 runs on the first innings. Odell bowled capitally throughout, his performance being really better than his analysis would lead one to suppose. His success certainly promises well for Leicestershire cricket during the coming season. With a somewhat heavy balance against them, London County commenced their second innings on the evening of the second day. At the drawing of stumps, both Murdoch and Jaya Ram had been disposed of for trifling scores, and the outlook for the visitors was certainly not a bright one, especially as Braund would be unable to bat. Still, the fact that W. G. was yet undefeated, was a comforting reflection. Yesterday the Doctor played a great innings for 81, at a time when nobody else could make any serious stand against the Surrey attack. It was difficult, as one watched his display, to realise that thirty-nine years had passed since he played his first match—for the South Wales Club—on the Oval. The collapse of the side, for collapse it may be called, despite the fact that the total reached 183, placed the result of the match beyond doubt, for Surrey, being set only 66 runs to win, made light of the task and obtained the number for the loss of two wickets. Murdoch's success—somewhat unexpected, be it added—as a bowler at quite the end of the match caused much amusement, and to nobody more than to Murdoch himself, who appeared extremely gratified at his feat.

LONDON COUNTY C. C.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.	
W G Grace, b Lees ...	43	c Hayward, b Headfield ...	81	
W L Murdoch, c Strudwick b Hadfield	9	b Headfield	9	
B Jaya Ram, c Hayes, b Hadfield	5	c Headfield, b Lees ...	3	
Braund, c Holland, b Davis	11	absent, ill	0	
N F Norman, c Hayes, b Davis	0	b Hayward	7	
Sewell, c Davis, b Hayward	90	c Lockwood, b Headfield	18	
Board, c Strudwick b Lees	59	c Strudwick, b Lees ...	17	
Vine, b Hayward ...	26	c Hayes, b Davis ...	30	
J G Hirsch, b Hayward ...	0	run out	0	
W W Odell, not out ...	7	c Lees, b Hadfield ...	0	
P R May, b Hayward ...	0	not out	7	
B 14, l-b 3	17	B 9, l-b 2	11	
Total	267	Total	183	

SURREY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hayward, b Vine ...	107		
E Wiltshire, c Hirsch, b Braund	0	b Murdoch	13
Hayes, c Sewell, b Odell ...	51	not out	43
Holland, b Odell ...	17		
Lockwood, b Odell ...	36	not out	1
Lees, lbw, b Odell ...	13		
L Walker, c Vine, b May	54		
Davis, c and b Odell ...	8	st Board, b Odell ...	1
G H Hadfield, c Braund, b Odell	10		
D L A Jephson, not out ...	47		
Strudwick, c Board, b Vine	12		
B 22, l-b 8 ..	30	B 8, l-b 1	9
Total	385	Total (2 wkts)	67

LONDON COUNTY.

	1st Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	2nd Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Lockwood ...	7	0	27	0				
Hadfield ...	19	4	68	2	26	3	61	4
Lees ...	27	3	71	2	29·3	10	54	2
Davis ...	15	1	64	2	13	3	27	1
Hayes ...	1	0	8	0				
Hayward ...	32	0	11	4	10	2	30	1
Holland ...	3	1	6	0				

SURREY.

	1st Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	2nd Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Braund ...	17	1	57	1				
Odell ..	42	10	117	6	5	0	27	1
Vine ...	36.4	4	99	2				
May ...	15	4	57	1	2	0	5	0
Hirsch ...	3	0	20	0				
Grace ...	1	0	5	0				
					Sewell	4	1	10	0
					Jaya Ram	4	0	12	0
					Murdoch	1.1	1	4	1

PEDESTRIANISM.

There was a record attendance—fully 6,000 persons—at the Tee-To-Tum Grounds, Stamford Hill, on the 1th instant, when a meeting promoted by the London Sports Syndicate was held, and a capital afternoon's sport was witnessed, the entries being exceptionally large and the competition keen throughout. The principal event was a Ten-mile Championship, and in this twenty of the leading "pros," including Fred. E. Bacon, Len Hurst, Bob Hallan, Sergt. F. Moore, G. Thomas, and C. W. Hart took part. The race was run at a capital pace, made in the early stages by Thomas, Moore, Bacon, Hurst, and Oliver alternately, but at the finish Thomas completely outpaced Bacon, and won easily. As a man remarked, quoting a famous statesman, it was not the first time a Frenchman ran away from an English soldier, but, all the same, the plucky visitor, who is built on fine lines, was given quite an ovation when he finished. No less than 120 competitors competed in the 100 Yards and 71 in the Mile, the cycle and other events also filling well. Throughout the management was excellent, and the best order prevailed on the ground, where a good band discoursed a choice selection of music, whilst an additional feature was the presence of a substantial ambulance corps, whose services, fortunately, were not required. The officials were: Referee, Mr R. P. Watson; starter, Mr. G. Thurling; handicapper, Mr. F. Moore; marksmen Messrs C. Westhall and W. S. Clifton; lap scorer, Mr. J. Palmer. Details:

£10 100 Yards All-England Handicap (first prize £7, second £2, third £1) (120 entries).—Winners of heats: W. Bell, Bermondsey; A. Impey, Holloway; H. Whiting, Wandsworth; W. Fenn, Old Ford; W. Bradshaw, Smith-field; F. Palm, Clapham; H. Donald, Bow; A. E. Coppard, Brighton; W. Payne, Old Ford; M. Johnson, Edmonton; J. Stuttle, Bow; E. C. Hearn, Highgate; W. Chuck, Stratford; J. Beldom, Bow; and H. West, Hackney. Second round.—Winners of heats: Whiting, Donald, Stuttle, and Hearn. Final heat: Donald, 14½ yards start, 1; Stuttle, 6½, 2; Whiting, 13½, 3; Hearn, 12½, 0. Won a good race by a yard. Time, 10⅘secs.

Two-Mile Bicycle Handicap (twenty entries).—Heat 1: E. Eginton Croydon, 70 yards start, 1; A. Taylor, Notting Hill, 70, 2. Won easily. Heat 2: G. Flint, Croydon, 160 yards start, 1; A. Norris, Holloway, 170, 2. Won by sixty yards. Final: Flint, 1; Taylor, 2; Eginton, 3. Won by half a lap; five lengths between second and third.

One Mile Handicap.—E. Hall, Camberwell, 180 yards start, 1; W. Swan, Catford, 115, 2; T. Clark, Stratford, 155, 3. Thirty-eight competed. Hall quickly took the measure of his opponents, and, sailing away with a good lead, was never approached, winning at the finish by thirty yards; ten yards between second and third.

Three-mile Championship Bicycle Race (for *bonâ-fide* newspaper carriers).—A. Taylor ("*Echo*"), Notting Hill, 1; E. Botting ("*Echo*"), Hornsey, 2; H. Smith ("*Star*"), Peckham, 3. Six started. Won, after a capital race, by half a wheel; a good third.

Mile Bicycle Handicap (boys under 15 years).—H. Fold (10 years), Islington, 160 yards start, 1; A. Egington (13), Croydon, 6, 2; J. James (15), Holloway, 3. Ten started. Won easily by forty yards; fifteen yards between second and third.

300 Yards Handicap (71 entries).—Winner of heats were: A. Galvan, 38 yards start; H. Whiting, 38; M. Johnson, 40; P. Stephens, 34; H. Ward, 16; F. Palm, 48; W. Chuck, 31; and J. Watson, 71. Final: H. Whiting, 1; M. Johnson, 2; W. Chuck, 3. Won, after a capital race, by half a yard; same between second and third.

Sack Race.—W. Hoyle, Manchester, 1; G. Gowler, Waltham, 2.

Obstacle Race.—F. Parkes, Holloway, 1.

Ten-mile Professional Championship of the World; first prize £20, second £4, third £2. A further prize of £15 was offered if the ten-mile record (51mins 6secs.) was broken. Sent away to a capital start, the pace was made for fully half the journey by Thomas, Bacon, and Olliver, Stell and Hurst being in their wake. At the end of the sixth mile the issue rested between the Frenchman, Thomas, Fred Bacon, and Olliver. The latter was done with in the ninth, and entering on the tenth Thomas drew away from the English champion and increasing his lead each lap, won by seventy yards; about the same distance separating second and third at the finish, when the order was: G. Thomas, Paris 1; Fred E. Bacon, 2; Tom E. Olliver, Sussex, 3. Twenty started. The times of the respective leaders were: One mile. Moore, 5mins 10secs; two, Thomas, 10mins 30secs; three, Olliver 15mins 55secs; four, Bacon, 21mins 6secs.; five, Thomas 32mins 38secs; seven, Bacon, 38mins 2secs; eight, Thomas, 43mins 29secs; nine, Thomas, 49mins. 10secs; and ten, Thomas, 54mins. 31secs.

BOXING.

The Birmingham Sports Syndicate scored a big success on the 13th instant, when a fine crowd witnessed some exciting work at the Warwickshire Horse Repository, Hill Street, Birmingham. An exceptionally strong card had been arranged by Mr. W. Jenkins, and, thanks to the admirable management of this gentleman, and his Lieutenant, Mr. H. E. Cleveland, the arrangement left absolutely nothing to be desired. The chief items were a fifteen-round contest for £100 aside, and a purse, between Matt Precious and Earnest Godwin, and one of twenty rounds, in which Eddie Connolly of New Brunswick, was opposed to Pat Daley, of London. Precious fought in his best form and, very aggressive, he kept Godwin going all the way, and finally won a hard, if rather awkward, set-to on points. The bout between Connolly and Daley also went the full length. In this the hitting was of a most punishing character throughout. Connolly was particularly aggressive, while Daley showed marked cleverness and cunning. There was not a moment's delay from start to finish, and finally at the end of a great set-to, Connolly gained a hard-earned victory. The officials were: Referee, Mr. G. T. Dunning (*The Sportsman*); timekeeper, Mr. H. E. Cleveland; while Mr. Frank Egerton was at his old post as M.C. The gloves used were by F. H. Ayres. Details:

The programme opened with a six-round contest between Fred Hickling (Birmingham) and Ike Bradley (Liverpool). After a lot of cautious sparring the local man got a good left to work, and found his mark half a dozen times without eliciting a reply. Bradley, who was at a disadvantage in the matter of height, repeatedly fell short with his left, but his right wanted a deal of watching, as he put something behind it. In the second round, also, there was more sparring than serious work, but at the next meeting the men got going, and Hickling drove his left straight home to some purpose. The fourth round proved to be the best so far, for Bradley bundled into his man in fine style and fought him all round the ring, Hickling being down when the gong went. The visitor again forced the business in Round 5, and although the Birmingham man stuck to his task very gamely to the end there was only one man in it, and Bradley won pretty comfortably.

MATT PRECIOUS AND ERNEST GODWIN.—This was a fifteen three-minute round contest for £100 aside and the Midland Sporting Syndicate's purse of £50. Godwin was seconded by Owen Moran, Jockey Saunders, Jem Gough, and Harry James, Jabez White, Alf. Robb, and Cockney Watson officiating in a similar capacity for Precious. Although he scaled only half a pound less than his opponent, Precious looked light in comparison, but both men were evidently in fine condition. It was a very tame opening, for there were not half a dozen blows struck in the first three minutes. When they faced for the second time both men were very wary, and almost invariably they clinched after striking. Godwin seemed the stronger man, but Precious soon demonstrated that he had lost very little of his old-time skill. A bad mistake by Precious at the opening of the third round gave Godwin a good chance, but he was slow, and Precious had recovered himself in an instant. A smashing left staggered Precious, but he immediately rallied, and, catching Godwin with the right, sent him to the floor. Godwin although dazed was soon on his feet again, but Precious followed up his advantage, and time came opportunely for his opponent. A very fine round followed, Precious damaging Godwin's prospects consider-

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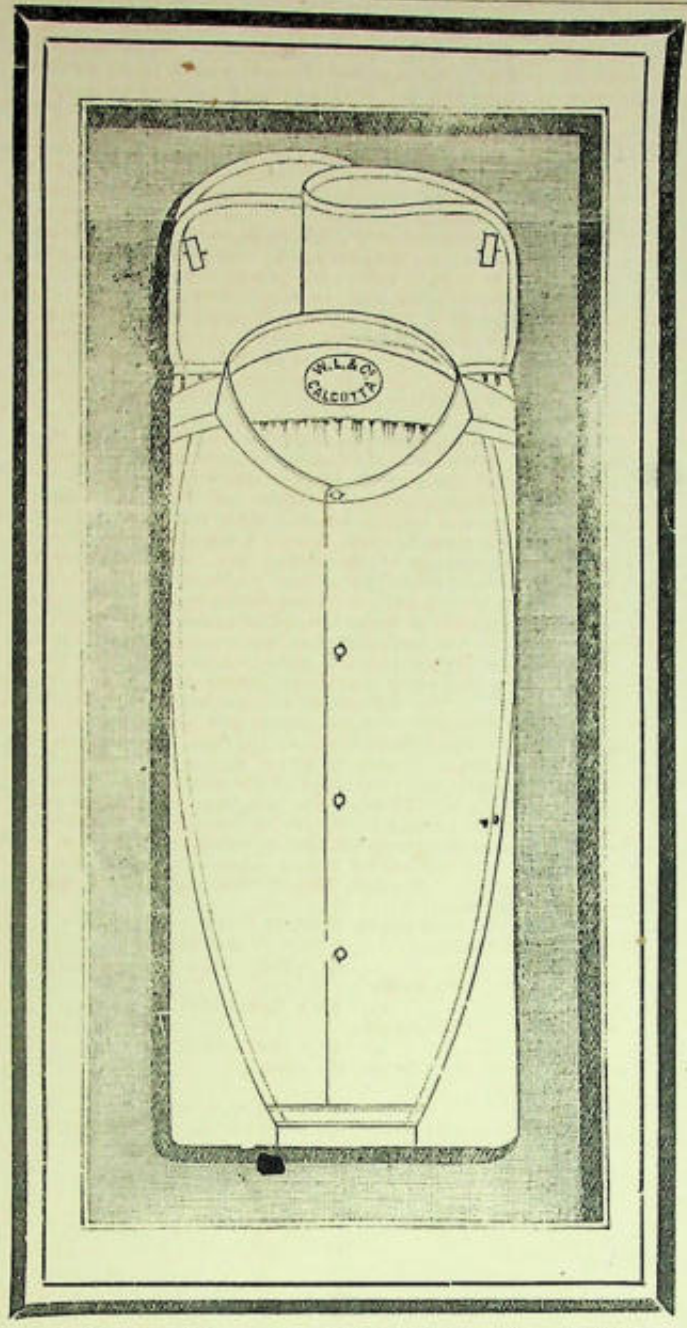

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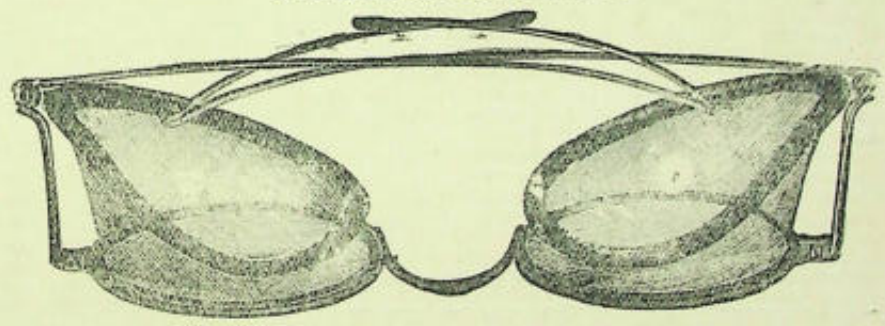

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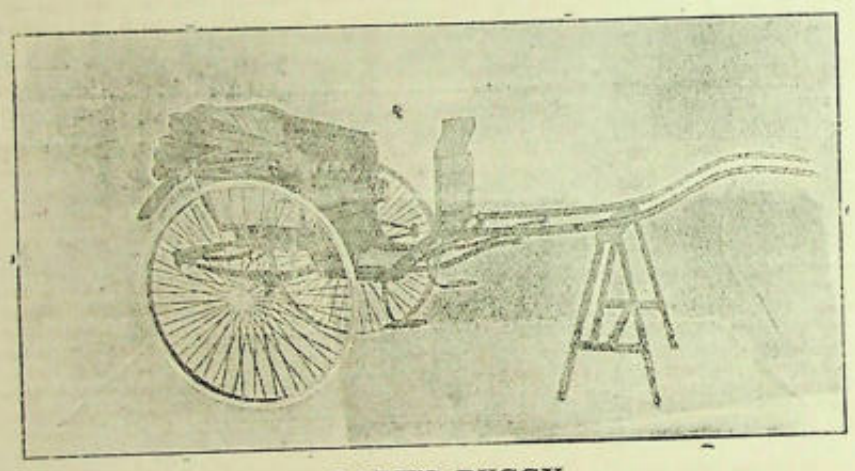

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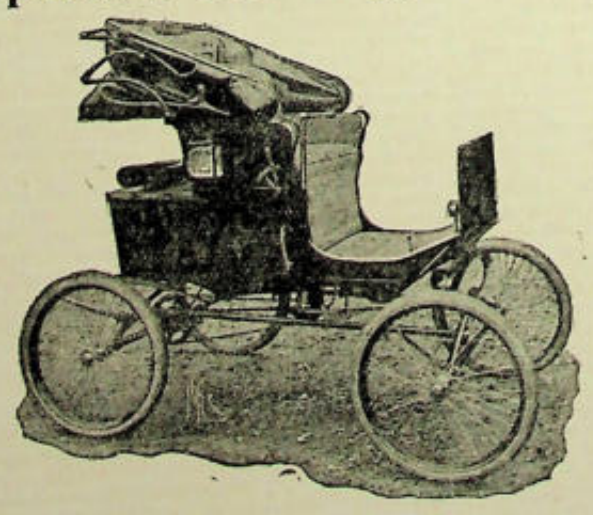

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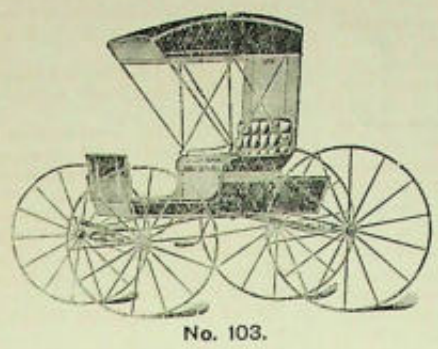

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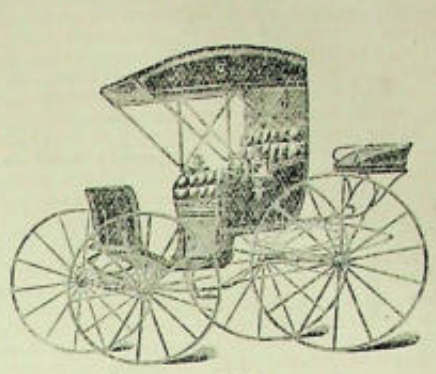

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ably by some wonderful rights. Still, there was very little between the men at the end of the fourth round. The next meeting was of a give-and-take character, but there was too much holding. Matt continued to have the better of the exchanges, his superior experience standing him in good stead. When they came up for the seventh round Precious fell down in the corner, and Godwin was loudly cheered for a sportsmanlike act in helping his opponent to rise. When they got at it again both received steadiers simultaneously, though Godwin's left under the eye shook Precious up a bit. Godwin at the next meeting forced the pace all through, with the result that Precious lost ground, and was also cautioned by the referee for using his forearm. Precious was the cleverer at the tenth meeting, and got in some beautiful straight lefts. Godwin's supporters appealed for a foul for a throw, but as it was probably Godwin's own fault for leaning, the referee ignored the claim. Very determined was the work in the eleventh. Blow after blow on the body distressed Godwin a good deal. Matt continued the same tactics with good effect, but when they came up for the thirteenth time he varied the proceedings by swinging both hands heavily to the face. The closing stages were simply an effort on the part of Godwin to escape a knock out, and it was marvellous how he escaped. He did avoid this, however, as much by his own gameness as by Precious's over-anxiety, but he lost on points, the victory of Matt being immensely popular.

EDDIE CONNOLLY (CANADA) *vs.* PAT DALY (LONDON.)—This was a contest of twenty three-minute rounds for £100 aside and the Midland Sports Syndicate purse of £50. Connolly was seconded by Jabez White, Alf. Robb, Billy Branson, and Darkey Edwards, and in Daly's corner were Maurice Greenfield, Harry Brodigan, and Dick Golding. The men immediately got to work Daly rushing the Canadian to the ropes. Connolly soon extricated himself, and brisk fighting was seen to the end of the round. There was a lot of fighting in holds at the next meeting, and neither man was seen to great advantage. The American showed much better form in Round 3, and cautious sparring and clinching were the principal features of the next turn, though there could be no doubt about the men being in grim earnest. Similar tactics were pursued for a time at the next meeting, but then Connolly, slipping Daly when the latter rushed wildly fought him to the ropes and seemed certain to put the Londoner out. This was Connolly's round beyond all question. The Canadin forced matters at the next meeting, but he did not follow up the advantages he gained, preferring to lean on his opponent. A bit of open work at the end of the seventh round very near brought the proceedings to a close, for a blow under the heart and a swing on the jaw caused Daly to totter in the corner. He slipped round, however, and the men were hugging each other when time was called, Connolly missed another chance in the eight round, and was not boxing quite up to his best form. Daly finished this bout very weakly and possibly time prevented Connolly giving him his quietus, and Eddie increased his lead at the next meeting. In both the tenth and eleventh rounds the gong brought Daly welcome relief. He came up fresh, but half-way through the twelfth round it was Connolly's lack of coolness alone which prolonged the contest, for Daly lay helpless across the ropes for a second or two. In the next round Connolly appealed for the verdict on the ground that Daly had gone down without a blow but the referee allowed the contest to proceed. Daly was very fortunate to last this round out. From now to the end it was only a question of how long Daly could last, but although obviously outclassed he stayed on gamely to the very last much to the surprise of the on lookers. No contestant ever fought a losing battle more gallantly than Daly did and when the referee gave the Canadian the verdict the game loser was not forgotten by an appreciative audience.

ATHLETICS.

ANERLEY B.C. SPORTS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The opening meeting of the season of the Anerley Club at the Crystal Palace on the 13th instant produced capital sport, and in spite of the unfavourable weather there was a good attendance, 30,000 spectators at one time watching the proceedings. A fine performance was accomplished by A. S. Ingram in both the half-mile handicap and the five-mile scratch race, which events he secured by good judgment and riding. Results :—

100 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP (OPEN).—Final Heat: W. J. Combe, Cambridge H., 9 yards start, 1; P. Viner, Kennington H., 8½, 2; E. H. Club, Kensington A.A., 3, 3. Won by inches only, others close up. Time—11⅕secs.

HALF-MILE CYCLE HANDICAP.—Final Heat: A.S. Ingram, Polytechnic C C., 5 yards start, 1; H. J. Harding Polytechnic C C., 40, 2; E. G. H. Albury, Polytechnic C.C., 55, 3; A. E. Greenwood Loughborough C.C C., 85, 4. Won by barely half a wheel; a wheel divided second and third. Time—1min 4⅖secs.

ONE MILE CYCLE HANDICAP (OPEN).—Final Heat: E. G. H. Albury, Polytechnic C. C., 110 yards start, 1; M. P. Howell, Southorn C.C., 125, 2; F. Milner, Rodney C. C., 150, 3; L. Drake, North Surrey C. C., 170, 4. Albury won a good race by a yard; two yards between second and third. Time—2mins. 12⅕secs.

880 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP (OPEN).—Final heat: A. H. West, St. Mary's H., 88 yards start, 1; R. G. Pace, Cambridge, 75, 2; G. W. West, St Mary's H., 65 yards, 3; G. McIntyre, Baroda A. C., 87, 4. West got the best of a fine finish and won by three yards; same distance between second and third. Time—2mins. 3⅕secs.

FIVE MILE CYCLE SCRATCH RACE (OPEN).—Preliminary heat of two miles.—Heat 1: A. S. Ingram, Polytechnic C. C., 1; F. Crowly, Anerley B. C., 2; J. Tucker, Gainsford Wheelers, 3. Won by a length. Time—5min. 23⅗secs. Heat 2: H. D. Buck, Anerley B. C., 1; G. J. Calder, Polytechnic C. C., 2; A. E. Highmore E. N. C. Progressive C. C., 3. Won by a yard. Time—5mins. 2⅗secs. Heat 3: G. H. Bailey, Polytechnic C. C. 1; H. J. Harding, Polytechnic C. C., 2; E. G. H. Albury, Polytechnic C. C., 3. Harding went for the lap prize up to the last lap, when Bailey got by, the last-named winning by a foot; a yard between second and third. Time—4mins. 56⅕secs. Final Heat: A. S. Ingram, Polytechnic C. C., 1; H. D. Buck, Anerley B. C., 2; F. G. Crowly, Anerley B. C., 3; G. J. Calder, Polytechnic C. C., 4. Harding made most of the running up to the last lap, when Buck shot out and looked a good winner. Ingram, however, with Crowly hanging on, made another fine effort and won cleverly by two lengths; a length between second and third. Time—12mins. 27⅗secs.

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THE YEAR'S TOURNAMENTS.

The following are the results of the important tournaments played in India from 1st May 1902 to 30th April 1903 :—

OOTACAMUND TOURNAMENT.—Won by Wellington Gymkhana Team.

BERESFORD CUP TOURNAMENT, (Simla).—Patiala 1st team beat 19th B. Lancers by 4 goals and 8 subsidiaries to 2 subsidiaries.

BELLARY GYMKHANA TOURNAMENT.—1st Madras Lancers beat Bellary Gymkhana by 5 goals and 2 subsidiaries to 2 goals and 2 subsidiaries.

BANGALORE POLO TOURNAMENT.—Hyderabad Imperial Service Lancers beat Bangalore Gymkhana by 12 goals 4 subsidiaries to *nil*.

THE GULMARG TOURNAMENT.—4th Dragoons beat Kashmir A Team by 2 goals and 5 subsidiaries to 1 goal.

POONA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.—3rd Bombay Cavalry beat 1st Bombay Lancers by 3 goals 1 subsidiary to 1 goal 1 subsidiary.

POONA OPEN POLO TOURNAMENT.—Mahableshwar Wanderers beat Bombay Gymkhana by 13 goals 7 subsidiaries to 4 subsidiaries.

MYSORE DUSSERAH POLO TOURNAMENT.—Mysore Imperial Service Lancers A team beat Mysore Imperial Service Lancers B team by 11 goals 2 subsidiaries to 1 goal 1 subsidiary.

MOZUFFERPORE POLO TOURNAMENT.—Won by the Serrayah team.

CALCUTTA MONSOON TOURNAMENT.—Calcutta Polo Club beat the 93rd Highlanders by 1 goal to 4 subsidiaries.

MEERUT TOURNAMENT.—Poona Horse beat 15th Hussars by 5 goals to *nil*.

BANGALORE TOURNAMENT.—Carabiniers beat Queen's Own Sappers and Miners by 1 goal to *nil*.

SIRDAR NARAIN SINGH'S TOURNAMENT.—5th Dragoon Guards beat Lucknow Gymkhana by 3 goals 3 subsidiaries to 2 goals 3 subsidiaries.

INDIAN ARMY CUP.—The Poona Horse beat 18th Bengal Lancers by 4 goals 4 subsidiaries to 3 goals 1 subsidiary.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT AT DELHI.—Ulwar beat Jodhpore by 7 goals and 5 subsidiaries to 2 goals.

CONNELL CUP TOURNAMENT.—14th Bengal Lancers beat Royal Scots Fusiliers by 14 goals 8 subsidiaires to 1 subsidiary.

EZRA CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT.—Freebooters beat Rawdon Street Chummery by 4 goals 5 subsidiaries to 1 subsidiary.

LUCKNOW TOURNAMENT.—15th Hussars beat Royal Horse Guards by 2 goals 2 subsidiaries to 1 goal 1 subsidiary.

INFANTRY TOURNAMENT.—Queen's Regiment beat 2nd Goorkhas by 2 goals and 1 subsidiary to 1 goal 1 subsidiary.

THE MADRAS NOVICES' CUP.—Venkatagiri beat Gymkhana A team by 4 goals and 2 subsidiaries to 3 goals 1 subsidiary.

PUNJAB CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT.—Queen's Regiment beat 24th Regiment by 1 goal and 4 subsidiaries to 1 goal.

PUNJAB FRONTIER FORCE TOURNAMENT.—2nd Punjab Cavalry beat 5th Punjab Cavalry by 5 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 3 goals.

Athletics.

BOOMS IN PEDESTRIANISM.

IT seems probable, thanks to the fine feat which was accomplished the other day of walking from the Westminster Clock Tower to the Brighton Aquarium, 52½ miles in less than eight and three-quarter hours, that road pedestrianism may come into vogue again as a form of athletics. At any rate, 1st May which is a Stock Exchange holiday, will see 107 aspirants to pedestrian fame, all of them stockbrokers, plodding the weary way of the Brighton road. Prizes and time medals await the more athletic members, while a dinner has been arranged at Brighton for the survivors on the evening of the race. The promised contest takes us back to the good old days when the cinder-path was unknown, and walking races on the "hard, high road" between amateurs alone, and amateurs and professionals were very popular. The sport fell into disrepute mainly through the ill-doings of professionals, but now that it is being taken up by men who earn their livings in other ways, it should come back into public favour.

There has been a regular history of pedestrianism ever since the Restoration, but it would prove tedious to attempt a list of the crack short and long distance performances of all the famous "peds." However, at the present juncture, some particulars of the most celebrated road-walkers and their most notable exploits may not come amiss. Foster Powell (1734-1793) is one of the earliest athletes of whom we possess any authentic records, and he was rightly regarded as the greatest pedestrian of the century In 1773 he walked from London to York and back in six days; in 1787, from Canterbury to London Bridge and back (109 miles) in 23hrs. 50mins.; in 1788 he repeated the York trip in 5 days 19hrs. 15mins.; in the following year he again did it in 5 days 16hrs. 10mins.; and in July 1792, he accomplished it for the fourth and last time in 5 days 13hrs. 35mins. It is hardly strange that so great a performer should have excited immense interest, and so popular was he personally that he was often welcomed back to London by huge crowds. It is said, too, that he never benefited to the extent of more than £10 by any of his achievements. In the spring of 1793, so desirous were people to have a sight of him that he was engaged at Astley's Amphitheatre for twelve nights, when he exhibited his pace in a small circle. A few weeks later he died, never having recovered from the effect of his last great walk to York and back. Most of Powell's feats were, however, eclipsed by that remarkable man, Captain Barclay Allardice, commonly known as Captain Barclay (1779-1854), whose most noted achievement was walking one mile in each of 1,000 successive hours. This feat he performed at Newmarket from 1st June, to 12th July 1809. Though he had not trained himself regularly, he was so little exhausted that five days later he started for the Walcheren expedition in perfect health. He had previously accomplished many remarkable feats. In 1801 he had gone 110 miles in 19hrs. 27mins. in a muddy park; in 1802 he walked 64 miles in 10hrs.; in 1805 he walked 72 miles between breakfast and dinner; and in 1808 he accomplished the following marvellous feats of endurance: Starting at 5 A.M. he walked 30 miles grouse-shooting dined at 5 P. M., and walked 60 miles to his house at Ury in 11hrs., after attending to business walked 16 miles to Lawrence Kirk, danced at a ball, returned to Ury at seven A. M. and spent the next day partridge-shooting, having travelled 130 miles and been without sleep for two nights and three days. Captain Barclay stood 6 ft. in height and was a very handsome man. He was the *beau ideal* of a good sportsman, soldier, and country gentleman, and a fine rider to hounds. What makes his pedestrian achievements the more remarkable are the facts that his methods of training were crude in the extreme and his costume as uncomfortable as could well be imagined by the modern athlete, consisting as it did of thick lambs'-wool stockings, knee-breeches, a coat with a high collar, and a stock wound round the neck! Of course, Barclay's feat of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 hrs., has since been surpassed, though it was not equalled till Richard Manks performed it at Sheffield in 1850. In 1877, however, William Gale walked 1,500 miles in 1,000 hrs. at Lillie Bridge; and from 20th November, 1880, to 1st January, 1881, attempted to walk 2,500 miles within the same period, but only accomplished 2,405¼ miles. Then two lady pedestrians have successfully competed for what is generally known as the "Barclay record," namely, Miss Richards, who walked 1,000 miles in 1,000 hrs., 18th May to 29th June, 1871, and Miss Bella St. Clair, who walked 1,000 miles in 950 hrs., 25th July *et seq.* 1876.

It is curious to note how the popularity of pedestrianism has run in cycles, so to speak. Captain Barclay's performance gave a great fillip to the sport, and from 1809 to 1827 walking and running matches for wagers of considerable sums were of weekly occurrence. Nearly all, certainly all of the first-class competitors during that period were Army men: namely, Captains Aiken, Azar, Acres, Howe, Hewetson, Parker, Thomson, and Welsham; and Lieutenants Farman, Halifax, Groats, and Warren. From 1827, however, the amateurs suddenly disappeared, and pedestrianism, left exclusively to professionals, suffered a severe slump. Another boom cropped up between the years 1840 and 1852, and the amateurs rose up again. It was the late "forties" which produced that splendid all-round athlete, Charlie Westhall, who, though a professional, was a gentleman of birth and education. Westhall—his real name was Hall—was the inventor of the modern system of training, being the first to prove the rottenness of the ancient empirical system, with its constant purgings, emetics, and lack of proper nourishment. Westhall was unsurpassed for all-round excellence. What other man has accomplished such very divers performances as running 150 yards in 15 seconds, a quarter of a mile in 49 seconds, and a mile in 4mins. 28secs., besides walking 21 miles in 2hrs. 59mins. 1 sec., on Newmarket Heath, on 20th, February 1858? All four being, one must bear well in mind, the best recorded when they were made. Although all of them have been surpassed, one cannot ask a man to do more than be the best of his kind.

There was a renewal of public interest in pedestrianism in the "sixties," due to the visit of "Deerfoot," a Seneca Indian, who walked and ran in test matches against English "peds." In 1864 the walking championship proper was instituted as a 7-mile race, and one of the first champions was T. G. Chambers, whose time was 28 seconds under the hour. This is nothing startling, but Chambers was not only a "ped," he was the finest rower and sculler of the day as well. It is not our intention to give a history of the walking championship, the distance of which was reduced to 4 miles in 1894. Passing mention, however, must be made of the race of 1851, which witnessed the sensational defeat of Merril, the Yankee crack, by an unknown lad named Raby, who wore him down at 5 miles. As during that season the Americans had carried all before them on the Turf, the victory was all the more appreciated by the largest attendance on record of 10,000 spectators.

Before the close of the "sixties" pedestrianism had again gone under, and its next revival was the work of the late Sir John Astley. Sir John discovered in E. P. Weston an American of extraordinary powers, whose walking was very peculiar and hardly fair "heel and toe." He offered to match him against any man breathing, to walk six days and nights, for £500. The challenge was taken up by Dan O'Leary, of Chicago, and the match came off at the Agricultural Hall in April, 1867. On the last day, when the contest was at Weston's mercy, the latter turned soft, and refused to get out of bed. Sir John threatened to throw cold water over him, whereupon he burst out weeping. So O'Leary won, though fearfully knocked up, having walked 520 miles against Weston's 510 miles.

When "The Mate" returned from paying the winner, he found Weston running round the track, pushing the roller in front of him, and keeping time to the music of the band!

Sir John next organised a six days and nights' "Go-as-you-please" contest, for a championship belt. Seventeen entered, and O'Leary won again by sheer gameness, just exceeding his previous record of 520 miles. There was another contest in October, 1878, which was won by W. Corkey, with 521 miles. Mrs. Corkey never left her spouse day or night, and was always ready to hand him a basin of tee-broth. The happy couple did the last few laps arm-in arm together, to the tune of the "Conquering Hero."

In the spring of 1879 Sir John sent over to America, to bring back O'Leary's belt, another find of his, a lad named Rowell. Rowell succeeded, and netted £5,000 for himself, which was a pretty good haul for a man who had seldom had two sovereigns to rub against each other. In February, 1880, the belt was won by Blower Brown, doing 553 miles. Blower was a bricklayer, and his backer was a quaint old "ped." by name John Smith. But Blower was lazy, and his backer knew only one way of making him buck up, *viz.*, to shout out, "Yes, Blower shall have a barrel of beer all to himself if he wins." The effect was magical, but the shout was kept for emergency Extraordinary interest was taken by the public in these long distance performances, both in London and New York. They were kept up annually till December, 1888, when G. Littlewood, at New York, claimed to have walked 623¾ miles in six days and nights, but on this side of the water no one ever felt satisfied as to the correctness of the scoring.

The return to the road, which is now booming afresh, is much to be commended. In an ordinary walking handicap the public are treated to an exhibition in which more than half the competitors are in ridiculous and contorted attitudes. Naturally spectators are more inclined to laugh than to admire, and to denounce the contest as spurious. On the other hand, in roads races, the doubtful goers are conspicuous by their absence, as nothing but genuine road-walking will pay; hence such contests afford fine exhibitions of power and endurance. The Brighton road has ever been a course upon which the enthusiastic exponents of different methods of progression have eagerly exhibited their prowess, pedestrians in particular finding it very alluring. In 1881 the record from Westminster Clock Tower to Brighton Aquarium, 52¼ miles, stood at 9hrs. 48mins.; in 1886 it was reduced to 9hrs. 25mins; in 1897 to 8hrs. 56mins. 44secs., and a couple of weeks ago to 8 hr. 44 min.

A laughable incident in connection with a recent London to Brighton match was provided by a Danish "ped." named Jensen, who walked with the butt-end of a revolver peeping out his of hip pocket. The other competitors were not a little uneasy concerning Jensen's intentions, and kept him at a safe distance. However, it turned out that Jensen carried the weapon in case he should be attacked by wolves, being under the misapprehension that the Brighton road traversed a wild and savage country.—*Sporting Sketches.*

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CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

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"FOOLS rush in where angels fear to tread" might aptly be applied to a large proportion of wheelmen. Not, be it understood, in an angelic sense, but in the way the majority of cyclists take risks that other traffic on the road would avoid. We have always upheld that the yearly total of cycling accidents might be considerably reduced if only cyclists exercised reasonable care and commonsense in riding, and this contention is fully confirmed by our observations this Easter. The way cyclists cut through traffic, heedless of the treacherous state of the tram-lined roads over which they pass, and the fact that should a slip occur they could not possibly clear themselves of the traffic, is hair-raising to the onlooker. Then again, the favourite habit with some cyclists of hanging on to motor cars provides a large element of danger in the event of the car suddenly slowing, besides being a great nuisance to the occupants of the car.

Another fruitful source of accident, is the negligence of some riders to properly equip their machines with efficient brake-power, or in some instances to dispense with a brake altogether. So frequently do we hear of serious and fatal accidents occurring to brakeless riders that one wishes for legislation making it compulsory for all cycles to be fitted with reliable brakes. It is necessary, for apart from the risk such riders run in regard to their own safety, they also prove a danger to other users of the road. A fatal accident recently befel a miner who lost control of his machine when descending a hill near Eastwood, Notts. Certainly the unfortunate rider had a brake fitted to his machine, but it was an inadequate one, applied by pulling a string away down beneath the saddle. It was whilst fumbling for this string that his front wheel either ran into a rut or struck a stone, and the rider was thrown with great force against the shaft of a passing cart, receiving fatal injuries.

In the Isle of Man cyclists are permitted to ride on the footpaths providing they are not within a mile of any town or within a hundred yards of a pedestrian. This liberty is greatly enjoyed by the Manx cyclists and has certainly helped the trade in the Island to a very large extent, whilst very little interference with pedestrian's rights have ever happened by reason of the permission. But a member of the Onchan village commissioners, at a recent meeting, proposed that the Insular Legislature be requested to amend the Local Government Act so as to prohibit cyclists from using the paths under any conditions. Why he made the proposition no one seems to know, and it is doubtful whether he had any further reason than that it was the fashion with English local councils to have a smack at cyclists on every available occasion, and why should the little Isle of Man lag behind? However, his colleagues were not of his frame of mind, and when the proposition was put to the meeting it met a most decisive death.

The distinction of holding the first road record of the 1903 season, stands to the credit of Lionel Martin and T. H. B Vade-Walpole, members of the Bath Road C. C. On April 11th they established an unpaced tandem bicycle record for the journey from Edinburgh to York, which they covered in 12 hours 17 mins. The standard time fixed by the Roads Record Association was 13 hours, so the riders were well inside. We are given to understand that unpaced road rides will receive a large amount of attention this year, several well known road riders having their eyes on record rides at their favourite distances.

The Easter holidays gave convincing proof of the sustained interest taken in cycling by the large majority of the public. At the great railway termini, the number of cyclists with their machines, bridging the first portion of their tour by means of the train, was as large as ever, and the actual number on the roads must have surpassed the total of any previous Easter. Barring a rather strong and cold wind, Easter provided perfect cycling weather; the roads were in applepie order and little or no rain fell to interfere with riding. The various cycle race meetings, too, which were held throughout the country, appear to have passed off satisfactorily, good gates being the order of the day. At the Crystal Palace, at the opening meeting of the season of the Anerley B. C., thirty thousand persons are said to have been watching the racing.

Just now the burning question amongst motor circles is the question of identification of cars. The committee of the Automobile Club is in favour of some system of identification with removal of the speed limit. A small section of members are under the impression that Parliament will consent to the removal of the speed limit without means for identification. A ballot of the members is to be taken on the subject. Unless means are provided for the registration and identification of cars, so that law breakers can be dealt with, there is little doubt of the House refusing to raise the speed limit.

The fund for the improvemnt of the Gordon-Bennett course in Ireland has reached nearly £1,000 to date, but it is estimated that considerably over that amount will be required. With regard to the side-shows of the automobile fortnight in Ireland the Dunlop Tyre Company have offered a 200-guinea challenge cup for some important event to take place in the Phœnix Park, Dublin.

Dog lovers are raising an outcry, and very properly, too, against the "murder" of their pets by motorists. On the other hand, cyclists have their grievances against dog owners in that they (the riders) are frequently brought down by dogs rushing across the road in front of their wheels. Of late several very serious accidents have been caused by retrievers and collie dogs rushing aimlessly across the highway, and in each case the cyclist has had no redress for his personal injuries. People who own dogs which are given to this rushing about, should remember the poor cyclist as well as fear the motorist. There is a very sagacious animal in Brighton which apparently takes a canine delight in suddenly dashing after a rider, walking into any passing cyclist's front wheel, and bringing the unhappy rider down heavily. Having effectively completed his fell purpose, the animal squats down deliberately in the middle of the road, and slobbers with pleasure at the result of his charge. Has Brighton no kindly-disposed automobilist who will put a wheel over this brute!

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Cricket

CRICKET IN DARJEELING.

STATION C. C. *vs.* NORTH POINT C. C.—The above teams met last Thursday, the 30th ultimo, on the College grounds—the match ending in an easy win for the boys. The following are the scores:—

STATION C. C.

Capt Travers, b C Rayneau	16
Capt Welch, c Stubbs, b Helps	6
Lieut G R Hartley, b Helps	0
Capt Umfreville, b Helps	9
Capt Turner, run out	21
Mr McDonald, c Stubbs, b Ryan	13
Maj Wimberly, b Ryan	1
Mr G Dobbin, not out	30
„ Walker, c Bryan, b Ryan	12
„ Dudley, c Martini, b Helps	6
„ J Ellis, b Rayneau	9
Extras	22
Total	145

NORTH POINT C. C.

F Martini, c Umfreville, b Dudley	39
P Gahan, b McDonald	10
L Bryan, not out	45
R Paterson, b Dudley	12
C Stubbs, c Hartley, b Dudley	3
F Helps, c Hartley, b Dudley	9
W Jones, b Dudley	6
S Lawton, not out	3
L McCoy, C Rayneau, F Ryan — Did not bat	
Extras	29
Total for 6 wickets	156

BOWLING ANNALYSIS.

STATION C. C.

	O.	R.	W.
F Helps	16	22	4
R Paterson	7	29	0
C Rayneau	11	48	2
F Ryan	9	15	3

NORTH POINT C. C.

	O.	R.	W.
Mr McDonald	9	41	1
Lieut G R Hartley	13	25	0
Capt Umfreville	9	23	0
Mr Dudley	12	38	5

POONA GYMKHANA CRICKET.

The following are the Cricket Fixtures of the Poona Gymkhana for the ensuing season:—

JUNE.
25—XI *vs* next XV at Poona.
27—United Head-Quarter Offices.
JULY.
2—Nizam Cricket Club.
16—Oxfordshire Light Infantry.
17 and 18—Bombay Hindu Gymkhana at Bombay.
25—Combined Poona Colleges at Poona.
30—The Buffs.
AUGUST.
3 and 4—Baronet Cricket Club at Poona.
7 and 8—Bombay Gymkhana at Bombay.
10 and 11—Presidency Test Match at Bombay.
13, 14 and 15—Presidency Match at Bombay.
21 and 22—Bombay Hindu Gymkhana at Poona.
28 and 29—Elphinstone Cricket Club at Poona.
SEPTEMBER.
17 and 18—Bombay Gymkhana at Poona.
21, 22 and 23—Presidency Match at Poona.

THE YEAR'S CENTURIES.

The following centuries were made from 1st May 1902 to 30th April 1903.

* Signifies "not out."

NAME.	PLACE.	MATCH.	SCORE.
Capt G H Neale	Peshawar...	Queen's Regiment *vs* Gordon Highlanders ...	267
Capt E Challenor	Madras ...	Ceylon *vs* Madras Presidency	216
J D Guise ...	Calcutta ...	Ballygunge *vs* Mr W A Miles' Team ...	213
Capt Greig ...	Bombay ...	Bombay Presidency *vs* Authentics —	204
G. H. S. Hayward	Peshawar...	Authentics *vs* Peshawar	203*
F H Hollins ...	Madras ...	Authentics *vs* Madras ...	185*
G Akers-Douglas	Calcutta ...	Capt Wigram's XI *vs* C C C	172
G Reaks ...	Calcutta ...	B and G C C *vs* Medical College ...	171
Capt J G Greig...	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Baronet C C	157
T H Hechle ...	Calcutta ...	Capt Wigram's XI *vs* C C C	154
W Hawkins ...	Naini Tal...	Ranikhet *vs* Naini Tal ...	148
A Lewty ...	Calcutta ...	Telegraph C C *vs* Caledonia C C... ...	144
Hamid ...	Lucknow...	Aligarh College *vs* Mahomed Bagh Club ...	143
T J Portman	Lahore ...	Lahore *vs* Rawalpindi ...	143
Capt J G Greig...	Bombay ...	Bombay Gym. *vs* Poona Gymkhana —	143
H H Hornby ...	Rawalpindi	Authentics *vs* Northern Punjab	143
F H Hollins ...	Bombay ...	Authentics *vs* Hindus ...	141
Lieut Collins ...	Bellary ...	School of Musketry vs Bellary	139
Captain Parry Crooke ...	Nagpur ...	The World *vs* C P Commission	135
Abid ...	Lucknow...	Aligarh College *vs* Mahomed Bagh Club ...	128
C C Fink ...	Lahore ...	Mian Mir *vs* N W Railway	
Lce. Corpl. Lewis	Madras ..	Ceylon *vs* Madras Mofussil	126
C L Burns ...	Bombay ...	Bombay Gym. *vs* Cathedral High School ...	125*
Capt. G. H. Neale	Peshawar...	Authentics *vs* Peshawar	124
M C Gibb ...	Dharwar ...	Dharwar *vs* Hubli ...	122
J A C Forsyth ...	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad *vs* Abu Road C C	122
M Quiterio ...	Calcutta ...	Ballygunge *vs* Mr F B P Wood's XI ...	121
F H Hollins ...	Secunderabad ...	Authentics *vs* Secunderabad	121
T.Curtis Hayward	Calcutta ...	Capt Wigram's XI *vs* C C C	121
F H Hollins ...	Peshawar...	Authentics *vs* Peshawar	120
H G Bignell ...	Peshawar...	Queen's Regiment *vs* Gordon Highlanders ...	120
H Cheetham ...	Bombay ...	Byculla Club *vs* Bombay Gymkhana ...	120
H C Sparke ...	Lahore ...	Mian Mir *vs* N W Railway	119
Capt McEwan ..	Secunderabad ...	Authentics *vs* Secunderabad	119
Lieut Birkett ...	Lahore ...	1st Royal Sussex *vs* Lahore	118
S R Hignell ..	Calcutta ...	C C C *vs* Captain Wilson's XI	118
Major C W Field	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Nizam C C	117
D D Kanga ...	Bombay ...	Authentics *vs* Parsees ...	116
K J Key ...	Cawnpore	Authentics *vs* Cawnpore	116
Rev R M Kirwan	Chakrata...	Chakrata *vs* Royal Welsh Fusiliers	115
Capt R T Marsden	Kolar ...	Bangalore *vs* Kolar Gold Fields ...	114*
Lieut Furber ...	Poona ...	Officers and Sergeants *vs* Rest of Regt Shropshire L I	113
Lieut Davson ...	Coimbatore	Trichinopoly *vs* Coimbatore	113
Capt Barlow ...	Naini Tal...	Ranikhet *vs* Naini Tal ...	112
H H Hornby ...	Calcutta ...	Authentics *vs* Calcutta C C	111
R H Raphael ...	Bombay ...	Authentics *vs* Parsees ...	111
P J Chinoy ...	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Elphinstone C C	110
W G Poole ...	Kolar ...	K G F C C *vs* Madras C C	110
Capt C Wigram	Calcutta ..	C C C *vs* Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders ...	110
Capt C Wigram	Calcutta ...	Calcutta C C *vs* West Ridings C C ...	110
T C Stafford ...	Calcutta ...	Olympian *vs* Caledonians	109*
H W Dwane ...	Dharwar ...	S M Ry Club *vs* Civilians	108*
S Batliwala ...	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Elphinstone C C	106
R A Date ...	Bombay ...	Hindu Gymkhana *vs* Elphinstone C C ...	106
J Ballantyne ...	Calcutta ...	Olympian *vs* Rangers ...	105
S Boo ...	Calcutta ...	Ballygunge *vs* St James' C C ...	105*
R A Williams ...	Bombay ..	Bombay Presidency *vs* Authentics —	105
B Jayaram ...	Kolar ...	Bangalore Gym. *vs* Gold Fields	104
T G M Harris ...	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Bishop's High School ...	104
R H Dewing ...	Bangalore...	Madras C C *vs* Bangalore	103
Major G H Hazleton ...	Poona ...	Poona Gym. *vs* Royal Scots	103*
E Danks ...	Nagpur ...	The World *vs* C P Commission	103
E H Christensen	Calcutta ...	Caledonia C C *vs* West Ridings C C ...	103*
Mustafa Hussain	Lucknow...	Bharatpur *vs* Lucknow Gymkhana ...	102
W T Stonor ...	Kolar ...	Bangalore *vs* Kolar Gold Fields	101*
A DeRozario ...	Mian Mir...	Mian Mir *vs* N W Railway	101*
Capt Travers ...	Calcutta ...	Caledonia C C *vs* West Ridings C C ...	101*
W Stuart ...	Simla ...	Outstations *vs* Simla ...	101
Dr Pavri ...	Poona ...	Poona Parsees *vs* Shropshire L I	100
Capt J G Greig...	Poona ...	Ganeshkhind *vs* Kirkee...	100
C A Kincaid ...	Rajkote ...	Gymkhana *vs* High School	100
G Akers-Douglas	Calcutta ...	F H Stewart's XI *vs* Olympian C C ...	100
G H Simpson-Hayward ...	Allahabad	Authentics *vs* United Provinces ...	100

CRICKET CHIRPS FROM HOME.

The Bangalore batsman, B. Jayaram, has now played three innings in England and has scored 118, 5 and 3. The first innings was for London County *vs* XVI of Sydenham and District and though he gave chances his century was nevertheless a fine display, if against not quite class bowling. At the Oval it was quite another case. He was playing against Surrey on their own dung hill in bitterly cold weather before a Bank Holiday crowd and small wonder his batting was a failure. Stiff frosts every night of the match, bitter nor'-easters each day varied by snow and sleet showers are hardly fair conditions for a South Indian born cricketer to show his worth in. Had he had the advantage of residence in Northern India, where he would have experienced frost and perhaps snow, before coming to England the case would have been differents but, taken any way you choose, conditions could not have been more unfavourable for Jayaran to shine. He will yet do so over here since W. G. Grace does not say of a cricketer "He's a good one" as he did to the writer of these chirps without meaning it. The Evergreen is not prone to wasting words in praise of players.

Writing of the Evergreen—as in respectful jest some cricketers call Dr. Grace—here he is in the midst of inclement weather scoring more runs than any one else on his side and more than any one in the match who batted twice. 43 and 81 were his figures and he watched the ball as carefully and correctly as ever. It was most amusing to read in the *Daily Telegraph* on Thursday morning that he would have done better to "have played back

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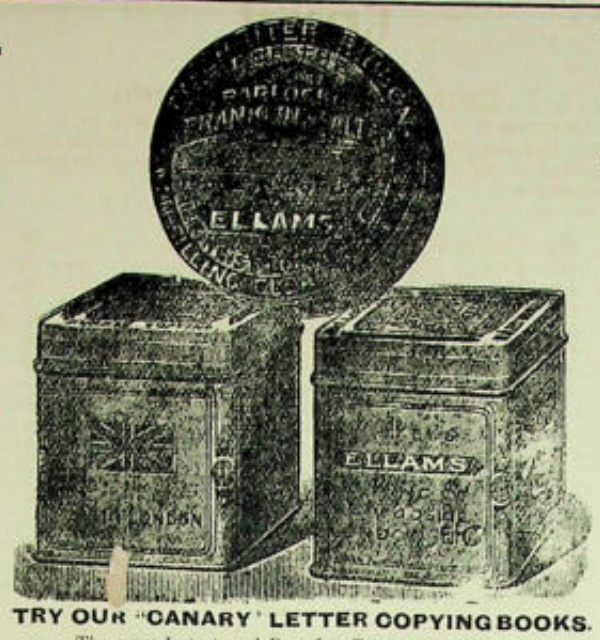

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than forward" on several occasions. Possibly the binoculars from the Press Box made the wicket out to be a slow one—or on the slow side. Whereas, as both W. G. and D. L. A. Jephson told me, it was as fast as ever any August wicket. It is also interesting to note that all reports of the match, certainly the majority any way, were the result of as "viewed from the Press Box," not one of the knights of the pencil braving the elements to obtain whatever information even a cursory examination of the wicket might have afforded them.

There were two other successes in the match: the one anticipated, the other as pleasant as it was unexpected. On such a wicket it was certain that Hayward would do well. That is, as certain as ever aught in cricket is. Barring a hot chance to Sewell at second slip off P. R. May (who ought to be Blued at Cambridge this year) when his score was 63 and another sharp one in the nineties to W. L. Murdoch at square leg close in Hayward batted perfectly for 107—the first first-class century of the season. The unexpected was a 90 from E. H. D. Sewell, who went in fourth wicket down with the London County score just over 70, and added just under 130 with Board, the Gloster stumper, for the sixth wicket. Sewell gave no vestige of a chance or uppish stroke until at 75 Hayes let him off, with a very sharp chance at short slip. When 90 he played three or four overs without scoring and paid the penalty in having a go at an off ball from Hayward that swung away a little in the semigale that was blowing. As he scored 95 the previous Saturday in the same match wherein Jayaram scored 118, Sewell was within a few runs of starting his season with two consecutive hundreds. The Essex President, C. L. Green, and Secretary, O. R. Borrodaile, watched the innings, but before Sewell commenced batting W. G. Grace had told them that in his opinion Sewell was always one of the first six cricketers in Essex. In the second innings he got 18 and was just settling down when he cut the longest of long hops straight into Lockwood's hand at deep point thirty yards from the wicket, the ball never rising higher than the shoulder.

The opening of Sewell's innings may become historical as his was the first bat to be objected to on account of extra width. Considering this of sufficient interest to readers in India, I gleaned the following facts from him, and others concerned. He went in with this year's bat that he had practised with a dozen times and used in the match at the Palace. Titchmarsh was the umpire through whose gauge this bat failed to pass. Sewell returned to the Pavilion and borrowed a bat which also refused to allow the gauge, meanwhile W.G had tried the first bat and his gauge "passed" it right enough, but, to satisfy the umpire, some 'shaving" was resorted to and the first bat eventually played with. After scoring 90 the same bat refused the gauge again!—and had to be re-shaved ere the second innings was ventured upon. Board was also "sent back" for a second bat. With regard to these cases of objecting it is worth while recording as a fact that neither W. G.'s, W. L. Murdoch's nor B. Jayaram's bats were subjected to the gauge and all three batted prior to Sewell. As a fact also W.G.'s bat easily "passed" the gauge [as Sewell played his first two overs with it] but Jayaram's bat, after he was dismissed for 5, would not "pass" the gauge. For the greater part of the match the respective dressing rooms of amateurs and *pros* resembled, as much as anything else, a carpenter's shop!

There has been a deal of comment in all the papers concerning this gauging incident and doubtless good will come of it in the shape of some registered form of gauge since all the gauges now in use do not agree—which fact spells trouble sooner or later.

One other fact about this historical match remains to be noted and that is that the wicket was the regulation size for the first time for who shall say how many years—and it not only was so but looked so.

By medical advice C. B. Fry has to refrain from all literary work for some little time and may not even turn out in Sussex's earlier matches.

How's That.

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Football.

THE YEAR'S TOURNAMENTS.

The following are the results of important tournament, played in India from 1st May 1902 to 30th April 1903 :—

MURREE TOURNAMENT.—S. W. Borderers beat E. Lancashire by 2 goals to 1.

CALCUTTA LEAGUE.—Won by K. O. S. Borderers, with 26 points :—

Teams.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.
K. O. S. B. ...	16	12	2	2	26	54	13
93rd	16	11	2	3	25	37	10
79th	16	8	5	3	19	24	26
Calcutta ...	16	8	6	2	18	25	18
Howrah ...	15	6	5	4	16	20	16
Rangers ...	16	6	6	4	16	21	18
Dalhousie ...	16	4	7	5	13	12	30
Barrackpur ...	15	2	11	2	6	10	38
Y. M. C. A. ...	16	0	13	3	3	4	38

I. F. A. CHALLENGE SHIELD.—93rd Highlanders beat Dalhousie by 3 goals to *nil*.

MADRAS R. A. FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.—"L" Battery R H. A. beat 55th Battery R. F. A. by 3 goals to *nil*.

CALCUTTA RUGBY SENIOR CUP.—Welsh Regiment beat C. F. C. by two goals and a try to a try.

THE DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.—Hampshire Regiment beat East Lancashire Regiment by two goals to one.

BOMBAY ROVERS TOURNAMENT.—Cheshire Regiment beat West Yorks by 1 goal to *nil*.

MADRAS RUGBY TOURNAMENT.—Welsh Regiment beat Madras by 1 goal and 3 tries to *nil*.

THE SANDHURST TOURNAMENT.—Welsh Regiment, w.o.

THE HARRIS TOURNAMENT.—Royal Scots beat Cheshire Regiment by 2 goals to *nil*.

UPPER BURMA ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT.—Mandalay Gymkhana beat the Buffs by 2 goals to 1.

THE ARMY TOURNAMENT (at Delhi).—Gordon Highlanders beat Royal Irish Rifles by 3 goals to *nil*.

MURRAY CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT.—Royal Highlanders beat Royal Irish Rifles by 1 goal to *nil*.

MADRAS TOURNAMENT.—Lincolnshire Regiment beat Royal Warwicks by 1 goal to *nil*.

FIRST P. V. R. TOURNAMENT.—Gordon Highlanders beat King's Royal Rifles by 3 goals to *nil*.

R. A. BENGAL ASSOCIATION CUP.—79th Co. R. G. A. beat 24th Field Battery R. A. by 3 goals to 1.

CALCUTTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

FIXTURES FOR 1903.

To be played on the ground of the first named Club, with the exception of those marked *a*, which will be played on Calcutta neutral ground.

Sat	May	16th	Calcutta ...	*a*	Rangers
"	"	"	Dalhousie ...	"	Burn's A C
"	"	"	Howrah ...	"	K O S B
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	79th R G A
Mon	"	18th	Barrackpore R A ...	"	Rangers *a*
Tues	"	19th	Burn s A C ...	"	Calcutta
Wed	"	20th	Rangers ...	"	Dalhousie
"	"	"	79th R A ...	"	Howrah
Thurs	"	21st	Barrackpore R A ...	"	93 Hdrs
Sat	"	23rd	Calcutta ...	"	K O S B
"	"	"	79th R A ...	"	Dalhousie
"	"		Howrah ...	"	Burn's A C
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Rangers
Tues	"	26th	Howrah ...	"	Barrackpore R A
"	"	"	Calcutta ...	"	93rd Hdrs
Wed	"	27th	K O S B ...	"	Dalhousie *a*
"	"	"	Rangers ...	"	Burn's A C
Thurs	"	28th	79th R A ...	"	Barrackpore R A
Sat	"	30th	Dalhousie ...	"	Calcutta
"	"	"	Rangers ...	"	Howrah
"	"	"	Burn's A C ...	"	79th R A
"	"	"	K O S B ...	"	93rd Hdrs
Mon	June	1st	K O S B ...	"	79th R A
Tues	"	2nd	Barrackpore R A ...	"	Burn's A C *a*
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Dalhousie
Wed	"	3rd	Howrah ...	"	Calcutta
"	"	"	Rangers ...	"	79th R A
Thurs	"	4th	Barrackpore R A ...	"	K O S B
Sat	"	6th	Dalhousie ...	"	Howrah
"	"	"	K O S B ...	"	Rangers *a*
"	"	"	Burn's A C ...	"	93rd Hdrs
"	"	"	Calcutta ...	"	Barrackpore R A
Tues	"	9th	Burn's A C ...	"	K O S B
"	"	"	Dalhousie ...	"	Barrackpore R A
Wed	"	10th	79th R A ...	"	Calcutta
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Howrah
Sat	"	13th	Rangers ...	"	Calcutta
"	"	"	Burn's A C ...	"	Dalhousie
"	"	"	K O S B ...	"	Howrah *a*
"	"	"	79th R A ...	"	93rd Hdrs
Mon	"	15th	K O S B ...	"	Barrackpore R A
Tues	"	16th	Calcutta ...	"	Burn's A C
Wed	"	17th	Dalhousie ...	"	Rangers
"	"	"	Howrah ...	"	79th R A
Thurs	"	18th	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Barrackpore R A
Sat	"	20th	K O S B ...	"	Calcutta *a*
"	"	"	Dalhousie ...	"	79th R A
"	"	"	Burn's A C ...	"	Howrah
"	"	"	Rangers ...	"	93rd Hdrs
Tues	"	23rd	Barrackpore R A ...	"	Howrah *a*
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Calcutta
Wed	"	24th	Dalhousie ...	"	K O S B
"	"	"	Burn's A C ...	"	Rangers
Thurs	"	25th	Barrackpore R A ...	"	79th R A
Sat	"	27th	Calcutta ...	"	Dalhousie
"	"	"	Howrah ...	"	Rangers
"	"	"	79th R A ...	"	Burn's A C
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	K O S B
Mon	"	29th	79th R A ...	"	K O S B
Tues	"	30th	Burn's A C ...	"	Barrackpore R A
"	"	"	Dalhousie ...	"	93rd Hdrs
Wed	July	1st	Calcutta ...	"	Howrah
"	"	"	79th R A ...	"	Rangers
Sat	"	4th	Barrackpore R A ...	"	Calcutta *a*
"	"	"	Howrah ...	"	Dalhousie
"	"	"	Rangers ...	"	K O S B
"	"	"	93rd Hdrs ...	"	Burn's A C
Mon	"	6th	Barrackpore R A ...	"	Dalhousie *a*
Tues	"	7th	K O S B ...	"	Burn's A C *a*
Wed	"	8th	Rangers ...	"	Barrackpore R A
"	"	"	Calcutta ...	"	79th R A
"	"	"	Howrah ...	"	93rd Hdrs

PREVIOUS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

	Points.
1898 Gloucestershire	... 24
1899 Calcutta F C	... 17
1900 Royal Irish Rifles	... 26
1901 Royal Irish Rifles	... 28
1902 K O S Borderers	... 26

DALHOUSIE *vs.* ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.—The Dalhousie opened their season last Saturday with the above match. There were many new players in both teams, but the soldiers were better represented and eventually won by three goals to *nil*. Montgomery was responsible for two of the points and Jardine for the third.

Golf.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

MONTHLY MEDAL.—The first qualifying round was played on the Island on the 28th ultimo, and of the eleven players who returned scores Mr Balston heads the list with 44—7=37. Mr Taylor Mitchell also qualifies for the finals with 46—6=40 The following are the scores in order of merit :—

C. R. T. Balston ...	...	...	44-7 37
W. Taylor Mitchell ...	...	...	46-6=40
W. A. Beardsell ...	...	...	48-7=41
D. Annan ...	...	...	46-3=43
F. M. Robinson ...	...	...	47-4=43
W. R. Carruthers ...	...	...	49-6=43
F. H. Longhurst ...	...	...	49-3=46
A. Chatterton ...	...	...	53-6=47
H. K. Beauchamp ...	...	...	58-9=49
Comdr. W. Mitchell ...	...	...	55-4=51
Colonel T. Pope ...	...	...	60-6 54

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Hockey.

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THIRD ROUND.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* RANGERS.—These teams met once more on the 29th ultimo and the game resulted in a win for the military team by four goals to *nil*. The Rangers were without Lees, whose loss was keenly felt. Play was fast and even during the first period, both goals being visited in turn, but towards the close of the half the Rifles got away and Pte. Burns put the ball through. On changing ends the local team seemed to fall off and, in spite of smart resistance offered by Russell and Schumacher, supported by Clarke and Walker, the visitors got through their defence and added three goals to their score. Burns, McCormick and Lieutenant Biscoe being credited with the points. The Rangers were unable to score and the match ended as stated. Teams.—

R. I. RIFLES.—Edmondson, *goal*, Hannah and Kendrick, *backs*; Captain Charlie, Russell, and Lieutenant Kirkwood, *half-backs*; Burns, Lieutenant Biscoe, Lieutenant Lanyan, Rowan, and McCormick, *forwards*.

RANGERS.—Gasper, *goal*; E. Russell and Schumacher, *backs*; Clarke, Warden, and Walker, *half-backs*; G. Russell, Cuthbert, Templeton, Whitie and Pell, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry, Y. M. C. A.

CALCUTTA *vs.* ST. JAMES'.—Played on the 29th instant on the Calcutta ground, and resulted in a win for the school by a goal to *nil*. The game was a very even one and up to the last few minutes looked as if it would end in a draw, but Walkem got away with a capital run and found the net. During the first half play was very even and the interval arrived with no score. On crossing over the visitors did most of the attacking, but they lost several good openings by passing instead of shooting when in the circle. Towards the end of the game Walkem scored for St. James, and though Calcutta worked hard they were unable to equalise and the visitors won a close game by a goal to *nil* Teams:—

CALCUTTA.—King, *goal*; Miles and Gardiner, *backs*; E. Walker, Pierson and Main, *half-backs*; C. O. Walker, Gould, H. Sherman, Horncastle and Sidey, *forwards*.

ST. JAMES'.—Jewell, *goal*; Boo and C. Adams, *backs*; Durnford, B. Hollow, and R. Adams, *half-backs*; Walkem, McCready, Hailes, D. O'Sullivan and Duff, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry, Y. M. C. A.

RANCHI *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—A fine game was witnessed on the 29th ultimo between the above teams, the *venue* being the Rangers ground. The visitors were as strong as they were a couple of years ago and gave a fine exhibition of Hockey. They started by attacking and gave the local team's back division plenty to do; Sadhu eventually breaking through their defence and putting the ball through. They continued to press for the remainder of the period but could not beat the Dalhousie halves who were in great form. Soon after resuming one of the Ranchi men got a nasty knock on the mouth and had to be carried off the field. The Dalhousie made the most of the advantage, but they were unable to pass Nehemiah, who saved all the shots sent in in grand style and the game ended in a win for the visitors by a goal to *nil*.

SEMI-FINALS.

RANCHI *vs.* SEEBPORE.—These teams met on the Rangers' ground last Saturday and a grand game was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Both teams played their hardest and a fine exhibition of Hockey was given. The Seebpore team had the best of the first half and combined rushes by the forwards, well fed by the back division, took the game into the visitors' quarters. The Ranchi men only once got within shooting distance of the Seebpore goal, but Showers relieved smartly. The local team continued to press, and in spite of a good defence by the Ranchi backs, of whom Sharan was most conspicuous, Nyss got through and netted the ball. Crossing over with the lead Seebpore renewed the attack and Nyss once more found the net, but was ruled off side. The visitors now bucked up and Nirmal equalised. The college seemed to go to pieces at this juncture, missing several good chances through over eagerness. Ranchi played steadily and Nirmal scored again. The boys were unable to get another goal and Sadhu adding a third point, Ranchi ran out victors by three goals to one. Teams:—

SEEBPORE COLLEGE.—Plye, *goal*; Fox and Showers; *half-backs*, P. Street, Lewty and Brown; *half-backs*; H. Street, Apear, Lawton, Ansell, and Nyss, *forwards*.

RANCHI.—Nehemiah, *Goal*; Edwards and Iri, *backs*; Sulliman, Sharan, and Boos, *half-backs*; Dodd, Pritram, Rev. Whitley, Sadhu, and Nirmal, *forwards*.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* ST. JAMES'.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 2nd instant. The match was considered an easy thing for the holders, but St. James' had the better of the game and a hard match ended in a pointless draw. The Rifles started off by forcing two corners without result and then the school went away and good combination was shown among the forwards. Edmondson had to save on several occasions and had it not been for his fine goal-keeping St. James' would certainly have won. The interval arrived with no score, and on resuming play ruled very even for a time. Several players on both sides were very excited and the referee had to penalise for fouls. Then the school took the ball down and the soldiers had to concede two corners, but they were not turned to account, and the match ended without either team scoring.

These teams met for the second time on the 4th instant before an immense crowd of spectators and the school gained a popular victory by four goals to two. The game opened with very even play, neither side getting much advantage, then St. James made a fine attack and Walkem put in a hard shot from a *mêlée* and drew first blood for the boys. On starting once more O'Sullivan got possession and going away with a splendid run, beat Edmundson with a great shot amidst loud applause. The Rifles bucked up at these reverses and forced a corner without result Another corner was conceded to them a little later, from which Lieutenant Wallace scored. The soldiers kept up the attack and just before the interval Rowan equalised, crossing over with the score two goals each. The local team opened the attack and Macready found the net, registering St. James' third goal. They continued to press and then O'Sullivan got away with another fine run and evading the goal-keeper, who rushed out to save, banged the ball into the net. The soldiers played up hard trying to equalise, but in spite of a fierce attack on the school goal they were unable to score and the game ended in a win for St. James as stated. Teams:—

ST. JAMES'S SCHOOL.—Jewell, *goal*; Boo and C. Adams, *backs*; Dunford, Hollow, and R. Adams, *half-backs*; Walkem, Macready, Hales, O'Sullivan, and Duff, *forwards*.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Edmundson, *goal*; Hendrick and Hannah, *backs*; Captain Charlie, Russell, and Lieutenant Kirkwood, *half-backs*; Burns, Lieutenant Biscoe, Lieutenant Wallace, Rowan, and McCormick, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry of the C. F. C.

THE FINAL.

ST. JAMES *vs.* RANCHI.—Played on the Calcutta ground last evening and, as was to be expected, the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. There was a huge crowd of spectators and the game was keenly watched. The Ranchi men went away from the start and carried operations into their opponents' quarters, the forwards playing in splendid style. Then St. James rushed down and forced a corner, but to no effect. the visitors getting possession and after repeated attempts a neat pass from the left in the Jacobites' circle gave Daud his chance and he banged the ball into the net. They continued to press and the first half ended with the Ranchi men leading and having had much the best of matters. On resuming St James played up splendidly and kept the ball in the Ranchi half, bombarding their goal, but not being allowed to get through. A fine run by Sadho gave Whitley an opening, but Jewell saved in marvellous fashion. The local team kept up the pressure and a fine shot was just saved by Whitley. Play now ruled very even. but towards the end St. James went away with a rush and time was called with the Boys still pressing, the Ranchi men winning the match and the cup by one goal to *nil*. After the match Mrs. Ashton presented the cup to the winners.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE concluding stages of the Cup competition have supplied some desperately hard fought games, and judging from the large crowds which have turned out to witness the matches, public interest in Hockey seems to be on the increase. The success which attended such teams as St. James, Seebpore, Rangers and Dalhousie no doubt acted as an incentive to their supporters to take a more active interest in their doings, which may account for the large attendances during the past week.

The first meeting between the Rangers and Rifles produced an even and exciting game during the first half of which both sides attacked in turn, the interval being reached without any score having been registered. In the second period, however, the Rangers had most of the game and should have won, but their left wing was decidedly weak, as neither White nor Pell were playing up to their usual form and their efforts were consequently spasmodic and lacked combination. Shortly after the interval a combined rush of the Irish forwards proved successful, as after Gasher had saved a hot shot from Biscoe, without however being able to clear, Rowan obtained possession and succeeded in rushing the ball into the net. He, however, got a nasty cut over his eye, but pluckily resumed playing after being attended to. This reverse caused the Rangers to play harder than ever, and hereabouts the game became very exciting though somewhat rough. Russell was noticeable for some excellent dashes along the touch-line, in which he was well backed up by Cuthbert, and they were at last rewarded with a score, although an extremely lucky one, Charlie putting the ball through his own goal in an effort to clear. Nothing further occurred and the game ended in a draw of 1 goal all. Warden at half-back was a tower of strength to his side, his hitting was very powerful and he showed coolness and resource in breaking up the combination of the opposing forwards. Biscoe and Rowan were the pick of the Rifles' front rank, and Edmonson in goal played up to his usual standard.

It was distinctly hard lines for the local team that they had to take the field without Lees in the re-played tie against the Rifles on the day following the first meeting of the teams, but Russell made a very efficient substitute, and Lees' inclusion could not have made much difference to the ultimate result. The first half of the game was fairly even, at the interval the score was only 1 goal in favour of the Rifles, but after the re-start the men from Fyzabad infused a considerable amount of dash into their play, which, with the Rangers going from bad to worse as the match progressed, resulted in the visitors putting in three more goals and thus winning the match by 4—0.

The meeting of Seebpore and Barrackpore in the third round of the competition resulted, as was expected, in a victory for the College team, who scored three times without response from their opponents. At the commencement of the game the Barrackpore men went off with a rush and infused an amount of dash and energy into their play that augured well for their ultimate success, but they were unable to pierce the boys' steady defence and half time arrived without any score being registered to either side. On changing ends, however, the superior combination and condition of Seebpore told the inevitable tale and they netted three times before the whistle sounded for a cessation of play. For the losers Arnold and Smith were most conspicuous, whilst Lawton and Nyss were the pick of the College team. Considering that Barrackpore are a newly formed combination they did exceedingly well to get as far as the third round, and will no doubt give a still better account of themselves next year.

Dalhousie gave their most sanguine supporters a pleasant surprise by the excellent game they put up against Ranchi, who only beat them by a goal to *nil* after an open and exciting match. The Ranchi forwards, who were well served by their half-backs, used their great pace with excellent effect and they undoubtedly did most of the pressing, but the stubborn defence of the local team was impervious to all attacks until just before the interval, when Sadhu found the net and thus scored what eventually proved the only goal of the match. Towards the close of the game both Affleck and Echlin tested the Ranchi goal-keeper Nehemiah, but had no difficulty in saving, as both shots lacked sting. The Dalhousie team have no reason to feel otherwise than satisfied with their displays this season, as after starting the competition in very shaky fashion against Burns, they have improved in every subsequent game and have only just been knocked out by a side which, I think, will eventually prove to be the ultimate winners of the Cup.

A more inglorious display than that given by Calcutta in their match against St. James in the third round it would be impossible to conceive, and it is difficult to find a reason or excuse for the poor form shown by the entire team, with one or two notable exceptions. We again reiterate our opinion that the omission of Dunn from the back division was a blunder on the part of those who were responsible for it and we think that subsequent events have proved that had Gardiner displaced Main or Walker and Dunn been retained in his old position, it would have strengthened the team in both the back and half-back divisions.

Perhaps the poorest display was given by the forwards, who appeared to have no notion of combining or taking passes, and who moreover repeatedly missed hitting the ball altogether. Sherman was the best of the front rank, but he was neglected by his wing men and consequently had few opportunities.

Pearson, who played a good game, was the only one of the half-backs who was of the slightest use to his side, and consequently Gardiner and Miles were continually called upon to save and they both got through a tremendous amount of work satisfactorily, but undoubtedly the excellent defence of King in goal was the one redeeming feature of the match, as he saved several stinging shots splendidly.

St. James played a poor game and one far below their usual standard, and it was only well on in the second half that Walkem scored for them. Macready and O'Sullivan were prominent for individual brilliancy, but there was too much hard hitting, and Boo and Adams defended well on the few occasions they were called upon.

Ranchi and Seebpore met in the semi-final on Saturday, on the Rangers' ground, and after a well contested game the Mission team proved victorious by three goals to one. although Seebpore were leading at half time by a goal to *nil*, and had the boys kept heir heads during the exciting play which took place on the second half, they would probably have made a still closer fight, but the general-ship of the Ranchi team was very fine and never did an opportunity present itself without it being turned to account. Seebpore did most of the pressing at the commencement of the game, but the Ranchi defence, in which Sulliman was most conspicuous, was very sound and it was nearing the interval before Street ran down and passing across to Nyss, the latter beat Nehemiah with an oblique shot. After change of ends there was only one team in it, and it was not long before that speedy and dangerous forward, Sadhu, had scored twice and Dadel followed shortly afterwards with a third goal. Seebpore pulled themselves together somewhat after this, but it was too late and so the visitors qualified for the final by 3 to 1.

After having all the best of a drawn game against the Rifles on Saturday, the St. James' team met and defeated the visitors from Fyzabad by 4—2, and thus qualified to meet Ranchi in the final. The replayed tie on Monday furnished an excellent display of good Hockey and was fought out in a thoroughly sportsmanlike spirit by both teams. Undoubtedly the better side won, as St. James played a magnificent game from start to finish, and after the interval simply made rings round their opponents After scoring two goals in rapid succession the School team fell off for a time and the Irishmen took advantage of this to bring the scores level, but their efforts appeared to have taken a good deal out of them, as after change of ends they were hardly able to raise a gallop, and St. James, adding two more goals, won the match as stated.

For the losers Edmonson in goal, and Biscoe and Charlie played best; for St. James all were good, but Macready especially played brilliantly throughout.

Ranchi won the Cup last evening, beating St. James by 1 goal to nothing, after as fine a game as one could wish to see. Congratulations to our doughty visitors, whose win was completely deserved and extremely popular. They are real sportsmen and, led by the Rev. E. H. Whitley, they form a combination that would shine in any company out here or at Home. And so adieu to Hockey till next hot weather.

SHINTY.

THE YEARS RESULTS.

The following are the results of the important tournaments played in India from 1st May 1902 to 30th April 1903:—

THE BEIGHTON CUP TOURNAMENT.—(Calcutta) Royal Irish Rifles beat Calcutta F C by 2 goals to 0.

THE AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT.—(Bombay) Shropshire L I beat R A by 3 goals to 1.

THE MADRAS TOURNAMENT.—Durham L I beat Madras C C by 3 goals to 1.

THE MURREE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.—South Wales' Borderers beat Cameronian Highlanders by 4 goals to *nil*.

THE POONA TOURNAMENT.—Royal Scots beat Warwicks by 4 goals to *nil*.

DELHI CORONATION HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.—33rd Punjab N I beat 22nd Bombay N I by 4 goals to 1.

ALL-INDIA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.—Royal Irish Rifles beat Royal Scots Fusiliers by 3 goals to *nil*.

Lawn Tennis.

OOTACAMUND TOURNAMENT.

GENTLEMEN'S CHALLENGE SINGLES.

Mr. Nicholas beat Capt. Swan 6—5; 6—2.

L. Homan beat W. B. Greenwell 3—6; 6—4, Greenwell retired.

Final.

B. Fewkes beat Homan. 6—2; 6—0; 6—3.

GENTLEMEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

Zemindar of Shergada beat A. J. Verini (—15) (Scr) 6—0; 7—4.

Zemindar of Telaprole (+½ 15) beat W. A. Turner (Scr) 6—0; 6—2.

Capt. Milner (+½ 15) beat C. A. Payne (Scr) 6—2, 6—0

H. Collyer (Scr) beat D. W. Patrickson (Scr) 6—3; 6—2.

C. A. Innes (—15) beat F. Hannyngton (Scr) 6—3; 6—1.

Capt. Milner (+½ 15) beat Zemindar of Telaprole (+½ 15) 6—3; 6—2.

Zemindar of Morungapuri (—15) beat Zemindar of Badagada (—½ 15) 6—1; 6—2.

C. A. Innes (—15) beat H. Collyer (Scr) 6—4; 6—3

Zemindar of Shergada (—15) beat Capt. Milner (+½ 15) 6—2; 6—4.

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

L. Homan, W. B. Greenwell beat Shergada, Marungapuri 6—2; 6—3.

B. Fewkes, Nicholas beat S. L. Wace, Capt. Swan 6—3; 8—6.

Final.

B. Fewkes, Nicholas beat Homan, Greenwell

GENTLEMEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Marungapuri, Shergada (—15) beat W. A. Turner, A. N. Collyer (+½) 6—2; 6—3.

C A Innes, F Hannyngton (Scr) beat C A. Payne, Telapole (Scr) 6—1; 6—3.

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C. A. Innes / F. Hannyngton (Scr) beat C. Morrison / Badagada (+15)
6—2; 6—3.

Final.

C. A. Innes / F. Hannyngton (Scr) beat Zem. Marangapuri / Zem. of Shergada (—15)
6—4; 6—0.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.

Miss Morgan (—15) beat Miss Moore (+⅖)
4—6; 6—2; 6—2.

Miss F. Marriott (—15) beat Mrs Wormald (Scr)
6—3; 6—2.

Miss F. Marriott (—15) beat Mrs. Magrath (+⅖)
6—0; 6—1.

Miss Morgan (—30) beat Miss K. Moore (+⅖)
6—2; 6—3.

Final.

Miss F. Marriott (—15) beat Miss Morgan (—30)

LADIES' CHALLENGE SINGLES.

Miss Fisher *vs.* Mrs. Wormald
Mrs. Wormald Scratched.

Miss F. Marriott beat Miss Low
Miss F. Marriott beat Miss Moore
6—0; 6—0.

Miss F. Marriott beat Miss Fisher
6—0; 6—0.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Mrs. Bayley / Miss Breithaupt (—15) beat Mrs. Magrath / Miss R Moore (Scr)
7—5; 6—1.

Miss Searle / Miss N. Marriott (Scr) beat Miss B. Hannyngton. / „ Fisher (Scr)
6—3; 6—1.

Miss Searle / Miss N. Marriott (Scr) beat Miss Hannyngton / „ Keeling (+½15)
6—1; 7—5.

Miss Searle / Miss N. Marriott (Scr) beat Miss Bagley / „ Breithaupt (+15)
2—6; 7—5; 6—2.

Miss Moore / Miss F. Marriott (—15) *vs.* Mrs. Weir / „ Marjoribanks. (—½ 15)
Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Marjoribanks scratched.

Miss Moore / Miss F. Marriott (—15) beat Miss Bichelman (+30) / „ W. Breithaupt
6—3; 6—0

Miss Morgan / Miss Marriott (—½ 30) beat Miss Carter / „ Crowdy (Scr)

Miss Morgan (—½ 30) / Miss Marriott beat Miss Carter / Miss Crowdy (+15)

Miss Moore / Miss F. Marriot (—15) beat Miss Morgan / Miss Marriott (—½30)
6—3; 2—6; 6—3.

Final.

Miss Searle / Miss N. Marriott (Scr) beat Miss Moore / Miss F. Marriott (—15)
6—4; 1—6; 8—6.

MIXED DOUBLES (OPEN.)

S. L. Wace / Miss Anderson beat McLennan / Miss, F. Marriott
6—2; 6—4.

Capt Swan / Miss Marriott beat Capt. Lygon / Miss Moore
6—2; 6—0.

Final.

S. L. Wace / Miss Anderson beat Capt Swan / Miss Marriott
6—2; 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES (HANDICAP.)

Capt. Lygon / Miss Moore (†⅖) beat McLennan / Miss N. Marriott (+⅖)
4—6; 6—4; 6—2.

C. Morrison / Miss Morgan (—½ 30) beat H. N. Collyer / Miss F. Marriott (Scr)
6—4; 6—5.

Capt. Milner / Miss Fisher (Scr) beat C. A. Innes / Miss Stevenson (Scr)
6—2; 6—2.

Capt. Swan / Miss Marriott (Scr) beat S. L. Wace / Miss Anderson (—15)
6—1; 6—3.

Capt. Lygon / Miss Moore (†⅖) beat Capt Milner / Miss Fisher (Scr)
6—0; 6—3.

Final.

Capt. Swan / Miss Marriott (Scr) beat Capt. Lygon / Miss Moore (†⅖)

Boxing.

BOXING IN BANGALORE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THERE is no doubt that the British Soldier is fond of using his fists and seeing his comrades use them, and that would be a bad day for the old country on which this predilection died out. Anything more successful, more orderly or in every way characteristic of the British love of fair play than the opening night of the boxing competition in Bangalore on the 28th ultimo cannot well be conceived. And in this connection it is only fair that a special compliment should be paid to the troops in the station. Three batteries of Artillery—the 12th and 58th R. F. A. and "G" Battery R. H. A; the Essex Regiment, and the 6th Dragoon Guards had representatives competing, and there can hardly have been less than a thousand soldiers present, to say nothing of civilians. And yet ebullitions of feeling were very rare, and only required a word of admonition from the judges to die away at once. It speaks very well for the British soldier that he can see his comrade fairly beaten with an unprejudiced mind, and as one who knows him, I may say that the number of "nature's gentlemen" who exist in the ranks would surprise some of the carping critics who consider the British Army to be a "brutal and licentious soldiery."

Having thus bestowed a well deserved encomium upon the audience of the evening of the 28th instant, it is time to proceed to the competitors. The prizes it may be mentioned are really handsome, Rs. 75 going to the winner of the heavy weights and the other prizes in proportion. Proceedings opened with a bout in the light weights between Corporal Bartley, Essex Regiment, and Gunner Chapman, "G" Battery R. H. A.; but as each event is described in its place, it will perhaps be unnecessary to say more here. Undoubtedly the best two bouts of the evening were those between Private Sutton, Essex Regiment, and Dr. Cook, "G" Battery R. H. A.; and Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery R. F. A., and Private Andrews, Essex Regiment. Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, acted as referee, and the judges were Messrs. Grove, Heath, Ker and O. St. M. Jones. A just provision so ordered it, that none of these officers should judge a bout in which one of their own men was concerned, and indeed the judging was excellent, nearly all the verdicts being received with loud applause. There was lots of room in the compound in Trinity Road where the ring was erected. Sergeant-Major Sorby, R. A., who, by the way, has boxed amongst the heavy weights at the Agricultural Hall, acted as time-keeper, and everything went off without the least hitch. All the events consisted of three 2-minute rounds, with one minute between rounds. Events and results :—

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Corporal Bartley, Essex Regiment, *beat* Gunner Chapman, "G" Battery R. H. A.

1st Round.—The gunner stood well over the Essex man and made the most of his reach, but Bartley boxing cleverly had none the worst of some light exchanges following on sparring for an opening. He got home on the body several times just before the round closed, and went to his corner with points in hand.

2nd Round.—Throughout the round the exchanges were heavy, but t could not be said that either had the best of it.

3rd Round.—Bartley now forced the fighting and playing well with both hands on the head and body repeatedly scored. His ducking out of danger was also clever and there was no doubt as to the verdict at the finish.

Private Sutton, Essex Regiment, *beat* Driver Cook, "G" Battery R. H. A.

1st Round.—Both went for one another like men, and the fighting was rapid and heavy. Sutton with a straight punch on the nose brought Cook to the boards, but the gunner was up at once and was quite with his opponent for the remainder of an excellent round, which evoked loud applause.

2nd Round.—The infantry man rushed at once, almost upset his opponent for a second time, but Cook seemed very fit, and when they went to their corners, he had, if anything, the best of another really good round.

3rd Round.—Cook forced the fighting hard, rushing the Essex man all over the ring. The latter, however, kept his head and allowed his opponent to fight himself to a practical standstill.

Then Sutton went in and scoring freely with left and right, easily obtained the verdict.

A BYE.

Corporal Lee, Essex Regiment, *vs.* Gymnasium Instructor Hayes, Essex Regiment.

(Throughout three rounds, Lee did his best, but the Instructor who is a marvellously well built man for his weight, was palpably playing with him, and again and again could have punished his opponent severely when he only put in light taps.)

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Private Lumsden, 6th Dragoon Guards *beat* Corporal Taylor, Essex Regiment.

1st Round—Lumsden adopted a crouching attitude whilst the Essex man stood up in orthodox style. The Carabineer went in, and followed a straight left on the nose with a regular rib-binder with the right. Taylor fought mostly on the defensive, and although much the prettier boxer he seemed to make little or no effort to score.

2nd Round.—Lumsden again went in, and Taylor fought away from him. The difference in weight was very apparent as the men quartered round the ring, and Lumsden had added points to his score as the round closed.

3rd Round.—The Carabineer—shorter in the reach—was all round his opponent trying to get in, but Taylors' long reach stood him in good stead, and towards the end of the round he scored repeatedly with straight lefts and half-hooks.

Deciding Round.—The judges ordered another round, and Lumsden seemed very much blown. Had Taylor gone in, he might have won the bout, but he had apparently a wholesome respect for his opponent's weight and still fought away. Verdict for Lumsden.

Private Tye, 6th Dragoon Guards, *beat* Gunner Smith, 12th Battery R. F. A.

1st Round.—The Dragoon rushed at once, and knocked his man on to the ropes, where a clever duck got him out of difficulties. There was not much science about the fighting, and the referee several times ordered the men to break away. Nothing to choose.

2nd Round.—Tye got well home on the mark and then rushed the gunner all over the ring. Using both hands freely although taking punishment in return he had, if anything, the best of a well-fought round.

3rd Round.—Tye twice got in right swings on the ribs, and although the Artillery man boxed in the pluckiest manner, he had all the worst of it, and the judges' awardquite rightly went to the Dragoon. This was the only decision of the night which was received with mixed demonstrations.

A BYE.

Corporal Taylor, Essex Regiment, *vs.* Gunner Acreman, 12th Battery R. F. A.

Throughout the three rounds Taylor was not clever, but he pursued the same defensive tactics as in his former fight, and whilst keeping his opponent well off, he seldom scored himself.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery R. F. A., *beat* Private Andrews, Essex Regiment.

1st Round.—This was undoubtedly the fight of the evening. Gibson has a tremendous reputation in Bangalore, having some time ago beaten that excellent fighter Gunner Lacey, of the 58th Battery R. F. A., in a fight to a finish. Andrews is supposed to be about the best man in the Essex Regiment, but he hardly seemed fit, and was a bit blown at the finish, although he had some 10lbs. the pull in the weights.

Gibson feinted continually with the left, and twice got home on the side of the head with the right. There was no weight behind the blows however, and an easy round left Gibson with only a little the best of things.

2nd Round.—Andrews had all the worst of the exchanges, but he stopped his opponent several times with straight lefts, and counted well. Towards the end of the round the artilleryman twice swung the right on the head with good effect.

3rd Round.—Gibson all over his opponent, who though boxing pluckily, and in desperate earnest was not clever enough. The verdict could only go one way, but there was some talk afterwards of a fight to a finish. I understand that Gibson is prepared to make a match under these conditions after the Poona boxing competition is over.

Gunner Lacey, 58th Battery R. F. A., *beat* Gunner Church, 12th Battery R. F. A.

Lacey, who is well-known in Bangalore boxing circles, set about his man at once, and scored a knock-down in the first twenty seconds. Subsequently he got in a tremendous right-handed punch near the heart, and Church lay on the boards. As the tenth second was counted he made a plucky effort to rise, but could not keep his legs and Lacey himself carried him to his corner amidst loud applause.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Bombardier Stead, 12th Battery R. F. A., *beat* Corporal Butcher, Essex Regiment.

1st Round.—An uneventful round, the Essex man doing little, but keeping out of distance. Stead, although he was repeatedly short, was the cleverer at the end of the round.

2nd Round.—This round saw the gunner forcing the fighting, but Butcher nothing loth was always with him, and had little the worst of a rapidly fought round.

3rd Round.—Stead opened the ball with a straight left on the nose, and then staggered the Essex lad with a right swing on the side of the head. From this to the finish he had the best of matters, and the verdict in his favour was well received.

A Bye.

Driver Neat, "G" Battery R. H. A., *vs.* Private Cox, 6th Dragoon Guards.

Both men looked very big for feather weights, but as all competitors had been strictly weighed there could have been no mistake. Neat boxed marvellously well, and showed some of the best form of the night. The Dragoon boxed pluckily, but was never in it with his opponent so far as scientific fighting went.

SECOND DAY.

The second night's boxing was again a brilliant success, and all the finals produced good contests. In the heavies Tye must have been considerably lighter than his opponent—Lumsden—but he had the longer reach and was certainly the prettier boxer. Had one of Lumsden's right swings gone home the affair would probably have been finished, but Tye although always willing enough to force the fighting evidently recognised this danger, and repeatedly ducked cleverly out of reach. The middle weights produced not only the finest fight of the evening, but the spirit in which the men fought was beyond all praise. Some twelve months or more ago, Gunner Lacey of the 58th Battery was beaten in a fight to a finish by Gunner Gibson of the 12th Battery, and these two men came together again in the final for the middle weights last night. From start to finish it was a case of hard punching and clever fighting, but even so they were perfectly good tempered and when Lacey got the verdict, Gibson went straight across the ring and shook hands heartily, both winner and loser being loudly applauded. In the final for the light weights, Corporal Bartley of the Essex Regiment at first appeared to have all the best of his comrade Private Sutton, but the latter boxed in very determined fashion and seemed the harder getting his man on the ropes and punishing him severely in the third round when Bartley retired. As regards the feather weight final there was only one in it from the start. Stead was plucky, but Neat, boxing in most attractive style, and getting a lot weight behind his blows, drove the 12th man all over the ring and in the second round twice knocked him clean under the ropes. Stead then retired recognising that he had no chance. With regard to the officers' bouts they were both interesting, Mr. Ker of the Carabineers beating Mr. Heath, 3rd Madras Lancers, whilst Mr. O. St. M. Jones, the Carabineers, beat Mr. Groves, R.F.A. Finally a collection was made to supply a purse for a fight to a finish between Private West, Lincolnshire Regiment and Private Melrose, Essex Regiment. The latter was much the elder man and was palpably out of condition, but the manner in which he took punishment was almost ludicrous, no amount of punching seeming to affect him in the least. West was very keen and wostrying all the time Melrose ducking very cleverly, but in the fifth round he was too much blown to continue the contest, and his second chucked up the sponge.

All the finals consisted of five rounds, the last of which was a four-minute round. Mr. Anketell-Jones of the Carabineers acted as referee, the judges were the same as only the opening night, and Sergeant-Major Sorby again held the watch. The lighting was very much improved and the whole affair has been a most successful athletic function.

Events and results :—

Heavy Weights—Semi Final.

Private Lumsden, "The Carabineers," *beat* Gunner Acreman, 12th Battery R.F.A.

1st Round.—Practically consisted of sparring, both appearing unwilling to go in. There were some demonstrations of disapproval at the end of the round.

2nd Round.—Much livelier. After a few rapid exchanges, Acreman slipped down, and was subsequently upset by a straight left on the nose. After some sparring, Lumsden again went in and scoring well on the body had decidedly the best of matters when they went to their corners.

3rd Round.—Lumsden drove the left heavily on the throat bringing Acreman down. The latter rose at once and tried a right swing, but was short. Sparring was proceeding when time was called. Verdict for Lumsden.

Officers' Competition.

Lieutenant Ker, "The Carabineers" *beat* Lieutenant Heath' 3rd Madras Lancers.

1st Round.—Heath was clever and quick on his legs, but his opponent had the advantage in both weight and reach. He did not appear to be hitting very hard however, and there was not much to choose at the end of the round.

2nd Round.—A repetition of the first round, with the exception that Ker seemed to take matters rather more seriously. He had the best of it at the finish.

3rd Round.—Ker won. He was not to be denied and hard as Heath tried he could not keep away from his opponent's tremendous height and reach. Hard fighting took place towards the end, but the verdict could only go one way.

Middle Weights—Final Bout.

Gunner Lacey, 58th Battery R. F. A. *beat* Gunner Gibson 12th Battery R. F. A.

1st Round.—Lacey appeared considerably the bigger man and stood over his opponent, but as a matter of fact, Gibson was the heavier of the two by eight pounds, scaling 10st. 11lbs, to his opponent's 10st. 3lbs. The man have met before and the greatest interest was manifested in the fight.

Lacey rushed at once and Gibson ducked cleverly, but the 58th man twice got home on the face without a return. Gibson then scored with the left on the neck and the right on the ribs, but Lacey boxed in the most aggressive style, and seemed very confident.

2nd Round.—Gibson somewhat flushed, but Lacey apparently quite cool. He swing a heavy right on the side of the head, but in attempting to repeat the performance, was steadied with a beautiful straight left on the throat. Even exchanges marked the rest of the round. Just before time was called, the 58th man got well home on the mark, but was countered heavily on the nose, and both men were loudly applanded as they went to their corners.

3rd Round.—Both smiling, Lacey as usual led, but Gibson was clever and got out of distance. Sparring was followed by several feints on the part of Lacey, but the 12th man would not be drawn, and Lacey swung the right without effect, getting in a light left on the nose as the round closed.

4th Round.—Lacey jabbed the left twice on the face without a return and and then missed a right hand swing, Gibson countering on the mark. In-fighting followed, of which the 12th man has decidedly the worst end of the stick.

5th Round.

5th Round.—The men shook hands and sparring was followed by Lacey landing lightly on the mark. He rushed, but was well stopped, and towards the finish Gibson scored three or four times on the face and neck without a return. Both were distressed, Lacey being if anything the more blown of the two, but he had established a good lead and the verdict in his favour was greeted with loud applause. At the same time Gibson had fought an excellent fight, and the applause was renewed in his favour.

Light Weights—Final Bout.

Private Sutton, Essex Regiment, *beat* Corporal Bartley Essex Regiment.

1st Round.—Bartley the taller and if anything the cleverer boxer, but Sutton was very determined, and had a wear-and-tear look which argued well for his chance. Both went at it hammer and tongs during the first round, Bartley sending his man to the boards with a vicious upper-cut. Sutton was groggy for a moment but recovered as the round progressed, and there was little to choose at the end of the round.

2nd Round.—Sutton very business-like, but Bartley boxed smartly and seemed to have the best of it. There was little weight behind his blows however until he again got in an uppercut which caused Sutton to shake his head and look serious. Both fought desperately hard, but somewhat wildly, repeatedly hitting out of distance.

3rd Round.—Sutton the fresher, although the Corporal several times scored lightly. Towards the end of the round Sutton rushed his man on to the ropes where he was obviously in difficulties and was severely punished on the head and body. He went to his corner palpably all but out, and his second threw up the sponge.

Officers' Competion.

Lieutenant O. St. M. Jones, "The Carabineers," *beat* Lieutenant Groves, 58th Battery R. F. A.

1st Round.—Jones adopted the crouching attitude so well-known in America, whilst Groves stood up with his left well out. Jones did most of the leading, and was the cleverer in a well contested round.

2nd Round.—Practically a repetition of the last round, with most of the fighting in favour of the Carabineer officer.

3rd Round.—Groves improved considerably, and scored well on the head and neck, towards the end of the bout. The judges decision, however was quite rightly in favour of the dragoon.

A Bye.

Private Tye, "The Carabineers, *vs.* Private Thorpe, the Carabineers."

Three fairly good rounds, in which Thorpe had none the worst of it Tye however was naturally not distressing himself, with the .final for the heavy weights in front of him.

Feather Weights—Final Bout.

Driver Neat, "G" Battery R. H. A. *beat* Gunner Stead, 12th Battery R. F. A.

1st Round.—Neat at once forced the fighting and although Stead met him pluckily he was never in it with his opponent for strength. Moreover, Neat ducked very neatly, was quick on his legs and good with both hands. The round was all in favour of Neat.

2nd Round.—Stead seemed weak, and Neat going in with much determination drove him all round the ring, and on to the ropes. He got in a half-hook, followed by a right swing which knocked Stead clean under the ropes and almost off the platform. He rose plucky but shaky, only to be again sent to the boards by a punch on the mark, and wisely retired. Neat impressed me as a wonderfully good little man, and I expect to hear more of him.

Heavy Weights—Final Bout.

Private Tye, "The Carabineers," *beat* Private Lumsden, "The Carabineers."

Lumsden was palpably the heavier and was evidently going for a knock-out. He swung the right with terrific force several times, but Tye was alive to the danger and with clever duckings and good head-work kept out of reach. Lumsden beginning to tire, Tye went in at once, and boxing well with both hands had all the best of a well-fought round at the finish.

2nd Round.—Tye forced the fighting at once and making the most of a long reach, rushed Lumsden about the ring. After a minutes fighting Lumsden, who hardly seemed fit, began to tire fast, but towards the end of the round he freshened up and got home some body blows which caused his opponent to pause and look very serious.

An abscess having burst on Lumsden's left fore-arm, however he had perforce to retire.

Fight to a Finish for a Subscription Purse.

Private West, Lincolnshire Regiment, beat Private Melrose, Essex Regiment.

1st Round.—West quite a lad scaled 10st. 2½lbs and Melrose, 10st. 4lbs. The former rushed at once and began to punish his opponent on the head and neck, but Melrose, who is a well-known fighter, albeit somewhat of a veteran, seemed to care very little, only shaking his head once or twice, and hardly troubling to guard his opponent's blows. West certainly ahead on points.

2nd Round.—Heaving exchanges. Melrose got in a right-handed punch in the ribs which caused the youngster to look very sick and for a moment he seemed almost out. Melrose however did not follow up his advantage and West recovering by degrees had made honours fairly easy when the round closed.

3rd Round.—West with a right swing, brought Melrose to the boards. He rose blowing freely and West went in with both hands, trying to finish the affair, but the elder man was to clever, and repeatedly ducked out of danger.

4th Round.—Melrose making an effort, forced the fighting for half-a-minute, but died away again and it was evidently the youngster's fight when they went to their corners.

5th Round.—Melrose palpably done, but cleverly ducking out of danger as West rushed and swung. He managed to avoid much damage, but retired at the end of the round.

In conclusion, it may be said that this very successful boxing competition has been principally brought about and carried out by Mr. O. St. M. Jones, Mr. D. Ker, and Mr. Anketell-Jones of the Carabineers, Captain Claridge of the 3rd Madras Lancers, Mr. Heath of the same regiment, and Mr. Groves, R. A. Commanding officers in the station have also been kindness itself in affording assistance, and the men of the various corps in Bangalore have shown that as a whole they are worthy of such indulgences. May the competition only be the first of many similar ones.

BOXING AT SECUNDERABAD.

Perhaps the best boxing show ever witnessed in Secunderabad came off on Wednesday at the Lincolns Regimental Recreation ground. The Lincolns have a club called the "Sphinx" Boxing Club, which has for its aim, in particular, the laudable object of teaching the young soldier the use of his fists, and, judging from the excellent display the Lincoln novices gave in their competition, the club is certainly making itself "felt" in this garrison.

A huge and unprecedented crowd of fully two thousand filled the spacious enclosures and at 9-30 General Sir George Pretyman, C. M. G., General Officer Commanding, and his staff, Major R. Haig, First Assistant Resident, and most of the officers in the garrison, arrived as guests of Colonel Curry, D. S. O., the Commandant of the Regiment.

There were in all 26 fights, and each and every one having its own individual interest. The programme commenced at 9 P.M. and the last bout was finished at 2 A.M., all the officers staying to the very end.

The keenest event of the evening was a slashing fight between two admitted rivals, Gunner Seaman and Driver Freeman, both of the 23rd Battery B. F. A. These two men on entering the ring were perfect pictures of physique, but the loser (Freeman) left it beaten in the seventh round with his face in a perfect pulp. The oldest stager present declared he had never seen anything like it before, and the Referee remarked that no man in the garrison could have stood the punishment Freeman did. Seaman followed his man round the ring from the very commencement, and it was nothing short of miraculous that it took him seven rounds to finish his opponent off. The floor was simply carpeted with blood.

The Heavy Weights Garrison Competition final ended in favour of Smith, the All-India Champion of 1901, who had little difficulty in knocking out Clayton in the second round. Smith seems fit for anything now and has quite recovered in health. He was never in better trim and great things are expected of him at Poona in May, where he has entered for the Army Competitions. Clayton once the "Cock of the Walk" in Secunderabad must now take a very back seat. Even in his bout with Lance-Corporal Temporal, a youngster and hitherto a dark horse, he was beaten in the extra round ruled by the Referee in the Middle Weights.

Bolton in the Light Weights made a very good show and an easy win. The fact of his being an Instructor in the school accounts for his premier position as a local light weight.

Lieutenant Ross of the Hyderabad Contingent made an excellent referee and Lieutenant O. C Todd (School of Gymnastic) and Acting Quarter-Master Sharpe (Gymnastic Staff) were Judges. Sergeant-Instructor Wogan, to whom practically all the credit of the organization must be given, was Timekeeper and M. C.

We are promised another show in June, and if it is anything like this one, then the aims and objects of the "Sphinx" Boxing Club will be evinced in distinct contrast to other regiments who lack anything approaching so useful an institution as the Lincolns maintain.

RESULTS.

Heavy Weights.—Garrison Competition.

Clayton	beat	Greeetham.
Smith	"	Broughton.
Final—Smith	"	Clayton.

Middle Weights.—Garrison Competition.

Final—Broughton	beat	Deacle.

Light Weights.—Garrison Competition.

Final—Bolton	beat	Massum.

Feather Weights.—Garrison Competition.

Final—Garleston	beat	Bluck.

Bantam Weights.

Flynn	beat	Small.

Novices' Competitions.

[Open only to members of the Lincolns (Sphinx) Boxing Club.]

Middle Weights.

Carter beat Mellors ; Cousins beat Lake ; *Final*—Smith beat Carter.

Light Weights.

Mather beat Smith : Moss beat Wright ; Doy beat Lee ; Stowe beat Foster.

Semi-Finals—Moss	beat	Mather.
" —Doy	"	Stowe.
Finals—Doy	"	Moss.

Feather Weights.

Clarke	beat	Whitechurch.
Marshall	"	M. Smith.
Clarke	"	Bradshaw.
Finals—Clarke	"	Marshall.

Ten-Round Contest.

Gunner Seaman (23rd Battery R. F. A.) beat Dr. Freeman (23rd Battery R. .F A.)

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

THE Calcutta Swimming Club inaugurated their racing season last Friday with a two lengths Novice's handicap. Only five competitors faced the starter and the results were as follows.—

		Start.	Nett time.
1	A R B Siddons ...	... 14 secs	55½
2	C G F Allan ...	... 7 "	51
3	J Keith-Sim ...	... 5 "	53
4	K M Kennedy ...	... 2 "	50½
5	J E Murphy ...	... scratch	not taken.

The next event will be a two lengths club handicap on Friday 8th current.

The Naturalist.

STRAY NOTES.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing in *Nature Notes*, asks the following question :—" Is there a breed of cats which possess six toes (*i.e.*, five toes and a kind of thumb), each armed with strong claws? In the village of Hathersage (Peak District, Derbyshire), a woman has two large cats, half-sisters, one a tortoiseshell, the other light tan, with feet as described. I have never before seen such, and suppose they must belong to a particular breed. I am told that wild cats and other small wild animals nearly extinct in England are still to be found in the woods which clothe the moors in sheltered depressions." We should say the cats referred to are mere freaks, the result of sexual selection. We do not think any real wild cats exist in England now, but it is said that there are still a few in the wildest parts of Scotland. The so-called wild cats are merely the progeny of domestic cats which have taken to the woods and wastes.

Under the heading "windbags as danger signals and life buoys" Mr. Pycroft in *Knowledge* gives an interesting descriprion of those curious fishes, sometimes caught in the Karachi harbour, which blow themselves out into a ball. He says:—"The expedient of baffling their would-be devourers by inflating the body with air is a device practised by the globe-fishes of the tropical Atlantic and Indian Oceans. These extraordinary creatures, when hard pressed by some hungry shark, and not too far from the surface

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rush up, and thrusting the mouth beyond the water, draw sufficient air into the gullet to inflate the body to such an extent that the fish-like form is exchanged instanter for that of the globe, from which they take their name. This done, they perforce "turn turtle" and float at the surface with the inflated belly well above the water. By this means, like the flotsam of the sea, they are blown along for great distances, the projecting portion of the body catching every breeze that blows, and thus eventually they reach a place of safety. Not always, however, do they escape the fate they flee from, for it occasionally happens that some more than usually greedy shark swallows them, as the sturgeon did Hiawatha. No friendly sea-gulls, however, are at hand to effect a rescue, so the globe-fish, left to his own resources, promptly gnaws a hole through the walls of his prison, and, escaping, leaves his misguided enemy a mere lump of carrion. It seems that when too far from the surface to gain the much desired light cargo of air, the globe-fish effects the necessry distension of the body by taking in great gulps of water. Probably only certain forms of globe-fish can be thus swallowed, for it should be mentioned that the skin of some species is armed with enormous bony spines, so numerous as to form a complete investment for the body.

An interesting theory regarding the singing of birds has been recently advanced, and appears to be well founded. It is said that young birds, hearing the sound of their parents' song while in the nest, retain the memory of the notes, and, when the spring arrives, they endeavour to, and by practice succeed in, reproducing the song. Daines Barrington states that, if a bird is not to have any of the notes of its species, it must be taken from the nest when it is only a day or two old. He tells of a goldfinch thus taken and reared in Radnorshire, which had not a single goldfinch note, but which had picked up the whole *repertoire* of a wren that frequented the garden where the cage was hung. Daines Barrington himself educated a young robin under a very fine nightingale. The nightingale, however, went out of song when the robin had been learning less than a fortnight, and the latter's song became three-fourths nightingale and one-fourth that of no particular species.

The question whether carrion birds discover their food by means of scent or sight is discussed in the *Yorkshire Weekly Post* and a correspondent remarks: "I recollect having read of some experiments Darwin made with the South American eagle, to try and find out if this bird located its carrion food by the sense of smell or of sight. He came to the conclusion that it was solely by means of the latter, and describes how an eagle had failed to discover bad meat which was wrapped in paper and placed quite near it. Well, a short time ago a cow managed to enter the small outflow tunnel from our turbine, and there it died. We were very much troubled with the fearful stench, and, after examining the drains, discovered the dead cow, which with no little difficulty was removed and buried. I noticed that whilst the bad smell existed the "urubus," or carrion crows, were continually hovering about the place, instead of stolidly sitting in rows on the trees near the slaughtering place, as is their custom. Now, they must have been attracted solely by the smell as the carrion was completely out of sight, some distance up the tunnel, the very mouth of which is covered with bushes. I should like to know if any other carrion-eating birds are guided by their sense of smell.' We believe it has been pretty conclusively proved that vultures, eagles, condors, and most soaring birds of prey discover their food by means of sight, and close observation of animals gifted with a keen scent, which they from a lofty height observe smelling out dead animals. We are inclined to believe that ravens, crows, magpies, jays, and such birds have considerable smelling powers.

THE ANIMAL'S FEAR OF DEATH.

In a recent number of that very interesting journal *The Field Naturalists' Quarterly* Mr. W. J. Long asks the interesting question, "How do the Animals Die?" and answers it out of a wide experience of the lives and habits of birds and beasts. "Quietly, peacefully, nine-tenths of them," he replies, and he gives instances of the deaths of animals which he has himself witnessed. His is a view which most of us would like to accept, and the case he makes out is certainly strong. He has seen an eagle die in the solitudes of American mountains. He heard the scream of the great bald eagle—Cleplahgan as the Indians call him—one day as he sat in his shelter of boughs and bark, and ran out to see what Cleplahgan was doing. The great eagle was wheeling in small erratic circles over the mountain-top; presently the circles narrowed, the eagle twisted round, and came rushing down aslant with stiff, outspread wings. His eyes were half closed, and his head was drooping, but he managed to veer away from a tall bare tree that blocked his path, vanishing silently into the great woods below. Mr. Long followed, and found him lying dead. To have seen such a sight as that is certainly an experience which can have come to few field naturalists. Perhaps Mr. Long's second instance is representative of a commoner experience. Near a little spring running behind Mr. Long's tent in the woods Mr. Long one day saw a woodwarbler. He had noticed it before, flitting silently about the underwood; but it had become gentler and more fearless. It allowed him to take it in his hand and dozed contentedly on his finger, only opening its eys wide when he brought it water. The next next day Mr. Long found [redacted] dead, hanging head downward from a root. "These two," Mr. Long writes, "are but types of the death that goes on in the woods continually"; and we do not know that there is much to be said against this view, to which we believe most field naturalists would assent. The writer remembers the case of a family of robins which managed to establish themselves in the affections of the tenant of a cottage in Buckinghamshire. Grandfather, father, and son have all held the same position in the establishment; they have assumed it to be their right in the winter to fly to the dining room window and ask for bread, and when, in the summer, tea has been brought out of doors, to sit in convenient places on the rim of a milk jug or the edge of a plate of bread and butter, and to take what they please from the table. Both grandfather and father are now dead, and the son alone remains, to become a father, it is hoped, this year. But the death of both these robins must surely have been painless. Both were alive and apparently happy one day, if rather dilapidated in looks and seemingly a little blind; both were found dead the next morning. Had they not probably died in their sleep? Mr. Long makes the comment on the two deaths of animals which he mentions, that the only exception to the rule of the death that goes on continually in the woodlands is this: that "they were seen by too inquisitive eyes. The vast majority steal away into the solitudes they love and lay them down unseen, where the leaves shall presently cover them from the sight of friends and enemies alike." We see few wild animals die, but from what we can gather the animal's death is a very quiet thing, more like sleep than the "passing" which is dreaded by mankind.

Does the wild animal fear death? It would look as if in some cases it must. The fox, for instance, hunted for fifteen miles across country; or the deer, sprung suddenly upon by the panther; or the partridge, cowering at the swoop of the hawk. But Mr. Long answers, is such a death painful, and do wild animals fear it? He instances the parallel case of human beings who have been mauled by beasts of prey. Livingstone, for instance, "who lay under the paw of a lion, with his shoulder crushed and his arm gashed with seams that he carried to his grave, felt no pain and did not even know that he had been hurt." The spring of a savage animal, it was Mr. Livingstone's experience, brings with it a merciful numbness which kills pain; the instinct of the attacked man is simply to lie still. The pain comes afterwards, no doubt, if he survives, but if the man is killed it is doubtful if he feels it. Similariy with soldiers on the field of battle. Men have been known to be mortally wounded and yet not to fall, or even to know that they were wounded until the rush of the charge was over. If it is true of man that he does not feel pain, that he is numbed into apathy under such conditions, must it not be even truer of animals, who have not man's power of imagination?

But if animals die painlessly in these violent moments, still must they not fear death when it comes to them slowly, as, for instance, in the case of animals which die of cold or hunger? Mr. Long thinks not. Birds which are frozen to death die in a sleep which the cold brings over them. As to hunger, "long before pain comes, a dozy lassitude blunts the edges of all feeling"—which is the experience of men who have gone days without food. We believe it to be true, as Mr. Long holds, that we have "curious, foolish conceptions of animal death as a tragic, violent thing." We measure animals' feelings by our own; yet there is no justification for the idea that animals think about death beforehand, which alone might be supposed to suggest a fear of death. Rather death comes to animals heralded merely by a feeling of discomfort. They realise that their desires have suddenly changed, and their instinct is to get away from those who feel differently from them. Death comes to them, perhaps, with a mild feeling of wonder; they do not understand why they no longer wish to eat and drink with their fellows. But when they lie down to die it is not with fear: it is with a desire, which cannot bring unhappiness, for sleep.

The Story Teller.

NATIVE SUPERSTITIONS.

I.

NO nation in the world, not even the highest in the scale of civilization, can escape the charge of being superstitious, how then can we blame the poor ignorant native of Bengal when we ourselves are not free from the same fault?

It is in some measure due to our unsympathetic attitude towards their little beliefs and prejudices that the average European is so unpopular. As often as not it costs us nothing to fall in with these little odd ways, but of course at times they do clash with duty, when they must go to the wall. *par example*, the other day I had to fix the hearing of a revenue case, the opposite party was the local Raja, whose manager after objecting to every available day proposed by me, on the score of pressure of business, finally objected to it being put down on a Thursday, as it was an unlucky day, and I hear that should the matter be decided against his master's interests he will make it a ground of appeal, and this is one of the leading spirits of the district! An ex-editor of a native paper, a Congress-wallah and a so-called progressive.

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We have all heard of the sea-serpent, but very few know his winter address, and would be surprised to hear it is in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

There is a hill, a few miles above Poang's Hat, on the right bank of the Sungoo, down whose sides can be seen miles off a gigantic zig-zag scar or track. Local tradition has it, that it is caused by a monster snake. "In bulk as huge, as whom the fables name of monstrous size."

It lies dormant all the winter months in a cavern at the summit of this hill, whence issuing once a year as the weather grows warm, it closes the cavern's mouth with a huge rock no creature but it can move, and making a bee line for the coast plunges into the sea, there to disport itself, and swallow whales and such like small fry, till the shortening days warn it that it is time for its annual snooze, when it retires again to its cavern, and entering carefully, blocks up the door with the aforementioned rock. How's this for high? Between this hill and the nearest sea there are in two or three places, curious nullahs, in the flat ground, and gashes through the intermediate hills which are pointed out as caused by this same monster. All this may seem very absurd to us, but it is not a whit more so than the so-called Devil's dykes and causeways to be found scattered all over England.

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There is another hill of interest in the Tracts of which I may perhaps write more another day, known to the Mughs as Bauda, but to the Mros, as Kamong, Klyong, Mrodáng. A rather small hill like a truncated cone, not far from the abandoned station of Ruma. It is said that when the supreme Government of the land goes to war, sounds as of artillery, big guns, and small, and even volleys of musketry are heard from it. I myself can vouch for the sounds about Majuba Hill time as can many others. No one can ascend it: something it is said always happens to prevent it. Whether this is so or not I cannot say, but this I know, H. of the Police and I vowed a vow to get to the top of that hill. Time after time we planned expeditions to it, but they were always prevented some how; important orders; or sickness overtook us, or news of a party of Lushais loafing about. Once we even got within a few hours' march of the hill, and fever struck us both down and we had to be carried back. We both left the district soon after, but H. declared he would not be beaten, and took leave to return and go up that hill.

Well, he got his leave, but on the eve of it became so ill he had to go to Ceylon, where he died. Curious how all this supports native superstition. "Oh just a coincidence" perhaps some of my readers may remark. Just so, and I leave it at that.

Many generations ago three Mughs started to go up the hill, but two returned and they were dumb and white-headed. Though the jumeeah will roam the jungles at its base, they would sooner face a dozen tigers than ascend it.

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Talking of tigers, he is naturally enough the centre of numerous superstitions, though not so many as one might expect. The Lushais beyond regarding him as the Creator's watch-dog, and as such not to be interfered with, have not many ideas about him. But the other tribes of the Hill Tracts have many and various. In common with the natives of several other districts of Bengal, many of them do not care to use its name. Often have I been told that a seeal or a geedhur, or a janwar had made a kill, but after sundown they will not even say so much. The tiger or leopard is always referred to as "it." The same caution is exhibited amongst some tribes in naming a snake, they will call it "lut" or cane, or even a string, or a rope. I was once

very nearly bitten by a *Bungarus faciatus*, not understanding their idioms. I had shot a bird which had fallen into a bush, the man with me went to get it, but came back without it, saying, "Lut (*i.e.* climbing plants, such as canes, wild creepers, and so on) hai saheb." Thinking he was too indifferent and fearing the bird which was only wounded might get away, I was about to push into the bush, when the man stopped me only just in time, for there coiled up partly on the bush and partly on the ground was a *Bungarus faciatus*.

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I remember once losing a grand chance at a Rhino, because I unwittingly did an unlucky thing. *Khubber* had been brought in to the village I happened to be putting up at of one in a stream about five miles off, and away I started with two or three villagers.

It was quite a new country to me and I was entirely dependent on them for guidance. We came upon his fresh tracks and all was going well, when we happened to come to a stream, on the dry bed of which I was the first to notice an unusually large pug mark of a tiger, waiting for the others to come close I pointed to the mark with the muzzle of my rifle, remarking casually, "Pretty biggish bagh that."

"Oh, Sir, what have you done," exclaimed the villager, "we cannot go on now."

"Why, what on earth is the matter," said I. "Huzoor, to touch the foot prints of a tiger with a weapon is to challenge it to a fight, in which one man will be surely killed. We will go back. It is a bad omen."

Nothing I could do or say would induce them to remain, much less to go. And as I was alone, that is without any tracker or orderly, I had perforce to return, for it is an easy matter to get lost in that virgin jungle.

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Most of us know the various magical properties attributed to the different parts of a tiger. His liver eaten conduces to bravery, his whiskers in an amulet secures one against the evil eye, while another part if properly cooked and eaten cures impotency and so on. But what I fancy very few have heard is, that the little rudimentary collar bones secure to the happy possessor the unalienable affection and absolute fidelity of his wife, such is the Mro belief. I once thought of starting a limited company for the sale of them, there is considerable money in the idea no doubt, for millionaire prices could be charged, but I lacked the pluck to face the armies of disappointed hubbies should the magic fail to work, and, moreover, I doubt if all the tigers in Bengal would meet the demand of even a couple of hill stations, or plains ones either for the matter of that, besides it does not do to thwart the little affectionate impulses of a "burra mem" even though they happen to stray out of bounds.

To dream of a tiger is, according to Qunemi, Mugh, and Banjogi ideas a certain sign of very hot dry weather, while in Mro belief the dreamer will have a numerous offspring.

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In many of the aboriginal tribes of the jungles of Bengal and Assam, there is a belief that once an animal has been mauled by a tiger or leopard it is sure to be killed by it eventually. Personally I cannot affirm that this is an idea to trust to, for I have at times tied up a tiger-mauled animal as a bait, but no janwar ever came to it; at the same time I can bear in mind several instances when the heathen triumphed. One was a very curious one. It happened away back in 1872 on one of the tea gardens of Cachar, not a hundred miles from "Lalang." The Manager's pet heifer was seized by a tiger which was driven off it by the coolies; it was pretty badly mauled; and when its owner undertook to doctor it the Naga coolies laughed; they declared it was no use; the cow would certainly die from tiger bites. At first we did not understand, but at last they spoke out. "Oh yes, the powers of the Saheb-logue were great, no doubt they could cure the animal, but even though quite recovered a tiger would kill it sooner or later." Well, it was cured, and some months after a tiger made a night attack on the garden cattle-pen, but was driven off with shouts and firebrands, the only animal touched was this identical heifer. Of course the coolies remarked on it, but that was nothing to the way they chortled when some weeks later the animal was killed by a tiger. The herdsman declared that the animal was in the middle of the herd as he was driving them home. Stripes bounced bang through the others and seized this one. As there was no one to contradict him he was very safe in saying so.

Closely allied to the last belief is the disinclination some natives have to lend a young buffalo, or cow, or even a goat to be tied up as a kill. I have over and over again tried to get the loan of an animal for a bait, times and again I have fixed the price of a tie up, it has been agreed to, but when I came to suggest that if I returned it safe and sound the deal was off and the owner would repurchase it, to this there was always a flat refusal.

"You see, Huzoor," I was generally told, "even if it has not been hurt, still it has been offerd as a sacrifice to the striped ones, and shall they not eat of their own? It would always be unlucky."

So as a general rule a purchase outright had to be made.

POLITYE.

(To be continued.)

The Garden.

GARDENING FOR MAY.

THROUGHOUT this the most trying month for the flower garden in Bengal nothing much can be recommended beyond the free use of water, between sunset and sunrise, in the open. Where such coarse reeds as eka and null can be had the compound would cost little to cover completly in; in fact converted into a shaded shed like the trellis work under which the betel vine is grown that is when the aspect is exposed to the full blaze of the sun, though in many gardens the shade thrown by the house on the eastern ground will be sufficient to preserve all tropical flowers from scorching. Of course there are many flowering shrubs that will stand and benefit by full exposure to the sun's rays, but all the more delicate will show the benefit of protection, especially such as can be treated in the jardiniere or pot stands. Rose trees require a good deal of attention for the next six weeks, syringing with lime water. (*The Field* recommends that in which fir and pine droppings have been steeped) at least twice a week will free them from both aphides and their milkers, the small red ant, as also mosquito blight. In the hills the beautiful prototypes of an imported European flower will be approaching their prime, but parasites being more plentiful here than in the temperate zones insecticides should be freely resorted to. Very little stimulants, are needed now as which manures we recommend in the spring months should be making themselves felt. Violets, mignonetts, verbenas—we write of hill gardening—should be thinned out to allow the roots full play without which the perfume of the blossoms suffers, lavender also should have at least a clear three inches even if it is grown for home distillation or merely for scenting clothes and linen in almirahs, but as ladies are chiefly confined to the house at this season they may well relieve the monotony in extracting scent from these three sources, as also from any others we have from time to time drawn attention to. Though such common European flowers as snapdragon, wall flower, hollyhock come to perfection in our hill gardens the banks and hedges on the lower hill furnish numberless hybrids of these that may well be brought in and added to the collection. A very common ground orchid usually prolific in pollen is worth propagating for this purpose—the *arundini bambusefolia*. It is as well to mark down for seed collecting many plants on the lower hills, such as the gigantic hyacinths and that beautiful creeper the *globba spatulata* which anywhere above 2,000 feet attains double the dimensions it exhibits in the low country: much the same applies to all convolvuli. The orchids in bloom in the plains will be saccolabium, arides, moschatum, teres, the ground ones the cylogenes, and other bulbous ones, but these must be well attended to in the matter of keeping the axils freely washed.

VEGETABLES—In the plains this month being mostly confined to the native varieties need little reference to, but in the hills the busy time will have commenced and except within the rainbelt the whole of the European kinds can be taken in hand though great vigilance is requisite in regard to the tuberous ones, such as turnips, carrots, etc.; ground grubs hatching out with the returning heats of summer. Country potatoes can be put down in the usual fashion, but the recently introduced kidneys, or as they are generally called—new—will come on best on ridges running north and south, while as soon as the stem appears flooding between the rows will promote growth without inducing rot as watering from the top is likely to do. Peas and beans for the first crop should be sown, while to secure a constant supply rows can be put down weekly. The strawberry beds will benefit by a layer of well pulverised stable manure thinly scattered over them, though where that from the fowl house or dovecot is available it will prove more effective. Where the common hill fruit (strawberries) have been grown and the crop exhausted, after apportioning off sufficient for propagation, the beds can be sown with earth nuts anywhere between 2 and 4,000 feet, but these must receive the full benefit of the sun as the little tuber is essentially a tropical one, though, given sufficient heat, recent experiments shew, it attains perfection about the altitude mentioned. If peaches have been thinned out as we recommended the crop ought to promise well and though too early for grafting or layering the twigs selected for these operations should be now marked down in the event of an early setting in of the rains. Figs need dusting with either sulphur, lime or ashes while where feasible the vines should be covered in with wire or twine netting from birds, or that destructive nuisance up-country the flying fox: a good thick dressing of wood ashes, round the stems will prevent ants climbing up, though where crude petroleum is to be had that will be found more effective but must be discontinued when the fruit begins to ripen. Figs seldom need thinning out, but occasionally double fruit will appear when one should be sacrificed. This removal of superabundant fruit is nowhere more required than in the case of the papya, but the *mali* cannot be made to understand it. The general treatment of fruit trees must depend on the rains setting in.

HORTICUS.

Chess.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. XVII.

White.	Black.
1. K to Kt 4	1. B to B 8
2. B to Kt 5	2. B takes B
3. R takes R	3. Kt takes R
4. K takes B	4. Anything
5. Kt mates	

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2. Kt—K B 3	2. Kt—Q B 3
3. B—B 4	3. P—K R 3
4. Kt—Q B 3	4. Kt—K B 3
5. P—Q 4	5. P×P
6. Kt×P	6. Kt—K 4
7. B—Kt 3	7. B—Kt 5
8. P—B 4	8. Kt—B 3
9. P—K 5	9. Kt—K 5
10. Castles	10. Q Kt×Kt
11. Q×Kt	11. B—B 4
12. Kt×Kt	12. B×Q ch
13. K—B sq	13. Q—R 5
14. B—Q 5	14. P—Q 3
15. P×P	15. P—B 3
16. B—Kt 3	16. P—K B 4
17. Kt—Kt 3	17. B—B 3
18. R—K sq ch	18. K—B sq
19. B—Q 2	19 B—Q 2
20. P—B 4	20. B—Q sq
21. P—B 5	21. P—Q Kt 3
22 B—B 3	22. P×P
23. R—K 6	23. Q×P
24. B×P ch	24. K×B
25. Kt—R 5 ch	25. K—B sq
26. Kt×Q	26. B×R
27. Kt×B ch	27. K—K sq
28. Kt×P	28. B—Kt 3
29. R—K sq ch	29. K—B sq
30. Kt—K 6 ch	30. K—Kt sq
31. Kt—B 7 ch	31. K—R 2
32. R—K 7 ch	32. K—Kt 3
33. Kt×R	33. R×Kt
34. P—Q 7	34. R—Q sq
35. B—K 6 ch	35. K—Kt 4
36. R×K 7	36. K—B 3
37. R—B 7 ch	37. K—K 4
38. P—K R 3	38. P—K R 4
39. R—B 7	39. P—R 5
40. B—B 2	40. K—B 3
41. B—Kt 3	41. K—Kt 3
42. R—B 7	42. B—Q 5
43. P—Kt 4	43. P×P
44. R—B 4	44. R×P
45. R×P ch	45. K—B 3
46. R×P	46. B—K 6
47. R—K 4	47. R—K 2
48. R×R	48. K×R
49. B—R 4	49. P—B 4
50. B—Kt 5	50. K—B 3
51. K—Kt 2	51. K—Kt 4
52. B—B 4	52. K.—R 5
53. P—Kt 3	53. B—Q 5
54. B—K 6	54 K—Kt 4
55. K—B 3	55. B—Kt 8
56. K—K 4	56. B—B 7
57. K—Q 5	57. K—B 5
58. K—B 6	58. K—K 4
59. B—B 4	59. K—Q 5
60. K—Kt 5	60. K—B 6
61. K—R 6	61. K—Kt 5
62. K×P	62. K—R 6
63. K—R 6	63. K×P
64. P—Kt 4 ch	64. K—Kt 7
65. P—Kt 5	65. K—B 6
66. B—K 6	66. K—Q 5
67. P—Kt 6	67. B—Kt 6
68. K—Kt 5	68. K—K 4
69. B—Kt 4	69. K—B 3
70. K×P	70. K—Kt 4
71. K—B 6	71. K—R 5
72. K—Q 7	72. B—K 4
73. K—K 8	73. B—Kt 6
74. P—Kt 7	74. B—Kt sq
75. K—Q 7	75. B—Kt 6
76. B—B 5	76. B—B 5
77. K—B 8	77. B—Kt 6
78. P—Kt 8, Queens	78. B×P
79. K×B	79.

On his 79th move the Black King can go towards King Rook square, forcing a draw because he cannot be mated in that position. This game is chiefly noticeable for the ingenuity with which White, after losing his Queen, succeeded in equalizing.

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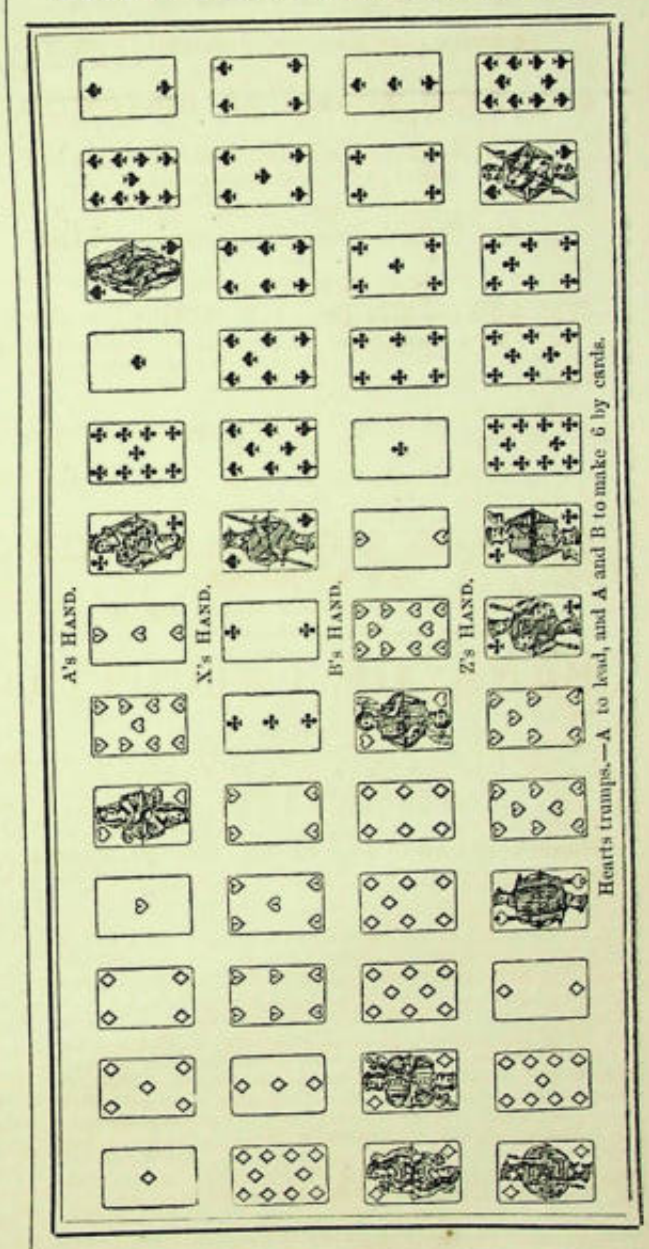
WHIST.

DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM NO. IX.



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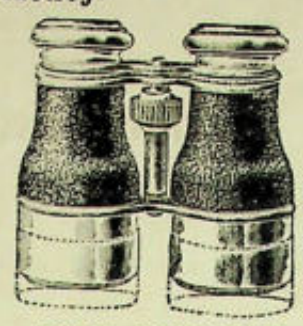

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OPPORTUNITIES AND PROFICIENCY.

THE news that a Swiss team of riflemen have accepted the invitation of the National Rifle Association to take part in the Bisley programme next July has more interest than would attach to the acceptance of a similar invitation by any other European team. It is generally acknowledged that the Swiss are the finest marksmen in Europe—which means in the world—and their methods and achievements are invaluable texts in the mouths of those who are content to study the uppermost surface of affairs. For years past certain writers have held up the Swiss peasant as the shining example for the Briton to follow; cheerfully oblivious of the vast differences which exist between the circumstances and surroundings of each. The amusements of a people are in a large measure determined by its opportunities. The assertion bears so striking a resemblance to a truism that we feel an apology is due for it, but the most obvious of facts are not infrequently overlooked; and the conditions under which the Alpine Swiss peasantry live help to explain why they excel as rifle shots. Given residence in a most thinly populated region where it takes half-a-day or more to assemble a dozen neighbours for any purpose whatever, and the ordinary amusements of the people, if they have any, will be found such as are suitable for two or three to share and which one can practice alone. And when we consider the features of the Alpine region, a world of clearest atmosphere and long distances, where a patch of flat ground as big as a croquet lawn is a rarity, target shooting suggests itself as about the only form of amusement open to a rational people who are subject to military service and are encouraged to perfect themselves in the use of their weapons.

Did the Swiss peasant's conditions of life lend themselves to large gatherings at short notice, as in an English village where the sight of a man setting the stumps brings out the young male population to pick sides for an evening game of cricket, it is reasonable to suppose that Switzerland would be the home of games and such forms of athletics as commend themselves to a hardy and active race. It happens that the nature of a great part of the country does not lend itself to the maintenance of villages, that the dwellers in the mountains lead lives of comparative isolation and by result the men make their own a form of amusement which need not depend on numbers. We find much the same condition of things in those parts of Norway which are thinly populated. Target shooting is the orthodox Sunday amusement of the men, varied by dancing. Other occupations are regarded as secular and therefore unsuitable for the day of rest. We do not know that the Norwegians have any very remarkable reputation as rifle shots; Norway is a poor country and has nothing to fear from enemies within or without, hence military service, which to the large majority means militia training of the mildest, does not press hardly upon the people, and no particular encouragement is given to rifle practice. Norway for this reason affords a better illustration of our argument than does Switzerland; the people are left more to their own devices, and they make what they can of their opportunities. A vast proportion of the country resolves itself into an endless series of natural rifle ranges in the long and deep valleys which are barren of cultivation and afford no pastur-

age for cattle. A stimulating factor in Norwegian rifle practice may be discovered in the quantity of game in the country; perhaps it were more accurate to say "quantity of animals," for the Norwegian farmer does not, as a rule, shoot for pleasure, and practically any beast, whether a flesh-eater or consumer of grass, is to be reckoned as a foe.

Looking elsewhere in European countries for rifle shooting as a national amusement, we find it in the Austrian Tyrol, where target practice is perhaps more elaborately organised as a pastime than is the case in any other country, save perhaps Switzerland. Here again we have the conditions of life which appear to us to explain the popularity of the amusement in mountainous and thinly populated countries. The same is to be observed in the more sterile provinces of the German Empire. It is the custom of the writers who hold up the Swiss and Tyrolese peasantry as noble examples of patriotic fervour to attribute their assiduous practice on the ranges to an inflexible sense of duty towards their country and a constant sense of their responsibility as units in her defence. We venture to assert that the affection for the rifle displayed by these estimable people has in it no more patriotic feeling than has the young Britishers' affection for cricket or football. If there be one country in Europe which, without fear of consequences, might disband its forces and turn its barracks into hotels for the remunerative accommodation of foreign tourists, that country is Switzerland. As an armed State it is insignificant, though we acknowledge with gratitude and respect the value of the lessons our own gunners like those of others nations have learned from Swiss artillerymen in handling mountain guns; their skill in this matter is proverbial. But Switzerland, by virtue of its cosmopolitan character as the play-ground of Europe, and for other reasons, political as well as physical, is the last country in Europe that need concern itself with military efficiency; but if it seem good to the Republic to exercise her children in arms she is no loser by it. Norway stands on the same footing as Switzerland in this respect; her disagreements with her yoke-fellow Sweden are not likely ever to become so acute as to lead to an appeal to arms, and the geographical situation of Scandinavia lends her a blessed immunity from complications with other States.

If we need proof that rifle shooting is what we represent it to be, an amusement which takes a foremost place in the pastimes of people because the circumstances of their lives offer peculiar facilities for that, and very great drawbacks to any other, and owes nothing to patriotic instincts whose lack is a reproach to ourselves, we may profitably glance at the usages of countries where patriotism runs at the highest. Nowhere is it more conspicuous than in France; but if rifle shooting is a popular amusement in France, we must confess that we have never heard of it.

The French have, or believe they have, the best possible reasons for maintaining military efficiency at the highest possible pitch: the annual expenditure on her army is enormous: the suspicion with which she regards her next door neighbour is sleepless; but we do not find that assiduous rifle practice by the peasantry is an outcome of these facts. One reason may be that the French peasant associating rifle practice with the cordially hated term of compulsory service, abjures all things savouring of militarism with scrupulous care after he returns to his farm. Another and more tangible reason is that France is about the most highly and generally cultivated country in the world and that space for rifle ranges is more difficult to find even than in England. The vivacious Frenchman, moreover, finds his pleasure in more sociable amusements which a denser population and more accessible neighbours enable him to indulge. The same holds good of Belgium, a country which carries far more inhabitants to the square mile than any in Europe and where there is no lack of patriotic feeling: we are not aware of any noteworthy love of target practice in King Leopold's dominions.

Desirable as is widespread proficiency with the rifle, we fail to see how real expertness is ever to be attained by the mass of English peasantry, for the obvious reason that ranges in convenient proximity to villages are practically impossible to come at. There is nothing whatever in rifle shooting that makes it obnoxious to any but the constitutionally indolent man who has reached his acme of bliss when he lies on his back with his hat over his eyes. On the contrary target practice should commend itself to men who have been engaged in physical labour for ten hours per day: to stand, kneel or lie at the butts is an occupation which does not severely tax muscles craving relaxation, and we are quite sure rifle practice would find few objectors on this score. What stands in our way as a nation is nothing more nor less than the lack of opportunity due to density of population and absence of waste or mountain lands suitable for safe ranges. We may bear in mind that in the middle ages our forefathers who achieved fame for their skill with the long bow owed, it cannot be doubted, a vast deal of that skill to the regular Sunday archery meeting, which was for so long an institution of English village life. Did the rifle require a range no longer than the bow, a race of riflemen would have succeeded the old race of bowmen.

Special Telegrams.

THE GREAT JUBILEE HANDICAP.

The Seventeenth Year of the Kempton Park Great "Jubilee" Handicap of 3000sovs. (2,800sovs. in specie and 200sovs. in plate or specie, at the option of the winner), by subscription of 5sovs. each if struck out, if left in a further subscription of 20 sovs., and an additional subscription of 20sovs. for starters; second to receive 200sovs. and the third 100sovs.; winners (selling races excepted) after 2nd April, at noon, 3lbs., of any race value 400sovs. 5lbs., twice of 400sovs. or once of 1000sovs. 10lbs. extra. New Jubilee Course (one mile and a quarter). (63subs., 25 of whom declared).—Closed 6th January.

LONDON, *Saturday, 9th May 1903.*

Mr A P Cunliffe's b c YPSILANTI, by Galore—Stefanette, 5yrs, 8st 6lbs, Dillon... 1
Mr George Faber's b c DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, by Orme—Gantlet, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs, Hardy 2
Mr E De Blaskovit's b c HAZAFI, by Orwell—Ollyan Ninesby, by Buccaneer (bred in Hungary), 4yrs, 7st 9lbs, Lane ... 3
Mr H J Higham's b c ROYAL GEORGE, (h b) by Royal Sovereign—Queen Ann, 5yrs, 8st 6lbs 0
Mr Ephrussi's ch c ALENCON, by Chairon—Artemis, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs 0
Mr M Caillant's b f REINE DES FLEURS, by Bruce—Delusion, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs ... 0
Mr T Simpson Jay's ch c FLORIFORM, by Florizell II—Maid of Athol, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs 0
Mr Richard Croker ch c RODRIGUE II, by Lutin—Rose of York, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs ... 0
Sir E Cassel's br c HANDICAPPER, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs, 7st 11lbs... 0
Mr J Lewis's br c VALIANT, by Ladas—Surprise-me-Not, 4yrs, 8st 11lb ... 0
Sir E Vincent's b c PISTOL, by Carbine—Wenona, 4yrs, 8st 11lb 0
Lord Carnavon's br c ROBERT LE DIABLE, by Ayrshire—Ross Bay, 4yrs, 8st ... 0
Mr T Corns's ch c RIGHTFUL, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs ... 0
Mr T R Keene's b c KEARSAGE, by Kingston—Flying Squadron, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs ... 0
Mr S Darling's ch c FERMOYLE, by Florizel II—Deception, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ... 0
Mr W M G Singer's b c BELIVOR TOR, by Wolf's Crag—Belle Haine, 4yrs, 7st 11lb 0
Mr L Brassey's br f BLACK FANCY, by Ladas—Black Duchess, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs ... 0
Mr Arthur James's b c MABON, by St Serf—Eisteddfod, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs ... 0
Mr G A Prentice's br c PEKIN, by St Simon—Lady Yardley, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs ... 0

(Winner trained J. Fallon at Netheravon, Wilts.)

BETTING: 7 to 2 against Ypsilanti.

Won by a length and a half; six lengths between second and third.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

Year.	Winner.	ys.	st.	lb.	Jockey.
1887	Mr H T Barclay's Bendigo	a	9	7	J Watts (18)
1888	,, Vyner's Minting	5	10	0	F Webb (19)
1889	Gen Byrne's Amphion ...	3	7	1	Bradbury (16)
1890	Sir T Mackenzie's The Imp	3	6	1	R Chaloner (17)
1891	Col North's Nunthorpe ...	5	9	0	M Cannon (19)
1892	Mr A Kilsyth's Euclid ...	3	7	4	G Brown (21)
1893	,, Houldsworth's Orvieto	5	9	5	M Cannon (11)
1894	Sir Wm Throckmorton's Avington	4	8	1	Calder (20)
1895	Mr T Worton's Victor Wild	5	8	4	W Bradford (18)
1896	,, T Worton's Victor Wild	6	9	7	W Bradford (15)
1897	,, A F Calvert's Cwyd ...	6	7	5	N Robinson (14)
1898	,, R Walker's Diana Forget	6	7	7	N Robinson (16)
1899	Lord W Beresford's Knight of the Thistle ...	6	8	4	J T Sloan (17)
1900	Mr L Neuman's Sirenia ...	5	8	6	F Rickaby (20)
1901	,, G Edwardes's Santoi ...	4	8	9	F Rickaby (22)
1902	,, Higham's Royal George	4	6	9	F W Hardy (17)

THE NEWMARKET STAKES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE NEWMARKET STAKES—Of 30sovs. each h. ft., with 2,000sovs. added, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs; the second to receive 10 per cent. and the third 5 per cent. upon the whole stake, and the nominator of the winner to receive 300sovs., the nominator of the second 200sovs., and the nominator of the third 100sovs., out of the stakes; A.F. 179 subs., 47 of whom declare ft. Closed 4th December 1900.

LONDON, *Wednesday, 13th May 1903.*

Sir D Cooper's b c FLOTSAM, by St Frusquin—Float, Maher 1
Mr Arthur James's b c RABELAIS, by St Simon—Satirical, K Cannon ... 2
Lord Derby's b c GAY GORDON, by St Frusquin—Broad Corrie, Aylin ... 3
Mr Dogulas Baird's b c MARTINET, by Martagan—Silence 0
Mr J Best's ch c COUNTERMARK, by Worcester—Assay 0
Mr J E Platts' ch c SIZERGH, by Kendall—Primrose 0
Sir J Blundell Maple's br c MERRY SAINT, by St Serf—Mereden 0
Lord Farquhar's b c ST EVREMONDE, by St Frusquin—Ejector 0

(Winner trained by G Blackwell, at Beverley House, Newmarket.)

BETTING: 6 to 5 on Flotsam.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1889	Donovan (17)	1897	Galtee More (6)
1890	Memoir (12)	1898	Cyllene (11)
1891	Mimi (12)	1899	Dominie II (9)
1892	Curio (11)	1900	Diamond Jubilee (6)
1893	Isinglass (7)	1901	William the Third (7)
1894	Ladas (5)	1902	†Fowling Piece (10)
1895	The Owl (7)	†Ard Patrick came in first but was disqualified.	
1896	Galeazzo (15)		

OURSELVES.

SOME MORE PRESS OPINIONS.

Last week, on the occasion of the anniversary of our birthday, we had the pleasure to reproduce some of the kind and flattering things said of use by our contemporaries: we have since received a great number of private letters on the subject and from brother journalists further congratulations which we are proud to reproduce below.—

About this time last year we hailed, with pleasure, the advent of a new Indian sporting paper, the *Indian Field*, which we stated at the time would be gladly welcomed by the large army of sportsmen to be found all over the Indian Empire. Judging from the ubiquity of the paper—for it is now to be found in every Club, Mess, Library, and Hotel in this country—it is evident that the welcome accorded to the *Indian Field* has really been more hearty, even, than our friendly good wishes dared allow us to hope for; as most of our readers no doubt know, by this time, it is the most complete sporting weekly now extant in the East. It was one year old on Friday last, the 1st May, and we are sure our readers will join us in wishing many, many happy returns of the day to the *Indian Field* and continued good luck to the real sportsman who runs it.—*The Lake Zephyr.*

The *Indian Field* celebrated its first anniversary on the 1st instant. Mr. W. S. Burke is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended his plucky venture, and we wish our contemporary all success in the future.—*Madras Mail.*

The *Indian Field*.—The 1st of May was the first anniversary of this journal, which has soon forged its way ahead, and become the leading sporting journal of India. Its popular editor, Mr. W. S. Burke, has received the best congratulations possible on his enterprise and its success. His journal is now known and recognised as a sporting authority of the most reliable kind all over the Peninsula. We heartily congratulate Mr. Burke on the first anniversary of the *Indian Field*.—*Deccan Herald.*

Mr. W. S. Burke's welcome sporting weekly, the *Indian Field*, has just celebrated its first anniversary. We offer our congratulations and wish its plucky Editor more power to his elbow—*Ceylon Independent.*

Sporting Notes.

IN connection with the race for the Wellington Cup, run for on the second day of the recent Wellington Meeting, it will be remembered that an objection was lodged against the winner, Capt. Swan's Viking, on the ground that the starting declaration was made too late for the horse to be allowed to run. The matter was referred to the Stewards of the C. T. C. who have declared Viking to be the winner.

The dates secured for the Dibrugarh races are the 2nd, 4th and 6th February 1904. We shall publish the prospectus later on. Meanwhile we are in a position to say that the executive, following out the progressive policy which has marked racing in these parts of recent years, have decided to cater for the general public as well as for sportsmen of the district. There will be two 13-3 races each day which should induce sportsmen from Bengal and elsewhere to go up, and there will also be 12-3 races to suit Cachar and Sylhet racing men. In other respects every effort will be made to offer attractive programmes for each day.

Lieutenant W. Hamar Bass, of the 10th Hussars, the owner of Sceptre, left for England by last mail.

Entries for Simla Summer Races promise good sport. The bookmakers, considering the charges too high, have decided not to attend the meeting, we believe; but the totalisator will be on hand as usual.

The prospectus of the Bangalore Polo Tournament, just issued, fixes alternate dates with the big race meeting in August. The trophy is the Challenge Cup presented by the Maharajah of Mysore last year, which was won by a team of the Hyderabad Imperial Service Lancers. Entries close on 15th July.

Large entries and a big attendance were the features of the very successful Gymkhana held at Simla on the 9th instant. There were five events and proceedings opened with a race for all Arabs and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under, that have never won a race value Rs. 10 or under, catch-weights over 11-0, distance 600 yards. Mr. Ogilvy's Corn Cobs was first with Captain Wigram's Wain Fleet close behind. The Wand Race for gentlemen was the next item—first past the post touching least number of wands to win. Twelve competed, Colonel Kennard winning. The Affinity Stakes, in which ladies were to tilt and gentlemen to tent peg with a sword, produced seventeen couples and was won by Colonel Kennard and Mrs. Buck. The fourth event was for ladies. To pick five polo balls off posts one by one and place them separately in one bucket. No dismounting or picking up balls from the ground allowed. Most balls in the bucket to win. Miss Colvin was first out of a field of twelve, beating Miss Yielding and Mrs. Buck in the final. There were no less than twenty-two couples for the Board School Stakes which closed the programme. Gentlemen gallop to ladies with letters in an envelope from which they form a word. Lady writes word down on slip of paper, encloses it in envelope and gives it to gentleman who gallops back to winning post. First past post with correct word wins. The slip to be signed by both parties. Lord Suffolk and Mrs. Morgan were first, Colonel Morgan and Miss Jackson second.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—There is not much to add to my telegraphic comments on the first entries for the Mysore races, or the prospects for that meeting. Some well-known horses and ponies are to be seen on the race-course daily, but on the whole the class of the animals which will run at Mysore cannot be said to be very high, and unless the second and final entries alter the card considerably, winners should not be difficult to find. Colonel Desaraj Urs' horses are sure to be dangerous, and old Leonidas looks and moves so well that he will even now be worth watching.

Many were the encomiums I heard passed the other morning on a new one of this popular and sporting owner, and I may say a few more words about him when I have made enquiries. Little Minimus also looks well and fit and should be there or thereabouts in his events, but it is yet somewhat early days to prophesy.

The entries for the next Bangalore Polo Tournament, which will be held early in August next, close on the 15th July, the conditions being much the same as have obtained in former years. The tournament is open to teams from any regiment, Battery, Corps or Gymkhana in India; R. A., R. E. or Native Infantry Regiments in one station being allowed to combine to form a team with the proviso that such team shall not contain more than two players who have played in a winning team in any first-class tournament. The tournament will be held under the rules of the Indian Polo Association, and the present holders of the Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, are the Imperial Service Lancers, Hyderabad.

Master Willie in covering five furlongs in 56⅘secs. in the Great Surrey Handicap at Epsom (as per details in our London Letter) put up a new record for that distance on English race courses. The previous best time, 57⅕secs., was made by Othery, and, by a coincidence, it was in the corresponding race in 1898 that Othery made her record.

The Pachmari Gymkhana Races have been fixed for the 2nd and 4th proximo. Five races will figure on each day's card and good sport is anticipated. The first entries close on the 20th instant and the second entries on the 27th instant.

Appended is the list of the principal winning jockeys on the flat in England, compiled up to 17th April:—

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W ...	... 72	55	17
Watts, J E	... 63	49	14
Halsey, W	... 57	45	12
Madden, O	... 75	64	11
Maher, D ...	... 47	37	10
Trigg, C ...	... 58	49	9
Cannon, K	... 37	31	6
Miller, T L	... 39	33	6
Plant, J ...	... 44	38	6
Knott, H ...	... 21	16	5
McCall, G	... 27	22	5
Hardy, F W	... 48	43	5
Heppell, T	... 14	10	4
Martin, J H	... 54	50	4

We give in our Turf columns, details of some of the principal races at the recent Australian Jockey Club Meeting which will be interesting to Indian readers by reason of the forward running of the Hon'ble Mr. A. A. Apcar's new horse Great Scot, who ran second to Abundance in the A. J. C. St. Leger, and second to The Victory in the Cumberland Stakes, having started second favourite in both races.

In our London Sporting Letter this week we give details of the City and Suburban and the Great Metropolitan which latter, as our Special Telegram informed us last month, had to be run twice owing to the horses having gone the wrong course the first time and Wavelet's Pride won on both occasions. This unique development naturally caused an immense amount of interest and discussion and has served as a warning to Clerks of Courses, for the Stewards—Mr. Leonard Brassey, Mr. Arthur James, and Mr. Leopold de Rothschild (acting for Lord Durham)—inspected the course, and finding that it was not properly marked, decided to fine the Clerk of the Course £50.

They raced in under arctic conditions the week the last mail left England. At Epsom the weather was bleak and wintry enough; but at Newmarket it snowed heavily and the Forty-third Newmarket Biennial was run in a blinding storm, of which *Sporting Sketches* reproduces a very good photograph.

The English polo team who go over to America to play against the representatives of the Stars and Stripes consists of Messrs. Rawlinson, Freak, W. Buckmaster and one other as yet unselected. They sail for America in August.

Captain Eccles of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, well known in Burma racing circles, met with a serious accident last Monday in Rangoon. While being driven along the Strand Bank his tiffa gharry horse shied and rolled with the gharry over the embankment Captain Eccles in attempting to jump out fell underneath the gharry and broke his ankle bone.

While fully admitting the nutritive properties of cotton cake for general stock feeding, those employing it should be careful to see that the seed is thoroughly freed from the minute particles of fibre ere being put into the mill. These accumulate in the intestines, adhering to the walls, so setting up congestion, while coarse grass or the "trash" of sugarcane are forced through in the natural order. Cattle and even the omnivorous pig frequently die mysteriously when fed on cotton seed, death being attributed to some undefined disease, but examination of the carcase of a more than ordinarily good cow in the Tipperah district, fattened on cotton seed, disclosed the true cause. It is much better to purchase the seed from the churka-wallahs' submitting it to singling in an oil drum for a few minutes, over a quick enough fire without causing exudation of the oil; this obviates all danger and the seed can then be crushed either in a *denkie* or the usual roller stone grain mill, merely breaking it up for food. The cake as prepared retaining a greater proportion of oil than that vended from the big factories must for obvious reasons be but sparingly given to horses; intact it lays on fat too rapidly. For cattle for slaughtering, and pigs even, the proportion of lightly crushed cotton seed should not exceed one-quarter of other food.

Mr. Porter, Commissioner of the Lucknow Division, had good sport in a recent shooting trip in Bengal. The bag including six tigers, a bear and two leopards.

A cow that gives fifty tons of milk in eight years is more than a useful sort. In the *County Gentleman* to hand this week there is a picture of an exceedingly ugly specimen of a female bovine yclept "Grace" and this is what the letterpress says about her:—

Everyone knows Dutch cheeses, but the famous Dutch cows which produce the raw material are not so familiar to us in this country. The Dutchman's hard-won pastures are too precious to be grazed by inferior kine, and his jealous care of cattle and polders has developed a race of cows which for the quantity of milk they produce are unrivalled throughout the world. Some authorities even aver that a Dutch cross in days gone by did much for the milking powers of our own dairy Shorthorns; and whether this be so or not, there is no doubt that at the present day the big black-and-white cows are great favourites with certain of the Kent and Essex dairymen. Their yield of milk is probably about double that of an average cow, but even among Dutch cattle Mr. Neame's "Grace" is a most distinguished animal, for within less than eight years she yielded no less than 11,300 gallons, or about 50 tons of milk!

It is true she is scarcely a beauty, in spite of her name, but she is twelve years old, and although she has averaged sixteen quarts of milk daily for the last eight she still looks the picture of health. She was born in Holland and brought to England in 1889. A cow which has been famous in her native land sometimes resents her change of residence and never does so well afterwards; but "Grace" has more than fulfilled her early promise, for Mr. Neame has about fifty cows, either Dutch or Dutch Shorthorn crosses, in his herd, and none of them equal to old "Grace."

The largest panther shot in the neighbourhood of Secunderabad for some years fell to Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. Longe, of the Middlesex Regiment, on the 4th instant. He was out shooting with Lieutenant McDonald and pitched his camp close to where the animal had been doing a lot of damage. All arrangements were made and a bait tied up. After a wait of half an hour the panther appeared and when about to spring was shot through the heart by the Colonel.

Some capital sport was had at Ellichpur on the 3rd instant when seven officers of the Hyderabad Contingent indulged in a pigstick. The runs were splendid, and four boars were accounted for after a game and desperate fighting. A fifth was also started, but got away into thick cover.

An American sportsman, travelling in Austria, has been struck by the way they shoe horses in that country and writes as follows on the subject to an American paper:—

One morning soon after our arrival in Vienna, with a bunch of fifteen choice trotting bred American horses, the necessity of visiting a horse-shoer became apparent. Asking one interpreter where we could send the horses to have them properly shod, he replied with a look of anxious inquiry, as though doubting the "Americaner's" sanity, "Why, you don't send them; I'll arrange it for you by about the day after to-morrow." (It always takes until about the "day after to-morrow" to get to a man in Vienna.)

On the morning named a man came to our stables armed with a jacknife and a pocket full of twig clippings about a foot in length. These twigs were divided up in bunches containing four each ornamented by the smith with hieroglyphics indicating the particular horse to be measured by those particular twigs. In this manner twelve bunches of twigs were prepared. Then the horses were led out, one at a time, and the four hoofs measured, each foot having three measurements taken of it, *viz.*, length, greatest width and width at heel. These measurements were carefully noted by notches cut in the twig and the first act was complete, the blacksmith departing with promise to return the next morning.

In this connection it is proper to say that none but common horses are taken to a blacksmith shop

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in Vienna, the blacksmith coming to the stable to do all the work for gentlemen's drivers, coachers, and the like.

As per promise the man was on hand the next morning, bringing his outfit with him tied up in a piece of cloth. This outfit consisted of some grease for the hoofs, some putty or glue to finish off with, a paring knife, an old style buttress, a rasp and one of the most unwieldy and ungainly looking hammers I ever saw. He was accompanied by a strong man as helper, who brought the new shoes, a packet of nails and a three-legged stool-like arrangement for a foot rest for the horse.

The assistant held the horse's foot while the smith nailed on the shoe, taking a position beneath the horse's belly and working in the direct opposite way to that employed by a blacksmith in the United States, while fastening on the front shoes. There was no fitting by hot irons—the shoes were made to fit, and fit they did, too. The nails driven in and clinched, the foot was then placed on the rest and held there by the helper. Here the finishing was done, the whole work being rapidly and deftly performed.

The figures showing the mortality among human beings from wild beasts and snakes in 1901 were the highest ever reported from the Central Provinces. Those for 1902 show a substantial reduction in the deaths caused by wild animals from 795 to 513, but the reported mortality from snake-bite has risen to 1,304, the highest figure yet reported. The total mortality reported from these two causes in 1902 was 1,817, a figure which has not been exceeded in any year except 1901. The districts in which most human beings were killed by wild animals were Raipur, Chanda and Sambalpur.

At Dukhrain in the Western Doon last week, eight spears, the guests of that good sportsman Mr. Ouseley, had a most successful day's sport. The bag consisted of five boar and a hog deer secured after most enjoyable runs in splendid country. Sportsmen of the Doon owe the warmest thanks to Mr. Ouseley for the revival of hog hunting in the district.

First entries for the Mysore Races are published in our issue of date; second entries close to-morrow.

We publish to-day the first entries for the Civil Service Cup of 1904 and the Army Cup of this year. The former has drawn fourteen entries, including Housemaid II, Bess, Jilt, Not Yet and Tyrant; and the latter has, so far, no less than twenty-three, of whom but two—Sadoon and For Ever—ran last year. The second entries close (for both races) on the 1st July.

So far thirteen regiments have subscribed towards the Army Cup, the total on the 1st instant being Rs. 550.

News reaches us from Poona of the death of the well-known jockey, Mahomed Walad Hussein, who used to ride under the name of Soda. He was exercising a horse on the Poona course on the morning of the 6th instant when the animal bolted, and being unable to keep it under control, Soda endeavoured to get off. He fell, fracturing his skull and injuring his side. He was conveyed to the Sassoon Hospital, but died on the way.

We regret to hear that H.H. the Maharajah of Mysore was thrown from his pony while playing polo at Ootacamund on the 6th instant. He was picked up unconscious, but it seems his turban broke his fall to a great extent and recent reports pronounce him to be recovering from the effects of the shock.

With deep regret we announce the death, as the result of a shikar accident, of that fine young officer and keen sportsman, Mr. C. A. Pelham Rogers, Assistant Commissioner of Chanda, and one of the best. We learn that he was out after a tigress at a place called Bomragarh, 120 miles out of Chanda, and wounded the animal on the 22nd April. It escaped for the time, but Mr. Rogers, continuing the pursuit, came across it again on the 24th, when it charged him. He hit it twice, the ·450 cordite rifle he was using smashing both its jaws, but the beast nevertheless made good its charge and got him down, clawing him badly on the head, arm and leg. His native attendant, hoping to save his master, fired, but unfortunately hit Mr. Rogers with a solid bullet, which passed through his leg high up. He was brought back to Chanda, where he arrived on the 28th April, in a very serious condition, and on the 1st May he sank under his injuries. Mr. Rogers had just six years' service in the country, and was an officer for whom there seemed every reason to anticipate a bright and distinguished career.

The inhabitants of villages near Kulathapuday and travellers on the Panalore-Trivandrum road have recently been greatly troubled by a rogue elephant. The animal is particularly vicious and roams at large terrifying people on the highway by chasing them. A reward has been offered for his destruction, but there is a risk of killing the wrong animal, as there is some difficulty in obtaining information concerning its correct dimensions, marks and personal features, without which identification might be the reverse of easy.

In the death of Mr. L. F. Pereira the Calcutta Turf Club loses a first-rate servant. As Assistant Secretary he rendered valuable service and whether in the office or at the gate on race days he will be missed by many. He died last Friday after a long illness.

BEHAR NOTES.

Mr. W. Marsham is not leaving for South Africa as has been stated; he is at present stopping in the district as he has decided to take up indigo-planting again.

Mr. A. Garrett has left Mozufferpore, having been made Collector at Hajshaye. He will be greatly missed in and around Mozufferpore, for he is a keen sportsman and has made himself very popular while he has been in the district.

Mr. J. A. Wilson has been appointed Manager of the Pupri estate, in addition to his work as Manager of the Doomera concern.

The continual strong west winds have been answerable lately for a large number of fires in Behar. A short time ago a thrashing machine and a large amount of oats were destroyed by a fire at Turcoleah Factory in Champaran; while a still more serious fire, at Seeraha, last week completely destroyed the sugar godown, and the whole of the sugar there.

There was a parade meet in Mozufferpore on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of last month. On the morning of the 27th, "A" Troop paraded at Secundrapore, under the command of Captain J. A. Wilson, and were inspected by Colonel J. Hodding, C.I.E., A.-D.-C. Some twenty men were on parade, and the troop went through the morning's work smartly and well. There was polo on the polo ground in the afternoon, and in the evening there was a very pleasant little concert at the Station Club. The next day there were parades again in the morning, and a Gymkhana was attempted in the afternoon, the strong west winds, however, making a complete failure of it, for the fiery blast that blew across Secundrapore smothered everybody with dust that appeared on the scene. Some twenty to thirty Volunteers sat down to a troop dinner at the Planters' Club in the evening, which was a great success. On Wednesday, the 29th, "A" Troop ran off their Chart and Compass race, and the little meet wound up with a dance at the Club. This dance was one of the most pleasant hot weather dances Mozufferpore has had for some years. The floor was excellent, and the supper arrangements everything that could be wished, and notwithstanding the heat dancing was kept up until past 3 A.M.

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Athletic Notes.

A general meeting was held at the Marylebone Cricket Club on the 6th instant, when the proposal for the widening of the wicket was brought forward. The proposal failed to secure the requisite majority of votes, as we foreshadowed in a recent leading article on the subject.

It may be of interest to some to read a description of H.H. the Aga Khan's new motor car. The car is a Pugot four-cylinder motor, of sixteen horse-power, capable of developing 22 horsepower on the brake. With petrol fuel it can run without difficulty up to forty-five miles an hour if required. The car is mounted on four large pneumatic tyres, is splendidly upholstered with green leather, has complete glass dust screens, easily adjusted water-power curtains round the sides, and four large lamps, two acetylene and two kerosine. The top is glass heavily framed, so that luggage can be placed there. It can pull up in its own length, and it seats four comfortably.

The cricket match between M. C. C. and ground and Notts had to be abandoned owing to rain. Warwickshire beat Surrey on the 7th instant by 186 runs.

The match, between Surrey and Hampshire, to have been played on the 9th instant, had to be abandoned owing to rain.

The Boer is a firm believer in the advantage of exercise, though his ways are different to ours. One favourite form is pole-climbing, says a correspondent of the *Gymnasium Magazine*. This consists of having one arm tied behind the back and swarming to the top of the pole with the aid of the legs and the free arm. It sounds simple, but it is not half so simple as it seems. Another is throwing the hatchet, or axe, to be more correct. An ordinary wood-chopping axe is used for this. This is swung round the head until it reaches a sufficient momentum, when it is released. The man who throws the farthest does not of necessity win, as it is necessary that the blade should bury itself in the earth on reaching its destination. It requires a considerable amount of skill to accomplish this. Another kind of amusement is spade racing. The men stand with one foot on either side of an ordinary spade, grasping the top of the handle between the hands. At the signal they start forwards by a series of jumps. If a man's foot leaves its proper place he is disqualified. There is no more severe strain on the muscles of the leg than this. The distance for such a race as this is generally 20 paces.

Hill racing is a favourite pastime with the young Boers. The steepest hill in the neighbourhood is selected. A man stands at the top of this, with outstretched hands, the competitors have to run up the hill, circle round the signal man, and return to the starting point. The manner in which the men negotiate boulders and other obstacles in their upward and downward flight is surprising. The Boer is gifted with wonderful endurance. At long distances he could hold his own with any, but he would not stand any chance with our men at sprint racing, as he lacks the necessary speed.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—The late boxing tournament here, which was such a conspicuous success, is likely to produce more functions in connection with the manly art in Bangalore. Private Andrews, of the Essex Regiment, who was beaten by Gunner Gibson of the Essex Regiment in the semi-final for the middle-weights, issues a comprehensive challenge to fight anyone in Southern India for twenty-five rounds, bar only Gunner Lacey of the 58th Battery, R.F.A., who beat Gibson in the final for the middle, weights. Gibson, it is understood, is likely to take up the challenge after the Poona Competition, and in the meantime Gunner Lacey of the 58th Battery will supply particulars to anyone who cares to apply for them.

It is a somewhat curious position for Lacey. Although he most deservedly got the verdict in the final for the middle-weights during the late competition, he is considerably the highest of the three men and only boxed 10st. 3lbs. when he won here. Gibson's

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weight is about 10st. 11lbs. and Andrews scales some half-stone heavier. He was palpably not fit in the late competition and should be an awkward antagonist when properly trained. Another winner in the past tournament who should do well at Poona is Neat of "G" Battery, R.H.A. He won the feather-weights in most determined style, Stead of the 58th Battery being quite unable to stand before him in the final, and I have already stated it as my opinion that he was almost the best class boxer on the platform here.

It is also likely that in the early part of next month, and shortly after the Poona tournament, another competition will take place here, which will be open to the Madras Army. The events will be of the usual order if the tournament becomes an accomplished fact, prizes being given for heavy, middle, light and feather weights, and if sufficient entries come in it is possible that something in the way of a challenge belt to be held for a year by the champion of the Madras Army, with the usual condition of retention if won three times, may be provided. Lieutenants Ker and O. St. Michael Jones of the 6th Dragoon Guards, Captain Claridge of the 3rd Madras Lancers, and Lieutenant Groves, R.A.; besides Sergeant-Major Sorby of the R.A. staff are interesting themselves much in the matter, and it is to be hoped that they will meet with the success they deserve.

The unfortunate cyclists of Bombay, European and native, are being persistently raided by the Police lately, charged with not carrying lights or bells and with scorching. We have occasional cases of the kind in Calcutta, but in Bombay they are brought up before the beak in batches and dealt with much in the same way as the night cases.

The Lomax *vs.* Calcutta Tramway Company case has attracted attention at home. *The Field*, in its issue of the 18th April, writes.—"In Calcutta it appears that tramway companies have progressed further than similar concerns in this country, inasmuch as they are prepared under certain conditions to carry bicycles. A curious lawsuit has arisen out of this practice. A passenger took a ticket for himself and his bicycle, and, leaving it on the platfrom at the end of the car, went himself to sit inside. There were some natives also standing on the platfrom, and on its journey the bicycle slipped off into the road and was irretrievably damaged. The owner of the machine instituted an action in the Calcutta Small Cause Court against the company on the ground that they were common carriers and were responsible for its safe keeping. The action, however, broke down on the ground that the company were not common carriers, that they printed on the bicycle tickets an express declaration that the machines were carried at owner's risk, and that the plaintiff had to thank his own negligence in leaving the machine unattended when he might have stood by it on the platform. It certainly seems reasonable that, as the company had no special provision for bicycles and had no staff to handle them, they should not be made liable for the carelessness of a bicyclist in leaving his machine in so dangerous a position and unattended. We mention this case because it has often been suggested that tram companies in this country might allow passengers to take bicycles on to the platforms of the cars, an idea that has always seemed to us to be open to great objections. Without special contrivances for stowing bicycles they would always be in danger, and even if such arrangements were made we do not suppose that they would ever be used to a profitable extent."

In the May number of the *Royal Magazine* there appears an interesting article on table cricket. It is illustrated by some particularly good photographic reproductions of Dr. Grace batting, and Mr. G. W. Beldam bowling. We append an extract describing the *modus operandi*:—

Seated at the head of a medium-sized table was the Doctor, in front of him an oblong board covered with green cloth, about four feet in length by three wide. At each end three small stumps were set into the board, and dotted round the field were some eight or nine odd little fielders of gauze and wire.

I took careful note of my great opponent's position as he took centre. The bat was eight inches long, of peculiar shape, about two-thirds handle to one-third bat. It is used in a back-handed fashion, as if one were playing the left-handed game. The Doctor held it quite perpendicularly, between the thumb and fore-finger with some little support from the second finger; in fact, except for the angle, pretty much in the same way as the average person handles a pen.

At the bowling end I found myself in sole charge of an elaborate machinery consisting of a two-inch powerful coil spring mounted on a wooden block. Outside the board was a slide six inches in length over which the block ran easily, thus allowing the spring catapault to be shifted three inches from the centre, to right or left, thus enabling the bowler to bowl over or round the wicket at his end of the board.

On the top of the wire coil was a little ring into which I placed a small guttapercha ball and let fly, as I thought, dead on the middle stump. This ball did not go far, but collided violently with the stumps set at the bowler's end, partly for ornament's sake, and partly, no doubt, to exact an extra amount of skill on the part of the bowler when delivering from behind the wicket.

Having learnt that this loss-shot meant a run for the Doctor I reserved centre balls till a more convenient season, and took up a position a couple of inches to the right of the wicket.

I was soon to find that the little catapult required handling with considerable skill, for the next ball was a full pitch and went clean over the batsman's head. Mr. Weintraud obligingly recovered it from a remote corner of the room, for which service the Doctor claimed four runs. This forfeit, I was told, would be inflicted as often as I repeated the offence of bowling off the table.

In bowling it has been found possible to put a very formidable break on the ball. This is done by giving the spring catapult a half turn in the socket. Then, instead of pulling straight back as in ordinary bowling, the spring should be bent sideways. Thus the ball is made to strike on the side of the wicket, instead of immediately in front of it, and if the shot is properly judged, the ball takes a sharp angle in the direction of the stumps, in a very disconcerting manner for the batsman. The spring catapult can, of course, be turned to right or left, the breaks being made at either side of the wicket accordingly. Considerable practice is necessary to make a good break bowler, and there is much room for individual cleverness. A good man is able to put on breaks at almost every conceivable angle, and the standard of batting is naturally proportionately raised.

The Doctor takes quite a boyish delight in the new game, and his sons and other well-known cricketers are no less enthusiastic.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—In view of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament commencing on the 18th of this mouth, a lot of practice has been going on in Bombay during the past week or so, in addition to which one or two interesting friendly games have been played. A very good game was that played an evening or two since between the Bombay Gymkhana and the North Staffordshire Regiment, who, in my opinion, won't be far out of the running for the Cup, as they are able to put a decidedly good team in the field. In the match in question play opened promisingly for the Gymkhana, who scored the opening goal of the match. After this, however, the soldiers had rather the best of matters, and, principally due to the good work of their forwards, were leading at half-time by three goals to one. The second moiety was very evenly contested, the Gymkhana showing decidedly better form than I expected them to do. The only score was another goal to the Staffords, who were thus left winners by four goals to one. The same evening the Cathedral "Old Boys" beat the Government Telegraph Department team by two goals to one.

As to the forthcoming Tournament, Mr. P. J. Arnot, the energetic Honorary Secretary, tells me that excellent entries have been received—last year they numbered thirteen, while this year twenty teams have entered. The entry is, I understand, a record one, and the arrangements being well in hand, there is every promise of a very successful

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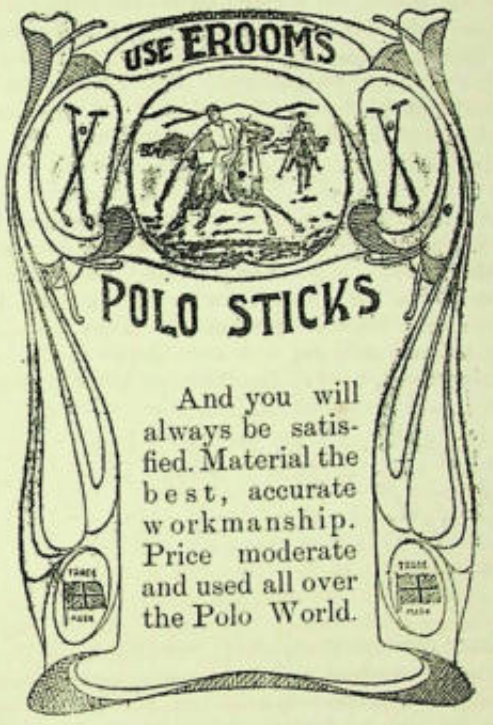

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7—The Pioneers.
8—R. A., Colaba.
9—1st Infantry Hyderabad C.
10—Band Team, 2nd Oxford L. I.
11—Cathedral Old Boys, "A" Team.
12—Cathedral Old Boys, "B" Team.
13—Elphinstone College Gymkhana.
14—20th Bo. Infantry.
15—62nd Battery, R. F. A.
16—Govt. Telegraph Rec. Club.
17—17th Bo. Infantry.
18—21st Bo. Infantry.
19—Esplanade Wanderers.
20—"F" Company, The North Staffords.

It will be noticed that our old friends the Royal Scots again intend being with us, despite the fact that they have been shifted from Poona to Kamptee. Last year's winners, the Shropshire Light Infantry, will not be with us, however, they having proceeded to England.

During the past fortnight or so we have had any amount of lawn tennis at the Gymkhana, the annual handicap tournament being in progress. For the singles there were twenty-three entries, while the doubles attracted an entry of eleven. In the doubles Messrs. Bromley and Reid (+15½) Jacob and Crichton (+15), Ross and Reid (−30) and James and Moore (+½15) got into the semi-final, the first and last-named pairs having drawn byes. Some fairly good play was witnessed in the semi-finals, and no fault could be found with the Committee's handicapping, which seems to have given complete satisfaction. The meeting of Messrs. Bromley and Reid with Messrs. Jacob and Crichton was very interesting. In the first set the first-named pair won by six games to four, but Jacob and Crichton won the second and third 6—2, 6—2, and thus qualified to meet Messrs. Reid and Ross in the final, the latter having beaten Messrs. James and Moore 6—4, 6—4. The final was played off yesterday (Saturday) afternoon and an interesting game was witnessed by a fair attendance of spectators. Of course Jacob and Crichton held a big advantage with their handicap of +15 to their opponents' − 30, but the latter made a very plucky fight of it. They had, however, to eventually retire beaten, Jacob and Crichton winning 6—2, 6—4. The "singles" tournament has made good progress during the past week, but several games yet remain to be played. Messrs. Rumboll (−15) and Cheetham (−15½) have both reached the semi-final round, while Messrs. Caine (−½15), W. Reid (−30), Morgan (−¼15) and Coombs (+¼15) have yet to play off their ties in the second round.

Three races were sailed off yesderday (Saturday) afternoon in connexion with the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, there being a fresh W. S. W. breeze early in the afternoon, which, however, fell off somewhat towards the finish. The Ships' Boat Race, which was timed to start at 2-30 P. M., was not held owing to the fact that there was only one entry, that of the P. and O. *Caledonia's* 28-foot cutter, and under the rules there must be at least three entries or there will be no race. It is a great pity that more interest is not taken in these races by the large number of steamers in the harbour, and it is to be hoped that next season the merchant vessels will take the matter up, as owing to the removal of the Naval Defence Squadron, the entries from the Navy must necessarily be reduced. The second race arranged for was that of the "B" class yachts, for which there were five entries, *viz.*, *Trixie* (6mins. 36secs.) entered by Mr. A. M. Monteath; *Janetta* (scratch), Officers of the Royal Engineers; *Cock of the North* (9mins. 54secs.), Capt. E. Gordon; *Sayonara* (13mins. 12secs.), Mr. C. G. Nomico; and *Dalriada* (26mins. 24secs.), Capt. J. B. McFadyen. The starting gun was fired at 2-45, the *Janetta* being the first to get over the line. The course was first round the South Karanja Buoy, and the yachts made a pretty sight, all being well together. The *Dalriada*, however, soon followed a different course from all the others, and had taken the precaution to have two reefs in. Near the South Karanja mark there was rather a high sea which made the smaller boats rather wet. On the return from South Karanja to the Committee vessel the wind was on the beam, and the yachts ended the first round in the following order :—*Trixie*, *Janetta* 20secs. later, *Sayonara* and *Cock of the North* being well together at 2mins. 29secs. and 2mins. 38secs., respectively, after *Trixie*. The *Dalriada* gave up, and did not complete the first round. The race eventually resulted in *Sayonara* obtaining the first prize, saving her time by 51secs., and the second prize was won by *Trixie*. The corrected times of finishing were as follows :—*Sayonara*, 1hr. 57mins. 28secs.; *Trixie*, 1hr. 58mins. 19secs.; *Cock of the North*, 1hr. 59mins. 41secs.; and *Janetta*, 2hrs. 7mins. 52secs. The total length of the course was just over thirteen miles.

The "A" Class Race, for which there were three entries, was started at 3 P.M. The *Melody* (Mr. Bernard Triggs) taking her time allowance of 7mins. 50secs. in hand, crossed the line punctually to time, and was followed by the *Sapphire* (Capt. Muter and Mr. Hopkins) and *Turquoise* (Mr. Crommelin), both of whom were scratched at 3hrs. 7mins. 50secs. The *Sapphire* took the weather berth and sailed very close to H. M. S. *Pomone*, the *Turquoise* taking a northerly course apparently to allow for the ebb tide. The *Melody* was the first to round the South Karanji Buoy, followed by *Sapphire* who had gained considerably on her. On the return course close to the Committee vessel, the *Sapphire* overhauled the *Melody*, the first round ending as follows :—*Sapphire*, *Melody* (26secs. later), and *Turquoise* (1min. 9secs. later). This order was maintained to the North Karanja Buoy, but *Turquoise* soon overtook *Melody*, and thence back to the finish proved an interesting beat to windward, though the strength of the wind was failing. The *Sapphire* won by 2mins. 3secs. from *Turquoise*, who found herself in difficulties owing to having to go about when close to the Committee vessel. *Melody* finished 7mins. 40secs. later, having met with several accidents. The length of the course was 11·2 miles. The last race to start was the Tomtit Class Race at 3 P.M., there being three entries—*Tomtit* (Dr. F. M. Gibson), *Meg* (Mr. C. H. Byrne) and *Lapwing* (Mr. E. C. Richards.) The *Lapwing* was first over the line, followed in order by the *Tomtit* and *Meg*. As in the other races, the South Karanja Buoy was the first mark, and this was rounded in the following order :—*Tomtit*, *Meg*, and *Lapwing*, this order being maintained throughout the remainder of the race, and the *Tomtit* eventually winning from the *Meg* by 39secs., the *Lapwing* finishing last, being 8mins. 5secs. behind the winner.

We draw the attention of members of the Calcutta Rowing Club to the advertisement appearing in our Sporting columns to-day. So far matters connected with the forthcoming regatta seem to be shaping for success and, to judge by the activity at Kidderpore every evening, the members seem to have caught some of the enthusiasm of the committee which, as we all know, is unbounded.

The decay of the bicycle club, writes "Babylonian" in *The Field*, began with the introduction of the safety bicycle. It is true that the stigma placed upon the high bicycle by this choice of name for its future supplanter was not altogether merited, and especially on the "rational ordinaries" with the liberal rake of their forks, and their relatively large back wheels, the danger of the high seat was more apparent than real. Apparent it certainly was, and for this reason, nervous parents who had hitherto anxiously sought to checkmate any aspirations on the part of their sons towards the possession of bicycles, cheerfully wrote cheques for the purchase of safeties. Long before the end of the eighties the safety bicycle had developed into a practicable and reliable machine, and the growth of the pastime was steady and regular. The adherents of the old high bicycle began at the beginning of the nineties to find themselves outpaced both on road and path, especially in view of the fact that the high machine, on which the utmost possibilities of fast pedalling had already been reached, did not gain by the introduction of pneumatic tyres commensurately with the safety, to which they added in effect several inches of gear for the same exertion of pedalling.

To the clubs the first effects of the innovation of the dwarf machine was an inflation of numbers. There is no one so eager as the novice to enrol himself in clubs for the promotion of his sport. But this temporary plethora of members was their undoing. Repairing shops sprang up in every town, and there were few men who did not reckon among their acquaintances others who made congenial companions for bicycle rides. The attractions of the club run became less and less. The journey across the suburbs to the rendezvous was found irksome, and the strictest of clubs ultimately conceded that their members might, if they pleased, find their own ways to the destination of the run. Even then the club run continued to decline, for the chief attraction of bicycling was the great mobility which the rider possessed, and, once the fascination of the open road has entered into a man he is reluctant to sacrifice his liberty to ride where he will to an obligation to tie himself to a given spot, even to partake in the most sociable of gatherings. This decadence of the club feeling was long anterior to the boom in bicycling that marked the later nineties, though it was this that finally decided the question that there was no need for clubs for the average bicyclist.

The decisive factor was the general entry of women into bicycling. Members of clubs now found that they were expected to act as knights errant to their womenkind. The clubs attempted to meet the situation by holding ladies' meets, and even by admitting lady members. The compromise was an unsatisfactory one. The destination of the run had necessarily to be at no great distance, and this at once alienated the hard riders. Indeed, when a leading London bicycle club was reduced to holding a meet at Kew, the absurdity of the situation became apparent. On the other hand, men who escorted ladies from choice rather than duty, not unnaturally inclined towards secluded spots rather than to large gatherings.

The fact, of course, is that, in view of the disparity of strength and staying power between the two sexes, the sport of bicycling cannot, except in rare instances, be followed for its own sake by both in company, and bicycle clubs obviously cannot maintain a stable existence except for the pursuit of the sport as such. The number of men who regard bicycling in this way is, it must be admitted, exceedingly small in relation to the thousands who ride bicycles. As might, therefore, have been expected, the only clubs which display vitality are those which, like the Bath Road, avowedly devote themselves to hard riding. But there are few nowadays who attain such proficiency that they have to join clubs to meet their equals, and for this reason the old bicycle club has become almost an anachronism.

A meeting was held at the C. V. R. Head-quarters last Tuesday to discuss the formation of a Referees' Association. Mr. N. G. Pritchard was in the chair and there was a good attendance of representatives of the important Football Clubs in Calcutta. Among those present were Capt. Cureton (K. O. S. B's), Messrs G. W. H. Batho and L. McMillan (Rangers), E. Walker and R. A. Maunder (C. F. C.), M. Remfry, R. Remfry, O. W. Sykes (Y.M.C.A.), E. E. Rope (C. F. League), N. S. Williams (Medical), D. Walker and J. Greig (Dalhousie), W. Milstead and J. Staynor (Armenian College), V. Curties (Howrah United), Sergt. Wallace (93rd Highlanders), Messrs. A. Mukerjee and K. Mitter (Sova Bazar), N. R. Bhuttacharjee (Sporting Union), N. Ismail (Mahomedan Sporting), and Sen Gupta (Town Club).

Mr. Pritchard opened the meeting by saying that he had sent round notices regarding the proposal now on hand and had received names of members from nearly all the local clubs who were desirous of joining the association. Mr. M. Remfry then put the objects of the association before the meeting *i.e.*, that the association should train members as referees and provide qualified and competent members to act in that capacity. He proposed that all members before being eligible as referees should have to pass an examination in theory and practice. Mr Pritchard seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Milstead then proposed that a Sub-Committee be elected who should draw up rules and hold the examinations, which proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchard proposed that the Sub-Committee should consist of five members, three to form a quorum and with power to elect in place of absence of one of their numbers, and the result of the voting was that Messrs. Batho, M. Remfry, Pritchard, Rope and Greig were elected. It was next decided that the Sub-Committee should appoint referees for the League matches and later on for the I. L. A. Shield matches, to both of which bodies the Referees' Association was to be affiliated. It will be necessary to hold another meeting at an early date to arrange further details.

We congratalate Mr. Norman Pritchard and those who have supported him on the success of his efforts to give Calcutta something it has long needed; it only remains for those concerned to make the association the useful and influential body it ought to be.

The final in the Quetta District Annual Hockey Tournament was played at Quetta on the 4th instant between No. 8 Mountain Battery R G. A. and the 13th Bombay Infantry. The gunners were the better team and ran out winners by 5 goals to 1.

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General Notes.

RAIN has fallen at Midnapur in some quantities and more is expected.

Lord Kitchener concluded his tour on the 9th instant, arriving in Simla with his staff on that date.

His Excellency the Viceroy will give a dinner to old Etonians at the Viceregal Lodge, Simla, on the 4th proximo.

We have to acknowledge the receipt, from Messrs. Phelps & Co., Calcutta, of a copy of the March number of that artistic, sartorial journal *Fashion*.

At the annual sale of boxes of the Simla Amateur Dramatic Club on the 8th instant the results were poor, only Rs. 7,000 being realised, against Rs. 11,000 last year.

While we in Calcutta are gasping for rain, Cherrapoonjee, the wettest corner of His Majesty's dominions, had no less than 73 inches of rain during the week ending the 30th April.

The river Cossye at Midnapur is cutting away its northern bank to such an extent as will necessitate the Bengal-Nagpur Railway bridge being extended another one if not two spans. This may cause some delay to the coal train from Jheria when the line is fully opened.

We are informed that a native Deputy Magistrate at Midnapur is being prosecuted for calling a witness a *soor* in open court. Had this been a European every Vernacular paper in Bengal would have been full of the circumstance. Where is their sense of justice in keeping this dark?

Mymensingh, on the 7th instant, was devastated by one of those terrific tornadoes peculiar to Eastern Bengal. It lasted barely ten minutes, but uprooted many hundreds of trees, blew away whole villages like paper and feathers, laid waste expensive fruit and vegetable cultivations and killed many people and cattle.

Intending exhibitors at the Simla Fine Arts Exhibition this year may be interested to know that there are twenty-seven prizes offered for competition, including three medals, and money prizes aggregating to the value of Rs. 2,180. The prospectus is now ready, and can be obtained from Major M. Cowper, Honorary Secretary.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of an extremely novel little publication by Mr. Dan Morrison of Calcutta. The book is written in Urdu and is a very useful guide to cutting and the sartorial art. It is profusely illustrated with diagrams and ought to be of the greatest assistance to the *durzee* for whose edification it is published. The language is of the simplest possible so as to appeal to the average tailor who is able to read Urdu. Mr. Dan Morrison is to be congratulated on his progressiveness: henceforth by the aid of this handy little book the "verandah cut durzee made" garment need have no further terrors for us.

We are indebted to the courtesy of our esteemed neighbour and contemporary *The Englishman* for a copy of the first part of *Industrial and Commercial Bengal*, an illustrated publication dealing with the chief industries and the enormous commerce of this Presidency. The letterpress is very carefully arranged, brought absolutely up to date and made interesting to the general reader quite apart from its value to those who are more specially interested in it. Beginning with an historical retrospect, which takes us back to the days of "John Company Bahadur," we go on to a Statistical Review of Bengal, some general information about Calcutta and then proceed to details regarding our most important mercantile houses, all of which are profusely illustrated. Most of these pictures are in the best style of process block work, but we may select for special mention those dealing with the several palatial blocks of business premises erected in Calcutta of recent years. We congratulate *The Englishman* on this new and popular departure.

A very painful occurrence took place at Kalka last week, writes the *Simla News*, in connection with a lady who had been bitten by a dog at Lucknow. The medical authorities at Lucknow advised her husband to take her up to Kasauli at once, together with the dog. On arrival at Kalka, the lady and her daughter went into the refreshment room to breakfast, while her husband went to the dog-box to take the dog out. The dog was moaning and whining and was pronounced by those present to be rabid, but the owner had it chained up on one side of the platform. He went into breakfast, and while there, the dog broke his chain and chased the passengers about the platform, but fortunately did not succeed in biting anybody. It was eventually shot by the police. The report of the gun so alarmed the lady that she got hysterics, and it was a long time before she recovered. The body of the dog was taken by the travellers to Kasauli, so that the medical officer might pronounce whether it was a true case of rabies or not.

London Week by Week.

(From Our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 24th April 1903.

REPORT has it that this is to be a great season on the river; and probably report will prove right as it is an open secret that the Court will spend much time at Windsor and that the King has in view a regular series of water picnics and kindred entertainments. The result, so say the agents, has been an unprecedented rush for houses on the river; I inferred from one of the fraternity that the letting value of a cow-shed anywhere between Lechlade and Hampton Court was something fabulous. The boating business is looking up too, more especially that department which inflicts motor launches upon an inoffensive community.

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With the recent memory of snow storms and frosty nights and the convincing presence of abominably cold east winds it is difficult to realise that we are on the brink of another season. Yet to-day is first Varnishing day at the Academy, and the opening of the Academy is held by many to be the official opening of the London season. The "Water Colours" opened last week and members of the R. S. of P. W. C. must have been delighted by the appreciation displayed by an opulent public. No fewer than one-fifth of the pictures exhibited were bought on the opening day. It would seem that the water colour industry is looking up.

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Publication of the text of the Convention made between the Ottoman Government and the Anatolian Railway Company for construction of a line from Konia to Bagdad, Busreh, and other points on the Persian Gulf had promised something like a sensation. There had been some talk about the support our Government would give the scheme and the likelihood of their transfer of the Indian mail contract to the A. R. C. from the P. and O. Company; and when the Convention disclosed particulars of the scheme it was obvious that Germany meant to "boss" the business. The financial arrangements alone did not justify this. The Company, essentially a German corporation, and the Ottoman Government are going—perhaps better to say *were* going—to subscribe each 10 per cent of the initial share capital of 15 million francs; and the Company with that generosity which so often accompanies uncertainty concerning profits, was going to invite foreign capitalists to subscribe the remaining 80 per cent. Neither financially nor politically can the opportunity be described as golden, and everyone is relieved to know this morning that Mr. Balfour's Government has declined it with thanks: so there won't be much coin forthcoming from the city for this great enterprize.

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There is no reason, if you think of it, why the mail contract should be transferred from the Brindisi route to the projected line which will be an extension of the Smyrna-Konia Railway now existing. If the railway ever is completed, now no British capital is to be had, it won't be finished for fifteen years or more, *pace* the Convention which stipulates for a completion of a single line in eight years. During the last twenty years, as Sir Thomas Sutherland points out, a week has been knocked off the duration of the Bombay-Brindisi-London route: and it is quite on the cards that the next fifteen years will see a considerable further reduction. How long it will take to travel from say Paris to Bombay *viâ* Constantinople and Busreh you can make your own estimate and compare that with the present passage *viâ* Brindisi. But in estimating, have it in mind that the officials of the railway are to be Turks—*vide* Convention. I greatly admire the Turk for his private virtues, but as an official he does not excel; and to trust him with a train and a time-table is to presuppose a regard for the flight of time which is nearly as remote from the mind of the Turk as from that of a broody hen.

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Subjecting the Bagdad Railway scheme to the grim unsparing light of figures, it is difficult to believe that it will ever have other than a paper existence under the present plan. Look here: the "initial capital" is to be 15 million francs, of which 12 millions were to be got from London financiers: the cost of the first 125 miles of the line is estimated at over 50 million francs; and the Company is bound to spend four million francs on erecting military posts "recognised to be necessary by the Ottoman Government." What has Russia got to say to that? Well, let it pass; but of your love for me I charge you not tarry till a Bagdad Railway shall bring you home.

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The "Delhi Durbar" is to be reproduced at the Royal Military Tournament with the assistance, among other "supers" of four elephants and two camels. Some 350 men, details from British and Native Regiments, are to take part in the show; the arena won't hold any more. While very conscious of the utility of this annual show as a stimulus to recruiting, I believe that the result of the Royal Military Tournament each year is to bring a small wave of recruits to the sergeants who lie in wait. I cannot help wondering what the sowars who come over here for the purpose think of it. With all indulgence and the best wishes in the world for the soldiers' charities that benefit, the show is not one that harmonises with a moderate conception of the dignity of the British Army; and this year's programme promises something more like a high-class circus than ever.

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The chief dramatic event of the week hardly comes within the scope of these notes, it being the commencement of Mr. Benson's season at Stratford-on-Avon to celebrate the Shakespeare week. He began with "Hamlet" and played before a full house, but there be those who say that Miss Corelli, or her campaign against the Carnegie Free Library scheme, is attracting more attention than the memory of Shakespeare or the celebrations of his birthday. Miss Corelli suffers from the fact that she is not a native of Stratford and local opinion resents the intrusion of the lady as a slur upon Stratfordians. Miss Corelli is at pens drawn with the authorities and does not appear to be getting the best of it; but the battle gives prominence to a name whose owner can endure anything but neglect, so she is doubtless happy. The "Light that Failed" has been transferred to the New and is going strong. I have not seen the piece again, but am told that Mr. Forbes Robertson has contrived to improve his reading of a part that seemed beyond improvement. That most popular of comic operas "The Country Girl" has been revised, which no doubt means a new lease of life for a play which has already reached a robust middle age: and "Monsieur Beaucaire" was performed for the 200th time at the Comedy this week.

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I forget whether I have said anything about the trouble at Stratford-on-Avon. Certain local leaders want to pull down some cottages close to Shakespeare's birthplace to erect that free library the profuse Mr. Carnegie "donated" to the town: and others object, partly on the ground that the most elegant of Free Libraries would be an incongruous neighbour of the birthplace and spoil its old world setting, and partly because of the risk of fire.

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Clifford's Inn, the quaint and grimy old group of buildings that slumbers in the back water at the corner of Fleet Street and Fetter Lane, is in the hands of the auctioneers. The last time the old hall of the Inn was opened to the public, so far as my memory goes, was when the Benchers lent it to Mr. M'Cormick for an exhibition of the pictures he painted when with Sir Martin Conway's Himalayan expedition: the utility of the buildings is as a straw



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compared with the value of the site. Its antiquity, however, rouses ire at the project of selling the ground: Clifford's is the oldest Inn of Chancery and dates back to the 14th century, so is worth preserving as a monument. It must be confessed that the scheme of using the proceeds for "legal education" does not seem to justify the step; more education for incipient lawyers is hardly a crying need.

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The Mystery of Radium, Editorjee, lies heavy upon my conscience, for that I have wilfully shunned mention of the great discovery to the injustice of your readers and the neglect of the duty of a Looker-on. In point of fact I have been looking on: have read in a humble spirit of enquiry all the letters of all the scientific men whence the merest glimmer of light might be gleaned; but the more I read the less I understand it: and I cannot help feeling that there are quite a number of people in precisely the same case. Professor Johnson Stoney's last utterance is the last straw: "The Energy of a Molecule," he says, "consists of two parts—its energy as a missile travelling forwards, and the energy of the events that go on within it. This latter part of the energy may undergo change during the flight." This dictum settles the question so far as the mere lay mind is concerned, it is bad enough to have to consider molecules in a dynamic spirit; but if we have got to take into account the energy of the events that disturb their interior economy, I respectfully move that we postpone discussion till Radium comes within the sphere of applied science.

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Of course you heard by wire of the disaster to *Shamrock III.* Ill luck seems to dog Sir Thomas Lipton with his *Shamrocks*, and the hearts of them at Lloyds who insure his vessels must be heavy within them. The first *Shamrock* came to grief during her trials as to her rigging: then we had the mishap to *Shamrock II* which might have cost us the life of the King: and now the third *Shamrock* is dismasted in much the same way; a bolt of the weather rigging having yielded to the strain. But why do I babble of these matters? Without doubt your capable sporting correspondents write of them.

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The death of General Macintyre at Fortrose last week removes one whose name will live long in the memory of sportsmen in the East. Everyone has read his "Hindu Koh" and "Wanderings and Wild Sports." He saw his full share of service in those "little wars" which are the making of so many good soldiers in India, and won his V. C. in the 1871-72 Looshai expedition, promotion came to him rapidly, for he was only 51 when he retired as Major-General in 1880. Leaving the service he settled in Ross-shire and amused himself with gun and rod to his own pleasure and with his pen to that of others.

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Mrs. Humphry Ward is quite up to her usual mark in *Lady Rose's Daughter*. Her characterisation leaves much to be desired (she never did shine at creating people of flesh and blood, distinct and individual who live and convince you) but she has worked out a good idea and the story takes hold. *Lady Rose's Daughter* suffered from the circumstance that her parents omitted the matrimonial service, but she is a young woman of much strength of character and magnetism and, accepted as the companion of a great lady who runs a *salon* in London, contrives to make herself the centre of it. The story hinges on the jealousy of the great lady and *Lady Rose's Daughter's* banishment and subsequent trials. One complaint I always have against Mrs. Humphry Ward: her people are so much cleverer than she is that she cannot keep up with them: she never repeats their penetrating remarks, their searching, illuminating comments on the affairs of the day. We see the looks of appreciation on faces of the hearers, but we don't hear the wisdom or the wit that raised them. 'Twas ever thus: Robert Elsmere you may recollect was in the habit of exhibiting his discriminating intelligence by making memorable observations: his creatress says so: but she never repeated them in print.

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We move in the Very Best Society with *Lady Rose's Daughter*: Mrs. Humphry Ward is at home there. Her swells are neither sticks nor stage nobility but well bred people of the world. Which suggests the reflection that manners in what calls itself and is called smart society do not improve. To be smart you have still to ignore all the rules your nurse taught you in the nursery: you must wear both elbows on the table at meals and it is good form to curl your left arm round your plate to get your glass without moving your elbow: you may gnaw chicken's bones held in your fingers, both hands preferred: you shouldn't look at the person you are speaking to: its better form to turn your back and address him as if you were a convicted pick pocket under unwilling cross-examination: and if the fellow answers you without a long pause and in a civil tone you know at once he has no pretensions to smartness. The rules of smart society are wisely framed to conceal if necessary the fact that you had no bringing up to speak of, which is at once thoughtful and wise considering what composes smart society.

ONLOOKER.

Review.

AFTER IBEX.*

MAJOR NEVILLE TAYLOR has produced a slight but exceedingly readable account of a five months' trip in the Wardwan district some eight years ago. Anxious to get the best ground he made an unusually early start and that after a winter of exceptional severity; and the three days' snowstorm which occurred during the close of March did nothing to lighten the task of crossing the pass from Cashmere. Once on his ground the author was in a position to appreciate the joys of sport on the Himalayas in the avalanche season; and had he been guided by a less experienced man than his shikari Lassoo, it is quite possible that this book would never have been written. As the record of a first experience in hill sport, Major Taylor's book is particularly helpful and suggestive; the author remarks that he found difficulty in obtaining from better-informed brother officers information concerning the conditions under which hill sport is obtained "partly because sportsmen are as a rule better narrators of incidents than exponents of theories, and partly because they seem to be incapable of grasping the extent of the questioner's ignorance" We may suggest that Major Taylor might have found enlightenment in any one of a dozen informing books on the subject, but [illegible] that pass; his book, brief as it is, leaves nothing unsaid that will be helpful to the beginner who intends to put in his leave on ibex ground; and this is due to the fact that everything was new to him and, being new, worth recording He appears to have been fortunate in his shikari and his men generally; and what is more knew how to treat them and get the best and most willing service; to his own energy and keenness, combined with the loyal zeal of his men he got more sport than many a new hand can look back on. He knew nothing about the business when he started, but his ignorance was largely discounted by the fact that he knew he had everything to learn; hence with a good sense that deserves all praise he put himself entirely in the hands of his shikari as soon as he found he was a man to be trusted.

Ibex shooting in April is not a sport that can be recommended to any but those whose muscles and nerves are of the best. The snows are breaking up and add another peculiarly insidious danger to those of mountaineering at a later season. Members of the party had some narrow shaves during their expeditions, but there were no serious mishaps, and among the trophies was a good forty-inch head. Perhaps the book is less worthy of commendation as a record of sport pure and simple than as a picture of life in the hills: so regarded it is more than excellent; vivid, well proportioned and entertaining. The author's remarks on the habits of ibex, taken at first hand from his own observation and from the shikari Lassoo, are well worth close study by all who would follow in his footsteps. There are some good illustrations from photographs.

*Ibex shooting on the Himalayas. By Major Neville Taylor. Sampson Low & Co, Ld., London.

Shikar.

WITH CANOE AND RIFLE IN THE SHAN STATES.

II.

AFTER we had been going for about two hours without incident, we reached the small village from which my canoe had been obtained, so my boatmen informed me. It was a very small place, of only some half dozen houses, and the inhabitants were apparently fishermen, for the most part, for we saw some nets near each of the houses. They were also engaged in boat-building, for we saw an unfinished one in course of construction on the bank.

As it was now noon we pulled in to the bank here, in order to let the boatmen and servants get some food, and I strolled up the bank and interviewed one or two of the villagers. They seemed curious to know my object in going down stream and one of them—who spoke Burmese well, although a Shan—informed me that I could not go the whole way by boat owing to rapids. This coincided with information I had previously received.

On setting out again, after about an hour and a half or two hour's travelling, we came to the junction of another river with our own on the right side. This I believed to be the Wam Choung or Pun Choung, for falls of some size occurred on it just above the junction, and I knew by report that this river possessed falls of this nature. It joins the Salween from a northerly direction and brings a considerable body of water into it.

We shot past the junction, the boat rocking considerably in the conflicting currents, and for some little distance sped on at increased speed. A slight increase in the breadth of the river, however, again reduced the speed and we continued at about our former rate.

The banks had been so far high and rocky, although in places a shelving beach was visible of quite 50 yards in width. This would be all covered, however, when the big rise took place, for we could see the high water mark right upon the precipitous banks above.

We had not seen any game to speak of as yet. On one occasion—just near the junction of the Pun Choung—we had come on a school of otters frisking and fishing from a rock near the shore, but on spying the boat they had dived and disappeared under an overhanging bank. Occasionally I saw one of the large species of toucan, or hornbill, common to these parts, larger by far than the usual black and white bird, and with brilliant yellow wings and crest, with the curious horny excrescence on the upper mandible, also of a brilliant yellow colour

Several of these could be seen at times flying from one bank to the other.

Towards the afternoon we began to look out for a convenient halting place for the night. It was not possible to put in to the bank at any desired place, but a suitable landing place had to be got. I also wished if possible to reach some village and make my stay there, both in order to obtain daily supplies and to make enquiries as to the sport in the neighbourhood. For it was my intention, in the event of reaching any really good shooting ground, to make a stay of a day or two there before proceeding further. On this day, however, no village came in sight, and towards evening we were obliged to stop and so selecting the best landing place that offered we pulled into the shore, and getting out, dragged the boat up a little distance and made preparations to remain there the night.

On the following day we made an early start and found the first portion of our journey easy going, the river running here swiftly and smoothly between its high banks. The boatmen informed me, however, that at some distance further down we should come to rather a difficult rapid with rocks in the middle of it. However, as this would not be for some hours yet it was not of immediate importance. As we were moving smoothly and silently along, I noticed several jungle fowl at various places on the banks. Getting the boatmen to approach one side a little closer I got a shot at two close together. One I bowled over, and the other I got also as he rose on the shot. We had to pull in to the bank to retrieve them, but this did not cause much delay and we were shortly again under weigh. A little further down we came round a corner on three deer drinking on the bank. They had dashed into the jungle, however, before I could see what sort they were, but it struck me they were sambhur—a stag and two does, and my boatmen declared this was so.

About midday we reached the vicinity of the rapid, and at some distance ahead white water could be seen where rocks broke the surface. We proceeded now more cautiously, getting in close to one bank so as to avoid the main force of the current.

The boatmen, however, judging by the height of water and their former experience of the place, assured me we should have no trouble, as this rapid was not a difficult one except when the river was very low.

They, however, kept the boat close to the bank until the head of the rapid was reached, and then pushing boldly out took the main passage between some sunken rocks and the farther bank, skilfully guiding the boat and controlling her movements admirably. For about 100 yards we shot down with ever-increasing speed, but at that point three rocks lay right in our course and we had to cross the stream obliquely to avoid them. The boatmen paddled frantically for some twenty strokes, and we shot across, to find ourselves safely through and in smooth water again drifting downwards in our usual silent manner with the roar of the rapids in our rear.

This first passage of a rapid impressed me with the skill of my boatmen, and I felt assured that the headman had not deceived me in telling me they were experienced men. I learnt, later however, that this was mere child's play compared to some of the larger rapids.

We carried on for several miles till evening with only one halt of an hour at a convenient beach. Before it was dusk we noticed a small village some distance to our front and not far from the left bank. At this place then I decided to halt for the night and so we pulled in to the shore.

As it was only about 5 o'clock I went off to the village, taking my Karen with me. The people were astonished at our approach, and several women and children made a hurried flight into their houses. The Karen, however, called to a man he saw—a Shan—and soon we had established amicable relations, and on enquiry we were told that game was somewhat plentiful in the neighbourhood, but, as it appeared, there was no one of the villagers in possession of a gun. The man said that a "mohso," or hunter, from another village sometimes came and got deer for them and he proposed to fetch him for me. As this would have entailed a longer stay than I wished to make, I told him it would not matter, but that he could himself come out on the next day and show us the ground, and we would endeavour of ourselves to find sport.

I accordingly arranged that the canoe should go on at daybreak to a spot ten miles further down, where a small stream joined the river, and there wait for me, and myself

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with the shikari and the villager shoot down to this place, and rejoin the boat there.

This being settled I strolled down stream along the bank by myself for a mile or so, until it began to grow dusk, and was just about to return when I saw a barking deer emerge from the jungle and step down to the water's edge to drink. I knelt down and fired, and the deer dropped where he stood, half in, half out of the water. After pulling him up the bank a bit, I started off, and on reaching the village sent to bring him in, and presented him to the headman, who was very pleased with the gift, and renewed his promises of showing me sport the following day. We moved off soon after daybreak next morning, after seeing all the kit and servants embarked in the canoe. My Karen accompanied me, as did also the Shan headman. I was carrying my double ·303 only, as, from all accounts, I expected to come across only deer. We left the river and moved inland eastwards, and then again turning south followed the line of some rising ground. Jungle fowl were plentiful here, for we saw several, and heard many more crowing and clucking in the surrounding jungles; but I did not want to shoot any, for fear of frightening deer should there be any about. After going some way we reached a salt-lick, and the Shan guide told us he had constantly come on sambhur and barking deer here. Sure enough only a few hundred yards beyond it a sambhur stag dashed out of a small clump of jungle as we approached, and crossing right in front of us made for the high ground. I got a nice shot at him as he was passing over an open and level bit, about 50 yards from me, but hit him too far back and failed to stop him, although he swerved at the shot and was making up hill when I fired again, this time into his back as he was ascending. The bullet struck him just at the junction of neck and back and brought him down on his knees, and he never moved again. The head was a fair one, and so I directed the guide and shikari to take it off, which they did without much delay. The carcase I presented to my guide and we left it there for him to cut up later: I had quite enough venison from the barking deer shot the previous evening, a haunch of which I had reserved for myself and men and, moreover, sambhur flesh is not appetising, being coarse and stringy, although highly prized by the Shans.

A couple of miles further we came on a lot of tracks of deer, but could not spot any although they had been here recently, from the appearance of the tracks. We had no time to follow them up as they had moved off, and so we continued our course again towards the river. On arrival at the place arranged, we found the boat already there, and the boatmen coming towards us, informed us that just as they were pulling in to the bank they had seen a bear—a large one so they said—moving up from the river to the jungle. They pointed me out his tracks on the sand, and leaving them there I hurried on at once with the Shan and my tracker, to follow up the beast and, if possible, get a shot at him, for I did not think he could have gone far.

His tracks led away from the river and towards a nullah of no great size, and on arrival at it I saw that it was not improbable he was in there still, as there was some cover there, but none beyond for some distance. Going then to its further end I directed the two men, when I was in position, to hurl stones in and endeavour to drive out the animal. This they did, and out came brute towards me, looking vicious at seeing his way barred. I fired and hit him and he stood up preparatory to going for me as I thought, but I gave him my left barrel in the chest just below the white semi-circle, and he tumbled over, to rise no more, although I had to give him another shot at close quarters to settle him.

I was somewhat surprised to see a bear about at this season, for they do not usually appear much until the rains have set in. He was of the Malayan species, with shortish coat and therefore not much of a trophy, but I had his skin taken off and kept it as a memento of the incident.

This took some time, and on reaching the boat I found the servants having their food, so we did not start for an other hour but then set out after presenting the Shan guide with a *douceur* which, in addition to the deer flesh he had got already, seemed to make him very happy.

On pushing out again we continued our journey down stream till evening without seeing any more game, and disembarked at dusk for the night at a convenient sandy spot, there having been no village passed during the afternoon.

The next three days of our voyage were quite uneventful. No villages were seen, although we passed a "kodan," or ferry, where a small hut, the residence of the ferryman no doubt, occupied one bank. We also met a boat being towed up stream by two men, who told us that some miles below was a large rapid that we could not pass. We did not come to this on that day, however, but on the following one, after a few hours' travelling, we came to where the river narrowed somewhat, and heard the roar of breakers in front of us.

As my boatmen told me that we were now approaching the rapid, I directed the boat to be put into the bank, and disembarking, the boatmen and I walked down stream until the head of the rapid came in view. On reaching this we saw that the boat could not possibly pass it in safety if loaded up, for it was a mass of rocks with a swift current dashing over them. The boatmen said it continued like this for nearly a mile and then again lower down there was another rapid as long, if not longer. They said that by unloading the boat they could get it down the slack water near the bank, but that it would take a couple of days or more.

This being so I decided to march overland along the bank to the spot where we could again re-embark, and therefore, with the Karen and my two servants, left the river, and struck off on the right bank in a south-westerly direction. We carried food enough for three days with us and did not doubt we should get some game also.

SALWEEN.

(To be continued.)

Shooting.

CALCUTTA REVOLVER CLUB.

The second monthly prize meeting was held at Milton Park yesterday afternoon. The shooting was with the left hand, and the range 20 yards. The first Prize was won by Mr. J. K. Chase and the Nursery prize was won by Mr. M. Mertig. The following are amongst the best scores returned:—J. K. Chase, 32: H. Hobbs, 31; E. Thompson, 30: M. Mertig, 31.

Correspondence.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—With regard to Kuki's difficulty in this matter, detailed in the *Indian Field* for 2nd April 1903, page 542, I should be inclined to risk the cross, in spite of the Dorking's weight. It would be a good alliance as the greater size of the Dorking cock and the superior hardihood of the jungle hen, would make a good alliance. All chickens possessing the characteristic fifth toe of the Dorking should, however, be killed off, as this deformity should not be allowed in a strain bred for practical purposes; it is usually correlated with a tendency to "bumble-foot." Ship's people do bring out European fowls now, and the results of their speculations can be obtained from Mr. W. Rutledge, advertising in the *Indian Field*.

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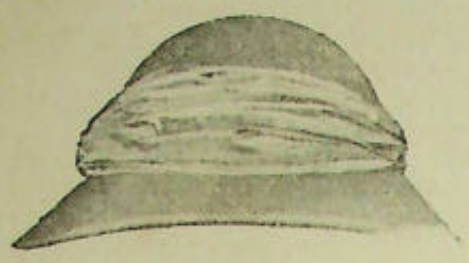

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NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
S. M. Summer Sky (Belgaum)	May	14 16 & 18	
Dibrugarh	,,	26	
Simla Summer	,,	26, 28 & 30	476
Lucknow Open Gymkhana ...	,,	16	
Darjeeling	,,	28 & 30	
Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Simla Gymkhanas ...	May	16	
Ditto ...	June	13 20 & 27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Pachmari	June	2, and 4	
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	,,	26	575
Meerut Autumn	,,	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	24, 26 & 28	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	24 26 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb.	6	
Dibrugarh ...	,,	2 4 & 6	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First ...	...	1st Sept.
	Second ...	...	15th Oct.
SIMLA SUMMER ...	Third ...	...	15th May.
MAHABLESWAR SKY ...	Second ...	...	8th ,,
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...	...	...	8th Dec.
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...	...	...	15th Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES SECOND MEETING	First ...	...	1st Dec.
	Second ...	...	9th Jan.
	Third ...	...	16th Jan.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES SECOND DAY	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	2nd Jan.
POONA	First ...	...	4th Augst.
	Second ...	...	25th ,,
	Final ...	...	8th Sept.
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second ...	...	1st July.
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BANGALORE	First ...	...	1st June.
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	Third ...	...	1st July.
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	Third ...	...	1st June.
LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First ...	...	15th Aug.
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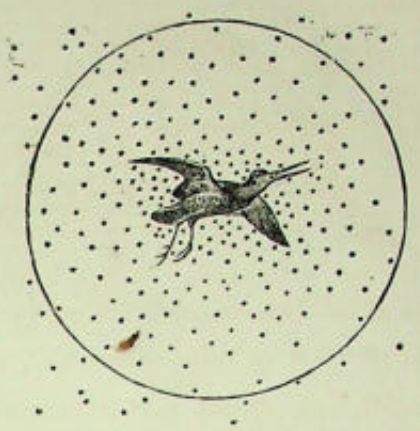

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ROWING.	
CALCUTTA R. C. SECOND REGATTA	... 23rd May.
CRICKET.	
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THE HORSE.	
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SPORTS.	
OOTACAMUND SKITTLE GYMKHANAS	May 12th & June 15th, 27th
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FOOTBALL.	
DURAND TOURNAMENT, SIMLA ...	... 14th to 25th Sep.
HOCKEY.	
BEIGHTON CUP	... Now on.
AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT ...	... Begins 18th May
GOLF.	
GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August
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The Derby (1½ miles)	... ...	Wednesday, May 27
The Oaks (1½ miles)	... ...	Friday, May 29
Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) (1½m)		Sunday, May 31
Manchester Cup (1½ miles)	... ...	Friday, June 5
Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1½m)		Saturday, June 13
Grand Prix de Paris (1 mile 7 furlongs)	...	Sunday, June 14
Ascot Stakes (2 miles)	... ...	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)		Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles)	... ...	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds)	...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles)	... ...	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds)	...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles)	... ...	Friday, June 19
Northumberland Plate (2 miles)	...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds)	...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	... ...	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs)	...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	... ...	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	... ...	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	... ...	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)		Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	... ...	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)		Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	... ...	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)		Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)		Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)		Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Royal Military Tournament	...	15th May.
Golf Open Championship	...	11th June.
Oxford vs. Cambridge (Lord's)	...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting	...	4th July.
Gents vs. Players (Lords)	...	6th July.
Henley Regatta	...	7th July.
Eton vs. Harrow (Lord's)	...	10th July.
Gents vs. Players (Oval)	...	10th July.
Rugby vs. Marlborough (Lord's)	...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	...	4th August.
America Cup First Race	...	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	...	25th August.
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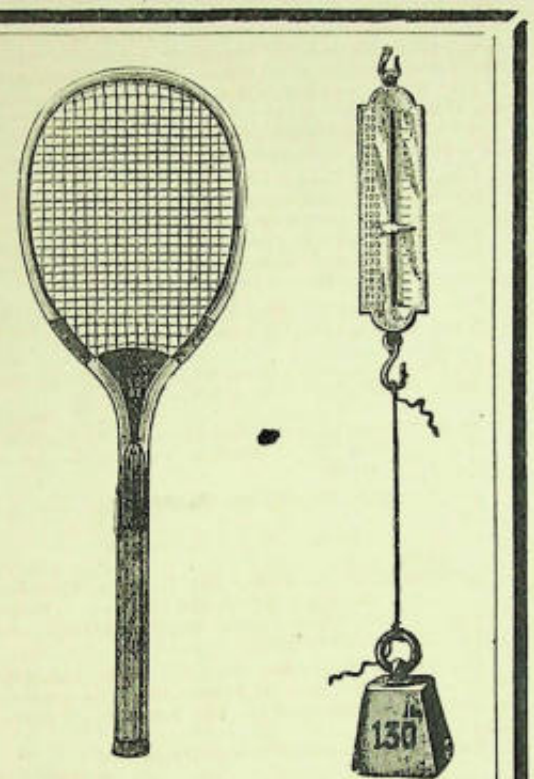

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First Day, Tuesday, 5th May 1903.

Tuesday saw a most lovely afternoon and there was a representative attendance at the Course, among the spectators being Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill, H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, Sir George Wolseley, Sir Donald and Lady Robertson, and Sir David and Lady Barr, besides nearly all the social world of Ootacamund, and a large contingent from Wellington and Coonoor. Heavy rain fell on Monday night and as it was badly needed, no rain having fallen for over a week, the going was much improved thereby. There was a card of six events, and on the whole fields were larger than at Wellington and sport was good. Some of the finishes were quite exciting, particularly that between Hampton Court and Mary Jane, which resulted in a verdict of half a length over a distance of half a mile, and again in the Hunter's Cup Woodlands only a length winner from Harkaway over two and a quarter miles. The first race only brought out a field of two and was a walk over for Redoubt who led from start to finish and won by ten engths. In the Trial Stakes, five furlongs, there was a field of five Sardine set the pace to Yuletide followed by Mary Jane. Near the Old Pavilion, however, Yuletide assumed the lead, while Sardine dropped back third. Yuletide and Mary Jane were neck and neck coming into the straight, but the former held her own and won a good race by a length. Next came the Novice Stakes, which was voted good for Coree Belle. She made her own running after the corner, from Gaylad and Warrior and got home a comfortable winner by one length. The Club Stakes was contested by a field of four. It was impossible to tell who was winner as Mary Jane, Chemisette, and Hampton Court came together into the straight but McQuade most cleverly drove Hampton Court home to win by half a length, while three lengths divided Mary Jane from Chemisette. Six runners turned out for the race of the day, the Hunter's Cup, run over two and a quarter miles. In the first round Latchkey made running from Right Angle, with Pennant and The Cardinal in attendance, but on passing the Stand Woodlands got on terms and on the opposite side took the lead, Cardinal taking last place, at the half mile from home Woodlands was leading still, Harkaway second, while Latchkey and Pennant raced together from the Old Pavilion, and finished dead heat for third place. In the last race the Ladis' Purse for Arab ponies, Syndic lead all the way and won in a canter by ten lengths from Baby Boy, who was divided from Rupert by six lengths. Details :—

THE MYSORE CUP.—Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 to second if 5 or more enter. For horses Distance—1 mile.

Major Logan-Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 9st	McQuade	1
„ Harrison's b aus g Glenfield, 10st 3lbs	Meahjan	0

BETTING : 4 to 1 against Glenfield, 10 to 1 on Redoubt.
Won by ten lengths. Time—1min. 55secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 200. For Ponies Maidens on 1st April 1903. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr Pell-Irving's blk aus m Yuletide, 10st 13lbs	Owner	1
Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 10st 11lbs	Capt Fife	2
Mr Allardice's gr aus g Sardine, 11st 4lbs	McQuade	3
Col W E G Forbe's ch a h Rufus III., 9st 4lbs	Owner	0
Capt C T Swan's b aus m Bessie, 8st 9lbs...	Gooloo	0

BETTING :—4 to 1 against Sardine, 6 to 4 Yuletide, 2 to 1 on Mary Jame, 2 to 1 on Rufus III., 4 to 1 on Bessie.
Won by one length ; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 11⅘secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 4.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 200. For Horses Maidens on 1st January 1903. Distance—6 furlongs.

Major Harrison's b aus m Coree Belle, 9st	McQuade	1
Mr Colin Mackenzie's ch aus g Warrior, 8st 7lbs	Mr Liebenrood	2
Major J Vans-Agnew's blk aus g Gaylad, 8st 7lbs	Meahjan	3
Major Vigne's b aus m Lucy Glitters, 8st 7lbs (dec. 4lbs) ...	Thompson	0
Mr Lievenrood's br c b g Landwind, 6st dec. 1st 5lbs.	Gooloo	0

BETTING : 3 to 1 on Coree Belle, 2 to 1 against Warrior, 6 to 1 on Lucy Glitters, 6 to 1 on Gaylad, 8 to 1 on Landwind, Totalizator paid Rs 3. Time—1min. 23⅘secs.
Won by one length ; four lengths between second and third, ten lengths third and fourth.

THE CLUB STAKES.—Rs. 200. For Ponies. Distance—¼mile.

Major Harrison's b eb g Hampton Court, 9st 2lbs	McQuade	1
Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 10st	Thompson	2
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 9st 5lbs	Owner	3
„ Swan's b aus m Bessie, 8st ...	Gooloo	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Mary Jane, 6 to 4 on Chemisette, 2 to 1 on Hampton Court, 10 to 1 on Bessie. Totalizator paid Rs. 7 Time—53⅘secs.
Won by half a length ; three lengths between second and third.

THE HUNTERS, CUP.—Presented by H. E. the Governor Value Rs. 500 with Rs. 100 added from the Funds, and Rs. 200 to the second, also Rs. 100 to the thir if five or more enter.
For horses regularly hunted with a recognised pack of hounds. during the previous seasons subject to the approval of the Stewards. (The Master's Certificate of the pack hunted with, that the horse is duly qualified, must be produced). Distance—2¼ miles.

Capt Fife's b aus g Woodlands 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Major Logan-Home's, br aus g Harkaway, 11st 7lbs	Capt Roome	2
Major W. M. Campbell's br aus g Pennant, 11st 7lbs	Owner dead heat	3
Mr. Liebenrood's ch aus m Latchkey, 11st 7lbs	Owner dead heat	
Capt Fife's b aus g Right Angle, 11st 7lbs	Major Vigne	0
Capt Swan's ch aus g The Cardinal, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0

BETTING: 10 to 1 on Latchkey, 2 to 1 on Woodlands, 10 to 1 on Right Angle, 10 to 1 on Harkaway, 10 to 1 on Pennant 2 to 1 against The Cardinal. Totalizator paid Rs. 4. Time—4mins. 40⅘secs.
Won by a length ; twenty lengths between second and third.

THE LADIES' PURSE:—Rs. 200. For Arab Ponies Distance—1 mile.

Mr Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 9st 12lbs ...	McQuade	1
„ F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 12st ...	Capt Roome	2
Major Logan Home's ch a g Rupert 11st 13lbs	Capt Fife	3
Major Vigne's b a h Gentle James, 10st 11lb		0

BETTING: 10 to 1 against Baby Boy, 4 to 1 against Rupert, 5 to 1 against Gentle James 2 to 1 against Syndic. Totalizator paid Rs. 3. Time—2min. 4⅘secs.
Won by ten lengths six ; lengths between second and third.

Second Day, Thursday, 7th May 1903.

Racing to-day was entirely spoilt by the rain. The first two were run off in threatening weather and the rain came down in torrents just before the third race and converted the course, in a few minutes into a millpond and after the New Race it was decided to abandon the Ootacamund Cup and Substitution Pony Race to Friday

In the Rose and Crown Plate, which only drew a field of three, Dodo got away to a good start, but was soon distanced by Warrior, who kept the lead and won very easily by six lengths. In the Pavilion Stakes there were only three entries again Cardinal and Steelpen were pretty level to the corner, where the latter came away and the rest of the race was a procession. Steelpen winning by five lengths. In the last three furlongs Landwind came up wonderfully and it seemed as if he might get second place, but was eventually beaten by two lengths. The sloppy going in the Tally Ho Cup made a great difference and it was a surprise to most when Gadabout passed the post a winner. Five faced the starter in blinding rain and the discomforts of the riders were added to by a false start in which Gadabout got away and was not pulled up till he had completed the course. They eventually got away to a good start and passed the stand in the following order: Rupert and Rufus III, Bessie and Gadabout, Lady lying a good way behind. Almost immediately after passing the stand she fell, but her rider, Mr. Morey, was up again and finished the course coming in several hundred yards behind! A plucky performance in such a veteran rider, but if we might venture to say so a useless one. Opposite the stand Rupert was leading and kept his place to the half mile from home, when Gadabout, ridden by his owner on the sand track, came up and won by a length; Bessie ten lengths off third. There was some delay before the horses came out for the New Race, as it was hoped the rain might get lighter, but as this did not happen the mounting bell was rung. There were five starters for it. Syndic at evens was only third. Bahadur made his own running and won by two lengths, beating his stable companion Medoc. Details:—

THE ROSE AND CROWN PLATE.—Rs. 200, of which Rs. 50 to second. For *bona fide* hacks which have never won a race of any description and subject to the approval of the Stewards. 7 furlongs.

Mr Mackenzie's rn aus g Warrior, 12st	Capt Swan	1
Major Logan Home's b e m Dodo, 12st	Capt Fife	2
Mr S A Walker's ch aus g Chips, 12st declared 12-11.	Mr Handcock	3

BETTING: 4 to 1 agst Dodo, 4 to 1 on Warrior, 5 to 1 Chips. Totalisator paid Rs. 2-8. Time—1min. 41secs.

Won by six lengths; twenty lengths between second and third.

THE PAVILION STAKES.—Rs. 200. For horses. 1 mile.

Major Harrison's br aus g Steelpen, 9st 10lbs	McQuade	1
Capt Swan's ch aus g The Cardinal, 10st 7lbs, ...	Owner	2
Mr Liebenrood's b cb g Landwind, 6st 7lbs declared 6-11½, ...	Gooloo	3

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst The Cardinal, 2 to 1 on Steelpen, 10 to 1 Landwind. Totalisator paid Rs. 3. Time—1mn. 57⅕secs.

Won by five lengths; two lengths between second and third.

THE TALLY HO CUP.—Rs. 200 with Rs 100 to second if four enter.

Mr Liebenrood's b cb h Gadabout, 8st ...	Owner	1
Major Logan Home's ch a g Rupert 11st, declared 8-0½, ...	Capt Fife	2
Capt Swan's b aus m Bessie, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	3
Mr Morey's ch aus m Lady, 11st -	Owner	3
Col W E G Forbes' ch a h Rufus III, 8st 2lbs declared 8-8, ...	Owner	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Lady evens Rupert, 3 to 1 Bessie, 20 to 1 Rufus III, 10 to 1 Gadabout.

Totalizator paid Rs. 15. Time—3mins. 21secs.

Won by one length; ten lengths between second and third.

NEW RACE.—Rs 200. For Arab ponies. ½ mile.

Major Logan Home's b a h Bahadur, 10st 3lbs	Meahjan	1
Major Logan Home's ch a h Medoc, 10st...	Capt Roome	2
Mr Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 10st 7lbs ...	McQuade	3
Mr W W Philip's blk a g Zouave, 8st 4lbs	Gooloo	0
Mr Patrickson's g a h Pole Star, 8st, declared 9-3½	Mr Bell I Privng	0

BETTING: Evens Syndic, 3 to 1 agst Bahadur, 4 to 1 Medoc, 10 to 1 Zouave, 10 to 1 Pole Star.

Totalizator paid Rs. 4. Time—1min. 1⅕secs.

Won by two lengths; one length between second and third.

Friday, 8th May 1903.

The last two events on the card for the second day's racing came off this afternoon in fine weather, though the attendance was very small. The course had dried up in a wonderful manner and the going was simply perfect, neither of the favourites for the two races were successful. Viking surprised every one by winning the Cup for Captain Swan, while the favourite Redoubt came in a bad fourth. He did not run well, for just after passing the stand which he passed pulling hard, he seemed to die off and never got on terms again. The first race was the Substitution Pony Race, for which there were four starters. Chemisette made the running for Mary Jane and Yuletide as far as the three-furlong post, where Mary Jane took the lead and things looked hopeful for her backers, but coming round the corner into the straight Yuletide came away and won by two lengths. The Ootacamund Cup was not run in good time, two minutes and fifty-three seconds for a mile and a half. Prime made the running to the mile post, the favourte lying last and Viking third. At the mile Latchkey, Steelpen and Woodlands had the lead without much to choose between them. Prime coming back, they kept this order to the six furlongs from home, where Viking came up with a rush, assumed the lead and won by five lengths. Details:—

SUBSTITUTION PONY RACE.—Rs. 200. For ponies. ¼ mile.

Mr Bell Irving's blk aus m Yuletide, 11st	Owner	1
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 9st 4lbs	Owner	2
Mr Allardice's g aus g Sardine, 9st 7lbs ...	McQuade	3
Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 10st 3lbs	Capt Swan	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Yuletide, 4 to 1 agst Mary Jane, 8 to 1 Sardine, 4 to 1 Chemisette.

Won by two lengths; two lengths between second and third. Time—53secs.

THE OOTACAMUND CUP.—Rs. 1,000. For Horses. 1¼ miles.

Capt Swan's b aus g Viking, 10st 4lbs ...	Owner	1
Major Harrison's br aus g Steelpen, 9st 6lbs	Meajan	2
Capt Fife's b aus g Woodlands, 10st -	Capt Roome	3
Major Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 10st 6lbs	McQuade	0
Mr Liebenrood's b aus m Latchkey, 8st 3lbs	Owner	0
Col Grant's b cb h Prime, 7st 12lbs ..	Gooloo	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Redoubt, 5 to 1 Viking, 5 to 1 Woodlands, 5 to 1 Steelpen, 10 to 1 Latchkey, 4 to 1 Prime.

Won by five lengths; ten lengths between second and third, two lengths between third and fourth. Time—2min. 53secs.

Third Day, Saturday, 9th May 1903.

It was the generally expressed opinion that the third day's racing was the best sport of the meeting. The weather was charming and the attendance good, many Coonoor and Wellington people being present. The going could not have been better and it is pleasant to have to record that as on the first day we were free from accidents. On considering the starting Mr. Horne must be congratulated on the way he performed this difficult and often times thankless job. For the Stand Plate, which opened the programme, Yuletide was made favourite and she did not disappoint her backers as she won easily. Sardine made the running for three-quarters of the distance, Bessie second to the half mile from home, but here she was beaten and Yuletide coming up with a rush won comfortably. The Leonidas Purse was won by Gaylad, but should have been won by Viking whose rider came too late. It was a good race and exciting. A field of four faced the starter, Steelpen made the running for Corre Belle and Gaylad. Viking lying behind till the old Pavilion, where he closed up and was leading round the corner apparently with the race in hand, but Gaylad got on terms with him and won by a head. In the Eastern Handicap again Baby Boy should have won but his rider failed to land him a winner. Syndic made the running by a long lead and the top corner, but rounding the bend Rupert closed up and at the half mile was leading and kept his place to the corner into the straight, here Baby Boy got on terms and passed him easily, his rider considering the race now ceased riding, but Rupert putting on a spurt won by a length. A field of only three went to the post in the Kennel Cup, and of these Harkaway was a certainty. Pennant made the running for a mile and a half for Harkaway, Cowboy was nowhere in the race after the start. At the old Pavilion Harkaway came away and won as he liked. The Pony Consolation Race was a match between Chemisette and Bessie, the former led all the way, but was nearly collared in the straight by Bessie who closed up at the corner. She won, however, by a head.

The Horse Consolation Race was the last event on the card and there were four entries, Major Vans Agnew scoring another win with Gaylad, though Prime was the most generally fancied; he led from start to finish. Details:—

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 200. For ponies. 1¼ miles.

Mr Bell Irving's blk aus m Yuletide, 11st	Thompson	1
„ Allardice's g aus g Sardine, 9st 7lbs ...	McQuade	2
Capt Swan's b aus m Bessie, 7st 7lbs ...	Gooloo	0

Won by one length; twenty lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 30secs.

THE LEONIDAS PURSE.—Rs. 200. For Horses. 6 furlongs.

Major Vans Agnew's blk aus g Gaylad, 8st 5lbs	Gooloo	1
Capt Swan's b aus g Viking, 9st 11lbs ...	Thompson	2
Major Harrison's br aus g Steelpen, 10st 11lbs	McQuade	3
Major Harrison's b aus g Corie Belle, 10st	Meahjan	0

Won by a neck; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 21⅕secs.

THE EASTERN HANDICAP.—Rs. 200. For Arab ponies.—1½ miles.

Major Logan Home's ch a g Rupert, 9st 12lbs	Meahjan	1
Mr F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 10st 7lbs	Capt Roome	2
„ Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 10st 7lbs ...	McQuade	0

Won by one length; three lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 28⅖secs.

THE KENNEL CUP.—Rs. 200. For horses regularly hunted with a recognised pack of hounds during the previous seasons subject to the approval of the Stewards. 2 miles. G. R.'s only.

Major Logan Home's br aus g Harkaway, 11st 11lb	Capt Roome	1
Major Campbell's br aus g Pennant, 10st 5lbs	Capt Fife	2
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Cowboy, 9st 11lbs	Owner	3

Won by three lengths. Distanced. Time—4mins. 9secs.

THE PONY CONSOLATION RACE.—Rs. 200. For ponies that have started and not won on first or second day during the present Ooty meeting. 6 furlongs

Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 10st 12lbs	Owner	1
Capt Swan's b aus m Bessie, 7st 4lbs ...	Gooloo	2

Won by a head. Time—1min. 29⅖secs.

THE HORSE CONSOLATION RACE—Rs. 200. For horses that have started and not won on first or second day during the present Ooty meeting. 6 furlongs.

Major Vans Agnew's blk aus g Gaylad, 9st 4lbs	Thompson	1
Col Grant's b cb h Prime, 8st 4lbs ...	Gooloo	2
Mr Liebenrood's ch aus m Latchkey, 9st 6lbs	McQuade	3
Capt Swan's ch aus g The Cardinal, 9st 12lbs	Owner	0

Won by one and a half lengths; one and a half lengths between second and third.

MAHABLESHWAR SKY MEETING.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY 5TH MAY 1903.

RACING commenced this afternoon in pleasant weather. There was a large attendance, among whom were Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote, and an attractive card of six races was offered. Favourites won in three of the races but there were some surprises during the afternoon. Figger's win in the World's Stakes and Vasco da Gama's victory in the extra race provviding no little excitement. Details:—

THE ALL COMERS POLO STAKES—Winner Rs. 49, second Rs 25. For all *bona fide* Arab and C.-B. Polo Ponies (certificate required at time on entry that they have been regularly played). Catch-weights over 11st. 2½ furlongs.

Colonel Eccles' ch cb m Lady Betty, 13-3½ 11st 0lb	Major Edwards	1
Lt-Col Reid's g a g Trout, 11st ...	Captain Casson	2
„ Reid's g a h Rolland, 11st ...	Mr Ponsonby	3
Capt Balmain's ch a h Expert, 13-3, 11st	Captain Hood	0
Lt-Col Reid's g a h Vasco da Gama, 11st...	Major England	0
Mr Lucas' g a h Baby, 11st	Owner	0

BETTING: 5 to 1 on Lady Betty, 5 to 1 against all others.

Won by two lengths confortably. Five lengths separated second and 3rd. Time—38secs.

THE MAHABLESWAR PURSE.—Winner Rs. 49; second Rs. 25. For English and Australian Ponies 13-3½ hands and under and Arab and C. B. Ponies 14-1 hands and under that have never started for a race value Rs. 50 or over previous to the Meeting. English and Australian 13-3½ hands to carry 12st. C. Bs. 14-1 hands 12st., Arabs 14-1 hands 11st. 5lbs W. for 1 5 furlongs.

Capt The Hon C F Greville's g a h Scattercash, 14-0, 9st 11lbs	Owner	1
Capt Hood's g a h Signaller, 14-0, 10st 7lbs	Owner	2
Maj Edwards' ch am g Quickstep, 13-2½ 10st 13lbs	Owner	3

BETTING: Evens, Scattercash and Quickstep: 4 to 1 agst. Signally.

Won easily by four lengths. Two lengths second and Time—1min. 15secs.

THE WORLD'S STAKES.—A handicap for all maiden ponies 14-0 and under.—4 furlongs.

Mr Cooper's br e g Fizzer, 13-2, 9st 11lbs...	Owner	1
Col Eccles' ch cb m Lady Betty 10st ...	Maj Edwards	2
Mr MacSwiney's b cb g The Reverend 14-0½, 9st 6lbs	Capt Casson	3
Capt The Hon C F Greville's b aus m Maori Girl, 14-0½, 12st 3lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Maori Girl, Evens, Fizzer, 2 to 1 agnst. both The Reverend and Lady Betty.

Won by two lengths. The Reverend a poor third. Time—562 secs.

Major Edwards b a h Daimyo, 13-3½, 9st 9½lbs	Owner	1
Lt-Col Reid's g a g Trout 9st 12lbs	Major England	2
Mr MacSwiney's b cb h The Reverend, 14-0½ 11st 5lbs	Capt Casson	3
Mr Lucas' b a h Fallah 14-0, 10st 2lbs ...	Owner	0
Capt Hood's g a h Signaller, 14-0, 10st 7lbs	Owner	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Daimyo, 4 to 1 against The Reverend, 5 to 1 against the others.

Won by three lengths, from Trout. A neck separated second and third. Time—1min. ⅗secs.

EXTRA RACE—3 furlongs.

Lt-Col Beid's g a h Vasco da Gama, 10s ...	Capt Casson	1
„ „ g a h Rolland, 10st	Major England	2
Mr Luca's g a h Baby, 10st	Owner	3
Capt the Hon C F Greville's Salonica, 10st	Owner	0
Capt Davy's Scot, 10st	Mr Ponsonby	0

BETTING: Evens Salonica; 2 to 1 agst. Baby and Rolland, 3 to 1 Scot, 8 to 1 Vasco da Gama.

Won by three lengths; two lengths second and third Time—45 ⅘secs.

Second Day, Friday, 8th May 1903.

(By Special Telegram.)

The meeting wound up very successfully today and before another big attendance. Favourites did well and Col. Reid's stable with Trout scored two popular wins Details:—

THE POLO PONY HANDICAP.—Distance 2½ furlongs.

Col Reid's Trout, 11st	Capt Casson	1
„ Eccles' Lady Betty, 12st 7lbs ...	Major Edwards	2
Capt Balmain's Expert, 9st 10lbs ...	Capt Smacke	3

Also ran:—Rolland and Baby.

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Lady Betty, 2 to 1 agst Trout, 3 to 1 the rest,

Won by neck. Time—37⅕ sec.

THE KOLHAPUR STAKES.—1 mile.

Mr Cooper's Duldul, 11st 7lbs... ...	Owner	1
Major Edwards Daimyo, 10st 6lbs ...	Owner	2
Capt Greville's Hoosainee, 10st 4lbs ...	Owner	3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Duldul, 6 to 4 agst Daimyo; 2½ to 1 Hoosainee.

Won by two lengths. Time—2mins. 5⅕secs.

THE HACK STAKES.—Distance—3 furlongs.

Major Edwards' Quickstep, 10st 9½lbs ...	Owner	1
Capt Greville's Maori Girl, 11st ...	Owner	2
Col Eccles' Pomfret, 11st	Capt Casson	3

Also ran:—Requite.

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Maori Girl; evens Quickstep; 5 to agst Pomfret; 7 to 1 Requite.

Won by three lengths Time—42 4-5secs.

Pomfret after the race bolted twice round the course with its rider.

THE PANCHGANI HANDICAP.—5 furlongs.

Col Reid's Trout, 10st;	Major England	1
Capt Greville's Scattercash, 10st 6lbs ...	Owner	2
Major Edwards' Daimyo' 10st 12lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran: Fallah and Signaller.

BETTING: Evens Daimyo, each 2 to 1 agst Scattercash and Signaller; 3 to 1 Trout; greater odds the rest.

Won by a head. Time—1 min. 15secs.

THE CONSOLATION RACE.—Distonee—3½ furlongs.

Capt Greville's Hoosainee, 9st 13½lbs ...	Major Edwards	1
Mr MacSwiney's The Reverend, 9st 9lbs ...	Capt Casson	2
Capt Greville's Maori Girl 12st ...	Owner	3

Also ran:—Jessore.

BETTING: Evens on Maori Girl; 3 to 2 agst The Reverend, 2 to 1 Jessore; 3 to 1 Hoosainee.

Won by a length. Time—15secs.

MEERUT 5TH OPEN GYMKHANA.

STEWARDS:

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„ G COCKBURN, D.S.O. 3rd Rifle Brigade. | CAPT. L. E. KENNARD. 15th Hussars.
MR. A. COURAGE, 15th Hussars.
Starter.—MR. J. N. BLAKE.

Saturday, 9th May 1903.

HORSE RACE.—Rs. 32 and Rs. 10 to second. For all horses that have never won a race of any description whatever. English and Australasians 11st 7lbs C.B's. 10st 7lbs Arabs 9st 7lbs. 1000 yards.

Major Williams' br aus g Russler King, 11st 7lbs	Mr Steele	1
Mr Heywood's b aus m Connie, 11st 7lbs...	Mr Bingham	2
„ Holford's br aus g Dick, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	3
„ H W Bell's b aus m Baroness, 11st 7lbs	Mr Scott	0
Major Blakeney's ch aus m Lady Flo. 11st 7lbs	Owner	0

Won easily by three lengths; ten lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 3⅖secs.

THE POLO PLATE—Rs 32 and Rs. 10 to second. For all *bonâ fide* Polo Ponies that have never won a race of any descrip-

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tion. Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs W. I. C.-B's allowed 14lbs Arabs 21lbs. 2½ furlongs.

Mr Harris' g a g Abdullah, 9st 13lbs ...	Owner	1
Capt Gaussen's ch cb g Gulala, 10st ...	Owner	2
Mr Bingham's ch a h Messina, 9st 10lbs ...	Owner	3
„ Shawe's ch a p Dandy Dick, 11st ...	Owner	0
„ Prittie's ch a h Seablue, 10lbs 2lbs ...	Mr Holford	0
„ Bennet's b a p Desmond	Owner	0

Won by a length half ; length between second and third.

THE MEERUT PURSE.—Rs. 32 and 10 to second. for all Maiden ponies, Arabs and C.-B's. 14-1 and others ; 13-3½ to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. 3 furlongs.

Mr. Bingham's g a h Euphrates, 9st 5lbs...	Owner	1
Major Lecky's ch aus m Biddy, 11st 7lbs...	Owner	2
Mr Bingham's b cb m Ruby, 10st 9lbs ...	Capt Gaussen	3
Col Beaver's ch a h Rob Roy, 10st 9lbs ...	Native	0
Col Beaver's b a h Bloodstone, 9st 11st —	Native	0
Mr Capoor's b cb g Dhariwal, 9st 5lbs ...	Kanhai	0

Won by a length and half easily ; half a length between second and third. Time—41 secs.

R. C. RACE —Rs. 32 and Rs. 10 to second. For all ponies 14-1 and under ; 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. C.-B.'s allowed 21lbs., Arabs 14lbs. R. C.

Mr Lutchmi Narain's r aus g Grig, 10st 4lbs	Capt Gaussen	1
Jemadar Molem Singh's b aus g Queensland, 12st	Owner	2
Mr Capoor's ch a h Mango, 8st 3lbs ...	Kanhai	3
„ Prittie's' b w g Benjamin, 12st ...	Owner	0
„ Harris's b aus m Twice, 11st 11lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Holford's br w g Sailor, 11st 8lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Steele's b cb m Hottentot Lass, 10st 3lbs	Owner	0
Mr Shawe's ch cb m Goose, 10st 11b ...	Owner	0
Capt Bell's b cb h Durbar, 9st 6lbs ...	Owner	0

Won by two lengths ; ten lengths between second and third.

NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 32 and Rs 10 to second. For Arabs and C.-B's 14-1 and under and others 14 hands and under, that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs other 14-0 to carry 12st. 4 furlongs.

W. I.		
Mr Bingham's g a h Euphrates, 9st 5lbs ...	Owner	1
Mrs Lecky's b aus m The Dove, 12st ...	Major Lecky	2
Col Beaver's w a h Jalmood, 9st 8lbs ...	Native	3
Mr Lutchmi Narains g a g Grafton, 10st 6lbs	Capt Gaussen	0
Mr Norton's g a h Polar Bear, 9st 11lbs ...	Mr Steel	0
Col Beaver's g a h Punch Bowl, 7st 12lbs	Native	0

Won by two lengths easily a length between second and third. Time—56¾ secs.

N-C. O.'s RACE First Rs. 20 ; 2nd Rs. 10. For all ponies *bona fide* the property of N. C. Officers' of the Meerut Garrison and to be ridden by same. Catch weights over 11 stone 3 furlongs.

Farr Maj Smith's g cb h Hussars, 11st ...	Pte Bott	1
Sgt-Maj Ralston's ch cb h Catapult, 11st...	Sergt Miller	2
Pte Pope's b cb h Sloper, 11st... ...	Owner	3
Sgt Maj Collins' dk br cb h Netty, 11st ...	Cpl Banks	0
Sgt Deacon's b cb h Hoopla, 11st ...	Cpl Knight	0
Gunner Harris's ch cb h Feroze, 11st ..	Owner	0

Won by a length ; same distance between second and third. Time—45 secs. Feroze was left at the post.

Racing in Australia.

THE A. J. C. MEETING.

THE DONCASTER HANDICAP.

DONCASTER HANDICAP—Of 20sovs. each with 1,000 added ; second, 200 ; third, 100sovs. One mile.

Mr T Brown's ch f Rose Petal, by Grand Flaneur—Rose Clear, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	McCrimmon	1
Mr F Foy's blk m Ban Ceontha, by His Reverence (imp.)—Gift of Gab, 4yrs, 6st 9lb, ...	Cornwall	2
Mr T F Scully's ch f Marvel Loch, by Lochiel—Marvelette, 3yrs, 7st ...	Hickey	3
Mr G A Cooper's b h Sir Leonard, 4yrs, 9st 10lbs	Cooper	0
Mr W Kelso's br g Purser, 6yrs, 8st 12lbs	Cleal	0
C Carlisle's br m Air Motor, 4yrs, 8st 11lbs	Osborne	0
Mr Jas Brennan's br m Pendant, 4 yrs, 8st 8lbs	Hood	0
J William's blk g The Idler, 5yrs, 8st 12lbs inc. 5lb penalty	J Barden	0
Mr Leslie Forest's b m Silver Ray, 6yrs, 8st 5lbs	Housman	0
Mr G Miller's ch h Contest, 4yrs, 8st	Scott	0
H Oxenham's b m Acrasia, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs	W H Smith	0
Mr J Baron's b h Simile (imp), 6yrs, 7st 11lbs	Lewis	0
„ T F Scully's blk g Argentum, 6yrs, 7st 7lbs	Turner	0
Mr W T Nolan's br h Nymagee, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs	W Brennan	0
Dr Fraser's b m Ambulance, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs	A Richardson	0
Mr M Thompson's ch m Australia, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs in 11b over	Brooks	0
Mr F Gaxien's ch f Gratia, 3yrs, 7st 11b	Bracken	0
„ J B Clarke's br f Milner 3yrs, 7st ...	Sutherland	0
„ W Duggan's br f Fungus, 3yrs, 7st	Golding	0
„ E Key's br f Fireclay, 4yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	Coughlin	0
„ R Wootton's br f Euston, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs	McLaughlin	0

BETTING : 4 to 1 agst Sir Leonard, 7 to 1 Rose Petal, 8 to 1 each The Idler, Australia, Marvel Loch, 15 to 1 each Contest, Air Motor, and Purser, 2 to 1 Acrasia, 25 to 1 each Gratia, Euston, Simile, 33 to 1 each Milner, Argentum, Ban Ceontha, and Fungus.

Won cleverly by a length from Ban Ceontha, who beat Marvel Loch by a head. Air Motor was fourth, and attended by Ambulance, Sir Leonard, Fireclay, Argentum, Idler, and Contest in that order, the last to finish being Euston, Silver Ray and Simile. Time—1min. 41¼secs.

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THE SYDNEY CUP.

THE SYDNEY CUP.—A handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each with 2,000 sovs. added. Second, 3000sovs. ; and the third, 150 sovs.—2 miles.

Mr J Northern's Street Arab, by Jeweller—Pirouette, 5yrs., 6st 12lbs ...	Hickey	1
Mr J Brown's Patronage, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	McCrimmon	2
Mr W H Mate's Bewitcher, 3yrs., 6st 7lbs	Aspden	3

Other starters—The Victory, 9-6, (Lewis) ; Cyanide, 9-0. (P. Housman) ; Sir Leonard, 9-0 (T. Woodgate) ; Great Scot, 8-12, (A. Richardson) ; Australian, 8-4 (Hood) ; Balfour, 8-3, (Scott) ; Patronus, 8-0, (W. H. Smith) ; Simile (imp.), 7-6, (Clark). fell ; Vocalist, 7-5, (C'Oonnor) ; Fairy Prince, 7-0, (Jennings) ; Australia, 6-11, (Hough) ; Gratia 6-11, (Bracken) ; Nymagee, 6-10, (W. Brennan) ; Ban Ceontha, 6-7, (Cornwell) ; Fireclay, 6-7, (Coughlin).

BETTING : 5 to 2 Patronage, 6 to 1 Great Scot, 9 to 1 Bewitcher, 12 to 1 each The Victory and Street Arab, 14 Ban Ceontha, 15 to 1 Vocalist 25 to 1 Australian, 33 to 1 each Cyanide, Sir Leonard, Patronus, Fairy Prince, Australian and Fireclay, 50 to 1 others.

Won by two lengths from Patronage, who beat Bewitcher by three lengths. Great Scot was a length away fourth, attended by Fairy Prince, The Victory, Ban Ceontha, and Cyanide. Then came a gap, after which followed Nymagee, Patronus, and Australia, with Australian last. Time—3mins. 31¾secs.

THE A. J. C. ST. LEGER.

A. J. C. ST. LEGER—Of 20 sovs. each ; with 300 sovs. added. For three-year-olds ; colts, 8st 10lbs ; fillies, 8st 4lbs ; second, 75sovs. ; third, 25sovs.—One mile and three-quarters.

Mr R Phillip's ch c Abundance, by Pilgrim's Progress (imp), Beanfeast(imp),	Jennings	1
The Hon. Agair Wynne's ch c Great Scot,	J Barden	2
Hon H Mossman's b c Balfour ...	Scott	3

BETTING : 7 to 4 on Abundance, 2 to 1 agst Great Scot, and 7 to 1 Balfour.

Great Scot jumped off in front, settling down at a solid pace, led down the staight and past the stand three lengths from Abundance, who was clear of Balfour. But a little later Balfour drew level with Abundance, and remained so to the mile and a quarter post. Then Abundance went after Great Scot, and catching him soon after passing Oxenham's, they travelled along the far side at a cracking pace, drawing away from Balfour at every stride. From this out the leading pair ran side by side until the half distance, when Great Scot got his head in front and appeared to win by a neck, with Balfour 15 lengths off, but the Judge gave his award in favour of Abundance. Time—3mins. 6½secs.

THE A. J. C. CUMBERLAND STAKES.

CUMBERLAND STAKES.—A sweepstakes of 10sovs. each, with 500sovs. added ; second horse 100sovs. and the third 50sovs.—2 miles.

Mr W Clarke's The Victory, by The Admiral—The Charmer, 4yrs., 9st ...	Lewis	1
Mr A Wynne's Great Scot, 3 yrs, 8st 2lbs	Jennings	2
„ Joseph Brown's Patronage, 5yrs, 9st 11lbs	Crimmon	3

Other starters—Cyanide 9-2, (P. Housman) ; Abundance, 8-2 (A. Richardson).

BETTING : 6 to 4 Abundance, 4 to 1 each Great Scot and The Victory, 9 to 2 Patronage. 20 to 1 Cyanide.

The field moved off slowly with Great Scotin front and The Victory last Great Scot passed passed the mile and a quarter post with a two lengths lead of Abundance and Patronage, but a little later Abundance went out after Great Scot, and drawing level near Oxenham's the two colts travelled abreast along the far side three lengths from Cyanide, who was clear of The Victory, while Patronage retired to the rear. At the half-mile Great Scot and Abundance were neck and neck in front, two lengths from Cyanide, who was a similar distance from The Victory, but Patronage was four lengths farther off. In much this order the field rounded the home turn, when the whip was drawn on Abundance, but the favourite cried a go after a few strides, and as Great Scot also shook off Cyanide immediately after he looked to have the race won, but when fairly opposite the St. Leger stand The Victory came out with a brilliant effort, and smothering Great Scot at the half-distance beat by three lengths. Patronage was a similar distance away two lengths in front of Abundance who ran out wide. Cyanide was last. Time—3mins. 33½secs.

Entries for Races.

LUCKNOW SPRING MEETING 1903.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CUP.—6 furlongs.

1ST ENTRIES CLOSED 1ST MAY 1903.

1	Mr W H Walmesley's	b aus m	Housemaid II,13-2½
2	Colonel Beaver's	br aus m	Bess, 13-3
3	Mr Austin's ...	b e m	Jilt, 13-3
4	Major T P England's	b aus m	Goodness, 13-3½
5	Mr W Bass's ...	ch e m	Lady Lane
6	Mr W Bass's ...	br e m	S T
7	„ Badger's —	br aus m	Kellar, 13-3½
8	Lieut-Colonel Hon'ble E Baring's ...	g e m	Slip Knot, 13-3
9	Major Berryman's	b or br e m	Silver II, 13-3
10	Mr H P Banker's	ch aus m	Litle Doris, 13-3½
11	„ Galstaun's	b aus m	Not Yet, 13-3½
12	Mr Galstaun's	bk aus m	Rosalea, 13-3½
13	Aga S Shah's...	b cb g	Tyrant, 14-1
14	Lieut-Colonel R G Jones'	g cb m	Pardon, 14-1

Second Entries will close on 1st July 1903.

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LUCKNOW AUTUMN MEETING, 1903.

THE ARMY CUP.—7 furlongs.

1ST ENTRIES CLOSED 1ST MAY 1903.

1	Capt W O Dawson's	g a h	Surgeon, 13-3½
2	Capt W O Dawson	g a g	Pat, 14-0½
3	Major Stisted's	b a h	Walrus, 13-3
4	Major Stisted's	g a h	Sorcerer, 13-2½
5	Major Stisted's	ch a h	Modesty, 13-0½
6	Capt Dunbar's	g a g	Victory, 14-0
7	Mr Maydwell's	g a h	Titus II, 13-3½
8	Capt Sloan Stanley's	g a h	For Ever, 13-3
9	Mr Cookson's...	ch a g	Chance, 13-2½
10	Capt Stratton's	b a h	Birdcatcher, 13-1½
11	Mr Baldrey's —	b a h	Shelter, 13-2½
12	Mr. Baldrey's	b a h	King Edward, 13-3½
13	Lieut-Colonel Hon'ble E Baring's ...	b a h	Peninsular II, 13-2½
14	„ ...	ch a h	Wavebeam, 13-1½
15	Capt E Harding Newman's	b a h	Hindustan, 13-2½
16	„ G A S Home's	ch a h	Sadoon, 14-0
17	Major C F Murray and Capt E Lloyd's ...	ch a h	Hamilton, 13-3½
18	Capt S Capper's	g a h	Cinque Ports, 13-3½
19	Mr W Bass's ...	b a h	Huddal, 13-2½
20	„ West's ...	—	Borderer
21	Hon H E Thellusson's	g a g	Charley II, 14-0
22	Mr H F Elgee's	g a g	St Gris, 13-3
23	„ D C Gilroy's	b a g	Grampy, 14-0½

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MYSORE RACES.

First Day, Tuesday, 16th June, 1903.

THE ARAB PLATE.—1½ miles.

1	Mr R R S' ...	ch a h	Safaer
2	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
3	Lt.- Col A Sprot's	ch a h	Harefoot
4	Capt Thompson's	br a h	Pompom II
5	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Dib
6	Mr W F Wormald's	b a h	Babyboy

MACINTIRE PLATE.—6 furlongs.

1	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
2	Capt J Randall's	br aus m	Blue Blood
3	Dr Spooner Hart's	bk aus g	Oberon,
4	Mr A A Apcar's	br aus m	Sister

THE FARM STAKES.—5 furlongs.

1	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch cb g	Bellary
2	Lt.-Col R G Jones'	b cb m	St Clair
3	Mr Liebenrood's	b cb g	Landwind
4	Capt W J Tatam's	ch cb m	Filigree
5	Col J P Grant's	b cb h	Prime
6	H H Aga Khan's	br cb m	Evensong
7	Mr A A Apcar's	ch cb g	Phil

THE MEDIUM STAKES.—6 furlongs.

1	Lt. Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus
2	The Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ...	b aus g	Shield
3	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	Mary Jane
4	Mr C P Graham's	ch aus m	Shot Silk
5	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman
6	Mr A Sattar's ...	b aus m	Beccles

THE LILLIPUT PLATE.—6 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S' ...	b a h	Surjamal
2	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	Delight
3	Ditto	g a h	Ptarmigan
4	Mr E Sydenham's	b a h	Syndic
5	Mr R St. C Houston's	g a h	Dharwar
6	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Salvation
7	Aga S Shah's ...	b a h	Oriental
8	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	Defendant
9	Capt R M Bell's	g a h	Essex

Second Day, Thursday, 18th June 1903.

H. H. THE MAHARAJAH'S CUP—1 mile & 3 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S' ...	ch a h	Safaer
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
3	Ditto	b a h	Delight
4	Lt-Col A Sprot's	ch a h	Harefoot
5	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Dib
6	Mr W F Wormald's	b a h	Babyboy
7	Captain R M Bell's	g a h	Superb

THE DEWAN'S CUP—1½ miles.

1	Mr Liebenrood's	b cb g	Landwind
2	Col J P Grant's	b cb h	Prime
3	H H Aga Khan's	br cb m	Evensong
4	Mr A A Apcar's	ch cb g	Phil

THE BIRTHDAY CUP—1½ miles.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
2	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	Glenfield
3	Ditto	br aug g	Steelpen
4	Raja Venugopal Bahadur's	ch aus g	Jack O'Lantern
5	Lt-Col H Armstrong's	b aus g	Knight Templar
6	Capt C T Swan's	b aus g	Viking
7	H H Aga Khan's	br e g	Ayrdale
8	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Wallgrove
9	Mr A A Apcar's	b aus g	Goldsmith
10	Ditto	b aus g	Malto
11	Mr N C Chowdhry's	ch aus g	Tecoota
12	Mr Biswas'	b aus g	Promontory

THE INSTALLATION CUP—7 furlongs.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus
2	Ditto	br aus m	Acme
3	The Kumararajah of Pittapore's...	b aus g	Shield
4	Mr A P Symond's	bk aus m	Cleopatra
5	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	Mary Jane
6	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman
7	Mr A Sattar's	b aus m	Beccles

THE STABLE CUP—5 furlongs.

1	R R S' ...	bk aus g	Dumbell
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch aus g	Leonidas
3	Ditto	b aus g	Red Coral
4	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	DeWet
5	Ditto	b aus g	Steelpen
6	Raja Venugopal Bahadur's	ch aus g	Jack O'Lantern
7	Capt C T Swan's	ch aus g	The Cardinal
8	Capt J Randall's	br aus m	Blue Blood
9	Major J Vans Agnew's	b aus g	Corrie Roy
10	Mr R Anketell-Jones'	b aus g	Ombree
11	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Wallgrove
12	Mr A A Apcar's	br aus m	Sister
13	Ditto	b aus g	Malto
14	Mr N C Chowdhury's	ch aus g	Tecoota
15	Mr Biswas'	b aus g	Promontory
16	Major F C Logan-Home's	ch aus g	Redoubt

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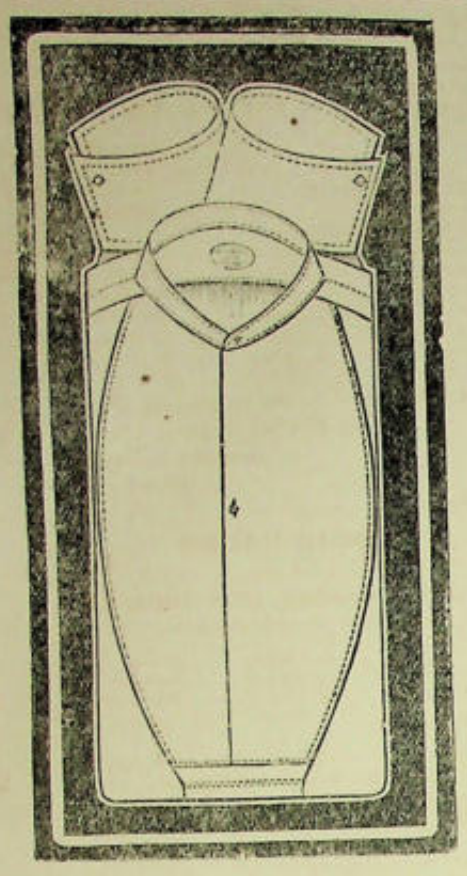

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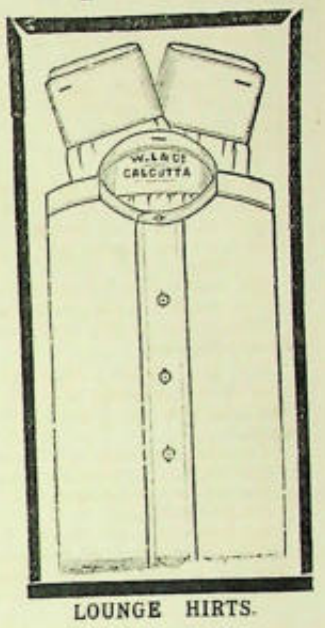

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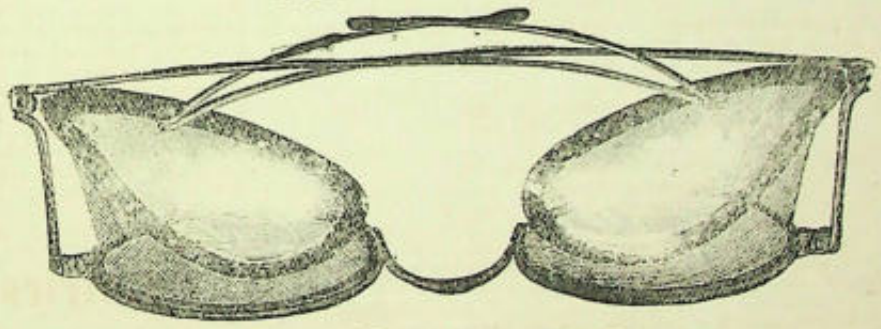

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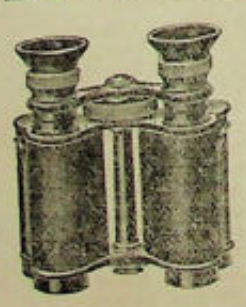

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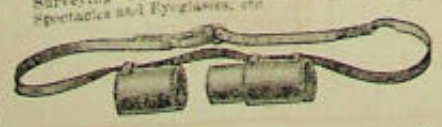



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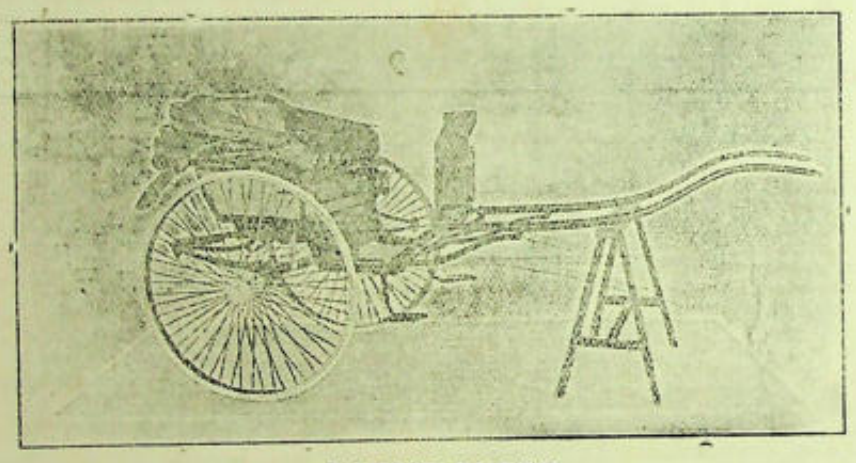

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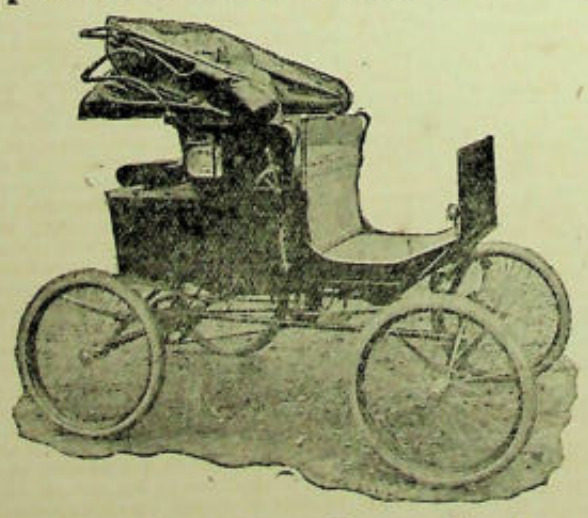

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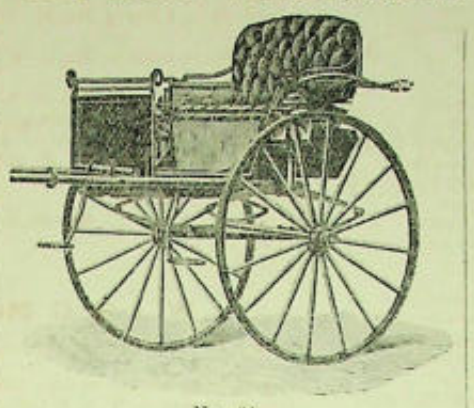

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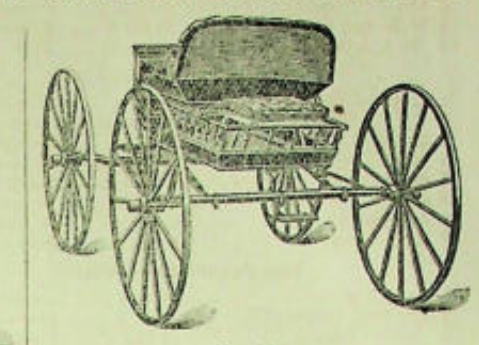

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THE ARAB HANDICAP—9 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S' ...	ch a h	... Safaer
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
3	Lt Col A Sprot's	ch a h	... Harefoot
4	Capt Thompson's	b a h	Pompom II
5	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	... Dib
6	Mr W F Wormald's	b a h	... Babyboy
7	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	... Defendant

C. B. HANDICAP—1 mile.

1	Mr Liebenrood's	b eb g	... Landwind
2	Col J P Grant's	b eb h	... Prime
3	H H Aga Khan's	br eb m	... Evensong
4	Mr A A Apear's	ch eb g	... Phil

THE ROYAL PURSE—1 mile.

1	Lt Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	... Minimus
2	Ditto	br aus m	... Acme
3	Major H C V Harrison's	b eb g	... Hampton Court
4	Mr A P Symond's	bk aus m	... Cleopatra
5	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	... Mary Jane
6	Capt C T Swan's	b aus m	... Bessie
7	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	... Rifleman
8	Mr A Sattar's	b aus m	... Beeces

THE PALACE CUP—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S' ..	bk aus g	... Dumbell
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
3	Ditto	ch aus g	Leonidas
4	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	... Glenfield
5	Ditto	ch aus g	... De Wet
6	Raja Venugopal Bahadur's	ch aus g	... Jack O'Lantern
7	Capt F Jollie's	b aus g	... Best Shot
8	Lt-Col H Armstrong's	b aus g	... Knight Templar
9	Mr Liebenrood's	ch aus m	... Latchkey
10	Capt C T Swan's	b aus g	... Viking
11	Major J Vans Agnew's	b aus g	... Corrie Boy
12	Mr R Anketell-Jones'	b aus g	... Ombree
13	H H Aga Khan's	br c g	... Ayrdale
14	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	... Wallgrove
15	A A Apear's	b aus g	... Goldsmith
16	Ditto ...	b aus g	... Malto
17	Mr N C Chowdhury's	ch aus g	... Tecoota
18	Mr Biswas' ...	b aus g	... Promontory
19	Major F C Logan-Home's	ch aus g	... Redoubt

CHAMMUNDI STAKES—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S' ...	b a h	... Surjamal
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	... Delight
3	Mr E Sydenham's	b a h	... Syndic
4	Mr R St C Houston's	g a h	.. Dharwar
5	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	... Salvation
6	Aga S Shah's	b a h	... Oriental
7	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	... Defendant
8	Capt R M Bell's	g a h	... Essex
9	Ditto ...	g a h	... Superb

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Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

WELLINGTON.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Wellington, on 10th April 1903, by the Official Mensurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Ambrosine	b aus m	Lt. G. W. F. Phillips	5	14-0	31st Mar. 1904.
Corbett ...	ch aus g	Lt. Hamilton Grace	Aged	14-0½	For life.
Countess..	b aus m	Lt.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs ...	6	14-0½	For life.
Darmali ...	ch a h	Capt C. H. Hopkins	Aged	13-3	For life.
Duchess ...	br aus m	Lt.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs ...	Aged	14-0	For life.
Freda ...	br e m	Mr. R. S. Kindersley ...	4	14-0	31st Mar. 1904.
Lancer ...	ch aus g	Lt.-Col J. Desaraj Urs ...	Aged	14-0½	For life.
May Yohe	b aus m	Lt.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs ...	4	13-3½	31st Mar. 1904.
Nishanbardar	bk aus g	Lt.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs...	Aged	14-1	For life.

BANGALORE.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Bangalore, on 15th April 1905, by the Official Measurer :—

Chance Shot	ch a h	Mr. R. Anketell Jones' ...	4	15-0½	31st Mar. 1904.	
Defendant	gr a h	Mr. O. Dignum	6	13-3½	For life.	
Duke, The	br aus g	Lt.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs ...	Aged	13-3½	For life.	
Filigree	ch eb m	Capt W. J. Tatam	5	14 1	31st Mar. 1904.	
Goldflow	b aus m	Mr A F. Bailey	Aged	14-2	For life.	
Harefoot...	ch a h	Col Sprot ...	Aged	14-0½	For life.	
Jordan ...	gr eb g	Mysore Gover. - ment Farm ...	4	13-3	31st Mar. 1904.	
Lebanon ..	b eb m	Mysore Government Farm ...	4	14-1½	31st Mar. 1904.	
Mool Maisie	ch e m	Mr. A. G. Gwyer	Aged	14-1	For life.	
Nun Such	b aus g	Lt. D. Williams	6	14-0	For life.	
Pardon ...	gr eb m	Lt.-Col. R. G. Jones	3	14-1	31st Mar. 1904.	
Phil May	gr eb m	Mysore Government Farm ...	3	14-1½	31st Mar. 1904.	
Pride O'Dharamtala	b aus m	Dr. Spooner Hart	Aged	14-1	For life.	
Rabbit, The	gr sth afr g	Mr. A. G. Gwyer	Aged	14-0	For life.	
Rifleman	b aus g	Dr Spooner Hart	4	14-2	31st Mar. 1904.	
Roseleaf ...	dk gr aus g	Mr. T. G. Strickland's	6	14-0	For life.	
Spring Wheat ...	br aus g	Mr. G. E. Rickett's	Aged	13-2	For life.	

CALCUTTA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on 28th April 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Arizona, ...	b aus m	Messrs. A. Milton & Co.	... Aged	14-1	For life.
Cyclone ...	b aus g	Mr. J. White ...	6	14-0½	For life
Flush ...	gr aus m	Messrs. A. Milton & Co.	... 4	13-3½	31st Mar. 1904.
Hair Trigger	b aus m	Dr. Taylor ...	6	13-2	For life.
La-di-da ...	b aus g	Mr. M. M. Crawford	6	14-0½	For life.
Lady Froud	b aus m	Mr. J. White ...	5	14 0½	31st Mar. 1904
Lucy Grey	gr eb m	Mr. A. N. Das ...	6	14-0½	For life.
Mark	b aus g	Messrs. A. Milton & Co.	... Aged	13-3	For life.
Moonray	gr aus g	Mr. E. A. Woodhouse	... Aged	14-1	For life.
Sunbeam	ch aus g	Messrs. A. Milton & Co.	... 6	14-0½	For life.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

BOMBAY.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Bombay, on the 22nd April 1903.

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Haydn ...	ch aus g	Mr. R. J. Hunter	8	14-0	For life.
La France	b aus m	Mr. Finch ...	6	14-0	For life.
Russley Rose ...	b aus m	Mr. Kelso ...	5	14-1	31st Mar. 1904.

POONA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged, and measured, by the Official Measurer, W.I.T. Club, at Poona, on the 23rd April 1903 :—

Goodness	b aus m	Major T. P. England	5	13-3½	31st Mar. 1904.
Lady Alys	b aus m	Capt. Lloyd ...	5	14-1	31st Mar. 1904.
Lady Lilian	b aus m	Surg.-General Price A. M. S.,	... 6	13-3½	For life.
Pomfret ...	b aus g	Col. Eccles ...	6	14-1	For life.
Sample ...	br eb m	Mr C. D. ...	4	14-0	31st Mar. 1904.
Vasco ...	g a h	Mr. C A. B. Beatty	4	13-3½	31st Mar. 1904.

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LONDON, *Friday, 24th April 1903.*

THE TURF.

THE semi-Arctic experiences of the 6th were more than enough for many of the visitors to head-quarters, who returned homewards the next day and it was before a diminished attendance that the reunion was brought to a close. The Craven Meeting of 1903 ended even worse than it had begun, and it will leave an indelible impression on the memories of those who either from choice or compulsion assisted at one of the most uncongenial gatherings of a long and varied series. Ushered in under abnormally cold conditions, the meeting was continued to the accompaniment of blinding snowstorms and a biting wind, and wound up amidst wintry environments. It was long after ten o'clock this morning before the snow which had fallen during the night disappeared from the shady side of the house-tops, and solid slabs of ice were still in evidence wherever the moisture had collected in puddles. True, the sun worked its way through the leaden canopy of snow-clouds in due course, but it only shone fitfully, and a series of terrific snowstorms swept over the Heath during the afternoon, the whole country being wrapped in a mantle of white by the time a move was made homewards.

THE CRAVEN STAKES—Of 525 sovs, for three-year-olds : colts 8st 10lbs, fillies 8st 7lbs ; with penalties and allowances. An M. (one mile 22 yards).

Sir E Vincent's ch c Countermark, by Worcester—Assay, 8st 13lbs ...	W Lane	1
Mr W C Whitney's b c Pan Michael, 8st 5lbs	J H Martin	2
Lord Derby's b c Gay Gordon, by St. Frusquin—Broad Corrie, 8st 5lbs ...	Maher	3
Mr J Musker's William Rufus, 9st 3lbs ...	O Madden	0
,, L Brassey's Saltpetre, 8st 5lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 8st 5lbs ...	Croft	0
Mr T Leader's North River, 8st 5lbs ...	C Leader	0
Duke of Portland's Brauneberg, 8st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Omar Khayyam, 8st 5lbs	Hardy	0

(*Winner trained by R. Day, at Newmarket*).

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst William Rufus, 5 to 2 Countermark, 9 to 2 Pan Michael, 100 to 12 Brauneberg, and 20 to 1 any other (o).

Countermark jumped off in front of Saltpetre, Pan Michael, and Omar Khayyam, with Brauneberg and William Rufus in close attendance, and, holding the lead throughout, won easily by four lengths from Pan Michael, who took second place near the Red Post ; six lengths divided the second and third. Saltpetre was fourth, William Rufus fifth, Brauneberg sixth, North River next, and Omar Khayyam last.

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THE SECOND WELTER HANDICAP—Of 147sovs. Dewhurst Plate Course. 7 furlongs.

Capt Bewicke's br c General Cronje, by Gallinule—Moira, 3yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	O Madden	1
Mr Heinemann's ch m Game Hen, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs	Trigg	2
Lord Howard de Walden's ch h Delacy 6yrs, 8st 8lbs	M Cannon	3
Mr H Heasman's Broadway, 4yrs 8st 11lbs	Halsey	0
,, H E Randall's Wild Apple, 4yrs, 8st 8lbs	Randall	0
Lord Cadogan's Viper, 5yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	Maher	0
Mr H Bonas's a N B. aged, 7st 8lbs ...	Watts	0
,, C Schlesinger's The Wyvern, aged, 7st 11lbs	Hardy	0
Col E W Baird's f by Ayrshire—Haresfoot, 3yrs, 7st	J Hunt	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Ballad, 3yrs, 6st 11lbs	Rule	0
,, J S Morrison's Sunburnt, 3yrs, 6st 9lbs	Knott	0
Sir M Fitzerald's Xyphion, 3yrs, 7st ...	Plant	0
Mr J D Wardell's New Century, 3yrs, 6st 9lbs	Miller	0

(*Winner trained by J. Powney at Grateley.*)

BETTING : 6 to 5 agst General Cronje, 8 to 1 each Game Hen, De Lacy, and Viper, 10 to 1 A.N.B., and 100 to 8 any other

Won by a short head ; three lengths separated the second and third Time—by Benson's chronograph, 1 min, 28⅘ secs.

THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FORTY-THIRD NEWMARKET BIENNIAL STAKES—Of £651 10s., for four-year-olds ; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st. 10lbs ; with penalties and allowances. Last mile and a half of T.M.M.

Prince Soltykoff's br or bl c Coal Sack, by Gold—Black Star, 8st (car 8st 11b) ...	Halsey	1
Mr J B Joel's b c His Lordship, 8st 11lbs...	Maher	2
,, A James's br c Shellmartin, 9st ...	H Jones	3

(*Winner trained by Hammond at Newmarket.*)

Coal Sack settled down favourite at 7 to 4 and 13 to 8, with 2 to 1 booked Shellmartin and 9 to 4 the third runner, His Lordship.

BETTING : 13 to 8 agst Coal Sack, 2 to 1 Shellmartin, and 9 to 4 His Lordship.

Coal Sack settled down with a clear lead of His Lordship, with Shellmartin last, and, making the whole of the running, won easily by six lengths : three lengths separated the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min. 31secs.

Away back in the "forties"—it was in 1848, to be precise—the Great Metropolitan Stakes had to be postponed on account of snow. Not many days ago a recurrence of that catastrophe would have seemed well within the bounds of possbility, but happily the semi-Arctic experiences of the Craven week are over—for the time being, at any rate—and it was under fairly pleasant conditions that the Epsom Spring Meeting was ushered in to-day. Racing on the undulating Surrey Downs holds a high place in the affections of Londoners generally, and those who were present to day were privileged to take part in proceedings of historic interest, inasmuch as owing to a *fiasco* the Great Metropolitan Stakes had to be run twice over. Many of those who frequent Epsom affect the old-fashioned route by road necessitating an early start, which is vastly to their liking ; but the majority content themselves with the speedier but more prosaic journey by rail. With three different railway companies competing for their patronage, racegoers were overwhelmed with facilities for reaching their destination, and when the time came for opening the ball the attendance all round was found to be up to the average. A chill wind and absence of sunshine rendered winter overcoats still a very necessary article of attire, and though the course bore signs of having been well tended during the winter, and was covered with a plentiful crop of herbage, the surface had been parched up by the recent drought. Owing to the fact that the Great Metropolitan Stakes had to be run twice it was very late before the day's sport was brought to a close.

THE GREAT METROPOLITAN STAKES (Handicap)—Of 935 sovs. About two miles and a quarter.

Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs., 7st 3lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	Hardy	1
Sir E Vincent's ch f Parody, by Avington—Portree, 4yrs, 7st (inc 5lbs ex) ...	Trigg	2
Mr C Russell's b f Florinda, by Florizel II—Wise Flower, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs (inc 10lbs ex)	Knott	3
Mr C T Pulley's Short Circuit, by Sheen-Illuminata, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ...	Miller	4
Mr A Stedall's Grand Deacond, by Freemason—L'Exception 5yrs, 7st 4lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	J H Martin	0

The following did not go to the post a second time, but must be considered starters for the race :—

Mr H J King's Prince Florizel, by Polorizel II—Good Hope, 4 yrs, 8st ...	H Jones	0
Mr G A Prentice's Pekin, by St Simon—Lady Yardley, 4 yrs, 7st 12lbs ...	O Madden	0
Mr R Croker's Liquidator, by St Frusquin—Eau d'Or 4 yrs, 7st (car 7st 11b)	Watts	0
Mr T Jennings's Induction, by Victor Wild—Proposition, 4 yrs, 5st 11lbs ...	Dicker	0

(*Winner trained by owner, at Ogbourne.*)

BETTING : 7 to 2 agst Prince Florizel 4 to 1 Parody 5 to 1 Wavelet's Pride 6 to 1 Pekin, 8 to 1 Florinda 10 to 1 Short Circuit 100 to 8 Grand Deacon 20 to 1 any other (o.)

Liquidator was the first to leave the paddock, and was followed in the parade by Wavelet's Pride, Grand Deacon, Prince Florizel, Pekin, Short Circuit, Florinda, and Induction, with Parody bringing up the rear, the canter being led by Wavelet's Pride and Liquidator. It was 3-20 when the white flag was hoisted, and after a trifling delay Florinda settled down with a slight lead of Wavelet's Pride, Short Circuit, Prince Florizel, and Pekin, with Induction last, till turning out of the straight where Wavelet's Pride took a clear lead of Florinda, Prince Florizel, Short Circuit, and Parody. Half way round the loop Florinda lost her place, and Wavelet's Pride increased his lead to three or four lengths, his nearest attendants being Liquidator, Grand Deacon, and Prince Florizel till crossing the old course. Here Grand Decan ran wide and was followed by Induction and Parody Wavelet's Pride still being in the van, well clear of Liquidator and Prince Florizel, these being some way in front of Florinda, Short Circuit, and Grand Deacon. At the top of the hill Liquidator took second place, with Prince Florizel next, the others being tailed off, but neither could make any impression on Wavelet's Pride, who won easily by six lengths, half a length divided the second and third. Florinda was fourth, Parody fifth, Short Circuit sixth, Grand Deacon next and Induction last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 4mins. 9⅕sec. Trigg, the rider of Parody, claimed the race on the ground that the horses that finished in front of him went the wrong course. This was not disputed, and the stewards decided that the race should be run over again after the Banstead Plate.

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On going to the post a second time, when only Wavelet's Pride, Parody, Florinda, Grand Deacon and Short Circuit came under the starter's orders, the betting was as follows: 5 to 2 on Wavelet's Pride, 4 to 1 agst. Parody, and 100 to 8 agst any other (offered). The barrier twice refusing to act, Mr. Owen started the field with the white flag, and, after Wavelet's Pride had shown in front of Florinda for a few strides, the latter cut out the work at strong pace from Wavelet's Pride, Parody, and Short Circuit with Grand Deacon last till turning out of the straight. Here Parody went on from Florinda and Short Circuit, with Wavelet's Pride next, till crossing the Derby Course, Then Wavelet's Pride drew to the front and quickly established a six-length lead of Florinda, with Parody and Short Circuit next, and, making the remainder of the running, the favourite was eased inside the distance, with the result that Hardy was nearly caught napping and only won by a neck; a like distance separated the second and third Short Circuit was fourth and Grand Deacon tailed off. Time by Benson's chronograph, 4 mins 12⅕ secs.

THE GREAT SURREY HANDICAP—Of 430 sovs. 5 furlongs.

Mr A Cohen's b h Master Willie, by St David—Fraulein, aged, 9st 7lbs ...	Boardman	1
Mr R Fitz Gerald's b c Duke of Magenta, 4yrs, 7st (car 7st 11lb)	Watts	2
Mr A Stedall's ch m La Lune, aged, 8st 4lbs	O Madden	3
Mr H J King's Orchid, 5yrs, 9st 9lbs ...	H Jones	0
„ G Thursby's Indian Corn, 6yrs, 7st 10lbs	Trigg	0
Major Joicey's Sterling Balm, 4yrs, 8st ...	J H Martin	0
Sir E Cassel's Doctrine, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr E Dresden's Nahlband, 5yrs, 7st 9lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Hardy	0
Sir E Vincent's Clairetta, 3yrs, 6st 10lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Stewart	0
Mr Ed Lamb's Capot, 3yrs, 7st (inc 7lbs ex)	Plant	0
Duke of Devonshire's Lady Burgoyne, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs	Griggs	0
Mr W C Whitney's Ayrshire Beauty, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr M Pizzey's Wolfshall, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 8lbs) .. -	Miller	0
Mr Jas Lowther's Blesilla, 3yrs, 6st 3lbs .	F Brown	0
Col H T Fenwick's Sea Log, 3yrs 6st 2lbs (car 6st 5lbs)	Knott	0
Mr J W Larnach's f by Deuce of Clubs—Ionia, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs ...	Laybourne	0

(*Winner trained by H. Chandler, at Arundel.*)

BETTING: 5 to 1 agst Indian Corn, 11 to 2 Duke of Magenta, 7 to 1 Orchid, 100 to 14 Wolfshall, 8 to 1 each La Lune and Sterling Balm, 100 to 8 each Master Willie and Capot, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won by a length; two lengths separated the second and third. Indian Corn was fourth, Wolfshall fifth, Orchid sixth, Nahlband seventh, and Lady Burgoyne next, and Clairetta last. The time of the race was put back ten minutes. Time by Benson's chronograph, 56⅕secs.

Be the weather what it may, London invariably wears something of a holiday aspect on City and Suburban Day, and the denizens of the Southern suburbs were acquainted betimes this morning with the fact that something unusual was happening. Notwithstanding that the wind was bitterly cold, and boisterous to boot, a stream of vehicles, ranging from the lumbering four-horse brake packed with jubilant humanity to the smartly-equipped pony-trap, bright with feminine furbelows, began to flow southwards shortly after eight o'clock, and it is abundantly evident that the old-fashioned method of accomplishing the entire journey by road has not lost one whit of its popularity. The railway companies had to tell the usual tale of a long succession of special trains crowded to their utmost capacity, and though the meeting lacked the royal patronage extended to it a twelvemonth ago, it could hardly be asserted with any degree of confidence that there was any appreciable diminution in the attendance from that of First Principal's anniversary. The weather again fell far short of that usually associated with racing at Epsom towards the latter end of April. Fugitive gleams of sunshine illumined the scene at intervals, it is true, but they diffused little or no warmth, and the environments were neither congenial nor seasonable. Fields ruled large throughout the afternoon, no fewer than ninety-five runners taking part in the seven races, but backers of favourites did none too well, the big race in particular occasioning them serious disappointment.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP—Of 1,675 sovs. About one mile and a quarter.

Mr Ephrussi's ch f Brambilla by Juggler—Brambling, 3yrs, 7st 11lb	Thompson	1
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Valenza, by Winkfield—Bellinzona, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs...	O Madden	2
Mr E C Irish's ch h Over Norton, by Adieu—Lady Why, 6yrs, 9st 2lbs (inc 10lbs ex)	Maher	3
Sir E Vincent's Pistol, by Carbine—Wenonah, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	Trigg	0
Mr H I Higham's Royal George (h-b), by Royal Sovereign—Queen Anne, 5yrs, 8st 13lbs	K Cannon	0
Lord Carnarvon's Robert le Diable, by Ayrshire—Rose Bay, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	Watts	0
Capt Laing's Padlock II, by Prisoner—Padua, 5yrs, 8st 7lbs	F Hardy	0
Sir E Cassel's Handicapper, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs, 8st 8lbs	Halsey	0
Mr W Goodchild's Scullion, by St Florian \ Cinder, 5yrs, 8st 3lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Ellesmere's Joshua, by Childwick—None the Wiser, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	H Jones	0
Mr A M Singer's O'Donovan Rossa, by Donovon, dam by Barcaldine, 6yrs, 7st 11lbs	Mustow	0
Duke of Portland's Caro, by Carbine—Nenemoosha, 4yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr R W D Jardine's Tar Brush, by Tarporley—Bruyere, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	Miller	0
Mr W M G Singer's Gascony, by Kendal—Gas, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs	Beardman	0
Mr A Stedall's Rayleigh, by St Angelo—Chemistry, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs	Knott	0

(*Winner trained in France.*)

BETTING: 100 to 30 agst Robert le Diable, 6 to 1 Handicapper, 10 to 1 Brambilla, 10 to 1 Pistol, 100 to 8 Over Norton, 100 to 7 Valenza, 100 to 7 Tar Brush, 100 to 7 Padlock II, 100 to 6 Joshua, 100 to 6 Royal George, 25 to 1 Scullion, 25 to 1 Caro, 50 to 1 Gascony, 50 to 1 O'Donovan Rossa, 50 to 1 Rayleigh (offered).

Joshua was the first to leave the paddock, and he was followed in open order by Over Norton, Brambilla, Royal George, Rayleigh, Valenza, Pistol, Robert le Diable, Scullion, Caro, Padlock II., and Handicapper, the last trio being O'Donovan Rossa, Tar Brush, and Gascony. The canter was headed by Joshua, Royal George, Over Norton, and Brambilla It was twenty-one minutes after time before the white flag was hoisted, and a capital start was effected at 3-3s, the first to break the line being Valenza, on the inside, from Over Norton, Robert le Diable and Royal George, but, on settling down, Handicapper took second place behind Valenza with Robert le Diable and Rayleigh next, in advance of Royal George and Gascony, Tar Brush being next, whilst the last lot were Scullion, Over Norton, and Caro. So they ran to the top of the hill where Brambilla deprived Valenza of the lead, Handicapper and Pistol being in close attendance, whilst Robert le Diable and Handicapper headed the middle division and Over Norton was still the whipper-in, this being the order to Tattenham Corner, where Tar Brush took third place, with Robert le Diable, Handicapper, Joshua, and Over Norton in hot pursuit. Crossing the road, Brambilla was still showing the way to Valenza with Caro and Pistol next, in front of Over Norton, who was making up his ground hand over hand, but failed to get on terms with Brambilla and Valenza, who held their own to the end, the French filly winning by three-quarters of a length, with a like distance between second and third. Pistol was placed fourth by the judge; Caro was fifth, Padlock II. sixth, Robert le Diable seventh, Handicapper eighth, Tar Brush ninth. Joshua tenth, Royal George eleventh, Scullion twelfth, O'Donovan Rossa next, and Gascony last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 9secs.

THE HYDE PARK PLATE—Of 619 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies 8st 9lbs, with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Lord Howard deWalden's b or br f Flying Footstep, by Galloping Lad—Kitty Grey, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon	1
Mr A L Duncan's b c Brioche, 8st 12lbs	Maher	2
Lord Rosebery's b f Chelys, 8st 9lbs	Watts	3
Mr H Lindemere's Mrs Hawkins, 8st 6lbs	K Cannon	0
Sir E Vincent's Black Peter, 8st 12lbs ...	Trigg	0
Mr A W Merry's c by Orvieto—Ishbel, 8st 12lbs	Halsey	0
Mr R Sherwood's Maldon, 8st 12lbs ...	Plant	0
His Majesty's Plombieres, 8st 9lbs	H Jones	0
Capt G Skeffington Smyth's Footprint, 8st 9lbs	H Aylin	0
Mr W C Whitney's f by Kingston—Ballyhoo, 8st 9lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Falmouth's Serenade, 8st 6lbs ..	Randall	0

(*Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 on Brioche, 7 to 1 agst Flying Footstep, 8 to 1 Mrs Hawkins, 10 to 1 Chelys, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by three lengths; a head divided the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 58secs.

The programme for the Sandown Park Second Spring Meeting has once more undergone revison, and the tit-bits of the card have been more evenly balanced. In 1901 the Stud Produce Stakes, Tudor Plate, and Esher Stakes—the three "plums" of the fixture—were all clustered together in the first day's bill of fare, whilst a twelvemonth ago better counsels prevailed, and the Esher Stakes was relegated to the second stage of the entertainment. The arrangement on the present occasion, by which the valuable Stud Produce Stakes dominates the initial afternoon's proceedings and the other two important items constitute the attractions for the next day, is perhaps better still, tending as it does to a more equitable distribution of the prize money. Twelve degrees of frost during the night is hardly a fitting prelude to the enjoyment of outdoor sport, and, though the air in the afternoon was appreciably warmer than it had been before the mantle of rime which wrapped the Park in a snow-like mantle in the morning, it was decidedly chilly for the time of year. A goodly company congregated in the enclosures, and they were rewarded by witnessing a capital afternoon's sport the half-dozen events, of which the card consisted being stoutly contested, whilst backers of favourites had the best of their exchanges with the Ring.

THE TWICKENHAM HANDICAP—Of 439 sovs. One mile.

Mr W G Langland's b f Noblesse, by Rackburn—Noble Countess, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs...	Trigg	1
Mr J Buchanan's b f Sankence, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs	P Purkis	2
Mr F Bibby's br c Blue Peter, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs	Hardy	3
Mr A P Cunliffe' Merry Methodist, aged, 7st 11lbs	B Dillon	0
Mr J Lewis's Happy Slave, 4yrs, 8st 11b ...	K Cannon	0
Mr J Collins's Decave, 4yrs, 7st 13lbs (inc 12lbs ex)	W Lane	0
Mr G Cottrill's Debutante, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs...	A Young	0
Sir M FitzGerald's Happy Match, 4yrs, 6st 6lbs	Plant	0

(*Winner trained by W. Nightingall, at Epsom.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Noblesse, 3 to 1 Sankence, 9 to 2 Happy Match, and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by four lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 46⅘secs.

THE SANDOWN PARK STUD PRODUCE STAKES—Of £1142 10s. for two-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs; with certain allowances. furlongs.

Mr L Brassey's b c Merryman, by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser, 8st 5lbs ...	Halsey	1
His Majesty's br c Perchant, 9st ...	H Jones	2
Mr L de Rothschild's b f Pieria, 8st 11lbs ..	K Cannon	3
Sir J Miller's Chanter, 8st 5lbs ...	Maher	4
Duke of Portland's c by Persimmon—Gay Duchess, 8st 5lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr Donald Fraser's Amour, 8st 5lbs ...	Randall	0
Mr W Brodrick-Cloete's Double Cherry, 8st 2lbs	Madden	0

(*Winner trained by H. Sadler, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 agst Merryman, 9 to 4 Pieria, 4 to 1 Chanter 7 to 1 Perchant, 8 to 1 Gay Duchess colt, and 10 to 1 any other offered.)

Won by a length; four lengths divided the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 3⅘secs.

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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP.

BURY *vs.* DERBY COUNTY.—The last act of another play has been performed, and the curtain has fallen on the triumph of Lancashire. The termination was sensational, the ending altogether different to expectations We had been led—both by public form and general opinion—to look for a close and exciting contest at the Crystal Place on Saturday, the 18th instant; instead we witnessed a one-sided game, a defeat of a most decisive character, a reverse which became as the second stage progressed a veritable rout. Luck was certainly not on the side of the losers, but, after making every allowance, the fact remains that Derby County found in Bury their masters, as they had in previous years in Notts Forest and Sheffield United, only that the fact was brought home with additional force. Prior to Saturday the record register for the Cup final was the 6—1 by which the Blackburn Rovers made a sorry example of Sheffield Wednesday at the Oval in the spring of 1890; but on the present occasion their near neighbours also subscribed half a dozen items, but without consoling award to the vanquished of even one point.

The game started five minutes before the advertised time, and, curiously enough, the Derby captain, on winning the toss, elected to face the wind. It is true that his side had the sun behind them, but this was not glaring enough to be of serious detriment to Bury, for whom Sagar kicked off. Desultory play marked the opening stages, although Plant and Sagar were quickly prominent, the latter sending in a capital high shot, only to be ruled off-side. Derby gained a little ground by having a couple of throws-in, but temporary pressure was relieved by Linsay kicking out. So far, the pace had been singularly slow, but matters livened up when Bury began to worry the Derby defence with long shots from all parts of the team. There was not much sting behind these efforts, but some were very awkward to deal with, while Methven had to be exceptionally smart to clear a header from Johnston. Considering the amount of pressure applied by Bury at this time, the Lancastrians were at fault in failing to press home their advantage Once, indeed, W. Richards lost a fine chance, for he tricked May, and raced Morris, only to make the fatal error of passing across to the left wing, when most favourably placed for shooting. Derby played in disappointing style from the start, and made only a few breakaways in the early stages The right wing was mainly responsible for these, Warrington so easily outshining his colleagues that he might have been more assiduously fed. As it was, Boag played mainly to his left wing, who could do nothing right. The bulk of Derby's attack were finely checked by McEwen whose tackling was brilliant, and placing more accurate than by any other defender on the field. Once, however the old Lutonian was beaten by York, who forced his way through and passed to Warrington, the latter sending a swift shot against the outside of the net. This was a rare piece of play, the like of which, unfortunately, was very seldom in evidence afterwards. Very prominent for Bury was Richards, at outside right After one spirited run he forced a corner off Morris, but the only outcome of this was a feeble shot over the goal line, finishing power still being lacking. A run by Derby's left and centre was spoiled by Boag passing too far ahead, and clean into Lindsay's feet. Off side spoiled an attack by the Derby right, the exchanges at this time time being of a more even nature, although Bury were invariably quicker on the ball. Morris tried a long shot, and at the other end Leeming sent wide of the mark, these incidents being followed by a couple of fouls against Derby, Morris and May being the delinquents, although not very serious offenders. From one of the free kicks, Fryer had to handle, while the second led to rather a poor shot by Sagar, who put the ball right across goal when close up. For a time the play was deadly dull the silence of the huge crowd being almost painfully impressive. The Derby halves took to skying the ball in quite useless fashion, although now and again May was responsible for some very smart tackling. Bury were penalised for a foul throw, and then the ball rolled harmlessly into Monteith's net after the whistle had blown for off-side. At length the disappointed and apathetic crowd were given something to shout about, for, twenty minutes from the start, Bury scored the first goal. Wood was responsible for the preliminary manœuvres, for he dribbled up-field, shaped as if he would pass to his outside man, but instead slung the ball across to the left wing. Here Leeming made a vain attempt to gather a centre that was a trifle too high for him, and the ball went out to Ross who, with a fastish, slanting, and rather low shot, had the satisfaction of beating Fryer. The Derby goalkeepr it might be stated, was none to quick in his effort to get at the ball. The Midlanders went away in good style after this reverse, but Boag fell at close quarters, and could not recover himself in time to accept a pass from the left. A dashing run by W. Richards made a second goal for Bury seem certain, but Sagar let a capital centre go by and Leeming shot from an offside position, Fryer on this occasion stopping the ball in brilliant style. Johnston was hereabouts very conspicuous at half-back for Bury, and he nearly succeeded with one of those "pot-shots" the Lancastrians are so fond of trying For a period of twelve minutes Derby was severely pressed, but, with Thorpe miskicking, welcome relief came, although Lindsay dashed up and easily robbed the Midhanders' left wing. At length, Derby raised a flicker of hope by a really smart bout of passing, in which Boag and Davis were very prominent. It ended in disappointing fashion, however, Worrington being given offside for impeding. Methven, who for once was quite outshining Morris, was deservedly cheered for taking the ball from Sagar's feet, as was Fryer for tipping a difficult long shot from McEwen over the bar. Two corners to Bury proved unproductive, while a series of long shots also came to nothing. The Bury full backs were evidently inspired with confidence, or greatly impressed with the weakness of the Derby forwards, for they played well up the field, and often close, on the half way line. McEwen once robbed Boag in smart fashion, but he followed this with a foul on Warrington. From the free kick Monteith handled, Warrington then shooting recklessly over. Warren also tried a shot, but as the interval approached Thorpe found his best form, and the Bury half-back line became much too good for the Derby attack. A duet by Leaming and Plant was cleverly stopped by Methven and then the Bury outside left made a wild pass in the direction of his full backs Twice Bury were pulled up for offside after which W. Richards forced a further corner off Morris. Shortly before half-time Derby made a gallant effort and a score seemed likely. Capital passing led to Boag getting an opening, but the Derby centre was fouled by Lindsay. Succeeding the free kick, taken by May, Lindsay let the ball go between his legs. It appeared a fatal mistake, for Monteith had no chance. Ross, however, dashed into goal and made a most sensational clearance from under the bar. This was rather hard lines for Derby, for had G. H Richards made the best of a fine opportunity following the free kick, a score would have been certain. As it was, the interval arrived

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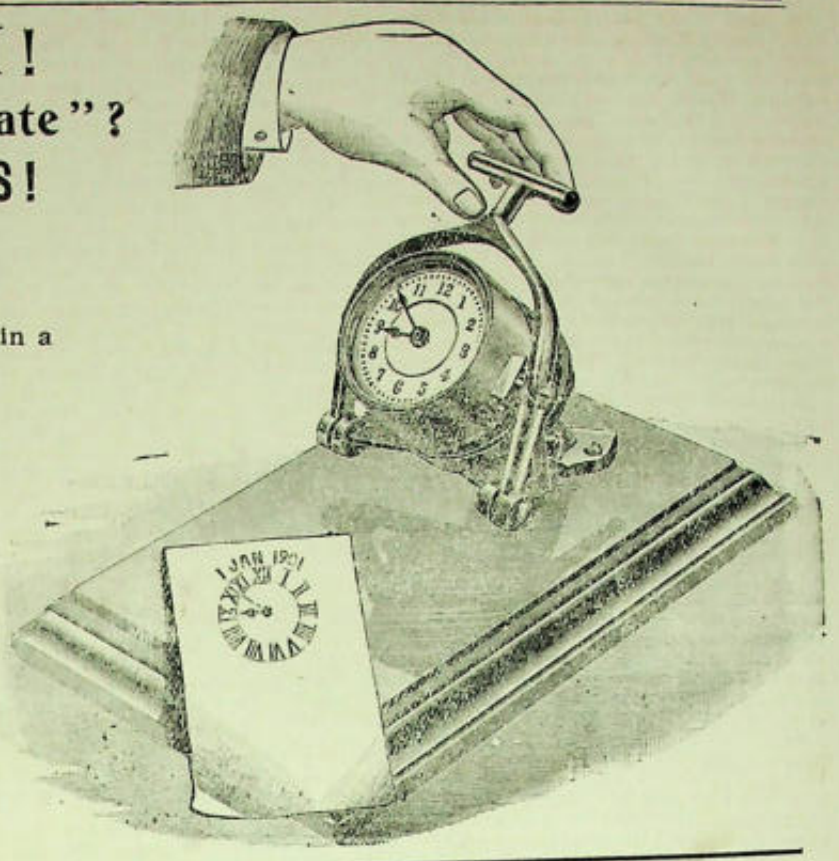

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with Bury holding an advantage well merited on the run of the play, the half-time score being :—

Bury	...	One goal
Derby County	...	None

A sweeping and pretty run by the whole of Bury's front rank was the first feature of the second half, and this Sagar wound up with a fine shot against the bar, Fryer hitting the ball away as it descended. Leeming followed with a wide shot, and Bury maintained a heavy pressure, being rewarded after three minutes with a second goal. Unfortunately a bad accident to Fryer accompanied this performance, for the Derby custodian came out to meet Sagar, and arrived just too late to prevent a score. The pair collided heavily and both were hurt. Play had to be temporarily stopped while Sagar had a knee attended to, and Fryer's injured thigh was doctored. Sagar resumed after three minutes, but Derby had to play a man short for about eight minutes, Morris going into goal, and Methven being alone at back. Bury were frequently offside after this, but, with eleven minutes of the second half gone, goal number three accrued. This was a rather tame affair, for Morris was beaten in coming out to meet Wood, who had dribbled finely down field, and Leeming shot over his head into the net. A sympathetic crowd loudly cheered Fryer, who pluckily resumed after this. Barely a minute had elapsed after his reappearance, however, when, following a dive down to stop a shot by Thorpe, he was beaten by Wood, who, with a high shot, scored the fourth goal. Derby could scarcely raise a gallop at this juncture, and were hopelessly beaten. With evident pain and difficulty Fryer pushed away a high shot from Wood, and this was followed by a spurt by the Derby left, the resultant centre being badly missed by the other forwards. The second half had progressed twenty minutes, when Derby's misfortunes were added to in the way of yet another goal—the fifth. Morris was largely responsible, for he was seen to be limping at this time, and, in the stead of clearing, he made a weak square kick, the ball untimately going out to Plant, who scored with one of the best (if not the very best) shots of the match. At this stage Fryer retired for good, and disappointed Derby supporters were seen to be wending their way out of the ring in shoals. Morris once more had to keep goal, and again one-back tactics were indulged in. Only three minutes elapsed, however, before Bury set up a record for the Cup competition by making their total six goals to none. This time it was Leeming who kempted Morris out of goal, and with a soft and simple "snick-kick" the forward named tapped the ball into the net. The whistle was kept fairly busy after this owing to frequent offsides against Bury. The leaders did not now appear to make very strenuous efforts to score, but for the most part they busied themselves in keeping their record intact. Derby, more particularly through the agency of their left-wing, made a few creditable expiring efforts. Once, indeed, Monteith handled from a centre in rather clumsy fashion. A header by Leeming against the Derby bar nearly brought about a seventh goal for Bury, some amusement then being caused, by Morris coming a long way out and picking up the ball, several of the players having seemingly forgotten that he was for the time being the goalkeeper. A moment or two before the whistle finally sounded Derby forced a corner, and from this May made a splendid shot, which whizzed past the posts a trifle wide. This was practically the end, "time" subsequently being signalled with Bury possessors of the Cup for the second time in their career, having equalled the performance of Preston North End by going through the competition without losing a goal.

RESULT.

Bury	...	Six goals
Derby County	...	None

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN *vs.* GLASGOW RANGERS.—In the history of this present season's competition for the Scottish national trophy, the drawn game has bulked largely, and the struggles which took place in the earlier rounds between Celtic and St. Mirren and Dundee and Hibernians have now their counterpart in the ultimate stage, as the undecided match which was replayed at Celtic Park, Glasgow, on Saturday the 18th, was once more closed with honours easy. This failure on either side to bring the game to a definite issue at not only the first but at the second time of asking, is infrequent in the annals of the competition. There were over 20,000 spectators present when the Rangers set off against a slight breeze. In view of the perfect condition prevailing—an ideal day and turf inclined to be fast—the chances of the ex-League champions were decidedly the rosier, but only at rare intervals in the opening half did they touch that standard of excellence which so ensured them a safe passage through the semi-final round, when their friends the Celtic went under. By contrast, the representatives of the East showing good football all over, specially at halfback, forced the pace to its fullest. For the major portion of the initial period they could safely lay claim to the better share of the exchanges. Forward, however, they were not too well served. There was a lack of well-directed and purposeful effort when nearing goal, which made itself evidently wild kicking and general inaccuracy in moments when a little care might have brought about the desired result. Still, the Heart's front line bore the ordeal of comparison with the Glasgow Rangers' quintette, though containing three Internationalists, well, and the play of the Ibrox forward rank was not by any means what it ought to have been. Crossing over as they began, on even terms, the opponents developed a faster game, with which the change of Speedie from inside right to partnering A. Smith had not a little to do Many good chances went abegging this half, and many capital shots, going straight to the mark, met the lucky accident which prevented their finding the net. Both sides improved on their previous exhibition, and the whole of the second "45" was fought out on the keenest and evenest lines. Towards the close the Hearts maintained a steady pressure on he opposing stronghold, which, however, held out to the end time being signalled without a score having accrued to either side,

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

DIVISION 1.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Agst.
Sheffield Wednesday ...	34	19	4	11	42	54	36
Sunderland ...	33	16	9	8	41	51	35
Sheffield United ...	34	17	5	12	39	58	44
Aston Villa ...	32	17	3	12	37	54	40
Stoke ...	33	15	6	12	36	45	37
Notts Forest ...	34	14	7	13	35	49	47
Liverpool ...	32	15	4	13	34	64	49
Derby County ...	32	16	2	14	34	48	42
W Brom Albion ...	32	15	4	13	34	50	50
Wolvrhmptn Wnd ...	32	14	5	13	33	48	51
Everton ...	34	13	6	15	32	45	47
Bury ...	31	14	3	14	31	47	40
Middlesbrough ...	32	14	3	15	31	40	44
Notts County ...	34	12	7	15	31	41	49
Newcastle United ...	33	13	4	16	30	40	51
Blackburn Rovers ...	34	12	5	17	29	44	63
Grimsby Town ...	32	8	8	16	24	41	58
Bolton Wanderers ...	34	8	3	23	19	37	73

DIVISION 2.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Agst.
Manchester City ...	34	25	4	5	54	95	29
Small Heath ...	33	23	3	7	49	72	35
Woolwich Arsenal ...	34	20	8	6	48	66	30
Bristol City ...	33	16	8	9	40	56	38
Manchester United ...	32	15	7	10	37	52	36
Chesterfield ...	33	14	8	11	36	66	39
Preston North End ...	33	13	9	11	35	55	39
Barnsley ...	32	13	7	12	33	55	49
Burslem Port Vale ...	33	12	8	13	32	55	62
Lincoln City ...	34	12	6	16	30	46	53
Burton United ...	33	11	7	15	29	39	56
Glossop ...	33	11	6	16	28	42	56
Gainsboro' Trinity ...	33	11	6	16	28	40	58
Blackpool ...	34	9	10	15	28	44	59
Leicester Fosse ...	34	10	8	16	28	41	65
Doncaster Rovers ...	34	9	7	18	25	35	72
Stockport County ...	34	7	6	21	20	38	77
Burnley ...	34	6	8	20	20	30	74

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Agst.
Southampton ...	30	20	8	2	48	83	20
Reading ...	30	19	7	4	45	72	30
Portsmouth ...	30	17	7	6	41	69	32
Tottenham Hotspur ...	28	14	7	7	35	47	28
Bristol Rovers ...	30	13	8	9	34	46	34
New Brompton ...	28	10	10	8	30	35	34
Northampton ...	30	12	6	12	30	39	48
Millwall ...	28	13	2	13	28	50	36
West Ham United ...	29	9	10	10	28	34	47
Queen's Pk Rngrs. ...	30	11	6	13	28	34	42
Luton Town ...	30	10	7	13	27	43	44
Kettering ...	29	7	11	11	25	32	40
Swindon Town ...	28	9	7	12	25	36	45
Wellingborough ...	29	10	3	16	23	35	56
Watford ...	29	6	4	19	16	34	85
Brentford ...	30	2	1	27	5	16	84

IMPORTANT RESULTS.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP. FINAL TIE.

		G.		G
†Bury ...	...	6	bt Derby County	... 0

†At the Crystal Palace.

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.—DIVISION 1.

Notts Forest ...	...	1	bt Liverpool ...	... 0
Stoke ...	...	2	bt Bolton Wanderers	... 0
Blackburn Rovers	...	3	bt Newcastle United	... 1
Aston Villa ...	...	4	bt Sheffield United	... 2
Sheffield Wednesday	...	3	bt West Bromwich Albn	... 1
Everton ...	...	2	bt Notts County	... 0
†Sunderland ...	...	2	bt Middlesbrough	... 1

†At Newcastle.

DIVISION 2.

Manchester United	...	2	bt Burslem Port Vale	... 1
Stockport County	...	1	dr Preston North End	... 1
Glossop ...	...	2	dr Barnsley ...	... 2
Doncaster Rovers	...	0	dr Leicester Fosse	... 0
Chesterfield ...	...	1	bt Burton United	... 0
Bristol City ...	...	1	bt Gainsborough Trinity	... 0

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Portsmouth ...	...	1	dr Warford ...	... 1
Reading ...	...	1	bt Queen's Park Rangers	... 0
Luton ...	...	4	bt West Ham United	... 0
Swindon ...	...	3	bt Brentford ...	... 0

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CUP.—FINAL TIE.

†Hanwell Old Nationals	...	2	bt Harrow Bygd. O.B.'s	... 1

†At Southall.

THE LONDON LEAGUE.—PREMIER DIVISION.

Millwall ...	...	2	bt Woolwich Arsenal	... 0

DIVISION 1.

Queen's Park Rangers	...	2	bt Leyton ...	... 1

DIVISION 2.

G. W. Railway	...	3	bt Hendon ...	... 2
Fulham ...	...	3	bt Wandsworth...	... 0

THE MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Doncaster Rovers Res	...	2	bt Leicester Fosse Res	... 0
Burton United Reserves	...	3	Chesterfield Reserves	... 2
Grimsby Town Reserves	...	4	bt Derby County Res	... 0
Hinckley ...	...	4	bt Gainsbro' Trinity Res	... 0
Parnsley Reserves	...	1	dr Walsall ...	... 1
Whitwick White Cross	...	2	bt Newark ...	... 0
Denaby United	...	6	bt Worksop ...	... 1

THE LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Darwen ...	...	2	dr St Helen Recreation	... 2
Barrow ...	...	4	bt Rochdale ...	... 0
Southport Central	...	3	bt Rest of League	... 1

THE SCOTTISH CUP.—UNDECIDED REPLAYED.

FINAL TIE.

†Glasgow Rangers	...	0	dr Heart of midlothian	... 0

†At Celtic Park.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—DIVISION 2.

Falkirk ...	...	4	bt Hmltn. Academicals	... 2
Motherwell ...	...	2	dr East Stirlingshire	... 2

OTHER MATCHES.

Devonshire ...	...	5	bt Cornwall ...	... 1
Eastbourne ...	...	2	bt The Casuals ...	... 0
Woodford ...	...	1	bt Sittingbourne	... 0
Beddington Corner	...	3	bt Lucerne ...	... 2
Wanstead ...	...	2	bt Willesden Town	... 0
Hampstead Reserves	...	3	bt Guildhall ...	... 0
Carshalton St. Andrew's	...	1	bt Carshalton Park	... 0
Raveley ...	...	2	bt Ealing Swifts	... 0
Aberaman ...	...	2	bt Cardiff ...	... 1
Basingstoke ...	...	3	bt Aldershot ...	... 1
Hove Park ...	...	3	bt Hove ...	... 1
Kirkley ...	...	3	bt Beccles ...	... 1
Ilford ...	...	10	bt Chesham Town	... 0
Melville ...	...	3	bt Alexandra Park	... 1
Brixton ...	...	6	bt Redhill ...	... 0
Newhaven ...	...	1	bt Eastbourne Old Town	... 0
Littlehampton...		1	dr Bognor ...	... 1
St Leonards ...	...	2	bt Hastings ...	... 0
Crawley ...	...	1	bt Hayward's Heath	... 0
Wycombe Wanderers	...	3	bt Southall ...	... 2
Ramsgate Town	...	3	bt Whistable ...	... 0
Maidenhead Norfolkians	...	5	bt Reading Biscuit Fctry	... 2
Wolverhampton Wanderers		3	bt St Mirren ...	... 2
Partick Thistle	...	2	dr Albion Rovers	... 1
Broxburn ...	...	1	dr Alloa Athletic	... 1
Renton ...	...	3	bt Vale of Leven	... 2
Kilbarchan ...	...	3	bt Royal Albert ...	... 1
Stenhousemuir	...	4	bt King's Park ...	... 1
Airdrieonians ...	...	2	bt Port Glasgow Athletic	... 0
Beith ...	...	1	bt Kilwinning Eglinton	... 1
Lochee United	...	1	dr Cowdenbeath	...

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RUGBY RULES.

IMPORTANT RESULTS.

YORKSHIRE CUP.—FINAL TIE.

Castleford (5)	...	0	2	dr Skipton (5)	...	0	2

At Harrogate.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.—FINAL TIE.

		G.	T.			G.	T.
Sunderland (8)	...	2	0	bt West Hartlepool(5)	...	1	0

At South Shields.

OTHER MATCHES.

Northampton (14)	...	1	3	bt Olney ...	...	0	0
Neath (11)	...	1	2	bt Cardiff ...	...	0	0
Newport (17)	...	1	4	bt Leicester	...	0	0
Devonport Albion (16)		3	1	bt Catford Bridge (8)	...	1	1
Barnstaple (6)	...	0	2	bt Plymouth (3)	...	0	1
Llanelly (24)	...	3	3	bt Bristol ...	...	0	0
Penarth (20)	...	3	2	bt Gloucester (3)	...	0	1
Exeter (13)	...	2	1	bt Pontrypridd (3)	...	0	1
Cheltenham	...	4	0	bt Stroud (3)	...	1	0

BOXING.

JABEZ WHITE (BIRMINGHAM) *vs.* SPIKE SULLIVEAN (AMERICA).

For the second time in his career Spike Sulivan, of Boston U. S. A., has had to strike his flag to Jabez White, of Birmingham, England. Nine months back the men clashed in a fifteen-round contest at head quarters, which White won rather cleverly on points. Last night the men met again in the same ring under similar conditions, saving that the stake-money at issue was doubled. Spike, as was anticipated, improved on his first display, and more than once the Midlander was rather hard pressed. In every way the contest was in advance of the one fought out in June last. The result, however, was the same, and no good and impartial judge could grumble at the decision given to the Englishman. From first to last the bout was brimful of incident, and, despite the pace at which the men fought, either retained a dangerous hit to the finish, which caused interest to be maintained until the final sound of the gong. Sullivan took the ring as he said he would—far stronger than was the case in the initial encounter. White, too, looked at his best, and naturally he stood up with all the confidence born of previous success. From the outset the cleverness of the Englishman was very apparent. White has, perhaps, never boxed with more skill and cleverness than he did last night, and certainly, so far as this side is concerned, Sullivan surpassed his previous efforts in the ring. It was a case of science on the part of White against dogged pluck and untiring strength and energy on the part of Sullivan. Always in front of a man cleverer than himself, the Irish-American fought and fought in the hope of eventually wearing down his opponent by superior power and his persistent attack. White's straight left-handed jabs he set at naught. They only made him smile and come for more. So willing was the visitor and so gamely did he take what was sent him that at one time it appeared just on the cards that the stronger man might win. White was hard pressed in the eighth and tenth rounds, and hereabout in some distress. Throughout a bustling set to, however, he never once lost his form and wonderfully clever with his foot work and possessed of more speed than his opponent, White in the end gained a hard-earned, yet thoroughly well-deserved victory. As we have said, Sullivan boxed from beginning to end with all the grit and go for which he is noted. In White, however, he tackled the best man he has ever fought in the Old Country, and bearing in mind that he has twice stayed the full course with Jabez, Spike must not take his second defeat too much to heart. He was cheered at the close as loudly as the winner.

The American was first to enter the ring, but was followed immediately afterwards by White, the pair at once shaking hands in the most cordial manner. Sullivan was seconded by Jack Palmer, Jack Kingsland, and Ben Jordan, whilst White had as attendants Eddie Connolly (fresh from his victory over Pat Daly), Billy Plimmer and Alf. Robb, the once well-known cyclist. The gloves were donned immediately, and after the conditions of the match had been explained all was ready for the contest. It should be stated that when Sullivan doffed his coat it was seen that he was wearing a handsome green silk sash, tasselled with gold, and on which were painted a harp shamrocks, this being a present from his backer. When they faced nothing was done for fully half a minute, White, the first to lead, then missing with the left. Three times they clinched and brought warning cries from the referee, after which Spike put the left on the body, the Brum replying with the right between the American's eyes, and, following him into the corner, where he landed with both hands on the jaw, causing Sullivan's head to go back. Out of the breakaway White then dashed the left on to the forehead, following it with a hook left on the jaw, corners being called with White a leader on points and Sullivan having landed very few blows. Facing next time, White was again first home with a hard, straight left on the jaw, following which Sullivan feinted, and drawing White's head, put on a left hook, but with little power behind it. Afterwards he managed to put a hard right on the body, the first good blow he had landed. So far it had been a clever contest, the head and footwork of both men being very neat to watch. To the end of the round they were level. In the third White was again first to strike, the left going on the jaw, but then to the call of time he appeared to hang off and allow his opponent to do the leading. Now and again he slipped himself and endeavoured to get on a hard left, but failed and when Spike tried a hot blow he found that his opponent was extremely clever in getting out of danger. In the fourth White showed excellent form, for he appeared to land on the American with his left hand when he liked. Four times within the space of half a minute he put it on to Sullivan's jaw, but as there was little power behind it no harm was done, and Spike, "chippy" as ever, smiled all the while. In the next Spike showed his real form for the first time, opening with a hard left on the jaw, and following it with a smashing right on the body. This appeared to take a deal of the wind out of the "Brum's" sails, as for a time White could do little. The American quickly noted this, repeatedly measuring his man with the left and trying to bring the right home on the jaw, but to no purpose, Jabez being too clever. After a quiet opening in the sixth round White appealed for a low hit. Then he attempted a heavy left on the face, which, luckily for Sullivan, glanced off his cheek, for otherwise there would have been no more boxing between them for at least that night, the exchanges to the end of the round being very light. Early in the seventh the pair went in for some determined hitting, Sullivan showing that his left hand was useful when he tried to use it. Afterwards, however, White played the careful game, and appeared to be taking a breather. In the eighth came a piece of exciting work for Sullivan, perceiving an opening half a minute before the finish, hooked a hard right on to White's left eye, which caused his opponent to blink and be in difficulties until the end of the round, when his left optic had to be attended to. In the ninth the work was rather quiet, Sullivan finding it impossible to follow up his very damaging hit of the previous round by another, grand generalship by White alone preventing this. In the meanwhile White recovered to such an extent that when they faced next time, so far as condition goes, they were level. The tenth was the most exciting round of the match, for Sullivan, starting with a hard right and left on the body, succeeded it by a strong right on the jaw, which again put his opponent in difficulties. Going after his man, and by every move on the board, Sullivan tried to trick him and land a winning blow, but here the cleverness of White came in, as, notwithstanding being much the worse for wear, he was able to evade his opponent, and, although receiver-general, stand his ground to the end. White partially recovered during the interval but still lacked power when they faced for the eleventh. In this they both took matters easily, except for a few rushes, which were ineffective. In the twelfth the Brum kept his left hard going in fine style, and appeared to have quite recovered his form, this being particularly noticed in the next, when he landed splendid right and left hands on to Sullivan's head. In the fourteenth Sullivan went in with his arms revolving like a windmill. He twice put the left on to White's face, but the Brum was always doing as much as his opponent, and in the last scored nearly all the points, for Spike boxed badly; in fact, tried a number of wild, but not clever rushes, that usually favoured White, who boxed as steadily as ever to the finish of a splendid bout, when he was awarded a thoroughly-deserved victory.

RACQUETS.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

FINAL TIE.

HARROW (HOLDERS) *vs.* RUGBY.—The large and commodious gallery overlooking the match racquet court at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon, when Harrow and Rugby met for premier honours. In the result, the Harrow pair who had been coached under the careful eye of "Judy" Stevens, once again carried off chief honours. To those who watched the competition from the start the victory of the Dark Blues came as no surprise, as throughout the couple have shown wonderfully consistent form, and thoroughly deserved their win. The officials were Mr. F. Dames-Longworth (referee), Messrs. M. C. Kemp and H. K. Foster (umpires), and C Holden (marker) Result:—

Harrow (holders) (G. M. Philips and L. M. McLean) beat Rugby (K. Powell and K. M. Agnew) by four games to love (15—4, 15—13, 15—12, and 15—0).

Hands were very small in the opening game, the Rugby boys being frequently put out without scoring, but in the second the Harrow lads, with sequences of aces that never exceeded four, gained victory by 15—13. At the third meeting Philips, playing in wonderfully fine form, added half a dozen aces, and ultimately reached 10—0. Powell had Agnew, however, played up in plucky fashion and made it "eleven all." In a ding-dong finish, however, Harrow went out at 15—12. Philips scored the winning ace, and on continuing his hand in the fourth game he proved in such magnificent form that he ran clean out, eight of the aces being by service, so that the Harrovians won easily, as stated. Time of match, 42mins.

At the close, Mr. F. Collings, representing Messrs. Prossers of Pentonville-road, N., presented the winning couple with a silver-mounted racquet each.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

IF there is any truth in the saying about wet weather and good sport coming together, we ought to have begun the season badly. Since the season opened we had not had more than a couple of showers and the downs are in the condition one expects to find them in, in December and January, hard, slippery and dry as dust. When it rains the turf is moist and springy and the scent invariably holding. Jacks, however, seem to be more plentiful than I have known them for several seasons past, and this of course promises well for a good year. We can hardly be said to have dropped into our regular routine as hounds have not been out above half a dozen times and the first advertised meet of the season was held at Golf Corner on Monday, 4th May, at 6-30 P.M. Quite a crowd assembled. Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Ampthill, who are regular followers, were present, also H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, Sir George Wolsely, the Maharajah of Vizianagram, Colonel Cunliffe, Major and Mrs. Vans Agnew, Major and Mrs. Georges, Major and Miss Clark-Kennedy, Mrs. Patchell, Major Campbell, Captain Matthews, Misses Irwin, Miss Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Dopps, Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Grath, Colonel Branfoot, Miss Fisher who was given the brush, Miss Bright, Major Logan Home, Mr. Mackenzie, Captain Smith, Captain Milner, Mr. and Mrs. Mullaly, Major and Mrs. Giffard, Mr. Diebenrood, Mr. Smythe, Captain Patrickson, Mr. Thorne, and about thirty others. It was an excellent morning for hounds, for after a short and fast run from Jackal Covert to Baikie Wood hounds hunted in covert for over three-quarters of an hour and finally killed their jack in the open as he was seeking refuge in Dreadnaught, a small covert of wattle. Nothing more was done as the morning was too hot and Sunny and the ground is dry as a bone.

Thursday, 6th May, turned out a very poor scenting day: the rain which fell on the preceding afternoon on some parts of the downs, left the particular piece of country we hunted over, so the ground was dry, though at the start, as hounds were coming to the meet they picked up a line, but were not allowed to hunt. From the meet at Brooklands Captain Fife, the Master, proceeded to show the covert of the same name. This covert has a great reputation for holding jacks and did not disappoint us this morning as a brace or more were on foot directly hounds were put into Covert. The field blind to their own interests galloped wildly round and completely circled the covert, thereby making it impossible for a jack to break. Hounds eventually pulled down the jack in covert: he turned out to be little more than a cub. Though several coverts were visited after this scent was so poor hounds were unable to hunt so that by 9-30 hounds were taken back to kennels.

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Polo.

BURMA POLO ASSOCIATION.

C. T. C. CERTIFICATES.
REPUDIATED.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Burma Polo Association was held at Maymyo Club on Saturday, the 2nd May. The following gentlemen were present: Major Strickland, Major Gordon, Major Taylor, Captain Pearce, Captain Annesley, Captain Johnson, Captain Elliott, Captain Purvis, Mr. Gabbett, Mr. Algie, Mr. Darwood, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Gardener, Mr. Waterfield, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Stanbridge, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Fell, Honorary Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting held at Mandalay on the 28th December, 1902, were read and confirmed.

A motion proposed by Mr. Forteath and seconded by Mr. Jardine was put to the meeting, *viz.*, "That certificates of height given under the C. T. C. rules of racing shall hold good for tournaments under the B. B. A." Major Strickland proposed, and Mr. Macfarlane seconded, an amendment to this proposal, *viz.*, "That no racing certificate of any sort shall be accepted by the B. P. A." The amendment was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. Mr. Forteath's proposal was therefore negatived.

Proposed by Major Strickland and seconded by Major Taylor:—"That the Committee of the B. P. A. shall appoint an Official Measurer at such times and places as may be considered necessary, and that he be empowered to grant certificates of height, either for one year or for life as the case may be, irrespective of the question whether the pony measured is about to be played in a tournament or not. That the Measurer shall have power to reject any pony which in his opinion is unfit to play or has been improperly prepared, and that a pony so rejected shall not be allowed to come up for measurement again under the B. P. A."

The proposal was carried.

Proposed by Mr. Darwood and seconded by Mr. Gabbett "That the Committee of the Burma Polo Association be authorized to purchase a measuring standard." Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 24th April 1903.*

FROM one or two articles we have read in the cycle press, one is led to believe that there is a certain section of wheelmen playing up to the reputation of Oliver Twist by asking for "more." The most decisive advantages cyclists have gained as the result of the labour of the joint committee appointed by the National Cyclists' Union, Scottish Cyclists' Union and the Cyclists' Touring Club, in the reduction of fares on the railways and acceptance of responsibility by the companies, should, one would have thought, suffice the greed of the most avaricious cyclist, but there are some who now they have secured their desire in the above direction, seek for a reduction in cloak-room fees. The trouble arises because at a certain London station the cloak-room fee is sixpence, instead of fourpence usually charged for a bicycle for two days. Is the question worthy of further discussion? How many wheelmen in the course of a year make use of a cloak-room? Note one in a thousand, and this being so the controversy in the papers is not worth the space it occupies.

The Spring cycle trade has been exceptionally brisk in all centres of the cycle industry, showing an improvement on last year's output, which in turn topped the total of previous years. Before the recent Easter holidays, special trains were run nightly North and South from Coventry, carrying consignments of cycles to all parts of the country. A rough estimate of the number of machines despatched, gives the total as 2,600, an increase of 1,000 over the returns of Easter last year.

The rider just taking to cycling, is frequently heard to complain of the hard work involved in driving a cycle and the "dead-tired" feeling which comes over his legs after a spin of some fifteen or twenty miles. To these we would give a word of encouragement and a little advice as to how best to overcome the feeling of weariness. In the first place, every novice experiences the same feeling, it is simply the sudden employment of muscles that have previously laid dormant, and which naturally ache when first put to work. The best thing to do when first taking up cycling, is to ride short distances frequently, gradually increasing the journeys to fifteen or twenty miles at a stretch. There is always a tendency to over-do cycling and against this the novice must guard. If a day's journey of eighty or a hundred miles is to be taken, the rider should get fit by taking evening runs of about twenty miles. Runs of this distance for a week or two before the longer journey will put the rider in good condition.

There is a bicycle mystery at Dover. A short while ago, two boys arrived at Dover Castle with a high grade bicycle for General Sir Leslie Rundle, which, they said, had been handed to them by a gentleman to deliver, the gentleman having given them two shillings for their trouble. The General knew nothing about the bicycle. In the afternoon two other boys called at the Castle, stating that a gentleman had asked them to call for the bicycle and take it to him at the Burlington Hotel. Enquiries were made at the hotel, but the gentleman could not be found and although the boys were closely questioned no light could be thrown on the mystery. General Rundle sent the bicycle to the police station to await an owner.

The executive of the Cyclist' Touring Club might well ask themselves the question as to why they should spend money in erecting danger-boards, if cyclists so often disregard them. During the course of the years, several accidents are usually reported caused through loss of control on hills where danger boards exist. The roll for 1903 has already been started by a party of cyclists on tour to Ipswich. A warning board stands at the top of Gun Hill, Dedham, but the cyclists, disregarding the notice proceeded to descend. A member of the party lost control at a point where there is a sharp bend in the road, and at the foot of the hill was thrown right through a cottage window, receiving such injuries as to render him unconscious for the long space of twelve hours.

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One of those deplorable highway assaults on cyclists which now and again take place in this quiet country of ours, as a reminder to reformers that their work of civilizing the dregs of the populace is still incomplete, occurred in Cheshire, when a wheelman was set upon by three roughs, and besides being brutally treated, robbed of all his possessions. The wheelman, a groom in the service of Colonel Walker, was cycling home late at night when the three men attacked him by kicking him off his machine. We are glad to learn that the miscreants who were returning from the Tarporley races, have all been captured by the police, who upon hearing of the assault immediately pursued them in a trap.

The Dean of Norwich has a very high opinion of the style and grace of lady cyclists, since, when speaking at a recent meeting, he is said to have remarked that he had hardly ever seen a lady upon a bicycle who did not present to his eyes at least a type of dignity and grace, and how to do the best thing with the least possible friction to other people. The reverend gentleman must have peculiarly accommodating eyes, for although we admit that some of the fair riders are uncommonly graceful when riding, a good proportion of them are—well, just a little awkward.

As a pastime, motor cycling is now firmly established, and the number of enthusiasts are sufficiently numerous to warrant a paper solely devoted so their interests, and to the special subjects concerning them. The new paper, *The Motor Cycle*, solely devoted to motor cycling, is therefore very welcome. In its early days motor cycling was regarded as a special branch of cycling or motor carring; but it has developed with such rapidity that it is impossible to adequately deal with in a cycle or motor car publication, as there are numerous people within the ranks of motor cyclists who are not much interested in the "pushbike," and who are quite aware that the motor car, even in its most inexpensive form, is entirely beyond their reach from a monetary point of view. The first issues of *The Motor Cycle* are excellent, and augur exceedingly well for the new paper. We wish it all success.

It is quite expected, though not absolutely certain, that the King will witness the Gordon-Bennett race on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to Ireland. In any event Royalty will be represented by the Lord Lieutenant, who recently requested Mr. R. Wallace and Mr. Orde to wait upon him in order that they might lay before him details of the arrangements for the Irish Fortnight, and particularly of the Gordon-Bennett race. At the interview Lord Dudley made the interesting announcement that he intends witnessing the start and finish of the race from the Automobile Club's enclosure on the course. He also intimated his intention of giving a garden party on Saturday, 4th July at the Viceregal Lodge, in the Phœnix Park. The official support that is being given by the Irish Government to the Gordon-Bennett race will conduce considerably towards securing a successful event.

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* CALCUTTA.—These teams met on the Dalhousie ground last Saturday and a fast and even game resulted in a draw of one goal each. The home forwards ran down from the kick off, but the Calcutta backs relieved and Stewart and Fyfe brought the ball into the home territory. Stewart kicked it out and the home team took up the attack, Buckley having to save on two occasions. They then forced a corner, and though Echlin placed well Calcutta got away. Bushby relieved and the home forwards attacked obtaining another corner. They continued to press and from a *mêlée* Stimson scored. After the interval the visitors began to play up and several combined runs were made. V. Sherman put the ball through on one occasion but was ruled offside, the home team got away from the free kick and Echlin sent in a hard shot which Buckley saved Calcutta again attacked and Pyper was tested twice before V. Sherman scored the equalising goal. The game ruled very even to the end, the resent in a draw as stated. Teams :—

DALHOUSIE.—Pyper, *goal;* Margrett and Bushby, *backs;* Morrow, Phelps, and Dalling, *half backs;* Echlin, Rosser, Watts Stewart, and Stimson, *forwards.*

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal;* Stevens and Dennis, *backs;* Maunder, Crawford and V. Sherman *half-backs;* H. Sherman, Gould, Birkmyre, Fyfe, and Stewart, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Walker, D. F C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* A. and S. HIGHLANDERS.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 12th instant, the game resulting in a draw The Highlanders were undoubtedly the better team and had it not been for the splendid goal-keeping of Buckley Calcutta would have lost the match. The visitors started the game with a rush to the Calcutta twenty-five and though it was stopped they soon returned and a hard shot by Jardine was saved. The home team then put in some good work, Sherman getting away, but his shot failed. The soldiers came down again, but offside against them gave Stewart a chance and he forced a corner The Calcutta goal was then besieged, but Buckley saved in grand style and Cooper getting away passed to Fyfe, who scored for the home team. Both goals were attacked in turn and it was not long before Lambie put the ball through for the Highlanders equalising the score. On resuming after the interval the military team seemed to have the best of matters and several shots were sent in, all of which the home custodian managed to save. The Calcutta forwards then took the ball down, but it was returned and a scrimmage in front of the home goal followed, the pressure being relieved by offside against the visitors. The Calcutta forwards again ran down and Cooper and Stewart put in a couple of hard shots which Coventry saved The Highlanders then attacked and when time was called were still pressing. The game ending as stated in a draw of one all. Teams :—

CALCUTTA F C.—Buckley, *goal;* Todd and Denniss, *backs;* Maunder, Crawford and Gillespie, *halves;* V. Sherman, Cooper, Birkmyre. Fyfe and Stewart, *forwards.*

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace, and Mulholland, *backs;* Auchinvale, McGowan and Mowat, *halves;* Lockhart, Lambie, Jardine, Montgomery, and Hogg, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Batho, Calcutta Rangers.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

FOURSOMES COMPETITION.

This tournament has just been conducted on the Maidan links and as usual provided a good deal of interest, the result being in considerable doubt throughout The handicapping worked out very well, and many of the couples proved remarkably well matched, halved games being quite common The winners eventually turned out to be Messrs. E. J. Wright and E. A Wild, who had a handicap of two strokes on the nine holes, and who beat Messrs A. Duff and H. R. D Munn (handicap 5) by 3 up and 1 to play after a good and close game on Saturday afternoon last Ties were 9 holes each in the preliminary rounds, and 18 as usual in the final, and the results of the various matches will be found below.

FIRST ROUND.—Mr G Harvey and Mr R Lean (2) beat Mr J Laidlaw and Mr R W Hutchinson (3) by 4 up and 1 to play.

Mr C Little and Mr H P M Rae (1) beat Mr W T Reid and Mr E L Maples (4) by 3 up and 1 to play.

Mr G P Harris and Mr E Watson (4) beat Mr H B Pike and Mr W D Cowan (4) scratched

Mr T Drimmie and Mr J M Annan (2) beat Mr G W Walker and Mr J H Hechle (1) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr D A'Cuthbert and Mr H E Chappel (4) beat Mr J R Boyes and Mr H W Dick (4) by 1 up after a tie

The following had byes :—Mr C P Lomax and Mr W Abernethy (4). Mr C Engel and Mr A D Wilson (4). Mr A Duff and Mr H R D Munn (5). Mr J Parrott and Mr E A Woodhouse (4). D K Hall and Mr T B Peterkin (1). Mr J A Robertson and Dr W Forsyth (3) Sir Allan Arthur and Mr D Drimmie (4). Mr E A Lyon and Captain J M Burn (2). Mr E A Wild and Mr E J Wright (2). Mr A M Urie and Mr O W Williamson (1). Mr F H Stewart and Mr E S Ezekiel (2).

SECOND ROUND.—Mr C Engel and Mr A D Wilson (4) beat Mr C P Lomax and Mr W Abernethy (4) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr A Duff and Mr R D Munn (5) beat Mr J Parrott and Mr E A Woodhouse (4) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr D K Hall and Mr T B Peterkin (1) beat Mr J A Robertson and Dr W. Forsyth (3) by 4 up and 2 to play.

Mr G Harvey and Mr R Lean (2) beat Mr C Little and Mr H P Rae (1) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Mr G P Harris and Mr E Watson (4) beat Mr T Drimmie and Mr J M Annan (2).

Mr D A Cuthbert and Mr H E Chappel (4) beat Sir A Arthur and Mr D Drimmie (4) by 1 up

Mr E A Wild and Mr E J Weight (2) beat Mr E A Lyon and Captain J M Burn (2) by 3 up and 2 to play.

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THIRD ROUND.—Mr A Duff and Mr H R D Munn (5) beat Mr C Engel and Mr A D Wilson (4) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr G Harvey and Mr R Lean (2) beat Mr D K Hall and Mr T B Peterkin (1) by 3 up and 1 to play

Mr D A Cuthbert and Mr H E Chappel (4) beat Mr G P Harris and Mr E Watson (4) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Mr E A Wild and Mr E J Wright (2) beat Mr F H Stewart and Mr E S Ezekiel (2) by 3 up and 2 to play.

FOURTH ROUND.—Mr A Duff and Mr H R D Munn (5) beat Mr G Harvey and Mr R Lean (2) by 3 up and 1 to play.

Mr E A Wild and Mr E J Wright (2) beat Mr D A Cuthbert and Mr H E Chappel (4) by 2 up.

FINAL.—Mr E A Wild and Mr E J Wright (2) beat Mr A Duff and Mr H R D Munn (5) by 3 up and 1 to play, on 18 holes.

A special general meeting of members was held at the Pavilion on Friday, 8th May Mr. J. G. Dickson, captain of the club, being in the chair, to elect an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer in succession to Mr. A. M. Urie, who has gone home under doctor's orders. After some discussion Mr. T. Drimmie undertook the duties of Honorary Secretary and Mr. T. B. Peterkin those of Honorary Treasurer until the end of the current season.

Lawn Tennis.

CALCUTTA C.C. TOURNAMENT.

We give below the results of this annual competition which has just been concluded on the Club courts in the Eden Gardens Messrs J. Harvey and F. C. Danger eventually proved to be the winners and their success was very popular, especially as Mr. Harvey has taken much trouble in superintending the lawn tennis arrangements at the club this season. Both have improved their game very considerably of late, and they had no difficulty in disposing of their various opponents, though their opponents in the final, Messrs R. A. B. Reynolds and R. C Allen made a good fight against them in the first set. Scores :—

FIRST ROUND.

F C Danger I Harvey	(+15) beat	W H Michael H E Olphert	(scr) 6-3, 0-1
A Hinds A Preston	(owe 15-3) beat	W C Dennis A Willis	(+15-3) scratched

The following had byes :—J. H. Hechle and T. Curtis Hayward (owe 15), E. Zimmerman and W. G Stewart (owe 3-6/15), H. A. Danks and H. M. Given Wilson (plus 2-6/15), A E. Danks and E. Walker (plus 15), E. A. Wild and C. M. Bassin (plus 15-2), R. Connew and M. J. Berry (scratch), F. P. B Wood and H. A. S. Evatt (plus 15), H. V. Low and T. R. Theakston (plus 3-6, 15), M. R. Quin and G. S. E Colville (owe 15, 3), T. A. Magnus and G. L. le Sueur (plus 15), R. A. B. Reynolds and R. C. Allen (scratch), F. W. Smyth and R. Smyth (plus 3-6, 15), F. H. Stewart and T. B. Peterkin (plus 2-6, 15), and A. Birkmyre and R. B. Wilson (plus 15-2).

SECOND ROUND.

Hechle Curtis Hayward	beat	Zimmerman W G Stewart	6-4, 6-3
A E Danks Walker	beat	H A Danks Given Wilson	6-2, 6-3
Wild Bassin	beat	Connew Berry	6-1, 6-3
Harvey Danger	beat	Wood Evatt	6-2, 2-6, 6-4
Hinds Keston	beat	Low Theakston	—
Colville Quin	beat	Magnus Le Sueur	6-2, 6-2
Reynolds Allen	beat	F W Smyth R Smyth	6-0, 6-2
F H Stewart Peterkin	beat	Birkmyre R B Wilson	6-4, 4-6, 5-3 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

THIRD ROUND.

A E Danks Walker	beat	Hechle Curtis Hayward	6-4, 6-4
Harvey Danger	beat	Wild Bastin	6-4, 6-2
Colvile Quin	beat	Hinds Preston	4-6, 6-2, 6-3
Reynolds Allen	beat	F H Stewart Peterkin	6-1, 6-3

FOURTH ROUND.

Harvey Danger	beat	A E Danks Walker	6-3, 6-0
Reynolds Allen	beat	Colville Quin	6-0, 6-4

FINAL.

J Harvey F C Danger	(+15) beat	R A B Reynolds R C Allen	(scratch) 8-6, 6-0

BOMBAY GYMKHANA TOURNAMENTS.

The Doubles Tournament ended on Saturday 8th May in a win for Messrs. Jacob and Crichton as per full details below :—

H'cap.

Francis and Caine ...	+	½	15	Bye	Bromley and Reid	Jacob and Crichton 4-6 ; 6-2 ; 6-2	Jacob and Crichton 6-1 ; 6-4.
Bromley and J. Reid	+	15	½	Bye			
Powell and Hart ...	+	½	15	Jacobsand Crichton 6-4 ; 3-6 ; 4-6.			
Jacob and Crichton	+		15		Jacob and Crichton 6-3 ; 6-3.		
Kast and Coombs ...	+	½	15	Thomson and Cheetham 3-6 ; 3-6 ; 6-1.			
Thomson and Cheetham...	...	—	30				
R Reid & Innes-Ker	+	½	15	Harrington & McCausland 6-0 ; 6-3.	Ross and Reid 6-4 ; 0-6 ; 6-3	Ross and Reid 6-4 ; 6-4.	
Harrington and McCausland ...	Scr.			Bye.			
Ross and W Reid ...	—		30		James and Moore 6-5 ; 6-4.		
James and Moore ...	+	½	15	Bye.			
Rumboll & Thomas	—		15	Bye.			

Bowls.

Howrah Bowling Club *vs.* Calcutta Golf Club.

The third match of the series was played between these two clubs on the Howrah green last Saturday, and again the Calcutta men met with a severe defeat. Mr. Drimmie's rink made a great struggle, and Mr. Hannah's rink also did fairly well, and would have done better had their skip been in his usual good form, but the Howrah men all round were too good for their opponents ; and it behoves the latter to make an effort to get together a repesentative team on Saturday week when the Howrah bowlers will come across the water to try conclusions once more on the Calcutta green. Results.

Howrah Bowling Club.		Calcutta Golf Club.	
		Rink No. 1.	
W W Shanks		Dr Forsyth	
H Oxford		W Ross Smith	
L McLaren		W T Reid	
		W S G C Dickson	
J M Gilmour (Skip)	... 17	(Skip) ...	... 4
		Rink No 2.	
J M Macfarlane		J R Stewart	
J D Ness		N Mitchell Innes	
T Maxwell		J G Hewit	
J Patrick (Skip)	... 19	G S Hannah (Skip)	... 14
		Rink No. 3.	
G D Gray		John Smith	
R Russell		D Drimme	
M M King		W D Steven	
R Spiers (Skip)	... 17	T Drimmie (Skip)	... 15
Total ...	... 53	Total ...	... 33

Majority for Howrah—20 points.

Swimming.

THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB

Friday May 8th 1903.

THE Calcutta Swimming Club held a two lengths handicap on 8th Friday instant, when some very good racing was witnessed, and considering that it was the first race of the season the handicappers are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Thirteen competitorrs faced the starter and results were as follows :—

		First Heat. Start.	Nett Time.
1	K M Kennedy	... 5 secs	51¼ secs
2	F T Blockley	... 12 „	59 „
3	A L Cox ...	... 9 „	57 „
4	A E B Siddons	... 6 „	54½ „
		Second Heat.	
1	C W L King	... 8 secs	53 secs
2	H M Sherman	... scratch	45½ „
3	H G Remfry	... 13 secs	60 „
4	J M Pannan...	... 17 „	not taken
5	L H Whelan...	... 17 „	did not finish
		Third Heat.	
1	J Chaplin ...	... 16 secs	60¾ secs
2	G Brown ...	... 5 „	50 „
3	H L Harvey	... 7 „	53½ „
4	W S J Willson	... 10 „	56½ „
		Final Heat.	
1	J Chaplin ...	... 16 secs	61 secs
2	C W L King ...	... 8 „	53½ „
3	K M Kennedy	... 5 „	not taken

The next event will be a three lengths (100 yards) handicap to be held on Friday, 22nd current.

The Naturalist.

BIRDS, WOMEN AND MEN.

THE speakers at the Birds Protection Society's twelfth annual meeting, held in London, did not in course of their remarks cover any very novel ground—it would indeed be surprising had they been able to adduce any new arguments—but more attention than it has heretofore received was bestowed on the East Indian plumage trade. Lord Curzon's action in checking this trade, coupled with the enhanced interest in this country awakened by the Durbar, was perhaps answerable for the preference given ; but inasmuch as this trade is organised and, we may suppose, profitable it was inevitable that the speakers should tread heavily on somebody's corns and rouse the victim to reply. The Society by its speakers and pamphlets appeal to women to make an end of the fashion of wearing feathers on the familiar pleas that it encourages and stimulates cruelty and decimates the bird population in the interests of unthinking vanity. The appeal touches one Harold Hamel Smith on the tenderest point, the pocket, and he gives his reply to the world through the London papers. We have no great admiration for the fashion of wearing plumage in hats, but recognising that there are two sides to every question we are disposed to give Mr Smith an indulgent hearing : he says that he is a member of the firm which "practically started this trade in East Indian birds and has been 40 years engaged in it :' and he defends the industry on the ground that "there is nothing objectionable or really cruel in it." It must be allowed that Mr. Smith and those who think with him can make out a very fairly good case to support their views ; put in the fewest possible words they argue that it is as permissible to kill a bird for its plumage as to kill it for its flesh, and he were a brave advocate who should urge that there is more cruelty in killing the bird for one purpose than in killing it for the other Cruelty, as we venture to think, should be measured in this case by the degree of pain inflicted : and if the Society for the Protection of Birds wish to prove that the trade should be stopped in the interest of humanity they must in consistency prove that a bird shot for its plumage suffers more than it would do if shot for food. We fear that were this the only narrow issue involved the Society's case would be a bad one. It is, however, not the only issue involved : the Society bases its main attack on the ground that certain species, more particularly we believe the familiar paddy bird, are killed by the native feather collectors during the breeding season when the adornments of the bird are at their best development : and that the killing of these entails the starvation of nestlings. This is an argument that cannot well be disposed of offhand : to arrive at the real truth we must have two sets of facts before us ; one, which the ornithologist could supply, to tell us (*a*) at what season of the year the plumage of brightly coloured birds in demand for the market is at its best ; and (*b*) how long that plumage is worn ; or in other words, what proportion the nesting and rearing season bears to the whole period during which the plumage is at its best. The other set of facts must come from the wholesale *plumassiers* who receive the feathers and prepare them for shipment ; they could tell us in which months of the year they receive the largest and best (from their point of view) consignments of feathers from their local agents. If those who are engaged in the trade wish to undermine the weightiest argument brought by the Society against their industry they will set themselves to tabulate returns and show that the killing of adult birds does not involve as a direct and immediate result the death from starvation of nestlings. The Society's spokesmen make the slaughter of parent birds their trump suit and heretofore nobody has come forward to correct or contradict them.

Mr. Smith is silent on this point ; we do not suggest for a moment that his silence is due to knowledge that the breeding season *is* the killing season *par excellence* ; it is very possible that although engaged in the feather industry he is no naturalist and is not informed concerning the inter-relationship of breeding and plumage development. He takes up another line of defence. He says that the natives destroy the birds to save their paddy and wheat crops from depredation: that they eat the bodies and profit further by selling the skins. This is the defence of a practical man : nobody will deny that the depredations of such birds as the green parakeets are serious in the ripening grain ; the bird scarers' office as harvest time draws near is no sinecure. We are not greatly concerned to know what becomes of the birds which the native shoots or traps in defence of his crops. The ryot's existence is not one of luxury at the best of times : and if he eats the meat of his victims and further realises a few pice by the sale of their skins we can only say we are very glad to hear it and sympathise with him if the prohibition of the feather trade has contributed to reduce his pitifully small means of livelihood. Mr. Smith must not, however, ask us to believe that this defence holds good for all plumage birds ; we are accepting it for grain and fruit-eating genera, but we must ask for some other defence in the numerous cases of birds which live on animal matter, on the lower forms of life which are detrimental to the crops. The Aryan brother does not, we apprehend, exercise a nice discrimination in the matter, more especially when the skin of a useful species is equally with that of a harmful species a marketable asset The question in fact is less simple than either the Society for the Protection of Birds or the spokesmen of the plumage trade would have the world believe ; it is on the other hand a very complex one involving many considerations and practical interests, and deserves closer investigation than it has received. It would be an impossible task to teach the natives of all parts of India which birds are useful to him and which harmful ; nor would the birds profit much by his knowledge if it could be drilled into him : but it would be possible to deal with the matter at the other end of the business and discriminate between feathers, which may be exported as those belonging to injurious species, and others which may not form an article of commerce, as belonging to beneficent species. Check the export trade in the latter class of plumage and the step will in course of time make itself felt among those who collect for local agents.

With the wider issues opened out by the much debated question of "murderous millinery" we have little inclination to deal here. The point raised by Mr. Smith concerning the propriety of killing pheasants, partridges and even the domestic animals for the table is too academic to touch. It is, as we have suggested, permissible to argue that if humanity permits the deprivation of life for one purpose it is illogical to object to it for another : the defenders of the fashion of wearing feathers for decorative purposes might go a step further perhaps and argue that it is more pardonable to gratify an æsthetic taste by wearing pretty feathers than to gratify a gross appetite by eating pheasants or other game birds ; but into these questions we do not go : they may be decided to the satisfaction of one party or the other, but no decision will lead to practical results. one way or the other. The most glaring want of logic in this connection, to our mind, lies in the denunciation of the feather industry by people who in their own persons advertise the fur industry. We should like to know whether the Duchess who adressed the Society's meeting in the interests of the pretty birds wore on the occasion a sealskin coat, a jacket trimmed with chinchilla, whether she had on a set of priceless sables, a caracal coat—or what : also what proportion of the ladies present wore furs ; and whether those furs were worn because they are beautiful and becoming or because the textile industries of the twentieth century have failed to produce a material warm enough to wear during a very mild English winter. We heard much concerning the decadence of the fur seal "fisheries" a few years ago : but unless memory plays us very false nothing was said about the inhumanity of driving seals by the score to convenient spots to club them over the head preparatory to flaying. The seal industry is an important one and will continue to be so while sealskin maintains the popularity it has enjoyed for generations : and the Commission appointed to visit the Islands in the Northern Pacific went about their business with the object of rescuing an industry from the perilous state to which excessive killing had reduced it. In the name of elementary consistency therefore let us see the feather trade, in so far as this country is concerned, put on a basis beyond the reach of unreasonable sentiment and hysterical denunciation. Prohibit, if it be thought desirable, the export of skins and feathers of birds beneficial to agriculture, as trade produce ; but discriminate between these and the skins of birds whose numbers and tastes are detrimental. The interests of mankind must come first despite the shrieks of those well-meaning people who range themselves always on what they call "the weaker side" wholly regardless of practical considerations. Mundane affairs are guided not by the heart but by the head.

Oo Saik.

The Story Teller.

NATIVE SUPERSTITIONS.

(*Continued from page 23.*)

AS children at home we have heard of the jackal as the lion's provider, and out here we have its counterpart, according to popular superstition, in the Fisow, Phéow, or as the Mughs call it the Khé-wá-gyá. Eighteen years or so ago, I wrote about this in one of the Calcutta papers. During the seventies controversy waxed high as to what animal it was that made this cry. One party declared it was some peculiar animal as yet undiscovered ; another party asserting that it was the ordinary jackal startled by the proximity of stripes or spots, while a third maintained with equal certainty that it was a jackal gone mad, or suddenly startled by anything. A mass of evidence collected from my friends, men whose veracity is undoubted, as well as my own experiences have proved conclusively that any sudden close danger will cause the common jackal to emit this call, but that they will not keep it up for very long unless caused by the presence of one of the larger felines.

There is, however, another point which requires clearing up. I have heard the cry where there were no jackals within fifty or sixty miles, in fact where they had never been known. What caused it then? Well, I have brought up some two or three tiger cubs and several leopard cubs, and my experience is that they make a variety of noises, and though I have not heard them make this noise exactly, still I have heard something like it, but not loud enough to be heard for any distance. These two last facts confirm my belief that the Phéow call is given both by jackals when started and by tigers and leopards. I know of no sound so weird or creepy, not even the call of "Shere Khan" himself.

I have often heard it as I lounged in my easy-chair after dinner. There may have been one or two packs of jackals, some far, far off, some quite close making night noisy with their howls, barking deer, or a night bird might have been adding to the concert, dogs might have been barking, but as that call rang out on the night all was hushed, the jackals howl in mid-crescendo and the dogs yelp. The silence was always sudden and awful, and then the wailing cry would wander about, now here, now there, now quite close in front of one, now seemingly miles off behind, till one felt that it was a veritable lost spirit bewailing its lost opportunities. It is this very rapid change of place that adds to its weirdness, for no animal could move about so quickly, yet never more than one is heard at the same time.

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The Mugh's yarn is that once upon a time (to begin in the orthodox manner) the Khé-wá-gyá and the tiger were not only firm friends, but related, for the former used to call the latter "uncle," and many a day's good hunting, and many a mighty feast, on juicy buck or rich fat pig had they together, but, alas, adversity tries us all, and a time came when game grew so scarce that they had not dined, save on frogs and lizards for some days, their feeble limbs could barely support their shrunken bodies, so they resolved to attack man, and to do so entered at night a mango tope near a village and there decided to wait for day, but they were very much afraid having heard of the many wiles of man.

To make all safe the tiger pointed out a thick trunked tree, and said "Nephew, nothing can be done till morn when the two-legged ones will come forth of their habitations. Let us sleep a little while we wait, it will still our hunger ; the place is dangerous, who can say what may come upon us as we rest. So I propose that we lie down under the tree with our hind quarters to it, I facing one way, you the opposite, then nothing can harm us." To this the Khé-wá-gyá agreed and so they settled down for the night.

The pangs of hunger for some time, however, prevented the nephew from sleeping, but just as he was dozing off he drowsily thought he was really hungry enough to eat a bit even of Uncle Tiger, and directly after he "thunk." 'Suppose uncle is hungry enough to eat me." All chance of sleep fled at the idea. Gazing upwards the nephew saw a horizontal branch above him, the end of which came near the ground. Uncle was asleep, at least his deep snores seemed to proclaim that fact. So under cover of the sound the nephew crept out to the end of the branch, jumped stealthily upon it, and crawled silently up it, till he came just over the place where he had formerly been, and there he lay crouched along the branch all alert. Presently uncle's snores stopped, a dead leaf crackled, a black moving shape loomed through the darkness, and there was a sudden spring on to the Khé wá-gyá former bed Spell bound at the treachery of his relation the Khé-wá-gyá had kept very still up to then, but horror triumphed and he gave vent for the first time to that weird wail which fate had decreed he should for all time use to warn creatures of a tiger's proximity.

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Another superstition concerning tigers which I first heard in Cachar, was that tigers or leopards would sit near a village and imitate an infant crying, in order to entice any unwary person out to look for the supposed child If anyone was foolish enough to be so enticed, needless to say they were promptly turned into a dinner for Stripes.

It is singular, though, in other districts where man-eaters are prevalent no such superstition is as far as I have been able to find out, current, neither is any such trick alleged against "Stripes" or "spots," yet there is a very similar superstition spread over the length and breadth of Bengal, and that is that "Demons" or "Rakhus" will often at dusk imitate a babe crying outside a village, and carry off and devour anyone foolish enough to be so enticed.

Both these yarns are curiously like the German legends of wehr-wolves and their tactics. Whether or no it is a true bill against "Stripes" is a moot point, yet I have met Europeans who assert that they have heard these cries, and I have certainly heard them twice myself, but caused by what I could not prove. It was then that I heard of the superstition, and so far I can affirm no child caused the sound, though it sounded exactly like one.

On the other hand, no one who accompanied me to look about was made a meal of, so I am not in a position to affirm that a feline did make it.

This much, however, I do know, the larger cats emit many more sounds than they are given credit for, and I myself am personally convinced that they have considerable ventriloquistic powers.

I would like very much to hear from any one who could give me any authentic instances of the kind

The matter is one of great interest. I am not alone in my opinion, for the father of the Calcutta Zoo, the late Mr. Schwendler, was fully convinced that the lynx had such powers and was inclined to believe it possible that the tiger had.

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Who that has lived in Assam or Burma does not know the "Gecko." I do not refer to the small house lizard common all over Bengal, but to those big fellows measuring anything from six inches to a foot in length, who are gorgeously speckled like a trout, and whose call of "gecko" (generally reiterated seven times, and ending in a gurgle of sensual satisfaction) can in the jungles be heard a quarter of a mile off. These gentlemen swarmed in some bungalows in Assam, Cachar the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and Burma, and proved a great nuisance, as they frequently dropped from the roof at night in their efforts to catch moths. So in the Tracts we generally kept a hog spear handy to stick any appearing on the rafters of the roof. To kill one, however, in Cachar is considered extremely unlucky as the belief is that one of the household will surely die within the year if one be killed in a house, and I have heard, though I would not vouch for the story being true, that a planter was left servantless for some time on account of his having slain a gecko in his house.

A much more widely spread belief is that they are poisonous. I have frequently heard them called "Bis Kopra" or "Bis Cobra," and Cacharis and all the Tract tribes as well as Bengalis have assured me that they are as deadly as Naya Tripudians himself. This, however, is quite a mistake, their bite is no worse than that of a non-poisonous snake, and this I have proved frequently, for I have seen one or two persons bitten by them. My dogs have been bitten over and over again, and no ill effect has ensued.

They are very pugnacious. I used to catch them for the Calcutta Zoo. I found, however, that the smaller ones vanished. Dr. Anderson refused to believe they were cannibals: all I can say is that the smaller ones disappeared, and they could not have got out of the box. On one occasion I had one placed on the tennis ground in front of "Spot," a Gordon setter, the dog naturally sniffed after it as it tried to retreat, and the next instant it had faced round and was hanging on to dog "Spot's" nose with its teeth, and what was more it did not let go at even when the dog had rubbed its head from its body

It requires a quick hand and a sharp eye to stick a "gecko," but a young policeman with whom I used to chum, used to kill time fishing for them A thin bamboo long enough to reach to the rafters a fine line about a foot long ending in a small hook, or even a bent pin to which was attached a strong winged moth (generally tied with thread under his belly) was all that was needed: this dangled near a rafter, so that the moth could bump against or settle on the rafter, and would often secure a bite.

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Most of us are acquainted with the humble bamboo choonga; however for the benefit of "new chums" I may say that it is just a joint cut off a bamboo, the open end sliced off at a convenient angle for drinking out of. Most useful are they when hot and thirsty, whether on the trail or march, one comes across a stream in the jungle. I had often noticed how very careful my people were to split them up directly after drinking, and one day pointing to a very large mound of old split up choongas, used by former passers by, I told my Mugh and Chuckma coolies that they were very wasteful. I said:—"To-day, for instance, each of you cut a choonga for himself, you have used fifteen when two or three would have sufficed." They appeared horror struck

"Huzoor," they replied, "why should we bewitch one another? The Forest saheb will not mind for three or four bamboos, no, nor for ten or twenty."

That night as we lay blinking at our camp fire, which blazed cheerily in front of our hastily built shelter of bamboos and plaintain leaves, I got at the whole idea.

"Protector of the Poor," said my headman, "It is bad to allow any one to drink from a choonga after you Hence we at once split it up. If we did not destroy it and perchance another drank after us we would severely be smitten with stomach-ache, and if the second drinker knew the first and while drinking wished him, evil, then surely would the first get cholera or seriously ill and probably die. Who can tell what evil wishes he may have, so to be safe, we destroy the choonga."

This explanation only makes the matter doubly curious, for they have no objection to allowing others drinking after them from any ordinary vessel. I had often served them out a dram of rum one after the other from the same glass. Perhaps it was held that the spirit killed the microbe of the evil wish, doubtless in some instances it does.

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On one occasion I was the lucky spectator of the nuptial rites of a pair of Dhamons or common water snakes; half their bodies were held erect like a cobra about to strike. Their heads being at least three feet from the ground as they swayed and twisted together, in what was evidently meant to be amatory dalliance. Trying to get near to them, I was stopped by one of my baboos, "Too much dangerous, sir, one is cobra. I was quite close enough to be sure that he was wrong, and to convince him I tried to kill both. Unfortunately one escaped, and the baboos could not be convinced. "Sir, the Dhamon is the husband of the cobra: he is always male, cobra is always female.

Subsequent enquiries in many districts have shown that the general native belief is that the cobra is the female of the Dhamon. The native of Bengal is not strong in Natural History, but a more keen observer of human nature does not exist. Noting at times the deadly effect of the female tongue, and being a bit of a cynic withal, he has considered it but proper and fitting to assign that sex to the cobra, the most lethal of all reptiles. Anyway thinks he if it is not so, it ought to be so in which view even Solomon backs him up when saying, "The poison of asps is under thy lips."

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Have you ever shot a langoor monkey? Well, if you have, you are bound to go mad, at least many Brahmins will tell you so. Why this special punishment should be meted out to the slayer of the Cebidæ is obscure, and there appears no reason for it, but a native will argue that there is as much reason in that as in hanging a man because he has committed murder

The Johnnie who remarked that the worst use you could put a man to was to hang him, had not heard of the Police Commission.

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I had been many years in India before I made the aquaintance of the Tree frog (*Hydra Arboreana*). Though I had been in districts where he resided I do not think that blame can attach to either of us for this, for though always most anxious to meet him, it was but proper that I should first pay my respects to the Commissioners, Collectors and Judges, so to speak, of the jungle world before I could look up the smaller gentry. He on his part is naturally of a retiring disposition, in this respect he conspicuously differs from our seniors in the service and he is shy with strangers Indeed his modesty is so great that it at times impels him to take the colour of his surroundings and hence it was that we had never met for years.

When I was introduced to him he was wearing a browney greenery coat of no dominant color, a "Vicar of Bray" *cum* "Micawber" article, nothing decided in itself, but waiting for something to turn up.

Well, I turned up, and wishing to get a decided opinion from him, I placed him amidst the leaves of a red coleus. He is evidently a man of the world, and amiable withal, liking to be in harmony with those about him, for he shortly turned a dull red. Many people, especially in Assam, how old-fashioned they must be, do not cotton to such changes; yet unlike most turn-coats he is a gentlemanly little fellow, despite his flightiness for really how else can you describe his movements. One second he is on the ground, and the next he is perched on the top of your door, or on the reflector of your wall-lamp. His feet are built on the vacuum principle and this enables him to stick on glass or any smooth surface

"It is only a corpse that has no enemies" as the Mro proverb has it, and so not even this retiring little beastie escapes the voice of calumny. In some districts he is accused of causing sudden death to anyone he touches, but the more prevalent idea is that like the owl and raven of Western superstition he is not the cause of death, but merely that sable-winged angel's "*avant courrière*." I have seen a servant turn green, and go as near fainting as a native can out of the witness-box, because one had jumped on him, while he was obeying my orders to remove it from my bed-room.

Had the matter ended there I would not have minded so much, but his numerous female relations, including his wife, turned up that afternoon, and assaulted me with loud upbraidings for having caused the death of their beloved one (who at that time was serenely filling up my lamps in the butti khana.) His wife, who for my sins happened to be not only above the average of comeliness, but was in an obstrusively advanced stage of delicate health, of which she seemed rather proud than otherwise, was loudly demanding *buckshees* to pay for the funeral they all expected in the near future.

Into the middle of this Babel of lituperation and funereal howls, up drove our Judge's wife. I heard afterwards it was to ask me to fill up an unexpected vacancy at her table that night.

Scattering the crowd of females that clustered in my portico she pulled up just in time to hear the black but comely one shout:—"And who then should provide for the unborn one, if not you, who?"

When the lady's eye fixed her, noted her condition, noted too my evident embarrassment, and wrongly interpreting it, she merely ejaculated in a tone that would have frozen a gallon of whisky, "Mr. B." and drove off without another word, throwing such a glance of contempt at me and the woman, such as outraged Juno herself could not have surpassed.

I was unaware of what the head and front of my offending consisted. It must be something terrible I thought that could induce Mrs. Judex to drive up to my door merely to throw my own frozen name like a snow ball at my head. The best thing I could do I thought would be to go to the club early and scout for news, so off I went with a bunch of my most choice roses.

I have often found flowers useful in obtaining little confidences from ladies. As I drove up to the front verandah the elder ladies stiffened in their chairs and cut me dead. The younger married ones and girls rather hastily and confusedly trooped off with red faces to an imaginary game of Badminton before I could descend from my trap.

A set of Tennis was just over and the men coming our way were laughing fit to split, while Judex shouted "Hi B I want a talk with you," and the irrepressible A.D.S. of Police called out, "Oh you naughty, naughty man."

This evidently was too much for some of the Badminton players, and the ladies dissolved into a side verandah, while I was hustled into the bar; and the charge quoted to me, namely, that my inhumanity was only equalled by my immorality, and both were unbounded.

When I next regained consciousness I was rapidly gulping down neat whiskeys, liqueurs, vermouths, and sherries in flabbergasted impartiality, and it was some time before I could put the true facts forward.

As far as Mrs. Judex went it was all of no avail, even though I sent the woman and her husband to explain for themselves. Woman like she never forgave me for the mistake she herself had made.

My friend the tree frog however, like Gallio of old, cared for none of these things, and innocent of harmful intent, sang his evening psalm of praise in my verandah.

Was it not Tennyson who said "We are but children of a larger growth;" if not, it was someone else.

Well, when it comes to matters of religious belief, no matter who or what we are, we out—infant the child in our credulousness.

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(To be Concluded.)

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Monday, 4th May 1903.

THE long drought we have been experiencing this year though disastrous to tea, has not apparently had any effect on the flowers that bloom in the spring, for the show just held has in no sense been inferior to its predecessors His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bourdillon returned from Kalimpong in time to be present at the opening, and the large number of people who attended included almost everyone in the district, the Darjeeling-Himalayan Railway running a special train for the occasion. The Lieutenant-Governor's Prize was taken by Mr. F. Morganstin, the Steward of the Amusement Club, with a tastefully arranged and well-assorted group of flowering plants and foliage, while the most important ladies' prize—the most artistic arrangement of flowers for a dinner table, was secured by Mrs. Samman, with a very fairy-like creation in poppies and sweet pea. There were many competitors for this prize, and most of the arrangements were so pretty and artistic that the judges had to solicit the aid of the Committee in awarding the prizes. Mr. H. R. Mortime secured 10 prizes in 11 exhibits in the Fruit class and it may be added that these were all grown on the Singtom Tea Estate, the exhibits from which have always been of high-class variety. The prizes were on a liberal scale so that the disappointments must have been few. The Band, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment played some happy selections during the afternoon,

and the refreshments under Mrs. Jones' capable management were done full justice to. The following were the awards :—

DIVISION A.

Special Prizes. Collections of plants in pots.

Presented by H. H. The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Open to residents in the Darjeeling District only.

Class No. 1.—A silver medal for a tastefully arranged group of well-grown plants, including flowering and foliage.

1st Prize Mr. F. Morganstin.
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3rd „ „ R D. Mackie

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Presented by H. H. The Maharajah of Cooch Behar.

Class No. 2.—A silver medal for the best collection of specimen foliage and flowering plants, 12 plants.

1st Prize Mr. J. Stocke.
2nd „ „ F. Chamberlain.

Presented by H. H. The Maharajah of Burdwan.

Class No. 3.—A silver medal for the best collection of specimen foliage or flowering plants, 6 plants.

1st Prize The Loretto Convent.
2nd „ Mr. F Stolke.

Presented by A. Earle, Esq.

Class No. 4.—A silver medal for the best group of ferns and foliage plants.

1st Prize Mr. J. Stolke.
2nd „ „ F. Morganstin.

Presented by Major Dyson, I.M.S.

Class No. 5.—A silver medal for the best group of Cinerarias.

1st Prize The Loretto Convent.

Presented by F.-A. Möller, Esq.

Class No. 6.—A silver medal for the best collection of Cacti in flower, 6 plants.

1st Prize Mr. Claud Bald.
2nd „ Mrs. Tevi Kerr

Presented W. A. Inglis, Esq.

Class No. 7.—A silver medal for the best collection of bulbous plants in bloom, 6 pots.

2nd Prize Mr. J. Stolke.

Presented by R. D. Mackie, Esq.

Class No. 8.—A silver medal for the best collection of not less than 6 kinds of Annuals in 12 pots.

1st Prize. Mr. F. Morganstin.
2nd „ The Loretto Covent.

Presented by C. J. H. Allen, Esq.

Class No. 9.—A silver medal for the best collection of not less than 6 kinds of Perenniials, in 12 pots.

2nd Prize Mr. F. Morganstin.

Flowers in pots. Open to all comers.

Class No. 10.—Best Sweet Pea, 3 pots.
1st Prize The Loretto Convent.
Class No. 11.—Best Cinerarias, 3 pots.
1st Prize The Presbytery.
2nd „ The Amusement Club.
Class No. 12.—Best Calceolarias, 3 pots.
1st Prize The Loretto Convent.
2nd „ The Presbytery.
Class No. 13.—Best Geraniums, 3 pots.
1st Prize St. Joseph's College.
2nd „ Mr. R. D. Mackie.
Extra „ „ A. Price.
Class No. 14.—Best Pelargoniums, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. R. D Mackie.
2nd „ St. Joseph's College.
Extra „ Mr. Fritz Wernicke.
Class No. 16.—Best Pansies, 3 pots.
2nd Prize Mr. F. Chamberlain.
Class No. 17.—Best Asters, 3 pots.
2nd Prize Mr. F. Morganstin.
Class No. 18.—Best Stocks, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mrs. Gwilt.
Class No. 19.—Best Petunias, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. A. Price.
2nd „ „ R D Mackie.
Extra „ „ Claud Bald.
Class No. 20.—Best Aquilegias, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. F. Chamberlain.
2nd „ „ F. Morganstin.
Class No. 21.—Best Maiden Hair Ferns, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. J. Stolke.
2nd „ „ H. R.Mortimer.
Extra „ „ Claud Bald.
Class No. 22.—Best Roses, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. R. D Mackie.
2nd „ The Loretto Convent.
Class No. 23.—Best Cacti, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. F. A. Möller.
Class No. 25.—Best specimen of any flowering Perenial.
1st Prize Mrs. E A. Wernickie.
2nd „ Mr. G. L. Searight.
Class No. 26.—Best Amaryllis, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. F. A. Wearing.
Class No. 27.—Best specimen Fern.
1st Prize Mr. Claud Bald.
Class No. 28.—Best Fuchsia, 3 pots.
1st Prize Mr. F. Morganstin.
2nd „ „ R. D. Mackie.

DIVISION B.

CUT FLOWERS.

Special prizes, open to all comers.

Presented by C. R. Marindin, Esq., C. S.

Class No. 29.—For the most artistic arrangement of flowers for a dinner table.

1st Prize Mrs. Samman.
2nd „ „ Wearing.
3rd „ „ D. L. Fancis.
4th „ „ Shannon.

Presented by The Raj Kumar of Kakina.

Class No. 31.—The most artistic arrangement of flowers in a vase, basket or bowl.

1st Prize Mrs. Searight.

Class No. 32.—The best bouquet, bridal or ball.

1st Prize Miss Wernicke.
2nd „ „ Wearing.

Class No. 33.—The most artistic arrangement of flowers in a vase, basket or bowl, to be competed for by children, under 12 years age.

1st Prize Miss Madeline Walsh.
2nd „ „ Dolly Marindin.
3rd „ „ Tiny Walsh.

Special prizes for Malies.

Class No. 34.—Best arranged vase of flowers.
1st Prize The Presbytery Mali
2nd „ The Loretto Convent Mali.

Class No. 35.—Best arranged bouquet of flowers.
1st Prize The "Colinton" Mali.
2nd „ The Nawab's Mali.

Class No. 36.—Best arranged buttonhole.
1st Prize The Loretto Convent Mali.
2nd „ "The Shrubbery" Mali.

Ordinary Prizes, open to all comers.

Presented by E. H. Walsh, Esq., C.S.

Class No. 37.—For a collection of annuals, 6 different kinds.
1st Prize Mr. F. Chamberlain.
2nd „ E. A. Wernicke.
H. C. The Loreto Convent.

Presented by J. Stolke, Esq.

Class No. 38.—For a collection of Perennials, 6 different kinds.
1st Prize Mr. F. Chamberlain.

Presented by His Grace Archbishop Meuleman.

Class No 39.—For a collection of Roses, four dissimilar kinds.

1st Prize Mr. E B. Wernicke.
2nd „ „ F. Chamberlain.

Class No. 40.—For Four Tea or Noisette Roses.

1st Prize Mr. R. D. Mackie.
2nd „ Mr. Umfreville.

Class No. 41.—For four H. P. Roses.

1st Prize Mr. F. Buckley.
2nd „ Mrs. Umfreville.

Class No. 42.—For three Marechal Niel Roses.

1st Prize Mr. R D. Mackie.
2nd „ St Joseph's College.

Class No. 43.—For the best Rose in the Show, taken from stands 39, 40, 41, 42, 60, 61, 62 and 63.

1st Prize Mr. J. Stolke.

Class No. 44.—Best Pelargoniums, 6 trusses.

1st Prize Mr. F. Buckley.

Class No. 45.—Best Geraniums, 6 trusses.

1st Prize Mr. A Price.

Class No. 46.—Best Cannas, 6 trusses.

1st Prize Mrs. E. A. Wernickie.

Class No. 47.—Best collection of Pansies, 20 flowers.

1st Prize Mr. C. J. H. Allen.
H. C. „ F. Chamberlain.

Class No. 48.—Best collection of Phlox, 12 trusses.

1st Prize Mrs. Alex. Shannon.

Class No. 49.—Best collection of Petunias, 12 flowers.

1st Prize Mr. F. Buckley.
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Class No. 50.—Best collection of Pinks and Carnations, 12 flowers.

1st Prize Mrs. Teviot Kerr.

Class No. 51.—Best collection of Mimulas, 12 flowers.

1st Prize Mr. A. Price.

Class No. 52—Best collection Poppies, 12 flowers.

1st Prize Mrs. E. H. Walsh.
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Class No. 53.—Best collection of Verbenas, 12 trusses.

1st Prize Mrs. Teviot Kerr.

Class No. 54.—Best collection or Sweet Pea, 20 blooms.

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Open to all comers.

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1st Prize Mr. R. D. Mackie.
2nd „ „ H. R. Mortimer.
3rd „ „ W. G. Judge.

Class No 65.—For the best collections of Vegetables, not less than 5 kinds. Exhibitor not to compete for No. 64.

1st Prize. Mr. E. A. Wernicke.
2nd „ „ C. C. Robson.
3rd „ Mrs Gwilt.

Class No. 66.—Best Artichokes, 6 heads.

1st Prize Mr. H. R Mortimer.
2nd „ Mrs. Gwilt.

Class No. 67.—Best Broad Beans, 15 pods.

1st Prize Mr. H. R. Mortimer.

Class No. 68.—Best French Beans, 25 pods.

1st Prize Mrs. Gwilt.
2nd „ Mr. H R. Mortimer.

Class No 69.—Best Beet Roots, 6 roots.

1st Prize Mr. Claud Bald.
2nd „ „ R. D. Mackie.

Class No. 70.—Best Brussels Sprouts, 3 plants.

1st Prize Mr. Claud Bald.

Class No. 71.—Best Cabbage, 3 heads.

1st Prize Mr. F. A. Wearing.

Class No 72.—Best Cauliflower, 3 heads.

1st Prize Mr. R. D. Mackie.

Class No. 73.—Best Carrots, 6 roots.

1st Prize Mr Claud Bald.
2nd „ „ Rivers Smith.

Class No. 74.—Best Celery, 3 heads.

1st Prize Mr. C. C. Robson.
2nd „ „ H. R. Mortimer.

Class No. 76.—Best Leeks 6 roots.

1st Prize Mr. Claud Bald.
2nd „ Mrs. Gwilt.

Class No. 77.—Best Cos Lettuce, 3 heads.

1st Prize Mr. E B. Wernicke.

Class No. 78—Best Cabbage Lettuce, 3 heads.

1st Prize Mr. E. B Wernicke.

Class No. 79.—Best Onions, 6 heads.

1st Prize Mr. H. R. Mortimer.
2nd „ Mrs. Alex. Shannon.

Class No. 80.—Best Peas in pod, 25 pods.

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Class No 96.—Best Pomaloes 1 fruit.

1st Prize Mr. H. R. Mortimer.

Class No. 97.—Best Granadilla, 6 fruits.

1st Prize Mrs. Gwilt.
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Chess.

PROBLEM NO. XVIII.

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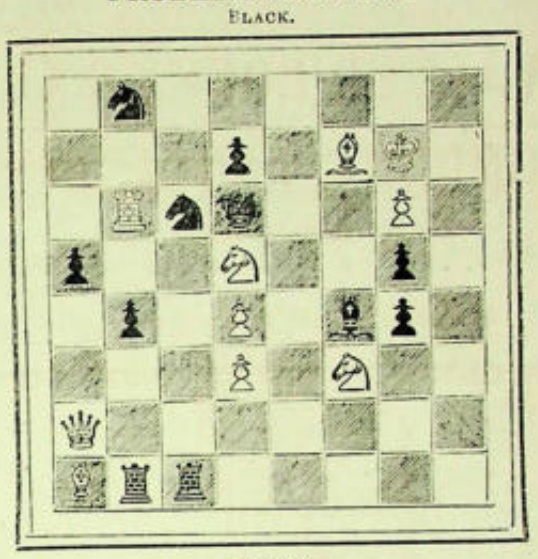

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3.	B—B 4	B—B 4
4.	P—Q Kt 4	B—Kt 3
5.	B—Kt 2	P—Q 3
6.	Castles	Kt—K B 3
7.	P—Q 3	B—Kt 5
8.	P—K R 3	B—K R 4
9.	P—Q B 3	Q—Q 2
10.	P—Q R 4	P—Q R 3
11.	Kt—Q 2	Kt—K 2
12.	Q—K 1	Kt—Kt 3
13.	Kt—Kt 5	Kt—B 5
14.	B—Q 4	P—K R 3
15.	P × P	P × Kt
16.	P × Kt	Kt × P ch
17.	K—R 2	B—K 7
18.	P × P	Castles (Q R)
19.	P × R & Queens	R × Q
20.	Q × B	Kt × P ch
21.	K—Kt 3	R—R 6 ch
22.	P × R	Q × P mate

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1. A leads Ace of Spades.
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3. B leads Knave of Hearts. If Z covers, A plays Ace and returns small one for B to get lead with ten of Hearts. If Z does not cover, the trick remains B's and then,—
4. B leads Queen of Diamonds. Here again Z may or may not cover. If he does, A plays Ace and returns small one. If he does not, then,—
5. B leads ten of Hearts. A takes.
6. A leads third round of trumps.
7. A leads Ace of Diamonds.
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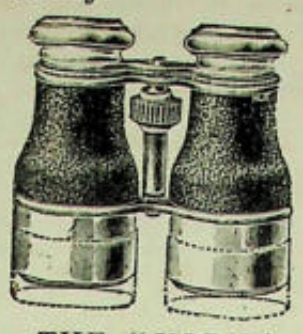

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THE KENNEL CLUB AND INCREASED TAXATION.

THE recent action taken by the Kennel Club in England to increase taxation in the matter of fees for registration and Licensed Shows has provoked a cry of indignation which is more than a mere storm in a tea-cup. And apart from the small interest in the subject which may be provoked in those Anglo-Indians who exhibit in a small way at home during periods of leave, the question possesses some importance for the affiliated institution in this country, the Northern India Kennel Association. Without entering into details, it may be briefly said that the Kennel Club found it necessary to increase the taxation of the past to meet its increased expenses and to cover the deficit which has hitherto obtained. The question was discussed in committee and the new rules issued as a mandate without any reference to the Fancy at large. The opposition contend that the increased fees are uncalled for, that they are likely to lead to a loss rather than to increase of receipts, that the Club's methods are extravagant and wasteful, that its operations conducted on sound business principles would render further taxation unnecessary, and that the fanciers of the country should be represented on the governing body which is now a self-elected institution and in no way representative of the mass of those on whom the success of dog shows so largely depends. The feelings of the opposition party are now well known, they have proclaimed their views with no uncertain tone, their opinions have been published in full, and the kennel papers are crowded with letters expressing individual ideas. But the Kennel Club has so far maintained a dignified silence, all endeavours to provoke a reply have proved as ineffectual as the eye of Mr. Bumble on the late Mrs. Corney. Meanwhile, speaking in a small way, the position is sufficiently serious, and the results of the conflict will be awaited by all concerned with the keenest interest.

It is hoped that it will be possible to effect some sort of compromise. Our own sympathies lie mainly, if not entirely with the Kennel Club. Dealers may say what they please, but any serious damage to the prestige of the governing body, to say nothing of its overthrow, would entail such a blow to the Kennel interests of the country that they might never recover. The very idea of an opposition Kennel Union must fill every amateur with dismay. Even the professional element cannot hope to benefit by it in the long run, and it would do well to remember that the frogs in Æsop were exceeding wise and would not venture into the well although they longed to drink. It was doubtless desirable in an important measure of this kind that the Kennel Club should have consulted its Council of Representatives, but that cannot now be helped. If the matter of methods and expenses now receive the strictest scrutiny with a view to arriving at the minimum taxation possible to meet the needs of the institution every reasonable person should be satisfied. On this point, from the information afforded by the published balance sheet, it is impossible to give an opinion of any value, but there is no reason to suppose the Club would be averse to consider any representation temperately worded and framed in that spirit of courtesy due to a body which has done such admirable work in the past. The committee is composed of men beyond reproach, in whom the public have confidence, who have utilised their valuable time and have been considerably out of pocket in consequence of expenses incurred in the management of Kennel affairs, and their overthrow can only be attended by dire results. A few matters of detail may be wrong, but there are

ways of approaching these matters, and in this world we have often to be content to see many things continue wrong which cannot be righted without a greater wrong.

The exhibitors in England may be divided into the two main classes, the amateur and the professional; and the amateur class is subdivided into the amateur with a pronounced and steadfast hobby and the mere casual exhibitor. To the amateur, exhibiting does not pay. A few men, possessing talents which would have brought them to the front in any class of life, may have acquired such a world-wide reputation that they are not greatly out of pocket by the amusement; but such men will always be few and far between. The ordinary amateur has to pay, and often to pay heavily, for his frolic. It is only because he is a man of means that he can afford to exhibit to any extent. These remarks do not apply to the casual exhibitor, who, perhaps keeping a dog or two, only exhibits at infrequent intervals in a very small way, possibly because a show is held at his very door, and who is as pleased with a commendation for his small outlay as the large exhibitor with a championship and a fifty guinea challenge cup. The professional is on a wholly different footing; he has to make his ventures pay or adopt another walk in life. His aim is to buy cheap and sell dear, to travel about the country picking up bargains, to sweep the small shows of the country with a select string, and possibly to add to his income by judging or journalism. Windfalls will not always be to his hand, his main profits will lie in the multiplicity of his transactions. It may be a consideration to him whether he has to pay a shilling or half-a-crown for his registration, but eradicate the Kennel Club and the amateur exhibitor and where will he be? He is not altogether in love with the large amateur exhibitor who can so often beat him at his own game, but the small, the casual exhibitor in the aggregate is not an unimportant consideration to him. He has little to fear from the competition of exhibitors of this class, while their entries and other indirect receipts due to their entries swell the fund from which he draws his income. He affects commiseration with the casual exhibitor who, he thinks, may not be sufficiently keen to show often under the increased taxation rules; but under a professional management and reduced fees it is doubtful whether the casual would consider his position improved. In short, clear the field of amateurs and the professional will find himself thrown wholly into competition with brother professionals, life will be harder, the decreased source of income will render profits smaller, and it is difficult to see what he has to gain. The more he can encourage amateur exhibitors the better for him. The overthrow of the present amateur dynasty of management can only be his loss. This does not mean that the body should necessarily lie still under the weight of real or supposed grievances, let the members by all means unite in their efforts to obtain a proper and due recognition of their interests, but let those efforts be peaceable, constitutional, and undisguised, the very fact that confidence is not withdrawn from the Kennel Club will lead, more than anything else, to that confidence not being misplaced.

The case of the Northern India Kennel Association is not a parallel one, there may be, however, certain lessons to be learnt. The Association has no paid Secretary, it has been guided by men, mainly by one man, for the pure love of the thing. Its expenses have been light, but as its operations extend, expenditure will increase. The more it endeavours to promote shows, the greater the need of more than moral support. The fees have been very low, they may have to be raised, but the management would be well advised to "gang warily." Shows have never been self-supporting in India, the gate money is always very poor, they have only been possible by the generosity of the sporting public. There is no professional element, but there are the large and the casual exhibitors. The latter are often very unreasonable. They will often not care to give more than fifty rupees or so for a dog and yet they are surprised if they do not win against those who may have given as many pounds. For their outlay, their wins may be just as considerable, and they have the advantage of being able to breed at a moderate fee from the best imported stud animals whose price they would themselves never pay, but they are apt to forget such considerations. The large and consistent exhibitor is the backbone of shows, but he cannot afford to disregard the casual. Entries in India can never be numerically very strong and they are a very important feature. Shows not being self-supporting, an appeal is necessary to the sporting instincts of the public. Men will give a donation when they will object to high direct taxation. If the taxation is so high that the casual exhibitor does not think it worth while to enter, his withdrawal will mean also a starved subscription list. The position is a very difficult one and the administration can only aim at attaining that *juste milieu* between the two parties which will best lead to the furtherance of kennel interests in the country.

Sporting Notes.

TWO "big" horses with a certain reputation to sustain are at present acclimatizing in Poona. The handsome chestnut English horse *Presbyterian* looking all the world over like a 15st. Leicestershire hunter or a Grand National winner is under the care of that careful and justly popular trainer Charles Bleach, while the well-known Australian sprinter *Milos*, lately imported by "Mr. Kelso," has been placed under the charge of the owner's Zoroastrian compatriot Byramjee. The horse certainly looks like travelling, but whether, so far as India is concerned, he will be a *Milos* or only a three-quarter mile 'oss yet remains to be seen. Many a brilliant reputation suffers by a sea voyage!

The horse has unhappily inaugurated his Indian career with a tragedy. While doing slow work on the course this week he began to get the upper hand of his rider, the well-known riding boy Mahomed Soda who, used as he has been all his life to little Arabs, apparently lost his head and finding the big horse getting away with him foolishly attempted to throw himself off, and on the railing side, with the result that he fell on the wood head first fracturing his skull and dying before he could be carried to hospital—poor fellow. The horse luckily was recaptured uninjured. But considering the hundreds of horses, some with none too sweet a temper or gentle a mouth that go careering round Indian race-courses with half educated riding lads it is marvellous how few such accidents do occur in the course of the year.

A Mahableshwar correspondent writes:—It is not in mortals to command success or large entries in a hill station gymkhana; but, with the limited materials at his disposal, Captain Greville deserves all praise for the most enjoyable little race meeting he so successfully directed with characteristic cheerfulness in spite of a somewhat disheartening paucity of entries. Three ponies, in a field of six, belonging to one owner tends to dull the glamour of any wild excitement. *Scattercash*, lately purchased by Captain Greville, is steadfastly belying his name and followed up his maiden success at Kirkee by winning at Mahableshwar and it was only getting shut in on the second day that prevented the little grey performing the hat trick. *Duldul* naturally had little difficulty in winning a brace of races, but an Army Cup candidate seems a little out of place perhaps running among such small fry. Much was expected of Major Edward's *Quickstep*, and it was not a very encouraging performance for the little close up South African to be defeated by a couple of Arabs on the first day though it atoned for this by a win on the second day. Colonel Reid won with two of his trio, Vasco da Gama at eights winning a three furlong scurry somewhat unexpectedly by three lengths on the first day, while Trout, who could in the first day get no nearer than two seconds, rose to the occasion by two firsts on the second day. The second was a very lucky one as *Scattercash* was catching him at every stride and failed to make up ground lost by being shut in, by a short head only. The weather was delightful, Captain Greville's arrangements admirable, all Mahableshwar's chivalry and beauty were present and the little meeting was thoroughly enjoyable.

The Gymkhana at Simla on the 16th instant was a pronounced success. There was a large attendance, including the Viceroy, Lady Curzon and Lord Curzon, and each of the five events produced large entries. The opening event, the Khachchar National, provided much amusement. Competitors to ride once round the course over four flights of hurdles on mules with blankets instead of saddles. Open to Officers of Jutogh garrison. Zebras barred. Three competitors fell off near the winning post, Captain Jephson coming in first. The next event to hit four polo balls in a row at rest 20 yards apart. The first two balls by backhand strokes (near and off-side) through one set of goal posts. The second two balls by forward strokes (near and off-side) through a second set of goal posts. One mark each goal hit. Three marks for pace. This proved an easy win for Colonel Baring from fifteen competitors. The Not-at-Home Race was run off in three heats. Gentleman and lady to ride in pairs. Gentleman first to dismount, then take ladies' visiting card and place it in boxes at intervals round the course. First past the post with cards and all boxes wins. Captain Wigram and Miss Teague met Colonel Kennard and Mrs. Buck in the final, the former winning after a good race. Sixteen ladies competed for the Wand Race, Miss Teague just beating Mrs. Atkinson in the final by a narrow margin. The last event was a Ladies' nomination in which Gentlemen were to ride at full gallop past their nominatrix and throw a tennis ball, which she had to catch. Two marks for pace. Twenty-one couples entered. The throwing and catching were both indifferent. Mrs. Muspratt-Williams was the only lady who caught the ball thrown by her partner, Captain Turner, in each run. Lord Suffolk and Miss Jackson were second with one point.

Having been asked to give my views on Polo in India, writes "Player" in the last number of *Baily's Magazine*, it has first to be divided into two parts, *viz.*, English and Native, as the two cannot be compared: the majority of the best native teams so out-class the ordinary English team that it is hardly possible to handicap them together at the present moment. There is no doubt that polo, from a regimental point of view, in India, is not as good now as it used to be, as there is no really first-class English polo team in India at the present moment that has the slightest chance of defeating the best native team, *viz.*, the Maharajah of Alwar's team. Of course the war in South Africa has been a great detriment to polo in English regiments, some of the regiments having only returned shortly from South Africa, and others still having members of their teams away on staff billets out there; but this cannot be said about the 4th Dragoon Guards and 15th Hussars, who were not out in South Africa and have been in India several years. The English team which Captain FitzGerald of the Blues took out consisted of three members of their regimental team at home and one other member of the regiment, and they were in the final for the Lucknow Cup, and were only defeated by the 15th Hussars, the winners of the Inter-regimental Tournament this year and last, by one goal. This form does not say so very much for Indian regimental polo, as a team coming out to India for the cold weather only has a lot to handicap it, buying ponies, different grounds, and many other minor items; therefore they cannot possibly be expected to be as good as teams quartered out in India. We shall live in the hopes of some day soon seeing a regimental team good enough to take on the best native teams and defeat them. We shall also look forward, some day in the near future, to seeing a really representative Indian native team playing against a really representative English team, one which has played together as a team for some time, and not individual players collected together at the last moment, as happened in the matches against America. We must meet the Indian team half-way in seeing that the grounds are not overwatered; and we must also help them in the way of getting the very best ponies to be procured in England, which will be the hardest thing to do, owing to the English ponies not being so well broken as the ponies they have been used to play on in India. I think the best English team, if it is really carefully selected by the Hurlingham or Ranelagh Committee, and not left to a few polo players who consider themselves the only judges of polo, but are really only a mutual admiration society, would on a well-watered ground generally defeat the best Indian team, but I think on a real hard ground the Indian team would more often beat the English team. Of course I am allowing for the Indian team coming over early in the season and obtaining plenty of practice, their ponies having already been bought and fit to begin play in the middle of April. If only these matches can be brought off it will be a red-letter day in the annals of polo. Looking at polo and comparing it with polo of the bye-gone days, one sees more players, more grounds, and more general enthusiasm about the game; but alas! it is sad to say it, do we find either in England or India the same brilliant players as in the olden days? Certainly not in England, and it is very doubtful if we do in India. Where are the rising Dokuls, Hurjis, Sir Pertabs in India, and the Peats, Watsons, &c., &c., coming on in England?

A Reuter's telegram announces the death at Newmarket of John Dawson, the *doyen* of English trainers.

A case, involving a claim for £4,500, in which the Gaming Act has been successfully pleaded, has just been decided at home before Mr. Justice Phillimore. Mr. Charles Somers, a commission agent, carrying on business at 61, Regent-street, W., brought an action against Mr. Harry Freeman, a gentleman of independent means, residing at Plas-newydd, Usk (Mc n.). to recover a sum of £4,517, of which £4,462 was the blance of an account, extending over several years, for wagers on horse races made between the plaintiff and the defendant, while the remainder of the claim was for money alleged to have been lent by plaintiff to the defendant. With regard to the £4,462 the defendant pleaded the Gaming Act, and as to the remaining £55 he had paid £5 into Court, and alleged that that was the only money he had ever borrowed from the plaintiff. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Montagu Snearman, K. C., and Mr. Macoun (instructed by Mr. C. F. A.

Edmonds), and defendant by Mr. Rowlatt (instructed by Messrs. Gustard and Bodington, of Usk). It was stated in evidence on behalf of the plaintiff that the defendant was a brother of Mr. John Freeman, lately a trainer of racehorses in Italy and Belgium, by whom he was introduced to the plaintiff in or about 1895. The plaintiff gave evidence proving the various items of money lent, and it was not disputed that the large amount of £4,462, the balance of the racing account, was correct. As to the latter amount, the defendant simply relied upon the Gaming Act, and it was further admitted by Mr. Freeman in course of cross-examination that he was a steward of a race meeting. The defendant's plea of the Gaming Act on the larger amount of £4,462 proved successful, and with regard to the other £55 the jury returned a verdict for £32 money lent, while the Judge awarded costs on the County Court scale.

Sid White, brother of J. and W. White, the well known jockeys, arrived in Calcutta last week, coming up from Australia by the steamer *Eurgalus*. He rides on the flat and also over country and can go to scale at 8st. 6lbs.

The following is a list of the principal winning jockeys on the flat at home, compiled from March 23rd to April 24th:—

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W ...	... 93	67	26
Watts, J E ...	... 88	70	18
Halsey, W ...	... 76	62	14
Madden, O ...	... 98	86	12
Maher, D ...	... 56	45	11
Trigg, C ...	... 79	68	11
Miller, T L ...	... 50	42	8
Cannon, K ...	... 51	43	8
Boardman ...	... 16	10	6
McCall, G ...	... 40	34	6
Plant, J ...	... 52	46	6
Hardy, F W ...	... 65	59	6

An uneventful week apportions to your hapless own correspondent the thankless task of manufacturing literary bricks without the aid of gossipy straws, writes our Poona correspondent. One therefore as a matter of course turns for succour to the subject which—like the weather to the world at large—is the all-absorbing subject to the sportsman, namely, the noble animal the horse. A well known gentleman farmer at home once declared that no man had any pretence to breeding pigs unless he could with pleasure and without weariness stand looking for half an hour at a well-shaped hog. A true lover of horses would look at the paltry limit of thirty minutes almost in the light of an insult to his devotion and admiration when intent on the beauties of a blood racehorse.

And no one, however little gaiety is going on in Poona just now, need ever be dull with all the racing stables at his disposal and the courteous trainers are I am sure I may safely say only too pleased to show their priceless wares to any one taking an intelligent interest in them. Old Andrew Clarke who has I am assured been in Poona since the beginning of all time and can still bring his charges fit to the post with the best of modern trainers is in his old quarters at Wanowrie, while Charles Bleach, now rising high in popularly as a trainer, is in his last year's establishment at Ghorpuri. The astute "Tommy" Tingey has his valuable string near the Mounted Infantry lines, while the Zoroastrian artist Byramjee is back in his out-of-the-way hamlet behind the Veterinary School. I hear of the attractions of Poona tempting a fashionable trainer and his string from Bangalore and indeed with the attractions of three tracks provided by Mr. Cecil Gray it is not to be wondered at. Naturally nothing but slow work is being indulged in saving for a few ardent young sportsmen who had Mahableshwar and now have Belgaum sheering sheds wherein to fleece the golden lamb—or be themselves shorn.

One naturally sympathizes with a brother sportsman in distress. It is consequently with pain that I read of two Aryan brethren, lately victims to the lack of sympathy of an unsympathetic Police and an indiscriminating Magistrate. The worthy sportsmen having had on the quiet a little rough up between their respective fighting bulls, failed to consider as final the decision of the referee and straight put put up their mawleys "on their own." At this period the Police, disappointed no doubt at not having been invited to the sporting encounter or chagrined peradventure at the event having been successfully brought off without the customary Police interference (and a brace of bulls take a big cock pit!) stepped in and the majesty of the law ordained that my brother sports should enrich His Majesty's revenue to the tune of five sheckels each. Cheer up Babajee. Buck up Mahader. A bull fight and a friendly set-to (and with mittens off too) was cheap at the price.

There are no signs of the hounds yet Colonel Sherringham and his pack are still at some neighbouring hill station to avoid the heat, and no wonder. A doggy friend of mine who knows the difference between a hound and a hedgehog tells me he caught a passing glimpse of the new draft in Bombay on their way up and that from what he saw they seemed a level, though so far as he could remember a slightly smaller lot than last year's lot. It is a moot point what class of hound is best for the Poona country. Some mantain the small ones as less likely to cut their feet to pieces over the stones. Others are all for the big ones on the time honoured principle that a good big 'un is better than a good little one, and, without knowing much of hound affairs, it seems to me that a big strong hound is likely to be the better able to negociate the mixed country of plain and hill ranges they have to hunt their jacks over. The best of sport to them.

The hippopotamus is becoming a nuisance on the White Nile and other African rivers in consequence of the great increase in the number of these animals. By the International Convention which was signed in London three years ago it was agreed that only limited numbers should in future be killed, while the destruction of females, when accompanied by their young, and also of the young hippos themselves, was absolutely prohibited. Now, however, the head of the Game Preservation Department in the Soudan urges that less protection should be afforded to the hippopotamus, and Lord Cromer, in his recent report, says he can bear ocular testimony to the swarms of hippos abounding in the White Nile. Colonel Sparkes, in his report on the Bahr-el-Ghazal province, goes even further, and suggests that in certain districts they should be treated as vermin and shot at sight. A letter from East Africa says that a hippopotamus at Mutungo wantonly attacked a boat containing seven Bagandas, three of whom were drowned, while quite recently a Berthon boat was attacked and sunk, the mails and two rifles being lost, and the occupants had a near squeak for their lives.

The British Consul in Northern Siam states that elephant stealing was very prevalent during 1901, and still continues to be a great loss to both companies and foresters. Regulations were in 1897 made by the British and Siamese authorities jointly with a view to the repression of this class of crime. Definite rules were made for the purchase and sale of elephants, and imposing penalties on all persons in possession of elephants unprovided with sale papers executed under certain fixed conditions before the proper local authorities. The number of elephants owned by British foresters stolen during the year on the Salween side cannot have been less than 30, and on the Meping side not less than 20, representing a loss, approximately, of Rs. 125,000 (£8,300). In no single instance has the assistance rendered by the Siamese officials led to the discovery of the elephants stolen, or of the thief. In short, recovery, when effected, has been due to the activity and energy of the British forester himself, or of the search parties sent out by the British companies in whose employ the forester is. The British firms and foresters have done all they can on their part. The sales of elephants were less numerous than in 1900. Prices, though showing a downward tendency, still remained preposterously high, and good big workers were scarce.

Mrs. F. E. Lemon, Honorary Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Birds, writes that some few years ago letters on the subject of artificial plumes, particularly imitation ospreys, appeared in the newspapers. At that time, she says, plumassiers, drapers, and milliners declared that the plumes they sold were artificial, though the late Sir William Flower pointed out that they were "unquestionably genuine." Mrs. Lemon states that representatives of the society now find that the genuine article is still being supplied in far greater numbers, though, to overcome the scruples of tender-hearted women, the plumes are declared to be artificial. "Apart," she adds, "from the aspect of the matter which especially concerns us—the continued cruel war of extermination against beautiful and innocent bird life—it is melancholy to think that truth and honesty are so little regarded by the trade." In connection with this subject the organ of the society states that the number of packages of "osprey" or heron plumes and of bird of paradise skins offered for sale by auction at the London Commercial Sale Rooms during 1902 were—osprey packages, 1,608; birds of paradise, 19,552. A package of osprey feathers varies in amount from two or three to over one hundred ounces; but a careful computation shows the average to be about thirty ounces to the package. This gives a total of 48,240 ounces, and, on the received estimate that four birds are required to yield one ounce of plumes, we have a total of 192,960 birds killed in the breeding season to furnish one year's feather sales. Of the birds of paradise, 13,992 were catalogued as females.

A correspondent writes:—The annual reports now coming in from the several districts where carnivora most do congregate impels one either to infer that wild animals exhibited a most remarkable fecundity in the breeding season 1901-02, or else improved communications between the police stations and villages brought more accidents to light than usual. Over 1,800 human beings and 14,00[illegible] head of cattle falling victims to claws, teeth or fangs in one province alone is not pleasant to contemplate. Tigers it seems are not the worst sinners in this respect, as no less than 70 per cent. of the tale is debited to leopards, while hyenas, wolves and wild dogs seem to have had a high old time of it. Raising the reward for the destruction of leopards from Rs. 10 to 20 is hardly adequate when the proportion of damage inflicted by this wildest of the felidæ is considered, and though from the character of the country, with its jumble of rock and forest, the task would be an onerous one it is surely time to organise something like a systematic drive in such places as Sambalpur and Chanda. Single shikaris or small parties have tried in vain, while the longer exterminating measures are delayed these destructive brutes go on increasing and multiplying in number, besides getting bolder and bolder from impunity. Unfortunately in the infested districts under notice it is well nigh impossible to employ elephants, so the war, if entered upon, must be carried out on foot, while the numerous hiding places render hunting still more difficult. Repugnant as it may be to the genuine sportsman the loss of human life makes resort to any dodge for circumventing the enemy justifiable, and as the places wherein leopards love to lurk are far enough removed from habitation electricity could be brought into play for his benefit; a network of wires stretched for some miles in a semi-circle and the country beaten up towards it ought to account for a few, while there is generally sufficient water power available to drive the generator and the plant could be moved from time to time. Neither of the larger cats move far afield from the scene of their depredations and the enclosure of a square mile of the likeliest lairs in the immediate neighbourhood could be rapidly and safely accomplished. True there would be many a scatheless slip through, or over, the wire, but a good many once a noisy enough crowd behind induced him to rush upon his fate would come in contact with the death dealing metals, and it would go hard if one or two could not be secured at each foray in this manner. The "tie up" or even kill, whether human or brute, could be covered by a light crinoline connected with a battery a mile away and this should prove effective, while the result would at the same time be communicated by wire; or prowlers might be bured to their doom by telephone, a good bleating goat ba-a-ing into the receiver while the distributing instruments at the opposite end could be environed by charged wires or furnished with some other device. Sitting up over bait or prowling after a much cuter prowler than oneself, is unsatisfactory work under prevailing circumstances in the three divisions adverted to. It is no use employing a picket where an army corps is required. [M'yes. Why not lay the scheme before Mr. Marconi ED.]

It is announced that an international shooting match will take place at Budapesth next month under Royal patronage. The chief conditions are that the contest is confined to young men born since 1st January 1880, and Army rifles and ammunition must be used. The Egyetemi Athletikai Club have the management of the proceedings.

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News reaches us from Secunderabad of the death of Major C. H. Binsteed of the 1st Madras Lancers, who died at Rajahmundry on the 14th instant of remittent fever, contracted while out tiger shooting. Major Binsteed held his first commission in the Oxfordshire Light Infantry and joined the Indian Army (Madras Staff Corps) in October 1883. He attained the rank of Major in July 1901.

The reappearance in England of that hardy annual the Pistols Bill has moved a writer in *The County Gentleman* to remark that the Bill is principally aimed not so much against pistols, which are very little in demand in this country, but againt revolvers of the variety which sell for a few shillings, and bear a foreign proof mark. These latter weapons are the majority of those found in the hands of boys and burglars, as well as with respectable citizens stowed away in repositories as protection against midnight attacks. Looking to the small amount of pistol shooting indulged in throughout Great Britain, the roll of accidents by the careless use of pistols is a long and serious one. Madmen or drunkards, whenever the idea occurs to them, can purchase for a few shillings the means of dealing death all round before they take their own lives; and youngsters, on the other hand, forget that the pistol is a much more dangerous weapon than gun or rifle, and inexperience leads them too often to fatal accidents that occasion lifelong regrets. They have to be protected against themselves.

It is somewhat strange that pistol shooting, as a sport, has never become popular in England. In America there are numerous pistol and revolver shooting clubs flourishing, and well supported, where the standard of efficiency reached by the members is very high. Competition in revolver shooting with us is almost entirely confined to the Bisley meeting, where, in years gone by, Mr. Walter Winans showed what could be done with the revolver. It is said by those who are experts that there is much more difficulty in mastering the revolver than there is in the case of the rifle, there being more of the personal element involved with the shorter arm. The Remington target pistol, again, is a very accurate weapon that is very popular in America for short ranges, and affords a great amount of recreation, even to crack shots.

In truth the Englishman has never taken kindly to pistols, whether single shot or magazine weapons as arms of precision for competition and recreation and yet, as we have said, there is a greater difficulty in acquiring skill in pistol than in rifle shooting, while the opportunities for practice with the former are illimitably greater than with the latter, seeing that a pistol or revolver range is easily made at any suburban or country residence, where the occupiers could obtain very enjoyable amusement and acquire great skill in pistol shooting at very slight expense.

The second entries for the Mysore Meeting are most satisfactory. Every race has filled, including the three countrybred events. Racing in this class is always interesting, but up to date has been hardly a success as a separate class. Twelve entries have been obtained for the Maharajah's Cup, thirteen for the Birthday Cup, nineteen for the Stable Cup, twenty-one for the Palace Cup and there are several entries from Western India. The separation of Arabs and countrybreds is evidently a step in the right direction. A successful meeting at Mysore seems assured.

Athletic Notes.

OUR cricketing readers will be interested to learn how much the recent exploits of the Oxford University Authentics on their Indian tour have been appreciated among their colleagues, and that their energetic Honorary Secretary has succeeded in arranging a fixture for them against the 'Varsity at Oxford on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June. The idea is that the Authentics should be represented by as many of the team which visited India as possible, but so far as we can see H. B. Chinnery, R. H. Raphael, G. H. Simpson-Hayward and R. A. Williams are all likely to be absentees, and it is more than probable that the match will resolve itself into practically Oxford University—Past *vs.* Present, as all the prominent Dark Blue cricketers of the past fifteen years or so figure on the Authentics' member roll. In any case the game should prove a good one and arouse plenty of interest.

The Spring Meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrew's, was held on the 5th and 6th instant, and we may therefore very shortly expect to hear the pronounncement as to the standardisation of the golf ball. General opinion, as voiced by Mr. Horace Hutchinson writing in *Country Life*, is apparently that the time is not yet ripe for it, and we hardly think that it is likely to be adopted in spite of the attitude taken up by the professional, especially as we hear that J. H. Taylor, certainly the most representative man of his class with club and pen, has recanted from his sworn allegiance to the "Guttie" and been using a "Haskell" in his last two or three public matches.

Worcestershire beat Sussex on the 13th instant by 163 runs.

Warwickshire and Surrey drew on the same date.

Leicestershire was beaten by Lancashire by 108 runs, and the match beaten Notts and Derbyshire ended in a win for the former by six wickets.

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(With Apologies to the Late Prince of Denmark).

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Whether 'tis wiser for a guiltless driver
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Or to protect himself from future trouble
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That summons for exceeding legal speed
That flesh is heir to! 'Tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To halt—to tip—
To tip—and then be fined! Ay, there's the rub;
For in a court of law there are imposed
Such awful penalties on motorists
That give us pause. There's the respect
That makes us anxious to observe the law,
For who would bear the tedious procedure,
The sergeant's tales, his witness's untruths,
The quips of rural Bench, the mis-read law,
The insolence of office, and the spurns
The patient motorist from reporters takes,
When he could easily prevent them all
With his top speed? Why, who would ever stand
The weird decisions of the Reigate Bench,
But that the dread of something worse than this—
The numbering scheme to label every car
And give the police more scope, puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of?

—*St. James's Gazette.*

Who has not often seen the fair sex wrestling with a refractory tyre? A tyre that possesses special advantages for ladies is the Dunlop beaded edge. It can be detached and attached with wonderful ease and rapidity. In fact, the merest novice would not find the slightest difficulty in manipulating it. A capital plan which we have tried with invariable success is, when a puncture occurs, to pass the hand along the outside of the tyre, when the puncturing object will in all probability be located. All that is then necessary is to detach the tyre at the point of perforation, repair, and replace the cover.

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Football hath its W. G. no less than cricket, observes a writer in a home paper. Only in this case he is not a W. G., but a Kinnaird. What the champion is to the summer game, Lord Kinnaird was, and is to the winter sport. He has an unequalled record. How many of those who dined with him the other night, one wonders, recalled the fact that the President of the Football Association was for over 20 years one of the most notable figures on the playing field, as he has ever since been in the Council Chamber? Although he was born in 1847, he played football until 1890. His career completely upsets the theory which most of us who have played the game cherish to-day. That is that the man who plays hard, uses his weight a great deal, and invites reprisals, cannot last long in Socker football. But Lord Kinnaird was not merely one of the most skilful players the game over produced, but one of the hardest. Those who were contemporary with him in his playing days tell some delightful stories against him, and he pleads guilty to them all. In one match between the Old Harrovians and the Old Etonians, as keen rivals then as now, Mr. C. W. Alcock, who was playing for the Harrovians, took advantage of a lull, while the ball was out of play, to ask, "Look here, Kinnaird, are we to play the strict game, or are we going to have hacking?" Without a moment's hesitation there came the cheery answer, "Oh, let's have hacking." And they did. Those who played against him tell us that Lord Kinnaird's legs used to move exactly twice as fast as those of any other man playing. He never wore shinguards, and so agile was he that he never got kicked. His opponents took the precautions—and the kicks.

At last a walking judge has been found who has the courage of his convictions! More than once when the ex-champion, W. J. Sturgess, has been putting up wonderful figures it has been urged that his action would not have satisfied old-time experts, and at the championship meeting at Northampton on Saturday, the 25th ultimo (details in our London Sporting Letter) we find he was "pulled out" when leading. This left the race at the mercy of J. Butler, whose magnificent record from London to Brighton is not likely to be shaken for some time. The ten miles running championship was, of course, a gift for Shrubb, who is quite without an equal at this distance, and by covering the distance in 51 mins. 55⅘secs. may be said to have put up a very fine performance, although unsuccessful in his attack upon record.

In England, writes *The Field*, the objection has frequently been taken that at our public schools and universities too much attention is bestowed on sport and athletics; while in the army, as we know from the recent report, the desire is to make serious work of more importance than has hitherto been deemed. Curiously enough, in Scotland the complaint of the commissioners is that at the Scottish Universities the evidence discloses a lack of physical training which calls for some remedy. So far as Edinburgh is concerned, and probably the same state of things holds good with regard to Aberdeen, St. Andrew's and Glasgow, it must be remembered that lectures, at least for the medical students, take place practically all day, so that, even if the desire were there, the opportunities for exercise are few. It was represented to the commission that the students at the Scottish Universities are even unable to find time to get their meals properly or at reasonable hours. The authorities, the report says, find themselves obliged to arrange the classes closely together in order that the University course may be taken within the minimum of time. Unlike the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, those in Scotland do not offer the same facilities for exercise. At the English seats of learning a variety of amusements are ready to hand, and almost without exception the undergraduates avail themselves of the propinquity of the river, cricket grounds, running path, racquet and fives courts, gymnasium, and other means of recreation. The Scottish Universities, however, differ in their constitution from Oxford and Cambridge. There is no collegiate life, and consequently no collegiate advantages, and the Edinburgh man who would belong to the recreation ground must travel some distance to find it. Furthermore, the same defect to which attention is drawn in connection with the Universities obtains at schools both primary and secondary. If a boy during his school days has never been taught to regard physical exercise as necessary for his health, and therefore to his education, small wonder that when he enters one of the Scottish Universities he fails to see that exercise is as necessary for him as food and books. Anyone who takes the trouble to read through the voluminous evidence given before the commission, will see that some witnesses of experience are strongly of opinion that physical training in the universities should be made obligatory. As materially assisting in the maintenance of health, it was asserted by some witnesses that a rule making exercise compulsory would tend to promote intellectual progress, and while too many of the best students were inclined to neglect it, this was mainly due to the want of adequate facilities and proper organisation. Professor Hay, who had a good deal to say on the subject, put the matter very forcibly. "I think," he said, "many of them would be a great deal the better for having a certain amount of physical exercise forced upon them. They go through their examination well—perhaps as the result of the extra time they are devoting to their studies, on

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account of their giving no time at all to physical exercise ; but the ultimate outcome of it is not satisfacory—the final discipline of the man and his fitness for ultimate life work has been impaired by it, and one can easily point in any Scotch University to lads who afterwards suffer from not having taken sufficient physical exercise. They may have taken very high places in the university, but they have left it worn out physically and mentally, and fit for nothing strenuous in the battle of life." It is perfectly well known that many men enter the Scottish Universities who never come out of them with a degree of any kind, and those who have passed through the ordeal ascribe the failure of their companions to lack of facility for exercise or games.

Our readers will be much interested in the interview with Mr. K. J. Key which we reprint in another column from the current issue of *Cricket*. The Oxford University Authentics' skipper gives his opinions on Indian and Anglo-Indian cricket very clearly and pleasantly, and those at home who are interested in the projected visit of a native team next year will find his remarks very much to the point. Amongst other things Mr. Key says:—"At Calcutta there was a native who in any opinion was a magnificent bowler, but I don't think they thought much of him for he wasn't included in the team. I forget his name ; he was very fast, in addition he was a fine field. And looking back it is indeed extraordinary that no one should have thought of the player in question (the C.C.C. senior ground boy) for the Bengal Presidency team against the Authentics. As to his qualifications there could have been no shadow of doubt, for he is out and away the best bowler and fieldsman in Calcutta. At present he is filling an engagement up at Simla which Captain Wigram got him."

His friends out here will be glad to read that Mr. Norman Macbeth, Junr., has been showing his best golfing form at home, for on the second day of the recent Spring Meeting of the Lytram and St. Anne's Golf Club the best scores for the Clifton Gold Medal (scratch) were as follows :—

Mr. Norman Macbeth, junr.	...	77
Mr. John Bull	...	79
Mr. H H. Hilton	...	80

Truly a proud position for any golfer, and one which Mr. Macbeth has occupied before now on occasion.

The Oxford and Cambridge golf match at Sandwich was expected to be a very level affair, but as events proved the Dark Blues once more secured an easy victory—by 27 holes. This was in a great measure due to the fine lead which Mr. "Johnny" Branston gave his side by defeating the well-known young St. Andrew's player, Mr. Ned Scratton, by 9 holes. Mr. Branston must have thoroughly recovered from his recent illness for to do 78 and 82 in a north-easterly gale at Sandwich is the best of going, and it is to be hoped that he will have given his admirers another taste of his quality in the Amateur Championship which is under decision at Muirfield as we write, though there is little doubt that Mr. Roxwell in view of his consistently fine performances and his intimate knowledge of the course will start favourite, and his victory would be no less appropriate than popular.

This week's English mail brings us news of the death of Sir Robert Menzies, Bart., a famous old oarsman. He was 86 years of age and was a prominent figure in a chapter of amateur rowing history. He was an undergraduate of University College, Oxford, and obtained his Blue in 1842, rowing No. 2 in the last race rowed from Westminster to Putney. In 1843 the Oxford crew competed for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley, the deceased baronet rowing bow, and his brother, Mr. Fletcher N. Menzies, was again stroke. The latter had been unwell from the time of leaving Oxford, and as the Oxonian oarsmen were entering their boat to row the final heat against Cambridge Subscription Rooms, a London club, stroke fell down in a faint. The rules of the regatta forbade the substitution of any man in the boat, so the Oxonians determined to compete with seven oars. No. 6 took the stroke thwart and bow went to No. 7, the bow thwart being left vacant. In spite of their handicap, Oxford held their own from the very start, cleared their opponents before reaching Poplar Point and eventually won easing up by two lengths at Henley Bridge, then the finishing point of the race.

Our Bombay correspondent writes.—The promoters of the scheme to send a team of native cricketers to England next year have just received a reply to the Committee's letter of March 18th from Lord Hawke, the popular Yorkshire captain, stating that their letter would be placed before the Yorkshire committee on April 30th at a general meeting, and that a further communication would be received by the Indian committee in due course. News was also received by the last mail from a well known cricketer, who was associated with Indian cricket in the middle nineties, to the effect that a sum probably reaching £900 will be forthcoming in the shape of subscriptions from patrons of the game in England and India as a result of his own personal efforts on behalf of the committee. Other promises of support have been received from England—in fact every mail now brings fresh news of the most hopeful nature to the promoters of the scheme. I understand that a letter has been sent to Prince Ranjitsinhji by the committee inviting him to captain the team—I suppose the committee mean in the more important matches, as the famous batsmen is not likely to be able to assist the side in all its fixtures. It is, however, regarded as a foregone conclusion that he will figure in the eleven in the most important fixtures. Of course the committee have a lot of details to arrange, but I am informed that the arrangements are well advanced, and suppose that before very long we shall hear that the date has been fixed for the team's departure for England, which I understand will be in March next.

The Aga Khan Hockey Tournament will be commenced on Monday, and as I mentioned last week, it has attracted a record entry. The draw took place an evening or two since, as a result of which eight teams will figure in the first round, the others all having drawn byes—The North Staffordshire Regiment will meet the Cathedral Old Boys' "A" team, the Elphinstone College the Bombay Gymkhana, the Cathedral Old Boys' "B" team the Buffs, and the Esplanade Wanderers the team representing the Oxfordshire Light Infantry Band. As might naturally be expected, any amount of practice has been in progress during the past week, and a number of interesting friendly games have taken place. About the best was that between the Cathedral Old Boys and the North Stafforshire Regiment. The play throughout was of a fast and exciting nature. The "Old Boys" drew first blood, but their opponents speedily equalised, and when time sounded the score stood two goals each. In the second half, however, the "Old Boys" played a very strong game, and made repeated attacks on the soldiers' goal. They soon added two more goals to their score, and it looked as if they were going to pile up a big score. After this, however, the soldiers held them in check until near the end, when the boys scored their fifth goal and eventually left the field winners by five goals to two. Throughout the winners displayed excellent combination, and, being in perfect training, I expect to see them go very near once more winning the cup,—they won it in 1901, but last year were beaten in the final by the Shropshire Light Infantry, who have since proceeded to England. Another interesting game was that between the the Bombay Gymkhana and the Government Telegraph Club. In the first half the Gymkhana had slightly the best of matters, and crossed over with a lead of one goal to *nil*. On play being resumed, the telegraph players soon equalised, but before the close the Gymkhana once more scored, and won by two goals to one. In the match between the North Staffords and the Elphinstone College Gymkhana both sides scored a goal, the result therefore being a drawn game.

The Bombay Gymkhana Lawn Tennis "Singles" Tournament has been continued during the past week and some of the matches have been productive of very interesting play. In my notes last week I mentioned that two games remained to be played off in the second round, and these were decided in the early part of the week. In one Mr. W. Reid, who has been carrying everything before him this year, met Mr. Caine (—15), Reid's handicap being —30. In the first round both had won their games in the easiest of fashion, and it was therefore

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anticipated that their meeting in the second round would be productive of some interesting play. In this anticipation spectators were not disappointed for although Reid was the better man all through there were some capital rallies. The other match in this round was between Mr. Coombs (+¼15) and Mr. Worgan (—¼15), both of whom had drawn byes in the earlier round last named, started off strongly and won the first set, but after this Coombs played up much better and won by two sets to one. This therefore left Messrs. Rumball (—15), Cheetham (—15½), Reid (—30), and Coombs (+¼15) to play off the semi-final round. In consequence of Rumball having been called away from Bombay for a few days, he and Cheetham have not yet met, but Reid and Coombs played off on Friday evening. Considering the handicap it was thought that Coombs had a fair chance of lowering his opponent's colours. In the first set he played one of the best games I have ever seen him do, and won. After this, however, there was really only one man in it, and that wasn't Coombs. Reid played with excellent judgment and won the record set, which necessitated a third being played, and in the latter he soon had Coombs in difficulties, and eventually won by six games to two. It now looks very much as if he and Cheetham will have to meet in the final, as I fancy the latter will prove just a little bit too good for Rumball. This is the third "Singles" Tournament that has been held this year—Cheetham and Reid have met each other in both the previous ones and the latter has proved victorious both times. Will the positions be reversed on this occasion?

In another month the Bombay Cricket season of 1903 will have commenced. So far as the Bombay Gymkhana is concerned, the prospects are none too bright, a number of the best men having proceeded on leave, while I have only heard of one or two new men with anything like reputations as batsmen or bowlers. I have just been favoured with a glance at the fixtures, which are very much the same as in previous years. The opening date is June 13th, for which the usual match Civil *vs.* United Services has been arranged, but I learn that it is somewhat doubtful whether it will be played, as the Gymkhana ground is not likely to be ready for play until the first week in July. I was having a look at it an evening or two since, and fancy that the wicket will be a little better than last year. If it is not it won't be for want of time devoted to the ground, for it has been in hand since November—it was dug up soon after the visit of the Oxford Authentics, and men have been at work on it ever since. But to return to the fixture list. Matches have been arranged as follows:—June 27th, B. B. and C. I. Railway; July 4th, 21st Bombay Infantry; July 11th, North Staffords; July 18th, Y. M. C. A.; July 25th, Hindu Gymkhana; August 1st, Parsee Gymkhana; August 7th and 8th, Poona Gymkhana (in Bombay); August 22nd, Elphinstone College; August 26th, Parsee Gymkhana; August 29th, Islam Gymkhana; September 5th, Municipal C. C.; September 12th, B. B. and C. I. Railway; September 14th, Hindu Gymkhana; September 15th, Byculla Club; September 17th and 18th, Poona Gymkhana (at Poona); September 26th, Civil *vs.* United Services. Invitations to bring teams to Bombay were extended to Ahmedabad, Dharwar, and Mhow, but neither are unable to accept the same. The Bombay match between the Presidency and Parsees is fixed for August 13th, 14th, and 15th, and the Poona match for September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Prior to the Bombay match it is proposed to play a trial match, either North and South or Civil and United Services. An excellent list of fixtures has also been arranged for the Gymkhana "A" team. Mr. A. C. Rumball has again been elected Captain of the Gymkhana, with Mr. Aston as Honorary Secretary, while Captain Macdonald will skipper the "A" team.

With the races held on Saturday last, the Bombay yachting season of 1902-03 was brought to a close. Taken on the whole, the season may well be described as having been a successful one, and we have had evidence of more interest being taken in this class of sport in Bombay. Considering the splendid facilities which our harbour affords for yachting, it is, however, surprising that a great many more people don't go in for yachting, and I hope that next season we shall see a much larger number of yachts contesting the weekly races arranged by the sailing committee of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club. Personally speaking I cannot imagine a more pleasant way of spending an afternoon than in going for a sail in the harbour, especially during the hot weather, for while it is very hot on shore there is always a cool breeze blowing in the harbour. But to return to the past season's racing. Cups were offered by the club for the boats winning the largest number of races in their respective classes. That in the "A" class has been won by Captain Hunter and Mr. Hopkins' Sapphire; that in the "B" class by Mr. E. E. Smitham's Pixie, and that for Tomtits by Mr. C. H. Byrne's Meg. Both the "A" and "B" class races have been well contested during the season, but I have been a little surprised to find more men not going in for boats of the Tomtit class, for they can be purchased for a very moderate sum, while the amount necessary to spend on them during the year is very small. No doubt we shall see an increase next year—at any rate, I hope so. Owing to the Indian Defence Squadron having been abandoned and practically the whole of the ships of the East India squadron being either up the Gulf or doing duty in connexion with the Somaliland operations, most of the races arranged for ships' boats have fallen through during the past two or three months. It is to be hoped that next season we shall see the crews of merchant vessels taking an interest in these races.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—A hockey team from Madras will probably visit Bangalore in a few weeks and will try conclusions with the local gymkhana. Matches will also be played against the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers, the Essex Regiment and possibly against a combined team of the artillery in the station. There is plenty of good hockey material in the city at present, and some good matches should result.

I have the best authority for denying the statement which has lately appeared in a good many Indian papers that H.H. the Maharajah of Mysore has granted Jayaram leave to stay in England for the purpose of playing with a possible Indian cricket team. That such leave is under consideration and may possibly be arranged is a fact, but nothing official has yet transpired, and there are certain difficulties to be overcome. A further specific statement which has appeared in print, to the effect that such leave will cost the State of Mysore several thousands of rupees, is in the last degree absurd. That H.H. the Maharajah takes interest in Jayaram's cricket is most probable; that he could or would allow that cricket to cost the State several thousands of rupees is practically an impossibility, and would be a terrible precedent for other native princes to follow.

The annual Calcutta Golf Club competition for the St. Andrew's Silver Tankard takes place on the 29th and 30th instant.

Arrangements are being made for a boxing contest under Queensberry Rules for the championship of Burma between Sydney McDermott, who is in civil employ, and Bombardier McGinnis, of the 70th Co., R. G. A., the conditions being: 20 rounds of two minutes each (one minute interval) at 10st. 4lbs. each, winner to take 75 per cent. and the loser 25 per cent. of the net proceeds. The match will probably come off at the Jubilee Hall, Rangoon, next Saturday.

The Poona boxing tournament on Tuesday night came in for a stroke of real bad luck. Shortly before 9 o'clock a terrific dusstorm broke over the city, sweeping down the boxing arena and stopping the proceedings. The electric light arc lamps were saved; but the engine was stopped by the wind, and hundreds of people had to grope their way from the middle of the maidan in dense clouds of blinding dust and intense darkness.

The late Earl of Egremont determined to give up his pack of foxhounds, and offered the whole, or part, to the Duke of Richmond, who agreed to accept a certain number of the "spotted beauties."

The earl told his huntsman, Luke Freeman, that he might have all the duke left. Luke then rode to Goodwood with the entire pack. The duke, not being able to satisfy himself with his choice, at length told Luke to select for him those which he thought the best. Luke Freeman was not very long over his selection, and, on reaching the park gates, found the duke waiting there.

"Well, Freeman" said he, "what have you left me? The youngest and best, I suppose?"

"Oh! yes your grace; I have left you all the youngest and most of the best."

"Very well," remarked the duke. "Leave me those you have with you, and take those you selected for me yourself."

Luke Freeman saw then how very easily he had been sold, but, of course, he had to agree to the bargain.

General Notes.

THE Knights of the Black Heart at Simla will give a dinner and dance on 10th June.

Continual showers of rain rather interfered with the gathering at the annual Sipi Fair, which opened at Mashobra, near Simla, last week.

The news of the death of Mr. Ernest Smith comes as a shock to his many friends in Calcutta. Mr. Smith was Deputy Manager of the Calcutta Tramways Company and first came to India in 1887. He left for home last November on sick leave and died on the 17th instant.

Darjeeling was visited by a severe hailstorm last Friday; three artillerymen at Kalapahar, while cooking, were struck by lightning, the electric fluid coming down the chimney injuring one man who is recovering in hospital, and burning the trousers of the other two. Lucky they weren't Highlanders!

H.E. the Viceroy will leave Simla about the 21st September for his autumn tour, which will this year be in Kashmir. His Excellency will be accompanied by Sir Walter Lawrence, Colonel Baring, Colonel Armstrong and two Aides-de-camp. It is probable that the Viceroy will visit the Andamans later on in the season.

Private White, 6th Dragoon Guards, who is now stationed in Bangalore, has been advised by an Australian firm of solicitors that he has been left a sum of £29,000 under the will of an uncle lately deceased. Rumour has it that the legatee cannot actually inherit for another four years, but it is an undoubtedly big stroke of luck for a trooper of Dragoons. It is likely that he will purchase his discharge.

It is stated that Mr. Maurice Bandmann with a Comedy Company is coming to Calcutta next year. The announcement will probably fail to kindle much enthusiasm in old Calcutta theatre-goers who remember the Bandmann-Baudet fiasco of the early eighties when Bandmann and our esteemed contemporary the *Indian Daily News* fought many a pitched battle in which the German mummer came off second best every time.

The Lower Orphan School at Kidderpore has been closed. This must not be confounded with the famous "Kidderpore House," which is still going, though the day is not far distant when the minimum of inmates having been touched, Government will step in and take possession of this historical building. The Lower Orphan School, what was left of it, had been for years occupying a wing of "Kidderpore House," hence the misleading statements that have been published.

A Signalman was going along the B-N. R embankment at Chundrakona when a leopard charge him and is said to have pulled his arm completely off him. I have not seen the man, but anyway he is in hospital. He managed to get up the signal ladder whence he was rescued by a passing train. Here is another instance of leopards using railway lines to walk along, a point a contributor of ours has always maintained, namely, that leopards and panthers do make regular migratory highways of the railway.

Field Marshal Sir George White is not unmindful of his friends and comrades out here, as shown in a recent letter written to the C.L.H:—Sir George White states he has been much gratified to receive the telegram of congratulation from the Calcutta Light House on his promotion, and begs to thank them for their kindly remembrance of him. Sir George White adds he often thinks of the sporting morning rides at Ballyganj, in which so many of the Calcutta Light Horse took part, and hopes that many of his old comrades in that field are still going straight and strong.

The death of Mr. C. F. Findlay removes a popular personality from Calcutta. As Chief Engineer of the E. I. R. he had hosts of friends and official connections, while those who knew only his sporting and social side will equally miss him. He graduated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, as tenth Wrangler, in 1876, and was elected Fellow of his College in the same year, subsequently becoming a member

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of the Senate of the University. He rowed in his college boat when it was at the head of the river. After some years in England, Mr. Findlay proceeded to Peru and carried out some important engineering contracts there; and when these had been completed, he entered the offices of Sir A. M. Rendel and Son, the Consulting Engineers to the Secretary of State for India and to the East Indian Railway Company, leaving that firm in 1895 he came out as Chief Engineer of the East Indian Railway. For some years he was a member of the Calcutta Rowing Club, but recently he found no time to take an active part in rowing, though he was always keen to see those under him on the members' list.

London Week by Week.

(From our own correspondent.)

Friday, 1st May 1903.

THE general satisfaction felt at the splendid reception given the King at Rome has been little marred by the hysterical squeal of a crew of blatant zealots which calls itself the Church Association. These few fanatics met at St. James' Hall the other night and concocted a telegram censuring the King for allowing his advisers to arrange his visit to the Pope: and this they have had the impudence to send him. What an extraordinary thing it is that religious fanaticism should read mischief into so ordinary a courtesy: the wonder is that the C. A. idiots did not raise their eloquent voices against the King's visit to a Catholic country at all.

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The death of Mr Hanbury removes a strong man and an administrator who put his heart into his work. He took a very lively interest in the much vexed question of horse-breeding in England and, had he lived, would have done something towards restoring the industry. I had the honour of meeting him at lunch last spring at the Agricultural Hall when the horse shows were on and there was no mistaking the earnestness with which he discussed the matter with Sir Walter Gilbey and one or two others who feel strongly on the horse-breeding question. He has left a splendid example for future residents of the Board of Agriculture to follow, for he made the office a working living concern and convinced the farming interest that he had its affairs near at heart.

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Favoured with a Press Ticket for the Academy that opens to the public next Monday, thither went I to herd me with critics and drink wisdom at their lips in the intervals of admiring what seemed good to me. I learned that (*a*) it is the best show seen for some years, (*b*) that it is the worst a fellow can remember, (*c*) that there is no "picture of the year" (wherein I humbly agree), and (*d*) that the R. A's. are poorly represented, while there is neither more rubbish nor less than usual. There is certainly no picture that stands out from the ruck and jumps to your mind's eye. Sargent has half a dozen portraits, but none so striking as some we have seen, that of Mrs. Chamberlain is the best of the half dozen to my thinking. It is remarkably like her and the method of treatment conveys a sense of the lady's vivacity. Shannon also has half a dozen portraits (when is he to receive the full honours, by the way?) I liked best that of Miss Dulcie Lawrence Smith, aged eight or nine, a charming picture of a pretty child. Luke Fildes has the place of honour in the big room with what I respectfully consider a portrait unworthy of it: "Mrs. James Reynolds and her daughter Leila" is his only contribution to the show, which may or may not explain the distinction conferred upon it.

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Sir L. Alma Tadema is content with one contribution: so is Mr. Abbey. H. W. B. Davis has three, none very distinguished, and Frank Dicksee three. Peter Graham has two, the usual pattern—rocks embellished with kittiwakes. Our leading painters ought to excel in their chosen field when they limit the exercise of their art to exactly the same subject year after year. Herbert von Herkomer has no fewer than six portraits: the one which most appealed to me is that of Baden-Powell: roughly, almost brutally, put on the canvas, but a portrait that lives and speaks across the room. The President has half a dozen and Ouless seven—but a catalogue of this sort wont interest anybody. War pictures are few this time, naturally enough: I recall only two of them: one Lady Butler's "Within sound of the Guns," a cloud of horsemen in no particular formation racing over a sandy flat, is both good and bad, the artist has got one horse into the most amazing attitude horse never attained.

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Coronation processions and allied topics there are *ad lib*; but it must be allowed that the echo of the great event is a trifle faint here and there: as when you find a very good and vigorous seascape with a battleship in the middle-distance boldly described as H.M.S. something or other "returning from the Coronation Review:" this sort of thing rather recalls the style of picture on *Wisdom While You Wait*, where in the article on Motor-cars you have the picture of "Light-house as seen from Motor-car."

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Another new club—two new clubs in fact. The "Country Gentlemen's" has started under rather unusual conditions: it has no house of its own and is the guest of the Blenheim at 12, St. James' Square, until such time as it may feel able or disposed to find accommodation for itself. Its aims, *vide* prospectus, are to provide (1) a centre in London specially devoted to the landed interest, and affording comfortable premises for its members; (2) rooms for meetings to discuss land questions raised by the club or kindred societies; and (3) an extensive library dealing with every phase of country life. The qualification for membership is the ownership, occupation of professional connection with landed property. The landed interest is pretty well supplied with clubs already, but I suppose there is always room for a good thing. The other new venture is the "Ladies' Field Club" at 32, Dover Street; it had a house warming on Monday and starts under favourable auspices. The hen club that is going ahead is the Ladies' Army and Navy; the Dover Street house wouldn't hold it and it is moving into what was the old Bristol Hotel, which should make a first rate club house: but it will take a long members' roll, I perpend, to stand the rent of such a house in such a situation, to say nothing of rates and taxes.

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The first dramatic event of the week to be noticed is the production at the Lyric of "The Medal and the Maid," music by Sidney Jones, book by Owen Hall and Lyric by Taylor, Rollet and Rubens. It is described as musical comedy, but the constructors have dealt so lightly with the plot that the piece were better labelled opera-bouffé: I am not finding fault with it: the music is distinctly tuneful and some of the songs will surely catch on: the business is amusing and when the piece has been pulled into shape a little it will go even better than it goes now, which is saying a good deal. The scene lies at Cannes (Act I) and on a Greek island (Act II) whither the entire cast has been transported by brigands. The business depends on the exchange of dress and lot between Merva Summingdale (Miss Ruth Vincent), schoolgirl heiress, and Josephine (Miss Sylvia Sablanc), flowergirl: and the fun comes largely from Miss Ada Reeve who, as Miss Ventnor, conducts a ladies' school at Cannes. Her curriculum includes all the arts and crafts by which girls may secure desirable husbands: an idea that "fetched" the house immensely is the rewarding of pupils at the end of term with an extra frill on the petticoat. The same idea supplies Miss Ada Reeve with her best song. Mr. J. E. Sullivan as the music master, has a part full of possibilities: following a fashion I have before noted he makes up as Sousa, the much advertising conductor. Mr. Norman Salmond as the Brigand chief had a great reception, and Mr. F. Ranalow, a tenor of the Hadyn Coffin school, also did uncommonly well: the latter's duet with Miss Vincent, "Consequences," is quite one of the best songs in the piece.

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"Das Rheingold," wherewith Covent Garden opened on Monday, is of course for Wagnerites: but what on earth does it matter who did the music or anything else so long as it is "the Opera"? It is the proper thing to go to the opera and anything produced on the stage of Covent Garden is a detail: what does count is the assemblage in the boxes.

My authorised agent went to the performance and being musical has produced four foolscap sheets of patient and discriminating criticism of the methods and performances of Herren Bertram, Van Dyck, Lieban and others. I vote we take them (those four foolscaps sheets I mean) as read. You know you wouldn't print them if I sent them to you.

The Stage Society broke out on Monday at the Imperial with a sad and soul harrowing play in four acts by a Dutch playwright: name "The Good Hope;" theme the Bad Shipowner. It is very lifelike—wonderfully so, and therefore the more distressing. Clemens Bos owns a herring fleet and takes no pains about anything connected with his boats but their insurance: there are storms and loss of life and tears and much that is sordid and pathetic, even gruesome. I grant the power of "The Good Hope" and render cordial testimony to the remarkable ability of the caste from top to bottom. I don't know that I have ever seen actors and actresses identify themselves more unreservedly with the author's conceptions, a rare tribute to his genius (did I say that Hermann Heigermans was the author?): but it is hardly an overstatement to say that you are not tempted even to smile from start to finish, and the fall of the curtain on widows, and mothers who are not widows is a positive relief.

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The "Marriage of Kitty" going strong as ever was transferred on Monday night to the Criterion, where it follows a curtain raiser by the *Morning Post* correspondent, Mr. Prevost Battersby, called "The Way of War."

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The dramatic event of the week of course is Sir Henry Irving's production of Sardou and Moreau's Dante, translated by Laurence Irving, at Drury Lane—its quite an effort to mentally divorce the names of Irving and the Lyceum. It appeared only last night and that is why it comes part in these notes. If I had to describe it in a word the word would be "Spectacular." Sir Henry takes the title rôle of course and it fits him perfectly; better than any part I can remember to have seen him in: we miss Ellen Terry who is a-viking at the Imperial, but the caste is such a long one I dare not begin to consider it even. The action of the play is rather overpowered by the stage management, the scenery, the well-marshalled crowds and the general appeal to the eye. Whether it was a regular Drury Lane audience which expects the spectacular; or a regular Lyceum audience which is content with Irving in whatever shape he pleased to appear, I can't decide; but the reception of the play was simply rapturous: the whole house was delighted with it; murders, mysteries, medievalities and all. I suppose Act III was really the one that impressed itself most strongly: in this Dante under the escort of Virgil visits the Inferno, and nothing better in the way of scenery has ever been put on the London stage: if provocative of bad dreams, I apprehend that is what is intended. The fiery graves and other less appalling sights are to be remembered.

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The much discussed election of a new Secretary to the Zoological Society came off on Wednesday, when Dr. Chalmers Mitchell was appointed by a thumping majority. I know nothing of the relative merits of Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Sclater, junior: the latter, I understand, is both capable and courteous: but he owes his unfortunate position to the flagrant and barefaced job his esteemed father tried to rush through. It is a tribute to the apathy of the Council and the body of fellows that Dr. P. L. Sclater should have believed such high handed methods would be tolerated. He was going to resign: his berth was a nice soft one and with more paternal regard than discretion called his son home from Capetown, resigned his post in the middle of a session, put his son in as Secretary *pro tem* and then asked the Fellows to confirm it. Thanks much to the temperate and judicious management of His Grace of Bedford the sense of the Fellows was roused. I have a notion that the late secretary for all his acknowledged ability was not over popular: he was what the Kail-yard School calls a "magerful man"—too masterful by half; and there was a widespread feeling that a change from the Sclater *régime* would be both acceptable and beneficial to the society.

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The "Moat House Mystery" is one no longer. On Monday, a labourer who had been employed to help the police in their search with the spade, made a discovery—a woman's foot in stocking and boot, and careful digging brought to light the long sought corpse. The late Miss Holland's relatives and domestics have examined the clothing and remains and profess their conviction that they are those of the missing lady, assigning reasons for their belief which leave no room for doubt. The man Dougal has now been charged with the murder.



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The plover's egg is with us in its habitual tens of thousands. If the cuckoo is the herald of spring the peewit is the herald of the London season. I have never been able to discover the beauty of plover's eggs myself as an article of food; but others are more discriminating, with this difference that a plover's egg is acceptable at any stage short of actual hatching while the egg of the humble hen would be rejected as fit only for electioneering purposes if one-half as near chickenhood. Nearly every year somebody or other rushes into print to warn us that half the eggs sold as plover's are really those of the kittiwake or some other smaller gull; being with an eminent naturalist in Bond Street a day or two ago, the spirit moved us to look for gull's eggs in the game dealers' windows; we drew Bond Street and Jermyn Street blank and at the end of the latter I gave up: eminent naturalist with the perseverance that makes for success, said he would try a shop or two in the Strand and then cab it to Leadenhall market. He has since sent me a postcard to say he found none but "genuine *cristatus* eggs" everywhere. I am sorry to hear it, as I understand the plover is a bird of blameless character and regarded as useful by farmers.

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The London County Council are going to try to put down the practice of spitting in the streets. I wish them luck: one always passes in front of the meditative British workman in fear and trembling: but dear me! Supposing the unlovely habit to be made an offence what will become of us dry mouthed and law abiding citizens? There will be no bobbies left to regulate traffic and discharge other duties: they'll have to enlarge the police courts and multiply the strength of the magistracy by ten—an hundredfold. The earnest and conscientious policeman will fill his note book daily and hourly with names and addresses of offenders to be summoned, unless the churches are placed at the disposal of the police to house the arrested. 'Tis a brave idea, but me fears impracticable.

ONLOOKER.

Review.

"THE HORSEWOMAN"

THIS may be called the product of collaboration: Mrs. Hayes is the author, and Captain M. H. Hayes' name appears as editor on the title page: readers of books by the latter will readily recognise his hand in this excellent book. It is described as the second edition of the work which appeared some time ago, but in its enlarged form and increased wealth of photographs is practically a new book, and deserves notice as such.

The book is above all things a practical one: like her husband, or guided by him, Mrs. Hayes is most thorough in her methods and treats exhaustively of everything she touches, whether it be safety bars and stirrups, boots, hats or hairdressing. She knows her subject to the bottom and has it at her finger tips. The only suspicion of "padding" is in the illustrations. The vast majority of these are in harmony with the text, that is to say practical, clear and well chosen: but when we find a photograph of "a brook" we are tempted to wonder what manner of woman or man it will instruct. It is a very good photograph and no doubt does the book justice: but we do not feel that inspection of it has done much to give us a closer seat or a lighter hand. The mass of the work is so eminently satisfactory and so sound that we can forgive these pictorial lapses when they occur: for it is safe to say that "The Horsewoman" is the most complete book of its kind that has appeared.

* "The Horsewoman." By Alice Hayes. Edited by M. H. Hayes. 2nd Edition. Hurst and Blackett.

TERRIERS.

This is a new edition, the third, of Mr. Rawdon Lee's book. A new and corrected impression had been made necessary by the legislation against ear cropping, and therefore a few of the old plates have been withdrawn in favour of new ones by Mr. Arthur Wardle, showing examples of certain breeds of terriers with their ears in their natural completeness. The Law, it may be observed, has not extended a protecting hand to the tail of the Fox-terrier. The book is so well known that it is not necessary to say more of this new issue.

* "Modern Dogs" (Terriers). 3rd Edition. By Rawdon B. Lee. Horace Cox.

A FARMER in Essex, well known some years ago with Lord Petre's hunt, had an animal which was a remarkably clever jumper. Friends often tried to coax him out of the horse at a strong price.

"No," he would say, "it is as much as my neck is worth to part with him."

The fact was, the farmer was a most determined goer in the field, but a much harder one in a public-house, and frequently when it was so dark the horse could hardly see, and the master not at all, he used to start off across the fields; somehow he stuck on, and the horse went home as straight as a gun-shot.

He was once seen to take a gate with his master in the saddle and his arms most lovingly round the horse's neck. A foriend told him he would be found one night, horse and all, in one of the Essex ditches.

Nay," said he, "there is not a ditch in the country we were not in the first year I had him; he knows them too well now to get in again."

Shikar.

WITH CANOE AND RIFLE IN THE SHAN STATES.

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WE had now completed our first week on the trip, and at the rate we travelled should have covered some 230 miles already.

We had not done so, however, for although, when moving, our rate was not less than five miles an hour, we had to stop fairly often during the course of each day for one reason or another. So that in all, I calculated, we had done no more than 200 miles, if as much, and from after experience it turned out that it was considerably less than this.

We halted for the night at the head of the big rapid, and during the afternoon my servants and the boatmen got the stores unloaded and placed on the bank. On the next morning, I set out, taking only my Indian cook and the shikari with me, as the boy had to remain with the boatmen and assist them in carrying the stores down the bank, a work of some trouble.

We followed the course of the river for a little way as I wanted to get a good view of the rapids, which I obtained from the high bank we were on. We could see them for a long distance down, and realised the impossibility of any boat attempting the passage, for a stretch of several hundred yards of the river was a mass of foam with rocks protruding in places from the surface, while many more were just covered by the water and would be therefore invisible to anyone attempting the passage, although several of these could be clearly seen from our standpoint.

Leaving the bank we struck off in a south-westerly direction. My intention was to make for a village known to my shikari to be somewhere in this district, although he did not know exactly where, as he had not come by this route before. He said, however, that the inhabitants were Karens, and that it could not be more than a day's march from the river, and that game was plentiful in its neighbourhood.

We therefore pushed along, hoping to meet some Karens who could direct us to the village, but after marching for some hours without meeting anyone, we had to halt. We saw little or no game, except monkeys, which were plentiful here and made the jungle resound with their cries. On two occasions sambhur does that were lying in the grass jumped up and made off at our approach. We rested for an hour and had some food, and then started again. We found we were now getting into rather broken country with low hills in every direction, and no signs of habitation or of cultivation. We continued our march, however, and towards evening must have covered about 20 miles from the river. Before it got dark we ascended a hill, with the object of trying to discover a village of any sort, or signs of habitation, but although I searched the country for several miles with my glasses, I could see no appearance of such. We therefore decided to descend the hill again and camp at its foot. The two men quickly succeeded in raising a shelter for me of boughs and leaves, quite sufficient to keep off the dew, and as the nights were warm, nothing more was required.

We passed the night here and next day moved off again at daybreak. We had gone some miles when at last we came on a fairly well defined path leading south and after following it for some way we met some Karens whom my shikari accosted and they told us their village was not far off. This was good news for us, for we were beginning to doubt if we should find a village at all, so uninhabited was the country we were in.

The men led us back, and in quarter of an hour or so we got to the village. It proved to be quite a small one and not the one my shikari knew of, which on enquiry we were told was a long way to the south. This convinced me that our progress on the river had not been as rapid as I calculated, for had we kept an even speed of 5 miles an hour, or about 45 miles each day exclusive of halts, we should have been near the village known to my man, which was marked on a map I had.

However, we were told that game was to be found in these jungles, and so I determined to spend a day or two here before proceeding towards the river again.

There were two or three hunters in the village and I saw some heads of bison, sambhur and tsine adorning the houses, so that game certainly existed it appeared.

The men proposed we should go out after tsine on the following day, saying that the ground was nearer than that frequented by the bison. This being arranged, we spent the night in one of the houses of the village, which the owners were good enough to vacate for me and my two followers.

We started, a party of four, the next morning, and moved off north. Two Karen hunters came with the shikari and myself. They told me we ought to meet with tsine in the low hilly ground north of the village and about seven miles from it.

We accordingly set out at a rapid pace for some miles, and on reaching the hills again we spread out to look for tracks. The shikari and I were together and had gone some little distance without getting on to signs of game, when one of the Karens returned and told us there were fresh tracks about a mile to our left. We therefore set out as quickly as possible in that direction, and after crossing a valley, reached the place where he had seen them. The tracks led us north again, and were those of two animals, declared by my shikari as well as by the Karen hunter, to be tsine. We followed on for over an hour without any great difficulty, but after that reached more broken country, and the tracking was not so easy. We were having a rest by a small stream, when the other Karen overtook us. He had also come on the tracks of the tsine, and following them had hit off our trail and so had come on quickly after us.

While I was having some food I had brought with me, the Karen hunters went on a little way to see how the tracks led, and on our overtaking them they pointed out a nullah in which the tsine had apparently been lying down, not very long before, but had now moved on. After another hour's going we came to a similar nullah filled with high grass. We had approached it carefully, as it seemed not improbable that the tsine might be in it. While we were halted and debating our next move, however, two tsine suddenly dashed out of this nullah and up a small rise. I fired at the nearer one, but regretted afterwards I had done so, as it was only a chance shot and the animals would probably now be scared. On going up to the place, however, we found some drops of blood, and further on a well defined blood trail, so that my shot had not been a miss.

Following this trail as quickly as possible, we found that the wounded animal had separated from the other, which gave us hopes that he was badly hit. This turned out to be the case, for a little further on, we came on him standing under a tree. I approached to within thirty yards without his seeing me, and there was able to get an easy shot. He dashed off at once, but after going only a dozen yards fell heavily and lay dying, and by the time we got up to him he was dead.

The Karen hunters were for going on after the other one at once, and so, leaving one of them to secure me the head and skin, and to take off as much flesh as he could carry for the villagers, we three remaining ones went on to pick up the tracks of the other beast. This we had no difficulty in doing and followed them for several miles, but the animal was thoroughly scared and never made a halt. After following him for some hours it became evident that we must stop, and consequently we made for home, as it was now getting late in the day. Our course had led us in a circular direction and we found that by returning by a different route we reached the village before dark.

On arrival there we found the other hunter had also arrived with the trophies of the tsine killed. After a consultation that evening we decided to again take up the tracks of the other animal next morning and if not successful in coming up with him by midday, to leave him and go on to the bison ground which was at some considerable distance, but more or less in the same direction as the second tsine had taken. At the same time we made arrangements to stay out the night in case we should be too far from camp to return, and therefore carried some food with us.

Starting early next day, I despatched one Karen hunter direct to the bison ground to examine the country for tracks, while with the other and my own shikari, I set off direct for the place we had followed the other tsine to the day before. We got there in little over an hour and picked up the trail again without difficulty. Both my shikari and the other Karen assured me that the animal would have certainly halted at nightfall the previous evening, and so we ought to come up to him before very long. I hoped this would prove the case, but I had known animals occasionally commence travelling again after a night's halt when thoroughly scared. However, after two more hours of tracking we came to where the beast had unmistakably lain down during the night, but he had left this cover probably early next morning, for his fresh tracks leading away could be seen. This being so I was for giving it up, but both my men endeavoured to persuade me to continue our search a little longer. I fortunately acceded to their request, for, not a mile beyond, we came on the tsine. He was standing behind a clump of bamboo, and so nearly concealed that I should never have perceived him, but the Karen hunter suddenly crouched down and, following his example, we both did the same. He then pointed towards the animal, but I could not make him out, and not until the tsine moved a pace or two forward grazing, did I distinguish him. We were, however, two hundred yards at least from him and the ground between was open, so we had to withdraw with caution and try and approach from another side. This I succeeded in doing and got up to fifty yards from him unobserved. I had to wait a little time, which seemed to me interminable, for him to give me a shot, but at last he slightly turned, and I fired at him taking a shot rather far behind the shoulder, as he was standing three-quarters away from me. On the shot he fell on to his knees, but suddenly rearing up again, he dashed off followed by a shot from my second barrel, which failed to stop him. We followed up at once, but did not find a strong blood trail. The hunter asserted, however, that he was very hard hit, but on tracking him for some three miles without coming up to him, I began to get hopeless. Just then the Karen pointed me out a pool of blood where the animal must have stood and bled freely, and encouraged by this we moved on once more on the track. A quarter of a mile further on

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brought us in view of him. He was standing right in the open and apparently very sick, for we could see him swaying to and fro I thought he had no more run left in him, and so advanced straight to within twenty paces of him, and was just going to fire when he perceived me and started off, only however to go a few yards when a bullet in the ribs brought him to the ground.

We were gratified at securing him after our long pursuit and indeed he had led us a pretty dance, some fifteen or twenty miles in all.

I had to send my own shikari back to the village to get men to cut him up and take him in, and myself and the Karen hunter, after a short rest, went on towards the bison ground, which he said was not more than five miles from here.

We reached the place where we had agreed to meet the other hunter by noon, but did not find him there. As I was in need of a rest, I decided to wait here and send the other man to find his companion. He succeeded in doing so and returned with him in about an hour. I was told by the man who had gone out in the morning, that he had found fresh tracks of bison not very far from where we were, and also those of a bear. This latter information did not interest me much, but I was keen upon going on at once after the bison, and being rested now we set out. We found the tracks as he described, of a solitary bison, and on inspection they certainly looked quite fresh. Taking them up at once we proceeded some distance till they led into thicker jungle. Here our progress was slower and as we were working carefully along, suddenly in our immediate front I perceived a large bear. She saw us too, and came straight for us in a most determined manner. I was unwilling to fire and thus possibly destroy our chance at the bison, but she gave me no option, for making for the leading hunter, she struck at him and had he not dodged and run she would have mauled him. I then fired and she turned viciously on me, but I gave her a second shot at close quarters that bowled her over. Leaving the carcase to be disposed of later we again took up the bison's tracks, but on going only a few hundred yards further on, we came on a place where he had been lying down and must have only jumped off and dashed away on the sound of my shots, for his tracks were absolutely fresh from here. I was most disappointed, and anathematised the old she-bear that had thus spoilt our sport, for I knew it was useless following up the bison again at once. We agreed eventually to return to the village for the night and try for other tracks in this neighbourhood the following day. The two men insisted on skinning the bear although I did not want the skin which was poor and of indifferent quality, being bare in places. The bear was a female and she must have lately had cubs we found, although we saw no signs of these. This would account for her unprovoked assault.

We reached the village by evening, and found most of the people away engaged in cutting up the tsine and bringing in flesh. Before dark they returned well laden, and also my own shikari, who was as disgusted as I on being told of our bad luck with the bison.

SALWEEN.

(To be continued.)

TIGERS IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.

THE Resolution by the Officiating Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, on the Statements and Reports showing the results of the measures adopted in the Central Provinces for the extermination of wild beasts and venomous snakes during the year ending the 31st December 1902, brings to light the gravity of the situation and the depredations by tigers in the Central Provinces.

The Resolution goes on to say the figures showing the mortality among human beings from wild beasts and snakes in 1901 were the highest ever reported from the Central Provinces. The Districts in which most human beings were killed by wild animals were Raipur, Chanda and Sambalpur. Nearly 70 per cent. of the deaths were caused by tigers and leopards. Fifty-six persons died of rabies following on bites inflicted by jackals. The only other animals by whom any considerable number of human beings were reported to have been killed are wolves and hyænas, 34 deaths being attributed to the former and 38 to hyænas. It seems, however, most likely that 33 deaths entered in the returns from Sambalpur as caused by hyænas were really caused by wolves. The victims were invariably children and the animal is described as larger than a wolf but without the markings on hind quarters of a hyæna.

No special reason can be assigned for the increase in the number of deaths from snake-bite from 1,137 to 1,304. The Jubulpur division has its usual unenviable pre-eminence in respect to the mortality from this cause. Some trifling rewards were given by certain Municipal bodies for dead snakes, but this was exceptional and does not appear to have done much good. Calmette's antivenine was tried in several cases, and in some it is reported to have been successful, but no case was reported in which its efficacy was conclusively proved.

There has been of late years a steady tendency to increase in the number of cattle reported to have been killed by wild beasts. This year the total is 14,138, a higher figure than has been reported before. The increase is partly due to better reporting, and partly, it would seem, to the disappearance of horned game. No reliance can be placed on the exact proportion of cattle reported to have been killed by tigers and leopards respectively. The animal killed is often not identified from the signs by which a kill by a tiger can be distinguished from one by a leopard have been obliterated, and even when found shortly after death, the finder does not discriminate. The damage done often by wild dogs is increasing, and these pests have in many parts of the Central Provinces inflicted great injury on the horned game

The number of tigers and leopards killed was 729, almost the same figure as that of 1901. Raipur with 92 takes the lead for the total bag under both heads, while for tigers Chanda with 38 has the first place. Bilaspur, Balaghat and Mandla are other districts from which high figures are reported. The man-eating tiger of Chichgarh in the Bhandara District was destroyed by a Gond, who was paid the special reward of Rs. 200. In Chanda one man-eating tiger and one man-eating leopard are reported to have been killed during the year, while one man-eating tiger, a very old beast, disappeared completely and is supposed to have died a natural death. At the close of the year there was only one confirmed man-eater in the Chanda District whose beat lies in one of the distant Zamindaris. In the Khariar Zamindari of the Raipur District (where tigers and leopards had killed 149 persons in 1901) at least one man-eating tiger and several man-eating leopards were destroyed, with the satisfactory result that the death-roll was materially reduced, but it still stands at the high figure of 63. There are at present three very destructive man-eating tigresses in the provinces—one at Sakke in Mandla, another near Sarekasa in Bhandara, and the third in the Ambakhona circle of the Sambalpur District. The Officiating Chief Commissioner has recently raised the reward for each of these animals to Rs. 500.

There was a general opinion that the reward for a leopard (Rs. 10) is too low. The only really satisfactory way of hunting a leopard is to sit up over a kill, and a native shikari has not much inducement to do this, if, when he is successful, he gets only Rs. 10 to repay him for his trouble and for the cost of the animal tied up. Commissioners will be given authority to enhance the reward for the killing of these animals to Rs. 20, whenever they are of opinion that in any particular District such enhancement is necessary. They will also be empowered to reduce the reward to its ordinary figure when it is considered that the retention of an enhanced reward is unnecessary or useless.

Seventy-five wolves were destroyed during the year, of which 55 were killed in the Nerbudda Division. The Officiating Chief Commissioner does not regard the number killed in the Hoshangabad, Raipur and Sambalpur Districts as satisfactory. The Commissioner has power to raise the reward for a wolf from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10, whenever he considers that, owing to the prevalence of man-eating by wolves, an enhanced reward is necessary. The Commissioners of the Nerbudda and Chattisgarh Divisions will be asked whether they consider this provision to be sufficient, or advocate special measures being taken for wolves in certain tracts.

The Officiating Chief Commissioner regards it as of much importance that determined effort should be made to rid the jungle of many packs of wild dogs that now infest them. Since the close of the year the reward for killing a wild dog has been raised to Rs. 15. Wild dogs are difficult to track and kill; and if the raising of the reward fails to induce shikaris to go in for hunting them, it may be necessary to devise other steps for their destruction.

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LATE SNIPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I have read with interest your correspondent's letter about a bag of snipe on Easter Monday, 13th April. As a matter of fact snipe are to be found much later than is generally supposed I see from my game-book that on 16th April 1897 I got, with another gun, 16½ couple, and I have had reliable khubber of snipe in every month of the year barring June. My own belief is that there are a few always to be found if one cared to look for them.

My experience, however, is that the late stayers as well as the first arrivals are pin-tails I was out on 5th April this year and only saw one fan-tail which I noted in my game-book as being unusually late. I have heard the theory that pin-tails breed further North than fan-tails which accounts for their being the first to be turned out of their breeding ground in the autumn as well as the last to return to them in the spring. Anyhow it has always seemed to me that snipe are remarkably rapid in their breeding arrangements. The pin-tails do not leave much before the end of March and they are back again early in September and one cannot suppose they fly at full speed straight to their breeding grounds in far Siberia.

I remember a man once telling me he had been out late in March and got some snipe, but his idea was that they had come down from Siberia for the week-end, just to have a sort of Sunday breakfast, followed no doubt by a sleep; and then back again by express to the North.

Talking of late snipe being fishy, I have generally found pin-tails after the middle of March to be very fat and coarse. I have some snipe in the Linde cold storage which were shot at the end of February. They are all fan-tails. I had some out the other day to eat, but found them too fishy for words. They reminded we in smell of the Japanese fish-oil that some of the jute mills use. Can any one tell me how to cook snipe that have been in the cold storage, for I know other people keep snipe in this way all through the hot weather and say they are excellent.

FORREAR.

12th May 1903.

"LOFTING" THE BALL IN HOCKEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I have a small pamphlet which gives several useful notes in amplification or explanation of various rules of the game of Hockey. One of these notes lays down that "no player in striking the ball should intentionally raise or undercut the ball."

What exactly is the meaning of this rule? Does it mean that the ball must not intentionally be raised off the ground at all, not even a few inches? For instance a very common trick with many a forward when being tackled face to face by a back is to slightly raise the ball he is dribbling a few inches off the ground in order to jump the stick of his opponent. According to the letter of the law this is an illegitimate stroke, but surely the spirit of the law is not to restrict this stroke.

I take it that the rule was framed in order to prevent the game becoming really dangerous by allowing a player to lay his stick well back and deliberately undercutting the ball so as to make it fly high in the air, and so long as the ball is not raised so high off the ground as to cause danger to any player, the raising or undercutting of the ball by a player is legitimate.

I note that the Hockey rules themselves have no specific punishment for this stroke, whether dangerous or otherwise. I have recently, however, seen two umpires award a penalty against a forward for merely making the ball jump his tackler's stick. I do not of course contest the right of the umpire to give a penalty for any offence on the hockey ground, whether such offence is specifically particularised in the rules as liable to a punishment or not: but I do contest the application of this rule, when applied as it seems to me in its letter rather than in its spirit.

But I should like to know what opinions other hockey players hold in regard to the interpretation of this rule.

R. T. F.

[R. T. F. is, in our opinion, perfectly right. Observe the wording—"A player *should* not." It does not say *must* not. The sentence occurs not in the Rules, but in the *case* laws appended to the rules issued by the Hockey Association. The intention is undoubted, namely, to prevent danger, and any referee who penalised a man for such "lofting" would rightly be considered to be too much given to insisting on the letter of the law—if law it can be called. The procedure adopted in Calcutta is to watch first *how* the ball is hit. If the ball is hit with an ordinary stroke it may be that it has risen a few inches or that there is a screw on causing it to rise. But if the man lays back his stick or indulges in a *scooping* action the while he "chops" the ball he is usually warned and penalised on the next occasion—this of course when the ball really rises. Helping the ball over an opponent's stick is not penalisable by any sensible individual. A ball cannot be raised dangerously in dribbling. Only when it is hit.—ED.]

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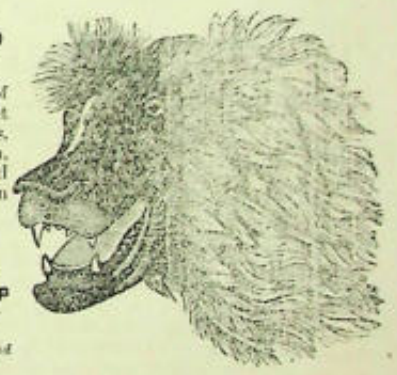

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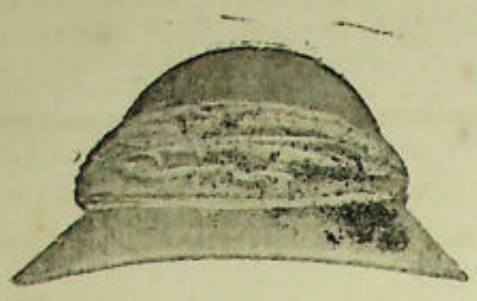

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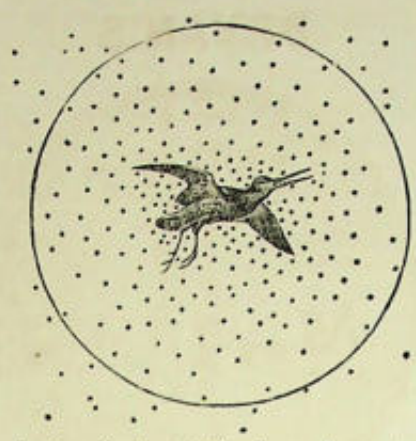

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Name of Races	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Dibrugarh	May	26	
Simla Summer	,,	26, 28 & 30	476
Darjeeling	,,	28 & 30	
Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Simla Gymkhanas ...	June	13 20 & 27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Pachmari	June	2, and 4	
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	,,	26	575
Meerut Autumn ...	,,	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	24, 26 & 28	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	21 26 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh ...	,,	2 4 & 6	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	First ...	...	1st Sept.
	Second ...	...	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra ...		...	8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ...		...	15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First ...	...	1st Dec.
	Second ...	...	9th Jan.
	Third ...	...	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases 1st Day	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second day	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	2nd Jan.
Poona	First ...	...	4th August.
	Second ...	...	25th ,,
	Final ...	...	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup ...	Second ...	...	1st July.
	Third ...	...	16th Sept.
	Fourth ...	...	1st Dec.
	Final ...	...	20th Jan.
Rangalore	First ...	...	1st June.
	Second ...	...	20th June.
	Third ...	...	1st July.
Mysore	Third ...	...	1st June.
Lucknow Autumn ...	First ..	...	15th Aug.
	Second ...	...	1st Oct.
	Third ...	...	14th Nov.
Pachmarhi	Second ...	...	27th May.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.		
Simla Tournament ..	.. ...	Begins 1st June
Poona Open Tournament	...	Sept. 15th, 16th, 19th & 24th
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	...	24th to 29th August
ROWING.		
Calcutta R. C. Second Regatta	...	23rd May.
CRICKET.		
Simla v Outstations ...	...	May 27th & 29th
Bombay v Parsees (Bombay) ...		13th 14th & 15th Aug.
Bombay v Parsees (Poona) ...		21st 22nd & 23rd Sep.
THE HORSE.		
Ootacamund Horse Show ...	...	May 22nd & 23rd.
Simla Horse and Dog Show ...	...	June 6th.
SPORTS.		
Ootacamund Skittle Gymkhanas		May 12th & June 15th, 27th
Simla Vol. Sports	...	May 23rd.
FOOTBALL.		
Durand Tournament, Simla ...	...	14th to 25th Sep.
HOCKEY.		
Aga Khan Tournament ...	...	Begins 18th May
GOLF.		
Calcutta G. C. St. Andrews' Silver Tankard		29th and 30th May
Gulmarg Tournament ...		17th to 22nd August
BOXING.		
Poona Boxing Tournament ...	...	18th and 23rd May
SWIMMING.		
Calcutta S. C.		
Three Lengths Handicap ...	...	22nd May.
Ditto Final Heat and Plate Diving ...		29th May.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

The Derby (1½ miles) ...	...	Wednesday, May 27
The Oaks (1½ miles) ...	...	Friday, May 29
Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) (1½m)		Sunday, May 31
Manchester Cup (1½ miles) ...		Friday, June 5
Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1½m)		Saturday, June 13
Grand Prix de Paris (1 mile 7 furlongs) ...		Sunday, June 14
Ascot Stakes (2 miles) ...	...	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)		Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles) ...	...	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds)	...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles) ...	...	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds)	...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles) ...	...	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles)	...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...		Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles) ...	...	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs)	...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles) ...	...	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles) ...	...	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles) ...	...	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)		Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs) ...	...	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)		Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes ...	...	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)		Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1¾ miles) ..	...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong) ...		Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)		Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)		Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Golf Open Championship ...	...	11th June.
Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's)	..	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting ...	...	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords) ...	...	6th July.
Henley Regatta	...	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's) ...	...	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval) ...	...	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's)	...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	...	4th August.
America Cup First Race —	...	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show ...	...	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show ...	...	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall) .	...	7th December.

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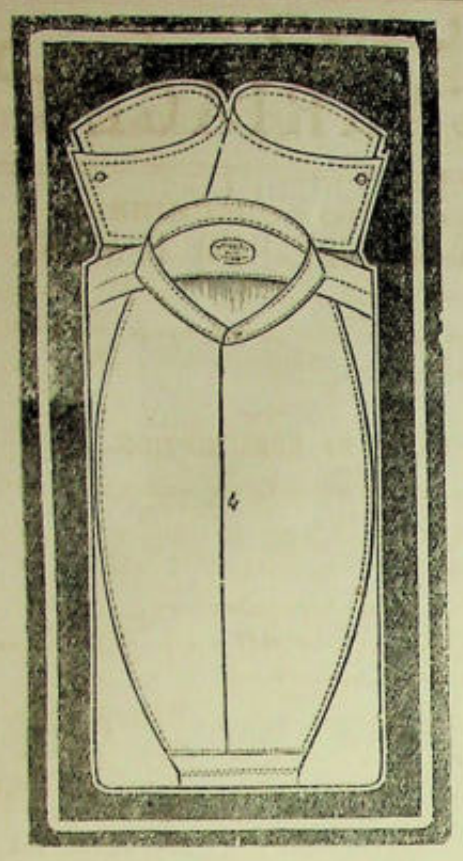
TODAY, brought with it the Third Open Gymkhana of the season. It says much for the sporting character of Lucknow that these Gymkhanas are so uniformly successful; it says even more perhaps for the indefatigable energy of the executive. There were one or two familiar faces missing on Saturday, among them those of Captain Dunbar, to whose services as Honorary Secretary I have before now had occasion to allude, and Mr. John Jackson, whose absence I regret to say,



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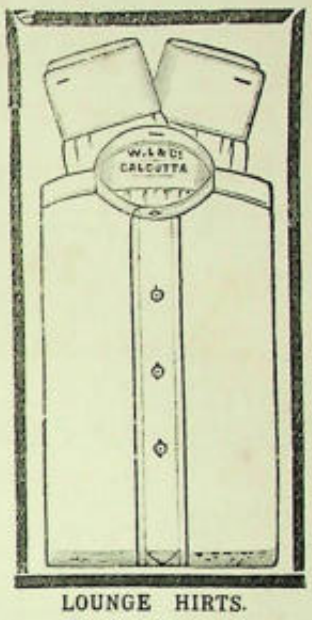

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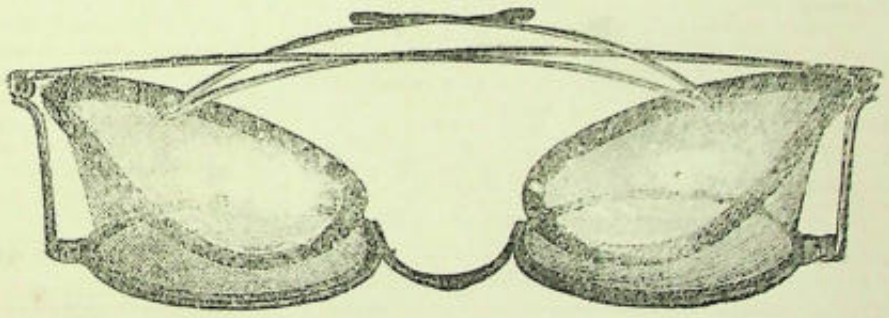

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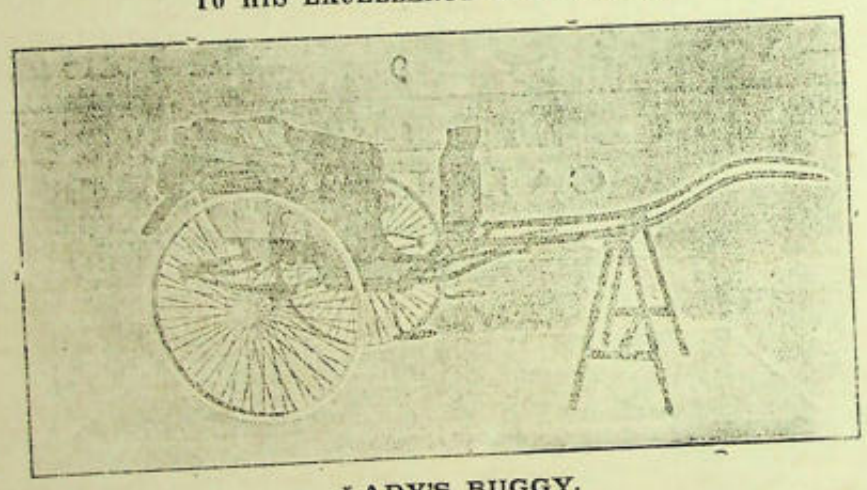

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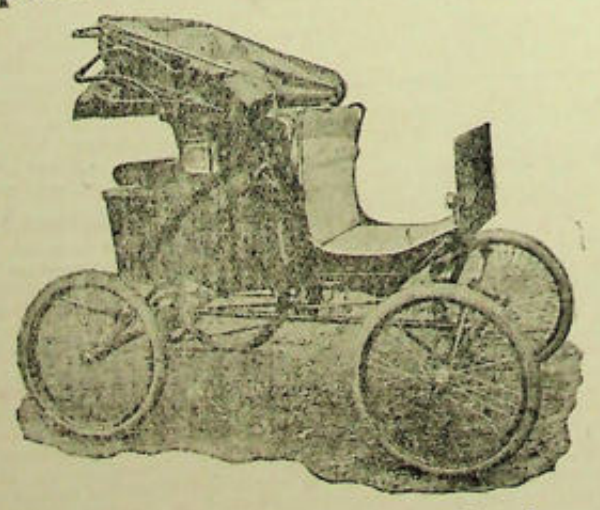

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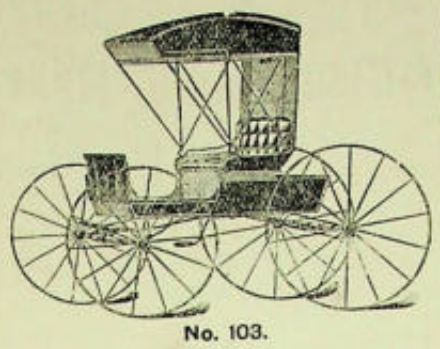

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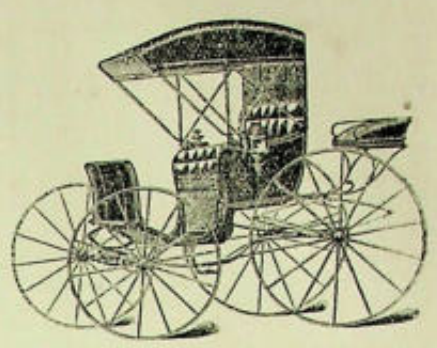

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THE GOOMTEE PLATE.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Maiden English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 and under that have not won a race of any description (Matches and Private Sweepstakes excepted) since 1st January 1903 and all Maiden C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under. W. I. ½ mile.

Mr Dudley Gilroy's b arg m Eileen, 10st 4lbs	Garrard	1
Nawab Husain Ali Khan's g aus m Birdie, 8st 8lbs	Native	2
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch cb h Howitzer, 9st 4lbs	Burke	3
Capt Dunbar's br afr g Shannon II, 10st 7lbs	Capt Winwood	0

Garrard on Eileen had a very easy task set him. He might have won with the greatest ease, but was very nearly caught napping and only pulled it off by a very short head in the end. Three lengths between second and third. Time—56 secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 2.

THE ARABI STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A handicap for Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. 1 mile.

Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 10st 12lbs ...	Garrard	1
„ Home's ch a h Sadoon, 9st 13lbs ...	Rahim	2
Major Eustace's b a h Active, 10st 7lb ...	Capt Winwood	3
Capt Winwood's ch a h Mohawk, 7st 7lbs	Native	0

Won by half a length, with two more separating second and third. Time—2 mins. 0⅘secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

THE SHANUZUF PLATE.—Rs 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under and other Ponies 13 3½ and under that have not won a race value Rs. 200 or over since 1st January 1903. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Nawab Husain Ali Khan's b aus m Maureen, 11st 3lbs	Native	1
Nawab Asghar Ali Khan's ch aus m Ursula, 11st 11lb	Garrard	2
Capt Davies' g afr g Blue Rock, 11st 11lb	Owner	3

Won easily by eight lengths. Blue Rock did not finish. Time—1 min. 27½ secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 4.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN PLATE.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs 10 to the second. For horses that have not won a Flat Race value Rs. 50, since 1st January 1903. 1 mile.

Mr Bates's br aus g Dundee, 11st 3lbs ...	Garrard	1
Major Broadrick's b aus m Wahine ...	Native	2
Mr Harper's ch aus h Lochaber, 11st 3lbs	Capt Winwood	3
„ Warren's br aus g Barney, 11st 3lbs ...	Burke	0
„ Stanley's br aus g Shawb, 11st 3lbs ...	Owner	0

Dundee had matters all his own way and might have won by any number of lengths. The verdict was one length with two more between second and third. Time—1 min. 56secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

THE MAY PLATE.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under that have not won a race value Rs. 200 or over since 1st January 1903. ½ mile.

Major Eustace's b a g Naseri, 8st 11lb	Rahim	1
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch cb g Howitzer, 10st 9lbs	Burke	2
Mr Pearson's g a h Farewell, 7st 8lbs ...	Native	3
„ Montgomery's b cb g Sweet Vernal, 10st 9lbs	Owner	0
Nawab Abid Ali Khan's b cb m Dame Ethel, 9st 11lbs ...	Native	0
Mr Duley Gilroy's b a h Grumpy, 9st 3lbs	Garrard	0
Nawab Abid Ali Khan's ch c f m Chumpa, 9st 3lb	Native	0

Won by two lengths; one between second and third. Time—55 secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 17.

THE POLO PLATE.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs 10 to the second. For *bonâ-fide* Polo Ponies that have not won a race of any description since 1st January 1903. 3 furlongs.

Mr Close-Brook's br aus m Label, 12st 11lb	Capt Winwood	1
Capt Forrest's ch cb m Rachael, 9st 11lbs	Mr Shaw	2
„ Winwood's bk a h After Park, 11st 7lbs	Mr Montgomery	3
Capt Davies' b aus g Roebuck 12st 7lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Home's g ch g Scamp 10st ...	Mr Smith	0
Mr Gage's Mohawk II 10st 6lbs ...	Mr Richton	0

Won by three lengths; two between second and third. Time—43secs.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 1st May 1903.*

THE TURF.

THE news that the long-impending scheme for the reconstruction of the Sandown Park stands will shortly materialise, was well received on the 23rd ultimo, and there will be general rejoicing amongst the paying public next September when the improvements have been completed. The barn-like wooden stand has long been a reproach to such a sound and aristocratic concern, and, both as regards appearance and the personal comfort of the spectators, the erection of a substantial building, constructed of steel, concrete, and brickwork, in its place has been an obvious necessity for years past. Exposed as it is to the full strength of easterly and northerly winds, Sandown is not the coolest of trysts when the breeze blows from a cold quarter. It was bleak and wintry on the 24th but, though people's faces were pinched with cold, a spirit of cheery optimism—not wholly unconnected with a welcome reduction in the income-tax—pervaded the assemblage, and from beginning to end the sport went with a rare swing. Fields ruled large throughout the afternoon, and from a spectacular point of view the racing could hardly have been improved upon, but backers of first favourites were not as successful as they would have liked. I append details of the two big races of the afternoon:—

THE ESHER STAKES.—(handicap) of £1,271 15s. About one mile and five furlongs.

Mr W B Purefoy's b g Cappa White, by Buckingham—Elvir, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	B. Hilton	1
Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, 6yrs, 8st 3lbs (inc 14lbs ex) ...	Randall	2
Mr G Parrott's ch c Lord Carbine, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs	O Madden	3
Lord Durham's Osbech, aged, 9st ...	Halsey	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's The Bishop, 5yrs, 8st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Capt Laing's Padlock II., 5yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs	H Jones	0
Sir J Kelk's Orbel, 5yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	Watts	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Venus, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by Fallon, at Netheravon.*)

BETTING:—5 to 1 each agst Prince Florizel, Lord Carbine, Wavelet's Pride, and Cappa White, 6 to 1 Venus, 7 to 1 Osbech, 8 to 1 Padlock II., and 10 to 1 each The Bishop and Orbel.

Won a good race by half a length: a length and a half separated the second and third. Orbel was fourth, Osbech fifth, Venus sixth, The Bishop seventh, Prince Florizel next, and Padlock II., last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 38⅘secs.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S HANDICAP of 439 sovs. Five furlongs.

Sir J Blundell Maple's ch h Lord Bolton, by Bend Or—Silver Sea, 5yrs, 9st 6lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	W Lane	1
Mr J B Joel's b c His Lordship, 4 yrs, 7st 6lbs	O Madden	2
Mr G Thursby's b m Indian Corn, 6 yrs, 7st 5lbs	Trigg	3
„ J R Keene's Chacornac, 6yrs, 8st 7lbs	Lyne	0
„ A Cohen's Royal River, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs...	Watts	0
Major Joicey's Sterling Balm, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs	J H Martin	0
Capt F Forester's Hackler's Pride, 3yrs, 7st 11b (car 7st 4lbs)	B Dillon	0
Mr E Dresden's Nahlband, 5yrs, 7st 11b (inc 10lbs ex)	Knott	0
„ F Southall's Court Belle, 5yrs, 6st 13lbs	Knight	0
„ R Fitzgerald's Duke of Magenta, 4yrs, 6st 8lbs	J East	0
„ R H Henning's Jennico, 3yrs, 6st 6lbs	C Escott	0
„ H Howard-Vyse's Gun Club, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs	F Parkin	0
„ C T Pulley's Lady Help, 3yrs, 6st 3lbs	Jarvis	0
„ L Robinson's Cloten, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Plant	0
„ Ed Lamb's Capot, 3yrs, 6st (inc 5lbs ex)	Kirby	0
Sir E Vincent's Jacqueline 3yrs, 5st 13lbs	Dekker	0
Mr H V Foy's Port Jackson, 3yrs, 5st 12lbs	J Jarvis	0
„ B Elkam's Switchcap, 3yrs, 6st ...	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agnst. Indian Corn, 6 to 1 Royal River, 8 to 1 each Chacornac and Duke of Magenta, 10 to 1 Sterling Balm, 100 to 8 each His Lordship and Gun Club, 100 to 7 each Hackler's Pride and Port Jackson and 100 to 6 any other (offered.)

Won by a length and a half a head between second and third. Court Belle was fourth, Gun Club fifth, Royal River sixth, Sterling Balm seventh, Hackler's Pride eighth, Jennico ninth, and Cloten last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 3⅘secs.

The steeplechase season is a very elastic term, but, so far as the metropolitan district is concerned, Sandown Park generally rings down the curtain upon cross-country sport proper, and it was so on the 25th ultimo. Fickle as April weather proverbially is, the contrariness of the elements was never better exemplified. During the two previous days, when Jockey Club sport occupied attention, the dreariest of Christmas-like conditions prevailed, but no sooner was the winter pastime re-introduced to the notice of racegoers than one touch of the magician's wand turned leaden skies and icy winds into a cloudless firmament and the balmiest of spring-like breezes, and a long-suffering humanity emancipated from the thraldom of cumbersome overcoats, gave a long-drawn sigh of relief. It was an ideal afternoon for the enjoyment of outdoor sport, and many were lured to the Esher slopes who had found a more congenial occupation earlier in the week. Thus the master in the enclosures was in excess of the attendance, and the gentler sex, in particular, were present in much larger numbers. The recent drying winds had left their impression on the ground, which was parched on the surface and uncommonly hard for jumping; but this did not militate against the numerical strength of the fields, and, happily, mishaps were few and far between. As was the case a twelvemonth ago, backers more than held their own, and the Ring had to disgorge some of their Epsom gains. Details:—

THE GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE—(handicap) of 412sovs. About three miles and a half.

Mr A Gorham's b c Gonzalez, by Gonsalvo—Galaxy, 5yrs, 10st 6lbs ...	Phillips	1
„ W Haven's c g Expert II, 6yrs, 10st 7lbs	F Mason	2
„ Moorgate's br g Prince Tuscan, aged, 9st 10lbs	B Driscoll	3
„ J S Morrison's Drumcree, aged, 13st 11b (inc 12lbs ex) ...	Mr H Nugent	0
„ H Tunstall-Moore's Fanciful, aged, 12st 7lbs	Mr W P Cullen	0
„ W M G Singer's Hearwood, aged, 11st 13lbs	P Woodland	0
„ J G Bulteel's Dearslayer, aged 11st 7lbs (inc 4lbs ex)	Piggott	0
„ Reid Walker's Cherry Derry, 6 yrs, 11st 3lbs	Mr Fergusson	0

(*Winner trained by Hackett, at Telscombe.*)

BETTING:—3 to 1 agst Expert II., 9 to 2 Drumcree, 5 to 1 Hearwood, 6 to 1 each Fanciful and Dearslayer, 8 to 1 Prince Tuscan, and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by a length and a half; a bad third. Dearslayer was fourth, and none of the others completed the course. Time by Benson's chronograph, 7mins. 47⅕secs.

THE GREAT SANDOWN HURDLE RACE—(handicap) of 412sovs. Two miles.

Mr George Edwardes's b g Eteocles, by Craig Royston—Antigone, aged, 12st 7lbs	Piggott	†
Major J M Gordon's br c Karakoul, by Wolf's Crag—Valentine, 4yrs, 11st 3lbs	Mr Fergusson	†
Sir J Blundell Maple's br g Childwickbury, aged, 12st 6lbs	C Horan	3
Col H T Fenwick's Longthorpe, 5yrs, 12st (inc 10lbs ex)...	Dollery	0
Mr L Byron Peter's Upper Cut, aged, 11st 9lbs	Birch	0
„ J C Sullivan's Sallypark, 5yrs, 11st 7lbs	Mr Persse	0
„ C Lane's Cracky, aged, 11st 5lbs ...	Goswell	0
„ H Bottomley's Loupeau, 6yrs, 11st 3lbs	D Read	0

(*Eteocles trained by Major Edwards at Ogbourne, and Karakoul trained by Jarvis, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING:—5 to 2 agst. Longthorpe, 11 to 4 Karakoul, 4 to 1 Sallypark, 5 to 1 Cracky, 8 to 1 each Eteocles and Childwickbury, and 100 to 8 any other (offered.)

In the straight Sallypark took a slight lead of Karakoul, Childwickbury, and Eteocles, but resigned at the last hurdles to Karakoul, who failed to stall off the challenge of Eteocles, the pair running a dead-heat; two lengths between second and third. Cracky was fourth, Sallypark fifth, Longthorpe sixth, and Loupeau last. The stakes were divided. Time by Benson's chronograph, 4mins. 2secs.

Pregnant with the issue of the Two Thousand and One Thousand Guineas, the First Spring Meeting at head-quarters takes high rank amongst the most important of the Jockey Club campaign. It was to the accompaniment of blinding snowstorms and a raging gale that patrons of the Craven Meeting had effected their departure from Newmarket, and, repenting its former inhospitality the little town extended a smiling and genial welcome to its numerous visitors on the 28th April. The atmosphere was soft and balmy, thanks to a gentle south-westerly breeze, and the sun shone occasionally with springlike brilliance. April showers were in frequent evidence, but after all, they were seasonable enough, and the discomfort they occasioned was as nothing to the benefits to be derived therefrom.

A twelvemonth ago the patronage of the King had contributed largely to the social success of the gathering, and His Majesty's absence from the present reunion was not without its effect. A representative and influential company foregathered in the enclosures nevertheless, and it was in pleasant environments that a capital day's sport was witnessed. The recent rains have done incalculable good to the land already, and the Heath is beginning to recover from the effects of the late wintry weather, the going being all that could be desired.

It is not often that Newmarket is chosen as the scene of one of Duke's plunges, but for the Two Thousand Guineas Trial Plate Victor Don was served up very warm after a prolonged rest. The son of Donovan and Capucine had not been seen in public since he appropriated the Ascot High-weight Handicap, and claiming to be sold for 400sovs., as was the case, his chance was apparent enough. He gave his supporters a fright by bolting on the way to the post, and, becoming quite unmanageable, Mr. Thursby could not stop him in his wild career, the race being eventually started without him. Few were aware of the fact until the horses passed the post, and the race resulted in the victory of Reservist, who slipped away with a slight lead of Wild Apple and Volpone, and, making every yard of the running, won pretty readily, being sold subsequently to Mr. S. B. Joel for 430 guineas. Victor Don must not be considered a starter. Details:—

THE HASTINGS PLATE—Of 500sovs. for three year olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs; with penalties and allowances. Last mile and a half of T.M.M.

Mr D Baird's b c Martinet, by Martagon—Silene, 8st 3lbs (car 8st 4lbs) ...	Maher	1
Sir E Cassel's b c Lovat, 9st 11b ...	Halsey	2
„ R Waldie Griffith's b c Akbar, 8st 3lbs	J H Martin	3
Mr L Brassey's San Terenzo, 8st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Ellesmere's Constable, 8st 3lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr J W Larnach's Post Obit, 8st 3lbs ...	H Jones	0
„ W M G Singer's c by Gallinule—La Joie, 8st 3lbs	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by H. Enoch, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING:—Evens Martinet, 5 to 1 agst Post Obit, 7 to 1 Lovat, 8 to 1 Akbar, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won in a canter by four lengths; six lengths between second and third. San Terenzo was fourth, La Joie colt fifth, and Post Obit last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 38⅕secs.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS TRIAL PLATE.—Of 175sovs; weight for age, with selling and other allowances. R. M. (one mile).

Lord Howard de Walden's ch g Reservist, by Amphion—Reservation, 3yrs, 7st 4lbs (£200)	Miller	1
Prince Soltykoff's b h Volpone, 5yrs, 8st 7lbs (£200)	Watts	2
Mr P Gleeson's b h Asgington, aged, 8st 12lbs (£200)	Maher	3
Mr J Wallace's Caedmon, 5yrs, 8st 12lbs (£200)	B Jarvis	0
Mr J C Dyer's St Hilarious, 4yrs, 8st 10lbs (£200)	M Cannon	0
Mr H E Randall's Wild Apple, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs (£200)	Randall	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Omar Khayyam, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs £200	J H Martin	0

Victor Don was weighed for by his owner, and was supported at 11 to 10, but on the way to the post the horse bolted and never came under the starter's orders. He must not be considered a runner.

(*Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING:—6 to 1 each agst Asmodeus and Wild Apple, 7 to 1 Reservist, and 10 to 1 any other (offered). Won by half a length: a length and a half between second a third. Wild Apple was fourth, Caedmon fifth, and St. Hilarious last. The winner was sold to Mr S B Joel for 430gs. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 42⅕secs.

The Thursday of the First Spring Meeting is in the nature of an off day, and the conversation this morning turned on the aftermath of the Two Thousand Guineas and the outlook for the fillies' race to-morrow rather than on the happenings of the moment. On all sides one heard expressions of relief at the meritorious performance of Rock Sand, who has entirely rehabilitated himself in the eyes of his numerous detractors, and whose defeat over the Rowley Mile would have been little less than a national calamity. Had the sturdy son of Sainfoin deteriorated as lamentably as some of the local critics feigned to believe, the Derby would have seemed almost at the mercy of the foreigner, but we can now console ourselves in the possession of a worthy and efficient champion, and there are good grounds for hoping that Sir James Miller's colt will be equal to the task of successfully upholding the honour of the old country. To-day Newmarket had to some extent resumed its normal state of somnolent tranquility, and the attendance showed a decided falling off from yesterday, although it was doubtless well up to the average Springlike weather prevailed, a south-easterly breeze, tempered by occasional brilliant sunshine, rending the atmosphere cool, whilst frequent cold showers marred the enjoyment of a brisk afternoon's racing.

Notwithstanding that the March Stakes only elicited an entry of twenty, the quality of the nominees atoned amply for the numerical weakness of the party engaged, and there was plenty of material for a most exciting contest. Unfortunately, the absence of Ard Patrick and Sceptre robbed the race of its chief attraction, and, as things turned out the interest hinged almost entirely on the rivalry of St. Maclou and Brambilla. St. Maclou had been regarded as the potential winner of this event a twelvemonth ago, but the hardness of the going kept him in his stable. Since the handsome son of St. Simon and Mimi had carried off the Manchester November Handicap in decisive fashion he had changed ownership owing to the sad death of Colonel McCalmont, and, though he still remains under the care of Captain Beatty, he appeared for the first time in the colours of his new lessee, Lord Howard de Walden. Being short of a gallop or two, the "Saint" was never very firm in the market, and the City and Suburban winner, Brambilla, was installed a better favourite. Since cutting down the flower of our handicap

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form at Epsom the French filly had been under the charge of Jarvis, and she looked in capital fettle. St. Maclou was saddled away, and did not join the others till they were assembled at the post. Cannon giving him a sharp canter round in the wake of a stable companion on the way. Caravel set a strong pace to Kearsage and St. Maclou till descending Bushes Hill, when Handicapper shot to the front and electrified the onlookers by making hacks of his opponents for the remainder of the journey, scoring easily by three lengths from St. Maclou. The theory that Handicapper was a non-stayer will not hold water now, for the ten furlongs was traversed at top speed, and they travelled under high pressure all the way. He was meeting Brambilla upon 9lbs. better terms than at Epsom, and turned the tables on the filly most decisively. This was the first victory of the son of Matchmaker since his sensational triumph in the Two Thousand Guineas just a couple of years ago, and great credit is due to W. Leader for having succeeded in coaxing the horse back into his best form again.

THE MARCH STAKES—Of 540sovs.: weight for age, etc. A. F. (one mile two furlongs).

Sir E Cassel's br h Handicapper, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs. 8st 7lbs	Halsey	1
Lord Howard de Walden's b h St Maclou, 5yrs, 9st 10lbs	M Cannon	2
Mr J Gubbin's b f Caravel, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs	J H Martin	3
,, Ephrussi's Brambilla, 3yrs, 7st 12lbs ...	Watts	0
Sir J Thursby's Fighting Furley, 6yrs, 9st 10lbs	Mr G Thursby	0
Mr J R Keene's Kearsage, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	Lyne	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lambton, at Newmarket*).

BETTING :—2 to 1 agst Brambilla, 9 to 4 St. Maclou, 100 to 15 Handicapper, 7 to 1 Caravel, 10 to 1 Fighting Furley, and 50 to 1 Kearsage (offered).

Won easily by three lengths; two lengths between second and third. Brambilla was fourth and Fighting Furley last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 9⅗secs.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION RULES.

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

DIVISION 1.

NEWCASTLE UNITED *vs.* SUNDERLAND.—Before quite 28,000 spectators, Newcastle United fairly and squarely defeated Sunderland, at St. James's Park, Newcastle, and thus deprived the Wearsiders of Championship honours. It was a great game, and the determined way in which it was contested says a deal for the sportsmanlike manner in which the game was played, for by their victory, Newcastle had practically nothing to lose, and Sunderland had everything. In the first half, Newcastle had more of the attack than Sunderland, but their work in front of goal was not so deadly. Both sides preserved a good defence, and there was no score. Three minutes after the resumption, Appleyard and Gardner combined splendidly, and, beating the defence, gave McColl an opening, which he utilised splendidly. Then Sunderland played the one-back and six-forward game as a dernier resort but this did not avail them for Newcastle's defence was good, and the Championship was lost to the Wearsiders, the final score reading; Newcastle United, one goal: Sunderland, *nil*.

LIVERPOOL *vs.* BURY.—The English Cup-holders were entertained at Anfield on Saturday, some 15,000 spectators giving them a hearty reception as they entered the field. Bury were without Berry and Richards, whose places were taken by Booth and Grey, respectively. Liverpool were also weakened by the absence of Dunlop, this involving a re-arrangement of the team, Raisback going back and Livingstone centre half, while Morris partnered Goddard. In fine, summerlike weather, the teams got going, and Bury at once took the upper hand. Platt saved in the first few minutes from Thorpe, and afterwards Wood had the ill-luck to hit the cross-bar at close quarters. Gradually Liverpool worked down to the other end, but several centres from the wing men went begging. At length Raybould worked through and beat Monteith with a beauty at close quarters. At half-time Liverpool thus led by one to none. In the second half Liverpool at once attacked, and this set the keynote for the whole of the period, for the home side had much the best of matters. Bury frequently broke away but generally they were on the defensive. The home forwards missed several chances, and try as they would they could not force the ball through. Raboud managed to get going at last, and although Lindsay did his best the clever centre beat both the back and the custodian. Bury played up pluckily, but could make no impression on the Anfield defence. Result: Liverpool, two goals; Bury none.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION *vs.* DERBY COUNTY.—These clubs met on Saturday at the Hawthornes before about 6,000 spectators. Had the Albion been playing for a possible position at the head of the League table they could not have shown more determination and dash than they did in this game on Saturday, when at the end of ten minutes' play E. Smith notched their first goal with a terrific shot. They fully deserved the lead, and had nothing more than their deserts when Simmons, approaching half-time, put on a second point. As in the first half, ten minutes sufficed to give the Albion a goal in the second, Farrington, who was receiving a trial at centre forward, being responsible for the increase of the Albion's lead. From then to the finish there was a stern struggle for supremacy, but the Cup finalists were unable to decrease the lead, and the result was: Albion, three goals; Derby County, none.

GRIMSBY TOWN *vs.* ASTON VILLA.—Grimsby Town finished up their season at Blundell Park on Saturday in inglorious fashion, Aston Villa beating them by 2—0, though on the general play the score might easily have been increased. The game throughout was of a moderate character after the Villa had obtained a lead of two goals both scored by McLuckie, since neither side made strenuous efforts to run the risk of personal injury. The visitors were at full strength, whilst Grimsby had Whittaker instead of Spendiff and Bromley in the place of Hall at centre half. As the result of a minimum charge of 1s., not more than 1,500 persons were present, and little interest was evinced in the play.

MIDDLESBROUGH *vs.* STOKE.—An interesting game took place at Middlesbrough on Saturday, the result being a draw of one goal each. The match was, in one respect, remarkable, for both these points were obtained within five minutes of the start, Currie for the home team, and Harris for Stoke. After this a capital game was seen to the finish but so good was the defensive work of both sides that no further scoring took place although both sides missed good opportunities.

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RECORD TO SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won	Drn	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Agst.
Sheffield Wednesday ...	34	19	4	11	42	54	36
Sunderland ...	34	16	9	9	41	51	36
Aston Villa ...	33	18	3	12	39	56	40
Sheffield United ...	34	17	5	12	39	58	44
Stoke ...	34	15	7	12	37	46	38
Liverpool ...	33	16	4	13	36	66	49
W Brom. Albion ...	34	16	4	14	36	54	53
Bury ...	34	16	4	15	35	51	43
Derby County ...	34	16	3	15	35	50	47
Notts Forest ...	34	14	7	13	35	49	47
Wolvrhmptn Wnd ...	33	14	5	14	33	48	55
Middlesbrough ...	33	14	4	15	32	41	45
Everton ...	34	13	6	15	32	45	47
Newcastle United ...	34	14	4	16	32	41	51
Notts County ...	34	12	7	15	31	41	49
Blackburn Rovers ...	34	12	5	17	29	44	63
Grimsby Town ...	34	8	9	17	25	43	62
Bolton Wanderers ...	34	8	3	23	19	37	73

DIVISION 2.

BURTON UNITED *vs.* BRISTOL CITY.—A capital performance was accomplished by the Bristol team on Saturday on visiting Burton, for they managed to defeat the home team by three goals to love. They led at half-time by a goal (scored by Wombwell), points afterwards being recorded by Boucher and Banks.

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY *vs.* GLOSSOP.—A fairly interesting game took place at Gainsborough on Saturday, the result being a draw of one goal each. Nothing was scored in the first half, but shortly after change of ends Jackson got through for the home team, a point that was subsequently equalised by Thornley.

BARNSLEY *vs.* MANCHESTER UNITED.—On Saturday an interesting game took place at Barnsley, the teams being so evenly matched that not a goal was scored, the result being a pointless draw. Both goalkeepers acquitted themselves well.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 16TH MAY (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Agst
Manchester City ...	34	25	4	5	54	95	29
Small Heath ...	34	24	3	7	51	74	36
Woolwich Arsenal ...	34	20	8	6	48	66	30
Bristol City	34	17	8	9	42	59	38
Manchester United ...	34	15	8	11	38	53	38
Chesterfield ...	34	14	9	11	37	67	40
Preston North End ...	34	13	10	11	34	56	40
Barnsley ...	34	13	8	13	34	55	51
Burslem Port Vale ...	34	13	8	13	34	57	62
Lincoln City ...	34	12	6	16	30	46	53
Glossop ...	34	11	7	16	29	43	57
Gainsboro' Trinity ...	34	11	7	16	29	41	59
Burton United ...	34	11	7	16	29	39	59
Blackpool ...	34	9	10	15	28	44	59
Leicester Fosse ...	34	10	8	16	28	41	65
Doncaster Rovers ...	34	9	7	18	25	35	72
Stockport County ...	34	7	6	21	20	38	74
Burnley ...	34	6	8	20	20	30	77

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION CUP.

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN *vs.* GLASGOW RANGERS.—The final tie in the competition for the Scottish trophy, which had already been played without definite issue on two previous occasions, was decided at Celtic Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, the 25th ultimo. In sharp contrast to the conditions prevailing when the first game took place, wintry winds and heavy showers of sleet making things uncomfortable to all concerned, the weather was almost summer-like in its mildness, and with the reduction in gate tariff there were fully 80,000 spectators present. On the opening exchanges there was very little to choose between the teams. Run and counter-run was the order of the day during the first fifteen minutes, at the end of which the sides were still on even terms. Neither set of forwards showed great brilliance, and opportunities not infrequently presenting themselves went a-begging. Most serious and effective work came from Smith and Speedie on the Rangers' left wing, and it was mainly through the instrumentality of the former that advantage accrued to his side. A smart touch by the inside man enabled Smith to slip clear and drive hard for goal. The shot was stopped but the danger was not sufficiently averted by the Heart's custodian, and Mackie experienced no difficulty in opening the scoring. Brighter play characterised the game after the restart, the representatives of the East using every endeavour to retrieve lost ground. The situation, however, remained unchanged till the interval. On crossing over the leaders resumed short-handed by the loss through accident in the earlier portion, of Drummond at full back, but that handicap did not visibly affect the division of play, which, as before, was even and fast. Gradually the game resolved itself into a match, the Eastern attack and the Western defence, and the alteration in the former, Baird retiring to the rear division and Thomson going forward brought about an almost continuous pressure on the Rangers' stronghold. As is often the case with a beleaguered side, a sudden breakaway and a dash for goal may terminate more successfully than all the efforts of the besiegers, and the leaders experienced this happy chance. A long kick by Robertson let Hamilton off on one of his electric rushes. The speed of the Scottish centre enabled him to leave all opposition behind, and he easily found the net with a low shot at close range. This further success decided the destination of the Cup, as the losers though maintaining the upper hand, failed in their eager anxiety to reduce the leeway to improve on the many chances coming their way, and finally had to retire defeated by two goals to love.

MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP.

WEST HAMPSTEAD *vs.* EALING.—Tempted by the fine weather nearly 2,000 spectators gathered on the Hanwell F. C. ground on Saturday last to see the above final. Both clubs were well represented, and the match was keenly contested from start to finish, typical cup-tie tactics prevailing. Occasionally there was seen some of the good, old-fashioned, vigorous, but honest charging, which the referee for the most part allowed. West Hampstead were rather the better side, and they won on their merits. During the first half the latter team were assisted by a stiffish breeze, which enabled them to do most of the attacking. In this department Reid, Scott, and Pickering were especially prominent, but none of them were successful, the only point up to the interval being obtained by the centre half-back, H. Gamble, with a well-judged shot. Finlay kept a good goal, and at the other end Royce was equal to the few calls made on him, chiefly by Pryce, R. V. Finlay, and Fox. Changing ends the Ealing forwards were seen to more advantage, but much of their shooting was wild. Gamble, Thurman, and Griffin, too, bore their part in defence so thoroughly and effectively that their keeper had not much handling to perform. Pickering and Hillyard occasionally broke away for West Hampstead, while Kingaby, on the right, also initiated several useful runs but was generally too well watched to be often dangerous. Ten minutes before the finish Ealing were deprived of their right half, hurt in a collision. Subsequently some neat passing between Gamble, Pickering and Hillyard enabled the last-named to give to Scott, who, with a hook shot from an awkward angle secured a grand goal. Ealing played hard to the end, but could not score, and West Hampstead, therefore, secured the cup (which will be presented at a concert to be held in May) by two goals to none. For the winners, Gamble was in particularly fine fettle in the half back line.

RUGBY RULES.

NORTHERN UNION CHALLENGE CUP.

HALIFAX *vs.* SALFORD.—The match was played in delightful weather, but the ground was very hard, unpleasantly so, in fact. Halifax won the toss, and had the first use of a strong wind, their opponents being further handicapped by having to face a bright sunshine. The first half, however, was anything but flattering to the Yorkshire Club. Salford, who "packed" the scrummages on most unorthodox lines—they seemed always to be trying to make the "scrums" two deep with a swinging end that was most irritating—repeatedly beat Halifax in the struggle for the possession of the ball, and whenever the Yorkshiremen got dangerous Harter and Griffiths were able to clear their lines by using touch. Apart from the effective mode of defence, Halifax ought to have taken the lead in the first half had their centre three-quarters been at all clever, two or three fine opening, being bungled by faulty play in this section of the team. Half-time arrived with a blank score sheet.

It was thought at this stage that Salford would win the Cup, with the wind now assisting them. Events completely falsified this assumption. The game had not been more than three minutes in progress in this half when the Halifax forwards broke up a scrummage and rushed for the line in a manner that the Salford backs found irresistible. Rigg and Bartle each tried to reach the ball without success, but Jack Riley was more fortunate and grounded the ball behind the posts, Bulmer, one of his colleagues, temporarily knocking himself out in also endeavouring to make the try safe. Hadwen kicked a goal, making the Halifax team's lead into 5 points. This early and unlooked-for success put rare vigour into the Halifax team, while it correspondingly upset Salford who were soon swept back again to their quarters by the fast-rushing Halifax forwards. The Lancastrians were here penalised, and Hadwen again kicked a goal, thus putting the issue practically beyond question. Not until a few minutes from the finish did Salford get a look in, and then they found the defence too much for them, Halifax winning the Cup for the first time with the score: Halifax, two goals one try (7 points); Salford, *nil*.

HEAVY SCORING IN 1902-03.

The following are among the instances of heavy scoring registered during the season of 1902-03.

(A) ASSOCIATION RULES.

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Oct	4—*B'ton & Hove Alb	14	bt	Brighton Amateurs ...	2
,,	18—B'ton & Hove Alb	12	bt	*Shoreham ...	0
,,	18—*Parthians ...	12	bt	Surbiton ark ...	1
,,	18—*Old Cholmeleins	11	bt	Old Felstedians ...	1
,,	25—Weybridge ...	12	bt	Old Cranleighians ...	2
Nov	1—Grangetown Ath	12	bt	*York St Clements ...	2
Dec	13—*Southamp (S L)	11	bt	Watford ...	0
,,	27—The Casuals ...	11	bt	*Hast & St Leonards ...	2
Jan	17—*Chesterfield ...	10	bt	Glossop ...	0
Feb	11—*Eastbourne ...	11	bt	St Bart's Hospital ...	1
Mar	7—*The Casuals ...	10	bt	Richmond Assoc ...	3
,,	14—Sydenham ...	10	bt	Old Tollingtonians ...	1
Apl	11—*Small Heath ...	12	bt	Doncaster Rovers ...	0
,,	11—*Reigate Priory,	11	bt	Bowes Park ...	0
,,	25—Mr G O Smith's XI ...	11	bt	*A French Team ...	0

*Home team.

(B) RUGBY RULES.

Sept	13—*Devonport Albion (15)	8	2	bt	Tiverton ...	0 0
,,	20—*Llanelly (76)	14	2	bt	District Clubs (5) ...	1 0
,,	29—*Gloucester (45)	6	5	bt	Clifton ...	0 0
,,	27—*Gloucester (18)	6	6	bt	Old Edwardians ...	0 0
,,	27—*Swansea (41)	5	7	bt	Bridgend (5) ...	1 0
Oct	4—Marlborough Nomads (55)	8	5	bt	*Haileybury Col ...	0 0
,,	18—*Durham (54)	9	3	bt	Cumberland ...	0 0
,,	29—*R I E Cl (50)	4	10	bt	St Mary's Hosp ...	0 0
Nov	29—*Newport (38)	1	6	bt	Moseley ...	0 0
Dec	20—*Swansea (42)	6	1	bt	Cork County ...	0 0
,,	27—Llanelly (42)	6	1	bt	Dblin O. Wesly (5)	1 0
,,	27—U C S Old Boys (51) ...	6	7	bt	*Brighton (5) ...	1 0
Jan	3—*Gloucester (36)	3	7	bt	Coventry ...	0 0
,,	3—Wembley ...	6	1	bt	*Blackheath (B) ...	0 0
,,	10—*Llaelly cot (47)	6	6	bt	St Thomas's H (3) ...	0 1
,,	21—*Devonport Albion (34)	2	8	bt	Canadians (4) ...	1 0
,,	30—*Leinster (39) ...	6	3	bt	Munster (6) ...	1 1
,,	31—Streatham (2nd) (45) ...	6	5	bt	Wasps (3rd) (8) ...	1 1
Feb	7—Brighton (65) ...	10	5	bt	Eastbourne Col ...	0 0
,,	25—*R I E Coll (4) (66) ...	12	2	bt	St Thomas's Hspl (A) (5) ...	1 0
,,	28—*Blkheath (36)	6	3	bt	Kensington ...	0 0
Mar	7—*Swansea (43)	5	6	bt	Bristol ...	0 0
,,	7—*Llanelly (47)	7	4	bt	Bridgend ...	0 0
,,	7—*Cardiff (36) ...	6	2	bt	Moseley ...	0 0
,,	14—*Leicester (39)	4	7	bt	Stratfd on Avon ...	0 0
,,	21—*Leicester (54)	8	5	bt	L'cester Belgrave ...	0 0
,,	28—*Leicester (49)	6	7	bt	Nuneaton (11) ...	1 2

(C) NORTHERN UNION RULES.

Sept	20—*Swinton (32)	7	6	bt	Brighouse Rngrs ...	0 0
Nov	1—*Yrkshire (29)	4	7	bt	Cumberland (2) ...	1 0
Feb	3—*R'dale Hts (57)	6	15	bt	Stockport ...	0 0
Mar	16—*Salford (28)	2	8	bt	Batley (8) ...	1 2

*Signifies the home team.

Practically a Corinthian team played a picked French side at Association football in Paris on Saturday, the match being the first International contest decided in France. The visitors outclassed their opponents at all points, and won by eleven goals to love. G. O. Smith, L. J. Moon, B. O. Corbett, and R. Corbett were included in the forward line, which will give some idea of the strength of the side.

WALKING.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE WALK TO BRIGHTON.

Many Londoners who are usually still asleep while the other half of the population is up and doing, were astir at an early hour this morning, with the object of witnessing the start for the Stock Exchange walk to Brighton. The weather, which had not promised well overnight, was fortunately fine at the commence

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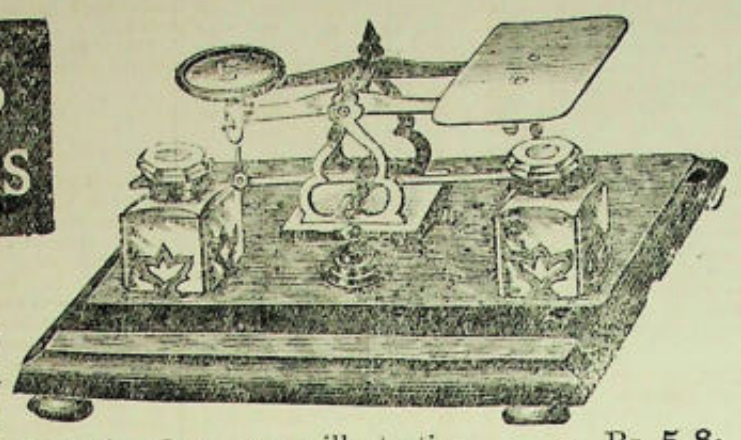

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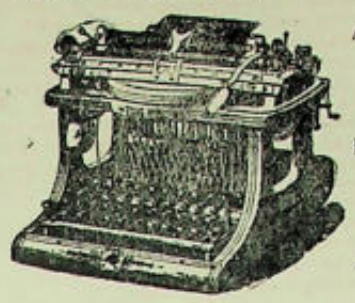

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ment of the race, which was timed to begin at half-past six, but the drizzle of rain which set in an hour later somewhat dampep the hopes of the many spectators hurrying home or to their business after catching a fleeting glimpse of the competitors.

By six o'clock Westminster Bridge and all the approaches to it were black with people, who eagerly awaited the stroke of half-past six. A general and prolonged cheer was uttered by the multitude as the competitors, some ninety in all, emerged from between the dense lines of spectators. They are most of them young men, and generally speaking looked very fit, the majority of them being attired in shorts and sweaters, and some wearing jackets. Punctual almost to the minute, the starter shouted, "Are you ready? Go!" and the sturdy phalanx set forth across Westminster Bridge upon their long walk, at a rapid stride. Many people tried to follow them, but the official motor-cars and other vehicles bearing flags with letters "S.E.W." and the people themselves crowded so closely at the heels of the competitors, that only a glimpse could be obtained of them.

The stretch down Kennington-road had little or no effect on the walkers, but soon after clearing the Brixton end of the Kennington-park-road the heavy going began to tell its tale. The roads, in fact, were in a very bad condition, and certainly militated considerably against the best walker's chances of keeping a good time. So much did it tell in fact that the competitors soon after passing Kennington Church began to separate, and quite a number were left plodding along behind, in a manner that showed they stood little or no chance of keeping up much longer. Those in front, however, kept up remarkably well under obvious difficulties, and that they set good pace can be judged from the fact that Brixton Railway Station was passed at five minutes past seven, this giving a rate of walking of over six miles an hour.

All along the way folk had turned out in their thousands to witness at least a portion of the race, and as the men came up and passed they were greeted with deafening cheers.

When, at twenty minutes to eight, Streatham was reached and passed through, the major portion of the competitors had slowed down a bit and the "crowding" gave place to a thinning out process. From the start G. D. Nicholas, one of the favourites, had shown splendid walking powers, and when, after leaving Brixton, the men began to thin out, he secured a very useful lead of some three or four hundred yards by a remarkable spurt. He was walking without the least indication of fatigue, and his supporters, who had so far followed up, gave him gratifying cheers. The other walkers, with the exception of about a dozen, gave manifest signs of being already pumped—a condition no doubt materially contributed to by the heavy state of the roads. Nicholas was followed in the order named by E. F. Broad, J. H Murray, A. Hare Duke, N. Vorley, F. E. Knights, G. F. Pawle, and A. Dawes (one of the favourites). Dawes was showing up to this point very little walking powers, and certainly gave no signs of becoming a winner. Of course the day was early and it may have been that he was saving himself until later in the day. To the casual onlooker, however, it was clear that he was showing signs of distress.

Croydon was passed at eight o'clock—a distance of nine and a half miles from the starting point. At this point W. R. Nicholas had, by splendid walking taken the place of G. D. Nicholas, who had from the start led up to then The distance between the two, however, was a very small one. E Benjamin was the third man, with F. T. Carr fourth, and the two Williamsons (together) fifth. The rest were straggling a good distance behind, and did not pass through Croydon until thirty-five minutes after the first and second man.

G. D. Nicholas did the twelve miles to Purley roughly in two hours.

At Merstham, 18 miles from the start, the positions of the leaders were:—G. D. Nicholas, 3h. 4m. 40s.; A. H. Duke, walking magnificently, next, only 40secs. behind; and W. Nicholas, third, three minutes further off.

A telegram, dated eleven o'clock from Redhill, says:—Rain has been falling steadily for the last three hours, with the result that the roads, especially on the line of route, resembles a quagmire. However, the state of the weather has in no way daunted the spirits of the inhabitants, who have flocked in their thousands to see the competitors pass through the town. Chief Constable Metcalfe, anticipating a large crowd, ordered all men on duty who were available, and for almost the first time in the history of the town, mounted police were employed in keeping the road clear for the competitors. It was expected that the first man would arrive at about 10-30, but an hour before that time it was known that they were well past Croydon. Consequently, from all quarters of the borough inhabitants rushed to places of vantage, notwithstanding the heavy downpour, and waited there patiently until the first batch of men were wending their way across the switchback at Earlswood. The hotels in the line of route did a roaring trade, while the Post-office was invaded by friends of the competitors and Pressmen. At 9-40 the news was circulated that the first man was in sight, and in the distance an athlete could be seen with a swinging gait, accompanied by his attendant, making for the town. From the side street offices and places of business, there was a rush to the London Road and the Brighton Road, but to their amusement they found that the athlete was the representative of a well-known tradesman, who availed himself of the opportunity of advertising his wares. At 9-30 the official timekeepers arrived in the town, and took shelter with their motor-car under a railway arch which, fortunate for them, was conveniently situated close to the milestone, and they had not long to wait before the advance guard entered the town with news that the two favourites—G.D. Nicholas and A Hare Duke—were close at hand. Since Croydon the position of the first four men had changed several times, and it was stated that Nicholas was leading.

This proved to be the case, as he passed Redhill Post office exactly at 9·58½, just a minute ahead of A. Hare Duke. Both competitors it was evident had had a rough time. W. L. Nicholas was third, two minutes in rear of Duke, while his brother, N. Duke, passed fourth at four minutes past ten. E. F. Broad came in fifth, 50 yards in the rear of Duke, and received a cordial reception. N. Varley was sixth; W. Davis, seventh; J. H. Childs, eighth; J. H. Murray, ninth; T. E. Hammond, tenth; A. Davis, eleventh; S. E. Knight, twelth; G. Hoare, 13th; F. East, who, singular to say, was 14th on the card, was 14th; P. Ide. 15th; R. P. Farrell, 16th; G. S. Pawle, 17th, son of a Reigate magistrate, who got a splendid reception; Allen, 18th; C Nickalls junr., 19th; W. J. Rasmore, 20th. Competitors continued to arrive until shortly after eleven, when the last man to put in an appearance was R. Simon, who had retired.

G. D. Nicholas, who was leading his brother at 11-45, at Crawley, by a few yards, was going very strong, and was in splendid condition. He was considered to be a sure winner Murray, who was in charge of Butler, the famous walker, was third, Hare Duke being fourth, 150 yards away, and apparently tiring. Many of the walkers looked exhausted, owing to the heavy state of the ground. Quite a number had given up.

A telegram just as I am about to close this letter gives the result:—

E. F. Broad arrived at Brighton Aquarium first, having accomplished the distance in 9 hours 30 minutes one second. G. D. Nicholas was second in nine hours 32 minutes 52 seconds T. E. Hammond third, in nine hours 35 minutes seven seconds, and R. Daire was fourth.

ATHLETICS.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

TEN-MILE RUNNING AND SEVEN-MILE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Although no fresh figures were made at Northampton on Saturday, when the Amateur Athletic Association decided the Ten-mile Running and the Seven-mile Walking Championships, between 2,000 and 3,000 spectators were treated to some interesting sport. The entries, it is true, fell below the average, but the presence of Shrubb in the Ten Miles and Sturgess in the Walk furnished possibilities of something out of the common. With no idea of attacking the record, Shrubb journeyed down simply to run in the race, but at the last moment he, in response to a request, decided to have a cut at the 51mins. 20secs. standing to the credit of W. G. George As the appended particulars will show, Shrubb failed in his task, but only to the extent of 3½secs. Starting much too fast, he covered his first mile in 4mins 45secs.; then, feeling the effects no doubt of the pace at which he had travelled, the champion spent 5mins. 13½secs. in doing his fifth mile. Despite this, his time, 25mins. 13½secs., was the fastest ever done for the half-distance in a race of ten miles. A bit of a squall caused him to take up close on 5mins. 20secs. for his sixth mile, and though the little man struggled along and received some assistance in the matter of pacing from Smith, he failed, as stated to cut the record. The feature of the walking race was the disqualification in the third mile of the holder, W. J. Sturgess. After Butler had shown the way for a mile and a half Sturgess put on the pace tremendously, and very few of those present were surprised when Mr. J. E. Fowler-Dixon, pronounced the fatal words: Sturgess come out, you are disqualified." With Sturgess out of it the affair proved a gift for Butler.

TEN-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Holder, A. Shrubb, S. L. H. Time—52mins. 25⅘secs. British amateur record, 51mins. 20secs., by W. G. George, at Stamford Bridge, Fulham, 7th April 1884. American amateur record 52mins. 38⅘secs. by W. Day, at New York, 26th October 1889. Fastest championship, time, 51mins., 31⅘secs., by Sid Thomas, at Stamford Bridge, 6th April 1889. Fastest professional time (world's record), 51mins. 6⅘secs., by W. Cummings, at Lillie Bridge, 28th September 1885. In a race against time, paced by runners and cyclists, H. Walkens did 51mins. 5½secs. at Rochdale, 16th September 1899. Track measured 632 yards 1 foot. Standard, 36mins. 36secs.

A Shrubb, S L H, 51mins. 55½secs	...	1
F James, Horne Hill H, 56mins, 57½secs	...	2
E H R Redfearn Finchley H, 57mins 1⅘secs	...	3
R Wright, Small Heath H, 60mins. 42½secs	...	4
G Smith, Derby County A C	...	0

Shrubb, with the inside berth, cut out the running, followed by Smith, Wright, James and Redfearn, in the order named. In the next half-mile James dropped back last, and, going at a fast pace, Shrubb completed the mile two yards ahead of Smith. The next circuit saw the Derby County man slacken considerably, while James, putting on speed, took third place. Here Wright was troubled with "stitch," and James, running strongly, gave Smith the go-by. Just before completing the third mile, Shrubb lapped Smith, who, from this stage, paced the champion at intervals. At four miles Redfearn was lapped by the leader and half a mile later James was headed in the same manner. With the wind increasing, the sixth mile was slow, though when eight miles had been covered Shrubb's chance of record was promising. The ninth mile placed the champion in a hopeless position, so far as concerned record, and, though Smith brought the harrier along the last half, Shrubb failed to disturb the existing figures. James, who sprinted home, was over a mile away second, with Redfearn third and Wright fourth and last. Smith did not complete the course, Shrubb's times were as follows:—

Mls.	M.	S.	Mls.	M.	S.
One Mile... ...	4	45	Six Miles ...	30	33½
Two Miles ...	9	45	Seven Miles ...	35	51½
Three Miles ...	14	51	Eight Miles ...	41	11
Four Miles ...	20	0	Nine Miles ...	46	36
Five Miles ...	25	13½	Ten Miles ..	51	55½

SEVEN-MILE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Holder, W. J. Sturgess, Polytechnic H. Time—52mins. 19⅘secs. British amateur record. 51mins. 27secs., by Sturgess, 10th October 1895. American amateur record, 54mins. 7secs., by E. E. Merrill, at Boston, U. S. A., 5th October 1880. Fastest championship, time, 52mins 25secs., by H. Venn in London, 1878. Fastest professional time, 51mins. 4secs., by J. W. Raby, at Lillie Bridge, 20th August 1883 (world's record). Standard time—59mins

J Butler, Polytechnic H, 56mins 17½secs	...	1
W Martindale, Polytechnic H, 58mins. 7⅘secs	...	2
W Endean, Polytechnic H, 58mins 36⅘secs ..	...	3
G W Lansley, Finchley H, 60mins 8⅘secs ...	...	4
W J Palmer, Northampton Institute, 61mins 25secs	...	5
F E Strector, Polytechnic H, 64mins 21secs	...	6
E J Negus, Northampton Rodley H ...	...	0
W J Sturgess, Polytechnic H ...	...	disq

Butler was quickest off the mark, and getting into his stride at once he showed the way, Sturgess, Martindale, Negus, Lansley, Endean, Strector and Palmer following in the order named. Just after completing the initial circuit Sturgess had a "feeler" and drew level with Butler only to drop behind again, and Butler finished the first mile two yards ahead of Sturgess. Strector having thus early fallen away last. At a mile and a half Sturgess dashed away and took the lead, and soon afterwards Negus retired. Butler tried to keep pace with the champion but failed, and Sturgess covered the two miles with a lead of forty yards. The judges had been paying particular attention to his style, with the result that at two miles and three quarters Mr. Dixon ordered the Polytechnic harrier to stop. This left Butler with a long lead, and from here it was simply a question as to what he might win by. Finally he passed the post 500 yards to the good. The times were:

Mls.	M.	S.	Mls.	M.	S.
1 Butler ...	7	18	5 Butler ...	39	12⅘
2 Sturgess ...	14	42⅘	6 Butler ...	47	40
3 Butler ...	22	40⅘	7 Butler ...	56	17½
4 Butler ...	30	45⅘			

LONDON A. C. FIRST SPRING MEETING.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHALLENGE CUPS.—Although the premier club has every reason to be discouraged at the manner in which their attempts to encourage athletes at Public Schools has been met with, the determination of its executive to persevere is laudable in the extreme. With Saturday arrived the day for the holding of the first spring meeting of the club, at which, as usual, the eight challenge cup events, open to the Public Schools, were decided, but, as has been the case in recent years they again proved a failure. The entries, it is true, slightly exceeded those of twelve months ago, but the form was very poor indeed, some of the times and distances being the worst of the series. Not one of last year's winners was seen on the track, and altogether it was rather a pity that trophies that should have carried a good performance with them went in every instance but one to mediocrities. Details:—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS EVENTS.

100 Yards (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. A. W. Hill, 1897).—Heat 1: W. A. Walker, King's College School, 1; F. Heyes, Wimbledon, 2; N. B. Challener, Framlingham, 3. Won by half a yard; same between second and third. Time, 11⅕secs. Heat 2: R. W. Marris, Wellingborough, 1 H Miller, Forest

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School, 2; T. Holland Wimbledon, 3, won easily by six yards; five between second and third. Time—11⅘secs. Final heat: R. W. Marris, Wellingborough, 1; W. A Walker, King's College School, 2; F Heyes, Wimbledon, 3; H. Miller, Forest School, 4. Marris took the lead thirty yards from home, and won by a yard; inches divided the next two. Time—11⅘secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race (Challenge Shield, presented by Messrs. C. and C. Shaw, 1895).—R. F. Kalberer, Exeter, 1; J. G. Millon, Bedford, G. S., 2. The Bedford boy led until half-way, when he blundered slightly, after which Kalberer went ahead, and won very easily by ten yards. Time—18secs.

440 Yards (Challenge Cup, presented by the late Mr. C. H. Mason, 1890).—N. B. Challenor, Framlingham, 1; R. W. Marris, Wellingborough, 2; S. W. Hood, Woodbridge, 3; G. N. Bower, King Edward VI School, Norwhich, 0; G. Deward, Queen Elizabeth School, Kingston, 0; H. Miller, Forest School, 0; T Holland, Wimbledon, 0; Deward cut out the work, followed by Marris and Bower for 300 yards, when Challenor made his effort, and, passing the leaders, won a capital race by two yards; three between second and third. Time—55⅘secs.

880 Yards (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. E. T. Sachs, 1897).—F. Heyes, Wimbledon, 1; J. A. Morley, University College School, 2; S. W. Hood Woodbridge, 0; N. B. Challenor, Framlingham, 0. Heyes was second 200 yards from home, but, showing a fine turn of speed, beat Morley by six yards. Only two finished. Time.—2mins. 9⅘secs.

Three-quarter Mile Steeplechase (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. J. E. Fowler-Dixon 1897)—H. Miller, Forest School, 1; T. Holland, Wimbledon, 2. The winner led throughout, and won by ten yards, Holland making a good effort towards the finish. Time—4mins. 29⅘secs.

One Mile (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. T. E. Wells, 1896).—F. Heyes, Wimbledon, 1; E. S. F. Relout, Queen Elizabeth School, Ipswich, 2; R. A. Richardson, King's College School, 3; W. A. Walker, King's College School, 0. Three hundred yards from home Heyes was last, but in the straight showed a fine turn of speed, and sailed away from the others, winning by six yards; eight divided the next two. Time—5mins. 8secs.

Long Jump (Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. J. Shearman, 1897).—J. G. Milton, Bedford G. S. 18ft. 10⅘ins. 1; N B. Challenor, Framlingham, 17ft. 10⅘ins., 2; S. W. Hood, Woodbridge, 3. Milton won at his final jump.

High Jump Challenge Cup, (presented by Mr. Shearman, 1897).—J. G. Milton, Bedford G. S., 4ft. 10ins., 1; T. G. Pitt, Sutton Valence, 0.

CLUB EVENTS.

100 Yards Handicap (members).—Heat 1: A. Quihampton, 7½ yards start, 1; C. H. Jupp, scratch, 2. A fine race, won by inches. Time—10⅘secs. Heat 2: A. Goodall, 6½ yards start, 1; L. F. Tremeer, scratch, 2. Won by inches Time—10⅘ secs. Heat 3: G. P. Constantine, 1 yard start, 1; H. Norrey, 10, 2. Won by a foot. Time—10⅘ seconds. The first final heat produced such a desperately close finish that the judges, after a discussion lasting fully ten minutes, resolved to give it as a tie between four for first place these being Tremeer (scratch) Constantine (1 yard), Quihampton (7½ yards), and Norrey (10 yards), Jupp and Goodall being ruled out. This necessitated a second final heat: A. Quihampton, 7½ yards start, 1; L. F. Tremeer, scratch, 2; H. Norrey, 10, 3; G. P. Constantine, 1, 4. Won by a yard; inches between second and third. Time—10⅘ seconds.

440 Yards Challenge Cup (club) (presented by R. Matthews, 1871)—J. B. Densham, 1; G. P. Constantine, 2; H. F. S Collier (holder), 3; C. H. Jupp, 4; R. S. Paine, 0; L. F. Tremeer, 0; H. Watson, 0. A splendid finish was seen, Constantine being beaten by inches only with Collier three yards away. Jupp, who finished fourth was shut in. Time—53⅘ secs.

Two mile Steeplechase Challenge Cup (presented by J. T. Wells).—J. H. Bessell, 1; E. S. Ward, 2; E. J. Wilkins, 0. Ward led at the start but at three-quarters of a mile Bessell went to the head of affairs, subsequent to which he had an easy win by 100 yards. Wilkins retired. Time—12 mins. ⅘secs.

Three-quarter-mile Handicap (members).—J. H. Bessell, 5 yards start, 1; W. L. Cubb, 7, 2; S. L. Sarel, 65, 3; E. R. Small, 48, 4; B. R. Fowler, 45, 0; C. S. White, 48, 0; P. Bessell, 55, 0; F. E. Dickinson, 55, 0; P. W. Berriman Tippetts, 60, 0. White took the lead early, leading first time round and almost until the end of the second lap, when Tippette went to first position. However, he was immediately passed by Cubb and Bessell, who had drawn up rapidly, and this pair shot away from the others, leaving the race out of doubt. Cubb was allowed to lead until seventy yards from the finish, when Bessell went in front and won by ten yards; forty yards divided second and third. Time.—3mins. 21sec.

One Mile Challenge Cup (club) presented by Mr. W. M. Chinnery, 1870. (best performance 4mins 20⅘secs, by H. A. Munro, 1895).—A. S. D Smith, 1; J. H. Bessell, 2; E. S. Ward, 3. Ward cut out the work and made the running until the third lap, when Smith got up and shot away, being content to win by ten yards; thirty-five yards between second and third. Time.—4mins. 37⅘secs

LAWN TENNIS.

THE COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The galleries and stand in the covered lawn tennis courts at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, were densely crowded yesterday afternoon, when the Championship matches of the Ladies' and the Gentlemen's Singles were contested. Mlle Masson, the lady champion of France, with victories over Miss Kentish and Miss Squire in the All-Comers' Competition, qualified to meet the lady holder, Miss T. Lowther, while G. W. Hillyard earned the right to play the previous champion, H. L. Doherty, with victories in the preliminary rounds over B. Wood Hill, A. B. J. Norris, R. B. Hough, and H. S Mahony. Last year's holders, however, experienced little difficulty in maintaining their honours as the following details will indicate:—

LADIES' SINGLES.—Championship Match.

Miss T. Lowther (holder) beat Mlle. Masson (challenger) by two sets to none (6—1, 6—0).—The French lady appeared a trifle nervous, and quite failed to display her proper form. Miss Lowther threw no chances away, and only allowed her opponent to win the fifth of the thirteen games played in the two sets.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.—Championship Match.

H. L Doherty (holder) beat G. W. Hillyard (challenger) by three sets to one (6—1, 4—6, 6—4, and 6—2).—Doherty ran away with the first set, but Hillyard, who for a time played quite at the top of his form, won the second and made a good fight in the third. The holder, however, exhibited his superiority in the fourth set, and won the Championship for the third time.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.—CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

H. L. Doherty and R. F. Doherty (holders) beat G. W. Hillyard and C. H. L. Cazalet (winners of the All-Comers' Competition) by three sets to love (6—3, 6—3, and 18—16). H. L. Doherty played so brilliantly at the start that the holders ran away with the first two sets. Subsequently the challengers improved. Hillyard especially displaying fine form. Amid considerable enthusiasm the two pairs won alternate games, but at last the Doherty's, mainly through "R F.'s" effective service and placing, took the lead, and just won the set, in which no fewer than 34 games were played, and the match.

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RACQUETS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Probably a finer exhibition of racquets has never been witnessed than at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, last Saturday afternoon, when, by defeating the holder, Mr. Eustace Miles, Mr. E. M. Baerlein secured the championship. The gallery was crowded with past and present players of great repute, and everybody agreed that Saturday's match was just about the best ever contested in connection with the Amateur Racquet Championship. Both men proved to be in brilliant form, and the result was in doubt right up to the very last stroke. Details:—

E. M. Baerlein (Eton and Cambridge) (challenger) beat E. H. Miles (Marlborough and Cambridge) (holder) by three games to two (15—5, 15—5, 16—17, 10—15, 18—17), 74 aces to 59.—First game: Playing with extreme steadiness, Baerlein quickly took the lead, and, with a run or five aces, caused the game to be called 7—1 in his favour. Miles could not get going, and, after a run of small hands, Baerlein ran out with a sequence of three aces. Second game: Following a couple of failures by each man, Baerlein got in and made a grand run of eleven aces (six by service) before being put out by a grand smash. Miles scored twice, but his opponent slowly drew nearer home and finally won the second game at 15—5. Third game: Baerlein started with a run of three, but then Miles set to work, and, chiefly by means of his extraordinary service, caused the scores to be called 5 all, 7 all, 9 all, and 11 all. Miles's chief run was one of five, but his opponent was twice within an ace of game at 14—11. The holder, however, drew level at 14, and in a set to three just secured the odd ace. Fourth game: The players kept well together until 5 all, and then Baerlein took a strong lead at 10—5. A brilliant long rally ended in favour of Miles, who ran up a sequence of nine, mostly by service, reaching "game ball" before he failed to get the ball up and let Baerlein in. The challenger, however, could not move, and Miles secured his remaining ace with his peculiar service. Two games all. Fifth game: Winning a series of rallies Miles ran up a sequence of six aces right at the start but Baerlein was soon after him, and, playing hard and well, succeeded in drawing level at 9. The men frequently changed places amid great excitement, and a climax was reached when the game was set to five at 13 all. A run of three enabled the holder to reach game ball at 4—1, but Baerlein then put him out, and slowly but surely caught his rival. At last the marker called: "Four all," game ball, and breathless silence reigned supreme when Baerlein took his last service. Miles failed to get the ball up, and Baerlein won the odd game and the match. Duration of match, one hour

BOXING.

CONTESTS AT WONDERLAND.—From time to time there have been record attendances at the Whitechapel resort, Wonderland, but it is doubtful if the spacious building ever held more people than on Saturday evening, when Mr. Harry Wright ran a show on his own account. Notwithstanding the splendid weather and other attractions in the vicinity over 3,000 passed through the gates, and were fully rewarded by witnessing as fine a series of bouts between well-matched men as could be put into the ring. With his usual enterprize the popular promoter apparently realised that his patrons required value for their money, and accordingly not only put on a long and varied programme but catered for every class, including bantam, light, and middle-weights. The principal attraction was a ten-round "go" between Tom Woodley, of Fulham, and Charlie Knock, Stratford. Both lads are well known and aspire to championship honours in their class (10st 7lbs), so that the outcome of their meeting was eagerly looked forward to. They very evidently had trained faithfully, and the bout gave rise to no little speculation, each being well supported, Woodley, who had a large contingent of admirers from Fulham and Hammersmith, having a slight call in the odds. He, however, only once showed to advantage, in the first round, and was knocked out in the fourth, although if the Stratford man had not been too impetuous and anxious to finish matters at close quarters in the third. The end would then have come. The Fulhamite failed to realise that he was whipped, and doubtless will endeavour to reverse the defeat at another meeting. Details:—

Charlie Knock (Stratford) beat Tom Woodley (Fulham).—The first-named was seconded by Harry Jones, Charley Smith, and Jack Farley, his opponent being squired by Bill Natty, Jim Sullivan, and George Corfield Knock was in the pink of condition, and had all the natural advantages over Woodley, who seemed to carry a little more weight than usual. They opened rather cautiously and sparred for a minute before Woodley made a direct lead with the left to the body. Knock clinched, but at close quarters Woodley had the better of the exchanges, and the Stratford man had to box at long range, where he quickly asserted his superiority. When they went to their corners there was little between them, but in the second when Knock fought altogether at a distance, Woodley was completely outclassed. He repeatedly tried to bore in and land the left to the body, but his blows were short and weak and the Stratford lad had victory in his hands when in the third he sent the Fulhamite down three times. Though dazed Woodley took the full count on each occasion, but he was hopelessly beaten when shortly after the fourth opened he was receiver general, a ripping right to the jaw and a straight left, a regular "solar plexus," putting him down and out. The win was most meritorious and marked Knock as one of the best in the business at his weight.

WEIGHT LIFTING.

G. BUTLER A TRIPLE WINNER.—It would be a difficult matter indeed to convince the "man in the street" that lifting heavy weights is a sufficiently exhilarating form of sport to arouse his enthusiasm, and he would have been very much surprised if present at the Polytechnic Institute on Saturday night to witness the feverish excitement among the spectators, when what were advertised as the amateur championships were decided. As a matter of fact that affair just missed proving a success, as, after a sensational struggle in the third event on the card, the 11st championship, the remaining two (and what should have been the most important) events, the 12st and all-weight competitions collapsed, as G. Butler walked over in the former event, and in the second was only opposed by a man who would have had some difficulty in beating the light-weight standard. Details:—

9st Championship.—J. W. Cox (London): Right lift, 97lbs; left lift, 80lbs; two dumbbells, 125lbs; barbell, 140lbs; total, 442lbs.

10st Championship.—W. Caswell (London): Right lift, 160lbs; left lift, 140lbs; two dumbbells, 181lbs; barbell, 190; total, 671lbs. W H. Challingworth (Birmingham): 140lbs, 140lbs, 181lbs; 190lbs; total, 651lbs. Lewis Critchley (Blackpool), 150lbs, failed, 160lbs, 190lbs; total, 500lbs A. Norris (London).

11st Championship.—G. Butler (London): Right lift, 166lbs; left lift 156lbs; two dumbbells, 194lbs; barbell, 230lbs; total, 746lbs. P. Carter (Birmingham): 178½lbs, 178½lbs, 187lbs, 200lbs; total, 744lbs. W. Caswell (London): 178½lbs, 168½lbs, failed ——; total, 347lbs; R. Y. Marvin (London): Two dumbells, 170lbs. W. H. Challingworth (Birmingham).

12st Championship.—*G. Butler (London). R. B. Smyth (Ireland) and Leon See (France), absent.

Any Weight Championship.—G Butler (London): Right lift 156lbs; left lift, 103lbs, two dumbbells, 184lbs, barbell, 200; total 643lbs B. Farnell (London): Right lift. 103. R. B. Smyth (Ireland), Leon See (France), and A. Maspoli (France), absent.

*Walked over. Butler was not called upon to lift.

The "Cadbury" Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of lift in either of the competitions was won by G. Butler, with his 11st lift of 746lbs. The holder, A. Marpoli, of France, who was absent, last season secured the cup with a total of 893lbs.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

Monday, 11th May, was a disappointing one to many, as a thick mist shrouded everything and some people went home without having seen hounds again after the meet. Mills Covert, which is a sure find, was tried first and provided a jack. A note or two was heard from the hounds and then silence, the field was confronted by so dense a mist that it was impossible to see further than one's horse's ears, and no one knew where hounds were or what they were doing. Those who happened to be nearest hounds got away with them over the Municipal stream, but at the Golf Hut they were turned as they were running to heel. The half dozen or so who were with hounds trotted back with them, when they were laid in the line, and so were fortunate enough to be with them in the run that followed. A first-class thirty minutes followed, hounds ran Rallywood and on to Governor's shola over the shoulder and round left handed to Hecuba Hill. Here they ran their jack down nearly to Kuruthengulli village where, after hunting him round the bottom of the cliff for some time, the Master whipped them off. Returning to Governor's shola with the pack the Master found out of a field of fifty or sixty only ten had remained out and of these seven were ladies. Taking hounds on to drain Rawlin's Nullah, which was blank, Captain Fife then proceeded to draw the open down the Black-Moor Vale, Near the double crossing a jackal was viewed on Newmarket and hounds were laid on. He made for Rallywood, but hounds were too close to him to allow him to get away, so he took to the open again and turning left handed he ran over the hills to Monkey Shola, where he got to ground after a very fast chase of about twenty minutes over ideal hunting country.

The fixture for Thursday, 14th May, was Sandy Nullah toll Bar and a field of about a hundred turned out. The Master first drew the open parallel to the Dun Sandle Road, and then turning up the hill proceeded to draw round to the Dartmoor Vale An outlying jack was found in the swamp near by and hounds immediately laid on. With a start of about five minutes, the jack raced away, and as we swung over the opposing hill there was about three hills ahead. A rush and a clatter at the first crossing warned us to keep well to the fore or else loose one's place altogether. Hounds, after crossing the old Pykara Road, inclined to the right, though after hustling their jack through a small covert where he hung for a minute for two, the course was nearly straight for Kugoder Mountain, which is right off the hunting map. Scarcely had we reached the foot of the hill when we saw hounds streaming out of the covert half way up; there was nothing for it but go after them. They hunted down and then straight for the Shohir Ghat, but at the edge the jack turned right handed for a wood above Dun Sandle Tea estate and here the run was brought to an end and the hunted jack escaped.

PYKARA.

Polo.

OOTACAMUND TOURNAMENT.

FIRST ROUND.

THE first round of the tournament was played off on the 11th instant and the three matches were watched by a large number of spectators among whom were Lord and Lady Ampthill.

FOURTH HUSSARS *vs.* DURHAM L. I.—The Hussars had an easy victory, beating their opponents by four goals and five subsidiaries to *nil*.

First Chukker.—The Hussars went away at the start, but their opponents worked the ball back. Lewin, however, relieved and the Hussars going away got in a shot, but it went wide. They returned to the charge and from a scrimmage put the ball through. Fast play ended the chukker. *Score*: Hussars 1 goal, Durhams *nil*.

Second Chukker.—The Hussars attacked immediately and put on two subsidiaries. The Durhams got away once or twice on the right, but were unable to get far and the Hussars were soon back again. *Score*: Hussars 1 goal 2 subsidiaries, Durhams *nil*.

Third Chukker.—The Durhams brought the ball down and Captain Unthank had a chance which he missed. After a wide hit the Hussars got away again and scored a goal and two subsidiaries in quick succession. *Score*: Hussars 2 goals 4 subsidiaries, Durhams *nil*.

Fourth Chukker.—The Hussars opened by scoring a third goal, and though the Durhams played hard they kept up the attack and added another goal and a subsidiary. The Hussars continued to press till the end of the chukker when the score was Hussars 4 goals 5 subsidiaries, Durhams *nil*.

Fifth Chukker.—With only two minutes left the game became very even and neither side scoring, the Hussars were left victorious by 4 goals and 5 subsidiaries to *nil*. Teams.—

4TH HUSSARS		DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.	
Captain Caldbeck	... 1	Mr. Coddington	... 1
Mr. Bell...	... 2	Captain Unthank	... 2
Captain Barnes	... 3	Major Blake ...	... 3
Mr. Lewin	(back)	Major Mansel	(back)

Umpires.—Major Smith and Captain Mesquoid.

BANGALORE GYMKHANA *vs.* MYSORE LANCERS.—This proved a grand game, both teams playing up to their best form. The Gymkhana eventually won by two goals and one subsidiary to one goal and two subsidiaries.

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ENGLAND.

First Chukker.—Bangalore broke away first, but the ball was returned and the Lancers coming down Subraj Urs scored a subsidiary. Fast up and down play followed for the rest of the chukker, Peel nearly scoring on one occasion. *Score*: Mysore Lancers 1 subsidiary, Bangalore *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Bangalore worked the ball down, but Malet's saddle turned under him andibe came down, though without hurting himself. The Lancers then got possession but were unable to take advantage of chances given them. They scored a subsidiary however, and play ruled very fast till Peel got away and after one unsuccessful attempt, scored the first goal for the Gymkhana. *Score*: Bangalore 1 goal, Mysore Lancers 2 subsidiaries.

Third Chukker.—The Gymkhana attacked and Macquoid had to save twice. A foul against Bangalore gave the Lancers a chance but the Gymkhana cleared and some pretty passing between Catty and Peel followed. They took the ball down. Peel putting on a second goal. *Score*: Bangalore 2 goals, Mysore Lancers 2 subsidiaries.

Fourth Chukker.—The Lancers were trying hard to score and play ruled fast and even. At last they got through and scored a goal. They continued the attack, and Bangalore were hard pressed: then a miss hit let in Peel who got away and passing to Catty, the latter put on a subsidiary. *Score*: Bangalore 2 goals 1 subsidiary. Mysore Lancers 1 goal 2 subsidiaries.

Fifth Chukker.—The Gymkhana kept the Lancers out in spite of desperate efforts during the three minutes that remained and the game ended in a win for Bangalore by 2 goals and 1 subsidiary to 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. Teams:—

MYSORE LANCERS.			BANGALORE.		
Jemadar Subraj Urs	...	1	Mr Catty	...	1
Risaldar Morad Beg	...	2	Captain Peel	...	2
Jem Annaji Khadum	...	3	Mr Irvine	...	3
Captain Macquoid		(back)	Mr Malet	...	(back)

Umpires.—Major Smith and Captain Barnes.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE *vs.* OOTY GYMKHANA.—The Government House team proved too strong for the Gymkhana and won by seven goals and 2 subsidiaries to 3 goals.

First Chukker.—The Gymkhana commenced operations and Major Vigne had to stop a couple of runs, then the Government House team got away and after one attempt Major Logan-Home scored a goal and a subsidiary. Fast play closed the chukker *Score*: Government House 1 goal 1 subsidiary, Ooty *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Captain Oakes had a fine chance, but missed and Phillips clearing, the Gymkhana went away. Government House, however, brought the ball back and scored from a scrimmage in front of goal. It was not long before another goal was added; then Ooty rushed up and Captain Barr put on their first goal with a well judged shot. *Score*: Government House 3 goals 1 subsidiary, Ooty 1 goal.

Third Chukker.—Government House kept up a steady pressure and after a couple of unsuccessful attempts Major Campbell scored a goal. Play ruled midfield and was fast and even for the rest of the chukker. *Score*: Government House 4 goals 1 subsidiary, Ooty 1 goal.

Fourth Chukker.—Government House rushed away and Oakes sent the ball through the flags. Then Ooty got away, but Fife saved and Major Logan-Home getting possession scored a sixth goal for his side, to which a subsidiary was added a little later. The Gymkhana then began to show better form and Captain Barr scored a goal after a splendid run. Ooty continued to press till the end of the chukker when the score was Government House 6 goals 2 subsidiaries, Ooty 2 goals.

Fifth Chukker.—Government House put on their seventh goal soon after the start. Then Phillips got away and taking the ball down to the Government House goal a scrimmage ensued. Barr obtained the ball and with another lifting shot sent it between the posts. It poured with rain during the chukker and came down so heavily that the part of the sixth chukker remaining was abandoned. Government House thus won by 7 goals and 2 subsidiaries to 3 goals. Teams:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.			OOTACAMUND GYMKHANA.		
Captain Oakes	...	1	Captain Smith	...	1
Major Logan-Home	...	2	Mr Phillips	...	2
Major Campbell	...	3	Major Vigne	...	3
Captain Fife		(back)	Captain Barr	...	(back)

Umpires.—Captain Peel and Captain Brown.

SEMI-FINALS.

4TH HUSARS *vs.* MYSORE LANCERS B. TEAM.—Played on the 13th instant before a large crowd. The superior combination of the Hussars proved too much for the Lancers and they were beaten by 6 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 2 goals.

First Chukker.—The Hussars opened the attack and pressing hard scored a subsidiary, Caldbeck being responsible. The game followed very even, Barnes playing a great game, breaking up the Lancers' attacks. The Hussars then got an opening and rushed a goal. They continued the attack and another run down resulted in Bell scoring a subsidiary. *Score*: Hussars 1 goal 2 subsidiaries Lancers *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Again the Hussars got away, and though checked once, Bell got through and scored another subsidiary They kept up the pressure till Chandarao got away and from a scrimmage before the Hussars goal their opponents put the ball through. *Score*: Hussars 1 goal 3 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal.

Third Chukker.—The Lancers had the best of the opening, but did not take advantage of chances. Caldeck got possession and rushing down scored with a splendid shot. A foul against the Lancers was given and towards the end the Hussars pressed hard and put on another goal. *Score*: Hussars 3 goals 3 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal

Fourth Chukker.—Play ruled very even till the Hussars worked the ball down and rushed a goal. Another rush followed, but the ball went behind. A foul against the Hussars gave the Mysore men their opportunity and they added a second goal. Towards the end of the chukker one of the Lancers came off his pony. *Score*: Hussars 4 goals 3 subsidiaries, Lancers 2 goals.

Fifth Chukker.—The Hussars had the best of matters and from a scrimmage before the Lancers' goal the ball was put through. Fast play followed and Barnes getting a chance scored with a neat backhander. *Score*: Hussars 6 goals 3 subsidiaries, Lancers 2 goals.

Sixth Chukker.—Play only lasted two minutes and ruled very even till the end. The 4th Hussars thus won by 6 goals 3 subsidiaries to 2 goals. Teams:—

4TH HUSSARS.			MYSORE LANCERS (B TEAM).		
Captain Caldbeck	...	1	Jemadar Srinavasrao	...	1
Mr Bell	...	2	Ressaldar Chandarao	...	2
Mr Lewin	...	3	Jemadar Annaji Kadur	...	3
Captain Barnes		(back)	Nauraj Urs		(back)

Umpires.—Major Smith and Mr. Phillips.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE *vs.* BANGALORE GYMKHANA.—As in the preceding match the Government House team were too strong for their opponents and won by 3 goals 7 subsidiaries to 1 goal.

First Chukker.—Play ruled even and in midfield for some time, then the Government House men made a couple of rushes, but were stopped by Irvine. They continued the attack and Major Logan-Home scored a subsidiary. Another rush by the Government House team seemed likely to score, but the ball went out. *Score*: Government House 1 subsidiary, Bangalore *nil*.

Second Chukker.—The Bangalore goal was besieged and Major Logan-Home sent the ball between the posts. Peel made a couple of brilliant runs which were stopped. Then Government House came away and Campbell scored a subsidiary. Logan-Home followed up the attack with a fine run but he missed his hit and the ball went out. *Score*. Government House 1 goal 2 subsidiaries Bangalore *nil*.

Third Chukker.—Government House opened with a subsidiary: a foul against them gave the Gymkhana a penalty hit, but Oakes got away with the ball and added a subsidiary. Catty and Peel then attacked but missed some opportunities of scoring. A penalty for a foul was given against the Gymkhana and Government House put on their second goal. *Score*: Government House 2 goals 4 subsidiaries, Bangalore *nil*.

Fourth Chukker.—Bangalore played up and the game ruled very fast. Then Campbell scored a subsidiary followed by even play. At the end of the period Government House got in again and added another subsidiary. *Score*: Government House 2 goals 6 subsidiaries. Bangalore *nil*.

Fifth Chukker—Bangalore attacked, but their opponents cleared and rushed down: the ball went out and up and down play followed, then the Gymkhana goal was besieged and Government House added another goal. A foul against Government House let in Peel who scored Bangalore's only goal. *Score*: Government House 3 goals 6 subsidiaries, Bangalore 1 goal.

Sixth Chukker.—Government House scored a subsidiary and nothing more was done, the match ending as stated in a win for Government House by 3 goals 7 subsidiaries to 1 goal. Teams:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.			BANGALORE GYMKHANA.		
Captain Oakes	...	1	Mr Catty	...	1
Major Logan-Home	...	2	Captain Peel	...	2
Major Campbell		3	Mr Irvine	...	3
Captain Fife		(back)	Mr Mallet		(back)

Umpires.—Captain Barr and Captain Smith.

IN 1868—Blue Gown's year—the late Baron Rothschild had three good three-year-olds, *viz.*, Suffolk, King Alfred and Restitution, of whom the two first-named were engaged in the Derby. These three he tried at even weights with Mr. E. C. Clayton's Lozenge, who the previous year had won the Cambridgeshire, carrying 7st. 2lbs. after a dead-heat with Wolsey.

The young ones all beat the old one, and, moreover, beat him so easily that Mr. Clayton thought his horse must be out of all form—a supposition which cost him dearly, for in a £100 Plate over the Rowley Mile at the First Spring Meeting, Lozenge met Captain Machell's Knight of the Garter, giving 6lb. and Mr. Clayton backed the latter in preference to his own, who won after a good race by a head. The feelings of the owner may be imagined when we mention that the betting was 3 to 1 on Knight of the Garter and 8 to 1 *against* Lozenge!

To return to the trial. Suffolk beat King Alfred easily, but was kicked by a cart-horse while being saddled for the Derby opposite Armstrong's stables, and was so seriously injured that he was undoubtedly lame. His stable-companion, King Alfred, was second, beaten only half a length by Blue Gown: so it is fair to suppose that Suffolk, sound and well, would have won the Blue Riband comfortably. At that time, however, Sir Joseph Hawley's luck was dead in.

Rowing.

CALCUTTA ROWING CLUB.

SATURDAY, *23rd May 1903.*

The following are the heats in the regatta fixed for above date:—

CLASS FOURS.

Pritchard's crew *vs.* Venable's Crew. Shaw Wallace's crew a bye.

JUNIOR SCULLS.

A S Barrow ... *vs.* H F Pilcher.
H A Smyth ... *vs.* B. Stephenson.
G I Watson ... *vs.* P Blumenthal.

TUB PAIRS.

W S Burke ... / *vs.* / N G Pritchard.
W C Burke ... / *vs.* / J C Buchanan.
G I Watson ... / *vs.* / W D Braithwaite.
L E Carter ... / *vs.* / L Ragshawe.

Regatta begins at 4 P.M.

REGATTA AT NAINI TAL.

SATURDAY, *9th May 1903.*

NAINI TAL opened their boating season to-day with a very successful regatta. There were large entries and good racing was witnessed. The weather was all that could be desired and in consequence a large attendance graced the occasion. The race for the Ladies' fours was a very interesting one, the "Blue and Whites" defeating the "Red and Whites" by a length and a half; a splendid finish was witnessed in the finals for the scratch fours.

LADIES' FOURS.

BLUE AND WHITES.				RED AND WHITES.		
Miss Adams		bow	beat	Miss Hamagan	...	bow.
,, Elliott	...	2		,, Ferguson	...	2
,, Thompson	...	3		,, Hooper	...	3
,, D. Sykes	...	str.		Mrs Porteous	...	str.
Capt. C. L. Nicholson		cox.		Mr C. F. Knyvett		cox.

Won by a length and a half

SCRATCH FOURS.

First Heat.—Won by Mr. Pully, Capt McCarthy, Capt A. B Tillard, Mr F. T. Coode, Cox Miss Rothwell, by three quarters of a length.

Second Heat.—Won by Mr. C. E. Hall, Hon. Mr Napier Mr R. W. Gillan, Mr. W G Wood, Cox Mrs. Wood, by two lengths.

Finals.—Mr. Coode's crew beat Mr. Wood's by half a length after a magnificent finish.

CANOE RACE.—For Ladies. Mrs. Porteous and Mrs. Beresford beat the Misses Elliot.

DEPOT RACE.—Won by No. 1 crew Gloster Regiment.

Cricket.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. K. J. KEY.

AT the present time, when the proposed visit of a team of native Indian cricketers is being so much discussed in England, a chat with Mr. Key, who was captain of the Oxford University Authentics during their recent tour in India, must naturally have an especial interest. For Mr. Key is a keen observer as well as a practical and experienced captain. As the chat with him relates entirely to Indian cricket and cricketers, this is not the place in which to refer to his many exploits for Surrey and Oxford University, or to his success as captain of the Surrey team. Suffice it to say that there are many good judges of the game who think that it would be a good thing for Surrey if he could be persuaded to undertake the captaincy again. That he has lost none of his old skill with the bat is evident from the fine cricket which he played last year in first-class matches—he ended the season with an average of 40·14 for seven innings—and from his big scores for the Authentics in India.

Although Mr. Key only took part in one match in which the opposing team was composed entirely of native players, he was, of course, in a position to know a great deal about them. This match was against Past and Present of Aligarh College, but on

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other occasions a few natives were included in the teams against which he played. "The Aligarh College eleven was decidedly strong in bowling," he said; "the batsmen hardly had a chance of distinguishing themselves, for the wicket was wet on the top with what seemed a sort of green clay underneath—a clay which apparently never got really dry. On the other hand it was not an ideal wicket for a lob bowler, but Simpson-Hayward was irresistible upon it. Ali Hasan is a medium-pace bowler, with a great reputation in India. At Aligarh he was very successful, but hedid not do very much on other occasions when the Authentics met him. He breaks a good deal both ways, even on a hard wicket, but I don't suppose he would make the ball do much at the Oval. He is distinctly a fine bowler with a great command over the ball, and a good idea of variation. Shafkat, the other Aligarh bowler, did uncommonly well. He is very fast, and his action is such that I should not think he would easily tire. On the Aligarh wicket he was deadly, and I remember that he bowled me with a tremendous shooter. The fielding of the Aligarh team was quite good, but the captain was a present member of the College, and as he was much younger than most of his companions, he had not sufficient experience to know how to manage his field; this, of course, was a very great handicap."

"Did there seem much enthusiasm in India over the proposed team to visit England next year?"

"I believe that the Parsees were extremely keen on it, but for the rest we did not hear much about it except at Aligarh College, where they were decidedly enthusiastic. But it is very difficult—I might perhaps say impossible—for an Englishman to gauge the depth of native opinion, for unless you have actually been in India you can have no idea what a gulf there is between Europeans and natives. But the Parsees have very much more in common with the Europeans than the other great divisions, and so one gets to know something of their opinions on such occasions as this. Some of the Indian newspapers wrote to all the Authentics asking them to give their opinions upon the subject of a visit of a team of native cricketers to India, and I believe that the replies were generally to the effect that such a team would be quite up to the level of second-class counties. There is no doubt that there are many fine native cricketers in India, especially among the bowlers. They tell me that Mehta is very good indeed, and that he could bowl all day without tiring. Of course this is the type of player who would be remarkably useful on an extended tour."

"You enjoyed the tour?"

"One could not help doing that, for we were everywhere received with the very greatest kindness. We were made much of, were put up at all the stations, and made to feel that we were at home; we were provided with ponies and elephants to ride; in fact everything that could be done to make us happy was done with enthusiasm. In addition to this the members of the team got on extremely well together. The Calcutta Club managed the tour, and in the hands of Mr. F. H. Stewart, the secretary, who worked very hard indeed and took an immense amount of trouble, the arrangements were admirable."

"Did you see much of the Durbar?"

"We saw everything, and had a splendid time. We were entertained by the five regiments which formed the Viceroy's escort, and it is universally known that officers are adepts at making their guests comfortable. We had seats in the best positions to see the procession and the Durbar, and we shall never forget the effect made on us by the gorgeous colours."

"Do you at the present time feel that you would like to go on the same tour again?"

Well, no, I don't think I should. I am not very much in love with the sea voyage, and I don't altogether like the constant railway travelling. We were told that we should find the travelling most luxurious, and in certain ways it is—you are not crowded, you take your own bedding, and can sleep. But the monotony, the jolting, the shunting, and the slowness of motion become wearying. My own longest journey was two nights and a day from Calcutta to Delhi, but the rest of the team had a much more unenviable experience in coming from Trichinopoly to Calcutta. They were absolutely lost sight of for two or three days. It turned out that the train had been stopped by floods, and that they had undergone all sorts of curious experiences, including real hunger, before they arrived at Calcutta after five days travelling. I think that if another tour is undertaken it will be advisable to play fewer matches, and to stay longer at each place. But every club seemed so keen to play us that it seemed unkind to refuse."

"Are there any professionals in India?"

"There are no Englishmen that I know of, but some of the clubs have native professionals. At Calcutta there was a native who in my opinion was a magnificent bowler, but I don't think they thought much of him, for he was not included in the team. I forget his name; he was very fast. In addition he was a fine field, and he greatly distinguished himself one day when he was fielding as substitute for us. The native professionals bowl with bare feet; and seem to get a very firm hold of the turf."

"Did you play on matting wickets at all?"

"Only once. This was at Delhi. Here there is no club at all, and the wicket was made on the morning of the match by crowds of coolies, female as well as male, who dug the soil all up, pounded it to a powder, rolled and watered it, and then spread the matting over it. It turned out to be not at all a bad wicket. It must be very difficult to get a good grass wicket in India for several reasons. In the first place all the water (except at Calcutta and Bombay) has to be carried by coolies in skin bags, petroleum tins, etc., and as you never can tell how much dew to allow for, it is more or less of an accident if the wicket turns out to be perfect. The grass is tougher than in England and not so thick. It grows in one season, and has to be raked up about every other year, for it cannot stand the heat of the sun for long. There seems no possibility of getting a permanent turf like that at Oxford and Cambridge colleges, for instance."

"Cricket in India seems to be played under considerable difficulties?"

"It is surprising that it flourishes as it does. Men have very little time to give to cricket, while polo, which can be played for an hour, is much cheaper to play in India than in England. Then there is the difference in caste, and the impossibility of natives and Europeans fraternising to any great extent. There are no professional umpires and very few professional bowlers, while in many cases the arrangements on the ground are very primitive. For example, there are very few grounds where they have the proper implements for marking out the crease, and the result is that it has to be done by guess work. Add to this the monotony of nearly always playing against the same few opponents, and the vast distance to be travelled for the few big matches, and you will see that cricketers in India are greatly handicapped."

"Do you think that the tour of the Authentics is likely to give an impetus to cricket in India?"

"Undoubtedly, and it would be a good thing if other tours could be arranged. It was, of course, a bad year for cricket out there because the officers had so much extra duty on account of the Durbar, and could seldom get away, and in an ordinary year the teams which would have opposed us would have been much stronger. In most of our matches our first two or three batsmen made enough runs to give us a good chance of victory, and the rest had to score as quickly as possible if the match was to be finished. The surprise of the tour was Simpson-Hayward's bowling, and he improved so much that he can hardly be left out of the Gentlemen's team this year. In the course of the tour he had the unusual experience of making two hundred runs in an innings, doing the hat trick twice and making spectacles twice. After he had done the hat trick at Aligarh his third victim formally presented him with a fez such as Egyptians wear."

"Were you struck by one thing more than another while you were in India?"

"There were so many wonderful things to see that it would be very difficult to say what struck one the most. But perhaps the thing which made the most impression on me had nothing to do with scenes or wonders. It was the way in which people who had lived in India for a long time feared the sun. Oddly enough the Authentics did not as a rule seem to feel its effects at all, except at Bombay, and to us it appeared comparatively harmless. Of course, we played during what is known as the winter, but in winter or summer, residents have a great dread of the power of the sun. At times during the tour we found it bitterly cold, and at about five o'clock, when the sun went down, it would be even colder than the present April. In the hottest parts it was bearable at night, while in the coldest parts there was nearly always frost—a thing which we certainly had never dreamed of finding. At Peshawar the thermometer went down to 25 at night, and rose to 130 in the middle of the day, so that we had variety. I may say that at Peshawar we were in a district where the hostile natives are always shooting at sentries. Of course, the members of the team were in no danger, but we realised that we were in the outskirts of civilization when it was found necessary to surround the ground with soldiers during the visit of the Duke of Connaught to see the Match." *Cricket.*

CRICKET AT YERCAUD.

RESIDENTS *vs.* VISITORS.—The Residents of Yercaud played Visitors on the 12th instant, and the game ended in a win for the Residents by an innings and 30 runs. G. Lechler played a fine innings of 104 not out. Score:—

RESIDENTS.

B Cayley, l-b-w, b Veradaraj	10
G Lechler, not out	104
E H King-Harman, b Wilkins	19
C A G Turner, b Veradaraj	0
C D Ryle, run out	3
F A Lodge, run out	2
B Short, b Veradaraj	2
F Carey, b Veradaraj	4
S M Pritchard, c and b Wilkins	10
Extras	19
Total	173

VISITORS.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
C G Marshall, b Cayley	23	b King-Harman	13
Veradaraj, b Cayley	2	c Lodge, b Lechler	37
H W Sheldrick, c sub, b Cayley	11	st Cayley, b Pritchard	4
A Rigley, run out	0	c sub., b Pritchard	0
F W Wilkins, b Cayley	0	b Lechler	9
J Short, b Cayley	0	b Lechler	7
H D Robertson, c and b Cayley	0	b Turner	1
W R T Mackay, not out	6	not out	2
Sub., c and b Cayley	0	c Lodge, b Lechler	0
Extras	8	Extras	11
Total	50	Total	84

CRICKET AT OOTACAMUND.

OOTY GYMKHANA *vs.* DURHAM L. I.—Played on the 14th instant and resulted in an easy win for the Gymkhana by 115 runs. Morrison played a good innings of 45. The Military team only managed to put up 52, making no stand against the bowling of Morrison and Thirumal Raj. The former took five wickets for 23 runs and the latter four for 28. Score:—

OOTACAMUND GYMKHANA.—*1st Innings.*

W M Standen, b Udal	12
W W Phillips, c and b Bowers	28
H N Collyer, c Parker, b Bowers	0
C Morrison, c and b Bowers	45
Mullings, c Parker, b Bowers	0
F Hannyngton, b Bowers	20
S A Walker, b Bowers	0
Thirumal Raj, b Udal	22
W B DeWinton, c and b Udal	4
G H Gadsden, b Udal	2
Patrickson, not out	18
Extras	16
Total	167

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Udal	24	49	7	4
Parker	3	15	0	0
Bowers	19	66	4	6
Coddington	2	11	0	0
Unthank	3	10	1	0

DURHAM L. I.—*1st Innings.*

C R Shirreff, b Thirumal Raj	1
J S Unthank, c Gadsden, b Morrison	1
—Greenwell, c Collyer, b Thirumal Raj	10
H L Homan, b Morrison	10
Forrester, c and b Thirumal Raj	3
Parker, c Mulling b Morrison	0
E R Udal, c Standen, b Morrison	7
H J Coddington, c deWinton, b Thirumal Raj	13
A H M Bowers, c Thirumal Raj, b Morrison	0
W W Phillips, run out	2
Hastings, not out	4
Extras	1
Total	52

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Morrison	10	23	1	5
Thirumal Raj	10	28	2	4

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Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE LEAGUE.

CALCUTTA *vs.* RANGERS.—The above teams met on the Calcutta ground on the 16th instant and the game resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to *nil*. Play was not particularly brilliant though Calcutta pressed throughout and had it not been for rather wild shooting would have won by a larger margin. They began the attack and pressed their opponents hard. The Rangers had to concede a corner but no goal accrued and they went away with the ball, Buckley having to save a couple of shots. Good runs down the field by the Calcutta forwards followed, and after some poor shooting by several players Fyfe dribbled through and scored. On changing ends the Rangers got away but were checked and the Calcutta forwards brought the ball back, Whelan saving a high shot from Birkmyre. The visitors then got past the Calcutta backs and looked like scoring but Todd cleared and the Calcutta men took the ball into the enemy's quarters and after some ragged play Birkmyre got the ball and sent it through, the game ending as stated. Teams:—

CALCUTTA F.C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Crawford, *backs*; Maunder, Gillespie and Walker, *half-backs*; Stewart, Cooper, Birkmyre, Fyfe and Sherman, *forwards*.

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Hollow and Brown, *backs*; Warden, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *half-backs*; Pell, Walker, Whitie, G. W. Russell and D. W. Russell, *forwards*.

Referee:—Mr. Rope, C. F. C.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* BURN & CO.—This match played on the Dalhousie ground last Saturday was anticipated an easy thing for the home team and they justified expectations by winning by two goals to *nil*. The opening exchanges were very even; then the Dalhousie men began to press the visitors, but though they got several openings failed to take advantage of them. They kept up the attack and Rosser made a splendid run and passing to Williams the latter scored. Burn & Co. played up and the home backs were kept busy for a time, but the interval arrived with Dalhousie leading. Crossing over play ruled very even till some good combination by the Dalhousie forwards took the ball into the visitors' quarters and Watts sent in a hard shot which completely beat Dods. Burn & Co. played hard and had the best of the game till near the end when the home team broke away, but failed to score. Teams:—

DALHOUSIE F.C.—Peake, *goal*; Margrett and Bushby, *backs*; Williams, Phelps and Dalling, *half-backs*; Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Stewart, and Stimson, *forwards*.

BURN & CO.—Dods, *goal*; McFadden and Donathan, *backs*; McLaughlin, Russell and Wood, *half-backs*; Kerr, Boner, Tayler, Cochrane and Todd, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* A. S. HIGHLANDERS.—Played on the 16th instant on the Highlanders' ground and a hard game resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to *nil*. The Argylls began by forcing the pace and Williams was tested by several hard shots. The Young Men lacked combination but there were some good individual runs by Apcar and Crow. A foul against Street for charging Montgomery from behind gave the military a penalty kick and the ball was easily put through. It was not long after this that Quin put on a second point for the Highlanders and halftime arrived with the military team leading by two goals to *nil*. Play during the second half was more even but towards the end the Highlanders gave Williams plenty to do and it was only owing to his splendid goal-keeping that the home team were unable to add to their score. Teams:—

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Yackjee and J. Baldwin, *backs*; P. Street, T. Baldwin and Cooper, *half-backs*; Brown, D. Remfry, Apcar, Simons and Crow, *forwards*.

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and McHolland, *backs*; McLean, McGovan and Mowat, *half-backs*; McCluskie, Lochart, Quin, Montgomery, and Hogg *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. N. G. Pritchard.

RANGERS *vs.* 64TH R. F. A., BARRACKPUR.—These teams met on the Dalhousie ground last Monday, but play was not of a very brilliant class and the Gunners won an uninteresting match by a goal to *nil*. The Rangers opened by forcing a corner but nothing resulted, and the Barrackpur men transferred play to their opponents' territory. They had the best of matters for a while, but wild shooting and miskicks lost them many opportunities. Then Whitie relieved and Russell took the ball down with no result. The Gunners coming back again a good centre enabled Lieutenant Shaw to put the ball through. Barrackpur then forced two corners, but nothing followed, and Russell going away sent in a hot shot which Hutchinson saved. During the second half the Rangers played better, but were weak in front of goal and were unable to get equal, the Artillery winning by a goal to *nil*. Teams.—

64TH FIELD ARTILLERY.—Hutchinson, *goal*; Prince and Quinn, *backs*; Corby, Nicoll, and Dennelly, *half-backs*; Woods Wratten, Lieutenant Shaw, Dodds, and Douglas *forwards*.

RANGERS. Whelan, *goal*; Brown and Whitie, *backs*; G. Russell, Lees, and O'Laughlin *half-backs*; Pell, Walker, Hill, Behrend, and G. Russell, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. P. C. Margrett, D. F. C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* BURN & CO.—Rather an uninteresting match was the verdict on the meeting of these teams at Howrah on the 19th instant. Calcutta attacked first and forced a corner, but did not improve on it. The forwards were not in form and gave a poor display. Cooper however got away once and passing to Fife the latter sent in a hard shot which Freeman saved. The home forwards seldom got away and the interval arrived pointless. On changing ends Calcutta began to play up and had the best of matters. Lively play in front of the home goal followed and eventually Sherman scored with a long shot. The visitors continued to press and though they had the best of the game to the end, they were unable to add to their score, thus winning by a goal to *nil*.

The following shows the position of Clubs to Monday the 18th May 1903 inclusive.

Name of Club.	Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For.	Goals. Against.
K O S B	1	1	—	—	2	4	0
Calcutta	1	1	—	—	2	2	0
Dalhousie	1	1	—	—	2	2	0
93rd Hdrs	1	1	—	—	2	2	0
64th R F A	1	1	—	—	2	1	0
Burns A C	1	—	1	—	0	0	2
Y M C A	1	—	1	—	0	0	2
Howrah	1	—	1	—	0	0	4
Rangers	2	—	2	—	0	0	8

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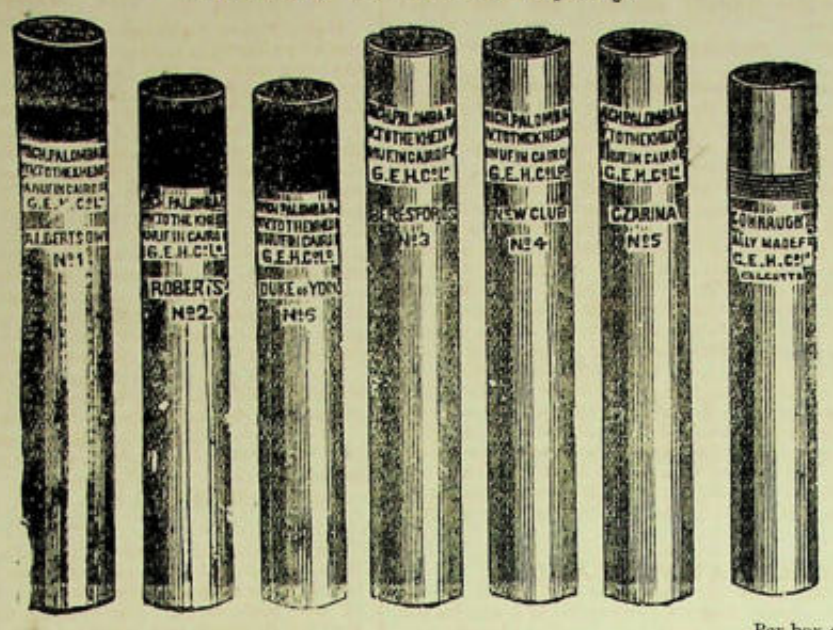

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE interval between the end of the Hockey season and the commencement of the League Competition is all too short for the various clubs to get their teams together, and it is a pity that more time cannot be spared to permit of a larger number of friendly games before the serious business of the season commences. The natural consequence is that the competition is well advanced before the teams are finally decided on and in the meantime points may have been lost which it is difficult to make up in the later stages. We do not know whether it is possible for the I.F.A. to alter this in future, but we bring the matter to their notice more especially as the military teams who are able to practise during a large portion of the Hockey season hereby obtain a very decided advantage.

The result of matches during the past week cannot be taken as a guide for future events, as the various elevens have not yet settled down, and most of the form displayed has in consequence been mediocre in the extreme. This was especially the case in the match between Calcutta and the Rangers on Saturday last, which provided as poor an exhibition of football as it was possible to witness. The premier club tried a rearrangement of their forward line by transferring Stewart from the left to the right wing where he was partnered by Cooper, and Sherman played outside left instead of his usual position on the inside, which was filled by Fyfe. Crawford, whose proper position is centre half, was played at full back and Gillespie was brought up to fill the vacancy thus caused. This reshuffling of positions completely disorganised the team and we are glad to hear that the experiment is not to be tried again. The Rangers had out a very poor side and in consequence they also were obliged to remodel their team. The play was too ragged to permit of much description, but Fyfe's individual effort, which led up to his scoring the first goal for Calcutta, was quite the best thing of the match. Maunder played a hard and untiring game at half-back and Todd's long kicking was noticeable for its accuracy on several occasions. In the second half the Rangers had more of the game, but their efforts lacked finish and Buckley was only once called upon to save. Russell on the left wing showed pace and a certain amount of cleverness and Hollow proved sound in defence, but Birkmyre with a long shot, which was not devoid of a certain amount of luck, put on the second goal and Calcutta thus won by 2-0.

The meeting of Dalhousie and Burns resulted in a very even game and in point of play was perhaps the best of the four League matches which were contested on Saturday last. Dalhousie were at full strength, but the Engineers were without two or three of their regular players and they did very well to have made such a good fight. Williams, who is better known at Home as a Rugby player, assisted the Dalhousie and gave a very promising display and Rosser's pace served him in good stead on several occasions, but both his shooting and that of Echlin was very erratic and they missed several opportunities. Watts, who played centre forward, was in fine form, and the shot with which he scored the second goal for his side was beautifully hard and well timed. With such a fast and clever set of forwards and the inimitable Peake in goal Dalhousie ought to stand very high in the League table at the close of the competition. The back division appeared to be the strong point in the Burns team, and McLachlin, Russell and Wood were sound and untiring, but the forwards were not well together and Tayler proved somewhat slow.

The defeat of Howrah by the K. O. S. B. to the tune of 4-0 was in a great measure due to the superior training of the Military team, as at half time they had only scored a goal, and that from a penalty kick, whereas after the interval they found the net on three occasions. The League Champions of 1902, who were represented by almost the same team as they had last year, have been able to indulge in a good deal of practice, a fact which was noticeable by the combination they displayed, and they put an amount of dash and fire into their game which is almost irresistible. Cassidy and Byers were perhaps the best of the forwards and McDonald at full-back was very noticeable. For Howrah the two Smiths gave a dashing and clever display and Bennett and Maunder in the back division were good, the latter saving well on several occasions.

A team of individual performers, however brilliant, always have to bow the knee to a side who rely upon combined play and such proved to be the case when the Y. M. C. A. met the 93rd Highlanders on the ground of the latter on Saturday last. Apcar, Simmons and Crow all made some exceedingly fine runs but they were never supported and their efforts consequently resulted in nothing tangible. The Argylls on the other hand combined very prettily and effectively on several occasions, and but for the fine goalkeeping of Williams, would have registered more than the two goals by which they eventually won. Quin, a new man who appeared as centre forward, promises to develop into a very useful recruit and Hogg and McCluskie were conspicuous in their respective positions.

On Monday last the Rangers had to admit their second defeat, this time at the hands of the 64th R. F. A., who are themselves far from being a brilliant team. The display given by both sides was very poor and until the Rangers can command the services of several of their usual players, who are not at present assisting them, they cannot expect to make much headway. The 64th R. F. A. after having rather the best of the game eventually won by 1-0 and their victory was largely due to Woods, who dribbled well and centred with great accuracy, but was seldom supported. Brown at full back and Russell on the left wing were the most conspicuous for the Rangers.

It is not very often that "B" team matches are productive of bringing much new talent to light, but the meeting of the Calcutta 'B" and the "G" Company of the 93rd Highlanders on Monday last had this much to be desired result, as we feel sure that in Binning and Bell the Calcutta team have unearthed a forward and a goalkeeper of more than average merit. The presence of Buckley of course bars the way for Bell at present, but he ought to make an excellent understudy and an extended trial in the first team should certainly be given to Binning who has the makings of a fast and clever forward.

THE CHIEL.

Golf.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE Handicap Foursome Tournament was concluded last week and resulted in a win for Messrs. A. P. Symonds and J. M. Robinson who easily disposed of Messrs. Thomson and Waller in the finals. Details :—

First Round.

Thomson and Waller (5) beat Longhurst and Mitchell (4) by 2 holes.

Carruthers and Ross (6) beat Annan and Beardsell (5) by 5 up and 3.

Symonds and Robinson (3) beat Magrath and Hare (1) by 6 up and 5.

Hooper and Pope (4) W.O., Lawson and Jackson (3) scratched.

Second Round.

Thomson and Waller beat Carruthers and Ross by 5 up and 3.

Symonds and Robinson beat Hooper and Pope by 3 up and 2.

Final Round.

Symonds and Robinson beat Thomson and Waller by 5 up and 3.

Sports.

DARJEELING GYMKHANA.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 1903.

THE second Gymkhana of the season took place last Saturday, but beyond the members there were very few present. The public don't seem to care to go as far as Lebong unless there is something especially attractive going on. They are a sporting lot, however in the Regiment quartered there, and enter in good numbers for everything, while their excellent Band enlivens the afternoon with really tuneful selections of music. The following were the results on Saturday :—

RAP KNUCKLE PLATE.—For gentlemen. To pick three balls off three cricket stumps and throw them into buckets near the stumps. Pace gallop.

Won by Mr A. Price. 10 entries

QUADRUPED COMPETITION.—For teams of two men, one lady, and a goat. The bipeds mounted to drive the quadruped into a pen. Competitors to provide their own goat, no whips allowed.

Won by Miss George, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Thompson. 4 Entries.

LADIES' RACE.—Canter trot, and walk round the course for ladies, one third of the distance at each pace.

Won by Mrs. Edge. 6 entries

EDUCATIONAL STAKES.—Gentlemen to ride to lady with a misspelt letter, lady to correct same, and gentlemen to finish round the course. First in with corrections right to win.

Won by Mr. Soule and Mrs. Canning. 9 Couples entered

KADIE CUP.—Pig-sticking for ladies only.

Won by Mrs. Christian. 5 Entries.

ULTA PULTA STAKES.—For gentlemen. Competitors will change mounts at the starting post. Last pony in to win.

Won by Mr A. Prices, pony. 6 entries

SOLDIERS' RACE.—Pick-a-back over obstacles Open to soldiers of the garrison. The man acting as horse to be blindfolded.

Won by Privates Taylor and Huggins 12 Entries.

The Naturalist.

THE MEETING OF THE LONDON ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

AT the last meeting of the London Zoological Society for scientific business several interesting communications were made, notably a brief paper by Mr. Henry Scherren, F. Z. S., on the literature of "Feather-tracts." As many of my readers doubtless know, the feathers of birds do not, as a rule, grow uniformly over the body, but in definite tracts or patches with bare spaces in between as may be well seen in a half-fledged nestling. A German Scientist Nitzch, whose work was published in the first half of the last century, is the writer usually credited with introducing the study of the subject; but Mr Scherren showed that Linnaeus had commented on these feather-patches and even published a figure showing them, while even further back our own Sir Thomas Browne was acquainted with the leading facts concerning them. After a paper by Mr. Oldfield Thomas on Mammals from the Soudan, which contained nothing of any general interest, a rather long paper by Mr. R. J. Pocock on the Geographical Distribution of the Spiders of the group Mygalomorphic evoked some discussion. This group of spiders includes the Trap-door Spiders and the great Bird-killing Spiders of the Mygale group, familiar to students of Indian Natural History. Owing to the fact that they do not soar when young like so many spiders, the species of the Mygalomorphic group have less opportunity for becoming widely distributed whence their present location is the more interesting. The said soaring of young spiders is managed by the little animal letting out a thread of web of sufficient length to carry it along when the wind blows it away, and these tiny aeronauts have been found on the highest mountains and far out at sea. Mr Pocock considered that the present distribution of the Mygalomorphic spiders indicated a former union between Africa and South America, and a general connection of land in the southern hemisphere. But of course the possiblity of widespread extinction of types always remains to be considered in questions like these; and spiders are known to be devoured with particular avidity by birds, so that they run a special risk of extinction.

The succeeding paper, by Mr. Woodland, would have been of great interest and well discussed, had it not been so lengthy that the last part had to be given as an abstract; and no discussion was possible at all. It dealt with the external position of the testes in the scrotum in mammals—a point which has

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always been of interest and hard to explain as these organs are so susceptible of injury. Mr. Woodland, indeed, considered that they were, even when external, well protected by their situation, but such will hardly be the opinion of practical observers of animal life. It was suggested that the external position of the testes, which is chiefly characteristic of the most active among the mammals, is due to a displacement, originally mechanical, of these organs owing to the jerky and rapid movements of the creatures in action. Slow ponderous mammals like the elephant, and sluggish creatures like some of the lowest forms, such as the ant-eater, owed their internal testes to want of this violent exercise; while the same peculiarity characterized birds and fishes on account of their smooth movements in the slightly-resisting media of air and water. Unfortunately, as is usually the case with the facile theories of the modern library and laboratory trained naturalist, the present one fails from want of due consideration of the facts The average bird is quite as "jolty" in his hopping movements on branch or earth as any mammal, and he is besides subject to seasonal enlargements of the testes which would render the strain on them peculiarly great; moreover when flying the action is jerky to a degree, not only in the give-and-take flight of small birds, but in the apparently smooth progress of large ones. Any one who will take the trouble to watch a big bird crossing his point of view on the wing will notice that every stroke gives a manifest jerk to the body. But watching any live animal is too much, it seems, to ask of a "zoologist" now-a-days Hence waste of paper and printer's ink in many a scentific journal.

I cannot leave the subject of the Zoological Society without expressing my satisfaction at the result of the recent election. Dr. Chalmers Mitchell is not only a good zoologist, but quite the most charming personality and the best man of affairs in the zoological world, and his appointment the best thing that could have happened for the Society.

FRANK FINN.

The Story Teller

NATIVE SUPERSTITIONS.

(Concluded from page 46.)

THE following account of the creation was told to me by a white-haired old man of about ninety years of age, who was looked up to and loved and reverenced by all, whose life had been saintly and whose knowledge of holy things was, if report spoke true, unsurpassable. It was told to me with the greatest solemnity, and with the most implicit belief, notwithstanding its unpardonable assumptions.

In the beginning there was God, and nothing but God. He was from before the beginning, and his thoughts grew fast and rendered him excessively hot, so much so that he began to pour with perspiration which at last grew into an inconceivably large ocean and the Creator was tossed about by its waves, as he lay floating on them, and he had no place to rest on. After further thought he made a tooroong (*i.e.*, a long deep basket such as is generally carried by hill people, and tea coolies), large enough to reach from the depths to the surface, and turning it upside down he sat upon its nether end and for a little space had rest not for long however. He found it a very unstable seat, the waves of the ocean of his thoughts drove it about, tilting it up, and upsetting it so that He was nearly as much worried as before. Being desirous of perfect rest, he left his seat on the tooroong, and dived to the bottom of the waters and scraped the earth at the bottom till it appeared above the ocean as a ring, and he bailed the waters from the inside of this ring until it was all dry land. Thus was the earth created, and he rested from his labours.

Howbeit some of the ocean flowed through cracks in the circular chain of hills, these are the large rivers which revivify all life Having perfect rest the Creator gazed about Him, and seeing a large place went about it searching for man, but He found it bare and no one in it.

Then it happened that while thinking over His work He suddenly perceived his shadow lying straight in front of Him. He addressed it but obtained no reply, again He spoke to it but received no answer, nor would it tell Him who it was, nor whence it came, so He moved away, but the shadow preceded Him, whereupon being disturbed he sought to catch hold of it by a sudden snatch, but only succeeded in obtaining a handful of earth. Having hurt His fingers somewhat as He snatched at the shadow, He blew upon them to allay the pain, and his breath going over the handful of earth He still held, it became a living man.

This narrative appears very absurd, no doubt, to Christians but when we come to examine it, it is not a whit more childish or inconsequent than the Biblical narrative. It does not insist that the earth was made in seven days which the very rocks contradict, nor does it descend to such puerile ideas as to suppose that the sole reason for the creation of the sun, and moon, and all the starry hosts was to give light to this very insignificant planet of ours Yet in other ways it curiously resembles Biblical notions on the matter.

Take the idea of the earth first being fluid, then sea (Genesis, Chapter 1, verse 2.) Then that the said flood was encircled by a ring of hills, read Proverbs, Chapter 8 verses 26 and 27, where it distinctly states that the high places (*i.e.* hills) of the earth were made first, and goes on to say "When he set a compass," (*i.e.*, a ring or circle) upon the face of the deep.

Why, it is the Mughy narrative all over again! And to me it is passing strange that the same belief should be held by Solomon, the great king, the centre of the civilization of his time, the alleged wisest man that ever lived (I hae ma doots as to that though, when one considers the number of his matrimonial engagements) as well as by the semi-savage in the wilds of the forests of the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The basket incident is, of course, a gross absurdity, since it pre-supposes the existence of materials to weave one of, before they were created. But the Hebraic account does the same, Genesis, Chapter I, verse 2, says:—

"And the spirit of God moved upon the waters." Here the assumption that water existed before anything, itself included, was created is as absurd as the incident of the basket in the Mughy account, while the latter narrative is superior to the Hebraic one in that it not only recounts how the fluid was brought into existence, but does so by a highly poetic imagery which the Biblical account lacks.

It is singular that both statements should agree that the earth was fluid first. Yet while the Biblical describes it as a mere watery expanse which the Creator's spirit accidently came upon and brooded over the Mughy one likens it to something far more subtle, to in fact God's own very thoughts condensed into a magnetic or electric ichor, and which flowing from Him in countless myriads of drops formed an ocean of thought in which He was immersed, and from which He emmerged into a new creation, and a fresh world. Nor does it stop here, for it maintains that this earth is not only still surrounded by this wonderful ocean of God's thoughts, but that as water, the one great purifier and refresher of our planet, without which no life could exist on our earth, permeates it in the shape of springs and rivers, so breaking through from the circumambiant, ocean of his thoughts in streams.

God's care permeates all creation, both spiritual and physical, sweetening and refreshing, revivifying even as rivers of water does so to the earth.

Mark again the beautiful sequence of ideas, thought leads to unrest, unrest to action, action to achievements, achievement to rest. So it has been and will be, verily, as the preacher saith. All is vanity and there is nothing new under the sun.

POLITYE.

The Garden.

GARDENING IN MIDNAPORE.

CABBAGES, *Brassica oleracea*, give very satisfactory results here; but like most other vegetables are late in coming into season, though this is more than counterbalanced by the way they last out.

Soil of a loamy or friable nature and heavily but not *too freshly* manured is the best suited for cabbages.

If the monsoon rains have not been heavy sowings of some of the earlier varieties of cabbages, such as Early York and Sugar Loaf, may be made from the first week of August to the middle of the following month and the late kinds, such as Dwarf Drumhead, Savoys, Late Paris and Red Dutch, a fortnight or three weeks later. The proportion of cabbage seeds sown is the same as for cauliflowers and should also be sown in raised beds and the seedlings treated in the same way. When the plants are from four to five inches high, they should be transplanted in rows or lines two feet apart each way and the main crops should always be put out, if possible, before the close of October. Cabbages have in these parts many insect enemies to contend with and which are often the cause of the young plants being weakened during their earlier growth. I know of no remedy against these visitations, but looking carefully for the pests and destroying them. After the plants have been put out, they should be watered daily every evening, and as they grow up, irrigation whenever available should be freely made use of. Liquid manure or weak solution will be found very beneficial as the heads are forming. The *malees* or gardeners in this country, have an idea that tying up the leaves will hasten the cabbages coming to heads; this is a mistaken notion, and the only good it does, is to often cause caterpillars and other vermins to appear. With proper cultivation and free watering cabbages ought to be fit for the table from fourteen to sixteen weeks from the time of their being transplanted and if the ground round the plants be occasionally loosened and irrigated, when required, should keep in good condition till well into April. A good plan is when the cabbages are cut to cover over the stumps with a layer of lea mould and water daily. In about two to three weeks' time little sprouts or shoots will appear and which will be found in no way inferior to Brussels sprouts and quite as delicate.

It is perhaps not generally known that cabbages may be kept in good condition all the year round. The *modus operandi* is as follows: Take some fine heads of cabbages, remove all the coarser outer leaves and slice them cross wise half an inch in thickness. Shred all the pieces, carefully removing all decayed and otherwise damaged leaves. Put the shredded leaves in trays and expose to the sun for five or six days or until quite dry, when carefully store in dry bottles for future use. Cabbages thus treated will be found to b a welcome addition to our other vegetables obtainable during the rains. I have tried these what might be called dessicated cabbages plain boiled in stews, in curries, etc., and have found them excellent and by throwing them in boiling water with a teaspoonful of salt, they will be found to almost regain their usual colour and freshness.

RAOUL.

Dur Ng Lord St. Vincent's brief career on the Turf, the unfortunate purchase of Klarikoff was an incident which created considerable interest. It appears that this horse belonged to Mr. Padwick, and had been backed to win an enormous stake for the Derby. It happened that one evening Lord St. Vincent dined at Mr. Padwick's house in Hill-street with several well-known patrons of the Turf, and on such an occasion, as might be expected, the forthcoming event at Epsom monopolised the chief part of the conversation. In the course of dinner Mr Padwick was asked by Lord St. Vincent if he would sell Klarikoff, to which he replied—

"It is impossible."

"But why not?" asked his lordship.

"For many reasons," said Mr. Padwick; "because, in the first place, I could never make a market of a horse at my own table; in the second, because I really could not put a price upon him; thirdly, because I could not remove him from John Scott's stable, as his friends are all on him; and fourthly, because I do not want to part with him"

But Lord St. Vincent was bent on having the horse, and in the drawing-room pressed his host to let him have half of it, if the would not part with the hole. It was finally agreed that Lord St. Vincent should have a half-share in Klarikoff, the sum asked after a considerable amount of discussion, being five thousand pounds.

"I will have it," exclaimed his lordship. I think it moderate, and emagined you would have asked twice as much."

"But," rejoined his host, "you shall not buy this evening; sleep on your offer, and if you come to me to-morrow and want to be off the bargain you shall be in an instant."

How Klarikoff was eventually beaten in the Derby is a matter of history; but mortifying as this event was, it did not discompose Lord St. Vincent, although a still further misfortune was in store for him. As Klarikoff was returning from Epsom to Malton, on the Great Northern Railway, his life was lost by the van taking fire from a spark from the engine, neither of the owners receiving any compensation for the serious loss. And thus ended one of those romantic episodes for which the Turf has always been more or less famous.

Chess.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. XVIII.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to K R 2	1. R to K 8
2. Kt to Q 2	2. B to K 4 (ch)
3. Q takes B (ch)	3. R takes B.
4. Kt mates	

Cards.

WHIST.

WHIST.—HAND NO. X.

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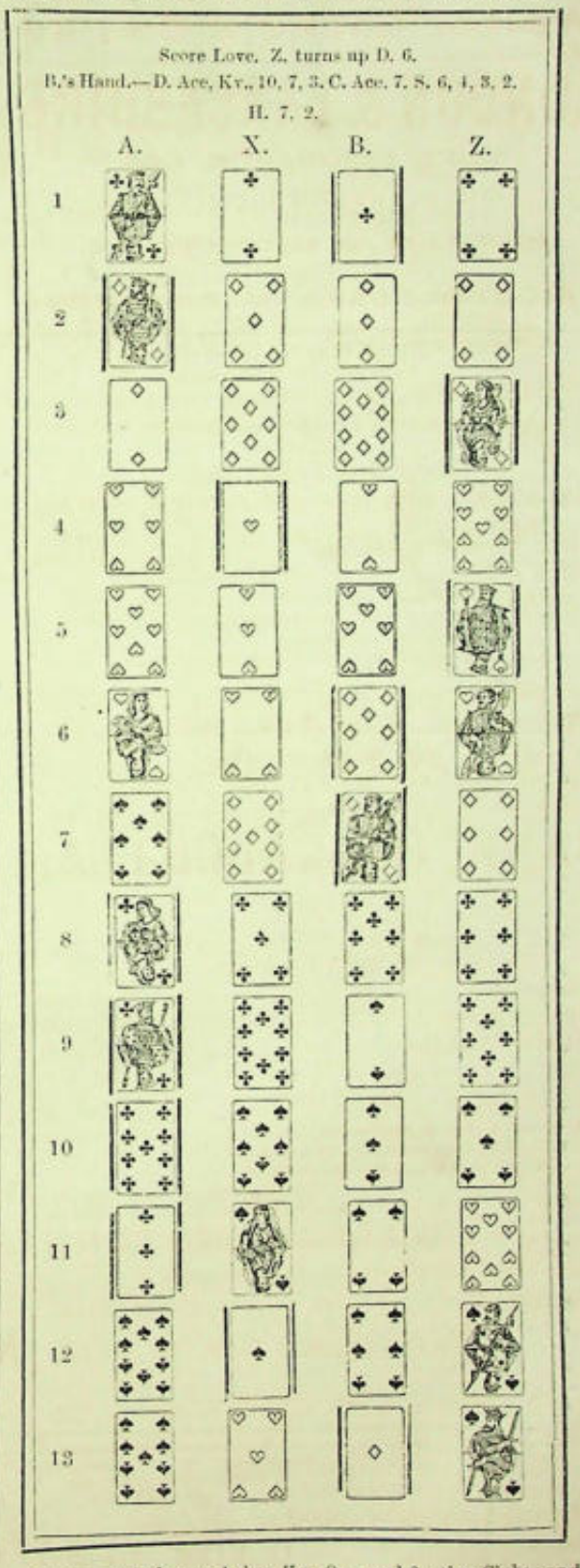

NOTES.—6. B. knows A. has Kg., Qn., and 2 other Clubs; and the only chance he has of winning the game is to trump his partner's trick, draw the trumps, and bring in his partner's suit before another Club is led.

AN epigrammatist once described presence of mind as absence of body—a definition which suits the present case admirably.

At the Epsom Spring Meeting in 1835 what might have been a very serious accident occurred in the first race. Brighton, who was winning the Biddlestown Plate in a canter, became frightened at the shadow which the telegraph board flung across the course, and in endeavouring to jump it stumbled and fell, throwing Fred Barrett, who was riding, clean over his head.

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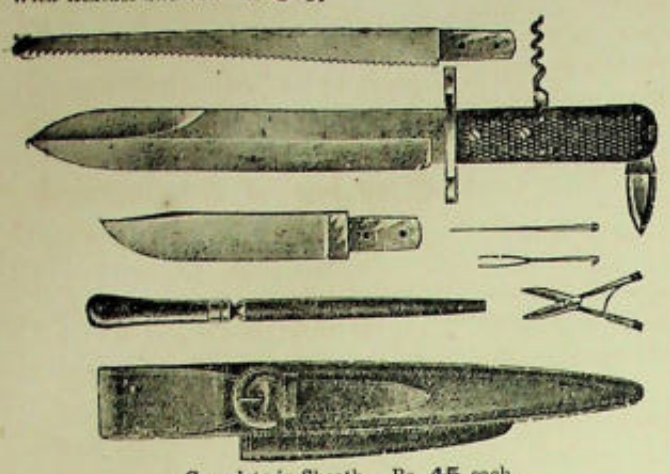

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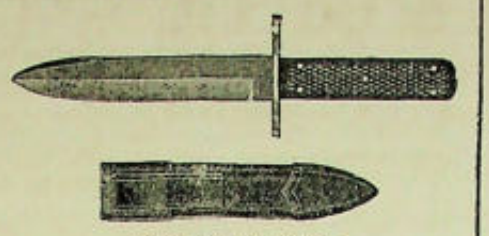

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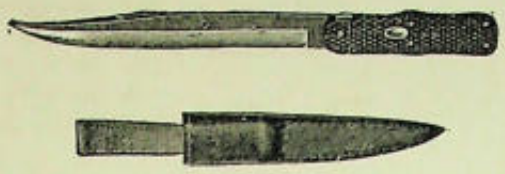

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PIONEERS OF TRAVEL AND NATURAL HISTORY.

THE death of the famous explorer-naturalist, which took place on Tuesday, 28th April, recalls to the mind of those able to remember so far back the vigorous attack made upon the discoverer of the gorilla when he announced that he had seen and killed specimens of the mysterious beast whose existence was by most people held a myth. The gorilla had been made known to the naturalists of their day by Carthaginian navigators: and was described by them with that wealth of exaggeration and sensational embellishment which would go far to discredit a story far more easy to believe: and it is hardly wonderful that nineteenth century naturalists should have regarded with something more than doubt the misty tales of Hames, dating from about four hundred years before Christ. It was in the early forties when du Chaillu was but twelve years old that the scientific world had its attention drawn to the possibility that the great ape of ancient fable was really to be found where ancient fable had placed it. Dr. Savage, who was out on the Gaboon river in 1847, sent to Owen a sketch of the cranium of a gorilla. Owen seems to have reserved his judgment like the fair-minded man he was; he held his peace until 1851 when skins and bones were available and then described the animal to the Zoological Society: he described it before the Royal Institution in 1859, in which year, it may be added, the beast was the first time popularly described and figured with very tolerable accuracy in Wood's *Natural History*.

Two years later du Chaillu appeared, fresh from the West African forests and supplied with skins and complete skeletons. In view of the substratum of knowledge already possessed, it might be supposed that the French traveller's account of the gorilla, supported as it was by skins and complete skeletons, would have commanded general and complete confidence. It is difficult to understand why this was not accorded him: but the fact remains that du Chaillu's address to the Zoological Society in March 1861 at once provoked attacks upon his veracity: and the attack was renewed with greater bitterness when his famous book appeared later in the year. Charles Waterton, the American naturalist, was one of those who was at pains to cast doubt upon the accuracy of du Chaillu's statements. Dr. Gray, then head of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, was even less restrained in his opposition. The latter indeed went so far as to assert, with no better ground than sheer incredulity, that the traveller was guilty of gross untruth; that he had never been in the Gaboon forests at all and had never seen a live gorilla, much less killed one. He could not, of course, explain away twenty one skins, several of which had been stuffed and exhibited at the Geographical Society's rooms, but he did his best to discredit du Chaillu: with, it must be admitted, a good deal of success. Many persons who had the public ear, without much good reason to show for the attention their utterances commanded, enjoyed the opportunity of attacking a man bigger than any of themselves: conspicuous among these was the Hon. Grantley Berkeley, who had at the time much acceptance as a writer

on sport. Reviewing the whole controversy at this distance of time, it is impossible not to be struck by the animus displayed by du Chaillu's hostile critics : and also by the courage with which men drew deductions from their knowledge of very different species of ape and offered these as proofs of the discoverer's mendacity. The production of evidence of the existence of the gorilla appears to have been resented with such bitterness that detractors were obliged to take refuge in attacks upon du Chaillu's account of the animal's habits and character. One critic, either Waterton or Grantley Berkeley, proved to his own entire satisfaction that the gorilla must be so inactive, so clumsy and helpless that it was no foe at all to an armed man. It must be allowed that du Chaillu's book was written in a style more suitable for a boy's book of adventure than a sober work of travel : his Gallic vivacity took him in charge on occasion, he did not display sufficient care in accepting or sifting hearsay evidence gleaned from natives and he exhibited a sense of the value of the sensational in appealing to the crowd. It is certain that these weaknesses told against him and made for him enemies who would otherwise have been friends : but nothing could justify or extenuate the reckless fashion in which it was sought to hound the man out as an impostor who was wilfully imposing upon science. Du Chaillu felt keenly the attacks made upon him, but he found much consolation in the cordial support given him by Owen among the scientific leaders and Frank Buckland among the popular lights of the day. How he returned to Africa, and in 1865 returned to confound those of his enemies who still stood in need of it, is a matter of history.

The case of du Chaillu and the gorilla is, or should be, a valuable example of the necessity for approaching new discoveries in an impartial spirit. If a report be only sufficiently sensational, it is certain to drive its hearers into one of two camps : that of the whole-hearted sceptic, or that of the blind believer. Very few have the moral courage to hold their judgment on the curb and wait for developments. We had a striking example of this a few years ago when that courageous Swiss, Louis de Rougemont, or Grein, took the cheap magazine world by storm with his wonderful tales of Australian adventure. The man's story literally bristled with glaring blunders and absurdities which outraged the naked possible : yet there were those who not only smoothed away his impudent mendacities and brought lasting ridicule on the British Association by reading de Rougemont's story before the Geographical Section : there were otherwise sane and intelligent men who were quite prepared to finance the rogue if he would lead an expedition to the land of his imagining, where kettles and pots were to be made out of virgin gold nuggets! This last we take to be the convincing evidence : we may profess large belief with a light heart : but if we have money to spare we are usually careful to weigh and examine the evidence for the most tempting investment. Nothing could more eloquently prove the stupidity of the British public in one of its fits of credulity, than the financial support which a rich syndicate was prepared to render the mountebank whose name is only now to be mentioned in conjunction with that of the eminent Baron Munchausen. Such incidents as the "de Rougemont case" are regrettable, because they tend to create an atmosphere of prejudice which a true story has difficulty in dissipating : a vast deal depends upon the manner in which any discovery is announced : when the Okapi was revealed to the scientific world, there were many in that world who reserved their judgment as to the existence of the beast, though they said little of the doubt that possessed them and wrote less. The event proved the wisdom of the attitude of reserve.

We confess to having an open mind on the existence of marine monsters, or sea serpents, to use the sorely battered name. When we think how the flying dragon of folklore has been justified by the discovery of the pterodactyl of palæontologists : when we recall the size and strangeness of the terrestrial monsters of ages more or less remote : and when we consider how little, how very little knowledge we possess of the deep waters and their inhabitants, it were rash indeed to dismiss the "sea serpents" to the realm of myth and invention. It may well be that the applied science of the future will equip us with means to investigate regions now beyond the reach of man : and unless we are prepared, in the face of the discoveries of the last hundred years, to assert that we have reached the end of knowledge, it is surely well that we keep an open mind on these matters.

SPORTING PICTURES AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

(From a London Correspondent.)

Sporting subjects are hardly as numerous as usual this year at Burlington House, and it must be allowed that those there are leave something to be desired. The most successful artists of the sporting school are undoubtedly those who confine themselves to the hunting field, more particularly to foxhunting ; and the exponents of foxhunting are few enough. The least successful are those whose love of colour, form and line lead them to the study, in the Zoological Gardens, of wild animals, and to "fix up" the result amid surroundings which commend themselves to the artistic sense. It is unfortunate that the surroundings which best satisfy the painter are rarely those which appeal to the beast himself : hence the sacrifice of realism and sometimes of elementary accuracy which offends the eye of him who brings a more or less expert eye to bear upon the picture.

Here now is Mr. Arthur Wardle, well and favourably known as a dog painter, with a picture of a feline (we can't commit ourselves further than that) in a South American swamp. The feline crouches on the limb of a tree and is apparently lost in thought : why it should take up its position over water about two feet above the surface in a situation where the blindest victim could see it, only that feline could explain. It has selected a site which by reason of the colour of the limb is conspicuous : the jaguar (?) stands boldly out among its surroundings a glaring advertisement of danger to the approaching victim.

On the wall in room farther on is Mr. Edgar H. Fischer's remarkable study of a wounded tiger : we arrive at the conviction that it is a tiger by process of elimination, otherwise we should say that no tiger ever existed with a head so small in proportion to the rest of his body. This noble animal sprawls on snow : therefore he must be a Manchurian or North China tiger, for in no part of India that we ever heard of is the tiger found above the snow line at the height of the coldest season when the snows come down lowest. Therefore Mr. Fischer's tiger in the strictly Arctic and foggy landscape must belong to Manchuria or region adjacent. But the tiger of those regions takes upon him a coat that is the envy and ambition of furriers, to say nothing of sportsmen, in winter : Mr. Fischer's tiger wears a close smooth summer coat of sober reddish brown, very sparsely striped, disdaining the cold altogether. "Habet!" is the name of this picture. The tiger is suffering from a bullet with which an unskilful hand has plugged him far back in the ribs midway between shoulder and stifle : the tiger habet : but when the sportsman hurries up and puts in a better placed shot with his second barrel he most certainly will not have that skin to adorn his bungalow with. The tiger, when he has recovered from the annoyance and fright which have, we presume, momentarily caused him to collapse at length on his belly, will be up and away, little the worse. The astonishing thing is that he should have deemed such a wound worth lying down to howl to the sky about.

"Stalkers" is the title of another picture by Mr. Arthur Wardle. A leopard crouching behind a boulder on a steep hill side, slate formation, with another leopard behind, the latter regarding the scenery with a disinterested air. The leopards we presume are the stalkers; and we dismiss as a detail the trifle that the first leopard cannot by any possibility see the hinds which are approaching from the distant valley below—unless he can see through a foot or two of solid rock. We would suggest that it is unusual to stalk game by lying in ambush till it comes to you, but that is another detail. What we ask is in what part of the world is the scene laid? The hinds are more like muledeer than any other species known to Zoology, *vide* the size of their ears ; but the muledeer is a North American species and leopards do not occur in North America. Possibly the artist would represent sambhur ; we will discount those ears to meet him, but then what are sambur hinds doing, processing up a naked rugged hillside in the full glare of noon? We are always glad to allow much latitude in posing a feline, but we cannot approve the attitude of the first leopard ; we cannot reconcile the arrangement of his forehand with the elements of anatomy ; his elbow and shoulder appear to have telescoped one into the other for convenience of "stalking," and if a leopard can get cramp that is the fate which undoubtedly awaits him should he not move soon.

The next sporting picture takes us to a different scene. Mr. Frank P. Freyburg shows us "a check" in rather an odd place ; to wit in a gorse covert. Some of the hounds have their heads down, as we judge by the circumstance that only their sterns are visible ; but we regret to see that hunt servants view with indifference the fact that a dozen couples at least have ceased to take any interest in the proceedings ; we must presume that they are puzzled by losing the scent in a gorse covert which they have successfully carried across the plough.

"Dawn" by Joseph Farquharson, A., a very finely painted waterscape ; but what is the heron doing? Herons at dawn usually seek food, and why this bird (beautifully put on the wing) should be flying away over boundless water is not clear.

The wolf is Miss Winifred Austen's strong suit, but we do not care for the wolf in "The Day of Reckoning": we may doubt the accuracy of the title ; for the human pursuers on foot in the background are armed with weapons not more formidable than sticks—unless we are greatly mistaken—and to chase on foot a large wolf through forest land seems to be a waste of energy. We should be prepared to lay long odds on that wolf's living to sit or stand to Miss Austen again next year. Our objection to him is that his head is too dog-like, especially the eyes ; nor does his rich colour please us.

"A little child shall lead them" is allegorical of course, but even in allegory Mr. Wright Barker should have an eye to the proportions. If that very fine and benevolent looking blackmaned lion is not fourteen hands high, then is the wolf beside him the altitude of a fox and no more ; but if the wolf is a common or jungly wolf of normal size, then that lion is fourteen hands and not half an inch less.

"Hostilities" is a study of a lioness crouching on rock out crop to snarl at a puff adder (?) whose attitude indicates readiness to strike. We reserve judgment concerning this work : we do not know whether lions and snakes ever quarrel, and we cannot think of any reason why they should.

Mr. A. C. Myer has gone to Kipling's Jungle Book for inspiration : and has turned out a large canvas which he calls "Mowgli made leader of the Bandar log." We were prepared to accept these monkeys as genuine : but an eminent Zoologist, to whom we appealed for support, gave it as his opinion that they belonged to no recognised species. Adhering to our private idea that they fairly represent the monkey made very familiar to us by residence in Northern India, we only suggest that the artist has not made quite as much of his theme as he might have done.

In the water colour room Mr. Algernon Newton has a distinctly successful portrait of an Arab, named Ribab : he ought to have done him without that heavy headstall, though : it spoils the lines of a good head.

Special Telegrams.

THE FRENCH DERBY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB.—(French Derby) of £7,500, for three-year-olds ; 9st 2lb, each ; 1½ miles.

Baron A DeSchickler's b c EX VOTO, by Le Sancy—Golden Rod, Thorpe ...	1
M Edmond Blanc's ch c QUO VADIS, by Winkfield's Pride—Filomena, Turner ...	2
Baron E de Rothschild's ch c VERTUMNE, by Galleazzo—Vernal, Hardy ...	3
M Gaston Dreyfus's b c JOHN BULL, by S Damien—Julia	0
M Edmond Blanc's b c VINICIUS, by Masque—Wandera	0
M P Aumont's b c VIEUX PARIS, by Simonia—Verveine	0
Comte De Fels' b c ETANG D'OR, by Palmiste—Amnistie	0
Comte De Fels' b c ETNA, by Krakatoa—Ruguse	0
——— LAVANDEER. ———	0
Comte La Marois's b c NAZARAT, by Chalet—Rose Rose	0
Prince J Murat's ch c TYPHON, by Elf—Thebaide	0
M J Prat's gr c FLAMBEAU, by La-Sancy—Fee II	0
——— TORQUATO ——— ...	0
M Ephrussi's b c AVIGNON by Persimmon—Avarice.	

Betting:—5 to 2 on Vinicius ; 30 to 1 against Ex Voto.

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THE DERBY.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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Wednesday, 27th May 1903.

Sir J. Miller's br c ROCK SAND, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, Maher... ... 1
Mr. E. Blanc's b c VINICIUS, by Masque—Wandora, Thompson 2
Sir Daniel Cooper's b c FLOTSAM, by St. Frusquin—Float, W. Halsey 3
Mr. Arthur James's b c RABELAIS, St. Simon—Satirical, K. Cannon 0
His Majesty's ch c MEAD, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, Jones 0
Mr. J. E. Madden's ch c ACEFUL, by Mirthful—Myrtle Harkness, Martin ... 0
Mr. W. B. Cloete's br c CERISIER, by Cherry Tree—Last Love, Madden... ... 0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell*).

Betting: 5 to 4 on Rock Sand.

The race was run in ideal weather and before an enormous crowd, the King and Queen and Princess Victoria being present. Mead was first to show out and led them to the top of the hill, attended by Rock Sand and Vinicius. Here Rock Sand assumed charge and, Mead dropping back, he went on with Vinicius and Flotsam and won easily by two lengths; same distance between second and third. Time—2mins. 43secs.

Pedigree of the Winner.

ROCK SAND (Br. 1900).

Sainfoin (2) (Ch. 1887)	Roquebrune (4) (Br. 1895)	Springfield 12 (B. 1873)	St Albans (2) (Ch' 57)	Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849.) / The Baron 24 Pocahontas
				Bribery (Ch. 1851.) / The Libel 14 Splitvote
			Viridis (B. 1864)	Marsyas 12 (Ch 1851.) / Orlando 13 Malibran
				Md of Palmyra (Br. 1855.) / Pyrrhus the First 3 Palmyra
		Sanda (Ch. 1878)	Wenlock (4) (B. 1869)	Ld Clifden (2) (B. 1860.) / Newminster 8 The Slave
				Mineral (Ch. 1863.) / Rataplan 3 Manganese
			Sandal (Br. 1861)	Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849.) / The Baron 24 Pocahontas
				Lady Evelyn (B. 1846.) / Don John (2) Industry
		St. Simon 11 (B. 1881)	Galopin 3 (B. 1872)	Vedette 19 (Br. 1854.) / Voltigeur (2) Mrs Ridgway
				Flg. Duchess (B. 1853.) / Flying Dtchmn 3 Merope
			St Angela (B. 1865)	King Tom 3 (B. 1851.) / Harkaway (2) Pocahontas
				Adeline (B. 1851.) / Ion (4) Little Fairy
		St. Marguerite (Ch 1879)	Hermit (5) (Ch 1864)	Newminster 8 (B. 1848) / Touchstone 14 Beeswing
				Seclusion (B. 1857) / Tadmor 12 Miss Sillon
			Devotion (Ch. 1869)	Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849) / The Baron 24 Pocahontas
				Alcestics (Bl. 1869) / Touchstone 14 Sacrifice

Winners since 1858.

Year.	Winner.	Time.	Jockey.
1858	Sir J Hawley's Beadsman ...	2 54	... Wells (23)
1859	„ J Hawley's Musjid ...	2 59	... Wells (30)
1860	Mr Merry's Thormanby ...	2 55	... Custance (30)
1861	Col Townley's Kettledrum...	2 43	... Bullock (18)
1862	Mr Snewing's Caractacus ...	2 45½	... J Parsons (34)
1863	„ R C Naylor's Macaroni ...	2 50¼	... T Chaloner (31)
1864	„ W I'Anson's Blair Athol	2 43	... J Snowden (30)
1865	Ct Lagrange's Gladiateur ...	2 46	... H Grimshaw (29)
1866	Mr R Sutton's Lord Lyon ...	2 50	... Custance (26)
1867	„ Chaplin's Hermit ...	2 52	... J Daley (30)
1868	Sir J Hawley's Blue Gown ...	2 43	... Wells (18)
1869	Mr Johnstone's Pretender ...	2 52½	... J Osborne (22)
1870	Lord Falmouth's Kingcraft	2 45	... T French (15)
1871	Bn Rothschild's Favonius ...	2 50	... T French (17)
1872	Mr Saville's Cremorne ...	2 45¼	... Maidment (23)
1873	Mr Merry's Doncaster ...	2 50	... F Webb (12)
1874	Mr Cartwright's George Frederick	2 46	... Custance (20)
1875	Prince Batthyany's Galopin	2 48	... Morris (18)
1876	Mr A Baltazzi's Kisber ...	2 44	... Maidment (15)
1877	Lord Falmouth's Silvio ...	2 50	... F Archer (17)
1878	Mr W S Crawfurd's Sefton	2 56	... Constable (22)
1879	Mr Acton's Sir Bevys ...	3 2	... Fordham (23)
1880	D of Westminster's Bend Or	2 46	... F Archer (19)
1881	Mr P Lorillard's Iroquois ...	2 50	... F Archer (15)
1882	D of Westminster's Shotover...	2 45⅝	... T Cannon (14)
1883	Sir F Johnstone's St Blaise ...	2 48⅝	... C Wood (11)
1884	Mr Hammond's St Gatien ... / Sir J Willoughby's Harvester	2 46⅛	C Wood / S Loates (15)
1885	Lord Hastings's Melton ...	2 43⅝	... Archer (12)
1886	D of Westminster's Ormonde	2 45⅝	... Archer (9)
1887	Mr Abington's Merry Hamptn	2 43	... Watts (11)
1888	D of Portland's Ayrshire ...	2 42½	... F Barrett (9)
1889	D of Portland's Donovan ...	2 45⅛	... T Loates (13)
1890	Sir J Miller's Sainfoin ...	2 42⅘	... J Watts (8)
1891	Sir F Johnstone's Common ...	2 56⅘	... G Barrett (11)
1892	Lord Bradford's Sir Hugo ...	2 44	... Allsopp (13)
1893	Mr M'Calmont's Isinglass ...	2 43	... T Loates (11)
1894	Lord Rosebery's Ladas ...	2 45⅘	... J Watts (7)
1895	Lord Rosebery's Sir Visto ...	2 43⅞	... S Loates (15)
1896	P of Wales's Persimmon ...	2 42	... J Watts (11)
1897	Mr Gubbins's Galtee More ...	2 44	... C Wood (11)
1898	Mr J W Larnach's Jeddah ...	2 47	... O Madden (18)
1899	Duke of Westminster's Flying Fox	2 42⅘	... M Cannon (12)
1900	Prince of Wales's Diamond Jubilee ...	2 42	... H Jones (14)
1901	Mr Whitney's Volodyovski ...	2 40⅘	... L Reiff (25)
1902	Mr Gubbins's Ard Patrick. ...	2 43⅞	... J H Martin (18)

Sporting Notes.

THE Tollygunge Club, as will be seen from the advertisement in our Turf columns, are now arranging the programme for their ninth annual horse and dog show which has been fixed for the 1st January 1904.

We have already referred to the excellence of the entries for the Mysore Races; they will be found in the usual place in our issue of to-day.

The finals in the Ootacamund Polo Tournament were played off on the 16th instant and resulted in a win for Government House who beat the 4th Hussars by 4 goals and one subsidiary to 2 subsidiaries.

C. Moggridge, the trainer and jockey, seems able to strike a hefty blow. The other day he landed one on the jaw of a native jemadar of syces and fractured that useful bone. The Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta made it Rs. 100 or a month, and assessed the injury to the jaw at Rs. 50 which he awarded to the jemadar.

Mr. W. H. Walmsley has gone home for a short holiday.

Mr. C. G. Russell, for many years Honorary Secretary of the Rangoon Gymkhana, has been appointed polo manager at Worcester Park.

The Kour Sahib of Patiala has received news of the victory of Record Reign in a steeplechase at Paris. It has been suggested that this is the Grand Steeplechase of France; but this is incorrect, this big race comes off next Sunday.

People interested in natural history nearly all over the world will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Clarence Bartlett, who, for nearly forty years, was Superintendent of the London Zoological Gardens.

Our London Sporting Letter this week gives details of the races for the One Thousand Guineas and the Chester Cup, together with the full text of the new Betting Bill.

D. Taylor, the trainer has, as will be seen from his announcement elsewhere, returned to Poona, the scene of many of his former triumphs, and opened a training stable at Dilkhusha in which enterprise we wish him every success. Taylors' Indian experience extends over a quarter of a century and in his time he has prepared many a real good horse, among his patrons being Major-General E. L. Elliot, Captain H. B. Purefoy, Lord Douglas Compton and Captain K. P. Apthorpe, from whom he has the highest testimonials. He was also associated with many successes while he trained for Jodhpore.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The dull monotony of scorching heat was abruptly awakened by a duststorm of no mean ferocity and virulence and Boreas in very truth deserved his epithet of "rude." The ill wind assuredly did no good to Captain Lewis and his merry athletes. Having successfully piloted the first night of the boxing tournament we were all looking to him to continue the motion, but on Tuesday night just as we were hurriedly sipping our after-dinner glass of port preparatory to starting for the fray an ominous roar, like that of an angry crowd, presaged misfortune. Those of us who hoping against hope started off were well nigh blinded and choked with dust which quickly covered all things inside and out with a thick layer of dust and a visit to the boxing arena after battling against the wind out of sheer idle curiosity displayed chaos—the canvas enclosure laid low and chairs like ninepins after a successful bowl. This has all been followed by heavy rain and anxious hope has been succeeded each evening by dull despair. There is nothing for it but to live in hope. Meanwhile Captain Lewis has the sympathy of every sportsman who knows how hard he has striven; and it is not in mortals to command success.

Earnest efforts are I hear being made by a distinguished member of this capital of the Deccan to institute what is vulgarly known as a "Cock and Hen" Club, open to members of both sexes for lunch, afternoon tea and dinners. It was suggested that it would afford an admirable means of bachelors and giddy grass widowers returning hospitality which at present they found it somewhat different to do. Any member after due notice was to be entitled to retain the building for a meal on guaranteeing twenty guests. The idea—excellent in many ways—has, however, I believe not caught on, possibly Rs. 4 a head for dinner seemed a trifle high to the impoverished public, but at any rate so far the scheme has given rise to more facetious pleasantries than success. The Tiffin, Tea and Tuck Club was suggested by an irreverent young officer as a suitable name. But treating the matter seriously the idea seems an excellent one and were the suggestions on a less lavish scale it might well prove popular, even if less of a financial success.

Captain the Hon. C. B. F. Greville, Military Secretary to H. E. The Governor of Bombay, and Mr. C. A. Beatty, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, are, I hear, to act as Stewards of the W. I. T. C. during the absence of Major-General Burnett and Colonel Bull, who have gone on leave to England. Who is likely to occupy Colonel Bull's position in "the box" I do not know. It will be a difficult vacancy to adequately fill as Colonel Bull gave universal satisfaction, even when the decision has been "heads" separating three and four horses as we get pretty often in these parts, thanks to Mr. Cursetjee's quite marvellous handicapping. In these two departments and in our Secretary we flatter ourselves on this side that we have little to learn and a lot to teach.

It is with sincere regret that I have to announce the death of Aga Moochool Shah, a first cousin of His Highness the Aga Khan. Being of that illustrious and sporting family it was not surprising that he should dearly love the horse and take a keen interest in racing and for many years no one was better known on the turf on this side of India. Excellent judge of a horse he betted in a very quiet way and raced from a sheer delight in the great game, and though seldom aspiring to classic races won minor events to a full share. His kindness to those in ranks of life below his own and his unfailing courtesy and genial disposition made him a universal favourite, one of whom few, if any, had an ill word to say and it was with very general regret that his friends saw of late years the signs of ill-health which prognosticated the end which has now unhappily come.

A melancholy instance of the gradual extinction of large game is furnished by the returns of the New York Museum. So late as 1894 the wood bison

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which roamed the forests north of the Great Salt Lake, numbered, as well as could be ascertained, between 800 and 900. A census recently taken puts the number now left at barely 50 head. This animal is (or shall we say was) a larger and more noble beast than the "buffler" of the prairies and the Museum authorities set great store by the only head they have been able to secure, as there are none in Yellowstone Park. Hide trappers have done their work only too well, and from all accounts the same ruthless destruction is proceeding in the case of the water buffalo in the isolated jungle between Dacca and Mymensingh.

"I am informed," writes a correspondent, "that some of the best bear shooting in Bengal is to be obtained within sixteen miles of Khargpur railway station which is but four hours' journey from Howrah. Most of the district officers have made good bags, for the time they have been out. Where are the Calcutta shikaris?"

The feat recently accomplished by Mr. Collins of Southern India of bagging three tigers in as many minutes, under circumstances reported in this paper, has been eclipsed by a retired Forest Officer who evidently is a member of the S. A. A. He tells the following story to a correspondent of *The Madras Mail*:—"I was on circuit in one of the forests up-country, and one misty morning, while seated in my tent having an early breakfast previous to going out, my *khansamah* came in and announced the arrival of a ryot with *khubber* of tiger. I went out and heard his story second-hand through my *khansamah*, and this is what he said:—'Protector of the Poor, five tigers kill two cow, to-morrow killing me, they lying in the jungle six mile off. *Sahib* same to me as father mother. *Sahib* come out and kill.' 'By Jove,' I said, 'you old sinner, if you lie I'll have you skinned!' '*Sahib* shoot me stead of tiger,' said the man 'I tell no lie.' I returned to my tent, gave a touch to my hair, just tossed off a brandy and soda, and, accompanied by my peon and *khansamah*, followed the man. Full six miles we walked, and then, before a dense jungle, he stopped, and crawled on hands and knees. I followed for about 50 feet looking more like a cattle-lifting thief than on tiger bent. He raised his hand and pointed, and there, in a wide cavern, all smeared with gore, lay five tigers, snoozing after their repast. In front of the cave, which had but one narrow exit, I noticed a flat rock about 6 feet in height, on which I knew each beast would have to spring before he got out. I planted myself at right angles to the opening, and, facing the table-like rock, told my peon, a plucky Mahomedan, to walk up to the cave and clap his hands. In an instant one of the huge beasts sprang on the rock. I placed a bullet from my smooth-bore in his heart, and dropped him like a log. At the sound of the shot a second tiger sprang on to the rock, and met the fate of his comrade. A third then issued from his lair with a roar, but with the same result. The fourth and fifth, thinking discretion the better part of valour, remained a few seconds within, which gave my *khansamah* time to hand me my double barrel Express. I had hardly taken the rifle from the man when the fourth emerged—I despatched him with a ball behind his shoulder. I now found that the opening was blocked with dead tigers, and the fifth could not make his exit. I walked up and, peering within, saw him on a rock, and brained him. My morning shoot consisted of a tiger 9 ft. 7 in., a tigress 8ft. 7in., and three full grown cubs 7ft. 4in., 7ft. 2in, and 7ft." There is a delightfully refreshing smack of "Aliph Cheem" and the *Lays of Ind* about this modest little story.

"Kapuri," the famous decoy elephant belonging to Mr. W. Ellawella, late M. L. C., died at Ellawella, Ratnapura, Ceylon, on the 8th instant, at the ripe old age of 78. The name of this elephant is a household word among all owners of elephants and sportmen who have taken part in that most exciting sport, elephant kraaling. She had taken part in nearly 50 kraals, almost half this number being got up by her owner. She took part in a kraal at Galaura, 10 kraals at Panamura, at Mellatuar, Yogama, Labugama (the last-named on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh), again at Labugama (on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Clarence and the present Prince of Wales) at Wewile (during the visit of the Czarewitch) and a few others. There are nearly 100 elephants in the Sabaragamuwa Province, and nearly half that number were captured with the aid of "Kapuri." In this connection it may be mentioned that the magnificent tusker belonging to the Ellawella family was captured in 1890 at Wewile without a kraal with the assistance of "Kapuri." About 400 people witnessed the burial.

A huge shark, which was captured at Feroke, was brought down to Calicut a few days ago. The natives called it a *Makara Matsyan*. It measured 18½ft. in length, including 3 feet and odd of its serrated snout, and the greatest girth was 7ft. It appears that the monster came ashore during high water and disported itself on the waves until low tide, when it got stuck in mud and was first enmeshed and then beaten to death. It was cut up on the Calicut beach, and a big load of fat was taken out of it.

In cloudy, steamy weather a large number of people were present at a very successful pagal Gymkhana held under the auspices of the 5th Dragoon Guards at the Mohamed Bagh Club, Lucknow, on the 25th instant. The Tandem Trotting Race was won by Captain Dunbar, nominated by Mrs. Saunders and Major Eustace nominated by Mrs. Ryves the second prize. The Tiffin Basket Costume Race was won by Mr. Stafford nominated by Mrs. Lawrence and Captain Winwood nominated by Mrs. Porter the second prize. The Claret Jug Not-at-Home Stakes was won by Captain Winwood nominated by Miss Porter and Mr. Berthoud nominated by Mrs. Ryves the second prize. The Hunting Whip Potato Race was won by Mr. Symonds nominated by Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Berthoud nominated by Mrs. Anderson the second prize. The Driving Whip Tennis Racquet and Ball Race was won by Mr. Stafford nominated by Mrs. Lawrence and Captain Dunbar nominated by Mrs. Saunders the second prize. The Driving Whip Cigar and Wine Race was won by Mr. Sheridan nominated by Mrs. Anderson, and Captain Winwood nominated by Mrs. Wallance the second prize.

Captain Randall's well-known racing pony Ada met with a serious accident at Bangalore on the 22nd instant. On the way home from the course a passing motor bicycle frightened her and bolting she collided with a wall and sustained injuries to her head which it is believed will prove fatal.

BEHAR NOTES.

The Behar pigsticking this year has hardly been as good as former years, for the pig have been both small and scarce, but the Broucke's stick in the north of Bettiah was an undoubted success and the arrangements perfect as they were certain to be with such old sportsmen as the Brouckes to manage the *bundobust*. Twenty-four pig were killed and they all fought well, and gave good sport. The following were some of the "spears" out:—Messrs. Pat and George Moore, the Brouckes, Messrs. M. Smith, Crane, Elliot, and Hickley. Mr. Toomey also gane a "stick" at Kontie which went off very well. Last week twelve good pig were killed. The elephants and beaters were looked after by Mr. Toomey himself, who was unsparing in his efforts to make the "stick" go off successfully. "Bill" Rawlins managed to get five first spears. On the 18th insant Mr. C. Webb gave a stick at one of his grasses at Muktapore. Two pig were killed which unfortunately wouldn't break out into the open, and had to be stuck in the grasses.

There is to be a "stick" at Swaisingpur on the 25th of May and from all accounts there should be good sport there as the grasses are reported to be full of pig. The following are expected to be out:—Messrs. Delitre, Edgell, Marsham, Wilson, Rawlins, and MacLeod.

There was a "stick" at Beerie the other day which turned out a dismal failure; some sixty pig being driven out of the grass, and not a boar amongst them.

Messrs. Jones and Brown managed to get a very nice pig in the Baniepore *dehat* on the 21st instant. It measured 33½ inches, and gave excellent sport.

The many friends of Mr. Ernest Stevens will be glad to hear that he is picking up well at home. He has already recovered the use of his arms and is expected to be able to walk again shortly and there is every chance of his being able to return to Rhuni, Syedpur, next year.

Mr. R. Waller of Dooriah, who has been down with typhoid, is now well on the road to recovery and shortly leaves India for a sea voyage.

Mr. J. A. M. Wilson, thanks to his vigorous constitution, is already out of bed and has quite thrown off the attack of dysentery he has been suffering from.

Mr. T. Lamb, who has been so badly shaken over his accident, which occurred some months ago, is now in Darjeeling and he hopes to be able to return to his old berth in the Jeetwanpur Concern next month.

Mr. C. Dalgleish, who has gone up to Mussoorie, for his health, is hardly progressing favourably, and there is every possibility that he may have to go home.

Anglo-Indians who have been out here many years we have no doubt can give points to the "country cousin" up to "Lunnon" for the day, but the following story of an indigo planter's arrival in London beats most things hollow:—

He arrived a sun-burnt exile at Charing Cross station, after passing many years in a lonely Tirhoot factory, dressed up in the very best suit of clothes Calcutta could supply. He was most anxious to show the porters and the cabby that they were dealing with a man who thoroughly knew town. Jumping into a cab he threw himself languidly back amongst the cushions, lit a cigar and crossed his legs.

"*Where to Sir?*"

"*Drive to the Charing Hotel and don't be an hour about it*" floated up the reply to the astonished cabby's ears, while the fare sank back composedly to enjoy the drive through the London streets!

News was received last mail from the Cape of that popular old Tirhootite, Arthur Hume. He is now a Resident Magistrate in the Orange River Colony and is as fit and cheery as he was in the old days in Behar. His career for the last four years has been as varied as it has been successful. Formerly Manager of the Muniarpore Indigo Concern and a Captain in the Behar Light Horse he threw up indigo as played out in 1899 and went home to try his luck. He then went out in charge of a troop of yeomanry to South Africa. Shortly after he arrived there he was made Commissioner of Smithfield in the Orange Free States; he was afterwards put in charge of a Refugee Camp near Bloemfontein and has now got a permanent appointment as Resident Magistrate in the Orange River Colony.

Athletic Notes.

THE Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta last Saturday was quite a success: full report elsewhere.

Mr. Monier Williams, of University College, has been elected President of the Oxford University Boat Club with Mr. A. De L. Long, of New College, Vice-President, and Mr. C. A. Wills, of Magdalen, Secretary.

The new President of the Cambridge University Boat Club is Mr. J. Edwardes Moss and Mr. S. H. Thomas has been elected Honorary Secretary.

Fourteen teams have entered for the Murree Football Tournament, as per the list of drawings published further on. Every district in the Punjab and all branches of the service are represented. The final match is advertised for the 4th June.

In our Cricket columns this week will be found some details about the late Major Samuel Evan Butler, the well-known Oxford cricketer who died last month.

A telegram from London, dated 20th May, tells us of the sad death of Arthur Shrewsbury, the cricketer who shot himself with a revolver. He had been in ill-health for some time. Poor fellow. Arthur Shrewsbury was born on the 11th April 1856 and commenced his cricketing career at an early date, first playing in county matches in 1875. Since then he played regularly for Notts and was the best player that county ever had and one of the finest batsmen in England. Last year he stood top of the first-class batting averages with an average of 50·00. He put up a fine performance at Nottingham in July when he scored 101 and 127 not out for Notts *vs.* Gloucestershire, a

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remarkable feat of endurance for a man of his years. In May 1890 at Nottingham Shrewsbury and Gunn put up 398 runs together for the second wicket for Notts *vs.* Sussex, this being the fifth most productive partnership on record in a first-class match. As a master of his profession Shrewsbury was one of the best. Patient and watchful, he surprised everybody by the freedom and vigour of his hitting when runs were to be made in a hurry. He was quite at home on a sticky wicket when he used to put up really good scores. In the field he was smart and sure at point and had this sad occurence not taken place there is no reason why he should not have assisted Notts for three or four years to come. Among his noteworthy performances are the following: 267 for Notts *vs.* Sussex in 1890, the same score for Notts *vs.* Middlesex in August 1887; 236 for Non-Smokers *vs.* Smokers in March 1887 at Melbourne; 232 in December 1887 for his own XI *vs.* Victoria on the Australian tour; 227 not out in 1886 for Notts *vs.* Gloucestershire; 224 not out for Notts *vs.* Middlesex in the previous year; 212 for Notts *vs.* Middlesex in June 1892; 209 for Notts *vs.* Sussex in 1884; 207 for Notts *vs.* Surrey in August 1882—his first score of over two hundred; and 206 at Sydney on the Australian tour of 1887-88 when his XI played the Australian XI. Besides these he made over fifty centuries during his career.

Anent the cost of keeping a motor car Mr. Henry Norman, M. P., writes in *The World's Work*. The family who would not keep a horse will buy a two-seated car. It may be propelled by either steam or petrol; but I take the latter, in order to secure parallel figures of expenditure. The car will be a graceful, good-looking vehicle, of five or six horse power, with pneumatic tyres, upholstered in leather, capable of climbing any reasonable hill on its low speed, and of running from 20 to 25 miles an hour on its higher speed on the level. Some of the little cars much advertised are not to be recommended; but there are at least four good ones on the market, and they cost from £175 to £200. Nothing could be simpler than their management, and the man who cannot learn in a month all that need be known about the mechanism and care of the engine ought to push a perambulator. I am optimist enough to think that before many years are over it will be thought merely foolish for either man or woman to boast, as so many do now, of their absolute inability to comprehend the simplest matter of mechanics. Ignorance, or lack of intellectual grasp, is no particular credit to anybody. A man does not boast that he cannot play bridge. And I think there is a good living waiting for both men and women as teachers of motor-car management. A car of this kind, if taken care of, should sell for half its cost at the end of three years. Taking the original price of the highest figure, therefore, namely, £200, the annual depreciation on three years would be £33 per annum. Petrol (allowing for 4,000 miles at 20 miles per 1s. gallon) may be put at £10. For oils and supplies the annual cost would not be more than £10. So light a car is very easy upon its tyres, and £15 a year should abundantly cover this item. The license costs £2 2s., and repairs, say, £5. The total cost of this class of car, running 4,000 miles annually, thus comes to £75, without allowing anything for housing, and presuming that washing it will be one of the duties of the boy who cleans the knives and brushes the boots. To be quite reasonable, let us put the saving in cab and railway fares at £15; and I fancy that the possibility of the ownership of a charming and efficient little car, with all the pleasure, the variety, the health, and the advantages it will add to one's life for a total annual sum of £60 (and I think it can be done for £50), will come as a surpise to most people of modest means.

With regard to the importance of swimming *The Thames* writes:—

Of the many novices now afloat each evening, we wonder how many have given sufficient evidence of their ability to get ashore unaided in case of an upset. Our rowing clubs contain many good swimmers, but swimming is seldom encouraged because the two sports, from a racing point of view, do not go together; fitness for swimming racing, usually meaning unfitness for rowing. But at "off" seasons some effort should be made to induce men to swim.

It is not only in rowing clubs that swimming tests should be insisted upon, but sailing, canoeing, skiff, and all other river clubs should come into line in this matter. One would naturally expect all sailing men to be expert swimmers, but it would not be difficult to find some who could not be placed in the category. A skiff, too, appears a safe craft, but accidents will happen even in skiff racing, with disastrous results, perhaps, if there are non-swimmers aboard. Among those who do not race the proportion of non-swimmers among those who go afloat regularly would be found sufficiently startling and even more so, of course, among the casual visitors to the river, many of whom take the double risk of inability to manage a boat or to swim. One is led to the conclusion that a large proportion of those who go afloat are lulled into a false sense of security, because nothing has ever happened to them, and their action is particularly callous in that they not only risk their own lives in case of accident, but possibly the lives of moderate swimmers who attempt to rescue them, for experts are few in number, and rescue to a moderate swimmer is a perilous task.

The Lancet thinks that too much time is spent over golf, and that men bring to bear on the game an industry and devotion to detail, which ought to be expended upon more serious things. This kind of enthusiasm for a form of recreation cannot be regarded as merely a struggle to maintain the standard of physical health on which mental health depends. It must rather be looked upon as immoderate attention to a fascinating sport, and must be guarded against like any other form of excess. As no one can play golf really well without the sacrifice of much time, the working man is soon brought to a parting of three ways. Men should reap the undoubted good that is offered to them by a break in their round of toil and by brisk exercise on open hill and heath, and let those of them who are not brilliant exponents of golf recognise cheerfully that excellence can only come by the neglect of more important things.

The Annual General Meeting of the Indian Football Association will be held at the Calcutta Volunteer head-quarters to-morrow evening.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Play in connection with the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament was commenced in Bombay on Monday evening and there is every promise of the event proving a greater success than has been the case in any previous year. Mr. P. J. Arnot than whom it would be difficult to find a more thorough sportsman, has charge of the secretarial duties, and the success which has so far attended the tournament is, in no small degree, due to his efforts. In some of the games which have been decided the play has not been of a very high order, and in some instances the claim for "sticks" has been a little too frequent. Hockey as played to-day, however, is a very different thing from the game of a dozen or fifteen years ago—or to be more correct, before the formation of the present Hockey Association in 1886. Since then the game has steadily progressed, not only in the number of clubs created, but in the style of play and the improvement of rules. Of this improvement there can be no possible doubt, since, until the formation of the Association, each club boasted its own special code from the dissimilarities of which arose many frequent disputes. The game, as now played, is far more skilful—instead of aiming at fine individual play alone, we now see the necessity of good combination and perfect accuracy in passing. These last qualities have brought hockey to a very high standard among our games, and the popularity which it has attained in Bombay is evidenced by the large number of interested spectators who turn out to see the games of an evening. This year's tournament attracted an entry of twenty, which, I fancy, is a record for Bombay, and although the majority of the teams hail from Bombay a few have come up from Poona, while the Royal Scots have come all the way from Kamptee.

The draw resulted in eight teams having to take part in the first round, the other dozen drawing byes. Play in this round commenced on Monday evening when the Bombay Gymkhana met the Elphinstone College and the Band team of the Oxfordshire Light infantry (Poona) opposed the Esplanade Wanderers. In neither case, however, can it be said that play of a very high order was

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shown. Perhaps the best game of the two was that between the Gymkhana and the College, which ended in a draw of one goal each. There were weak spots on both sides, but the teams were very evenly matched. The game was fast and scrappy, but both teams were weak in front of goal—the mode of attack was left too much to chance and when chance was favourable the attack was generally very shortlived. The match between the Oxford Band and the Esplanade Wanderers was of a somewhat one-sided nature—from start to finish the military team had all the best of the exchanges and were only twice hard pressed. They eventually won by four goals to nil—I fancy they could have won by a still larger margin, but after scoring their fourth goal they did not seem to trouble themselves very much about increasing their lead. On Tuesday evening the 17th Bombay Infantry met the Pioneers in the first of the second round contests, both teams having drawn byes in the first round. Again, the form displayed was not of a very high order, but the teams were fairly well matched. Until half-time neither side had scored, but after this the 17th showed decidedly better combination and eventually ran out winners by two goals to one.

A couple of games were down for decision on Wednesday evening, but had to be abandoned on account of a severe storm suddenly coming on—the blinding dust made play impossible, while the tents which had been erected on both grounds all came down with a run. The following evening two matches were played, the chief interest being centred in the meeting of the Bombay Gymkhana and the Elphinstone College, the previous meeting between whom resulted in a draw. On that occasion the College team lodged a protest against the Gymkhana in regard to the goal scored by them from a penalty bully. For my own part I never saw any reason for the protest, as the ruling of the referee on the point in question was perfectly correct. As it was the protest was overruled by the Committee, who ordered the match to be replayed. In the first half play was of a fairly even description, and when half-time was piped the score stood one goal all. The second moiety was very evenly contested, and when, a few minutes before time, both teams had scored a second goal it looked very much as if we were going to have another draw. But such was not to be the case, for only one minute remained for play when the Collegians obtained the lead and won by three goals to two. The other game was the second round contest between the Royal Garrison Artillery (Colaba) and the Government Telegraph Department team, in which the gunners had matters all their own way and eventually ran out winners by six goals to one. A couple of games were also down for decision on Friday evening, but had to be abandoned on account of rain.

With the approach of the monsoon one begins to think about football in Bombay, and to commence to talk of the prospects of the coming season. But after all there is not much to talk about, for so far as local teams are concerned Bombay is very badly off—a remark which applies to association and Rugby alike. It is difficult to understand this lack of interest and I hope that the approaching season will see a revival of the old sporting spirit. As an example of this lack of interest, I might mention that at the annual meeting held in connection with the Gymkhana Rugby football team only two men put in an appearance, and after waiting a considerable time in the hope of others turning up they proceeded to conduct the business of the meeting themselves. As to Rugby, I am afraid we shall only have a couple of teams, or three at the most, in the city, and consequently the arranging of an attractive list of fixtures is out of the question—it will be a case of the Gymkhana *vs.* R. A. one day, and the R. A. *vs.* Gymkhana the next. As to the third team I fancy that some of the North Staffords play the Rugby code—at any rate, I hope they do. As to association the prospects are more hopeful as there will be quite a number of teams (of sorts) playing in the city. With the exception of the Staffords, however, I am afraid that none of them give much promise of making much of a show in the Rovers' Tournament, which is held in September. Local people would be only too delighted to see the Cup won by a local team, and in this connection I think I might be allowed to throw out a suggestion, which, if the rules would permit of its being carried into effect would, I think, meet with approval. In previous years we have had a number of local teams entering, who, from the outset, know they haven't a ghost of a chance against the strong combinations from up-country, and usually go under in the first round. Why not have a combined Bombay team to be known as Bombay United? If this suggestion was carried out I am certain we could place a strong eleven in the field, and one which would not share the fate of Bombay teams of the past few seasons—getting knocked out in the first round.

The boxing match for the so-called "Championship of Burma," came off on the 23rd instant at Rangoon, between Bombardier McGuinness, 70th R. G. A., and S. McDermott. The two "Macs" were to fight twenty rounds, but the first-named just put his opponent on the ropes twice in the first minute and knocked him clean out half way through the first round.

The Wellington Boxing Tournament opened last Friday night at the Garrison Gymnasium, Coonoor, before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. All the events were hotly contested and there were competitors from all the regiments in India. In the semi-finals which came off for Feather-weights, Privates Hunt, Gorman and Smith of the Durham Regiment were successful competitors. For the Middle-weights Privates Bainbridge, Craike and McGill, of the Durhams, and Private Sabine, of the Middlesex Regiment, from Secunderabad, came out best. For the Light-weights Private Moles of the Middlesex, and Gunner Bolton, of Bangalore, were picked out as the two best.

How many more frightful fatalities connected with motor racing must we have before the "sport" is stopped by legal enactment, or its votaries awake from the frenzy (it is nothing less) with which they are now seized? Can anything be more sickening than the following account of the Paris-Bordeaux race as wired to our daily contemporaries by Reuter:—

London, 24th May.

In the motor race Louis Renault has arrived first at Bordeaux, and the Englishman Jarrot second, sixteen minutes behind. Numerous accidents have been reported, one car dashed against a tree killing one of its occupants and another was fatally injured.

London, 24th May.

Between Paris and Bordeaux was the first day's run of the motor car race from Paris to Madrid. Yesterday one French and one English competitor and three chauffeurs were killed and two French competitors and two chauffeurs were severely injured and another Englishman is dying. Eight persons were run over and four killed.

The Government has stopped the continuation of the race in French territory. A Frenchman named Gabriel covered the course outside of the municipal limits at an average speed of 69 miles per hour. An Englishman named Porter was overturned and burned to death under his car. An Englishman named Stead was overturned in collision with another car, and is dying.

London, 25th May.

At the athletic sports at Bristol on Saturday two motor cycles which were racing collided and left the track killing two of the spectators on the spot, and injuring ten. Both riders were also injured. A woman was killed by a motor car at Edinburgh yesterday and another car killed a man at Kew.

Although rain has already interfered with several matches the cricket season at home has opened under happier atmospheric conditions than was the case last year, and the struggle for the county championship appears to be more open than had been anticipated, for three of the strongest counties have already gone down before three of the weaker. In the opening match of the season at the Oval on a treacherous wicket Warwickshire, thanks to Hargreave with his Antipodean laurels thick upon him, made a very sorry example of the Surrey batsmen and according to the telegrams Derbyshire have beaten their old antagonists and neighbours of Lancashire by no less than ten wickets, while the sportsmen of Somerset have once more come along and defeated the all-conquering Yorkshiremen by six wickets.

At the recent meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club it was decided to take no steps with regard to legislation for the rubber-cored ball. Much good golf was seen during the meeting, and the medallists were Mr. Edward Hackwell, who repeated his success of last year with a fine score of 79, and Mr. W. H. Fowler, who has improved his game more than any of the cracks since the rubber ball came in, with 81. Mr. Robert Maxwell, Scotland's hope for the Amateur Championship, was well up equal third with 82.

The general meeting of the M. C. C. have thrown out the proposal to widen the wicket by 215 votes to 199, in spite of its being brought forward by such luminaries of the cricket world as Mr. A. G. Steel, the retiring President of the M. C. C. and Lord Harris. In fact it was very possibly only their influence that secured the small majorty (two-third majority would have been necessary to carry the motion) in favour of the proposal at all, for it seems to be very widely felt that though some such change may be advisable in the laws of first-class and really good club cricket it might prove very detrimental to the interest of the game generally, and the M. C. C. in its position as trustee of the national game is deeply imbued, and rightly, with the spirit of sound conservatism which does not wish for any change until it can be fairly satisfied as to the probable result.

Jamsetji, the Bombay Gymkhana rackets professional, has more than fulfilled the hopes of his supporters during his trip home, and though he was beaten four games to two after a splendid match by J. Laker, the Malvern College Coach, to whom he was conceding three aces, his victory over G. Browne, the Prince's Club marker, which has been cabled out, must be held to clearly entitle him to the Championship, Peter Latham having resigned the title after he met and beat Browne last year. It is unfortunate that Jamsetji could not have met Latham for the title, but an exhibition match may possibly yet be arranged between them. Jamsetji is recognised as a very fine player, but it is the general opinion that Latham would more than hold his own against him without very much difficulty.

The match between Lancashire and Derbyshire on the 19th instant resulted in a win for the former by 10 wickets. Warwickshire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 43 runs and Gloucestershire were beaten by Yorkshire by an innings and 142 runs.

Essex beat Surrey on the 20th instant by 260 runs. Owing to the death of Shrewsbury the match between Notts and Sussex was abandoned.

Somerset beat Yorkshire on the 22nd instant and Worcestershire was beaten by Lancashire by an innings and eleven runs.

General Notes.

LORD KITCHENER has subscribed £100 towards the fund for erecting an English church at Khartoum.

Dame Rumour has it that Lord Kitchener's sister is coming out to India and will act as hostess at "Snowdon."

We congratulate the members of the Deutscher Verein on their new club house which was formally open in Elysium Row, Calcutta, with a big "At Home" last Saturday.

We are sorry to note the death from Bright's disease, of Mr. H. Gooch, the well-known barrister of Mysore and Coorg. He began life as an Australian miner and arrived in India over thirty years ago.

The Fanny Bullock Workman exploration party will shortly leave Srinagar for the Upper Himalayas. Mr. Hewett, a geographical Surveyor from home, accompanies the party, and Mrs. Workman also takes her husband with her.

The line between Bhavapadu and Singaraya Konda, on the East Coast Railway, has been rendered unsafe by heavy rain and floods. Passengers are being transhipped at the diversions. Through service has been resumed, but no trains will run over the section at night.

Lady Curzon's garden party at the Viceregal Lodge, Simla, last Thursday was a brilliant success. There were a large number of guests who were received by Her Excellency on the lawn in front of the Lodge. The Viceroy, the Lieutenant-Governor of the

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Punjab, Lord Kitchener and staff and all the leading officials were also present.

Calcutta is again to possess a rink. After a long absence the genial Kealman has returned from Australia and intends running a rink during the coming cold season. Mr. Kealman built the Mussoorie Rink and those at Bombay and Patiala, and every success is anticipated under his management. It is proposed to hold a club session during the afternoon, and an open time at night, while the mornings will be devoted to classes for ladies and children. The Rink will be on the maidan, probably in its former place.

Bombay experienced a severe storm on the 20th instant occasioning losses which are estimated at many lakhs of rupees. Nine boats laden with cotton and silk went down in the docks, divers being at once engaged to save the cargo. In the harbour over thirty boats were sunk and some loss of life occurred. Much damage was also done to cotton and grain which had been stacked in the open. On the 24th a perfect hurricane swept the harbour and round and about Bombay enormous damage was wrought by wind and rain.

The Resident Secretary in Calcutta of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company has favoured us with a copy of the annual report, accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 1902, which tells of progress all along the line. Ten years ago their Fire premiums were £868,000. Last year they were £1,209,000. But what is more significant, in 1893 the Reserve Funds were £660,000. Now, even without the £50,000 belonging to the Accident Department, they are £1,407,000. That is to say, in these ten years they have added £340,000 to their Fire Premiums and £750,000 to their Reserves. This progress constitutes a record in the fire insurance world we are told.

Darjeeling held its second annual Fine Arts Exhibition last week, opening on the 20th instant. There were many visitors to the exhibition and among them His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bourdillon. Exhibits this year were fewer, but the class quite as good as that of last year. The following were the principal prize-winners :—

His Honour's prize for the best picture by amateur or professional—Colonel Strachan.

The Maharaja of Cooch Behar's prize for amateurs only—Mr. Poole.

The best picture by a lady—Miss Pirie.
The best landscape in oils—Mrs. Newton.
The best picture in water colour—Mr. Poole.
The best figure in oils—Pithawala.
Himalayan scenery—Colonel Strachan.
Still life— Miss Savage.
Painting on silk—Mrs. Burlton and Miss Ephgrave equal.
Children's painting—Miss Eva Pegler.
Landscape photo—Mr. Claude White.
Art-needlework—Miss Bonner.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 8th May 1903.

THE King returned to London from Paris on Tuesday: the enthusiasm with which he was received by the French found a lively echo here and he had a magnificent welcome home ; it was the more significant because the hour of his arrival at Victoria was not known until early in the afternoon. A London crowd as you know does not throw its tongue very readily, but on Tuesday evening it was moved to sound and glory signifying a good deal and the cheering was tremendous along the short route from the station to Buckingham Palace. With the Queen the King appeared at the opera in the evening and had another cordial reception there. He goes to Edinburgh on Monday, and in holding a *levée* and other functions at Holyrood will, it is to be hoped, bring balm to the Edinburghers who were so sorely upset because the state of the drains of that ancient but rather gloomy palace forbid its being occupied by His Majesty.

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By the way there was a sensational rumour afloat on Monday afternoon that the King had been assassinated in Paris. A News Agency put the tale about disclaiming belief in it ; but a sensational rumour does not suffer in currency from the mere fact that the utterer says he doesn't believe it and for a couple of hours the evening papers of the baser sort did enormous business. At the end of two hours an official denial was forthcoming to stop the business, issued by the same agency : it overtook the lie with what I consider unusual expedition when it is remembered how easily it might have been truth. Given a member of the tribe of Anarchist vermin eager to buy notoriety with his cat's life and the thing were done.

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They who supposed that the Hard Case of Colonel Kinloch was settled and done with reckoned without their Duke of Bedford, who put a long series of questions on the subject to the Earl of Hardwicke, on Monday, in the House of Lords. The result, as no doubt the Duke intended, was to bring Lord Roberts to his feet and draw from him one of the longest speeches he has ever made. The Commander-in-Chief gave his fellow peers a useful course of instruction on regulation methods of maintaining discipline, smashed up the case the Duke of Bedford had launched against himself and pointed out that throughout the whole affair he had acted strictly in accord with the first duty of his office, to wit the preservation of the best interests of the Army. So, let us hope, the ghost of the "Case" is laid for ever.

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"The Little Countess" by George Bancroft, son of Sir Squire, was produced at the Avenue on Saturday night. It is a tale of suspicion and complications constructed on much used models, but commendable as to the two last acts for its drive, and bustle and not unseldom for the smartness of the dialogue. Sadie (Miss Annie Hughes) is the young person round whom the action centres : she was Jack Scarlett's father's coachman's daughter, the coachman came to grief through drink and Sadie and her sister had to turn street singers. Jack rescued them, had Sadie trained and she becomes an operatic star and his mistress. Jack leaves her to go mining in South Africa and Sadie can take her choice among the stock of admirers who are apparently fascinated by her pertness and vulgarity—two qualities she rather overdoes—the Earl of Budleigh is the favoured man, but Sadie will none of him till Jack Scarlett comes home and makes it clear that he does not mean to marry her. Then begin plot and counterplot, in which Lady Hermione Browne, Lord Budleigh's sister, takes a lead. I really can't blame the Dowager Countess and Lady Hermione for their attitude towards the little countess: the Dowager is haughty; very stiff and proud, she could give the Marquise in *Caste* points and a beating : and Lady Hermione, at once ultra religious and a man trap, does know how to carry herself. Sadie doesn't : her weapon against haughtiness and other offences is what the Americans call "sass" : she is rude : she is common : she gives them cause to blush for her as a relative every time she opens her mouth and often when she doesn't. I for one was quite sorry when Lady Hermione made that stupid blunder with Jack Scarlett's letter of assignation and Sadie caught her tripping and "got her on toast."

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We were, I suppose, expected to sympathise with Sadie hadden doon by her aristocratic connections, but it was hard to pump up any emotion of the kind. One's sympathies went rather to Lord Budleigh, a peer of the orthodox wooden-headed type, who had been ass enough to marry Sadie. The piece fails to grip you : the theme is old, but that would matter little if the characters were alive. That is the weakness of the play ; no acting could galvanise life into it for the simple reason that you can see the wires in the playwright's hands all through the four acts. It moves fast when movement really begins in Act III as I said ; but the movement is not spontaneous. Mr. Frederick Keer was cool, *debonnair* and brutal as required as Jack Scarlett and Mr. Ben Webster did what he could with the Earl of Budleigh. Miss Suzanne Sheldon was good as Lady Hermione, and one wished Miss Joan Burnett had more to do as Nina Sadie's quite ladylike sister : however did two girls so utterly dissimilar come of the same stock ?

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"Carmen" as a ballet adapted from the opera follows the lines of the original with tolerable fidelity at the Alhambra, but it is rather an uneven production : high tragedy and the ballet do not blend very happily. Taking the tragic element by itself, the acting of Don Volbert as Don José and of La Guerrero as Carmen was simply superb, more especially that of Carmen. La Guerrero's conception of her is a fiercely passionate animal, a man trap of the trappiest, and she carried the house with her whole-heartedly : better acting of Carmen I never saw. To superimpose upon and envelope the performance of these two, for Don José was worthy of Carmen, with the whirl and draperies and limelight of the ballet was to serve beefsteak smothered in soufflé. One could enjoy either phase or department on its own merits, but together they jared in melancholy discord.

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Consideration of space, coupled with the circumstance that suburban theatres are as a rule of the nature of overflow houses, lead me to pass over doings thereat with silent respect. But the Coronet at Nottinghill Gate declines to be passed over : it claims recognition even as a house in the purlieus of the Haymarket or the Strand ; and its claim must be allowed. On Tuesday was produced the French comic opera "Véronique" by an uncommonly capable company before a highly fashionable audience including the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark. It is a dainty little piece : slight enough in all conscience, but the book is clever and the music bright and catching without a suspicion of hackneyedness, if I may coin a word. The plot rests upon the frankness of a young gentleman who wishes to repair a shattered bank account by a rich marriage with Héléne de Solanges, otherwise Véronique. She learns his motive, and determines that he shall marry her for her own sake to which end she disguises herself as a grisette and wins his affections at a party given by him in the garden of a restaurant. The only fault to find with the performance is the time that is allowed to lapse between acts : a fault that can, and no doubt will, be repaired. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal played "One People" by Charles Ward at the Coronet on Saturday : I don't recollect that this piece has been proviously played in town, but it has enjoyed fair measure of popularity in the provinces, owing I conceive to the story which occurs in Cape Colony and illustrates the South African war. Mdme. Jane Hading is to appear at this pretty little theatre later on.

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"The Vikings" is to be withdrawn from the Imperial boards next week, and Miss Ellen Terry will give us "Much Ado" instead. Her Beatrice is always delightful and the part suits her incomparably better than that she is now sustaining.

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The Watts pictures form the feature of the New Gallery this year. One feels that one has no right to be surprised at anything that wonderful old painter may do, and yet I did catch myself gasping a little when I found three of the four works sent by Mr. Watts to the New are landscapes. It is refreshing to find such versatility in the foremost or one of the foremost artists of the time, when so many confine themselves religiously to one corner of one school. "The Two Paths," "End of the Day," and "Green Summer" show that the old man, now well on in the eighties is as skilful in landscape as he is in figure and can give us the atmosphere of the country as ably as he can the mystic. Talking of mystic, the fourth picture is the "Sower of the Systems" : a bony old claw emerging from a whirl of cloud and cloak, suggested rather than painted, and scattering luminous somethings which we will presume to be stars—frankly the picture is beyond my low comprehension and that I am consoled to find of a good many other people. Regarded as a whole the New is a fair average show. Jean Boldini's extraordinory portrait of Mr. Whistler is one of the most striking things in the exhibition. J. Macneil Whistler is a man of spare habit who seldom troubles the barber : and Jean Boldini has not stooped to flattery : you would say it was a cruel caricature if you hadn't seen the original. It isn't : it is a faithful likeness and most cleverly painted. Mr. George Wetherbee's "Stray Princess" is another good picture : and Mr. Havering's portrait of Miss Idonia La Primandage deserves mention. Sport is not strongly represented, nor animal subjects of any kind, but Mr. Charles Whymper's admirable picture of "Deer Restless with the Shifting Wind" is equal to any study of any red deer I have ever seen.

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Earl's Court, resort of the million on fine evenings, opened yesterday with the "International Fire Exhibition," the Duke of Cambridge taking the lead in

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the ceremony, with the six native officers appointed at Simla to be orderlies to the King for the season, in the procession. Fire appliances of all periods from the 17th century to the present time are represented, and Fire Brigades from all parts except London, the L.C.C. not seeing its way to support the show for reasons no doubt sound, but which the first day visitors seemed vindictively anxious to know. I do not think the omission matters much: indeed I don't think it matters much what Earl's Court exhibition exhibits so long as there is a good band and plenty of coloured lights and a sufficient stock of chairs and fine weather. Those are the important ingredients of success, and the rest doesn't count.

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Have you read "A Burgher Quixote" by Douglas Blackburn? If you haven't I commend it to your notice. The author evidently knows the Boer and the Transvaal official from the inside and this story told by Sarel Erasmus, public prosecutor, thief, field cornet and funk is simply delightful. Sarel, in spite of his suffering from an internal disease which will prove fatal to him even if he comes near a place where fighting is in progress, is sent on commando and is presently given a commando of his own consisting of a few burghers and the rest European refuse. The atmosphere of his laager is compounded of misapplied scripture, inventions, and whisky, and if it be at all near to fact, makes the Boer defence all the more marvellous. Sarel with his naive double-facedness, old Paul du Plooy with his Bible quotations always pat, Andries Brink the rascally adventurer and Charlotte his clever daughter are admirably drawn characters. Practically the whole action of the book takes place in the veldt: Sarel has no idea of fighting, the Rooineks: his great idea is to surrender quietly to the British at the first opportunity and make as much money as he can in the meantime. Eventually he does surrender, but having overlooked the detail that when he left the Transvaal in a hurry to avoid the goal he registered himself as a Natal citizen, he is unpleasantly surprised to find that he is regarded as a rebel: imprisoned as such he writes this amusing book. We have been pretty well fed up with books on the war, but this is quite distinct from anything that has appeared yet; it is uncommonly well written and is as good reading as any book I have picked up for a long time.

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The decision of the War Office to abolish the lance has given rise to the vigorous newspaper correspondence that might have been anticipated. It was averred that the opinions of every available expert had been sought before the step was decided on and that all the experts were in favour of the abolition. Having regard to the profound respect in which the lance is held by every man who has had the point of the weapon behind him, one might suppose the experts were enemies of this country with personal motives to actuate them. Of course I know nothing of lance practice myself: but everyone knows that of the physical effect of the weapon on the Boers was small its moral effect was on a par with lyddite. The burghers regarded the bayonet with disapproval, but the lance was simply anathema. Even the mere civilian may be allowed to doubt the wisdom of dispensing with moral effects when of a disquieting nature to the other side.

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Nothing of much interest disturbing the peace of London at the opening of the season, the minor papers have been making the most of an "Alarming Subsidence in the Strand" which took place about nine o'clock on Sunday night. I happened to go cityward on Monday and passed the scene of the "Disaster" which I viewed with comfort from the garden seat of an omnibus. Fifteen or twenty yards of hoarding advertised the site just opposite Exeter Hall: an old cellar wall or roof had fallen in and a few yards of pavement had collapsed into the excavations made where a few houses have been cleared away. I believe some post-office wires were broken, but the "subsidence" was neither alarming nor disastrous; for so far as the public has been made aware not even a cat was hurt. The heavy rains we had during the early part of the week no doubt account in some measure for the trifling accident.

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The Act for the redemption of Habitual Drunkards, by Black List, seems to have turned out a failure. It has contrived to involve and entangle itself with the Inebriates Act of 1898 in such wise that the London Magistrates are refusing to put H. D's on the Black List without the sinner's consent; because did they make use of the powers conferred upon the Bench by the H. D. Act they would offend against the Inebriates Act, 1898 I do not quite understand how the tangle arises, but the acute perceptions of the London Magistracy have been stimulated by a recent decision of the Divisional Court and the result is simple if the process whereby it is arrived at be tortuous. Perhaps it is too much to say that the situation makes a failure of the H. D. Act; but it appears to me you must catch these thirsty souls in mood of grovelly penitence before they consent to be set for a space in drought and aridity.

ONLOOKER.

Shikar.

WITH CANOE AND RIFLE IN THE SHAN STATES.

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THE weather had got sultry and the sky overclouded during the afternoon, and it set in to rain heavily in the night. Next morning, too, it was still raining and fears began to assail me that perhaps the first rains in the hills were setting in. The villagers said the first rains sometimes did occur as early as this, and so, knowing we must not risk any considerable rise in the river, I reluctantly determined to cut short my stay at this promising shooting ground and make for the river again, in order to continue our journey before any serious rise in the water should take place. The Karen hunters accompanied me and showed us a much shorter route to the river, so that we arrived there the same evening. The rain had ceased during the day, but it still looked threatening, and I was therefore glad to find the boat safely below the rapid and all the stores re-packed in her.

We started again next morning after saying good-bye to the Karen hunters and rewarding them; I promised to return some day to their village and go out after bison again. We had got the trophies of the animals shot with us, and had ample time on our journey to treat them thoroughly with arsenical soap, and so I hoped to save the skins and masks complete.

The aspect of the river here differed little to that above. It was somewhat broader in places, and instead of the high cliffs on either hand we had previously experienced, the banks were now not so high, although covered with denser jungle. Our speed was about the same, perhaps a little less, for the stream did not appear to run quite so hard here.

Towards afternoon on the first day from the rapid, we passed the junction of another river with our own. It joined it on the right side and seemed as large, if not larger, than the other tributary previously passed. It appeared to be more rapid and deeper than the other moreover. Soon after passing it a small rapid was met with, and I was thinking of not attempting its passage until the following morning as it was now getting late, but no favourable spot for landing presented itself and the boatmen declared it could be easily passed. So, no doubt, it might have been, had not one of the men broken his paddle just at the critical moment when we were crossing diagonally from one side to the other to avoid a big rock.

For a second or two it looked as if we must inevitably be dashed against this rock, but the other boatman managed with great exertions to stave us off and to guide the boat down, although it was a narrow shave. However, in a minute or two we were in smooth water again and disembarked on a shelving beach below the rapid.

We stayed here the night and continued our journey next day. A heavy mist was lying on the river and no view could be obtained far ahead. This was due, I believe, to the rain of the previous days, which had, however, now ceased. About 11 A.M. the fog began to lift in patches and we could get a view occasionally of one or both banks. I was sitting in pyjamas and overcoat—my usual morning costume until the sun got hot—under the edge of the boat covering near the stern, when my Burman boy touched me, and without speaking, pointed to the shore to our right front. Looking up I saw a fine panther just walking up the bank unconcernedly after drinking. To snatch up a rifle and shove two cartridges in, was the work of a few seconds, and fortunately the boatmen also saw the beast, and by a rapid stroke or two retarded our onward progress. I fired, and the animal bounded in the air, and then turning over began to struggle and kick up the sand furiously. He did not require another shot, for in a few moments he lay still, quite dead. This was a lucky shot on my part, for with the movement of the boat, however slight, I might easily have missed him altogether. We were swept down some distance before we could get out of the strong current and land. The mist, too, had drifted over again and so we could not see the panther from our point of disembarkation. However, as we had all seen him lying apparently dead, I did not even take a rifle with me, but walked back with my shikari and the boatmen to bring him on board. Great was our astonishment then on reaching the spot to see no signs of him whatever, although the spot he had fallen was unmistakable from the marks in the sand. We looked at each other in amazement, but my knowing old shikari without a word, turned, and running to the boat, brought up my rifle and a handful of cartridges. He then examined the ground and pointed to a distinct trail, where the animal, badly hit no doubt, had managed to drag himself up the bank and into the jungle. He motioned to me to wait and I did so outside on the shore, while he followed the track a short way in, coming back immediately he motioned to me and I followed him. The jungle was so dark I could hardly see anything, but the man pointed to a spot ahead, and there, after straining my eyes for a moment or so, I at length discerned a long recumbent form. It was the panther crouched and ready to spring, but before he could do so I fired, and he writhed over and over in his last throes, this time really dead. We fetched him out into the light and found the first shot had merely grazed his back, probably partially paralyzing him for the time, but on recovery he was able to crawl away. He was a handsome brute, and we carried him on board to skin him there at our leisure.

Having again embarked we pushed off and floated down for several hours without seeing any more game. Jungle fowls were numerous all along the river bank, but never appeared except in the early morning and in the evening, at which times I often got shots at them, and they formed a welcome addition to our *menu*. After some miles we found the river getting narrow again and the current in consequence was greater.

We had on this day a very narrow escape. Just as we arrived at this narrow part of the river, the leading boatman in the bows suddenly gave a cry and made a plunge into the water with his paddle. Too late, however, to avoid the sunken rock which lay right in our course, and the boat struck it with a horrible rasping sound. The boat was new and stout fortunately, but the force of the current behind us tilted up the boat until it seemed she must capsize, when, in that powerful current, if we had succeeded in all reaching the shore, which is doubtful, we should at any rate have lost all our stores, as well as guns and rifles.

The other boatman with great presence of mind at once jumped overboard, managing to get a footing on the rock, and by relieving the boat of his weight and shoving vigorously just managed to float her off. Holding on to her stern as she swung round, he climbed on board again, while the boat uncontrolled went downstream broadside to the current, but shortly was brought to her normal direction.

The boatmen after this kept a very careful look-out for these sunken rocks, which sometimes occurred, it seemed, even in the deep water.

It was time to land soon after this occurred, and we spent the night as usual on the bank. During the night I heard the unmistakable sounds of a tiger in the jungle not far from us, and the men heard it too. My shikari was most anxious to go after him next morning, but I could not afford to risk a rise in the river which might suddenly occur any day now if there should be more rain in the upper waters. I was therefore obliged to refuse him, and he was desperately disappointed, for a tiger would have been a great addition to our bag.

We embarked then once more, and had some hours of smooth going, but soon after our midday halt the sky began to cloud up and rain set in with heavy gusts of wind. We continued our journey for some miles, however, until we came in sight of a small hut on the bank where two men were sitting. My boatmen called out to them something, and on getting their reply at once said we must make for the shore I did not understand why, but told them to do so, and on landing they told me that a large rapid was not a mile below us, and that the men had called to tell us to land here, as it was impossible lower down owing to the precipitous nature of the banks. It was indeed lucky we got this information, for, from a subsequent inspection of the river below, it was quite evident that such was the case, and we might have been carried down into the rapids without being able to help ourselves. My boatmen, it seemed, although born and bred on the river, did not know it throughout its course, although with some stretches of it they were well acquainted. From news now received from the two natives on shore, we learnt that this was a very long and dangerous rapid and scarcely passable to boats at any time of the year. They said, however, by unloading the boat and carrying the things round by land, we could get the canoe itself down if she were kept close to the land and towed.

This being so, we had to make up our minds to a march of some miles, for several smaller rapids succeeded the large one, and it would not be worth while re-loading the boat till we were clear of them.

I therefore engaged these two men to act as porters, and on the following day we all set to work to load up the stores, etc., in parcels, and to distribute them, leaving the boatmen to get the craft down and setting off, the remainder of us, by land, with the stores. This was not a very great task on us, for our stores were now considerably reduced in bulk.

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We followed the bank for some way and got a clear view of the large rapid. It looked quite impossible for navigation, at least for a laden boat. We then struck somewhat inland away from the river, which here takes a slight but distinct bend in its course, and marching steadily with only an occasional halt, reached in the afternoon a small village, from which the river below the rapids was not more than a mile distant.

I determined to pass the night here as my men could get supplies, and I directed the stores to be got down to the bank next morning to await the boat's arrival, which might not be for some two or three days perhaps, so the men told me, owing to the difficulties of bringing her down.

Next day I woke rather late and found all the stores had been carried down, and so I also proceeded to the bank to view the river there. I found it quite navigable, but there was no sign of the boat, so leaving a man in charge of the stores with orders to let me know when she arrived, I returned to the village.

My indefatigable shikari had in the meantime been enquiring into the sporting capabilities of the place. He had learnt that sambhur and bear were frequently found here, and that a "thakin" (sahib) had the previous year come up here from the civil station of Papun and got some good sambhur and a bear or two.

As it did not entail an extended trip, I consented to go out for the day, and so, after breakfast, we made a start with a villager to show us the country. We had no luck that day, however, but on return in the evening, as I learnt that the boat had not yet come, I thought I would make a longer trip the next day to a place further from the river where I was promised sport by the villagers.

We started soon after dawn and marched for some miles through thickish jungle. We then came out on a fair-sized open plain, part of it under cultivation. Beyond this again, we got once more into jungle, but more open, and here we soon found tracks of sambhur and pig—the latter especially must have been very numerous, judging from their marks all over the ground. While following a fairly fresh sambhur spoor, my Karen shikari stopped at one place, and I saw him leave the direction we had been coming, and go off at right angles. He came back at once and calling me, showed me a track which he declared was that of a bison, and quite fresh. The villager with us, when asked, said that bison seldom came down here, but that occasionally one from the hills did appear. However, the track was there, and keen as I was to get a shot at a bison, I decided to follow it up.

It was in one way a most unwise decision, for it resulted in a long day of tracking that carried us farther and farther from the river. At last at nightfall we had to give up and sleep where we were, almost without any food, although the villager had been sent back to bring on some, but had not arrived. Next morning heavy rain set in just after dawn, but we continued the chase. The tracks were most difficult to follow, and when we thought we had entirely lost them and were making a cast round, we, all at once, got a glimpse of a dark mass in the jungle ahead. It was a bison and by good luck he had not seen us, but how to approach him, or even to move, was the difficulty, without being discovered. We were both crouching in the grass when the beast suddenly moved and exposed his head and forehand. Certain that I could at this near range—only some 15 yards—make a certainty of placing my bullet in the right spot, I fired at the point of his shoulder. There was one crash in the jungle and then following it a still louder crash, as the brute collapsed into a bamboo clump, absolutely flattening it. We jumped up and I prepared to give him another shot should he rise again, but it was not necessary, for after a deep bellow his head sunk, and we knew he was ours.

I was overjoyed at my fortune, but everything pointed to our getting back to the river again without delay. This we attempted to do, but through missing our way only reached there after nightfall, so that another day was wasted. My first care, however, was to arrange for the bison head to be brought in early next morning and proceeded myself to the river to meet the boat which I heard had come at last. The river had risen considerably I found, but the villagers told us that no difficult rapids now lay between us and Papun, and so when my bison head arrived, I lost no time in setting off.

The rain continued for some days and there was no doubt the monsoon had commenced. The river although navigable was now very swift and dangerous, but by good fortune, after three days, by dint of keeping in near the banks when the current was worst, we safely reached Papun. From this we might easily have continued right on to the sea for steam launches come up so far, but as the weather had now become bad, I decided to finish our boat work here and do the remainder of the journey with more comfort, after a stay to recoup at this little station.

On the whole I had had a most enjoyable expedition, and had seen much country I had not visited before. My sport would have been better had time not been so limited, but I was quite satisfied with what I had got in the short period at my disposal, and I had made the discovery of one or two places for game that I judged well worth a future visit, should I have the opportunity of making another into this country.

SALWEEN.

UNDER THE PLUM-TREES.

Let not the reader indulge in fond fancies of the delicious and succulent fruit hanging in all its lusciousness on a sun-bathed old wall in distant England, nor yet conjure up visions of the vale of Kashmir: these plums are but the small black fruit of the Indian jamún, *Eugenia Jambulana*, and they grow in lavish profusion, astringent, rough, and alum-like to the cultivated palate, on the larger trees of this well-known indigenous Indian plant that mingle with groves of mango and mhowa on the highest plateaux of the Southern Satpuras. The jamún displays its prodigal harvest just before the commencement of the monsoon rains, and at this season its shady green boughs are to be seen hanging heavy-laden with the well-known berries, that are about the size and colour of English damsons. A few of the better-favoured trees bear fruit that is quite passably sweet and almost free from astringent taste, and these are resorted to by the Indian black bear and his apparently near relative the aboriginal Korku.

Both Korkus and bears have, before the fruiting of the jamún, been regaling themselves on the fallen jungle mangoes, and, before that again, on the rich flowering of the mhowa tree, not to mention the *sakkriya*, a very queer sweet-flavoured whitish berry, which grows in myriads on a prickly bush that partakes of the nature of a creeping bramble; and their palates are tickled by the distinct change in diet now afforded by *Eugenia Jambulana*. From the deep glens and ravines that sink away sheer from the plateaux-tops of this portion of the Satpuras, our friends the bears come climbing up night after night. They leave their shambling ways marked clear in the dust of the forest road and of jungle paths; they snuffle and grunt merrily all night under the sweetest trees, blow themselves out enormously, and shuffle away before dawn into the almost inaccessible fastnesses that surround the open park land on top of these hills. Gradually attracted by Nature's wondrous profusion of pleasant diet, there may be found many bears within a radius of a mile or so, but the cover is so dense, the sea of jungle, rock, cliff, bamboo, and giant creepers so difficult of search that almost the only way of getting a shot at Bhalu is to wait dinner for him.

Well do I recall one night that I forced myself an unwelcome and uninvited guest on the Bhalu's supper party. I had, while riding home the previous day, discovered a splendid tree of sweet jamúns. Rising in my stirrups I had had quite a decent feed, pulling down the laden branches and then filling my pockets with fruit to munch on the homeward way. I was just departing, when I noticed fresh signs of many bears in the vicinity of the tree, and just at that moment a little black Korku came along the forest path. "Bears! said he in reply to my query, scratching a sturdy leg with the other horny toe. "Bears! what's that? Never heard of such things. Never knew of anything called a bear. From my youth up I never yet ——."

But my cane was crooked round his neck and I guided him and his uncomfortable grin below that tree. "See!" I urged "oh thou wicked and incestuous person! Behold! (indicating documentary evidence under the jamún tree) who did that? eh?

"O, Maharaj!" he grinned widely I see. Yes. How shall I tell lies to your presence! Nightly do they come, since the moon was small. Nightly do they suck and wrangle. There's my hut up there beyond the clearing and the *kutki* field, and I hear and know it all!"

"Then let there be a *charpai* here half an hour before sundown" quoth I—"and bark-ropes too, against my return; and a suitable reward shall be thine!"

Towards evening I was riding back to the rendezvous. To my left ascended a great mountain shoulder, out of which was carved the tortuous little road I followed; to my right there yawned a huge *khora* of misty depth. At its bottom lay tiny patches of green—great mango-groves in the bed of the stream and near the one water-hole that I knew of there. The great Kamdar Khora. Nineteen hundred feet deep, and a mile across. From its depths came the faint whoops of langurs at play, and the distant calls of grey jungle cock. The sun was declining to rest beyond far the stretching lower ranges of the Melghat. The road made some agonising twists, skipped across a narrow sharpe-backed col with sheer, bare, yellow-grassed *couloirs* falling precipitously to right and left and toiled up a long spur to the top of the plateau where grew my jamún tree.

My man had preceded me, with rug and food, and the Korku, having fulfilled his promise of the morning, stood there with a friend to help him fix the *machan*.

There were two large plum-trees, about twenty yards apart, and between them grew an *aola* tree. In this I caused the string-cot to be tied. While this operation was in progress I and my orderly tore down large quantities of plums and disposed them temptingly on an open space at a comfortable angle from my tree, and about five yards from the spot where I should be seated, rifle in hand. At last all was ready, and I mounted to my perch and settled everything in a thoroughly comfortable manner, rifle with night-sight at my side, water bottle hanging conveniently to a bough close to my head, and haversack with light refreshment, *not* of a noisy kind, somewhere handy. The men went away.

It was right at the fag end of the hot weather; and at this elevation—close on 4,000 feet—the breeze was tempered by moisture that presaged a near approach of the monsoon current. The moon was practically full, as she shone through the interstices of the jungle on her way to the zenith. Through a gap in the beautifully rounded foliage of great mango trees growing hard by the edge of the plateau, one obtained a glimpse of the far-off Tapti Valley, still bathed in a reddish mist or dust-haze illumined by the after-glow of sunset. Distant tinklings denoted the return home of cattle, by the Korku huts some five hundred yards away. The eternal night jars began to set up their "*chuckoo-chuckoo-chuckoo*," or to sail mysteriously abroad uttering a peculiar cry that sounds like the word "*chyecce*." Then, somewhere down beyond the edge of the khud, one heard the "aow——aow" of a khakar.

Night watching in trees is not a form of amusement that appeals to me much now, after a long course of the same—necessitated by the very thick jungles in which most of my shikar has been carried out—but the first hour or so of such a vigil, until one gets bored, and especially if animals appear and interest the watcher, never fails to exercise a certain mystic charm. Thick-skulled and unhappy must he be whose perceptions fail to respond to the wooing of our mother Nature in one of her most attractive moods. One is carried away as it were to some tremendously distant era, when we all were children of the forest, dependant on the good earth in much more direct fashion than we seem to be now: when the risings of the sun and moon, the passing of clouds, a crackle in the shadow of the trees, a stealthy step in the dark, all seem to have been more intimately bound up with man's very existence. This is the harking back of the soul of man to prehistoric influences.

Time in *machans* often passes wonderfully quickly. I had looked at my watch and was surprised to find it past nine o'clock. A jungle path ran along the edge of the little clearing in which stood my trees, and down this came a flitting shape, halted, tripped on again to a sound like light clicking of castanets. A khakar. But I have never satisfied myself as to whether this sound proceeds from the little creature's tongue or hoofs. Later on, two small animals, little civets perhaps, played about under the far jamún tree. About midnight I was straining my eyes to make out a large colourless form that followed the same path down which the khakar had come. It moved deliberabely and slowly, keeping to the shadows, too deliberate for any thing but a tiger or panther. It disappeared gradually towards a neck of land leading to a higher portion of plateau. Shortly after this there was a distant throaty noise, the rattling rough voice common alike to big boars, bears, tigers and panther, and, growing quickly bigger in the full moonlight, an old bear came rushing helter-skelter past my tree! Trundling rapidly along he entered the forest beyond and came to a halt. Not a sound ensued for about a minute. Then he gave a few indignant sniffs and moved away through the crackling dry leaves.

It must have been about 2 A.M. that, lying back with eyes half closed I became aware of a black object approaching once more. I raised myself quietly. On it came in the bright moon's rays, its whitish snout protruding from a mass of shaggy black hair—a bear! on he waddled until ten, seven, five yards separated us; and down went his head to the very heap of plums we had specially arranged for his delectation. There he sucked and slobbered Oh such a smacking of lips—long prehensile lips—oh so busy; blowing himself out at lightning speed; crunching up the jamuns stones and all; sniffling, sighing, gobbling, grunting.

In my hand I held——a borrowed rifle; my own trusty friend not being just at that time available. As I raised the hammer, humouring it with pressure on trigger, it gave out a soft click. Bhalu paused an instant. Then he slobbered again. Yes. I had him fair. Making allowance for the hair on his back, the nightsight, clear white under the moon, lay straight on his shoulder. I never felt more confident of bagging my beast; and I took special pains this time, for the tribe of Bhalu had but lately put me in their debt—I owed a fatal grudge. Very slowly I pressed that trigger. Bang.

A lot of nasty white smoke hung in the way as I lowered the weapon to look at my prey. There was a shuffling noise. The bear was not there! A black shadow shot away into the trees with a "gurr whirr-burr," there came the sound of stampeding in the leaves, then a "whoof!" as he struck against something hard in his hurry. The bear was gone and as he went more bears rushed away in various directions from the far jamún trees. A couple of humping backs went bumping away in the moonlight. All had gone!—and they never returned.

Next morning revealed a tuft of long hair with a fraction of skin attached Further, up the path, led the tracks of a tigress, and they met, or nearly met those of a bear. Here was the explanation of the hurry of the first visitor to me under the plum trees.

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LATE SNIPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Your correspondent "Forbear" remarks what I have often noticed, namely, that "late stayers as well as the first arrivals are Pintails." The dark coloured birds shot by Raoul late in April were no doubt Pintails beginning to put on their breeding plumage.

I have noticed that when a Snipe is found alone it is usually a Pintail.

In Central Bengal when the season opens all the birds obtained, or nearly all, are Pintails. By the end of September the Fantails predominate and from the middle of October until February hardly a Pintail will be shot. In March Pintails are again in the majority, and in April Fantails are rarely seen. Pintails are easier to shoot than Fantails.

On 9th February this year I shot a Pintail which seemed to me a very large one. Its measurements were:—Extent, $18\frac{5}{4}$ inches; length $10\frac{11}{16}$ inches; and it weighed $4\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. Its thigh coverts were very perfectly barred. I shall be glad if you can tell me whether or not this was an unusually big Pintail.

SWEYTOWN.

[This was undoubtedly a big bird. The average Pintail is from 9·75 inches in length and sometimes reaches 10 inches; wing 4·8 to 5·4; tail 2 to 2·5. It was probably a female, as they are larger.—ED.]

BARKING DEER HORNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I shot a barking deer some time ago, with what seem to me to be an exceptionally large pair of horns.

The measurements from burr to tip are:—

Left horn $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches.

Right horn $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Could you kindly let me know through the columns of your paper, whether these measurements are anywhere near the record for barking deer horns?

BURMA, *21st May 1903.*

MOUNG GYI.

[The horns are good ones, but some a good deal short of record measurements. The largest pair on record are $10\frac{1}{8}$ inches owned by Mr. H. Van Son of Java; then we have the following:—

Burr to Tip.	Locality.	Owner.
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6	Tavoy	Vet-Capt. G. H. Evans.

Mr. A. O. Hume has recorded the measurements of a pair, belonging to Mr. Wilson ("Mountaineer") as follows:—Antlers round the curve outside 9·5 and 9 inches long.—ED.]

TICKS IN DOGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Can you or any of the numerous readers of your paper kindly say what has been found to be the best remedy for the destruction of ticks in dogs? I have tried several remedies; but without satisfactory results.

GRATEFUL.

[There are many things recomended for the removal and destruction of ticks A creolin bath (1oz. to the gallon of water) is efficacious and acts as a preventative. Eucalyptus sprinkled on the bedding is advantageous. Spraying the coat with:—

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will destroy ticks. Then there is Kemp's Circassian Insect Powder (Bombay) or powdered camphor or "butch," or turpentine or castor oil will give temporary relief. But the *best* way is to carefully remove them with small forceps, or the finger and thumb and squash each one as it is taken off the dog. It is a tedious job and must be conscientiously done; but it is really the only proper method of ridding a dog of these pests. And the bedding or sleeping place—"Aye there's the rub." Probably few people, in Calcutta for instance, realise that over seventy-five per cent. of their houses simply swarm with vermin, and prominent among them is our little enemy *ixodes ricinus*, or the common tick. The mats teem with them, and a dog divested of every tick, will next morning, and for months, perhaps, be covered with them. We took nearly 800 ticks off a young fox-terrier in thirteen days—over 60 per day—when we lived in a certain Calcutta boarding house years ago—and only discovered the source of supply by accident. It is no earthly good removing ticks if dogs are allowed to frequent and sleep on the spots holding the reserve stock so to speak, or inhabit dirty kennels.—ED.

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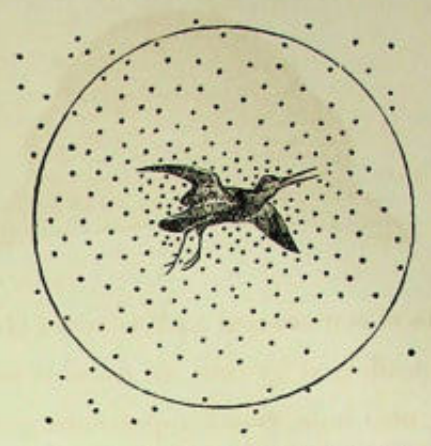

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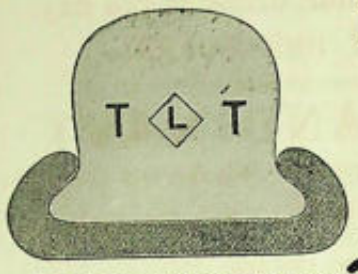

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Name of Races	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Simla Summer	May	26, 28 & 30	476
Darjeeling	,,	28 & 30	
Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	24 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Simla Autumn	Oct	6 & 8	522
Simla Gymkhanas ...	June	13 20 & 27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Pachmari	June	2, and 4	
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	,,	26	575
Meerut Autumn	,,	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	21, 26 & 28	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	24 26 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh ...	,,	2 4 & 6	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First	...	... 1st Sept.
	Second	...	... 15th Oct.
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...		...	... 8th Dec.
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...		...	... 15th Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 1st Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES SECOND MEETING	First	...	... 1st Dec.
	Second	...	... 9th Jan.
	Third	...	... 16th Jan.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 1st Dec.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES SECOND DAY	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 2nd Jan.
POONA	First	...	... 4th Augst.
	Second	...	... 25th ,,
	Final	...	... 8th Sept.
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second	...	... 1st July.
	Third	...	... 16th Sept.
	Fourth	...	... 1st Dec.
	Final	...	... 20th Jan.
RANGALORE	First	...	... 1st June.
	Second	...	... 20th June.
	Third	...	... 1st July.
MYSORE	Third	...	... 1st June.
LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First	...	... 15th Aug.
	Second	...	... 1st Oct.
	Third	...	... 14th Nov.
PACHMARHI	Second	...	... 27th May.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

SIMLA TOURNAMENT	Begins 1st June
POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT	...Sept. 15th, 16th, 19th & 24th
GULMARG POLO TOURNAMENT ...	24th to 29th August

CRICKET.

SIMLA v OUTSTATIONS	May 27th & 29th
BOMBAY v PARSEES (Bombay) ...	13th 14th & 15th Aug.
BOMBAY v PARSEES (Poona) ...	21st 22nd & 23rd Sept.

THE HORSE.

TOLLYGUNGE HORSE AND DOG SHOW	... 1st January 1904.
SIMLA HORSE AND DOG SHOW ...	... June 6th.

SPORTS.

OOTACAMUND SKITTLE GYMKHANAS	May 12th & June 15th, 27th

FOOTBALL.

MURREE TOURNAMENT FINALS	... 4th June.
DURAND TOURNAMENT, SIMLA ...	... 14th to 25th Sept.

HOCKEY.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT ...	... Now on.

GOLF.

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GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August

SWIMMING.

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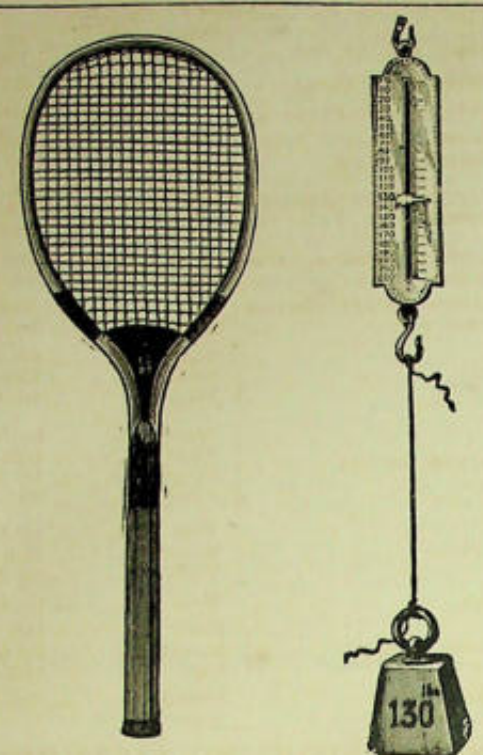
ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

The Oaks (1½ miles)	Friday, May 29
Manchester Cup (1½ miles) ...	Friday, June 5
Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1½m)	Saturday, June 13
Grand Prix de Paris (1 mile 7 furlongs) ...	Sunday, June 14
Ascot Stakes (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds) ...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds) ...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles) ...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs) ...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Golf Open Championship	11th June.
Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's) ...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords)	6th July.
Henley Regatta	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's)	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval)	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's) ...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	4th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.



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Honorary Secretary.—CAPTAIN GROVE.

First Day, Tuesday, 26th May 1903.

RACING opened here to-day under very fair auspices. The weather was warm, yet the attendance was large and the card was a very open one. Major Maxwell, who is acting Clerk of the Scales, is to be complimented on the vast improvements made the on course. There is a large influx of visitors both from Karachi and elsewhere. The Hon'ble Colonel and Mrs. Yate were present, while Major General Smith Dorrien acted as judge. Details :—

NOVICE STAKES.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, that have never won races value Rs. 50 and over amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 600. ½ mile.

Mr Ingham's Ginger III, 9st 6lbs ...	Churchward	1
„ Ohara's Golden Eagle, 9st 8lbs ...	Bal Ram	2
Sir Ghans Baksh's Naharalla, 8st ...	Egan	3
Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcomes Sportsman, 9st 11lbs ...	Mr Wilkinson	0
Mr Anderson's Lady Bird, 9st 4lbs ...	Multani Ram	0
Capt Grove's Moti, 9st, ...	Owner	0
Mr Menzie's Najib 8st 11lbs ...	Captain Benwell	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Ginger 5 to 1 each agst Golden Eagle. Moti and Najib, 6 to 1 Nasaralla, 8 to 1 the rest.

Ginger at once drew to the front, was never headed, and won by three lengths ; a length and a half between second and third. Time—55½ secs.

THE QUETTA GRAND NATIONAL.—Steeplechase Course. Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second and Rs. 50 to third. A steeplechase for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, others 14 hands and under. About 1½ miles.

Captain Barry Drew's Gazetter, 10st 10lbs	Mr Martin	1
Mr J Smith's Lucky Star, 9st 3lbs ...	Captain Grove	2
Mr Leah's The Lamb, 9st 13lbs carried 10st 10lbs)	Owner fell	
Mr Anderson's Barnaby Rudge, 9st 10lbs (car 10st 11lbs)	Mr Beatty	0

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Barnaby Rudge, 1 2 to 1 each Gazetter and Lucky Star 6 to 1 The Lamb.

Barnaby Rudge showed in front till the second fence, where he came down and at the third fence Lucky Star ran out. Then Gazetter led, followed by The Lamb, who came down at the water jump, then Gazetter went to the front and won by a distance from Lucky Star.

THE MIRI PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second and Rs. 50 to third For all horses W. A. and C. raised 21lbs. 7 furlongs.

Capt Benwill's Aureole, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	1
Mr Anderson's Here's Luck, 11st 5lbs ...	Churchward	2
Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcome's Black Snake, 11st 3lbs	Mr O'Hara	3
Mr Giles's Oxide 10st (car 10st 5lbs) ...	Capt Hislop	0
Mr J Smith's Bidinia, 10st 7lbs ...	Capt Grove	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Aureole, 6 to 4 agst Here's Luck, 6 to 1 the rest.

Aureole, followed by Here's Luck, at once took the lead which he maintained to the end and won in a canter by a length ; a neck between second and third.

THE QUETTA PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second and Rs. 50 to third For maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under and others 13-3½ and under. 5 furlongs.

Capt Minogue's Greylet, 8st 4lbs (car 9st)	Egan	1
Mr Menzie's Zarafshan, 9st 6lbs ...	Capt Grove	2
„ Anderson's Grace, 10st 1lb ...	Beatty	3
„ O'Hara's Tam, 9st 13lbs	Capt Benwell	0
Messrs Hughes and Smith's Queer Fish 9st 6lbs	Capt Moore	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Zarafshan, 3 to 1 each agst Grace, and Queer Fish, 4 to 1 Greylet, 6 to 1 Tam.

Queer Fish delayed the start and finally when let go Greylet took the lead which he kept to the end and won by a length ; six lengths between second and third. Time—1 min. 11secs.

THE QUETTA ARMY CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second and Rs. 50 to third. For maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 7 furlongs.

Capt Grove's Rubicon, 9st 12lbs ...	Owner	1
Mr Ingham's Ginger, 11st 9lbs ...	Churchward	2
Capt Hislop's Roburite, 9st 9lbs ...	Owner	3
Mr Davidson's Oriel, 10st 7lbs ...	Capt Benwell	0
Capt Barry Drew's Mustapha, 10st 4lbs ...	Mr Wilkins	0
Mr O'Hara's Golden Eagle, 10st 3lbs ...	Mr Martino	0
Major Showers' Kapurthala, 10st 2lbs ...	Egan	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Ginger, 6 to 4 agst Rubicon, 4 to 1 Kapurthala, 6 to 1 the rest.

Rubicon, followed by Ginger and Roburite, drew away from the start, was never headed and won by four lengths ; same distance between second and third. Time—1min. 44secs.

THE SURREY STAKES.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under, that have never won a race value Rs. 50. 3 furlongs.

Mr Smyth's Songstress, 11st 11lb ...	Mr Beatty	1
Kazi Jalaluddin's Delhi Durbar, 7st 12lbs ...	Jumat. Shah	2
Capt Wilkinson's Judy, 10st 12lbs ...	Churchward	3
„ Price's Terror, 8st 8lbs (car 8st 13lbs)	Egan	0
Capt Hislop's Dawn, 9st 12lbs ...	Owner	0
Mr Diger's Junglie, 8st 11lb (car 8st 13lbs)	Capt Moore	0
Mr O'Hara's Federation, 10st (car 10st 4lbs)	Mr Martin	0
Major Showers' Sib, 8st 7lbs	Multaniram	0
Col Yates' Rudolf, 10st 11b	Capt Benwell	0
Capt Grove's Walnut, 8st 11lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING : Evens Judy, 3 to 1 each agst Songstress and Terror, 5 to 1 Federation, 10 to 1 the rest.

Judy led to within the distance when Songtress caught up and then a great race home ensued, Songtress winning by three quarters of a lengths, a neck between second and third. Time—41⅗secs.

C. B. PURSE.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For C.-B. horses W. A. and C. raised 1 stone 1mile.

Mr Anderson's True Blue, 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Beatty	1
Major Maxwell's Richmond, 10st 12lbs ...	Churchward	2
Nawab Sir Shahbaz Khan's Hazari 9st 11lbs	Joonjungali	3
Ditto's Mir Bauz, 9st 9lbs ...	Warrant Shah	0
Khushdil Khan's Phurrie, 10st ...	Jumanshah	0

BETTING : Evens True Blue 2 to 1 agst Hazari, 3 to 1 Richmond, 6 to 1 each Mir Bauz and Phurrie.

Richmond showed out in front till within the rails where True Blue caught up, shortly drew away and won by three lengths ; ten lengths between second and third.

SIMLA SUMMER RACES.

(BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)

STEWARDS :

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Honorary Secretary.—LORD SUFFOLK.

First Day, Tuesday, 26th May 1903.

All concerned in the running of this meeting are to be congratulated on the successful start made to-day. The course was in good condition and though rain at one time threatened to mar the sport, it held off and we had a fine afternoon. We missed the bookie, but managed to do well enough with a gambole on the tote which paid good dividends on its Rs. 10 tickets. The large attendance included their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon and H. E. Lord Kitchener. Details :—

BEGINNERS' PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second and Rs. 20 to the third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description. C.B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st. 10lbs., Arabs 14-1 to carry 11st. 3lbs. W. I. 600 yards.

Kour Sahib of Patiala's Rock Sand, 10st 5lbs	Mr Barrow	1
Col the Hon'ble E Baring's Peninsular II, 9st 4lbs	Penton	2
Capt Wigram's Wainfleet, 10st 5lbs ...	Lord Suffolk	3
Mr Baldrey's Benefit, 11st 10lbs ...	Mr Southey	0
Abdul Aziz's Bismilla, 11st 13lbs ...	Native	0
Mr Morrison's Cuba, 9st 8lbs	Owner	0

Peninsular was favourite at the totalisator.

Rock Sand came away from the start, but in the run home Peninsular challenged, but just missed the verdict by a head ; one and a half lengths between second and third. Time—38secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 38

CLUB STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second and Rs. 20 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under, and others 13-3½ and under that have not won a flat race value Rs. 900 or over since 31st March 1901. Arabs 14 1 to carry 11st 2lbs. C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st 12lbs, others 13-3½ to carry 12st. W I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs ; twice 7lbs ; oftener 10lbs. Allowance—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over 5lbs. About ¼ mile.

Mr Douglas's Sweetheart, 11st 10lbs ...	Capt Hughes	1
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Shahjehan, 9st 9lbs	Toe	2
Col the Honable E Baring's Dingo, 11st 9lbs	Owner	3
Lala Jai Lall's Pannag 11st 10lbs ...	Native	0
Mr Baldrey's King Edward, 9st 7lbs ...	Mr Southey	0
Capt Drummond's Waterwitch, 9st 7lbs (carried 9st 13lbs)	Capt Peacock	0

Shahjehan was first favourite. Sweetheart soon came away from her field and won by a length and half ; same distance between second and third. Time—16⅕secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 29.

JAKKO STAKES.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second and Rs. 25 to the third. Hurdle race for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, and others 14-1 and under ; Arabs and C.-B.'s 11 2 to carry 11st. 7lbs., others 14-1 to carry 12st. W.I. Penalties —Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over once 4lbs. ; twice 7lbs ; oftener 10lbs. About 1¼ miles over eight flights.

Kour Sahib of Patiala's Jeanaroo, 10st 13lbs	Toe	1
Major Grimston's Greymist III, 12st 11lb...	Capt Holden	2
Mr Douglas's Starlight, 10st 11b ...	Capt Hughes	3
Mr Mordaunt's The Abbot 10st 4lbs ...	Lord Suffolk	0
Col the Hon'ble E Baring's Nabob, 9st (carried 9st 2lbs)	Mr Barrow	0
Mr Pawson's Busy Bee, 10st 7lbs ...	Penton	0
Captain Mappin's Rifleman II, 11st 6lbs ...	Capt Peacock	0

Starlight was first favourite and made all the running till, tiring, he let up Jeanaroo, who again was caught in the last few

strides by Greymist and the judge failed to divide them; Starlight was third two and a half lengths off. Time.—3mins. 1⅕secs.

In the run off Jeararoo lived out Greymist's challenge up the straight and won by one length. Time—3mins. 8⅘secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 37.

CURZON PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second and Rs. 20 to the third. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under: 14-1 to carry 11st 10lbs W.I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; three times 10lbs; oftener 14lbs. Allowance—Maidens 7lbs. Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over 5lbs. in addition. About 4½ furlongs.

Hon'ble D Bingham's Euphrates, 8st 13lbs	Beehan	1
Mr Baldrey's Shelter, 9st 3lbs... ...	Penton	2
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Brigand, 11st	Capt Shakespear	3
Capt Capper's Cinque Ports, 9st 8lbs ...	Owner	0
Mr Reynolds' Envoy, 10st 4lbs ...	Capt Hughes	0

Brigand was a very hot favourite. Euphrates jumped off at the start, took a clear lead, was never headed and won by two lengths; one length between second and third. Time—63⅕secs

Totalisator paid Rs. 162.

POLO SCURRY—Rs. 150 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. For maiden Arab and C.-B. polo ponies 14-1 and under. Certificates from Honorary Secretaries of Polo Clubs must accompany entries. C.W.'s over 11st. 7lbs. G.R.'s. 600 yards.

Col. Hon'ble E. Baring's Peninsular II, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Hon'ble D Bingham's Ruby, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr Reynolds' Searchlight 11st 7lbs ...	Mr Padger	3
Mr Connolly's Kilfinane, 11st 7lbs ...	Capt. Peacock	0

Peninsular and Ruby were about equal favourities. Peninsular early came away and won easily by two lengths; one length between second and third. Time—38⅕secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 25.

S. M. RACE CLUB SUMMER SKY MEETING.

STEWARDS:

BRIG-GENERAL FLOWDEN,	Mr. R. S. F. FAGAN, I. F.S.
MAJOR LONGFIELD, R. F.A.	MAJOR MORRICE, R. War. Regt.
LIEUT-COL CARSON, I. M.S.	MAJOR HARRISON,
CAPT MEREWETHER,	MR. LAWRENCE, I. C.S.

First Day, Thursday, 14th May 1903.

THE heavy rain of yesterday had made the going on the course fairly good, while it brought us needed relief in the shape of cooler weather, and, as a natural result, there was a big attendance, all Belgaum and many visitors seeming to be present. The racing was good and all the more interesting from the fact that Mr. Percy Fischer, the well-known Bombay athlete and sportsman, had brought down his string consisting of Governor, Wink, Good Boy, and Talisman. He was successful in the Hindulsi Purse with Wink, riding himself, while Governor secured second place in the same race, and Talisman was similarly placed to Squaretail in the Belgaum Derby, the big race of the day. Major Morrice won a couple of races with Bonnie Lad and Rose Leaf. Details :—

MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner Rs. 100, second Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under; 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs ¼ mile.

Mr Shroff's g a p Buktawar 10st 11lbs ...	Mr Fischer	1
„ Niven's g a p Squaretail 10st, 2lbs ...	Mr La Coste	2
Capt Daye's b a h Warwickshire Lad, 10st 4lbs	Owner	3

Also ran : Percival.

Won easily by three lengths; six lengths between second and third.

HINDULSI PURSE.—Winner Rs. 100, second Rs. 50. For popies 14-2 and under which have not on a race value Rs. 500 and over 6 furlongs.

Mr Fischer's br e p Wink 11st 2lbs ...	Owner	1
„ Fischer's ch a p Governor 6st 3lbs (carried 8st 12lbs)	Fowler	2
Major Morrice's g aus g Rose Leaf 10st 11b,	Thompson	3

Also ran Bhong and Heera.

Wink lead from the start and won easily by six lengths, same distance between second and third.

POLO SCURRY.—Winner Rs. 100 second Rs. 50. For all *bona fide* Arab and C. B. polo ponies. property of gentlemen residing in the Belgaum Military District. 3 furlongs.

Major Morrice's b a g Bonnie Lad, 9st 12lbs	Mr Marriott	1
Capt Day's w a h Squib, 10st 12lbs ..	Owner	2
Mr Brown's br cb g Sin, 10st 10lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran: David II, Marsh, and Thomas

Won by a short head; a head between second and third.

BELGAUM DERBY.—Winner Rs. 150, second Rs. 50 For Arabs 14-2 and under who have not won races of the value of Rs. 50 or over of an aggregate value of Rs. 700. 5 furlongs.

Mr. Neven's g a p Squaretail, 9st 4lbs ...	Mr. LaCoste	1
Mr. Fischer's b a p Talisman, 11st 8lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr. Brown's g a p Greywing, 10st 11lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran : Thomas and Warwickshire Lad.

Won easily by three lengths between second and third; four. A shocking bad start.

WELTER SCURRY.—Winner Rs. 100. second Rs. 50. For all ponies 14-2 and under, property of *bona fide* residents of Belgaum. About 2 furlongs.

Major Morrice's g aus g Rose Leaf, ...	Captain Toogood	1
Mr. Williams' b aus g None Such ...	Mr. Marriott	2
Mr. Lacon's g a g Brilliant ...	Captain Day	3

Also ran ; Sin, Biltong, Heera, Bhong, and Marsh. Won easily.

Second Day, Saturday, 16th May 1903.

We had good racing again to-day and the proceedings were enlivened by the Band of the 1st Madras Pioneers and pleasantly stimulated by the hospitality of the Stewards who were "at home." Wink won again and Governor and Talisman placed two seconds to Mr. Fischer's credit. Details :—

DESUR HANDICAP.—Winner Rs 100. second Rs. 50. For Maiden Arabs 14-1 and under. ½ mile.

Captain Day's w a h Squib 9st 7lbs (carried 9-11)	Owner	1
Major Morrice's b a g Bonnie Lad, 8st 12lbs	Thompson	2
Mr Shroff's g a p Buktawar, 12-st ...	Capt Toogood	3

Also ran : David II. Won by a length; one length between second and third.

PONY HURDLE RACE.—Winner Rs. 100 second Rs. 50. For all ponies 14-2 and under. 1 mile over 6 flights.

Mr Brown's g a p Greywing, 9st 7lbs (carried 9-13)	Owner	1
Mr Fischer's g a p Good Boy, 12st ...	Owner	2
Mr Muscroft's b a g Heera, 10st ...	Mr Ward	3

Also ran : Starlight. Won by half a length. Heera was beaten off.

KHOLHAPUR HANDICAP. Winner Rs. 100 second Rs. 50. For all ponies 14-2 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Fischer's br e p Wink, 12st 7lbs ...	Owner	1
Major Morrice's g aus g Rose Leaf, 10st ...	Mr Marriott	2

Won easily.

BELGUNDE HANDICAP.—Winner Rs. 100 second Rs. 50. 5 furlongs.

Mr Shroff's g a p Buktawar, 12st ...	Capt Toogood	1
Mr Fischer's b a p Talisman 11st, 4lbs ...	Owner	2

Also ran. Squaretail

Won by a length ; a good third.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—Winner Rs. 100 second Rs 50. For all ponies 14-2 and under who have not won a race at the meeting. 3 furlongs.

Mr Williams' b aus g None Such, 12st ...	Mr Marriott	1
Mr Fischer's b a p Governor 11st, 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr Brown's b l c b g Sin, 10st ...	Owner	3

Also ran : Marsh and Warwickshire Lad. Won by a length, a length between second and third.

OOTACAMUND GYMKHANA RACES.

STEWARDS :

COL. J. P. GRANT	CAPT. C. T. SWAN.
MAJOR W. M. CAMPBELL.	H. P. HODGSON, ESQ.
CAPT. R. D'A. FIFE.	L. E. LIEBENROOD, ESQ.

Judge.—COL. CUNLIFFE

Starter.—COL. R. G. JONES

Clerk of the Scales—CAPT. S. S. BROWNE.

Monday, 18th May 1903.

A VERY successful day's racing, the fields were good and the finishes exciting. Rain which threatened held off and the going could not have been better. H. E. The Governor and Lady Ampthill were there during the whole day and took a great interest in the proceedings. H. E's. Staff were at home to luncheon and entertained a large number of friends in two tents pitched opposite the stand. The Waler Scurry was the first race and for this a field of five faced the starter. Chemisette made the running from Ivan, who caught her in the straight and won fairly easily. The Novice Stakes really resulted in a match between Pennant and Right Angle in which the latter made the running, but Pennant got on even terms at the bend and won by two lengths. There was a field of five again for the Arab Stakes: Medoc made all the running and was leading till within a few yards of the post when he was caught by Gladstone and Rocket, who ran a dead heat, beating Medoc by a head. In the run off Rocket made all the running, but going very wide up the straight Gladstone won by half a length. In the Tiara Stakes, lady nominatation, a gold bracelet was presented to the nominatrix by His Excellency the Governor's Staff. There was a field of six for this race. Lease of Life made the running to the Old Pavilion, where Two Step, Rupert and Bessie caught him and raced in line; coming into the straight Bessie assumed the lead beating Two Step by half a length, with Rupert four lengths behind. For the race of the day, the Ladies' Bracelet, H. E. presented two prizes to the ladies who nominated the first and second horses. Warrior gave a lot of trouble at the start and the flag fell leaving him at the post. Gaylad made the running round the first bend, Harkaway's saddle slipped round, giving Captain Fife what looked like a bad fall, but fortunately he was unhurt. Pennant came to the front at the Old Pavilion and led up to the bend for home, when Viking, who had been lying a few lengths behind, came through his field and won by a length from Pennant. Details :—

WALER SCURRY.—For Australian and English Polo Ponies. Rs. 40 to winner, Rs. 20 to second and Rs 10 to third. —3 furlongs.

Major Campbell's g aus g Ivan, 11st 11lbs...	Owner	1
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 12st 3lbs	Owner	2
„ Oake's b aus m Lady Algy, 11st 7lbs (declared 5lbs)	Owner	3
Col Desaraj Urs' b aus g Nishanbardur, 11st 7lbs	Capt Dick Cunyngham	0
Capt Fife's br aus m Hilda, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING : 5 to 2 on Chemisette, evens Ivan, 3 to 1 the remainder.

Won by half a length ; five lengths between second and third. Time—40 secs.

NOVICE STAKES.—For all horses that have never won Rs. 50. W. A. and C. raised 2st 7lbs—7 furlongs. Rs. 40 to winner, Rs. 20 to second, Rs. 10 to third.

Major Campbell's br aus g Pennant, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Capt Fife's b aus g Right Angle, 11st 7lbs	Owner	2
Capt Dick Cunyngham b aus g Belgrove, 11st 7lbs	Owner	3
The Minor Zemindar of Marungapuri's b aus g Shikari, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	0
Capt Browne's b aus g Barnet, 11st 7lbs ...	Capt Swan	0
Major A. F. Thompson's ch aus m Morven 11st 7lbs (declared 1st 5lbs) ...	Owner	0
Major Logan or Home's b e m Dodo, 11st 7lbs	Capt Roome	0
Capt Dick Cunyngham's ch aus g Christian, 11st 7lbs declared 4lbs.	Mr. Bannerman	0

BETTING : Pennant evens, Right Angle 2 to 1, the others 4 to 1.

Won by two lengths, six lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 37secs.

ARAB SCURRY For *bona fide* c-b and Arab Polo Ponies.—3 furlongs. Rs. 40 to winner, Rs. 20 to second, and Rs. 10 to third.

Major Campbell's b a h Gladstone, 11st 7lbs	Owner	Dead heat
Capt D Cunyngham's b a g Rocket, 11st 7lbs	Owner	Dead heat
Major Logan, Home's b a g Medoc, 11st 11lbs —	Capt Fife	3
Maj. Logan Home's ch a g Bahadur 12st 3lbs	Capt Roome	0
Mr Patrickson's g a h Pole Star, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING : 3 to 1 on Medoc, evens, Bahadur 3 to 1 agst. Gladstone 20 to 1 Pole Star 3 to 1 Rocket.

Dead heat half a length in the run off. Gladstone won by a head. Time—40secs.

THE TIARA STAKES.—Handicap for ponies. Rs. 40 to winner, Rs. 20 to second and Rs. 10 to third. 5 furlongs.

Capt Swans' b aus m Bessie, 9st 10lbs ...	Owner	1
Capt Mathew's b aus m Two Step, 10st 10lbs	Capt. Dick-Cunyngham	2
Major Logan, Home's ch a g Rupert 10st 7lbs	Capt Roome	3
Col Wood's ch aus m Kathleen, 9st 12lbs ...	Mr Patrickson	0
Capt Dick. Cunyngham b a h Lease of Life, 9st 7lbs	Capt. Mathews	0

Mr. Patrickson's b a h Racing Cup, 8st 7lbs The Minor Zemindar of Marungapuri.

BETTING : 5 to 1 Two Step, evens Rupert agst. 5 to 4 Bessie 5 to 1, Lease of Life, others any price.

Won by half a length; four lengths between second and third Time—1 min 11secs.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Handicap for horses. Rs. 40 to winner Rs. 20 to second Rs. 10 to third. 6 furlongs.

Capt Swan's b aus g Viking, 12st 6lbs ...	Owner	1
Major Campbell's br aus g Pennant, 10st ...	Owner	2
„ Vans Agnew's beek aus g Gaylad, 11st 2lbs	Owner	3
Mr C A Mackenzie's rn aus g Warrior, 11st 2lbs (declared 6lbs)	Owner	0
Major Logan Home's br aus g Harkaway, 10st 7lbs	Capt Fife	0
Col Grant's b cb h Prime. 9st 9lbs ...	Capt Mathews	0

BETTING : 3 to 1 agast Viking, 5 to 2 Gaylad, 6 to 5 Warrior, 4 to 1 Harkaway, 3 to 1 Pennant, 3 to 1 Prime.—Won by one length; three lengths between second and third. Time 1mim 26secs.

OPEN SCURRY. Handicap for ponies. 3 furlongs. Winner Rs. 40 second Rs. 20 third Rs. 10 3 furlongs.

Major Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 12st 7lbs	Owner	1
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 11st 10lbs	Owner	2
„ Oake's b aus m Lady Algy 11st 3lbs	Capt Fife	3
Col Desaraj Urs' b aus m Countess, 10st 10lbs	Capt Swan	0
Mr Day's dum aus g Jimmy 9st 7lbs ...	Capt Mathews	0
Zemindar of Kavalpara's b aus m Rajah, 8st 7lbs	Owner	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Mary jane, evens Chemisette, 3 to1. each Lady Algy and Countess, 20 to 1 Jimmy, 5 to 1 Rajah

Won by a head two lengths between second and third. Time, 39⅕secs.

9TH UMBALLA STATION GYMKHANA.

STEWARDS :

COL. J. W. HAWKINS, R.H.A.	MAJOR J. C. CONNOR R.A.M.C.
MAJOR THE HON. H. G. HENEAGE, D.S.O., 12th Royal Lancers.	CAPT. C. GREGORY, 19th Bengal Lancers.
MAJOR G. L. HOLLAND, 34th Pioneers.	CAPT. J. F. C. MURRAY, 2nd The Black Watch.
MAJOR A. R. READE, The Welsh Regt.	CAPT. L. G. W. DOBBIN, Northamptonshire Regt.

Judge.—COL. ATHERTON, 12th Royal Lancers.

Starter.—MR. A. BEEDHAM, S.V.D.

Honorary Secretary—CAPT. BALLANTYNE.

Saturday, 16th May 1903.

POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 32. For ponies that have played regularly in Umballa that have never won a race value Rs. 50. Catch weights 11st 7lbs. Walers or English 7lbs. extras. 2 furlongs.

Capt A Brown's w a g Jessamine, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Mr Grant's br cb Mandarin, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
„ Drummond's b cb m Perthshire, 11st 7lbs	Mr Pawson	3
Major Clifton Brown's ch a h Bubbles, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0

Won by a length ; a head between second and third.

HARNESS STAKES.—Rs. 32. For trappers regularly driven in Umballa that have never won a race of any description. 14-1 to carry 12st. Arab and C.B.'s allowed 7lbs. W.I. 2½ furlongs.

Capt Hobson's br aus g Jinks, 12st ...	Owner	1
Major Clifton Brown's ch aus m Coo-Ey, 11st 2lbs	Owner	2
Sergt Ellison's dun ch g Corruption, 8st 13lbs	Native	3
Mr Murray's dun cb h Umballa, 9st 11lbs	Mr Pawson	0
„ Buxton's b cb m Phyllis, 10st 9lbs ...	Mr Talbot	0

Won by half a length ; poor third.

HORSE PLATE.—Rs. 32. For all horses. Catchweights 11st. 7lbs. Winners of a race of any description once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 10lbs. C.B's allowed 7lbs., Arabs 12lbs. ¼ mile.

Mr Pawson's ch e g Idleness, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	1
„ Haywood's br aus g Jim, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
„ Pawson's b aus m Manette, 11st 11lbs	Capt Brown	3
Capt Hobson's ch aus g Carrots, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0
Mr Grant's ch aus g Durbar, 12st ...	Owner	0

Won by two lengths.

UMBALLA PURSE.—Rs. 32 Arabs and C.B.'s 14-1, others 13-3½ that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 50 or over. W.I. Gymkhana winners once 3lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. ¼ mile.

Mr Drummond's ch cb m Mule, 10st 11b...	Mr Talbot	1
„ Pawson's br cb g Velvet, 11st 3lbs ...	Owner	2
Capt A Brown's w a g Jessamine, 11st 7lbs	Owner	3
Mr Symond's b cb h Sir Rodger, 11st 2lbs	Mr Grant	0
Major Greenly's b cb g Umballa II., 11st 2lbs	Owner	0

Won by a length ; half a length between second and third

Entries for Races,

MYSORE RACES.

First Day, Tuesday, 16th June, 1903.

THE ARAB PLATE—1½ miles.

1	Mr R B S's ...	... ch a h	... Sapphire
2	Lt.-Col A Sprot's	... ch a h	... Harefoot
3	Cap Thompson's	... b a h	... Pompom II.
4	Mr S A Wahed's	... b a h	... Dib
5	Mr W F Wormald's	... b a h	... Babyboy
6	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... ch a h	... Rubric
7	Mr R R S ...	... br a h	... Padlock
8	Mr Ali-b n-Talib's	... b a h	... Moon
9	Mr Mustapha-bin-Talib's	.. g a h	... Chungiz

MACINTIRE PLATE—6 furlongs.

1	Cap J Randall's	... br aus m	... Blue Blood
2	Dr Spooner Hart's	... bk aus g	... Oberon, aged
3	Mr A A Apcar's	... br aus m	... Sister
4	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... b aus g	... Trenton
5	Major Vans Agnew's	... bk aus g	... Gaylad
6	Mr L Robinson's	... br aus g	... Star
7	Cap J Randall's	... ch rn e g	... Dr Barnardo

THE FARM STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Lt.-Col R G Jones'	... b cb m	... St Clair
2	Mr Liebenrood's	... b cb g	... Landwind
3	Cap W J Tatam's	... ch cb m	... Filigree
4	Col J P Grant's	... b cb h	... Prime
5	H H Aga Khan's	... br cb m	... Evensong

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8	Col J P Grant's	ch cb g	Philistine
9	Mr J D Scott's	b cb h	Louis

THE MEDIUM STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	The Kumararaja of Pittapore's	b aus g	Shield
2	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	Mary Jane
3	Mr C P Graham's	ch aus m	Shot Silk
4	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman
5	Mr A Sattar's	b aus m	Beccles
6	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus
7	Mr A P Symmond's	bk aus m	Cleopatra.

THE LILLIPUT PLATE—6 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	b a h	Sirjamal
2	Mr E Sydenham's	b a h	Syndic
3	Mr R St C Houston's	g a h	Dharwar
4	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Salvation
5	Aga S Shah's	b a h	Oriental
6	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	Essex
7	Capt R M Bell's	g a h	Defendant
8	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	Delight
9	Mr Ali-bin-Talib's	b a h	Moon

Second Day, Thursday, 18th June, 1903.

H. H. THE MAHARAJA'S CUP—1 Mile and 3 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	ch a h	Sapphire
2	Lt.-Col A Sprot's	ch a h	Harefoot
3	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Dib
4	Mr W F Wormald's	b a h	Babyboy
5	Cap R M Bell's	g a h	Superb
6	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
7	Ditto	b a h	Delight
8	Mr R R Ss'	br a h	Padlock
9	Mr Ali-bin Talib's	b a h	Mameluke
10	Ditto	b a h	Moon.
11	Mr Mustapha-bin-Talib's	g a h	Chungiz
12	Mr E Sydenham's	b a h	Syndic

THE DEWAN'S CUP—1½ miles.

1	Mr Liebenrood's	b cb g	Landwind.
2	Col J P Grant's	b cb h	Prime
3	H H Aga Khan's	br cb m	Evensong.
4	Mr A A Apcar's	ch cb g	Phil
5	Mr W P Allardice's	cb g	Upstart
6	Mr J D Scott's	b cb h	Louis

THE BIRTHDAY CUP.—1¼ miles.

1	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	Glenfield
2	Ditto	br aus g	Steelpen
3	Raja Venugopal Bhadur's	ch aus g	Jack O'Lantern
4	Lt.-Col H Armstrong's	b aus g	Knight Templar
5	Capt C T Swan's	b aus g	Viking
6	H H Aga Khan's	br c g	Ayrdale
7	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Wallgrove
8	Mr A A Apcar's	b aus g	Goldsmith
9	Ditto	b aus g	Malto
10	Mr N C Chowdhury's	ch aus g	Tecoota
11	Mr Biswas'	b aus g	Promontory
12	Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
13	Mr Kelso's	b aus g	Harpist

THE INSTALLATION CUP—7 furlongs.

1	The Kumararaja of Pittapore's	b aus g	Shield
2	Mr A P Symond's	bk aus m	Cleopatra
3	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	Mary Jane
4	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman
5	Mr A Sattar's	b aus m	Beccles
6	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus
7	Mr C P Graham's	ch aus m	Shot Silk

THE STABLE CUP—5 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	bk aus g	Dumbell
2	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	De Wet
3	Ditto	b aus g	Steelpen
4	Raja Venugopal Bahadur's	ch aus g	Jack O'Lantern
5	Capt C T Swan's	ch aus g	The Cardinal
6	Capt J Randall's	br aus m	Blue Blood
7	Major J Vans Agnew's	b aus g	Corrie Roy
8	Mr R Anketell Jones'	b aus g	Ombree
9	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Wallgrove
10	Mr A A Apcar's	br aus m	Sister
11	Ditto	b aus g	Malto
12	Mr N C Chowdhury's	ch aus g	Tecoota
13	Mr Biswas's	b aus g	Promontory
14	Major F C Logan-Home's	ch aus g	Redoubt
15	Mr Kelso's	b aus g	Harpist
16	Major Vans Agnew's	bk aus g	Gaylad
17	Mr L Robinson's	br aus g	Star

Third Day, Saturday, 20th June 1903.

THE ARAB HANDICAP—9 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	ch a h	Sapphire
2	Lt-Col A Sprot's	ch a h	Harefoot
3	Capt Thompson's	b a h	Pompom II
4	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Dib
5	Mr W F Wormald's	b a h	Babyboy
6	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	Defendant
7	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
8	Mr Mustapha-bin-Talib's	g a h	Chungia

C. B. HANDICAP—1 mile.

1	Mr Liebenrood's	b cb g	Landwind
2	Col J P Grant's	b cb h	Prime
3	H H Aga Khan's	br cb m	Evensong
4	Mr A A Apcar's	ch cb g	Phil
5	Mr W P Allardices	ch g	Upstart
6	Mr J D Scott's	b cb h	Louis

THE ROYAL PURSE—1 mile.

1	Major H C V Harrison's	b cb g	Hampton Court
2	Mr A P Symond's	bk aus m	Cleopatra
3	Major W M Campbell's	ch aus m	Mary Jane
4	Capt C T Swan's	b aus m	Bessie
5	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman
6	Mr A Sattar's	b aus m	Beccles.
7	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus
8	Ditto	br aus m	Acme
9	Mr C P Graham's	ch aus m	Shot Silk

THE PALACE CUP—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S's	bk aus g	Dumbell
2	Major H C V Harrison's	ch aus g	Glenfield.
3	Ditto	ch aus g	De Wet
4	Raja Venugopal Bahadur's	ch aus g	Jack O'Lantern
5	Capt F Jollie's	b aus g	Best Shot
6	Lt-Col H Armstrong's	b aus g	Knight Templar
7	Mr Liebenrood's	ch aus m	Latchkey
8	Capt C T Swan's	b aus g	Viking
9	Major J Vans Agnew's	b aus g	Corrie Roy
10	Mr R Anketell-Jones'	b aus g	Ombree
11	H H Aga Khan's	br c g	Ayrdale
12	Dr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Wallgrove
13	Mr A A Apcar's	b aus g	Goldsmith
14	Ditto	b aus g	Malto
15	Mr N C Chowdhury's	ch aus g	Tecoota
16	Mr Biswas'	b aus g	Promontory
17	Major F C Logan-Home's	ch aus g	Redoubt
18	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
19	Ditto	ch aus g	Leonidas
20	Mr Kelso's	b aus g	Harpist
21	Capt J Randall's	ch in e g	Dr Barnardo

CHAMMUNDI STAKES—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S's	b a h	Sirjamal
2	Mr E Sydenham's	b a h	Syndic
3	Mr R St C Houston's	g a h	Dharwar
4	Mr S A Wahed's	b a h	Salvation
5	Aga S Shah's	b a h	Oriental
6	Mr O Dignum's	g a h	Defendant
7	Capt R M Bell's	g a h	Essex
8	Ditto	g a h	Superb
9	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	Delight
10	Mr Ali-bin-Talib's	b a h	Moon

BANGALORE, *1st May, 1903.*

H. DONNE, *Secretary, Mysore Races.*

N. B.—Third Entries close 1st June, 1903.

Ponies.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

Horses Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Lady Cheltenhan	b e m	Mr. W. Bass	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Lady Lane	ch e m	Mr. W. Bass	Aged	14-0	For life.
S. P.	b e m	Mr. W. Bass	Six	14-1	For life.
Malakite	b a g.	Mr. Norton	Aged	14-0	For life.
Money Spinner	g a h	Col. Kavenagh	Six	14-½	For life.
Plum	b cb m	Vety. Capt. A. C. Newsom	Six	14-1	For life.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 8th May 1903.*

THE TURF.

FOR once the Newmarket First Spring Meeting has not belied its name and from start to finish the atmosphere was mild and genial. Visitors to head-quarters thus enjoyed a welcome immunity from the worst rigours of a treacherous season, and, despite the frequent visitations of driving rain, their experiences were positively delightful in comparison with those of a fortnight ago. A soaking downpour on the night of the 30th ultimo was followed by a dubious, threatening morning, but the rain held off, and, though gloomy and dull the afternoon remained fine.

Evidence that it was May Day were forthcoming at every turn this morning. The streets were thronged with school children, laden with floral devices and garlands of all sizes and descriptions, and the rattle of money-boxes proclaimed the fact that coppers, at any rate, were plentiful. As a rule, the attendance on the last day of a Newmarket Meeting shows a decided falling off, and it was so on the present occasion, the One Thousand Guineas not proving sufficiently attractive to detain many of those who make a practice of returning to town on the morning of the final day. The card comprised half-a-dozen events, of which only one finished away from the stands. The going was in grand order, and good all-round sport was witnessed, but, owing to a hitch in the working of the starting-gate, we were within an ace having the One Thousand Guineas run over a second time

THE BRETBY HANDICAP—Of 335 sovs. Bretby Stakes Course (six furlongs).

Lord Howard de Walden's ch h Watershed, by Watercress—Parthenia, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs ... ... Halsey 1
Mr L de Rothschild's b c Proteus, 3yrs, 5st 9lbs ... ... J Jarvis 2
Mr J B Keene's b g Chacornac, 6yrs, 8st 9lbs ... ... Lyne 3
Prince Soltykoff's Leisure Hour, aged, 7st 11b ... ... Watts 0
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs ... Trigg 0
Count Lehndorff's St Briavels, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs ... ... Miller 0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs ... Griggs 0

(*Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 agst Watershed, 9 to 2 Arabi, 5 to 1 Proteus, 100 to 15 Salute, 100 to 14 Leisure Hour, 10 to 1 St. Briavels, and 100 to 8 Chacornac.

Won by a neck; a head divided second and third. Arabi was fourth, St. Briavels fifth, and Leisure Hour last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 20⅗secs.

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THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES—Of 3,800 sovs, for three-year-old fillies; 9st each. R. M. (one mile).

Lord Falmouth's b f Quintessence, by St Frusquin—Margarine	H Randall	1
Prince Soltykoff's b f Sun Rose, by Sheen—Nina	W Halsey	2
Mr W Raphael's ch f Skyscraper, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandry	D Maher	3
Mr J R Keene's Dazzling, by St Leonard—Splendour	L Lyne	4
Mr J Musker's Baroness La Fleche, by Ladas—La Fleche	O Madden	0
Lord Alington's You Go Off, by Sir Hugo—Fuse	M Cannon	0
Major Eustace Loder's Hammerkop, by Yallinule—Concussion	J H Martin	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Kittywick, by Childwick—Kate Miller	F Hardy	0
Mr L Brassey's Red Lily, by Persimmon—Melody	K Cannon	0
Mr P P Gilpin's Star of the Sea, by Gallinule—Ethel	J E Watts	0
Sir F Blundell Maple's Girlie, by Royal Hampton—Minting Queen	W Lane	0
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's Guigne, by Cherry Tree—Sigh	H Jones	0

(Sir J Blundell Maple declared to win with Girlie.)

(*Winner trained by J. Chandler, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING AT THE START.: 15 to, agst Barones La Fleche 9 to 4 Skyscraper, 4 to 1 Quintessence, 100 to 7 Hammerkop, 20 to 1 any other (o.)

THE RACE.

Girlie and Kittywick were saddled away, and Guigne was the first to leave the paddock, cantering to the post in advance of Quintessence, Baroness La Fleche, You Go Off, Skyscraper, Star of the Sea, Sun Rose, and Red Lily, the last pair being Dazzling and Hammerkop. The white flag was hoisted at eight minutes past two, and when a start was effected four minutes later Sun Rose, Guigne, and Hammerkop became entangled in the webbing, the first to show in front being Skyscraper, Quintessence, and Baroness La Fleche, all on the left, with Dazzling, Girlie, and Kittywick in the centre, clear of Star of the Sea and Red Lily, the last trio being Guigne, Hammerkop, and Sun Rose, to the Bushes, where Quintessence took a slight lead of Skyscraper, Red Lily, Dazzling, and Baroness La Fleche. The latter lost her place descending the hill, and in the Dip Sun Rose took third place, well in front of Dazzling and Kittywick, but though Prince Soltykoff's filly overhauled Skyscraper close home, she failed to make any impression on Quintessence, who won by a length and a half; two lengths separated the second and third. Dazzling was fourth, Kittywick fifth, Baroness La Fleche sixth, You Go Off seventh, Hammerkop eighth, Star of the Sea ninth, Red Lily next, and Guigne last. An objection as to the validity of the start (lodged by Prince Soltykoff) was subsequently withdrawn. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 48secs.

Big with the fate of the Chester Cup and "Jubilee" Stakes the last and by no means the least important of the series of Spring Handicaps, the present week is one of the busiest and most eventful of the first half of the racing season. All that is required to make the next few days memorable is weather worthy of the month of the flowers, and at this moment it would seem as if the experiences of racegoers in this respect will be pleasant enough. A balmy southerly breeze rendered the atmosphere delightfully soft and mild in Chester on the morning of the 5th instant, as soon the thin mist which had enveloped the low-lying lands by the riverside was dissipated by the sun, and the day was bright and clear till three o'clock, when rain set in and spoilt the remainder of the proceedings. Freshened up by the recent downpour—which, by the bye, has caused disastrous floods in parts of the potteries—the Roodee was looking at its best. The vivid green of the fresh herbage was soothing to the eye, and the course bore signs of having been well and carefully tended. It was, as a matter of fact, rather on the soft side, but, though it got plenty of rain, the turf stood the work well and hardly showed any signs of wear when the sport concluded. The programme was framed upon precisely similar lines to that of a twelvemonth ago, and yielded a brisk and enjoyable entertainment, which was liberally patronised by the public. The Duke and Duchess of Westminster were present in the private stand, as were Princess Henry of Pless, Lord and Lady Arthur Grosvenor, and a large and fashionable gathering.

THE WYNNSTAY HANDICAP PLATE—Of 452 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr L de Rothschild's b f Venus, by St Simon—Lady Loverule, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs	Trigg	1
Sir M FitzGerald's b f Happy Match, 4yrs, 6st 2lbs	J Jarvis	2
Mr J Collins's b g Decave, 4yrs, 7st 13lbs	W Lane	3
Duke of Portland's Mannlicher, 6yrs, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr Lauderdale's Golden Bay, 6yrs, 7st 5lbs	Watts	0
Mr G O Dobell's Murlingden, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING 5 to 4 agst Golden Bay, 7 to 2 Decave, 5 to 1 Venus, 6 to 1 each Mannlicher and Happy Match, and 100 to 8 Murlingden (o.)

Won by four lengths; a like distance between second and third. Golden Bay was fourth and Murlingden last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min. 45⅘secs.

THE STAMFORD TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE—Of 185 sovs colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lb. Five furlongs.

Mr F Alexander's b f Bitters, by St. Serf—Mara, 8st 11lbs	M Cannon	1
Mr R W Cox's b g Glenbreck, 8st 11lbs	Maher	2
" T P King's br g Ambrose, 8st 11lbs	Mr G Thursby	3
" E Bonner's Coxcomb, 9st	Halsey	0
Lord Dunraven's Tamasha, 9st	Croft	0
Lord Crewe's Lady Wishfort, 8st 11lbs	Hardy	0
Mr J S Walley's McDuchess, 8st 11lbs	Walley, jun	0

(*Winner trained by J. Porter, at Kingsclere.*)

BETTING: Evens Bitters, 4 to 1 agst Ambrose, 5 to 1 Glenbreck, and 100 to 8 other (o.)

Won in a canter by five lengths; two lengths between second and third. Coxcomb was fourth, Lady Wishfort fifth, and McDuchess last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min 7⅕sec.

The Cup is the pivot on which the fortunes of the Chester Meeting turn, and a wet Cup day is nothing less than a calamity for all concerned. It must have been with feelings of grievous disappointment, therefore, that those who have the welfare of the old-establishmend meeting at heart awoke this morning to hear the ceaseless drip of the rain from a leaden and lowering sky. The thunderstorm which visited Chester just before the conclusion of racing developed into a merciless downpur, which would have done credit to a tropical monsoon, and the rain descended in sheets almost without cessation during

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the night. No more glooming outlook for an important celebration could be imagined, and it speaks volumes for the pluck and hardihood of the votaries of racing that such a large crowd should have assisted at the proceedings, despite the emphatic hostility of the elements. They trudged through the muddy streets in thousands as train after train discharged its human freight at the portals of the ancient city. Having regard to the unpropitious conditions the attendance was a flattering one in every respect. The private stand held its full complement of aristocratic patrons, and the townfolk congregated along the old battlements and the riverside, as they have done for a century past. The going could not fail to be heavy, and was beginning to cut up towards the finish of the afternoon's racing; but the aggregate number of runners was large, and though a Kingsclere favourite had once more to play second fiddle in the Cup the stable supplied a couple of winners.

THE CHESTER CUP (Handicap).—Of 2,030 sovs (a cup value 50 sovs, and the remainder in species). Old Cup Course (nearly two miles and a quarter).

Mr G Thursby's b c Vendale, by the Bard—Water Lily (bred in U. S A.), 4yrs, 6sts 6lbs	C Trigg	1
Mr F Alexander's b c Throwaway, by Right-away—Theale, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	F Hardy	2
Duke of Portland's ch c Caro, by Carbine—Nene-moosha, 4yrs, 7sts ...	Griggs	3
Mr J Collins' Carabine, by Carbine—Saint-field, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs	J B Watts	4
Lord Howard de Walden's St Maclou, by by St Simon—Mini, 5yrs, 9st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr Reid Walker's Templemore, by St Hilaire-Little Widow, 5yrs, 8st 5lbs ...	W Halsey	0
Baron de Forest's Lognes, by Simonian—Barcarolle, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	W Bray	0
Lord Carnarvon's Preen, by Sheen ... Coquette, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs (car 7st 4lbs)	J H Martin	0
Sir Edgar Vincent's Parody by Avington—Portree, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	G Janck	0
Mr Arthur James' Shellmartin, by Florizel II.—Bentesta, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs ...	J Plant	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Venus, by St. Simon—Lady Loverule, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Heppell	0
Mr Sydney Platt's Monitress, by Trenton—Lady Detective, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 10lbs)	T L Miller	0
Mr R Croker's Liquidator, by St Frusquin—Eau d'Or, 4yrs, 6st	Jarvis	0
Mr A Stedall's Grand Deacon, by Freemason—L'Excepcion, 5yrs, 6st 4lbs. (car 6st 6lb)...	H Knott	0
Mr R C Thompson's Leviathan, by Isinglass—Galiana, 5yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Murray	0

(*Winner trained by Duke, at Cranborne.*)

BETTING AT THE START: 7 to 2 agst Throwaway, 11 to 2 Caro, 8 to 1 Carabine, 10 to 1 Vendale, 100 to 9 St, Maclou, 100 to 8 Liquidator, 100 to 7 Lognes, 100 to 7 Parody, 100 to 6 Templemore, 100 to 6 Preen, 20 to 1 Venus, 20 to 1 Monitress, 50 to 1 Shellmartin, 50 to 1 Grand Deacon, 50 to 1 Leviathan.

THE RACE.

Vendale was the first to leave the paddock, and led the parade from Grand Deacon, Shellmartin, Caro, Throwaway, Venus, Lognes, Liquidator, Preen, Monitress, Carabine, and Parody, the last pair being Leviathan and St. Maclou. Grand Deacon showed the way in the canter to Caro, Preen, Shellmartin, Vendale, Throwaway, and Monitress, and the white flag was hoisted at 3-17. After the start had been delayed by the fractiousness of Vendale—who badly kicked Lognes—and Monitress, the lot were despatched at 3-22, Caro being the quickest to show, in front of Vendale, St. Maclou, Monitress, Shellmartin, and Liquidator to the stand, where Vendale drew out with a clear lead of Caro, Shellmartin, St. Maclou, Monitress, and Leviathan, with Liquidator, Parody, and Carabine heading the middle division and Preen whipping in. At the railway turn Vendale and Leviathan held a two-length lead of Caro, who was in turn well clear of Shellmartin, Parody, and St. Maclou, another gap separating them from Templemore, Throwaway, Monitress, Carabine, and Venus, Grand Deacon now dropping back last. In the straight the second time there was little alteration, except that Vendale was then four lengths in front of Leviathan and that Shellmartin ceded his position to Parody, with Monitress, St. Maclou, Carabine, Throwaway and Venus in close pursuit; but at the Grosvenor turn Throwaway took third place clear of Carabine and Parody, a long gap separating them from St. Maclou, Liquidator, and Monitress. When fairly in the turn for home Throwaway joined Caro, and the pair reduced Vendale's lead to a length, but they failed to get on terms with Mr. Thursby's colt, who made practically the whole of the running and won by a length; three-parts of a length between second and third. Carabine was fourth, Parody fifth, St. Maclou sixth, Liquidator seventh, Preen eighth, Monitress ninth, Venus tenth, Leviathan eleventh, Shellmartin twelvth, Grand Deacon next, and Lognes last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 4mins 20⅘ sec.

The racing public are keenly appreciative of any steps taken by the authorities to enance their comfort or convenience, and the action of the Clerk of the Course at Chester in posting the result of the draw for places on the numberboard throughout the meeting met with unanimous approval. The same sort of thing has been done before, but never in quite such a simple and effective manner; and another move which has earned the plaudits of all interested in breeding is the addition, in the case of two-year-old races, of the pedigrees of all the competitors figuring on the card. It is in the gratification of these minor events that the secret of successful management lies. The presence of the Prince of Wales—who arrived from London accompanied by the Princess, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Westminster—gave a fillip to the closing chapter of the meeting, and the assembly in the private stands was even more distinguished and fashionable than it had been on the previous day. Moreover, there was a material improvement in the climatic conditions during the morning, the rain and gloom of the day before giving place to a mild, dry atmosphere, illuminated at intervals by furtive glimpses of sunshine. It was too pleasant to last, however, and the rain—which held off till after the third race—came down in torrents for the remainder of the afternoon. Nothing could prevent the going being heavy after the torrential downpour of the last two days, but a liberal covering of straw litter in Tattersall's Ring and the paddock went far cowards remedying the sodden conditions underfoot. The fields, tut down to narrow demensions in the majority of instances, but some interesting sport was witnessed, and three favourites were successful.

THE GREAT CHESHIRE HANDICAP STAKES (a high-weight handicap)—Of 900 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Lord Stanley's ch c Pellisson, by Prisoner—Red Spider, 6yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	Maher	1
Lord Dunraven's b c Morganatic, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs	J H Martin	2
Prince Soltykoff's b c Coal Sack, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs	Watts	3
Sir J Blundell Maple's Simony, 4yrs, 8st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Mr E Carlton's Flavus, aged, 7st 8lbs ...	Boardman	0
„ B Gottschalk's Beamish, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs	O Madden	0
„ D J Jardine's Gardenhurst, 5yrs, 7st 3lbs	Heppell	0
Mr J Corlett's Lord of the Level, 3yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Knott	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. G. Lambton at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 100 to 30 agst Pellisson, 4 to 1 Flavus, 5 to 1 Simony, 6 to 1 Coal Sack, 7 to 1 Gardenhurst, 8 to 1 Morganatic, 100 to 12 Beamish, and 100 to 7 Lord of the Level (offered).

Won a fine race by a neck; three lengths separated the second and third. Flavus was fourth. Simony fifth, Lord of the Level sixth, and Beamish last Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 27secs.

THE DEE STAKES—Of 632 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs with penalties, and allowances One mile and a half.

Lord Farquhar's br c Gilbert Orme, by Orme—Wenonah, 8st 7lbs ...	Maher	1
Mr L de Rothschild's b c Gourgaud, 8st 7lbs	Cannon	2
Sir E Vincent's ch c Countermark, 9st 6lbs	W Lane	3
Duke of Portland's Belesselsky, 8st 4lbs (car 8st 5lb)	M Cannon	0
Lord Ellesmere's Ravina, 8st 4lbs ...	Halsey	0
Sir S Scott's c by St. Simon—Sierra, 8st 4lbs	C Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Mr G Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Countermark, 4 to 1each Gilbert Orm-and Gourgaud, 8 1 to the Sierra colt, and 10 to 1 any others (offered).

Won in a canter by three lengths; five lengths between second and third. Sierra colt was fourth and Ravina last. Time by Benson's cronograph, 2mins 58⅘secs.

TEXT OF THE LORDS' BETTING BILL.

The following are the full clauses of the Bill that Lord Davey has introduced in the House of Lords:

BETTING [HL.]

[3 EDW. 7.]

A Bill Intituled An Act to amend the Betting Acts of 1853 and 1874 and for other purposes. The Lord Davey. [Ordered to be printed 28th April, 1903.]

Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

'RESORTING' AND "RESORT."

1. The word "resorting" in section one of the Betting Act, 1853, and this Act, shall include applying by the agency of another person or by letter, telegraph, telephone, or other means of correspondence, and the word "resort," in section seven of the said Act, and in this Act, shall have the same meaning.

AMENDMENT OF S. 3 OF ACT OF 1853.

2. The provisions of section three of the Betting Act, 1853, shall extend and apply to any person opening, keeping, or using, within the United Kingdom, any house, office, room, or place for the purpose of any money or valuable thing being received by or on behalf of the keeper of any betting-house or office situate either within or without the United Kingdom.

AMENDMENT OF S. 7. OF ACT OF 1853.

3. The provisions of section three of the Betting Act, 1853, shall extend and apply to any person exhibiting or publishing, or causing to be exhibiting or published, any playcard, handbill, card, writing, or other advertisement whereby it shall appear that any house, office, room, or place is opened, kept, or used either within or without the United Kingdom for the purposes in the said section mentioned or referred to, or any of them, and to any person who shall invite other persons to resort to any house, office, room, or place either within or without the United Kingdom for the purposes aforesaid or any of them: Provided that, if it appear that any such advertisement or invitation has been published in any registered newspaper inadvertently and without knowledge onthe part of the proprietor or manager of the newspaper of the nature of the business advertised or the meaning of the contents of the advertisement, the penalty may be remitted by the court.

BETTING IN A STREET, ETC.

4.—(1). Any person exercising the business of a bookmaker or betting agent by betting or offering to bet with other persons or inciting other persons to bet with him, or receiving money or other valueable thing as consideration for any bet, or paying or settling any bets in any street or other public place, or any place to which the public have unrestricted access, or any house licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable, if convicted for the first offence, to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, and for the second offence to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and for any subsequent offence if convicted on indictment to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months, without the option of a fine, and, if convicted on a summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding thirty pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding three months without the option of a fine: Provided always, that if a person be convicted under this section of betting with any person under the age of sixteen years or receiving money from or paying money to any such person or inciting any such person to bet with him he shall be liable for the first and every subsequent offence to the maximum penalty or imprisonment hereinbefore imposed for the third and subsequent offence

(2). All books, cards, papers, and other articles connected with such betting as aforesaid shall be deemed to be instruments of gaming, and any person so offending as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a rogue and vagabond within the meaning of fifth George the Fourth, chapter eighty-three, and shall be subject to be arrested and searched in accordance with the provisions in in that behalf therein contained.

(3). Any person who appears to the court to be under the age of sixteen years shall for the purpose of this section be deemed to be under that age unless the contrary be proved.

(4). For the purpose of this section, the word "street", shall have the same meaning as in the Public Health Act 1875.

NOTICE OF PROHIBITION OF BETTING.

5. The proprietors or persons having the control of any area within which sports are carried on may exhibit at the entrance or in some conspicuous place within the same, notices that betting is prohibited within the said area or some part thereof, and, in that case, any person who shall hold himself out as ready to bet with other persons, or incite other persons, or to bet with him, within the area where betting is so prohibited, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall be liable to the same penalties as he would have been under this Act if he had been convicted of betting in the street.

EXTENSION OF 55 VICT. C.4.

6. Any person who knowingly receives money from an infant as consideration for a bet to be made with him shall be guilty of an offence within section one of the Betting and Loans (Infants, Act, 1892, and shall be liable to the penalties imposed by that section, and the other provisions of the said Act shall be applicable) to him.

RECOVERY OF PENALTIES.

7.—(1). The penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered by proceedings under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, and, in Scotland, in the manner provided by section four of the Betting Act, 1874, save where otherwise provided; and, in Scotland, "indictment" has the same meaning as in the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1887.

(2) The provisions as to arrest and search contained in Statute of fifth George the Fourth, chapter eigthy-three, shall, by this Act, be applied to offences under sections four and five of this Act committed in Scotland.

DEFINITIONS.

8. In this Act—

The word "bookmaker" means a person exercising the business of betting with persons resorting to him for the purpose:

The word "betting agent" means a person acting as agent for a bookmaker or for making bets between any two persons.

SHORT TITLE.

9. This Act may be cited as the Betting Act, 1903, and shall be read with the Betting Acts, 1853 and 1874.

CRICKET.

SURREY *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—There was no play at the Oval on Monday, for the heavy rain had so saturated the wicket that cricket was out of the question. The delay enabled Hargreave to take his place in the Warwickshire team; he had only arrived in England from Australia on the previous night. On Tuesday, J. F. Byrne, the new Warwickshire captain, won the toss, and made a good stand with Kinneir after Devey had fallen a victim to Jackson before a run had been scored. Kinneir played a much more attractive game than usual, and once hit three fours off an over from Lees. Quaife did not make a long stay, but Charlesworth and Lilley, paying pretty cricket, carried the score to 122 for four wickets before lunch time, the former being not out 22, and the latter not out 35. Soon after play was resumed Charlesworth was missed, and the two batsman seemed likely to gain a complete mastery over the bowling, but they separated when they had increased the total by 85 runs. The poor fielding of the Surrey team had much to answer for, and a great many catches were missed during the innings, which after the dismissal of Lilley, was interesting by reason of the batting of Charlesworth and Moorhouse. Jackson, who met with very little luck, bowled very well indeed. Of the Surrey batting there is little to be said. The wicket was gradually becoming more and more difficult, and although Holland and Hayes played excellent cricket after Hayward left, Hargreave suddenly became irresistible, taking the last six wickets in very rapid succession. With the close of the innings the day's play ended, and there is no better tale to tell of the final stages of the match. Rain during the night caused play to be postponed until twenty minutes past two, and Warwickshire declared with four wickets down. Surrey again fared badly against the bowling of Hargreave.

WARWICKSHIRE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Devey c Hayes, b Jackson	2	Lees, b Montgomery ...	14
Kinneir, c Hayward, b Montgomery ...	32	b Montgomery ...	0
J. F. Byrne, b Montgomery	22	c Davis, b Jackson ...	14
Quaife, l-b-w b Jackson ...	6		
Charlesworth, c Hayes, b Jackson	64	b Jackson	7
Lilley, c Montgomery, b Jackson	44	not out	14
Santall, c Walker, b Jackson	0		
Moorhouse, not out ...	34	not out	5
Whittle, c Lockwood, b Jackson	0		
Hargreave, c Lees, b Hayward	9		
Hopkins, c Lockwood, b Jackson	1		
B 1, lb 7 ...	8	Bye ...	1
Total ...	222	Total ...	55*

*Innings declared closed.

SURREY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hayward, c Moorhouse, b Santall	7	c Charlesworth, b Hargreave	2
Holland, c Lilley, b Santall	20	c Lilley, b Stantall ...	16
Hayes, c Charlesworth, b Hargreave	27	st Lilley, b Hargreave ...	18
Lockwood, c Devey, b Hargreave	2	l-b-w, b Hargreave ...	0
E. Wiltshire, c and b Hargreave	0	c Santall, b Hargreave ...	2
L Walker, b Hargreave ...	4	b Hargreave	7
Montgomery, c Hargreave, b Santall	3	c Charlesworth, b Hargreave	0
Davis, b Santall ...	0	not out	14
Lees, l-b-w b Hargreave ...	5	b Hargreave	1
Stedman, not out ...	5	c Byrne, b Hargreave ...	8
Jackson, b Hargreave ...	1	b Hargreave	0
Byes	8	Byes ...	1
Total ...	82	Total ...	69

WARWICKSHIRE.

	1st Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	2nd Innings. O.	M	R.	W.
Jackson ...	44·5	10	96	7	14	3	31	2
Lees ...	9	2	28	0				
Montgomery	32	7	85	2	13	4	23	2
Hayward ...	4	2	5	1				

SURREY.

	1st Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	2nd Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
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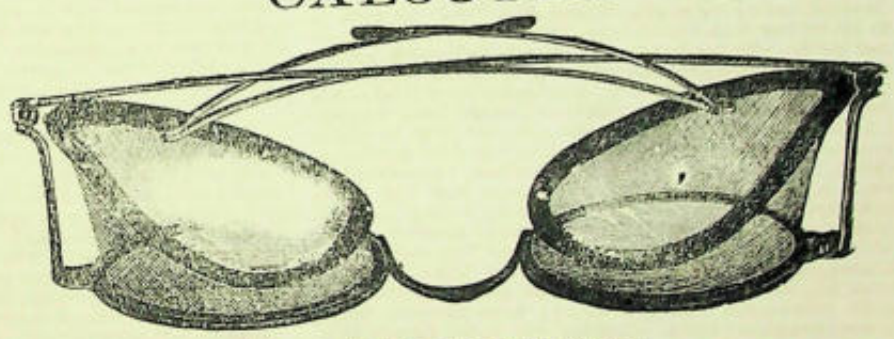

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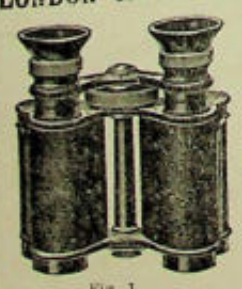
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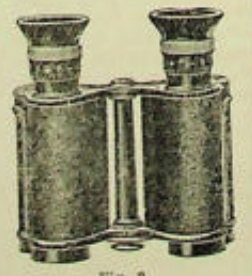
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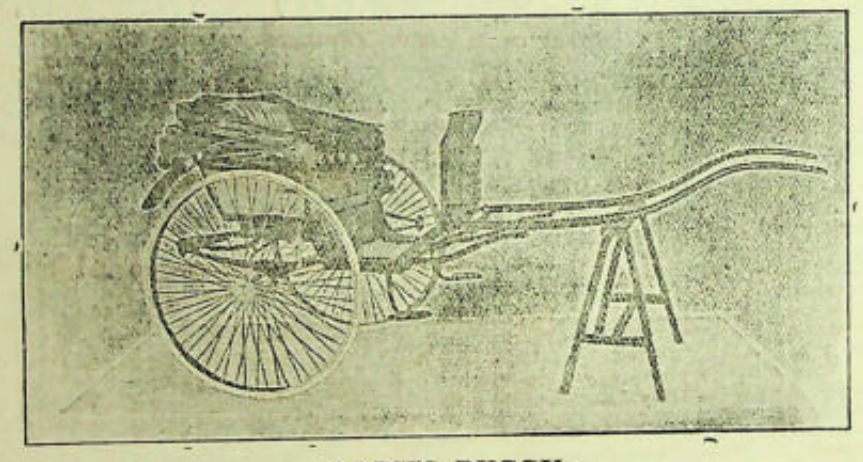

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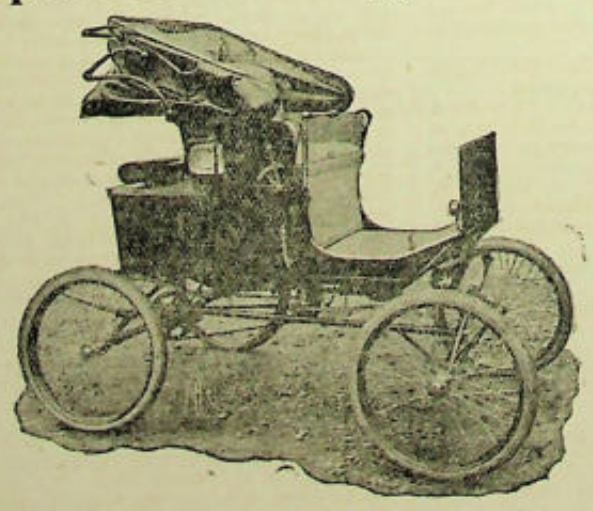

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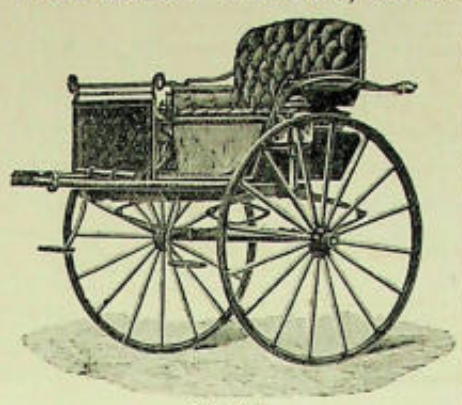

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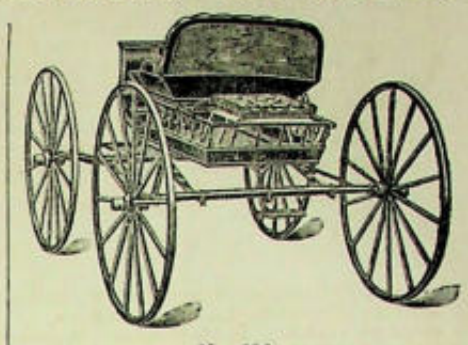

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SENIORS' MATCH.—Continuous rain on Sunday, and more of it on the next morning, made cricket on the first day of this match very unpleasant. There was no play until three o'clock. At first the bowlers held the upper hand, and only 47 runs were made in the first hour for five wickets; but Whittington and Whateley made things more lively and put on 42 for the next wicket. Afterwards Graham and Hunter played well, so that when stumps were drawn the total was 165 for ten wickets (twelve a-side). There was no play either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

MR. B. A. COLLINS' SIDE.

O M Samson (Hertford), c Crawford, b H-Amory	0	E G Whateley (New), c Bomford, b Mereweather	22
B L Peel (Hertford), c Bomford, b Worsley ...	22	A J Graham (Trinity), c Melver, b Worsley ...	20
L D Brownlee (Oriel), c Bomford, b Venables ...	9	B A Collins (Brasenose), b Carlisle	4
J E Raphael (St John's), c Bomford, b Venables ...	15	K O Hunter (New), not out	29
V H Cartwright (Corpus), c Bomford, b Venables	0	W L Sampson (Magdalen), b Worsley	0
J Whittington (Corpus), c Worsley, b Carlisle ...	33	H M Carrick (Hertford), not out	1
		Byes	9
		Total (10 wkts)	165

MR. R. S. Darling's Side: Hon. M. Herbert (Balliol), C. W. Melver (Hertford), L. Heathcote-Amory (Christ Church), H. Bomford (Balliol), H. M. Worsley (Magdalen), K. M. Carlisle (Magdalen), C. Burns (St. John's) J. A. Mereweather (Brasenose), H. E. Crawford (St. John's) C R. Venables (University), and S. G. Tinley (Keble).

MR. B. A. COLLINS SIDE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
H'theoate-Amory	21	4	39	1	Tinley ...	4	3	2	0
Venables ...	25	11	52	3	Carlisle ...	5	1	17	2
Worsley ...	11	3	22	3	Darling ...	1	0	1	0
Mereweather ..	8	1	23	1					

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SENIORS' MATCH.—Owing to heavy rain on Sunday night there was no play on Monday. On Tuesday considerable progress was made with the match, the chief features of the day's cricket being the fine stand by E. J. Mann and H. C. McDowell, which produced 102 runs in an hour and a quarter. There was no play yesterday.

MR. G. HOWARD-SMITH'S SIDE.

E M Mann (Trinity), c Bashford, b McDonell...	37	R E Lambert (Trinity), not out	30
R F Worthington (Emmanuel), st J W Marsh, b McDonell ...	1	H Chapple (St John's), l-b-w, b Watson ...	3
H Bompas (Pembroke), c Bashford, b McDonell...	14	G Howard-Smith (Trinity), b McCorquodale ...	22
K R B Fry (Clare), b McDonell	0	H G Driffield (St Catharine's), b McCorquodale	0
E S Philips (Pembroke), st J W Marsh, b McDonell	28	P E Morris (Peterhouse l-b-w, b McCorquodale...	0
E Booker (St John's), c Godsell, b McDonell ..	9	A Buxton (Trinity), not out	2
		Byes 12, l-b 6, n-b 1	19
		Total	165

MR. J. W. MARSH'S SIDE.

J W Marsh (Jesus) b Driffield	11	F B Robert (Jesus), c Worthington, b Howard-Smith	4
R T Godsell (Trinity), c Fry, b Driffield ...	2	E J Mann (Pembroke), b Howard-Smith ...	63
A Scott Murray (Trinity), b Howard-Smith ...	13	H C McDonell (Corpus), b Phillips	50
J F Marsh (Jesus), c Buxton, b Howard-Smith	8	A M Bashford (Jesus) not out	10
C T Rudd (St Catherine's) c Howard-Smith, b Lambert	26	B 3, w 1, n-b 6	10
		Total (8 wkts) ...	197

E. G. McCorquodale (Trinity), T. H. Watson (Pembroke), and E. Jamieson (King's) did not bat.

MR. HOWARD-SMITH'S SIDE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
McCorquodale ...	16	3	43	3	Roberts ...	3	0	25	0
McDonell ...	27	5	51	6	Jamieson ...	1	1	0	0
Watson ...	9	0	27	1					

McCorquodale bowled a wide and a no-ball.

MR. MARSH'S SIDE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Driffield ...	23	5	57	2	Morris ...	6	1	17	0
H-Smith ...	22·3	3	55	4	Chapple ...	5	2	9	0
Buxton ..	5	1	14	0	Worthington ...	2	0	8	0
Lambert ...	5	0	18	1	Phillips ...	3	0	9	1

Phillips bowled one wide, Howard Smith five no-balls, and Morris one no-ball.

IMPORTANT RESULT.

a, *b*, *c*, *d*, etc., denote one, two, three, four wickets down, etc. *e* no wicket down, * signifies the home side, † innings declared closed.

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	1st inn.	2nd inn.		1st inn.	2nd inn.
*LONDON COUNTY	122	26*a* SURREY		128	... —
THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.					
Olympic ...	112*d* ... —	Anlaby	...	23	... —
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.					
Burnley ...	4*d* ... —	*Accrington	...	—	... —
*Bacup ...	51 ... —	Church	...	—	... —
*Lowerhouse ...	70 ... —	Colne	...	—	... —
Ramsbottom ...	68 ... —	*Nelson	...	12*a*	... —
GENERAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.					
*Milnrow ...	103*f*† ... —	Middleton	...	—	... —
Moorside ...	73*d* ... —	*Dukinfield	...	—	... —
YORKSHIRE COUNCIL.					
*Hull ...	65 ... —	Dewsbury	..	—	... —
Saltaire ...	65*f* — —	Brighouse	...	—	... —
KETTERING AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.					
*Finedon ...	63 ... —	Irthlingboro'	...	25	... —
Bushden Town ...	38 ... —	*Wollaston	...	36	... —
Wellingbrough Twn	91 ... —	Raunds Weslyns	...	34	... —
*Rushden (2nd)...	108 ... —	Earls Barton	...	42	... —
*Harrowden ...	43 ... —	Welngbro'Ideal	...	39	... —
Wellaston (2nd)...	61 ... —	*Irthlnbro' (2nd)	...	24	... —
OTHER MATCHES.					
Gretten ...	89 ... —	*Kettering	...	27*e*	... —
*Crauford ...	47 ... —	Denford	...	9	... —
Mr A E Lawton's XI ...	121 ... —	Matlock	...	51*i*	... —
*Northbrook ...	155i† ... —	Hornsey	...	52	... —
*Heathfield ...	107*g*† ... —	Honor Oak	...	36*c*	... —
Owens College ...	78 ... —	*Heaton Mersey ...	55*d* ... —
Wigan ...	72 ... —	*Manchester ...	61*e* ... —
*Thelvestern ...	77*h* ... —	Kersal ...	— ... —
Norwood ...	44 ... —	L & W Bank ...	89 ... —
Forest Hill ...	83 ... —	Dulwhich ...	54 ... —
Sheffield United ...	71*g* ... —	*York ...	— ... —
*Blackley ...	90 ... —	Levenshulme ...	30 ... —
*Silverdale ...	57 ... —	Crewe ...	112*f* ... —
Huddersfield ...	61 ... —	*Kirkheaton ...	78*d* ... —
Handsworth Wood	78 ... —	*Moseley ...	66 ... —
*Stoke ...	111 ... —	Burslem ...	65 ... —
Kendal ...	60 ... —	Lancaster ...	103 ... —
*Addiscombe ...	115 ... —	Beckenham ...	100 ... —
Sefton Park ...	27 ... —	*Eton Park ...	67 ... —
*Edgbaston ...	38 ... —	Wolverh'pton	125*f* ... —
*South West M'chster ...	56 ... —	M'chester Press ...	15*e* ... —
Notts Forest Wndrs	107*k*† ... —	Buddington ...	44 ... —
Kirkby Lonsdale	51 .. —	Morecambe ...	55 ... —
*Battersea ...	100 ... —	Walham Green ...	59*o* ... —
Kildare ...	186 ... —	Fulham ...	22 ... —
Granville ...	135 ... —	Charlton ...	67*i* ... —
Stanley ...	56 ... —	Champion Hill ...	49*f* ... —
Ravensbourne ...	108 ... —	Chapel Farm ...	85 ... —
Ilford ...	65 ... —	*Romford ...	58 ... —
London Devonians	80 ... —	Steckwell Park ...	60 ... —
Barnes ..	58 ... —	*Merton ...	35 ... —
*Beckenham ...	292 ... —	Gravesend ...	93 ... —
Alleyn ...	101 ... —	Cyphers ...	42 ... —
*West Kent Wandrs	69 ... —	Cyphers ...	56 ... —
*Private Banks ...	93 ... —	Bradfield Waifs ...	42 ... —
Kingston ...	50 ... —	West Sheen ...	100 ... —
Kensington Palace	91 ... —	South Ealing ...	41 ... —
Old Charlton ...	75 ... —	*Catford	153*d* ... —
Brixton Wandrs (A)	68 ... —	Nat Bk of India	93*k* ... —
Heyland ...	24 ... —	Forest ...	145 ... —
*Hounslow ...	100 ... —	Hammersmith	9 ... —
Zouaves ...	100*g* ... —	Paddington (B)	95 ... —
*Preston Priory ...	159*d*† ... —	Brightn Clifdn	85 ... —
Brighton St Peters	110*e*† ... —	Brighton & Hove Gas ...	104 ... —
Trinity Coll, Camb,	165 ... 138*e*†	Crusaders ...	129 ... 98*d*
Pembroke Coll, Cmb	251*g*† —	Christ's Coll ...	110*b* ... —
Peterhouse	53 ... —	Jesus College ..	152 .. —
St John's College	47 ... —	Caius College ...	124*i* ... —
Clare College	202 ... —	Emmanuel Coll ...	59*b* ... —
Gresham	69 ... —	Silver Star ...	56 ... —
Manor Park	109*d*† ... —	Goodmayes ...	10 ...56*e*
Southampton Trojans	125 ... —	Adelaide ...	46 ... —
*Worthing	140*f* ... —	Arundel ...	134 ... —
Richmond Town	54 ... —	Brockwell Park ...	79*i* ... —
Brighton Banks	107*d* ... —	St Bart's ...	148*b* ... —
Walsall	102 ... —	Kidderminster, ...	71 ... —
"Field"	38 ... —	Gresham Ath	38 ... —
Cavendish	41 ... —	*CheltnhmTwn	170 ... —

ATHLETICS.

ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SPORTS, WOOLWICH.—These sports were held on the Academy ground on the 4th instant, before a big gathering. Details:—

100 Yards Race.—G. M. Morrell, 1; G. H. Merriman, †-2; R. H. Wade-Gery, †3; F. W. Townend, 0; K. F. Freeland, 0; C. Geldard, 0. Morrell won by a yard; a dead heat for second place. In the run off Merriman proved victorious. Time—11½secs.

Wheel Race.—G. E. B. Dobbs, 1; F. C. Westland, 2; H. G. Bagnall, 3. Won easily.

Half-mile Race.—P. T. Blanford, 1; G. R. Burnett Stuart, 2; W. E. Perry, 3. Also ran: G. B. B. Trenchard, J. O. Sherrard, T. C. Newton, L. C. B. Deed, A. Izat, R. S. Ellis, H. W. Young and G. H. Merriman. Blanford ran strongly and with good judgment. He came away in the straight and captured first place by fully ten yards; about the same distance separated second and third. Time—2mins. 14⅕secs.

High Jump.—G. L. Olliver, 5ft. 3¾in., 1; V. Elliott, 5ft. 1¾in., 2; J. O. Sherrard, 0; H. I. Bulkeley, 0; E. W. S. Balfour, 0.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—W. E. Mann, 90yds. 1ft. 7in., 1; P. T. Blanford, 87yds. 2. Other competitors were: S. M. Morrell, A. Izat, G. L. Olliver, C. Geldard, and A. Creery.

300 Yards Handicap.—J. O. Sherrard, 8 yards start, 1; C. Cotterill, 12, 2; G. H. Merriman, 2, 3. R. H. Wade-Gery, scratch, and seven others also ran. Only half a yard divided the first two, while the third was about the same distance off. Time—37secs.

Mile Race.—P. T. Banford, 1; G. R. Burnett Stuart, 2; W. E. Perry, 3. Also ran: G. C B. Trenchard, V. Drake-Brockman, G. S. Low, T. C. Newton, R. S Ellis, M. H. McConnell, A. Creery, and H. W Young. Blanford held a prominent position until the last lap when he came out and won by five yards: same distance between second and third. Time—5mins. 26⅕secs.

Long Jump—W. Leslie, 19ft. 6¼in., 1; R. H. Wade-Gery, 19ft., 2. H. L Bulkeley, F. W. Townend, and E. G. Howlett also competed.

Two-mile Race.—G. R. Burnett Stuart, 1; G. C B. Trenchard, 2; M. H McConnell, 3; G. S. Low, 4, H. G. Bagnall, P. T., Blanford, V. Drake-Brockman, L. C. B. Deed, R. G. Bignell, A Creery, and H. W. Young also started. Burnett Stuart attended by Blanford was early prominent, but the latter, after a mile had been covered in 5mins. 34secs., retired. Burnett Stuart then went right away from his field and ultimately reached the post quite three-quarters of a lap in front of Trenchard; fifty yards divided second and third. Low was just beaten on the tape for third place. Time—10mins. 54⅕secs.

Team Race (450 yards).—Winner. Third Class (W. Leslie, R. H. Wade-Gery, and F. N. Townend). Time—53secs.

Half-mile Handicap.—A Izat, 55 yards start, 1; R. S. Ellis, 80, 2. Won by twenty yards; six yards divided Ellis from G. Pearson, 45, who was third but did not qualify for a prize. W. E. Perry, 5, was the only other runner. Time—2mins. 13secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—J. C. Crocker, 1; V. Elliott, 2; H. I. Bulkeley, 3. Also competed: R. H. Wade-Gery, T. C. Townend, and F. W. Pfeil. Won by a yard; a foot between second and third. Time—19⅕secs.

Putting the shot.—G. E. B. Dobbs, 32ft. 6in., 1; K. R. McCoughlin, 28ft. 6in., 2.

440 Yards Race.—G. H. Merriman, 1; V. Elliott, 2; W. R. H. Chapman, 3. R. H. Wade-Gery, W. E. Perry, F. W. Townend and J. O. Sherrard also competed. Won by a yard; same distance between second and third. Time—58⅖secs.

Strangers' Invitation Handicap (440 yards), for Eardley Wilmot Cup.—A. Marsden, Royal Naval College, 26 yards start, 1; J. B. Cargill, Royal Navy, 25, 2; H. B. Spring, R.M.C. Sandhurst, 26, 3. Also ran: G. de Smidt, R.M.C., 19; A. J. Burn, South London H., 25; and A. Goodall, London A. C., 26. Marsden finished very strongly a winner by a dozen yards; inches only divided second and third. Time—51⅕secs.

Obstacle Race.—R. H Wade-Gery, 1; Pengelly, 2; R. Giffard, 3; L. W. V. Rees, 4. The Obstacles included a big water jump, at which many of the competitors fell.

Donkey Race.—Winners, Messrs. Begbie and Gray.

Consolation Race.—H. G. Bagnall, 1; C. Gray, 2; L. McKenzie, 3. This event was decided over the obstacle course, Bagnall winning easily.

Silver Challenge Bugle, for the winner of the greatest number of leading events.—This prize, which is held for one year, fell to P. T. Blandford. The prize presented by the Governor, Major-General Jelf, for the winner of the greatest number of marks in all events (team race excepted), fell to G. R. Burnett Stuart.

Tug-of-war.—Term Challenge Cup was secured by the Third Class team, which also secured the Sports Challenge Cup

LONDON A. C. EVENING MEETING.—The leading event at Stamford Bridge on the 6th instant when the London A.C. held a members' meeting, was the ten-mile race for the club challenge cup. This trophy was presented to the club by Mr. S. F. Weall in 1877, and in the same year J. Gibb proved the first winner in 54mins. 47secs., which time, up to last evening, stood as a record for the race. Some very excellent running by the Cambridge Blue, A. S. D. Smith, has now caused that record to be beaten by 9⅘secs. Yesterday's race was a very fine one for the greater portion of the distance. J. H. Bessell for a long period pressing the Cantab very close. Last year's winner, Lieut. Hawtrey, was unable to compete, owing to absence abroad. The remaining events on the programme were putting the weight and throwing the hammer. Curiously enough, G. W. Clark beat H. A. Leeke in the former event, whereas at the inter-club meeting at Cambridge, in March, Leeke threw 4ft. better than Clark. Details:—

TEN-MILE CHALLENGE CUP.

A. S. D Smith, 54mins 37⅘secs	...	— 1
J. H. Bessell, 55mins 52⅕secs	...	... 2
E. S. Ward, 59mins 59⅕secs	...	... 3
G. J. Brassey, 60mins 56secs	...	... 4
E. R. Small, 61mins 32⅕secs	...	... 5

S. W. Fowler-Dixon and C. S. White also ran.

Smith at once assumed the lead, which he maintained for close on 3¼ miles. Ward meanwhile ran exceedingly well, but in the third mile he dropped behind, owing to stitch. Bessell, who for some time hung close to Smith shot in front at 3¼ miles, and thereafter this pair ran a very fine race. At the end of 14 consecutive laps Bessell held a slight lead, barely a yard separating him from Smith on the majority of these occasions, although Smith frequently got in front at the half laps, only to speedily lose his lead. At 7¼ miles, however Smith obtained a thirty-yard lead, which he increased to 200 yards before the completion of the eighth mile. Half a lap divided the pair throughout the ninth mile and maintaining the lead Smith went for club record in the last lap, being successful in lowering this by 9⅖secs. and wining by 400 yards from Bessell. Ward, who stopped several times owing to stitch, recovered himself, and finished third with a rare sprint up the straight. White retired at five miles, rare sprint up the straight.

MILE TIMES AND LEADER.

Mls.	Leader.	Time. M. S.	Mls.	Leader	Time. M. S.
1	Smith.....	4 58⅕	6 ...	Bessell ..	32 32⅕
2 ...	Smith ...	10 20⅘	7 ...	Bessell ..	38 14⅕
3 ...	Smith ...	15 47⅖	8 ...	Smith ...	43 36⅗
4 ...	Smith ...	21 18	9 ...	Smith ...	49 13⅘
5 ...	Bessell ...	26 55⅗	10 ...	Smith ...	54 37⅕

PUTTING THE WEIGHT HANDICAP.—G. W. Clark, allowed 2ft. 6in., 39ft. 10¼in, 1; W. E. B. Henderson, allowed 2ft. 38ft., 5¼ in, 2; H. A. Leeke, scratch, 37ft 7in., 3. Also competed: P. G. Masters, C. H Jupp, R. E. Wright, and R. H. Watson. The above distances include the allowances.

THROWING THE HAMMER HANDICAP.—P. G. Masters, allowed 25ft, 131ft 6in, 1; H. A. Leeke, scratch, 124ft 4¼in. 2.; W. E. B. Henderson allowed 7ft 121ft, 3. Allowances are included in the above distances. There were no other competitors

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

MONDAY, 18th May, saw the pack at Golf Corner: the day for the most part was spent on the country between Golf Hill and Governor's Shola. The swamp below Campbell Copse was blank and the first run started with an outlying jack found not far from the Long Swamp; he gave us a brilliant little burst, but it could hardly be said to be an enjoyable one for, half the time the pack got away with only one or two of the field and traversed the ploughs on the sides of the hill near the Nungenal Valley; hounds stuck to their quarry well, and killed him as he tried to take refuge in an earth which proved so shallow that one of the hounds pulled him out of it. As hounds were being taken back to draw towards home a pig jumped up in their midst and it was impossible to stop them. They ran him through Sheffield and into some scent on the side of the hill above the Kenmund Bridle Path at Governor's Shola. There were three and a half couple damaged before the pig was shot by Captain Milner, who galloped back for his rifle. Nothing more was done, though Captain Fife drew down the Dartmoor Vale on the way back to kennels. The hounds spoke to a line once or twice but the scent was cold and they could not own it.

The early part of the day on Thursday, 21st was spent in pretty much the same country and we enjoyed a capital day's sport, the first gallop being particularly fast. A jack was found outside Mill's Covert, but at first hounds could not settle to it and scent seemed extraordinarily catchy. But getting a view they went off at a good pace and ran the jack into Jackal, and they were not twenty yards from his brush as he broke at the top of the covert over the Governor's Shola road, in the direction of Baikie Wood. He was not allowed to dwell here for hounds hustled him through and out at the top. Skirting along the top and leaving Porcupine Well to the left he ran down to the Nungenal Valley near Melkaval village, where hounds lost him. It was almost an impossibility riding here, the going was like glass and horses were sliding all the time. Returning to the upper downs the Master drew the open down Newmarket and in Rawlins' Nullah a jack was viewed, hounds were holloaed on and ran down to the bottom of Bluegums. Here two more jacks jumped up, so hounds divided, the main body of the pack crossed Governor's Valley and then ran along the Ridge through Governor's Shola to Sheffield, where they lost their jack. Hounds were very soon collected and taken back, to draw Newmarket again. At the top of Bluegums they got away and raced into the covert, while almost at the same moment a jack was viewed over the Peak into Rallywood. Hounds were put on and ran well through Rallywood and then turning righthanded ran into Sheffield and down the road to Foresters' Hut. The jack doubled back into Sheffield here and running straight through led hounds past Tiger Shola and down the Nungenal Valley to Dharma Tope, where he went to ground. The only two with hounds after the jack ran into Sheffield for the second time were Colonel Aylmer and the Master.

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THE LAST RUN OF THE SEASON.

ON a hot April morning the small field which had mustered at the closing meet sat lazily in their saddles beneath the welcome shade at the covert edge. Even on the hill-top the faint breeze could not stir the foliage and every note of the huntsman's voice rang clearly through the wood from the valley below.

Half a dozen members of the hunt, divested of their gay apparel and clothed with studied negligence laboured to produce an impression of their complete indifference to the sport at hand. T'was the merest chance that brought them hither. They happened to have no engagement this morning, but were due at some meeting on the other side of the county at half-past three. No scent could possibly lie in hay-making weather, and hunting was hardly worthy of the name in this precipitous woodland country!

All this for the benefit of a handful of youthful sportsmen who displayed their ignorance of the fitness of the occasion by indulging in eager anticipation. But their influential example could not repress the excitment of a couple of schoolboys who sat "spoiling" for a run, while their sympathetic parents also forgot to assume the fashionable appearance of boredom.

'Hullo?" said an eager youth as a faint cry rose from the valley.

"Did you think it was a Holloa? observed an immaculate sportsman in pink." "I thought it was an old woman calling her hens myself!" Nobody laughed.

A small boy aged perhaps ten mounted on a twelve-hand Shetland pony, dispelled the uncheerful atmosphere by the incessant proposition in a shrill treble of unanswerable conundrums.

Weren't some of day best hounds out to-day? If we didn't find here did we think it probable there'd be a fox in Overton Ruffet? One was poisoned there last week! Wasn't it true that the huntsman could hunt the hounds just as well as the master?"

This last query especially directed to the absent master's dearest friend sent a cripple of suppressed merriment through the group of listeners.

But the hounds had passed through the covert and were moving across the green shoulder of the hill towards a coppice in the further valley. The pink coats of the servants, the huntsman's stained to a deep red, glittered in the sunshine and roused the youthful spectators to enthusiasm. The hound disappeared into the coppice, a young farmer moved down the hillside, the boys followed, and the blasè contingent formed a leisurely rearguard.

Blank again! Bitter disappointment on the faces of the boys, "I told you so" in large letters on those of the habitues.

We stood in a road at the bottom of the valley which bisected the coppice aforementioned, and the huntsman moved across the rough hillside to our front, the hounds feathering along a thick hedgerow parallel to the road. They had reached the shoulder of the hill, and the huntsman's coat alone remained in sight, when a distant whimper stilled the conversation on the roadway. A joyous burst of music followed, and was set to the rattling accompaniment of iron on macadam. Down the road till a lane to the right led up a sharp rise, whence the huntsman could be seen riding hard along the valley to our right front. Pushing on we saw the pack streaming up the opposite hill a fair half mile away. Some plough land at the top brought them to a check, but the last of the panting field had barely arrived, when a big black hound struck the line in a furrow, and pursued it in selfish silence. A comrade marked his eagerness and cantering forward to investigate rallied the pack with a cry of certainty. Swopping to the call like a flight of plover away they streamed again. Down into another valley, and while we scrambled in pursuit they breasted yet another hill, and strung out into a line the black hound leading yet, disappeared into a wood. We could hear them in full cry as we struggled on a bare dozen of us nor in vain pursuit of the flying huntsman. Skirting the covert we climbed slantwise over the shoulder, one or two jumping down to ease their mounts. When we arrived at the summit the hounds had run clean out of slight, but the huntsman leaping a fence in the valley showed us the line they were taking; up and down those banks that long brown horse took a power of catching. The shoulder of the hill sloped downward for a mile and at the end we found the pack at fault where a brook and a high-road crossed the line at right angles. The huntsman cast boldly forward across brook and road together, and struck the line beyond. Yet another exhausting bank up which the field slowly struggled, while the pack ran on into a big covert reaching to its submit. Passing through the wood we waited at its leeward edge while hounds worked doubtfully behind and below us. Ten minutes passed in silence and moving quietly back into the covert I came upon the extreme right wing of the pack, two hounds working steadily through the brushwood. A whimper reached us from far below, and they stopped their work to listen. Yet again, louder this time, but still they stood in doubt listening from nose to tail-tip; that cry had of yore deceived them.

Another note from below, no louder, no nearer, but the two hounds dashed instantly to the rallying cry. Hark! Hark! Ha-Hark to "Governor!" Far up the hillside they had recognized the call of a trusted comrade, and taking the hint I hurried out of the wood. None too soon. Forrard away! Forrard away! Forrard! Forrard! resoundedin the valley, and Master Reynard had again set out on his travels. I reached the open to see the pack poaring over a hedge in the bottom, and the field already scrambling down the bank in pursuit. The Shetland pony bolted past at a reckless gallop, and charged bravely down to the fence. But at the last moment his heart failed him and stopping short he caught his rider on his shaggy neck and pitched him back into the saddle. At the next fence a little old gentleman on a thoroughbred mare who had obtained a glorious start dismounted to pull down the obstruction, a couple of refusers still further diminished the field, the pace grew hotter, the sun no less, and a mile further on a mere handfull followed the huntsman into another deep valley.

Too warm for scent to lie! See them racing up the furrow yonder, the swift black hound again leading, three clear lengths ahead of them all!

When these hills! "'E aint fifty yard afore yer" yells an excited yokel at an open gate. Forrard on! Forrard on! Before us lies a huge brown wood, and into it hounds race without a check. This again lies on a steep hillside, and we coast along the bottom parallel to the racing pack. Four fields, three fences and a gate which last a cheery sportsman on a blown but gallant chestnut leaps down to open. The hill grows steeper, the cry of the hounds rings fainter, and the Huntsman bursting into the wood climbs straight up the bank towards them. Some follow him, but a few await the result of his investigations in the meadow below. Suddenly the music rings out loud and vengeful, the pack swings towards us, nearer and nearer. From the edge of the cover, a black be-draggled form crawls despairingly, and the hounds pouring over the fence in a wave of black, and tan, and white, roll him over to a triumphant "who-whoop".

An hour and three quarters from the find, half an hour from the last check, climbing hills all the time beneath a broiling sun! Still we jog homeward to our summer quarters pleased with the world in general and inclined for once to thank a kindly Providence for the more permission to live at all.

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OOTACAMUND TOURNAMENT.

THE FINALS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE *vs.* 4TH HUSSARS.—These teams were to have met on the 15th instant but the match was postponed to the following day owing to a heavy rainstorm. A fast and interesting game was witnessed by a large number of people including Her Excellency Lady Ampthill.

First Chukker.—The Hussars were the first to break away and Lewin and Bell put in some good work; a combined rush a little later giving them a subsidiary. Then Government House got to work and after repeated attempts to break the Hussars' defence, Fyfe got through and sent the ball through with a long shot. Government House continued to press and Campbell and Logan Home rushed the ball through notching their second goal. They were ruled offside a little later and the chukker ended with the score—Government House, 2 goals; Hussars, 1 subsidiary.

Second Chukker. The game ruled fast and even, and neither side gaining any real advantage the chukker ended without any score.

Third Chukker.—Government House got away but the ball was returned and fast and even play followed. At last Barnes got in a splendid run but failed to score. Towards the end of the chukker a scrimmage near the Government House goal let in the Hussars and they added another subsidiary to their total. Score being Government House, 2 goals; Hussars, subsidiaries.

Fourth Chukker.—Lewin got a chance in front of the Government House goal and just missed scoring; the Hussars lost another chance from bad hitting and then their opponents got away and Logan-Home getting possession passed Barnes and scored a subsidiary. Government House continued to have the best of matters and at the end of the chukker Campbell made a fine run but missed: Fife returned the ball and they put on their third goal. Score—Government House, 3 goals, 1 subsidiary; Hussars, 2 subsidiaries.

Fifth Chukker.—With four minutes left, Government House kept up the attack. Then Lewin got away, but just as he was getting dangerous had the bad luck to break his stick. Oakes got possession next and taking the ball down scored the fourth goal for Government House and nothing further taking place they were left victorious by 4 goals and 1 subsidiary to 2 subsidiaries. Teams:—

4TH HUSSARS.			GOVERNMENT HOUSE.		
Captain Caldbeck	...	1	Captain Oakes	...	1
Mr Bell	...	2	Major Logan-Home	...	2
Mr Lewin	...	3	Major Campbell	...	3
Capt Barnes	...	(back)	Capt Fife	...	(back)

Umpires.—General Richardson and Mr. Irving.

Lady Ampthill presented the Cups to the winning team.

Athletics.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

THE Middlesex Regiment celebrated "Albuera Day" on the 16th instant by regimental sports. The Colonel and Officers were "At Home" and a large crowd were present on the occasion. Entries were large and a very successful programme was carried through, some very creditable psrformances being put up. Appended are results:—

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Salter 1, Bendle 2, O'Halloran 3. Distance—101 yards.

QUARTER MILE.—Hazeldine 1, Jones 2, Dodkin 3. Time—52⅗ secs.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Hazeldine 1. O'Hallaran 2, Stringmore 3.

HURDLE RACE.—Stringmore 1, O'Halloran 2, Hardcastle 3.

LONG JUMP.—O'Halloran 1, Hazeldine 2, Sheppard 3. Distance—16ft. 8½ins.

SACK RACE.—Garrett 1, Mattocks 2, Pember 3.

TUG-OF-WAR.—G. Company.

PUTTING THE SHOT.—Mackay 1, Pateman 2, Dorling 3. Distance—29ft. 10ins. (18lb. shot).

HALF MILE RACE.—Hazeldine 1, Jones 2, Rowe 3, Soans 4.

QUARTER MILE OPEN.—Hazeldine 1, Mackay 2, Jones and Hardcastle 3.

LLOYD LINDSAY.—Roberts 1, Reed 2, Pember 3, Davy 4, Miller 5.

MILE RACE.—Soans 1, Hazeldine 2, Reeves 3, Burrell 4, Jones 5, Rowe 6.

SERGEANTS' RACE.—Smith 1, Price 2, Grey 3.

HIGH JUMP.—O'Halloran and Hardcastle 1, Stringmore and Snooks 2—4 ft. 11ins.

OLD SOLDIERS' RACE.—Hallam 1, Deacon 2, Roeam 3.

General Sir George Pretyman distributed the prizes, and received three hearty cheers, as also did Colonel Longe and the Officers of the Regiment.

Rowing.

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Saturday, 23rd May, 1903.

UNDER heat conditions that suggested the burning fiery furnace of biblical renown and made the competitors sympathise with the unfortunate position of our old friends Shadrac, Meshac and Abednego the regatta was brought off this afternoon. A large number of invitations had been issued and the Club was "at home," but the attendance of members and their friends was rather disappointing, though, under the circumstances, excusable. As a couple of the races finished at the bend, a quarter of a mile from the club house, the executive had set afloat quite a little fleet of boats in which members were invited to paddle their fair guests up the stream, so as to enable them to see the races in comfort; but whether the ladies distrusted the skill and dexterity of the jolly young watermen or whether the latter found it too hot for extra exertion, the experiment was not quite a success, the boats were patronised by a few mere males, while the ladies either trudged along the bank or remained on the lawn and the competitiors were without that incentive to extra effort which follows as a matter of course when the fair sex are looking on.

The racing was interesting although the entries were by no means as full as they might have been. There were six in for the Junior Sculls which provided a surprise in the victory of H. A. Smyth to those who had not been following the practice very carefully. But to those in the know his win came as the well-deserved reward of consistent and steady preparation. He beat Stephenson with ease in his heat and sculled away from Watson in the finals. From the usual misfortunes which attend all attempts to get together crews of four men and a cox the Class Fours were not exempt. Two or three crews "bust up" owing to indisposition and defections and in the end there were only three crews to make the race and none of them really represented a "class", for there was an outsider or two in each boat. A short and scrappy preparation found Pritchard's crew the most favoured and in the end they won, though the luck was with them in the first heat, the *contretemps* in Venables' boat undoubtedly giving them the victory for the losers were overhauling them at every stroke as they neared the winning post. The Tub Pairs were contested by four crews and the racing was interesting enough. The Scratch Fours which usually wind up the afternoon were eliminated from the programme, whereat there was some mild grumbling, but as the proceedings were only just got through as daylight failed, the decision of the Committee was proved to be sound. The prizes were presented by Miss E. Dumayne. Appended are details.—

JUNIOR SCULLS—¼ mile.

1st Heat.

A. S. Barrow beat H. F. Pilcher. A runaway affair in which Barrow held his opponent safe all the way and won by several lengths. Time—4 mins. 8 secs.

2nd Heat.

H. A. Smyth beat B. Stephenson. Won easily by four lengths. Time—4 mins. 2 secs.

3rd Heat.

G. Innes Watson beat P. Blumenthal (scratched).

Barrow scratched leaving Smyth to meet Watson in the finals.

Final Heat.

H. A. Smyth beat G. Innes Watson. Smyth began to show out soon after the start and when they had completed a third of the distance was leading by a couple of lengths. Watson steered a splendid course, but got very short towards the finish. His opponent had the race in hand and, easing down, won by four lengths. Time—3 mins. 49 sec.

CLASS FOURS—¼ mile.

Heat 1.

Calcutta Station.		*Kidderpore Station.*
S. Carvill *bow.*		P. Blumenthal *bow.*
H. F. Pilcher 2.		A. M. Murchison. 2.
J. C. Buchanan 3.	beat	N. M. Ross, 3.
N. G. Pritchard *str.*		A. V. Venables *str.*
J. H. Allen *cox.*		W. C. Burke *cox.*

They went away to a level start, then Venables' crew began to go ahead when Ross slipped his button losing them quite four strokes, their opponets going right away. Venables' crew got going again and putting all they knew into it were just beaten by a bare half length after a plucky race. Time—3 mins. 5 secs.

Final.

Kidderpore Station.		*Calcutta Station.*
D. Carvill *bow.*		T. G. Evers *bow.*
H. F. Pilcher. 2.		J. Black. 2.
J. C. Buchanan. 3.	beat	C. M. Pope. 3.
N. G. Pritchard *str.*		L. Bagshawe *str.*
J. H Allen *cox.*		J. Wilson *cox.*

Pritchard's crew shot away at the start and when half the distance was completed were leading by a length and a half. Bagshawe set his men a long stroke, but they began to go to pieces, and Pritchard's crew won by three and a quarter lengths. Time—3 mins. 7 secs.

TUB PAIRS—¼ mile

1st Heat.

J. C. Buchanan *bow.*		W. C. Burke *bow.*
N. G. Pritchard *str.*	beat	W. S. Burke *str.*
Miss Kennedy *cox.*		Mrs. W S Burke *cox.*

They rowed fairly level to the, White house where Miss Kennedy's crew had a slight lead. Just as they were about to put on their spurt, bow in Mrs. Burke's boat slipped his button and it was all over with them, the other boat going on and winning.

2nd Heat.

A. M. Murchison *bow.*		G. I. Watson *bow.*
A. V. Venables *str.*	beat	L. R. Carter *str.*
Mrs. W. S. Burke *cox.*		Mrs. Barton *cox.*

They got away together and a good race ended in a victory for Mrs. Burke's crew by a length.

Finals.

Mrs. Burke's crew beat Miss Kennedy's crew.

Good steering gave Mrs. Burke's crew the victory after a good race.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

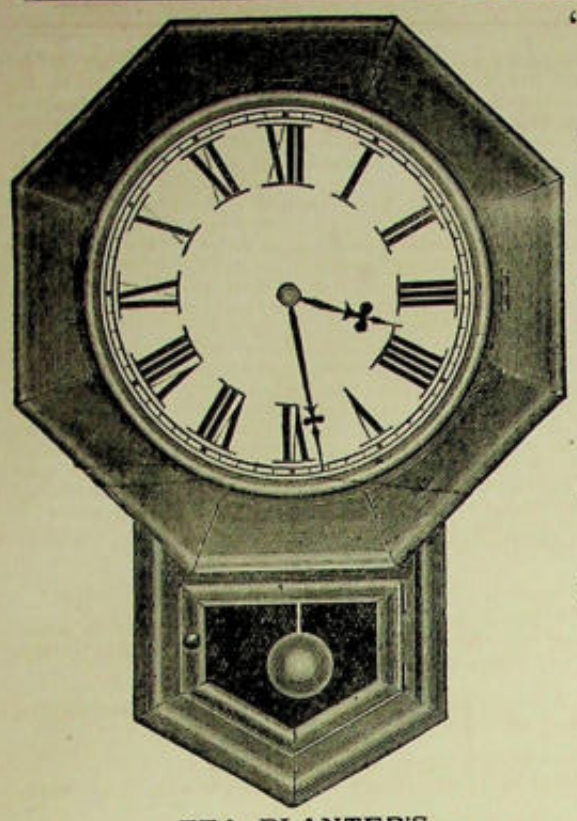
LONDON, *Friday, 8th May 1903.*

HOW the use of gear-cases has died out! Not so very many years ago, these useful accessories to a bicycle figured on at least seventy-five per cent. of machines, but now it is almost an exception to see a bicycle fitted with one. Why is this? To find the real cause one must look to the all-round reduction in prices, the adoption by makers of a standard price of £10 10s. or so for their machines, and the fact that a large number of present day cyclists only buy a machine for the convenience of having one to use occasionally, and consequently do not ride sufficiently to appreciate the advantages of a gear-case.

The reduction of price naturally compelled the makers to save in the cost of production as much as possible, and as gear-cases were luxuries, and not necessities, they were struck off at once. The standard price system is also to blame. If one man supplied a serviceable machine for £10 10s. minus a gear-case, he would reap far more trade than a man who charged £11 11s. for his cycles and supplied them with gear-cases, although, value for value, the two machines were identical. Naturally gear-cases were dropped. Still the fact remains, that a cycle with a gear-case runs far easier and smoother than one without, and those who can afford the little extra cost should certainly invest in one.

Those who are responsible for organizing cycle race meetings are not, in the majority of cases, business men; they do not study the market, so to speak, and provide events to the public taste. Like in the commercial world public taste is continually changing, and the shop or store-keeper who buys judiciously and makes a popular show is the one who rakes in the shekles. Sport promoters to be successful, must study the public taste and arrange their programmes accordingly.

At present, team races are very popular, and it is a class of race that is bound to produce capital sport, every rider striving his hardest to keep up the honour of his club. Then again, meetings of this character help to ensure a good gate, as friends of the rival clubs make a point of attending. Almost better than club contests are international team races like those the Polytechnic Cycling Club have arranged for this season. On 14th June a team of the above clubmen will be riding again



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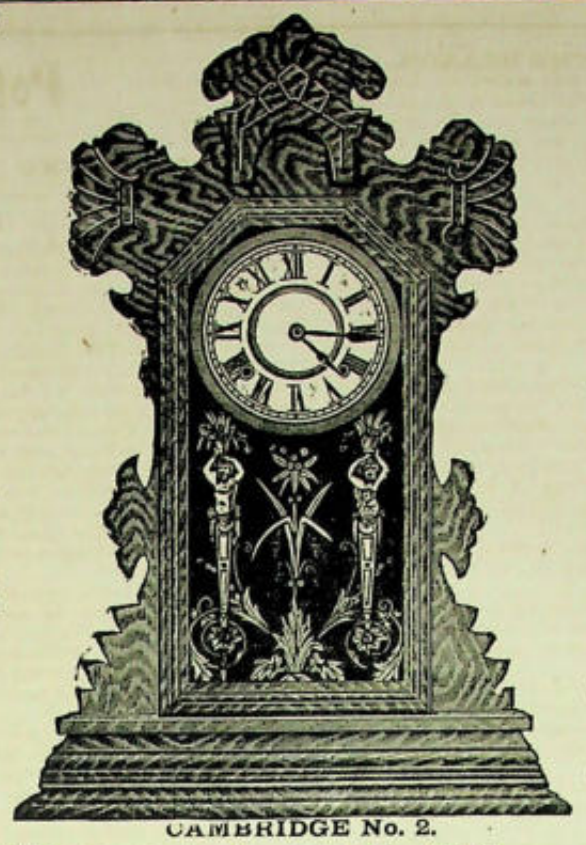

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four French amateurs in Paris, and the return match will be held at the Crystal Palace on 4th July. The Poly. team will consist of A. L. Reed, A. S. Ingram, H. W. Payne and R. Janson, a combination that will require some beating, judging by the record of these men thus early in the season.

On 2nd, May the Southern Cycling Club held its annual six hours' amateur race at Herne Hill track, when special interest was manifested in the event by reason of motor pacing being allowed. From the result of the meeting, it is very apparent that motor pacing will achieve a lot in regaining the interest of the public for long distance racing, the good assembly of spectators frequently showing their appreciation by outbursts of applause. Eight men started including Leon Meredith (fifty miles N. C. U. champion), W. R. Paterson (who twice before had won the race), and F. T. Burgess. From the second mile to the finish, Meredith held the lead, riding in the six hours the respectable distance of 180 miles 1,220 yards. Burgess came next with 157 miles 400 yards to his credit, and Paterson, third, 156 miles 630 yards.

One hears so much now about the decadence in cycling club life that it is interesting to learn that in Birmingham alone nearly sixty clubs hold their weekly afternoon run on Saturdays, and, what is more, have fairly good attendances. In other towns members support their club in a fairly enthusiastic manner, perhaps not quite so well as was the case in the eighties, but sufficiently so to warrant the continuance of such useful institutions. It was the introduction of the pneumatic tyre that first caused the falling away in club musters. Those members fortunate enough to possess pneumatics found that they had to be continually waiting for their solid-tyred brethren, whilst the riders on spider wheels, had to exert themselves to keep up with the air-shod cyclists. This naturally led to a division, the solid-tyred members going in one party, and the pneumatic-tyred members in another. Later on, when pneumatics became general, it was found that they raised such a cloud of dust that to ride in a body was no pleasure, and consequently small private parties were arranged amongst the members, who so arranged their runs as to fall in with the club at the tea-board.

The vicar of St. Mary-at-Hill, London, provides numbered storage in his church for cycles, free of charge, and conducts a short special service at 9 A.M., and 6-30 P.M. on Sundays, for cyclists who may wish to attend on their way out or on their return journey at night. The church is situate just on the London Bridge, on the main road for Kent.

Another cycling periodical has ceased publication; the *Cyclers' News*, after a stay of thirteen years, joining the now large majority of defunct journals that in their day devoted themselves solely to cycling topics. This paper will be greatly missed by cyclists in the northern counties of England, where it principally circulated, for it was undoubtedly a very popular paper amongst the clubmen of Lancashire, Cheshire, and West Riding of Yorkshire. At one time there were about eighteen cycling journals published, now there only remain *Cycling*, *Cyclist*, *Irish Cyclist* and *Scottish Cyclist*. The *Irish Wheelman* will shortly be amalgamated with the *Irish Cyclist*.

In these days when motoring for men of moderate means is so much under discussion, it is surprising how little attention has been paid by those that desire it, to the great increase in pleasure and lessening of expense that doing without a mechanician brings about. In cars of over 10 h. p. this is difficult, except for those with unlimited time on their hands, but with most small cars, with one or two cylinders, or perhaps even with some small cars of four cylinders, a man is not really essential. In hundred ways the difference is felt; the tyre bill, the petrol bill, the accessories bill, and the replacement bill will be reduced in an astonishing way, and this, combined with the mechanician's wages, makes a very considerable difference to the cost at the end of the year. In the *Work of the World* Mr. Henry Norman, M. P., draws attention to the fact that a motor car is not more intricate than a sewing machine, and surely as most women understand their sewing machines well, men might cease to be dismayed at the cars "works" and get to understand all about them, for there is no doubt that they would thereby double their enjoyment and halve their expenses. Although possessing no special knowledge, any man in a few weeks can learn how to keep his car in good running order and to diagnose and set right any little troubles that may arise on the road.

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Cricket.

CRICKET AT OOTACAMUND.

GYMKHANA *vs.* VISITORS.—Played on the 16th instant, the visitors winning by five wickets. The Gymkhana went in first and put up 114, of which Capt. Milner and Gadsden were the chief scorers. The visitors made 115 runs for five wickets, Capt. Unthank (40) and W. W. Phillips (34 not out) playing brilliant innings. Score :—

GYMKHANA

Capt Milner, c Thirumal Raj, b Phillips ...	33
E H Gadsden, c Mullings, b Morrison ...	29
W E Lonsdale, c Phillips, b Morrison ..	0
C R Sherriff, c and b Phillips ...	2
Palacomaroo, run out ...	0
E R Udal, b Morrison ...	3
W Elwes, c Morrison, b Phillips ..	4
Swaminathan, l-b-w, b Phillips ...	15
Anthoo, not out	14
Shunmoogam, c Phillips, b Morrison	2
W E Clarke, c Smith, b Phillips ...	6
Extra ...	6
Total ...	114

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Morrison ...	17	41	0	4
Thirumal Raj...	3	21	0	0
Unthank ...	2	3	0	0
Phillips ...	11·4	40	0	5

VISITORS

J G Smith, c Udal, b Swaminathan ...	7
W W Phillips, not out	34
C Thirumal Raj, b Udal	0
Capt Unthank, c Gadsden, b Milner ...	40
C Morrison, b Milner	10
Major Gunn, b Sherriff	6
H N R Collyer, not out	7
C T Mullings ... }	
Zemindar Shergoda ... } did not bat	
Zemindar Marungapuri ... }	
Zemindar Badagoda ... }	
Extra	11
Total ...	115

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Udal ...	12	36	1	1
Swaminathan ...	9	38	1	1
Milner	3	11	0	2
Sherriff	2	19	0	1

The following account of the manner in which the Cesarewitch of 1860 was run is from the pen of William Day, the trainer of Dulcibella, by whose success one of the greatest handicap *coups* of modern times was accomplished.

"After saddling and cantering her, I saw Bennett"—a friend and neighbour, who also had a competitor running—"and asked him where Killigrew was: and being told that he was at the post, and that Jim Adams had his orders as agreed, I suggested that we should go together and impress them upon him. When we got to the post, I addressed myself to Jim, and said:

"'Mr. Bennett wants you to take hold of your old horse's head and come as well with him as you can directly you are off;' and turning to Bennett, I inquired, 'This is so, is it not?' to which he replied: 'Oh! yes, certainly.' And we parted. By doing this I was sure that Killigrew would be ridden to the best advantage in the opinion of his master and jockey, who both believed in his staying powers; and, for all I knew, he might have been fitter to run then than he was when I tried him. But I knew he would likewise be assisting my mare.

"My orders to Allan Sadler were to lie two lengths off Killigrew till he got to the Ditch, and then come as well as he could the rest of the way. Killigrew was first through the Ditch-gap, and Dulcibella next; and a long way before reaching the Bushes she was two or three hundred yards first, and all the rest bear, Killigrew being third or fourth.

"At this point I was stationed on a little duncoloured pony, about twelve hands high, but very fast; and I rode up by the side of the mare before the other horse, causing quite a sensation, as I afterwards heard, on the stand, where many people thought that I must have been run over by the ruck coming behind But their kindly feelings were relieved when they saw me pull out of the track and pass the winning-post with the horses in front Judge Clark the next day facetiously told me that "he had placed me second."

CRICKET AT MUSSOORIE.

MUSSOORIE *vs.* OAK GROVE SCHOOL.—Played on the 18th instant and resulted in a win for Mussoorie by 22 runs. This is the first time the School has been beaten on their own ground for five years. For the winners Fox and Newcomen played good cricket and Boileau was top scorer for the boys. Score :—

MUSSOORIE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
P A Fox, b Boileau ...	13	run out ...	25
H Williams, b Turner ...	0	b Turner ...	11
A D Hickley, b Turner ...	6	c Hargreaves, b Turner ..	2
T H Pruce, c and b Turner	14	c Lovelace, b Boileau ...	2
Rev H Cowley, b Turner ...	5	c Turner, b Boileau ...	7
A G Newcomen, run out ...	11	not out ...	25
Major Steele, c and b Turner	15	b Turner ...	3
A J Biggie, not out ...	1	b Turner	6
T R Hill, b Turner ...	0	run out ...	0
S W Krieser, b Turner ...	0	b Turner ...	5
W Dickinson, c Whaley, b Turner ...	5	b Turner ...	7
Extras	7	Extras ...	7
Total ...	77	Total ...	100

OAK GROVE SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Lovelace, c Williams, b Cowley ...	4	c Biggie, b Cowley ...	2
Mr Harrer, b Pruce ...	6	b Fox	5
E Boileau, l-b-w Cowley ...	6	b Cowley ...	37
L Smith, c Cowley ...	9	c Newcomen, b Pruce ...	9
Mr Smith, c Williams, b Cowley ...	0	c and b Fox	0
F Ellison, b Cowley ...	8	b Pruce	4
B Whaley, l-b-w Pruce ...	0	b Pruce	2
Mr Turner, b Cowley ...	11	not out	13
E Milchem, b Pruce ...	1	c Fox, b Cowley ...	0
Mr Hargreaves, st Fox, b Cowley ...	5	b Pruce ...	1
P Simmons, not out ...	2	b Pruce	0
Extras	15	Extras ...	15
Total ...	67	Total ...	88

CRICKET CHIRPS.

THERE seem to be four things fairly settled at this moment. One that Ranjitsinhji will edit *The Sun* on Monday next; two, that he will play frequently this season, weather permitting, except for a fishing holiday in June; three, that the wider wicket is "off;" and four, that it has settled to rain for, seemingly, just as long as it likes.

If by editing *The Sun* the Kumar Shri causes it to shine he will earn the gratitude of every cricketer, for this disgusting weather following on last season's dismal experiences is getting beyond human patience. I suppose one ought to be grateful, however, that some cricket was possible at the Oval on Tuesday and Wednesday, particularly as it produced a finished match, so I will cease growling and get to a few salient features.

MacIver Jackson, the Mitsham born Surrey colt, has hit the sticks. He was congratulated all round on dismissing Charlesworth in Warwickshire's second innings of 55 for 4 declared, by bowling him, as since first appearing for the XVI *vs.* XI at the Oval last Monday week he had taken 23 wickets, 13 in first-class cricket, without hitting the wicket. As it is he goes on making favourable impressions on good cricketers and critics who, the best of them, are not blind to the fact that he has yet to meet a team who are all in practice, on a plumb wicket. *That's* where bowling ability tells. But, to give my readers in distant Hindostan a pen portrait of the new bowler. He is a tall youth some 5 feet 11 inches in his socks, and still in his teens. He bowls left hand slow round the wicket with a delightfully natural last-the-whole-season run-up and delivery. His slow tossed up ball just outside the off-stump "does" a little, *just* a little and is his best ball owing to its "drawing" proclivity. It will in its day, which ought to be anything from ten to twenty-five years, "draw" many and many a first-class batsman. Just as many and many first-class batsman will get to it and will hit it on the off-side for four or, on hard grounds, where it will not "do" so much, for six, and just as many batsmen will hook his faster ball for four. For, at present, his faster delivery is a gift *pur et simple* to every batsman able to hook. Whether he is trying to send down the famous going-with the-arm-ball that is in most left handers' *repertoire* or not I do not know, but, judged by the standard of excellence attained by his good length tossed ball, his faster delivery is tosh. This, age and *experience*, will cure of course, and though I would not go so far as to say he will

be a successor to Peate or Peel and a contemporary of the great Wilfrid Rhodes, still the fact remains that Surrey ought in young Jackson to have found a certain wicket getter for many years to come. Expensive, I should imagine he will ever be.

"Surrey in the cart" was the remark of the man in the street about 4-30 P.M. two days ago. And for once he mentioned the truth this ever-present individual who usually tells you every horse in the race but the winner. Surrey were in the cart remained there and are there now. Not knowing quite what to complain about some of the critics went for the captaincy of L. Walker, others for the extraordinary play of one or two of the side who tried to hit. All these and similar minded critics were of course hopelessly wrong. They did not recognise the fact that Surrey has not for years been a difficult wicket side, nor the fact that the captain manage he never so well cannot prevent catches being dropped. No less than eight or nine times did Warwickshire batsmen escape on Tuesday, the majority of the chances being of the sort that the same men would catch nine times out of ten. Walker himself dropped a skyer at short leg before Charlesworth who got 66, had scored or at any rate made more than two or three notches. Such skyers always will be missed, they are the hardest of all chances. But the skipper was not alone in faulty catching as the above tale shows. So, why lay the defeat at his door?

As a strict matter of fact Hayward ought to have captained Surrey. An unwritten law invariably requires an amateur to captain a country side if one happens to be playing. There is no need for me to labour the question why this is so, but it is so and there is no denying it. And just as it is so, so is it a very big mistake. I would not mind betting that Walker would have been quite grateful to the Committee had they appointed Hayward captain, but as the state of the case as between amateur and professional now stands there is no help for it. In this case Walker is not by any means a regular member of the side. He has in fact yet to win his spurs in county cricket good cricketer though he undoubtedly is. And it is just this fact that makes Hayward's case so much stronger. An England cricketer with two trips to Australia at his back, ten to fifteen years' experience of County Cricket and goodness know's how many Gents and Players' matches on his record to be skippered by an amateur with not a single *full* season's experience of county, cricket. I suggest no feeling in the matter Tom Hayward is far too much of a gentleman and is too loyal to his employers for any such idea to be imputed to him, but all the same the *je ne sais quoi* must in some form or another exist in the team and while it exists—adieu to success in the field.

HOW'S THAT.

ARTHUR SHREWSBURY.

FEW cricketers have been longer before the public than Arthur Shrewsbury, whose sad death by his own hand we announce elsewhere; few can point to so long and so successful a career, and few, at his age, can claim the honour of heading their county's average list. Yet Shrewsbury, born in 1856, is still among the leading batsmen of the day and was actually selected in 1899 to play for England *vs.* Australia; the honour, however, he felt bound to decline, on the ground that he found the strain of county cricket as much as he could stand. At Nottingham, however, he showed, by scoring 51 and 34 against the Colonials, that their bowling had no particular terror for him, not a bad performance for a man of 43, who has worked long and hard in the cricket field, and is not quite immune from the horrors of rheumatism. As Shrewsbury is now entering on his twenty-fifth season of first-class cricket (he was absent in Australia in 1888) in England, to say nothing of four visits to Australia, and has for long been one of the crack batsmen for England, a full and complete record of his performances is impossible. The one way he abridges his biographer's task—he is no bowler, though in 1884 he was one of the English eleven, *all of whom* had a turn with the ball in the famous Test Match at the Oval. His absolutely largest score is the 267 which he made for his county *vs.* Sussex in 1860, and it may be added that he, together with most of the regular Notts batsmen, and especially Gunn, have always had a remarkable affinity for the Sussex bowling; so much so, that it was at one time said that the Sussex eleven ought to be able to bat, as they had had so many opportunities of a prolonged observation of the methods adopted by such masters of the art as Gunn and Shrewsbury. Though Shrewsbury has never reached 300, he has made over 200 on no less than ten occasions, three times against Middlesex, against whom he has, by the way, made 267 as well as against Sussex. His full tally of three-figure innings run to as many as fifty-four, a fine record indeed, but far indeed behind that of the one and only Champion. His average for the last ten years amounts to 40, though illness forbade cricket during 1894, but his best year was probably 1887, when he headed the list with so grand a record as 78, thereby exactly equalling W. G. Grace's figures in 1871. In the course of this year he scored eight centuries in England and three in Australia, headed by such totals as 267, 236 and 232 the last two made in Melbourne in March and December respectively. Out of his plethora of great performances it would be difficult to pick out one and say "This is Shrewsbury's best." The writer would select as his own choice the 106 and 81 made against the Australian XI of 1893 on a wicket so soft that Stoddart, who captained the English side, had some hesitation in batting first. It is told of Shrewsbury in connection with this match that as he proceeded to the wicket after lunch—being then not out—he turned round after getting through the pavilion gate and called out to Gunn "Have a cup of tea ready for me about five o'clock, Billy!" If the story is true, it illustrates the unique self-confidence of the man: if it is untrue, it proves what a large belief other people have in the self-confidence of Shrewsbury's. Confidence, indeed, is the keynote to Shrewsbury's play: from the first ball to the last he seems to have absolute control over the bowling; be it fast or slow, be the wicket easy or difficult, Shrewsbury always seems to be at home, and the ball to be in the middle of the bat, till one begins to wonder how on earth he ever gets out. He is by choice, we believe, and not by necessity, a slow scorer, one who cares not to hit or try to hit till he gets the exact ball that suits his temperament. It is all a mistake to think that he cannot hit, he can send the ball to the boundary at a high rate of speed, as those can testify who have seen him play and heard his rather high-pitched voice call to Gunn, his partner in many long stands: "Stay back, Billy!" Further, to show his command over the ball, may be quoted a favourite trick of his, *viz.*, just hitting clear of mid-on or mid-off, but short of the long fields; if the opposing captain were taken in and brought the long fields up Shrewsbury would proceed to hit drives to the boundary till his *ruse* was discovered. The cut is his really great stroke, but few things come amiss to him, as bowlers have found out to their sorrow. It may safely be said of Shrewsbury that few men have had bowlers so completely at their mercy, and that though he seldom scored at any great rate it was always a treat to see the thorough supremacy of science. Shrewsbury has probably batted for more hours than any man in the world. It would not be right, however, to omit to state that we owe to him one innovation that is invading and spoiling the game, namely, the use of the leg to cover the wicket, making no attempt to play the ball with the bat; this we owe to Shrewsbury, as well as the practice of leaving off-balls severely alone; though as if to add insult to the bowler, he occasionally made a sort of pat at the air when the ball was well past him. He was always a good field but for many years had stood at point, catching or stopping the hardest hits with imperturbable skill. Shrewsbury has made four centuries against the Gentlemen, two at Lord's and two at the Oval.

THE LATE MAJOR SAMUEL EVAN BUTLER.

MAJOR SAMUEL EVAN BUTLER, better known as "Sam" Butler, was born at Colombo, Ceylon, 19th April, 1850, and died at Bath, after a long illness, on 30th April. He formed one of the Eton Eleven in 1868 and 1869, in the latter year developing into a fast bowler of merit, obtaining as he did forty-one wickets for 405 runs for his school, of which seven were secured at a cost of 75 in the two innings of Harrow. The match was remarkable as being only the second occasion since 1850 on which Eton had defeated Harrow and for an innings of 108 from the bat of C. J. Ottaway. Going up to Brasenose College, Oxford, he quickly made his mark, accounting for ten wickets in the Freshmen's Match of 1870, and eleven for 81 for sixteen Freshmen against the Eleven. This he followed up with ten for 113 on the side of the Eleven *vs.* Next Sixteen, and made his "Blue" practically secure. In the Oxford matches of that year his chief exploits were the capture of twelve wickets in the game against the Gentlemen of England whose totals were but 95 and 69, and his five wickets for 25 in the second innings of the M.C.C. at Lord's. In the University match, ever immortalised by the name of Cobden, he was tried but little, and only obtained one wicket. He was, however, a discomfited actor in the final stages of that dramatic finish. Going in seventh down when Oxford needed but four to win he at once let out at Cobden, but was magnificently taken with one hand by mid-off from a hit that would have been an easy four. How Cobden bowled the remaining two wickets with consecutive deliveries and landed Cambridge the winners by two runs is a matter of cricket history. With the bat Butler's best innings for Oxford, this year were 30 vs. the Free Forsters, 28 against the Gentlemen, and 25 against the M.C.C., at Lord's, an innings that included a spanking on-drive off Farrand's for seven, and three 4's. His runs were made in nineteen minutes, while against Cambridge he hit up a first innings of 18 in twelve minutes.

The season of 1871 was emphatically his red-letter year. For the University against the M.C.C. at Oxford he obtained six wickets for 24, of which four were captured in five balls. This match has an especial interest in the fact that the Hon. George, now Lord Harris, appeared as a Freshman against his University, and by playing an innings of 107 made sure of his "Blue," a feat which in quite recent years has been repeated by E. R. Wilson of Cambridge. In the return at Lord's Butler was even more successful, securing eight wickets for 25 in the first innings, including those of W. G. Grace and I. D. Walker. It was singular how frequently the latter batsman failed against his bowling. Butler's innings of 24, including four 4's, was the highest in the first hands of Oxford. Against Cambridge four days later he achieved the record triumph of taking the whole ten wickets in the first innings for 38 runs, the last six in fourteen balls, while the last four men were bowled scoreless. Of the 60 runs made by Cambridge from the bat, Yardley and Money made 48 between them. Butler bowled from the Pavilion end, and sent down a phenomenal succession of shooters. By the side of this performance his five wickets for 57 in the second innings seems almost tame. In the whole match he hit the stumps twelve times. In the supplementary match played to fill up time he assisted "Oxford and Cambridge" against the M.C.C., and with a lightning delivery sent R. D. Balfour's leg stump flying ten yards behind the wicket. He failed utterly with the bat in 1872, but obtained five wickets for 11 runs for his University against the Gentlemen, arriving on the ground when one wicket had fallen for 105, but helping to bring the total to a conclusion for 152. His other best things were five for 21 vs. Birkenhead Park, four for 25 vs. M. C. C. and six for 74 in a total of 250 in the first match the Dark Blues ever played with Middlesex. A strained arm handicapped him against Cambridge, and in common with the other bowlers he came in for punishment, his three wickets costing 88 runs. Yardley for Cambridge made 136, and the whole side 388, which stood as the record total till 1900, when it was beaten in the same match by both Oxford and Cambridge. In 1873 his batting greatly improved, but his bowling fell below his former standard, though he had the satisfaction of taking five for 48 in the first innings of Cambridge. In the second innings, as in 1870, he went in seventh down, but this time no catch at mid-off sealed his fate, as he had the great pleasure of making the winning hit. After leaving Oxford he played in the Canterbury Week of 1874, where he bowled well and also assisted the Gentlemen against his old University. In 1871 he assisted the Gentlemen at Lord's, where on a soaked wicket he could get no foothold, nor was he successful in the match at the Oval. Major Butler was a powerful man, six feet two inches in height, and bowled at a great pace, with a high action and good pitch. It is not a little singular that of his contemporaries in the University match Lord Harris, B. Pauncefote, W. Townshend and William Yardley were, like himself, born in India.

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE LEAGUE.

DALHOUSIE *vs* RANGERS.—These teams met on the Rangers' ground on the 20th instant and as was expected the visitors proved victorious. The Dals. began the game and Stewart tried a long shot which was returned and play followed fast and even. Then the Rangers got away and the visiting backs were given plenty to do. Russell sent in a long shot which Peake saved and returning the ball Stewart got possession and forced a corner which proved fruitless. The Rangers put in another couple of runs but were unable to score and the interval arrived with the teams even. On crossing over the Dals got away and Watts scored within a few minutes of the start, putting on a second goal almost immediately, shortly after Stimson headed the ball in but was ruled off side. The Rangers could not check their opponents and it was not long before Stimson scored the third goal. The home forwards played up pluckily, Russell, Cuthbert and O'Sullivan being most conspicuous. Towards the end of the game they forced a corner without result and the visitors were left winners by three goals to *nil*. Teams:—

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Margrett and Bushby, *backs*; Williams, Phelps and Dalling, *half-backs*; Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Stewart and Stimson, *forwards*.

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Whitie and Hughes, *backs*; Walker, Lees and O'Laughlin, *half-backs*; Boilard, Swan, O'Sullivan, Cuthbert and Russel, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* HOWRAH UNITED.—Played on the Association ground on the 20th instant, the visitors winning by two goals to one. The first half saw the home team with the best of the game. From the kick off Yackjee returned the ball and the Young Men invaded the visitors' territory. Simmons tried a long shot after some scrambling play, but Munden saved only to let in Young, who put the ball through. The home team continued the attack for the rest of the period and at half time were leading by a goal to *nil*. On resuming, the visitors were on their mettle and the half was not many minutes old when W. Smith equalised. The home team tried hard to get the lead but Howrah again attacked and Ferrier scored a second goal. The Young Men were unable to score and the game ended in a win for the visitors as stated. Teams:—

HOWRAH.—Munden, *goal*; Bennett and Burns, *backs*; Curtis, H. Osborne and E. Osborne, *half-backs*; W. Smith, J. Smith, Ferrier, Jackson, and Parry, *forwards*.

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Yackjee and Baldwin, *backs*; Street, Cooper and Power, *half-backs*; Crow, Young, Apcar; Simmons and Nyss, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr J. Greig.

64TH R. F. A. *vs.* A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS.—Played at Barrackpore last Thursday on the Artillery ground. The game was very one sided, the visitors having the best of it all through and eventually winning by three goals to *nil*. Hutchinson, the home custodian, played a grand game and but for him the Highlanders would have put on more goals. The 93rd got the ball from the start and Hogg sent in a shot which Hutchinson saved. The home goal was then besieged and Hutchinson showed his sterling abilities saving all the shots. Several corners were obtained but without result. Then the Artillery goalkeeper was beaten by Lockhart, who registered the first goal which was quickly followed by Quin scoring after a tricky run. On changing ends the home goal was again bombarded and play ruled in the gunners' territory throughout. Hutchinson again rendered yeoman service and was only beaten in the last few minutes of the game by a hard shot from Hogg. The Argylls thus winning as stated. Teams:—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Silcock and Wallace, *backs*; McLean, McGovan and Mowat, *half-backs*; Pollock, Lockhart Quinn, Montgomery and Hogg, *forwards*.

64TH FIELD ARTILLERY.—Hutchinson, *goal*; Prince and Quin, *backs*; Corby, Nicoll and Donnelly, *half-backs*; Woods, Wratten, Shirt, Dods and Douglas, *forwards*.

HOWRAH *vs.* BURN AND COMPANY.—Played on the Howrah ground last Saturday, the home team winning by a goal to *nil*. They started by taking the ball into Burn and Company's half and a shot from Burns went wide. The ball was brought back and a foul against Jackson gave Wood an opening which he failed to turn to account. The Howrah men then made a combined rush and forced a corner, Ferrier heading the ball in from the kick. Burn and Co., played hard and Howrah had to concede two corners but no advantage accrued and the home team led at the interval. Burn and Co., attacked on changing ends and forced a corner: nothing resulted and Howrah transferred the ball to their opponents' half, Donnithorne relieving. At this juncture Ferrier retired with an injured knee and Burn and Co., kept up a continuous attack till the end of the game but were unable to score, Howrah winning as stated. Teams:—

HOWRAH.—Muden, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett *backs*, Curties, H. Osborne and E. Osborne, *half-backs*; Hart, Ferrier; Smith, Jackson and Burns, *forwards*.

BURNS.—Freeman, *goal*; McFadyen and Donnithorne, *backs*, Russell, J. Taylor and McLaughlin, *half*, *backs*, Cochrane, Wood, A Taylor, Bonor and Kerr, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr Remfry, Y. M. C. A.

CALCUTTA *vs.* K. O. S. B's.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 23rd instant, the home team serving up a surprise by beating their opponents by two goals to one. Calcutta forced matters at once and Cooper took the ball down and put in a fine shot; it was fisted out, but Fyfe getting possession rushed it through. The Borderers tested the home defence and played up hard, though they were unable to break through. Then Todd sent the ball to Fyfe, who dribbling neatly past the military back sent over to Cooper, the lattter scoring Calcutta's second goal. The home team nearly scored a third point shortly after. Then the Borderers came away and Buckley had to save several shots, Cassidy beating him at length with a hard one. On resuming after the interval the Borderers played all they knew to equalise and some fine combination was witnessed. Buckley stopped all the shots, however and Calcutta running down forced a corner without further result. For the rest of the game the visitors attacked the home goal, but the backs and custodian were in great form and kept them out till the end. Teams:—

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Gillespie, *backs*; Maunder, Crawford and Walker, *halves*; Binning, Cooper, Fyfe, V. Sherman and Stewart, *forwards*.

K. O. S. B.'S.—O'Neill, *goal*; McChesnie and McDonald, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart and Davison, *halves*; Byers, Kennedy, Cassidy Bruce and Cregan, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Batho, Calcutta Rangers.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—These teams met on the 23rd instant and the Young Men created rather a surprise by beating their opponents by two goals to *nil*. The Association went away and play for the first ten minutes was confined to the Dalhousie half. Then Crow centred and Peake fisted out, but the ball hit Street and rebounded into the net. The visitors continued the attack and Street netted the ball once more but was penalised for handling. The Dalhousie men then began to play up and Williams was tested on a couple of occasions. A run down by Apcar, Brown and Simmons followed and Peake was called on to save. Even play closed the half. On resuming the Dalhousie men tried hard to equalise, rushing down and giving the Association backs plenty to do. Then Apcar and Street got a combined run and passing the Dalhousie backs Apcar put the ball through. The home team were unable to score and the game ended as stated. Teams:—

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Baldwin and Yackchee, *backs*; Power, Butler and Cooper, *halves*; Crow, Street, Apcar, Simmons and Browne, *forwards*.

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Margrett and Stimson, *backs*; Robinson, Phelps and Dalling, *halves*; Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Pooler and Botten, *forwards*.

Referee.—Sergeant Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

RANGERS *vs.* A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS.—Once more the Rangers had to suffer defeat, the Highlanders gaining an easy victory over them last Saturday by five goals to *nil*. The military team opened the scoring soon after the start, Galbraith finding the net after a combined rush. Quin added another goal a few minutes later, and at the interval the Highlanders were leading by two goals. During the second half they continued to have the best of matters and put on three more goals, scored by Quin, Hogg and Galbraith. The Rangers, who had anything but a representative team, were unable to score and the game ended in a win for the 93rd as above.

CALCUTTA *vs.* A. & S. HIGHLANDERS.—The match between the above teams on the Calcutta ground last Tuesday was witnessed by a large crowd. During the opening part of the first half the game was rather uninteresting, but the Highlanders got away at last and a combined run resulted in Quinn finding the net. It was not long, however, before Fife equalised by heading into the net. Both teams played hard for the remainder of the half, but at the interval were still on level terms. The second half brought another goal to the Highlanders, Lockhart being responsible. The home team were unable to score and the soldiers thus won by two goals to one.

THE following is the position of Clubs to 26th May (inclusive):—

Name of Club.	Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For	Agst.
93rd H'landers	... 4	4	0	0	8	12	1
Calcutta	... 4	3	1	0	6	6	3
Dalhousie	... 3	2	1	0	4	5	2
64th R. F. A.	... 3	2	1	0	4	6	4
Howrah	... 4	2	2	0	4	4	10
K. O. S. B.	... 2	1	1	0	2	5	2
Y. M. C. A.	... 3	1	2	0	2	3	4
Burns A. C.	... 3	0	3	0	0	0	4
Rangers	... 4	0	4	0	0	0	11

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The League competition has been advanced a stage further since these notes last appeared and now that the various teams have more or less settled down the play has been of a much higher standard and the matches have in a great many instances proved both exciting and well contested. The interest is, moreover, likely to be sustained right up to the finish as no one team has at present shown such marked superiority over the others as to render the final result a foregone conclusion. The results of the various matches so far leads one to anticipate that the chance of ultimate victory rests between the K. O. S. B., Calcutta, 93rd A. and S. H. and Dalhousie, but the competition is only in its early stages at present and there is still lots of time for a reshuffling of positions.

The Rangers have not yet been able to satisfactorily fill the vacancies caused by the inability of several of their regular members to turn out, and consequently defeat has been their lot with unfailing regularity. In their match against Dalhousie on the 20th they put up such a good fight during the initial half that hopes were entertained that they would at least manage to draw with their formidable rivals, but with the wind against them in the second half they proved quite unable to cope with the superior combination of the Dalhousie men who scored two goals within a few minutes of the restart and notched yet another point towards the close of the game. No fault is to be found with the Rangers' back division in which Lees and Whitie are always conspicuous, and in Whelan they possess a goal-keeper who is quite up to the average, but their forwards, with the exception of Russell and Cuthbert, are deplorably weak and every effort should be made to remodel the front rank. Watts played a remarkably fine game for Dalhousie and it was he who was instrumental in notching the first two goals for his side. Stimson, besides scoring the third point, did some good things and Peake in goal proved as safe as usual.

A poor game was the outcome of the meeting between Howrah and Y. M. C. A. which resulted in a victory for the trans-Hughli team by 2—1. The play during the first half was all in favour of the Young Men, who had the assistance of a stiff breeze, and although not making the most of their opportunities managed to cross over with a lead of 1 goal to nil, but this proved not to be sufficient to give them victory as Howrah, who played a most determined and accurate game, found the net on two occasions through the efforts of Smith and Ferrier. Apcar, the Y. M. C. A. centre forward, is a fast and tricky player, who with a little more experience of keeping in touch with his wing men, will prove of great service to his side, who are a level lot and show signs of becoming a dangerous combination. Ferrier and the two Smiths were noticeable for Howrah for whom Bennett and H. Osborne were also conspicuous.

The weakness of the 64th R. F. A. fresh from their victory over the Rangers, was exemplified to the full in their match with the 93rd Highlanders on Thursday last, which was played on the Barrackpore ground before a large number of spectators, as the visitors had the game all to themselves from start to finish and eventually won by 3—0. The feature of the game, however, was the magnificent goal-keeping of the home custodian, Hutchinson, who saved shot after shot in splendid style and it was entirely due to his efforts that the score was not very much heavier. The match was too one-sided to admit of description.

Saturday proved a day of surprises and few who have followed the form of the respective elevens could have anticipated the victories of Calcutta and the Y. M. C. A. over the K. O. S. B. and Dalhousie teams, but such was the case and in neither instance were the victories due to other than superior form on the day's play.

The Calcutta and K.O.S.B. match attracted a huge crowd to the Calcutta ground and they were rewarded by witnessing the best exhibition of football which has yet been displayed. The premier club placed what we feel sure will eventually prove their strongest team in the field, the only experiment being the inclusion of Binning on the right wing in place of Gould. A match of such importance and against such doughty opponents was a severe first test for a new player, and it was natural that nervousness should militate against Binning showing his best form, but he made few mistakes and is well worth an extended trial. Calcutta started by defending the Eden Gardens' end and almost immediately notched their first goal through Fife, who obtaining possession from Sherman, as the result of a combined effort with Stewart, tricked the opposing backs and put in an angular shot which O'Neil could not possibly be expected to save. Only a few minutes had elapsed, however, when the home forwards again rushed down in a body and Fife shot across the mouth of the goal, but Cooper was on the spot and headed through. Utterly taken by surprise at this onslaught it was some time before the present League champions could settle down to their usual game, but they eventually got into their stride and gave as pretty an exhibition of the short passing game as one could wish to witness. Cassidy, Byers and Kennedy worked hard and suntiringly and tested the home custodian with shots from all directions but Buckley was never in difficulties and fisted out, kicked and saved in magnificent style. The K.O.S.B's, however, were not to be denied and their efforts were at last rewarded as from a scrum in front of the Calcutta goal. Cassidy obtained possession and banged the ball into the net. Half time thus arrived with the score 2—1 in favour of the red shirts. During the second half the visitors had the best of the game, but they appeared to overdo the passing game and were weak in front of goal, and with the Calcutta back division rising to the occasion in surprising fashion the military team were unable to draw level and retired defeated after a great game by 2—

When all the side played so well it is difficult to select certain men for special praise, but Fyfe, Cooper, Todd and Buckley were undoubtedly the bright particular stars on this occasion. The Calcutta centre forward can seldom have played a finer game as apart from his individual efforts he contrived to keep the whole of the front rank together and consequently there was none of the raggedness which has been so apparent. Cooper was quick and full of resource, but we would recommend a little more attention to the ball and less to "downing" his man which though amusing to the spectators is not "the game." Todd at back was especially fine—he has a very sound defence in which his weight and strength assist him materially.

Universal pleasure was expressed at the very sportsman-like game played by the losers who took their defeat in the best possible spirit. Byers and McChesnie worked hard from start to finish and Cassidy gave several pretty exhibitions of dribbling and passing, but the left wing were not up to their usual standard.

Overconfidence combined with a dashing display on the part of their opponents were the causes which led to the defeat of Dalhousie by the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday last. Bushby, Williams, and Stewart were absentees from the Dalhousie ranks and this no doubt handicapped them to some extent, but at no period of the game did they play like a winning team and there was a lack of cohesion amongst the forwards which lost them several opportunities in front of goal. The first goal scored by the Y.M.C.A. was a somewhat lucky one, as after Peake had punched away, the ball rebounded off Street before the goal-keeper could recover. The rest of the first half was fairly even and had Rosser and Echlin played with less impetuosity and more curacy they would no doubt have scored. On the other side, Apcar and Street made several incursions into their opponents' territory but with no result and half time found the Young Men leading by 1—0. After the interval Dalhousie made great efforts to equalise, but their attempts were spasmodic and the Y.M.C.A. adding another goal ran out winners by 2—0.

Apcar, Street, Yackjee, Baldwin, and Butler all played well for the winners and Phelps and Watts were best for Dalhousie, but Peake was not in his usual form.

A rough game during which the football was of a mediocre description was the outcome of the meeting between Howrah and Burns. Howrah scored a goal in the first half through the agency of Ferrier which Kerr should have equalised shortly after the restart. Wood, who was playing centre for Burns, was very conspicuous throughout, but his shooting was faulty.

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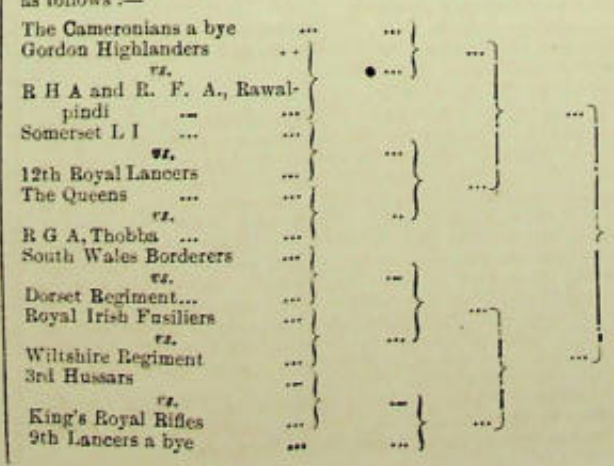
THE MURREE TOURNAMENT.

The ties in this tournament were drawn on the 21st instant as follows :—



Hockey.

HOCKEY IN BOMBAY.

THE AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT.

FIRST ROUND.

OXFORD BAND *vs.* ESPLANADE WANDERERS.—Played on the 18th instant and resulted in a win for the military team by four goals to *nil*. They had much the best of the game, the Wanderers only pressing them twice. The Band attacked on opening and scored two goals within a few minutes of the start. They kept up the attack and the civilians were unable to get away. The soldiers scored another goal, in spite of good work by the Wanderer's goal-keep, and crossed over leading by three goals to *nil*. The second half was not so fast and the Wanderers played up working the ball into the Oxford's circle on two occasions. The military team put on a fourth goal and did not extend themselves further, thus wining by four goals to *nil*. Teams :—

OXFORD REGIMENTAL BAND (Poona).—King, *goal*, Plumb and Pillick, *backs* ; Daubney, Rapson and Boatwright, *half-backs* ; Phillips, Dowling, Lieutenant Sullivan, Challen and Hewitt, *forwards*.

ESPLANADE WANDERERS.—Dhaigman, *goal* ; B. K. Panthakey, and P. N. Dandekar, *backs* ; K. Kamal, S. Kamal and S. M. Sauzgiri, *half-backs* ; Wagle, Gowrya, Gangaram, S. Abba, and K. Vithal, *forwards*.

Referees: Messrs. C. M. Ward and Gawthorne.

17TH BOMBAY INFANTRY *vs.* PIONEERS.—These teams met on the 20th instant and a fast and interesting game resulted in a win for the Infantry by two goals to one. The first half of the game was in favour of the Pioneers who kept up a series of attacks on the Infantry goal, all of which were unproductive of any score and the teams crossed over with a clean sheet. The second half produced a great change, the 17th began to play up and displayed good combination. They began the attack and Lieutenant Scott scored their first goal. They continued the attack but could not get past Antia who was in great form. Shortly after Lieutenant Robinson got away and after a fine run down put the ball through, scoring the infantry's second goal. The Pioneers then attacked but were unable to score till a misjudged kick by the 17th's goal-keep let them in and they scored their only goal. Teams :—

17TH BOMBAY INFANTRY.—Ambajee Sinde, *goal* ; Lieut. Carroll and Gani Beg, *backs* ; Iknack Sniknack, Abu Kudum, and Ambai Utchar, *half-backs* ; Sheik Oosman, Lieutenant Scott, Lieutenant Robinson, Jemadar Sakarao Tagtaya, and Havildar Swaji Utchar *forwards*.

PIONEERS.—A. Antia, *goal* ; V. Baloo and D. Moses, *backs* ; R. Spencer, N. Lam and M. Kapadia, *half-backs* ; P. Chinoy, J. Antia, S. Chothia, Bagid and P. Baloo, *forwards*.

Referees.—Messrs. C. M. Ward and V. Bromley.

R. G. A. *vs* TELEGRAPH.—These teams met on the 21st instant and rather an uninteresting game resulted in a win for the gunners by 6 goals to *nil*. They started off by scoring a goal and before half time arrived two more had been added by Lieutenant Roche. On changing ends the Artillerymen continued the attack and Munt put on a fourth goal before the half was many minutes old. The Telegraph never once invaded the military half and it was not long before another goal was put on by the gunners. Just before time Lieutenant McLean added their sixth point, the game ending as stated. Teams :—

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH RECREATION CLUB.—W. Murray, *goal* ; T. Woodard and E. Perkins ; *backs* ; A. Barry, W. Orr and S. Corner, *half-backs* ; J. Montgomery, T. Cassels, A. Speechley, G. Edwards and E. Reeves, *forwards*.

R. G. A.—Bombardier Hill, *goal* ; Bombardier Scrivener and Gunner Waite, *backs* ; Gunners Fazey, Pearce, and Bombardier Goodson, *half-backs* ; Gunner Wood, Lieutenant McLean, Gunner Munt, Lieutenant Roche, and Bombardier Knight, *forwards*.

Referees.—Messrs. C. M. Ward and V. Bromley.

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BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.—These teams met for the first time on the 18th instant, when the game ended in a draw of one all. The College put in a protest against the Gymkhana with regard to the goal scored by them from a penalty bully. The protest was overruled and on the 21st they met again when the College won by three goals to two. The College had the best of the opening exchanges and though they were driven back, they returned and put the ball through. Their opponents played hard, and an even game followed till just before half-time when the Gymkhana got away and Powell equalised. On changing ends, the College again opened the attack and another goal was scored from a long centre. The Gymkhana then pressed and several scrimmages in front of the College goal followed but without result. After a few minutes, however, the Gymkhana again equalised. Even play followed till near the end when the College rushed the ball down and scored their winning point. Teams :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—P. J. Arnott *goal*; Barraclough and Lazenby, *backs*; Shuttleworth, R. Reid, and Gillam, *half-backs*; Hunt, Richardson, Powell, Scott, and W. Reid, *forwards*.

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.—R. J. Mody, *goal*; H. D. Gimi and J. D. Mody *backs*; N. N. Vakil, J. Antia, and N. Ashburner *half-backs*; B. J. Pleader, B. Desai, P. Vakil, N. Engineer, and M. Nakshalkhan *forwards*.

Referees.—Major Lynn, North Staffords, and Captain Terman

Bowls.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB *vs.* HOWRAH BOWLING CLUB.—The fourth and last of the matches arranged between these two clubs for this season took place on the green at the Golf Club last Saturday, and was watched with much interest by a number of members. Howrah had proved easily successful in the three previous encounters, but this time the Golfers had succeeded in getting together a more representative team with the result that after an exciting struggle they turned the tables and won by ten points—64 points to 54. Two rinks on each side, those of Mr. Steven and Mr. Dickson for Calcutta and those of Mr. Gilmour and Mr. Maxwell for Howrah were successful, and it was the long lead early established by the first-named which gave the Calcutta men their victory; the first, it may be mentioned for some considerable time. The closest game throughout was the one between Mr. Dickson's Calcutta rink and that skipped for Howrah by Mr Spiers, and the full results were as follows :—

RINK No. 1.

Calcutta Golf Club.—P. Hurll, W. Ross Smith, H. C. Begg, and W. D. Steven (skip.),—27. Howrah Bowling Club.—H Dick, J. Hunter, W. Shank, and J. Patrick (skip).—8.

RINK No. 2.

Calcutta Golf Club.—J. R. Stewart, J. G. Hewit, N. Mitchell Innes, and G. S. Hannah (skip),—10. Howrah Bowling Club—P. Bart, J. D. Ness, L. McLaren, and T. Maxwell (skip).—14.

RINK No. 3.

Calcutta Golf Club.—W. D. Cowan, F. H. Stewart, J. Smith, and W. E. G. C. Dickson (skip).—14. Howrah Bowling Club.—G. D. Gray, D. Cook, M. M. King, and R. Spiers (skip).—12.

RINK No. 4.

Calcutta Golf Club—W. T. Reid, D. Drimmie, Reg. Murray, and T. Drimmie (skip).—13. Total 64. Howrah Bowling Club.—J. Crawford, J. McMurray, H. Oxford, and J. Gilmour (skip).—20. Total 54.

Boxing.

THE POONA TOURNAMENT.

THE Poona Boxing Tournament, which may now be considered as a firmly established annual event, opened this year under most favourable auspices. Confidence—inspired by perfect management—in the justice and integrity of everything concerned with the proceedings tempted men from the most remote corners of this great Indian Empire to come and show their fistic skill and gallantly uphold the glory of their respective corps. That in such an event soldiers should preponderate is natural enough, but it seems a pity that the other services eligible to compete should have so sadly failed to avail themselves of the opportunity. The arrangements were the same as in previous years—a raised ring in the centre of a large enclosure capable of holding nearly two thousand men and surrounded by a *zareba* of *konnauts*, the whole being situated on the *maidan* inside the race course and nearly opposite the grand stand.

On the first night Major Grantham of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry and I understand himself a one-time bruiser and athlete, officiated as referee, while Captain Gresson of the York and Lancashire Regiment (with a D. S. O. and a wound—both honoured badges acquired in South Africa) and Captain Hobbs judged. Time was kept by that well-known Poona sportsman Mr. Tom Le Mesurier, while Captain Lewis acted as Master of the Ceremonies and generally "ran the show." The first night was devoted to Bantams and Light-weights and the ball was set rolling then.

Private Titt, Wiltshire Regiment, beat B. R. Robson, 60th Battery R. G. A.

Titt, an old performer on this stage, had the best all through of three rounds of fast fighting. A lot of round hitting Robson taking the floor twice and having his figure head damaged. Titt failed in his earnest endeavour for a knock out, Robson taking his gruelling in a laudable manner but second best all through. Then Corporal Young, 15th Hussars, beat Private Preston, Border Regiment.

Both opened cautiously and the first round called for little comment. Preston seemed to have all the best of the second round and little, if any, the worst of the third, but the judges gave winning points to the cavalry man. Many knowledgeable men thought a decider would have been advisable.

A brace of Bantams next claimed the cock pit and Drummer Miller, L Battery, beat Private McDougall, Oxford Light Infantry.

The gunner, a neatly made man, sent to the ring in beautiful condition, had a little the better of it all through the three rounds and won comfortably.

Following this Private Scurr, Suffolk Regiment, defeated Private Ramsden, 15th Hussars. Hammer and tongs from the start Scurr hitting his man all over for less than a minute and a half when the Hussar held out his mittens—not an interesting performance.

Then Private Cotton, Warwickshire Regiment, beat Private Stock, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. This bout too opened with fire works, each man putting all he knew into the shortest possible time. Cotton fighting well and sending Stock to ground from which he only rose on the final stroke, a close thing indeed for time. Cotton taking full advantage of his opportunity had his opponent stone cold after 60 seconds' fighting in the second round. After this Private Black, Lincolns, defeated Private Cockerton, the Buffs. Black in a striking costume of Mephistophelian red with a large "pearlie" on the mark, apparently completely over-awed his opponent and after 45 seconds' fighting Cockerton was unable to get back before the clock struck ten and was counted out.

Then Private Bowers of the Buffs met Private Brigsby of the Buffs. It is regrettable when a brace from the same regiment meet in the early rounds and one scarcely expected real slaughter. Whether "company" honour or what was at stake I know not, but the men set to with the most commendable good will and what promised to be an interesting display was abruptly closed by Bowers getting in a beautifully clean hit right on the point (and no mistake about it) sending his comrade to sleep for considerably over the regulation period.

Genuine business ensued then. Drummer Neat, G Battery R.H.A., beat Private Pearse, the Buffs. Both men fought with determination, taking and giving punishment well, Neat showing a trifle the more cleverness. A tendency to close fighting induced an inclination to hit a bit low which might perhaps have been checked earlier in the contest. Pearse got his man over the ropes and Neat looked like being counted out but just saved. Neat then got the best of the fighting and scored a lot when Pearse nearly altered the state of affairs by closing the wind supply. Time, however, came to Neat's aid, and he was rightly enough adjudged the winner on points.

A pleasurable fight then ensued when Private Higgins, York and Lancashire Regiment, beat Private Ashwick, East Surrey. A very evenly matched pair fighting with skill, vigour and fairness right through the three rounds and the verdict for a deciding round would have met with public approbation. A close thing indeed it must have been on points, but the judges agreed in favour of Higgins. Both men rightly met with popular appreciation, Ashwick getting a full share.

But the good wine was kept to the last when Lance-Corporal Blackman, 10th Hussars, beat Lance Corporal-Gaffney, Connaught Rangers. Of very different physique Gaffney, a beautifully modelled man, thick through and covered with muscle. Blackman thin and wiry little muscle to show but evidently all whip cord and though evidently a considerably older man soon demonstrated that no stiffness had yet set in. Gaffney rightly attempted to make use of his weight and strength, but Blackman fighting prettily and very quick with both hands and feet was very much alive to the exigencies of the occasion, getting away and slipping in with surprising quickness. In the second round the cavalry man assumed a lead fighting in excellent style and hitting with great celerity and precision and was unmistakeably the winner on points when time was called. A scientific honest fight, two good men doing their best and the cleverer man winning and we were all sent home in a good humour.

SECOND DAY.

The good fortune which inaugurated the opening ceremony received a complete knock out on the second day, when at the last moment a severe storm caused devastation. Nor was it till the last day of the week that proceedings could be resumed—hard lines on everyone and to none less than the competitors who had to keep at the high tension point of training for so prolonged a period. To the Light-Weights was deputed the honour of reopening the proceedings and when, Drummer Cook, G. Battery, R. H. A., beat Private Barry, Bedfordshire, Regiment, we were treated to an excellent bout, both men administering punishment with an ardour only equalled by their gluttony in receiving it. The verdict on points went to the slightly better man.

Little less excellent was the set to when Private Amger, Welsh Regiment, beat Private Fortune York and Lancashire Regiment. The latter had the longer reach and made good use of it. Amger warming up in the second round had distictly the better of the third and rightly won on points.

Then came the first "incident" of the evening when Private, Bolton, Lincolns, beat Private Nicholson, Welsh Fusiliers.

Bolton floored Nicholson with a finely delivered left Nicholson at the call of three rose to one knee, remaining in that position (as if expecting knighthood), while Bolton generously refraining from enacting his privilege, waited expectantly.

Appreciably after the call of time Nicholson rose to his feet and assumed surprise at being counted out and had to be ordered from the ring. The verdict meeting with general satisfaction. Then Coporal Baxter, Warwicks, beat Private McDougall, Oxford Light Infantry fighting him to submission and Private Warr, the Buffs, beat Private Sims Gordon, this but calling for little comment. Sims being disabled from a blow on the elbow.

Considerable excitement prevailed to see how Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, shaped, as he came with a great reputation and was reputed to be something quite out of the common. He certainly was as a type of muscular development and an exponent of terrific force in hitting. It was fighting but it was not the science of boxing and with an intense love of the art I cannot but confess that I would not regret were it possible to so differentiate as to bar such a style of fighting from a Boxing Tournament.

Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, beat Private Campbell, the Buffs.

Smith's style was crouching with his arms bowed and held low and almost invariably the right leg forward: his tactics—if they can be called tactics were to rush in administering terrific rights and lefts with overpowering results when they got home and Campbell was completely overpowered. Whether Smith's wonderful strength will in the face of his peculiar style avail against a real boxer who will meet his rush with a few straight ones remains to be seen.

The Middle Weights next claimed popular sympathy and Private Cundwick, Welsh Regiment, beat Private Dance, 1st Glosters, fighting him to a complete standstill.

A very grand fight was that when Private Ilott. The Buffs, beat Corporal Ranger, Welsh Regiment three times was Ranger (a beautifully made young fellow) sent to ground in the first round, twice by fair knock down blows and once losing his balance and it looked as all was over barring "up with the sponge." Taking warning from his juvenile lack of discretion he quickly pulled himself together and we were treated to beautiful free boxing by both men with considerable cleverness included. Excitement was increased when the referee (Colonel Longe of the Middlesex) gave the verdict for a deciding round and when the final decision was in Ilott's favour by points (and a close thing it must have been) the hearty applause so well deserved was no less for the gallant young loser who will be heard of again when time has added ring craft to his strength and courage.

Then Lance-Corporal Holloway, Royal Fusiliers, beat Lance-Corporal Regan Commanght Rangers.

The latter fought finely here last year and a good fight was anticipated. Early in the proceedings, however Holloway, knoked the Irishman over the ropes and he was counted out.

Gunner Jones R. G. A., beat Private Ryan, Oxford Light Infanty, hitting all over the place and fighting him to subjection.

A very grand bout next followed, when Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery, R. F. A. beat Private Williams' Wiltshire Regiment.

Williams who got into the finals last year, had all the advantage of height and reach completely overtowering his sturdy little opponent who was, however, wonderfully clever and active. Interest was sustained throughout, both hitting with commendable determination. Gibson got the verdict on points, but there was little to choose and both men were warmly applauded.

Then the irresistible Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, beat Private Jones, Warwick.

Smith fresh (absolutely fresh) from his victory on the heavy-weight bout competed in his own class. His reputation and previous exhibition of hitting proved too much for Jones, who retired damaged.

So ended the second evening's performance, and it is to be earnestly hoped the elements will prove unpropitious no longer and allow the remaining days to be got through without interruption.

Riding.

BUFFALO BILL ON THE ART OF RIDING.

[BY COL. W. F. CODY.]

IF I were asked to teach anyone how to ride I shouldn't want to do it. And yet, I guess I know as much about riding as any man. In the East, I believe, they teach people how to ride a horse: in the West you couldn't get a self-respecting broncho to stand for anything of that short. Riding is a gift. It's born in you or it isn't, and it won't take you long to find out if you can "keep your seat." Nearly everyone thinks he can ride a horse, a belief that leads to a great deal of trouble sometimes. It is a good deal easier for some people to run an automobile. In the far West, where the glorious prairies meet the sky line, a man doesn't have to take lessons in riding.

These prairies are the great riding schools of the world. Ranches are some fifty miles apart, and every little shaver who is old enough to walk almost, jumps on horseback and takes to it as the Eastern lad does to swimming. It's born in him. All his ancestors were horsemen, and he doesn't have to learn what's in the blood. When he gets old enough he becomes a cowboy, and then he gets his first cow outfit. A cow outfit is a string of range ponies—about fifteen or twenty of them—and he rides them, alternately, as the days come around. They don't get enough riding to take the spunk out of them, and they're always true to the bucking instinct of the broncho. The best way I know of to learn how to keep your seat is to get a variety of seats, such as the cow outfit offers the cowboy. If you've got the gift of riding you'll soon learn the knack of getting so firm a seat that horse and rider seem to be made in one piece. If you haven't got the gift the broncho will promptly prove it to you.

The greatest rider in the world is the "broncho—buster." He is the man who meets the wild horse of the west or south-west and tames him for practical service; corrals the horse, ropes him with his lariat, gets a blanket on his back, then a saddle, then a bridle, and mounts him. Then he does a bit of riding that has astonished the world. The best show-ring rider on earth would be lost on the hurricane deck of a bucking broncho. The broncho-buster is not particular about style, neither is the broncho, and it's a dead earnest fight for mastery between horse and man. Neither of them has had any lessons in riding, but they gather a whole heap of information about one another in a short acquaintance. Mr. Broncho gets pretty mad, and Mr. Broncho-Buster tells him in plain language what he thinks of him, and they snort and cuss and fight like wild ones, but neither of them has any hard and fixed rules. There's no riding master to help either of them out: it's just a triumph of Mr. Broncho Buster's genius for riding, over Mr. Broncho's genius for bucking. They get to be great friends—sometimes. Just as soon as horse and rider established an intelligent understanding they become as fond of each other as boon companions. The horse becomes a pet and will answer his master's whistle as faithfully as a dog.

Of course there are many different natures among horses as there are among men. There are wicked horses, as there are wicked men, but I believe much fewer. A horse is very sensitive to the control and ability of his rider and if he is badly managed he will take advantage any time. There's no better advice I can give to any man who wants to ride than to tell him to use as much sense as his horse. You can't have anything better than good horse sense. There's not much park riding out west, because the western pony has a style of his own, that makes a man on his back sit up, just the same. No rider in the west hangs on to the bridle reins so as to keep his balance in the saddle. No rider in the west yanks the horse's mouth to turn a corner.

All western horses are bridle-wise. The slightest pressure of the knee, or a mere tip of the bridle rein on the pony's neck, wheels him round in a flash. The curb bit is never used, except to control a horse. No one should ride with a short stirrup. The easiest position on a horse is to stand in your stirrups erect, so that you can slip the stirrup easily in case of trouble. And trouble is a thing you always want to be ready for. With a horse it is always the unexpected that happens.

I don't know anything about park riding from personal experience, but I cannot imagine anything more uncomfortable than a pigskin saddle, a short stirrup and an English trotting horse for a man who had to ride for duty or pleasure.

The United States cavalrymen have adopted the western horse and rider as representing the best kind of riding in the world. Nearly all recruits in the United States cavalry are taught to ride in one of the western cavalry posts, where the broncho and the prairies give him all the practice and all the room he wants.

I believe that I am the only man who has ever corralled in one arena the Mexican, the Cossack, the Indian and cowboy, mounted on their native ponies: and to those who study these things it is a remarkable exhibition of one fact, that good riders adopt almost the same methods.

The Cossack and the Mexican, the Indian and the cowboy ride with equal ease and carelessness.

It won't do to be afraid of a horse if you intend to ride him. Look him square in the eye when ready to mount, grip him with your knee when you're on him, and talk to him till he understands you. The more you talk to him the better. In the matter of getting control of a horse a great deal could be written, if writing could teach any one to ride a horse, which I don't believe for a minute. If there is one thing the riding school does not do, it is to teach you how to control a horse.

A man must be equal to or better than his horse. Mere brute force won't gain the esteem and respect of a horse, and these are qualities the rider must conquer before he can succeed. The only way to become expert in riding is practice. The best saddle is the army saddle, with high pommel and high back to rest the body as much as possible in long journeys; the worst gait is a trot; horses should be broken bridle wise; the best riding school in the world is the prairie.

The American range horse, in his natural state, is the wildest of the equine tribe. The so-called wild horse of the Cossack or the Arab does not compare with him for fierceness or ingenuity. In fact I have yet to find the horse that is his equal in resisting attempts at subjugation. He will kick, bite, strike with his four feet, and he alone knows the possibilities of bucking. No rider in the world except the American cowboy who has learned the art in the school of rough experience, is able to master the the untamed horse of the plains.

As an instance of the ferocity of these horses under certain circumstances, the case of the horse that killed the first Indian in the Pine Ridge campaign occurs to me. This horse was a range stallion called Sullivan, and he belonged to Big Baptiste, a well known scout. Baptiste was compelled to leave the place at the outbreak of hostilities and Sullivan was left behind with a number of other horses. As is generally known, it is the custom of these horses to form themselves into bands, each one with a stallion at its head. These released horses formed themselves into such a band, with Sullivan in charge. The Indians decided that they could make use of some of the mounts and one of their number roped one of the mares under Sullivan's charge and started to remove her. The infuriated stallion pursued him, seized the Indian with his teeth, hauled him off the horse on which he was riding and trampled him to death. Thus the first fatality of the campaign was due to Sullivan. The horse was afterwards retaken by his former owner and ridden by him.

It is natural to expect that animals of such spirit as this should display a high order of intelligence when finally broken. The strong instinct remains to stand them in good stead. The scouts and hunters of the west long ago learned this, and the more successful of them were accustomed to rely upon their horses.

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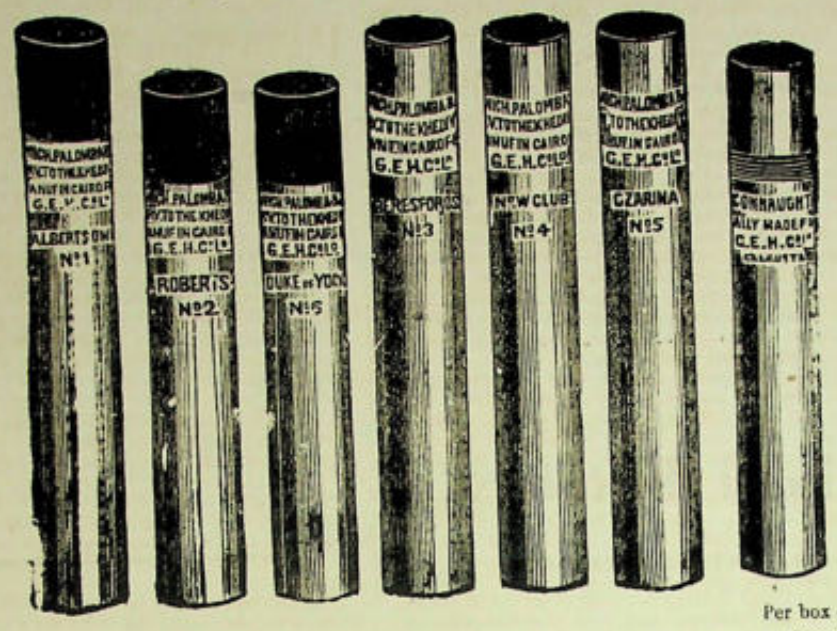

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to discover Indians or game at a distance which they themselves could detect no trace of either.

The horse Buckskin Joe, which I owned years ago, was a good example of the effect of training combined with instinct He was the most skilled buffalo horse that ever lived. He knew just how to go after a buffalo and just how to avoid a vicious charge. It was hardly necessary to guide him in a hunt, and it was largely due to his ability that I was able on one occasion to kill sixty-nine animals in a single hunt. Many of the most clever trick and trained horses have been crosses between the blood of the eastern states and the cayuse, or plain pony. The horses which formerly did the Virginia reel in the Wild West were all of this kind.

When we come to the matter of endurance, too much can be said in praise of the American horses descended from the plains animals. They are particularly valuable for use in a rough or wild country, because they are so completely self-reliant. Oats and hay are not necessaries for the range horses. They have picked their living for so many generations back that it has become an instinct with them. If there is grass under the snow they know how to find it. They appreciate the sustenance that is to be found in twigs and buds and even in the bark of young trees.

In the case of our own horses that are taken from the range we find it necessary to teach them to eat oats. That may seem surprising, but it is true. Usually it is necessary to put them on short rations for a time, until they learn to like the grain, and we have had a few horses that absolutely refused to eat oats under any consideration. Such horses as these do not require pampering or fine food, and for this reason they are especially valuable for use in campaigning, as they are able to bear up under privations that would kill the ordinary horse. Moreover, they will thrive in any climate.

Another quality that mates the western horse a good campaigner is his toughness. He will endure an incredible amount of work. His capabilities in this direction were abundantly proved by the "thousand mile race" at the time of the World's Fair in Chicago, when every horse made the journey from Chadron, Neb, to Chicago without difficulty and arrived in good condition. In contrast to this is the famous Vienna race, in which the horses were killed.

In the course of my lifetime I have had occasion many times to put my horses to more severe tests than this one and I never have found them wanting. We all know the intelligence, beauty and affection of the high bred American horse. Add to this the hardihood, endurance and adaptability of the plains animal, and we have a product that the rest of the world cannot equal. I believe that the time is rapidly approaching when all the cavalry of Europe will be mounted on American horses, or at least on horses containing an admixture of American blood."—*Breeder and Sportsman.*

Sports.

ARTILLERY AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE annual aquatic sports of the field batteries stationed at Kirkee were held near Holkar's Bridge on the 21st instant. Heavy showers of rain caused a poor attendance; nevertheless the sports were a great success and were much enjoyed. Mrs. Carter, wife of Colonel Carter, commanding the R. F. A., distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the events. Details:—

100 YARDS SWIMMING RACE.—Br Martin, 29th F B, 1st; Gr Kemp, 18th F B, 2nd; Gr Quinn, 18th F B, 3rd.

HEADERS.—Gr Quinn, 18th F B, 1st; Gr Kemp, 18th F B, 2nd.

SWIMMING HORSES ACROSS RIVER.—Dr Strong, 29th F B, 1st; Br Martin, 29th F. B, 2; Gr Kane, 45th F B, 3.

TEAM RACE.—18th Field Battery.

DUMMY LIFE-SAVING RACE.—Br Martin, 29th F B, 1st; Dr Strong 29th F B, 2nd.

DUCK HUNT.—40th Field Battery 1st. Also competed:—18th, 29th and 45th Field Battery Teams.

CHARIOT RACE.—29th F B. w o.

OBSTACLE RACE.—Sap. Chandan Singh, Bo. S and M; 1st. Sap, Nursoo Shiennia, Bo. S and M; 2nd. Sap. Gangaram Appa. Bo. S and M; 3rd. About 30 competed. Time—3mins 30secs.

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Swimming.

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THREE LENGTHS HANDICAP.—Preliminary heats in the Three Lengths Handicap were put through last Friday, the 22nd. Ten competitors faced the starter and the results were as follows:—

FIRST HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1st	A E B Siddons	16 secs.	1min. 26½secs.
2nd	J Chaplin	22 "	1 " 35⅘ "
3rd	A S Cox	18 "	1 " 36⅘ "
4th	F T Blockley	19 "	1 " 39 "

T W Greene also started, but did not finish.

SECOND HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1st	G Brown	6 secs.	1min. 20secs.
2nd	W S J Willson	18 "	1 " 33 "
3rd	K M Kennedy	10 "	1 " 27 "
4th	H G Remfry	15 "	1 " 32½ "
5th	H M Sherman	scratch.	not taken.

Mr. H. P. Henderson acted as starter and time-keeper and Mr. G. W. Batho as judge.

The Final Heat will be decided next Friday, 29th May, and will be followed by a Plate diving competition.

The Horse.

OOTACAMUND HORSE SHOW.

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First Day, Friday, 22nd May 1903.

The show opened this morning in showery weather, but it cleared up and by the afternoon Old Sol was shining gaily. There were a large number of spectators, including Lord and Lady Ampthill and the Maharajah of Mysore. Entries were not so good as in previous years, but there was no doubt as to the quality which this year was splendid. The judging was got through in good time and gave universal satisfaction. Details:—

HEAVY WEIGHT HUNTERS up to 13 stone and over. 1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Silver Flask. Judges—Mr. H. P. Hodgson, Captain Packard, and Major Gunn.

Major Campbell's br aus g Pennant ... 1
Major Logan-Home's or aus g Harkaway ... 2
H E Lord Ampthill's rn aus g Arcot ... 3
Mr H Irwin's b aus g Kylemore—Commended.

Judges' Remarks.—A very good class, though one or two entries were wrongly classed.

LIGHT WEIGHT HUNTERS, 12 stone and under. 1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Silver Flask. Judges—Mr. H. Irwin, Colonel Grant, and Major Fowler.

Captain Fife's b aus g Woodlands 1
H E Lord Ampthill's b aus g Audax 2
H E Lady Ampthill's ch aus m Atalanta—Commended 3

Judges' Remarks.—Class was very good and winner very difficult to select.

CORS—HORSES between 14 and 15 hands. 1st Prize, Silver Cup. Judges—Captain Packard, Mr. H. P. Hodgson, and Major Gunn.

Major Logan-Home's b e m Dodo 1
Mrs. Marjoribank's b aus g Nugget 2
Mrs. Tatchell's b e m Somerset—Commended.

Judges' Remarks.—A fair class, but the two Arabs were out of place.

CHARGERS.—1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Silver Tobacco Box. Judges—Major Logan-Home and Captain S.S. Browne.

H H the Maharajah of Mysore's br aus g Southern Cross 1
Captain E de H Smith's ch aus h Rubicon ... 2
Mr. Bartholomew's ch aus g Rufus—Commended.

Judges' Remarks.—A good class; but it is very difficult to judge Arabs and Walers in the same class They should be separate. They were excellently schooled horses.

POLO PONIES under 14 1. Australian and English. 1st Prize, Silver Cup. Judges.—General Richardson and Captain Brown.

Captain Fife's br aus m Hilda 1
Maharajah of Mysore's br aus m Dainty ... 2
Mrs. Magrath's br aus g Pixie. Commended.

Judges' Remarks.—A good class.

PONY HUNTERS.—1st Prize, Silver Cup: 2nd Prize, Silver Flask; 3rd Prize, Silver Card Case Judges—Mr H P Hodgson, Mr C A Mackenzie, and Major Gunn.

Major Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane 1
Colonel Gordon Price's br aus m Colleen 2
Mrs Tatchell's b e m Somerset—Commended.

Judges' Remarks.—A very good class.

JUMPING COMPETITION.—Ponies. 1st Prize. Silver Cup. Judges.—The Committee.

Captain Matthew's b aus m Two Step 1
Miss Brereton's gr aus m Nutmeg 2

Judges' Remarks—Two Step jumped excellently; but the class was poor

CHILDREN'S PONIES.—1st Prize. Silver Watch and Chain. Judge—Captain Browne.

Hon'ble Guy Russell's ch e m Atom 1

Driving Competition—For Ladies. 1st Prize. Brooch. Judges—The Committee.

Miss Morgan 1

Judges' Remarks.—Miss Morgan won, after a tie with Mrs. Magrath. A very good class.

The Naturalist.

BIRDS OF LUCKNOW.

VI.

INDIAN SAND-MARTIN [*Cotili sinensis*]. Chota ababil [H.]

Very common and a permanent resident, breeding in colonies in the banks of the Goomti, in railway cuttings, nullahs and similar places. The nest, which is a dirty collection of grass and feathers, is placed at the end of a hole, from 18 inches to 3 feet, or more, in length. The eggs, which are pure white, are three, sometimes four in number, I have found them in every month from December to May. They average ·66" × ·46".

SWALLOW [*Hirundo rustica*]. Ababil [H]. A common winter visitor, departing as soon as the warm weather sets in. The word "ababil" is applied indifferently to all swifts, martins, and swallows.

WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW [*Hirundo smithii*]. A permanent resident and partial to water, this lovely species is seldom found far from some pool or stream. It breeds with us during March and April,—possibly also in the "rains." The nest, a shallow mud cup lined with grass and feathers, after the manner of the swallow tribe, is usually placed under a bridge or culvert. The eggs are three in number, white, with spots and speckles of brick-red. They average ·73" × ·52".

SYKE'S STRIATED SWALLOW [*Hirundo erythropygia*].

The Red-rumped, or Striated, Swallow is common in certain localities during the cold weather and again in the "rains." I have not yet found its nest, but I am told on good authority that it breeds here I found its nest—a retort-shaped structure of mud—in an old fort near Delhi.

WHITE WAGTAIL [*Motacilla alba*].

MASKED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla personata*].

Both these species, which are commonly called "dhobin," are very numerous, the latter especially, during the cold weather. Many arrive as early as September, and do not depart until the end of April. They are to be found almost anywhere—about rivers and jheels, on lawns and ploughed lands, and numbers are to be seen beneath the trees in the gardens and topes, in company with other wagtails and pipits.

LARGE PIED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla maderaspatensis*]. Khanjan, Dhobin [H].

A permanent resident and common. It is found in pairs or singly—never, according to my experience in flocks—and rarely far from the water side. It breeds from March to May, but most eggs are hatched in the middle of April. The nest is a bulky structure of grass, tow, rags, feathers and hair, placed in some nook or hole under a bridge, in a native boat or other convenient spot. The eggs are three or four in number, greyish white in colour, spotted and blotched with various shades of brown. They average ·87" × ·63."

GREY WAGTAIL [*Motacilla melanope*].

Fairly common during the cold weather on the banks of rivers and jheels.

GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla borealis*].

Particulary common in snipe jheels, where it and its allies are a veritable curse to the sportsmen. Often, when a snipe rises a dozen or more of these birds, and half as many sand pipers get up too, which is anything but an aid to improving one's shooting, or temper.

INDIAN BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla beema*].

Fairly common. Occurs, in company with other wagtails, on the jheels.

BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla feldeggi.*] Pilkya [H].

Common during the cold weather, particularly in rice-fields jheels, and irrigated ground. This species arrives early and departs late, many of the individuals having assumed their full handsome breeding plumage of black and yellow before leaving.

YELLOW-HEADED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla citreola*].

Hardly so numerous as the three species just mentioned, but frequents the same localities. It is of course only a cold weather visitor.

All, or nearly all, of these wagtails, pied, grey, and yellow, perch on trees if disturbed, rising up from the ground, and flying into the branches just like pipits.

HODGSON'S YELLOW-HEADED WAGTAIL [*Motacilla citreoloides*].

I once shot a specimen (♂) on the banks of the Goomti 1-1-1898, and another, obtained by Reid, is in the museum. It is of course only a cold weather visitor, and not I think common.

TREE-PIPIT [*Anthus trivialis*].

INDIAN TREE-PIPIT [*Anthus maculatus*].

Both these birds are common during the cold weather, the last-named especially. They occur in parties in fields and mango topes where they are often associated with wagtails. When disturbed they fly up into the lower branches.

BROWN ROCK-PIPIT [*Anthus similis*].

A cold weather visitor, not uncommonly met with on ploughed land and on waste ground round jheels, or on the open "usar" plains, and sun-baked maidans.

INDIAN PIPIT [*Anthus rufulus*].

A common and permanent resident, found indiscriminately in cultivated tracts, open plains, paddy fields and dhak jungles. It breeds from February to April and probably later. The nest is a neatly made structure of hair, lined with grass placed in the stump of a clump of patowal grass, or under some bush. The eggs, three or four in number, are greyish white spotted with brown and average ·78″ × ·57″.

EASTERN CALANDRA LARK [*Melanocorypha bimaculata*].

The only specimen I have seen was one brought by a native, who stated that he had captured it on one of the "usar" plains This was at the end of the cold weather.

INDIAN SKY-LARK [*Alauda gulgula*]. Chundul (H).

Fairly common and a permanent resident, though neither I, nor any one else that I know, of, has found the nest in Lucknow.

RUFOUS SHORT-TOED LARK [*Calandrella dukhunensis*]. Baghaira (H).

Occurs in large flocks on maidans, ploughed lands, scrub, grassy meadows or the edges of jheels, during the cold weather, and, as the late Mr. Reid remarked, "is looked upon as common property by almost all the hawk tribe." Amongst Anglo-Indians it goes by the name of "Ortolan," and numbers are caught in places for the table. Probably the allied species *C. Brachydactyla* also occurs, but I have not yet come across a specimen.

SINGING BUSH-LARK [*Mirafra cantillans*].

The only Lucknow specimen I know of is one skin in the Provincial Museum.

RED-WINGED BUSH-LARK [*Mirafra erythroptera*]. Aggia [H]. Hooded Lark [La Martinière boys].

This bird is a common and permanent resident, being found wherever there is scrubby ground, dhak jungle or waste land with grass and bushes. It is very common on the grass farm. It has a pretty little song, which it utters in the air, dropping all the while, with wings raised above its back; on to some bush or low tree Its nest is a loose structure of grass, usually carefully concealed under some tuft, or bush, and more or less domed—hence the name "hooded." Personally I have never found more than two eggs, though Hume and other writers give the full number as four. These, which are white densely speckled with brown and yellow, are usually laid between March and July. I rather think there are two broods each year, but I am not sure. The eggs average ·76″ by ·55″

CRESTED LARK [*Galerita cristata*] Chundul [H].

The Chundul is a popular bird with the natives, and numbers are caught and caged. A common and permanent resident, it is found chiefly on drier soil, but is numerous also along the high banks of the Goomti and also amongst the tamarisk (jhao) jungle on the sand bank islands of the big rivers. I have found its nest a small deep grass cup very loosely put together, on two occasions. 28th and 30th March each time with three eggs. These were whitish spotted and speckled with purple and brown and averaging ·82″ by ·64″

ASHY-CROWNED FINCH LARK [*Pyrrhulauda grisea*]. Duri [H].

The Black-bellied Finch Lark as Jerdon called this species is very common and a permanent re-ident It is chiefly found on "usar" plains and waste ground, where there is a thin sprinkling of grass tufts and how bushes. It breeds from January to May and probably later. Though so common, I have not found many nests—possibly I have not taken sufficient trouble. Those I have seen were all little neat cups lined with grass, but so loosely made that they could not be removed, placed in the ground under some stone or bush. The eggs always seem to be two in number. They are whitish, speckled with brown and grey and measure ·72″ × ·53″.

PURPLE SUNBIRD [*Arachnechthra Asiatica*]. Shakarkhora [H].

A very common and permanent resident, frequenting gardens and jungles where there are flowers, but eschewing, as a rule, more barren ground It is not, I think, very fond of mango-groves, though occasionally I have found it resting in those trees. It is far from shy, and many a nest have I seen in a verandah suspended to some hook, chick, or creeper. The breeding season, so far as I have ascertained, lasts from February to June, most eggs being laid before May. The nest is a pretty little egg shaped ball, with a hole at the side near the top, over which there is an awning or portico. It is formed of grass cobwebs, hair, chips, etc., and ornamented with the excreta of caterpillars. I have found them at all heights from 2 feet to 20 feet, and more, from the ground. Most, however, are placed low down The eggs are two in number—often three—greenish or brownish white in colour, thickly spotted and marked with various shades of brown and grey, and averaging ·63″ × ·44″.

TICKELL'S FLOWER-PECKER [*Dicæum erythrorhynchum*].

This little bird, known to the Martiniere boys as the "White-Honey-sucker" from the colour of its eggs, has been much overlooked. Apparently no naturalist quartered in Lucknow had ever noticed the species—which is really fairly common—until, prompted by the information given me by the schoolboys, I set to work to hunt it up. It is a permanent resident, and breeds with us in February and March—possibly at other times. The nest, a tiny grass ball with a hole in the side, is always carefully concealed amongst the foliage, and is one of the most difficult to detect. I have seen five—not one of which, I own, did I discover myself—in mango, bél tree, and quickset hedge (3). The eggs are pure white, two or three in number, and ·55″ × ·41″ in dimensions.

THICK-BILLED FLOWER-PECKER [*Pipriconia squalidum*].

A common and permanent resident, going about the trees in small parties hunting for insects. This bird, which is known to the Martinière boys as "Bull-Tit," makes a most lovely little purse-like nest suspended from a horizontal twig It is a felted mass of fibres, cotton down, etc., and is so covered with red scales of vegetable matter that it has a pink appearance. The whole fabric is so beautifully woven that it can be crumpled up in the hand without injury. The entrance is at the side, or rather the end. I have found it on many trees, sheshum, cotton, mango, neem, babool, etc., but the first-named is, I think, the favourite. The eggs, two or three, white or pinky-white, spotted and blotched with red and claret, are laid from February to May, most being obtained in March. They average ·62″ × ·44″.

W. J.

Travel and Adventure.

GOLD CLAIM PEGGING.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF AN S. A. C. TROOPER.

THOSE among us who formed their ideas of claim pegging on scenes from "Jesse James, Frank Read," etc., were of course disappointed, the country does not lend the required colour to such events as described in the above "classics," there is nothing here to help the imagination, even if we had the old coach, Dead Eye Jim, hand over on his hip pocket and the rest of the stage figures I think it would all have fallen very flat. There was, however, much to interest, especially if the often clever, at times educated conversation of men who had travelled the world over, from Cape to Cairo, been at Klondyke, at Coolgardie seen the 81—82 rush, had any attraction. We left our Headquarters at H'berg beautifully clean, full of hopes of seeing exciting scenes, saddles laden with all kinds of impediment and after a 30 mile ride arrived, very dirty, very dispirited and minus a deal of equipment. On the following morning the moment the sun showed, the hundreds of assembled peggers were at liberty to race forward, peg out as much land in lots of 400 by 150 as they possibly could; our business was to see that no one was camped within the proclaimed area and no claims had already been staked and that at the appointed moment all started fair and square from the boundary line. Just like starting a great race with about 4,000 competitors. We were patrolling nearly all Monday night Tuesday morning, getting peggers out of old shafts within the boundary where they must have been rather more than uncomfortable, seeing that there was usually a foot or two of water at the bottom, and generally seeing that things were in order. Then put themselves to many discomforts to get ahead of rivals. I heard of one man paying what must surely be a record cab fare—£90 for 4 miles. At daybreak I was stationed about the middle of the farm and as the sun showed I expected to see whole impis coming over the skyline, meeting in the middle and having a desperate hand to hand encounter. Nothing of the kind, the area was so large that there was practically no rush. All I saw was suddenly hundreds of little black dots swarming down the long slope opposite me. Each dot would all at once stop, hurriedly knock in a pig, rush in 50 yards and in with another. Soon the whole air was alive with hundred of mallets tap, tap, tapping Then almost as quickly as they came they disappeared, the whole thing was over in 2 or 3 minutes. Some lucky few may make money, more lose, but in all sides there seemed to be a very pessimitic state of mind ruling. Peggers were willing to go to any length almost to secure claims but none of them seemed to have castles in the air in fact appeared almost indifferent as to the result of the gamble, for such it is. Heads or Tails this one and all seemed to realise, perhaps better so; there will be no bitter disillusion. On all sides the hand of the Jew Capitalist lay heavy; it is certainly no poor man's country this; the prices of all kinds of commodities are inflated beyond reason, although wages seem high they are in reality not so, on this account. Among all British born men, men who fought during the war and surely deserve something from the hands of their country, there is a general discontent chiefly because Government have allowed this country to become a general dumping ground for the worst class of aliens of all nationalities, men who can and do live under conditions and work for money that no Englishmen could. As regards the very pressing labour question they all considered there was adequate native labour if mines paid for it, and the right men sent to recruit. Government talk of importing Chinese. Will John Chinaman stay on the mines? Certainly not, if I know him at all. He will become a greater nuisance than the coolie. It gave me great pleaure to see one large Johannesburg firm of that nation, before which even the Red Sea gave way, defeated by their own weapons. They employed hundreds of men at £1 to £8 a day; these knew really nothing of pegging and cared less, all they thought about was to get their given number of pegs into the ground anywhere, the quicker the better. Result, most of their firm claims are disputed owing to their ground having been pegged over claims that had already been secured by smaller men who know their business and did it themselves. I may say that excepting this one firm's doings there was hardly a dispute of any kind such as there were being settled in a most friendly way.

In conclusion I may say that on Wilge point, the farm we were on, there were 4,000 peggers, who were kept in order by just 24 S. A. C. 15 minutes from the start the whole farm 4 miles in length was pegged without a fracas of any kind having taken place.

W. W.

EVERY owner of racehorses who embarks on the Turf should remember that he is, and will always remain, at the mercy of the jockey who wears his colours. When examined before the House of Commons' Committe on Gaming in 1844, Mr. John George Dixon, a remarkably outspoken cheesemonger and butterman, added that the best way to make a horse safe was to bribe the jockey on his back to pull him.

"Do you think," asked Lord Jocelyn, "it would be worth a jockey's while to risk his place by selling a race?"

"I have no sort of doubt," replied the butterman, "that there are many jockeys who do sell races."

"Does not a jockey's livelihood depend on his character?" asked Colonel Peel.

"No owner can tell whether his horse is pulled or not," responded Mr. Dixon; "and if the jockey be a good rider other people will employ him in spite of his reputation."

"What kind of people!" continued Colonel Peel.

"They are nearly all alike on the Turf—they are all trying to get money."

Frank, and even brutal, as was this opinion of Turf Morality fifty-nine years ago, there is a large section of the public at the present day who think that during the past half-century there has been little radical change for the better.

Chess.

PROBLEM NO. 19.

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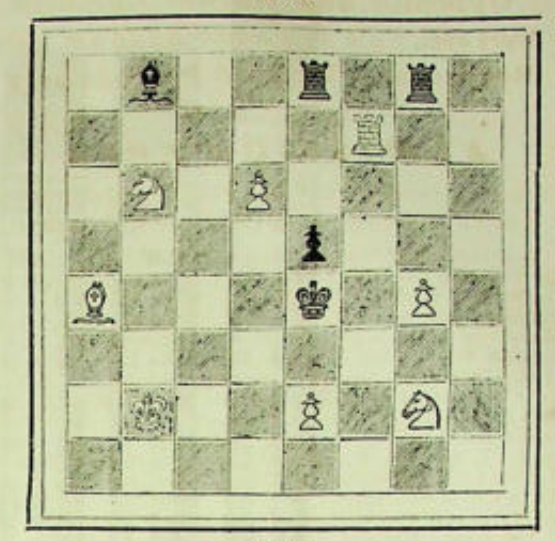

WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME NO. 20.

DR LASKER IN AMERICA.

THE following game was played by the well-known amateur Mr. Martinez who has crossed swords with many masters, including Zukertort and Steinitz.

(*Ruy Lopez.*)

White. A Martinez.	Black. Dr Lasker.
1. P to K 4	P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3	Kt to Q B 3
3. B to Kt 5	Kt to B 3
4. Castles	Kt takes P
5. P to Q 4	B to K 2
6. Q to K 2	Kt to Q 3
7. B takes Kt	Kt P takes B
8. P takes P	Kt to Kt 2
9. Kt to B 3	Castles
10. R to K sq	P to Q 4
11. P takes P *e. p.*	B takes P
12. B to Kt 5	Q to Q 2
13 Q R to B sq	Q to B 4
14. Q to K 4	Kt to B 4
15. Q takes Q	B takes Q
16. Kt to Q 4	B to Q 2
17. B to K 3	K R to K sq
18. P to Q R 3	P to Q R 4
19. P to Q Kt 4	P takes P
20. P takes P	Kt to R 4
21. Kt takes Kt	R takes Kt
22. P to Q B 3	P to B 3
23. P to R 3	R to R 7
24. Kt to B 3	K to B 2
25. B to Q 4	R takes R, ch
26. R takes R	B to K 3
27. Kt to R 2	R to Q 7
28. Kt to B 3	R to Q 6
29. R to K 2	R to Q 8, ch
30. R to K sq	R takes R, ch
31. Kt takes R	B to K B 4
32. K to B sq	K to K 3
33. K to K 2	K to Q 4
34. Kt to Q 3	B to K 5
35. P to B 3	B to K B 4
36. K to Q 2	B to Kt 3
37. B to K 3	K to B 5
38. Kt to B 2, ch	K to Kt 6
39. Kt to Q 3	K to B 5
40. Kt to Kt 2, ch	K to Kt 6
41. Kt to Q 3	B takes Kt
42. K takes B	B to K 4
43. B to Q 4	P to R 4
44. B takes B	Resigns

JOHN ROBERTS the elder was, as it pretty well known champion for many years of English billiards. His nerve general physique, and powers of endurance were alike wonderful.

Thirty or forty years ago men played often times at billiards as they did at cards, for days and nights at a stretch, and at this "go as you please" sort of business old Roberts was simply a marvel, and his constitution was indeed an iron one. If the writer's memory serves him rightly, he once played "fifty's up" for fifty pounds a game, the one who gave in first to forfeit a thousand pounds. He and his opponent played for three nights and two days, only stopping to have a bit of "grub" and a drink every now and again, and after going on in this manner over sixty hours right off the reel, Roberts' antagonist fell down in a dead faint after losing a large majority of the games, whilst the old champion appeared as if he could have gone on for another week if he had been required to.

In matches for who could "stay" the longer he was never beaten. How they bet in those days, to be sure! and how many thousands had poor old John bet on games at the tables at the White Hart and the Rutland, at Newmarket, inthat spirited period!

THE City and Suburban has been won by many good horses in its time, notably Argonaut, Speculum, Thunder, Master Kildare, and Buccaneer, while many another "smasher" has been beaten therein, of whom Cremorne—second to Mornington in 1873—and the beautiful Petrarch may in particular be mentioned. Perhaps, however, the best animal that ever took part in the race was Bend Or, who carried 9st gallantly to the fore in 1881.

Few racehorses have been more popular with the public than this handsome chestnut son of Doncaster, who, after carrying all before him as a two-year-old, had a somewhat chequered career in the following season. True, he managed to snatch the Derby out of the fire by a head from Robert the Devil, but the latter beat him twice later in the season, though excuses may be made for Bend Or on the ground that he was always a delicate horse and difficult to train.

As a four-year-old, Bend Or made his first appearance at Epsom, where, as already mentioned, he carried off the City and Suburban. On that occasion he conceded no less than 2st. 6lbs to Foxhall, who was second and, bearing in mind what the American did later in the season, this stands out as the best performance of which the annals of the race contain any record.

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PROFESSOR RICHARD, M. E.

Professor Richard, who has been affecting startling cures by means of his electric treatment, gave a farewell electric entertainment at the Town Hall on the evening of January 13th The entertainment was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, the Countess of Hopetoun, His Worship the Mayor and leading members of the Legislature, "and the people marvelled." Extraordinary Exhibition at the Town Hall. The Electric Healer and his subjects.

PROFESSOR RICHARD WORKS HIS WONDERS.

The Halt are made to Walk and the blind to See.

In these days of scepticism, when even seeing is not believing, and faith must be preceded by practical demonstration, no man can successfully lay claim to powers he does not possess The mountebank is soon discovered, and however the public may have regarded the claims of Professor Richard when he first came among us as an electric healer it must be admitted we have been given irrefutable evidence of the extraordinary powers he lays claim to—evidence sufficient to satisfy any ordinary mortal that he is not a mere pretender. He has not laid claim to any unnatural gifts, to the ability to perform miracles, yet he has accomplished cures in the presence of thousands of spectators that in other times and by other people would only be regarded as miraculous. However we may have hesitated to accept his claims to extraordinary healing powers, his exhibition at the Town Hall on Friday evening last in aid of the Creche must satisfy all who saw him operate on the subjects who presented themselves that he can accomplish great things. Amazed, the gazing public ranged around and still they gazed, and still the wonder grew.

The conditions under which the healer worked were against all possibility of fraud or empty pretence. He does not claim to work miracles, nor does he insist upon faith as a corollary to his cures. Such palpable nonsense he eschews; he, is an electric healer, pure and simple, and while he does not pretend to cure everything that comes before him, from a hunchback to a wooden leg, there are few cases to whom he does not give relief. The Town Hall was well filled on Friday night last, by an audience that had paid for admission, that had come to see these wonders for themselves, and on the platform were seated several representative citizens. Mr. Zox M. L. A., occupied the chair, and beside him were Messrs. Taverner and Foster, M.'s L. A.; Dr. L. L. Smith, M. L. A; Dr. Woinarski, and several others equally well-known, who watched every feature of the entertainment with evident care. Every provision was made to satisfy the spectators of the *bona fides* of the cases. The sufferers had to come provided with a letter of recommendation from a qualified physician, surgeon, magistrate, minister or priest certifying that they were fit cases for treatment, and unless we look upon half the persons of the metropolis, a few members of Parliament, and the great bulk of the suburban mayors as in league with the medical electrician, we must accept all those treated last Friday as "hopeless incurables." They came up as such but they went away in the enjoyment of great benefit.

The first subject treated was a young girl who had been almost hopelessly deaf for twelve years. She was accompanied by her mother, and was recommended by two well—known citizens. As the Professor remarked, it was like making a stone wall hear. The operation of making the deaf to hear was carried on in full view of the audience, with all the theatrical effect of slow music from the Orchestra in the background. The girl was nervous and frightened, crying loudly while under treatment, the "stone wall" heard and answered all questions put her in an ordinary tone of voice. The spectators thoroughly convinced of the efficacy of chained lightning, as a healing power when applied through the human system, applauded loudly. The patient is touched with no instrument, electricity being applied through the hands of the healer, the current causing no pain whatever. Case No 2 was a blindman from the Benevolent Asylum. He had not been seen for years. His eyes were in total darkness. Before being touched by the healer he was critically examined by the medical men on the stage, and pronounced as difficult a subject as a doctor could care to deal with. Yet in almost no time the man saw distinctly, distinguishing in form and color a number of articles held up before him. The torrent of applause that greeted this feat told of the undoubted satisfaction of everyone present.

The blind had been made to see and the deaf to hear, and as the next case presented itself, and Professor Richard proceeded to make the halt to walk the keenest interest was apparent everywhere. An old miner, the whole way from Englehawk, and recommended by the Mayor of that place, was carried up through the hall on a chair. His boots and socks were removed, and his trousers rolled up to his thighs. As the old wreck sat confronting the audience he looked a hopeless, pitiable object, suggesting the idea of one who had been resurrected from the grave for the purpose of the experiment. He was paralysed in both limbs—unable to use them in any way. The healer set to work running his hands over the emaciated legs, they began to show evidence of returning vitality, the healer working them up and down like pump handles, sending the stiffness flying out of the joints, and causing the owner to grow white with amazement. He had not seen those joints unbend for years, and he was so mute with delight that he could not give expression to his gratitude. The next case was a woman also suffering from paralysis of the legs. As her predecessor walked down the steps, she was carried up by four attendants, like an overgrown Queen of the May. She was placed behind a screen while her clothes were being adjusted for treatment, and when the screen was removed and she confronted the audience the spectacle was a strange one Her legs were absolutely bared She had not stood for eighteen months, and was recommended by the Mayor of Richmond, she was walking up and down the stage having even put on her own boots and stockings. The next case was also a paralytic—a most difficult subject. He, too, had to be carried up, but he walked down a very different man, cheering with delight.

The Professor called on those who had been publicly treated at the Athenæum to ascend the platform and there was a rush for the stage of men and women which a few weeks ago ranked as "hopeless invalids" and "incurables." Some carried their crutches with them, as a testimony of their marvellous cure.

The evening's exhibition was highly interesting and diverting, and closed with an electrical entertainment that caused a good deal of mirth. At the end the Professor illustrated his strange powers by taking a charge of horsepower electricity through his body. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his entertainment.—The Melbourne *Evening Standard* January 14th, 1893.

MELBOURNE *EVENING STANDARD*, 7th February 1893.

PROFESSOR RICHARD.

HOW HE CAME TO MELBOURNE.

MISTAKEN FOR THE KING OF NAPLES.

THE STORY OF A FELLOW TRAVELLER.

EXTRAORDINARY NARRATIVE.

PROFESSOR RICHARD, AND HIS DEPARTURE BY YESTERDAY'S STEAMER.

The story told by Mr. S. is one that is best described as romantic. There is more romance in it than there is in nine-tenths of the three-volume novels of the period, for it arouses one's interest, and makes the hearer marvel at every turn. In 1883 Mr. S. was returning from London in the steamer *Potosi*. On reaching Naples several passengers were taken aboard and among them a man of more than ordinarily attractive presence.

"A magnificent barge, painted purple, with beautiful gilt lines and grand equipment, came alongside," says Mr. S. as he reclines in a chair and allows his mind to revel in the imposing picture as far back as 1893 in the Bay of Naples, which impressed itself upon his memory. "Three beautiful women, in the finest robes were seated in it with a man, whom they had evidently come to see off. The man himself was attired like a nobleman, and ordered the gondoliers about in the most approved fashion of the Orient. We all said it was the Prince of Naples or the King of Italy. The Duke of Plaza Toro was a fool to him. The captain ran up a flag in honour of the distinguished passenger, the sailors hauled his boxes up, the mysterious one came on board, and the ladies (we thought it was his highness's harem) waved their kerchiefs and sailed away. The man was Professor Richard; who the women really were I never found out. He took his quarters in a state cabin, however, and during the voyage attracted much attention by his genial manner."

They Caught a Tartar.

Lively Scenes in a Sleeping Car.

A Series of Surprises.

PROFESSOR RICHARD, SCIENTIFIC ELECTRIC HEALER TRAVELS BY TRAIN.

During the past few weeks a somewhat remarkable man has been giving healing exhibitions at the Athenæum Hall, and at his own private house, Spring Street, where a procession of the halt, lame, and infirm, the deaf and the dumb, paralysed and debilitated, may be seen going and coming at all hours.

It reminds the spectator in a minor way of the invalid pilgrimages to Lourdes, with the exception that in one case, the sufferers trust to faith, while in the other they trust to electricity.

Those who have attended the exhibitions at the Athenæum have seen some surprising things happen there. They have seen the halt made to walk, the paralysed dance round as if rejuvenated by some magic influence, the deaf made to hear, and sundry other feats performed that have made them marvel and wonder how it was done. There have been instances where this man has not succeeded, but, to do him justice, he has effected some surprising cures. If permanent, as some of the patients themselves would have us believe, then his powers are perplexing: if only temporary, they are still surprising, for in some of the cases treated, even temporary alleviation under the circumstances baffles comprehension.

A good story about the scientific electric healer comes from America, through which he travelled on a curing expedition incognito in 1891. He was riding on a sleeping car from New York to Philadelphia, and having had a heavier day than usual, slept more soundly than men travelling by rail generally do.

We occasionally experience the ticket nuisance here in Australia, but in some parts of America the traveller is worried out of his life by the incessant "ticket please" of the conductor. In the middle of your soup it is "ticket please." If you are having a pleasant tete-a-tete with an agreeable lady companion the conductor does not fail to break in at the most interesting period to demand to have a look at your ticket, until at last you feel like kicking the conductor, or abusing the company, or putting yourself under the wheels and ending your misery for ever.

In the middle of the night, the conductor of the car on the Philadelphia express decided to make his usual round. Everything went well until he came to the berth occupied by the electric healer, when something happened that relieved the monotony of the journey, and gave the conductor something to remember to the end of his days.

"Ticket, please," said the official with that most insinuating grace which makes most of us sit up in the soundest sleep and comply without a murmur. The scientific man sleeps on heedless of the appeal, either not hearing or not caring to hear, or, with the ulterior motive, it may be, of bringing about what subsequently happened.

"Ticket please" shouted the man in buttons, now leaning over the healer's prostrate form and blowing into his ear in a way that awakened everybody in the compartment, but without making the slightest impression on the sleeper. The case was hopeless. There was nothing for it but to take the traveller by the leg and shake him soundly, or drag him bodily on to the floor. Slipping his hand beneath the clothes the conductor prepared to take a grip.

The next minute the air was blue with execrations. The conductor had turned two double somersaults in quick succession and landed all of a heap in the corner.

All the passengers gathered round in their robes *de nuit* to see what was up. Some concluded that the conductor had a fit, while the astonished official could only point to the mysterious passenger and swear. A retired millitary man with a cork leg by way of demonstrating his valour, caught the sleeper rudely by the shoulder aroused him and demanded an explanation, but no sooner had he touched him than he stood on his head out in the passage, with his mechanical leg working away like a steam engine. The clamour only made the scientific man sleep the sounder for he moved not a muscle, and betrayed not the slightest evidence of enjoying the entertainment of which he was the cause.

When the train pulled up at the next station a couple of stalwart porters were called in to remove the strange passenger in berth A42, and without more ado proceeded to take him by the head and feet to drag him out The operation was disastrous. The porters had no sooner taken hold than they jumped to the ceiling and fell all of a heap on the floor. A policeman on the platform, hearing the noise, made for the scene, and did not hesitate to take the sleeper into custody. He took such a firm grip of the healer's arm that he could not let go While he screamed and danced, the mysterious one sat up in bed and innocently asked what all the row was about. Was the place on fire or had there been a collision? Everyone was too perplexed to speak. If they wanted anything he would be happy to assist them: but if they did not, would they kindly leave him to finish his slumbers The conductor came forward and politely asked to see his ticket, which was produced in due time, but ever since that day there is not a conductor of an American sleeping car that is not very careful to enquire if Professor Richard is on board.—*Melbourne Evening Standard.*

Extracts from the Calcutta *Indian Mirror*, 14th December 1895.

ELECTRICITY CURES—AN M. D. AND HIS PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL TO PROFESSOR RICHARD.

(To the Editor of the *Indian Mirror*, Calcutta.)

Sir,—The Calcutta public knows very well that since October 1894, I have been suffering from a serious illness, and had to relinquish my practice altogether. I had been suffering from Hæmoptosis (blood-spitting), fever, cough, hoarseness, and other complications. My case was given up as a hopeless one by my physicians, and up to this time the majority of the Calcutta public believe that I am not now in the land of the living, having been gathered to my fathers. My case was, indeed, a very bad and serious one. In six consecutive days I brought up more than six seers of blood and for four months continually I expectorated bloody sputa. I must state here frankly that I derived at times immense benefit from the able treatment of Kaviraj Bijoyratna Sen. But, unfortunately, the improvement each time was of a short duration as every fortnight or so I would bring up a large quantity of blood, and the fever would increase to 106°F.

Be that as it may, I placed myself under Professor Richard's treatment on the 15th October last. I had to be carried in a chair to my palankeen and I fainted when a mild electrical current was applied. From the third day of his special treatment I began to improve; the blood spitting ceased entirely. I am now almost well. I can now walk and drive about. I did not purposely so long publish an account of my case, simply because I was waiting to see if the benefit would last long.

My wife also had been suffering from Bronchitic Asthma since 1886. Since the last ten years she has been almost confined to bed—more especially in the winter. Since under treatment, she has been quite free from her complaints, and can now walk about freely without the least difficulty of breathing

I have seen many other bad cases benefited. I shall, however, mention only two. A European lady, about 65 years of age, was stone blind when she first came under this treatment. She can now see quite well by the help of one eye; the other eye, however, is still as bad as ever: the second case is that of Mr. Abb, formerly railway sergeant at Howrah, and now of Kotechanpore, Jessore. He was suffering from paralysis and softening of the brain, and his case was pronounced incurable by eminent European physicians. He is now "thoroughly cured." Space will not permit me to mention scores of other cases of cures.

The object of my writing to you this letter is to inform the suffering public of Bengal that the scientific method of the Professor is not a myth but is a new scientific system of cure. Those who are hopeless of a cure and have not benefited by other methods of treatment, ought to try his system without delay as the Professor's stay here will be till the 1st February 1896

As a medical man myself, I think it my duty to make known cases of cure by a method of treatment which I find practically quite sufficient of itself without the help of any drug. I must state here that I am under no obligation to the Professor for my treatment. I have paid his proper fees, but I am under a deep obligation to him for making me fit to pursue my avocation after an interruption of 14 months. Apologising for the length of this letter, I remain, yours, &c.,

BROJENDRA NATH BANNERJI, M.D.,
Calcutta.

Extract from the *Amritra Bazar Patrika*, Calcutta.
(13th February 1896).

ANOTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL TO PROFESSOR RICHARD.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The other day you referred to Professor Richard's scientific mode of treatment by electricity. Here is a letter which has been received from the Rajah of Mymensing, and which will show how efficacious the treatment of the Professor is.

My dear Professor,

Thanks for your kind enquiry. I am keeping well, I have to apologise for not writing before and telling you how I kept my health after discontinuance of the electrical treatment under you. I am glad to say I have had no more pains or stiffness of the joints, though the treatment has been discontinued over six weeks. Now, you know my case was not a simple one. I had been suffering from gout, rheumatism, for four or five years, and had swallowed enough of drugs to convert my stomach into a medicine chest, but the benefit derived from the use of drugs has been comparatively poor when contrasted with the effect of your scientific method of cure.

I was at Deogur when I read your announcements of the wonderful cures you professed to effect by your new method of introducing electricity into the human system.

I confess I was not without my doubts, but I seldom run shy of a new idea, and can lift myself out of the groove if it be necessary.

I thought there was something reliable at the bottom of it and I made up my mind to give you a fair trial. I do not consider it now as money thrown away. I shall probably be leaving town shortly, and shall carry away with me a very pleasant recollection of your invariable courtesy and friendliness to your patients, and shall not forget in a hurry the two instances of your wonderful skill and power in driving out the fever and cramp from me by grasping my hands tightly while saying, "That cramp won't be there any more," and "That fever won't come again."

Wishing you every success in your noble enterprise.

I am very sincerely yours,

(Sd.) S. K. ACHARYA, Rajah Bahadur of
Mymensingh, A. B

(Extract from the *Times of India*, and all the Bombay Journals:—

THE PROFESSOR'S SCIENTIFIC SKILL WORKS HIS WONDER OF WONDERS IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, 22nd September, 1900.

Dear Professor Richard—

An unexpected gift is thrice welcome and pleasing. May the enclosed testimonial, which I send you unsolicited, if not as a gift of any value to you at least as an expression of a grateful heart, and what you have done in my behalf of my daughter

and family. I only wish that your stay here may prove as beneficial to the ailing citizens of Bombay as it has been to my family.

I need hardly assure you that you are at liberty to make any use of this testimonial you think fit, if it ever could be of purpose to you.

With an assurance of high esteem,

believe me,

Dear Professor RICHARD,

Ever gratefully yours,

HORMUSJEE PALONJEE MEHARJEE.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the eminent medical skill and the unrivalled merits of Professor Richard, whose advent in Bombay has been the means of saving the life of one of my children. My daughter about 22 years old had been suffering for more than 10 months before his arrival from consumption which fell disease I regret to say, had within the two preceeding years carried off three of my beloved daughters, all young and in bloom of life. When, therefore, the fourth showed similar symptoms, I lost no time in consulting and putting her under the treatment of some of the best medical men in Bombay, but to my and my family's utter despair it was of no avail. She had been daily wasting. We had all given her up for lost when professor Richard happened to arrive in Bombay, and hearing of his great name and on the testimony of excellent credentials he brought with him, I put her under his treatment, and I am to-day glad to say that she has so far recovered as to be capable of considerable exertion in the shape of long walks and otherwise feels strong enough to attend to her household duties. That leaves no doubt of her eventual complete recovery. I give this testimonial to the Professor altogether unsolicited, only out of regard to the truth and my duty as a citizen to the public, and in hopes that some ailing brother may find in this the necessary assurance of the Professor's merits. Otherwise than as feeling grateful for my daughter's life, I am under no personal obligation to Professor Richard, having paid his professional fees in full. I hope you will give this testimonial an early publication and oblige.

HORMUSIEE PALONJEE MEHARJEE

I have been ill for the last two years, and unable to attend my office on account of my serious illness. I have consulted the best physicians of Bombay. Everything that the profession could do for my case has been done. No money was spared, but everything failed even to give me relief still less a cure. I was practically given up, and my life was despaired of so much so that on Saturday, August 18th 1900, at 12 A. M., I was carried in a dying condition to Professor Richard's consulting rooms. My case is a complicated one, and well-known to the medical faculty in Bombay. It took the Professor a little while to decide if he would accept or decline my case. At last the Professor consented to accept my case under his private scientific treatment.

It was hard struggle between life and death. The Professor has given his special attention to my cure, and repeating his own words, said to my wife, who was very down hearted and was in despair. "Do not worry. Your husband will live if my 25 years' practical experience can be brought into action to save his life." And I am thankful to make it known for the benefit of the public in general that after two weeks of the Professor's hard labour I am now in a fair way to recovery and convalescence, if I continue to improve so rapidly I feel sure I shall resume my duties in four weeks from now. I make this statement not only for the public but also as a public thanks to Professor Richard.

For the special attention given to my case I have paid professor Richard his fee (in my special case, and I think it is quite cheap to save my life and the benefit I have received in such case. I should be much obliged if you will give the above an early publication. HIRALAL D. SARAIYA of the firm of Messrs. Hiralal, Mulla and Mulla, Solicitors, Bombay.

September 24th.—Mr. Hiralal is now, practically speaking, no longer an invalid, perfectly fit for his professional business.

ELECTRICITY IS RUNNING A TILT WITH THIS RAVAGING DISEASE OF CONSUMPTION.

Never before in the history of medicine has there been such tremendous activity in the elaboration of methods of curing consumption and general diseases as exist at the present time. From the highest to the lowest in the land, everyone has suddenly become alive to the subject since that day, a few months ago, when the Prince of Wales, now King, presided at a meeting whose object was to interest the public in the question of erecting sanatoria for the treatment of this deadly disease.

Few people indeed recognise in the ordinary daily routine of life of the terrible percentage of deaths due to the cause, for 1896, according to the returns of the Registrar-General the number of deaths directly attributable to consumption in one or other of its forms was close on 66 000. To put it in another way, the figures mean that the death rate of consumption was about one thousand and five per million of the population; still more startling is the fact which is to be drawn from the consideration of these figures, namely, that every day over two hundred people in Great Britain and Ireland catch the disease; on an average between eighty and one hundred will die either from consumption or from effect derived from the microbe which produces the disease.

The afflicted are bathed in a tremendous flood of electricity. Immediately it begins to act, with the result, which always occurs with electrical discharges, of the production of that modified form of oxygen, which scientists know by the name of ozone. It is much more active than oxygen as it oxydises every thing with which it comes in contact very quickly, and in this way it destroys all germs with which it comes in contact. The patient becomes permeated with the mysterious and subtle fluid. Two or three minutes afterwards the patient begins to expectorate a good deal and in this way gets rid of many of the germs which have been loosened through his breathing the revivifying air. While in addition he has a feeling of great lightness and well being.

Day after day the patient is subjected to the same treatment and according to the statements which have been published the rapidity with which the cure is effected is little short of miraculous. One girl was taken to his sanatorium weighing only 92 lb., and suffering from all the marked symptoms of consumption. After she had been treated for a short time she weighed 133 lb., a gain of 41 lb., and is completely well so that she is now about to be married. Another lady, the wife of a wealthy physician who was a victim to consumption, after having been treated for two weeks, was able to go up and down the stairs without any difficulty. Many other cases could be quoted if necessary.

The principle on which the system acts is by improving the nutrition, causing the growth of new cells, and oxidising the blood, so that the red particles become redder and more numerous, in much the same way as people are benefited who are sent up to the mountains for change of air. In addition to this the germs are killed, and the pores of the body are opened to allow the passage of the chemically active rays of light which are generated by the electricity.

It would therefore, seem that a new method of fighting this disease has been obtained and as soon as it becomes better known there is little doubt but that the patients who have consumption will not be condemned, as they practically have been in the past, to live the remainder of their lives face to face with death but will be able to banish that grim visitant from their company, and take their place in the world of activity, just as they were able to do before they had contracted, through causes more or less unknown, the germs of a malady which—whether it be slow, as it generally is, or whether it takes the form of what is known as "galloping consumption" is sure to end fatally.

Vide—Pearson's Weekly, June 3rd, 1899.

A MORNING AMONG BATTERIES.

SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL ELECTRICITY.

PRIVATE VIEW OF ELECTRIC HEALING.

HOW THE WITHERED ARE RENEWED.

A great number of people in Melbourne have had the opportunity of watching how Professor Richard, the scientific specialist, in his treatment of patients who submit themselves to his cure upon platforms restores vitality to withered limbs and infuses new energy into nerves unstrung by accident or disease. These experiments have been interesting enough, and have been full of instruction. But necessarily they could only be partially conclusive. The Professor was always careful to point out that he did not profess to be able to cure anybody by one or even two applications of the electric current. The public demonstrations were only useful to the extent to which they professed to be useful—as manifestations of the powers and possibilities of electricity in the cure of physical defects. Professor Richard's real works do not lie in the platform, demonstrations for the amusement and instruction of the public. He has a very considerable private practice which occupies him "from early morn to dewy eve" at the Spring-Street Consultation Rooms but it is there that he does the real work upon the success of which his reputation is staked.

In conversation with the Professor upon the subject of his science, he was asked whether he would allow a representative to spend a morning with him at his consulting room in order that his method might be observed at close quarters. "Certainly" said he. "I shall be happy to show you anything in my power, and you may see how the whole thing is done by watching the treatment of patients in various stages of cure."

That is how the visit came to be paid. At 10 o'clock the visitor rang at the door of the Professor's room and the dusky negro who is so imposing a member of the establishment, opened the door. In a few minutes the professor who was always hard at work, appeared from one of the rooms and bade the visitor welcome.

"You are at work early, Professor."

"Early! oh, bless you, I commenced at half-past six this morning. I have one or two patients who are hard at work in their own business during the day, and it is to oblige them I commenced so early. I also had two members of Parliament among my patients this morning. Yes, I have to begin early and then it seems I have never finished. Look in that waiting-room. There are a dozen people waiting their turns there, and I have a patient in every one of the six consulting-rooms ready for treatment."

"How many batteries have you at work then?"

"Six, one in each consulting room. If you like to come in I will show you, if the patients have no objection."

The professor asked the permission of each patient before allowing the visitor to enter with him. Here in the first room was a man half-stripped to be treated for sciatica, a bad nervous disease. He had already had two treatments. He was placed on the electric plates and the battery was set working. In his hand the Professor held a small silver-plated instrument, which he explained he used as a kind of compass, to find the locality of the nerves upon which he wished to operate. It was charged with electricity and as soon as it touched a portion of the skin there was a perceptible agitation of the nerves and muscles of the patient in the immediate area of the spot touched. The sciatic patient only occupied a very few minutes, and then we rapidly stepped along to another subject. It was a man who was stone deaf, but the Professor having examined him carefully, came to the conclusion that there was no organic defect but only an obstruction, which a few courses of electric treatment would remove. In the manipulation of the delicate muscles of the neck and face the Professor seemed to show very great skill and anatomical knowledge—a feature of his work upon which medical men made complimentary comments when he appeared publicly at the Athenæum Hall. "It is no use having the electricity unless you know just how and where to use it," explained the Professor. "You want to know precisely where the muscles are located and where the nerves are carried, and then by application of the current—so!—see!—you can influence the patient for good. A sound knowledge of the human frame in all its delicate organisation is the first requisite." In another room we found a new patient waiting—an Italian, afflicted with blindness. The Professor is an accomplished linguist, and speaks Italian, French, German, as freely as he speaks in English. He spoke to him in Italian and ascertained that the cause of the blindness was cataract. It was a serious case—almost a hopeless case—and it required careful examination before the Professor would undertake to deal with it. He examined it carefully and finally pronounced that he would take the case though he would not guarantee a cure. He applied the current to some of the facial muscles and touched about the region of the eye with his electrical "compass," and then fixed up an appointment for another occasion, when a longer treatment could be given.

And so we went from room to room. It is not pleasant work describing human diseases, and really the Professor's treatment cannot be well described. It must be seen, so much depends on the careful, accurate touches and the skilful swift discernment. There is art as well as science in it—"Nous" as well as knowledge. It is rather depressing work to a layman watching the hopeless and maimed and seeing their imperfections bared to the operator. Health is splendid, and disease in any form is hideous. But this feeling is redeemed by the looks of hope and confidence in the faces of the patients as they submit to the operation. It is noble science that can give relief—a cure to those who suffer, and it is a high vocation to be the practiser of such science.

Professor Richard.

30 YEARS EXPERIENCE.

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PROFESSOR RICHARD IN WELLINGTON.

Probably the greatest triumph that Professor Richard has achieved in New Zealand up to the time of publication has been during his season in Wellington. From the first night the success was assured. The people were not only taken by his unquestionable ability as a healer, but by the philanthropic liberality with which he gave his time and services to those from whom he could expect no reward. Cases were sent to him from the Benevolent Institution which he treated both publicly and privately, and the grateful acknowledgment from the patients and the master of the institution set the seal of genuineness on his desire to benefit suffering mortals and his undisputed ability to carry that desire out. His lecture at the Opera House on Sunday, 17th July, which in addition to the press notices, has been reported in full in these columns and was attended by the largest and most sympathetic audience which the Opera House has ever held, and the cases which were treated on that occasion so firmly established Monsieur Richard's reputation that private patients flocked to this consulting rooms. Professor Richard was urged to revisit Wellington, as there are many desirous of placing themselves under his scientific electric treatment.

Reproduced from the "Wellington Weekly Herald."

People may talk about faith-healing cures, but Professor Richard has knocked all those simple means into a "cocked hat" through his skilful application of his patent electricity. It was only in one of our last issues that we referred to the rapid strides which medical electricity was making in France as a curative agent but not until we witnessed the wonderful cures that professor Richard made in public before everybody, did we really believe in that system. It is quite evident that the secret of Prof. Richard's success lies in knowing how to use scientific electricity. Fancy a mob of deaf, and halt old buffers restored to their former functions! If Professor Richard lived in the "dark ages," he would be cut down as wizard, and either put on the frying-pan or sent down the river on a raft, but thanks to science and education, Professor Richard is allowed to live.

Reproduced from the "New Zealand Times."

Professor Richard, who has been practising in Wellington for the last four weeks, leaves for Christ Church this morning. His season has been a most successful one, not only in his public demonstration, but in his private practice, which has been phenomenally large during the time he has been here, notwithstanding, Professor Richard treated so many poor people gratuitously.

(Copy.)

To the Minister of State,

Earl Li Hung-chang,

Peking.

Your Excellency:—

I beg most respectfully to inform you that my friend Professor Richard has arrived in China for some time, and is exceedingly anxious to be able to see you but he is not to go straight to your office, consequently I humbly beg to offer this petition to introduce him to you. Professor Richard's Scientific Electricity as a cure of diseases in my presence is so skilful, it is our happiness in having such professional gentlemen in China.

My friend Professor Richard is an eminent specialist using Electricity for curing all kinds of sickness and is now in Shanghai, I saw many people who were suffering from sickness had been perfectly healed by him. My son was very ill and feels now better under him and will be radically cured shortly. Kindly grant Professor Richard permission to see you.

Thanking you in anticipation with my best compliments to you and your family.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency, Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) Tsning Chang

Major General of Hom Shing Regiment, Froo Shan, Kinagnan, Shanghai, 9th moon. 23rd of Kwangson.

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From the Chief Police Magistrate, Metropolitan Police Court Melbourne.

My Dear Professor Richard.

I have been asked urgently to bring the case of Miss Nina Ross under your notice to recommend her to you. If you can, by your wonderful treatment give her relief, you will earn the gratitude of her friends and family. When I left you the other day, on reaching home I found some friends from the country had come to dine with me, and it was late before they left, so that I missed your interesting entertainment. Trusting that I may not be trespassing too much on your generosity in recommending another patient to you. I am yours sincerely.

J. A. P.

Letter of introduction to Professor Richard from G. H. S., a well-known Police Magistrate of Sydney.

Reproduced from the "*Bathor Times*," the Editor.

On many occasions I have been present at Professor Richard's treatment of Scientific Electric Demonstrations and was astonished at his success in bad cases many persons will gratefully remember his generous and scientific services. I was at the first sceptical, but after what I saw had to confess that the man was thoroughly genuine. You will find Professor Richard an honourable man in business matters and a man with a kind heart too and as well able to fight opponents as you are to manage the parsons.

TO THE EDITOR, NEWCASTLE HERALD.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your columns for the following remarks? Professor Richard is one of the most advanced scientific specialists of the present day. He has practised for many years in Australia and New Zealand; and were you to examine the documents he has in his possession, I think you would arrive at the same conclusion. Four or five months ago, I consulted the best specialists in Auckland, Christ Church, Sydney and Melbourne. One and all came to this conclusion that no mortal skill could remove the obstruction to my sight, and the only thing they attempted to do was to order very strong spectacles. I determined, however, as a last resort, to seek the Professor's advice. I have travelled thousands of miles in order that I might place myself under his treatment, and I am to-day in a position to say publicly that the mark is daily disappearing and I expect in two or three weeks to have my sight restored. Is this not a great triumph for electricity! If anyone doubt the veracity of these statements. I am to be found at W—and K—streets.—I am etc.

J. REI, Financial Agent.

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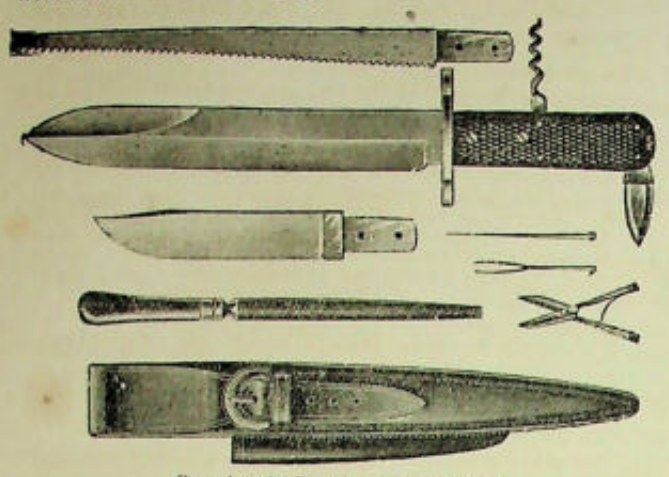

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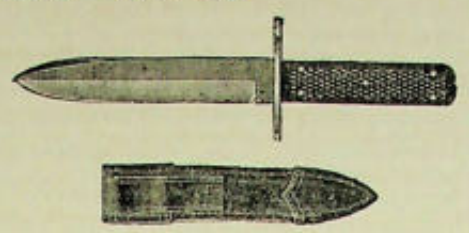

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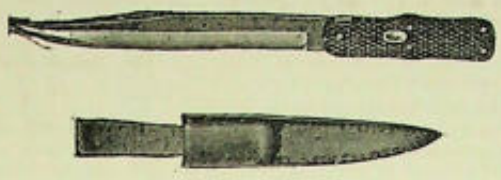

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THURSDAY, 4th JUNE 1903.

THE LATEST THING IN BETTING "SYSTEMS."

IT is reasonable to suppose that systematic wagering has occupied the anxious attention of man ever since he discovered that betting is a losing game: and to attempt a glance at even a selection of the infallible methods of winning money which have been devised and advertised from time to time would be a task for the compiler of a book rather than for the writer of an article. The ingenuity betrayed by seekers after profit is well exhibited in the little essay contributed by *Novus Homo* to *Baily's Magazine* for May. The writer of this essay strikes out an entirely new line; presumably he gave up the study of form and horses and courses in despair, for the system whose success he now places before a world which ought to feel grateful is uncomplicated by any abstruse diagnoses of merit and performance on the part of either horse or jockey. Boldly sweeping these distressingly inconstant factors out of the sphere of his calculations he approaches the weighty business of finding winners in a spirit of beautiful impartiality accepting as his guiding star the Law of Averages as applied to details usually considered wholly irrelevant to a horse's chance: and we must admit that on his showing he makes out a case so good as to be positively laughable. His system has the merit, or demerit, of being practicable to anybody who has never seen a race in his life and knows no more about horses, courses, and weights than he does about spherical trigonometry. Under this alluring method you start from the theory that any sequence is bound to be interrupted sooner or later and the longer the sequence has run the more confidently may you bet on its collapse. You take into your consideration certain obvious factors; the horse's name; where he was trained; the weight he carries (but without reference to his performances, the company he is to meet or the distance), and if necessary the initial letter of his name and his age. You need not confine yourself to these factors; there is no reason why if you cannot satisfy yourself with the result of an estimate based thereon, you should not weigh others, such as the colours worn by jockey, the shape of the owner's nose or the height of the trainer. A simple example will suffice to show how the system is worked: we are going to make a modest investment on the Derby: and this is how we set about it as hopeful pupils of the writer of the *Baily's* essay. Had the horses, we first enquire, which won the Derby of the last few years, single names or double names ("saint" as a prefix shall not constitute a double name within the meaning of the Act?) Let us see, 1899 Flying Fox, 1900 Diamond Jubilee, 1901 Volodyovski, 1902 Ard Patrick. To restore the average the winner this year ought to be a horse with a single name, three winners out of the last four having borne double names, a circumstance which obliges us to look for a single name and one, if possible, near the beginning of the alphabet, Volodyovski's initial coming so near the end. At this point the exile finds himself cruelly handicapped by his ignorance of likely starters; but as the last available hand-book gives the names of about 180 entrants which were alive in March we may take his choice therefrom. He might do much worse than pin his faith to Aceful, who is alphabetically the first: the fact that Aceful fulfils two of the

important requirements, a single name and "A" as his initial counts heavily in his favour. What public opinion thinks of his chances as indicated by the betting news is a matter with which we have nothing whatever to do: we are far more concerned to know where Aceful is training. He is in the care of Huggins at Newmarket, a fact which, we confess, presents difficulties to the beginner: for, be it understood, training quarters for the system purpose consist of Newmarket and elsewhere. Now, Ard Patrick was trained elsewhere—to be more precise at Beckhampton in Wiltshire, while, unless we are greatly in error of the three previous winners, Flying Fox was trained in Berkshire, and the other two at Newmarket. The Law of Averages seems to be as much in favour of a Newmarket trained horse winning as against it. Glancing in a moment of weakness at the betting (and little enough business has been doing apparently) we feel unable to entertain the chances of Songcraft: his initial brings him low down in the alphabet and we feel bound to take a horse who stands higher up; Rock Sand, the favourite, is of course out of the running altogether owing to his double name, and Rabelais is, alphabetically, little better than Songcraft. In the circumstances we pin our faith to the system and Aceful—with a mental reservation that ours shall be a microscopically small bet; not because we distrust the system which has given *Novus Homo* such satisfactory returns, but because we have doubts of our ability to apply its ingenuity successfully with our own untried hand.

In a handicap the question of weight (under the Law of Averages) imports another consideration. Let us take the last important handicap and see what we can make of that. The last three winners had double names, if The Grafter can be considered a double name with Australian Star and First Principal, so we must have a single name. The initials of all three point to the necessity of finding a winner whose name comes towards the end of the alphabet, so we may take our choice among Pistol, Valenza, Rayleigh, and Scullion. The circumstance that the winners of 1901 and 1902 carried each seven stone odd puts a horse carrying seven stone something out of court at once, so necessarily we eliminate Rayleigh at 7st. 2lbs. (who has obligingly met the system by coming in about last) which leaves us Pistol, Valenza, and Scullion who carried 8st. 4lbs. 8st. 4lbs. and 8st. 3lbs. respectively. Now touching the factor of age; the last two winners were five-year-olds; obviously the Law of Averages forbids the presumption that a five-year-old would win the City and Suburban again, so reluctantly but firmly we dismiss the idea of Valenza or Scullion, both five-year-olds, winning the race: which reduces us to Pistol whose initial, weight, and age point their several Average fingers to him as the winner. It is disturbing to reflect that results did not justify the system: Pistol could not do better than fourth; Valenza, whom we felt obliged to dismiss for the excellent reasons set out above, outraged the system by running a very good second. Over Norton, whose double name made naught of the temptation conferred under the system by a weight of 9st. 2lbs., was third, and the winner turned up in Brambilla, whose place in the alphabet alone was enough to disqualify him if the weight 7st. 11lb. had not been there also to convince us of the impossibility of his winning. Working upon a system so novel and so daring, we feel some disappointment: but after all the inventor only claims to find thereby a proportion of winners, and we must not expect too much. We must remember too that in our analysis of chances we omitted various things which an expert in this system might consider of high importance apart from our omission to take into account the place of training. The expert would no doubt have reflected that it is twenty years or more since a foreign owner won the City and Suburban and have considered the huge advantage M. Ephrussi enjoyed by reason of his nationality.

A system which, as *Novus Homo* assures is the case, results in the discovery of a good proportion of long priced winners, is not to be lightly laughed out of court and really when we consider the many and intricate factors which must be weighed in estimating the chance of any horse in any race, this method of working by names, training grounds, ages and average weights, is quite as likely to give sound results as another. We shall be curious to see if the Anti-Gambling League take any notice of it; the estimable persons who compose that body have always combatted the theory that "spotting winners" is a game of skill, and beyond question skill enters not at all into *Novus Homo's* system. There is a distinct necessity for knowledge and discrimination, if none strictly speaking for "skill," in estimating the chances of half-a-dozen horses meeting under a new set of conditions of weight, course, and distance, that estimate being based upon a careful analysis of previous performances and the application of old circumstances to new. The "Law of Average" on which the new prophet bases his calculations is the fundamental law of chance: and if the wideawake regenerators of public morality in England do not pounce upon this example of a betting system and use it as a weapon in their next assault upon the wicked we shall be much surprised. To the curious in these matters we commend the essay in question with its table of winners and determining factors duly set out: as before remarked, it deserves notice if only in recognition of its originality and ingenuity: the one thing we would like to know which the author does not tell us is, in what percentage of cases has his method of arriving at the probable winner succeeded and failed.

Special Telegrams.

THE OAKS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE OAKS STAKES.—Of 5,000sovs. by subscription of 50sovs. each, h ft or 5sovs. only if declared by the last Tuesday in March 1902, for three-year-old fillies 9st. each; the nominator of the winner to receive 400sovs. out of the stakes; if not sufficient surplus is obtained from subscriptions to give the second at least 200sovs. and the third at least 100sovs. The difference to be made up by the Race Fund; about 1 mile and a half. 271 subs. Closed 23rd July 1901.

London, *Friday, 29th May 1903.*

Mr J R Joel's b f OUR LASSIE, by Ayrshire—Yours, M Cannon 1
Major Eustace Loder's b f HAMMERKOP, by Gallinule—Concussion, H Martin ... 2
Mr W Raphael's ch f SKYSCRAPER, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandry, D Maher 3
Prince Soltykoff's b f SUN ROSE, by Sheen—Nina, W Halsey 0
Mr J R Keene's ch f DAZZLING, by St Leonards—Splendour 0
Mr C Russell's b f FLORINDA, by Florizel II—Wise Flower 0
Mr W Hall Walker's b f LADIES' MILE, by Ladas—Serpentine 0
Mr Arthur James's b f Mrs GAMP, by St Simon—Lucina 0
Lord Hamilton's br f VALVE, by Velasquez—Gas 0
Mr John Robinson's bl f ST HYLDA, by St Simon—Darkness 0

(*Winner trained by C. Morton.*)

Betting: 2 to 1 against Hammerkop, 4 to 1 Sun Rose, 6 to 1 Our Lassie, 100 to 7 Skyscraper.

Won by three lengths: a head between second and third.

Pedigree of the Winner.

OUR LASSIE (1900).

Yours				Ayrshire			
Your Grace		Melton		Atalanta		Hampton	
Grand Duchess	Galliard	Violet Melrose	Master Kildare	Peronia	Galopin	Lady Langden	Lord Clifden
Lozenge Ladylike	Galopin Mavis	Scottish Chief Violet	Lord Ronald Silk	Thormanby Woodbine	Velocette Flying Duchess	Kettledrum Haricot	Newminster The Slave

Winners since 1875.

Year.	Winner	Times.		Jockey.
1875‡	Lord Falmouth's Spinaway	2	49½	F Archer (7)
1876‡	M A Lupin's Enguerrande	2	50	Hudson (14)
1877	Mr. Pulteney's Placida	2	51½	H Jeffery (9)
1878†	Lord Falmouth's Jannette	2	51	F Archer (8)
1879‡	Lord Falmouth's Wheel of Fortune	3	2	F Archer (8)
1880	Mr Parkin's Jenny Howlet	2	49	J Snowden (13)
1881‡	Mr Crawfurd's Thebais ...	2	46	Fordham (12)
1882	Lord Stamford's Geheimniss	2	49	T Cannon (5)
1883	„ Rosebery's Bonny Jean	2	53	Watts (14)
1884‡	Mr Abington's Busybody	2	49	Cannon (9)
1885	Lord Cadogan's Lonely ...	2	43½	Archer (10)
1886‡	D of Hamilton's Miss Jummy	2	54½	Watts (12)
1887‡	D of Beaufort's Reve d'Or	2	50½	C Wood (9)
1888†	Lord Calthorpe's Seabreeze	2	42½	Robinson (6)
1889	„ R Churchill's L'Abbesse de Jourre	2	45	J Woodburn (12)
1890‡	D of Portland's Memoir ...	2	10½	J Watts (7)
1891‡	Mr Noel Fenwick's Mimi	2	54½	F Rickaby (6)
1892‡†	Baron Hirsch's La Fleche	2	43½	G Barrett (7)
1893	Duke of Portland's Mrs Butterwick	2	44½	J Watts (17)
1894‡	D of Portland's Amiable ...	2	50	W Bradford (11)
1895	Sir J Miller's La Sagesse ...	2	48½	S Loates (15)
1896	Lord Derby's Canterbry Pilgrim	2	45½	F Rickaby (11)
1897	Lord Hindlip's Limasol ...	2	45	W Bradford (8)
1898	Mr Jones's Airs and Graces	2	45½	W Bradford (13)
1899	„ D Baird's Musa ...	2	44	O Madden (12)
1900	Duke of Portland's La Roche	2	45½	M Cannon (14)
1901	Mr F Keene's Cap & Bells II,	2	44½	M Henry (21)
1902‡†	Mr Sievier's Sceptre ...	2	46½	H Randall (14).

Those marked ‡ won the One Thousand; † the St. Leger; § Formosa also ran a dead-heat for the Two Thousand with Mr. Crawfurd's Mosiem, the stakes being afterwards divided, and Moslem walking over.

‖ Enguerrande walked over after a dead-heat with Count Lagrange's Camelia.

Sporting Notes.

THE Simla Horse and Dog Show is fixed for the 6th instant, when a big programme has been arranged. Lord Suffolk is acting as Honorary Secretary, and aided by a strong committee the show ought to be a great success. The classes for horses include the following: Chargers, ladies' hacks, over and under 14 hands, C.-B. and Arab ponies, 14-2 and under, all horses over 14-2, polo ponies that have played in Simla during the season, English, Australian and Cape ponies, 14-2 and under. The dogs' classes include six classes for terriers; dogs and bitches being judged separately; dachshunds, poodles, retrievers and others having classes of their own. A jumping competition for horses and ponies will also be held. The best horse in the show will be awarded the Viceroy's Cup, while the Committee's Cup goes to the best pony.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—A really pretty little afternoon's sport was witnessed here on the 28th ultimo. Backers and fielders alike had their turns, but I have sent you full particulars elsewhere. Owing to the energy of Mr. Adams, of the 3rd Madras Lancers, it is likely that paper-chasing will be revived in Bangalore. On Saturday, the 23rd ultimo, a point-to-point race took place over a course of about 3 miles. Sweepstakes were offered both for horses and ponies, the former being won by Major Harrison, R. F. A., and the latter by Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers. Although the entries for the sweepstakes—especially the pony event—were not very numerous, some thirty riders took part in the gallop, including a fair number of ladies. It is intended by Mr. Adams to promote these paperchases weekly and Bangalore may look forward to some excellent sport in this direction.

It may perhaps interest some of his friends to hear that McQuade, who started a training stable in Bangalore some five or six months ago, has now about twenty-three horses and ponies in his charge, belonging to various officers in the station. Moreover, his horses have done not well, but—in their class—excellently. One pony of Major Harrison has scored five wins out of six starts, and McQuade has trained and ridden many other winners at Bangalore, Ootacamund, and Wellington. He has a good many animals entered for Mysore next month, and may come in in a handicap or two, but the class on the other hand may perhaps be too good. Whilst on the subject it may be said that the Mysore second entries are most satisfactory, but the handicapper will have his work cut out. How are you going to bring Minimus and Beccles together? And there are many such instances.

After his victory in the Derby Rock Sand stands favourite for the St. Leger at 11 to 10 on.

Camels are to be introduced into South Africa for transport and riding purposes: an experimental breeding farm is to be established near Salisbury, and the first trial will be made with camels from the Punjab, fifty of the animals being now on their way from India. There seems no reason why the camel should not do well in South Africa, as it has succeeded admirably in Australia, also in the Western States of America, and even in Europe. Wild camels have existed for years in Spain, and it is said that they increased in numbers there in the immense swampy lands which they frequented. In fact, camels are very hardy animals, and appear to bear variations of climate well, being found in temperate and torrid zones throughout the world.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes on 31st May:—We have had quite a giddy week here, in

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spite of the fact that everyone who could by any means get away went up to Naini Tal for the Ranikhet week. You have already noticed Tuesday's Pagal Gymkhana at the Mahomed Bagh Club, so that I need only repeat that it was a great success. On Thursday came the seventh paperchase of the season, which was very well attended in spite of the fact that the mugginess of the atmosphere almost reminded one of Calcutta at its worst. The course, which was about three miles long, started at the Pontoon Bridge near La Martinière, and finished up at the Kookrail Bridge on the Barabanki Road. Among the starters I noticed Miss Williams, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Porter, Mr. Douglas Straight, Captain Dunbar, Captain Winwood, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Berthoud, Mr. Shaw, Captain Forrest, Major Tonides, and several more. Mr. Straight got away with a rush, but could not keep in front, and after a rattling good run, Captain Dunbar came in first, followed by Mr. Stafford, Captain Winwood, and Mr. Sheridan, with Mr. Straight fifth, and the rest anyhow. The officers of the 5th Dragoon Guards were "At Home" after the run.

I said at the beginning of this letter that Tuesday's Pagal Gymkhana was a great success, and so it was. At the same time it must be admitted that "pagals" do pall now and then. A distinctly novel departure was made yesterday with a Water Gymkhana, which was organized by our Deputy Commissioner, Mr. A. L. Saunders, and held at the Swimming Bath attached to the Chutter Munzil Club. The Diving Competition (1) through hoops and (2) High Dive, was won by Mr. Stott, Major Newnham being a very good second. There were eleven entries. In the second event, diving for six plates, Captain Hutchison, C. M. S., won with great ease, bringing up his six in remarkably good time. Major Newnham was again second. Six entries. The third race, a three-lengths swim, was the success of the day. Mr. Stanley just beat Major Newnham and three others by the narrowest of margins. The next race, swimming one length under water, fell to Mr. Stott, Major Newnham being second for the fourth time. The comic element was reserved for the end, when the Mussuck Race and the Wrestling on Mussucks afforded considerable amusement to the onlookers, and apparently to the competitors themselves. Mr. Stanley won the Mussuck Race, and Mr. Douglas Straight, our D.S.P., the Wrestling. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were "At Home" during this most enjoyable Gymkhana, which we all hope may be repeated at an early date.

In the course of some sensible reflections on the starting gate, its advantages and disadvantages *The County Gentleman* asks :—

What is to be done about the starting gate? The mishap which on Friday week materially interfered with Sun Rose's chance of placing the One Thousand Guineas to Prince Soltykoff's credit is but the latest of a series of regrettable incidents connected with the gate, and complaints against the present system of starting are becoming so frequent that the Stewards of the Jockey Club are certain before long to bring the matter up for discussion at one of their meetings. Opponents of the machine now enjoying the sanction of the Jockey Club are divided into two parties. The root-and-branch reformers are in favour of a retrograde movement pure and simple; in other words, they would abolish the system of starting by mechanical means, and go back to the old order of things, arming the starter with the flag only. Less drastic measures are advocated by the other section of those opposing the now official gate. These remain adherents of the mode of starting, but they urge that the Gray machine is virtually obsolete, that sundry improved patterns have been brought out since the Jockey Club adopted the system, and that every chance should be given to patentees to have their gates officially tested.

We should be extremely sorry to see the Jockey Club go back to any such antiquated system as starting by flag. In Australia, America, Austria, France, and practically in all other countries where racing is conducted on a scale of any importance, the flag has long since been abolished, and the various styles of gate in vogue there would seem to be giving satisfaction, for no serious complaints concerning them have ever reached us. Reading through the racing reports in the American and Colonial Press we seldom, if ever, encounter any outcry against the starting gate. That we in England are less fortunate is probably because of our proverbial tendency to move in grooves. Having adopted a certain pattern, the authorities have so far been apparently loth to devote attention to any other existing design, no matter how far in advance of the old style it might prove to be. But, in view of the disasters in the One Thousand Guineas and the Wokingham Stakes last season, together with other minor mishaps, the Jockey Club will be going directly against public opinion unless they make every effort to improve upon the present apparatus. One thing in particular upon which they cannot be too strict, is to have the gate properly fixed at all meetings, and not to have this important matter left in the hands of the totally inexperienced, as was said to be the case at Newmarket last week. When the dire result that can attend an accident to the gate considered—we can quote no more typical case than that of the Ascot *fiasco*—it must be perfectly obvious that it would be impossible to bestow too much care to the fixture of the poles and webbing; and, when these are fixed, due precautions should be taken to see that the machine is in proper working order. Especially should this be done in wet weather, as it is always possible for the damp to have a queer effect upon the apparatus. We cordially agree with the suggestion that it should be compulsory for the starer, or his deputy, to test the gate shortly before each race, for in this way the risk of accidents must be appreciably lessened.

It is not, however, solely on account of the few mishaps with the Gray machine that the use of the starting gate is meeting with opposition. One writer of standing misses no oppotunity of attacking it, and *apropos* of the One Thousand Guineas he considers it "a grievous drawback to the owners of racehorses that such a contrivance is in existence." He proceeds later:—"Will not the Jockey Club move in the matter? Horses are being ruined every day both in temper and legs, and put it to the racing community 'gate' or the good old-fashioned 'flag,' it would be long odds on the latter." We are quite at variance with him in this conclusion, for we think that if a racing plebiscite on the question could be taken, it would be overwhelmingly in favour of the retention of the gate. In regard to the statement that the tempers and the legs of racehorses are being ruined by the gate, we doubt very much whether there are more bad tempered horses on the Turf today than five years ago. There is, however, something in the charge that legs suffer, and we think that the start should be made less sudden. At present, the horse stands with his nose close to the webbing, and on the barrier being raised he is forced to jump swiftly into his stride if, especially in short distance events, he is to have anything to do with the finish. In the sprint races it is generally the horse best away that wins, and there is no doubt that certain animals acquire the knack of jumping off much more quickly than others. But this, at best, savours of a circus trick, and it can be of no assistance in improving the British thoroughbred. There is no doubt whatever that the sudden and jerky start is a severe strain to muscle and tendons, and we agree with those who consider it to be detrimental to racehorses generally. We see, nevertheless, not the slightest reason to condemn the gate on this account. The machine, we hold, has made for punctuality and fairness in starting. It could still be retained, yet the evil of which we have just written be entirely done way with. How this could be effected has been suggested by Mr. H. Custance. This old-time jockey and experienced starter with both flag and gate, proposes that instead of the competitors being brought in close proximity to the webbing, a broad chalk line should be drawn on the ground some yards behind the "gate," and that the field should be ranged up to that line. Not only would this obviate the great strain to horses in starting, but it would act as a further safeguard in preventing the entanglement of any of the riders in the webbing. [This has long since been done in Calcutta and on other Indian courses.—ED.]

It is only natural for the opponents of the starting gate to make much of those occasions on which it has figured to a disadvantage. But surely they cannot have forgotten the wretched delays occurring every day under the old system, and the numerous horses left at the post. Georgic's Cambridgeshire, in which Nunsuch, who could not well have lost, was hopelessly "left" at the flag-fall, and many other instances of bad starts will be readily called to mind by all race-goers. If memory of past discomforts is not lasting, one has only to turn up the files of the sporting papers of a few years back to read of lengthy waits between the races, caused by frequent false starts and breaks-away, and the impotence of the starter to cope with a large and fractious field. The first race started by the gate in England was the Tathwell Stakes at Lincoln, on 26th March 1900, and the current season is only the second in which the machine has been used for all races in England. Its advantages, in our opinion, have substantially outweighed its drawbacks, and the latter, such as they are, might, as we have pointed out, easily be remedied. Nevertheless, an official consideration of the matter would help to clear the air, charged at present with the dissension of the rival partisans of the gate and flag. In the meantime, the Stewards of the Jockey Club should give a fair trial to any of the modernised machines that may be submitted for their approval.

Full reports of the Quetta, Simla, Bangalore, Darjeeling and Dibrugarh meetings will be found in our Turf columns to-day.

Mr. Reginald Powell, the shipper, is expected up in Calcutta about the end of the month with a good selection of horses and ponies.

It is stated that D. Norton contemplates giving up training in favour of trading, and that he will shortly join the ranks of our Indian horse shippers.

The Madras bobbery packt met at Stirling's Road on the 27th ultimo. A small field turned out and a jack was started from the back of the Cunnee Kovil parcherry. Away he went in the direction of Kodambaukum Toll Gate, across the Nungumbaukum Tank ourn, then from the Kodambaukum station along the bund of Wolf's Crag till hounds eventually ran into him near "Far Away." Two more jacks were put up at Far Away, but were lost after a short burst, and darkness setting in hounds were whipped off.

The Caclutta Turf Club announces the dates of the Monsoon Meetings which will be found among our list of Indian Racing Fixtures. Programmes of the first three meetings are now available.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The annual premonitory announcement from the Military Secretary regarding the Levée to be held by His Excellency on the 29th June, acts as a reminder to most of us to see how much of our full dress glory, our two enemies, the busy moth and the lazy dressing boy, have left us undamaged and points to the advisability of a personal inspection of cocked hats or those antediluvian toppers which are a source of joy to all beholders on these solemn pageantries. Many of them must I opine be of a fashion second only to the yellow silk "Beavers." The notification at any rate may be taken as the beginning of the influx of the little tin gods.

His Highness the Aga Khan on receipt of the sad news of his kinsman's death hastened back from Mahableshwar to Poona, doing the journey in his fine motor and accomplishing the journey in three and a half hours. "Scorching" His Highness has, I hear, absolutely forbidden.

Talking of scorching reminds me that our civic fathers have recently ruled that nine miles an hour is to be the maximum speed at which motors are to be permitted to travel within cantonment limits and that the driver of such conveyances shall be compelled to stop whenever the driver of a horse holds up a hand as a signal of distress. While sympathising with these orders it is sincerely to be hoped that horse steerers will not abuse this privilege to the needless exasperation of chauffeurs.

I am glad to announce the safe arrival at headquarters of Colonel Sheringham, M. F. H., and his hounds. The latter I have not had an opportunity of inspecting yet, though I promise myself the pleasure in the near future. From the passing glance I had of the gallant Master I can only opine that if his hounds are as fit as himself, members of the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds have plenty of sport before them and will need to travel. Colonel Sheringham with characteristic promptitude is losing no time as I see a notice in the local paper to the effect that hounds will leave the kennels at 5-30 A.M. each morning for cub hunting. Many budding sportsmen and old stagers will, I feel sure, avail themselves of this thoughtful invitation—an innovation so far as I can gather on previous years, and a good one. There has, I am inclined to think, been a certain timidity on the part of the public in approaching uninvited the sacred precincts of the kennels.

The Nizam is on a shooting expedition in the Pakhal jungles and appears to be having good sport. On the 22nd ultimo, he bagged a fine tiger and two large cubs at a place called Chickut-Mautpalli, five miles from the camp, which is at Narsimpett.

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Some time ago elk were considerably poached by natives in Norway and Sweden for winter meat. But the game laws are now strict, and fairly well enforced. Elk shooting was altogether forbidden in Norway for many years in the seventies and eighties, in order to save the animals from extinction; and now they can only be legally killed during the last three weeks of September. Unfortunately the law does not protect cow-elk. It only limits the number to be killed on each farm or forest. A native hunter, whose main object is meat, and who goes out for business, always kills the first elk he finds, even a cow with calf. The result is, that all forests not let to English or other sportsmen, who usually only kill bulls, generally deteriorate in their stock of elk.

A very ghastly crocodile story is unfolded by a native correspondent in the columns of a Bengalee journal. He writes:—Last Tuesday morning *khubber* was brought to me that a man had been carried off by a crocodile. I ran to the river bank where a large number of people had already gathered. The unfortunate man was one Mongol, a Mahomedan *palki* bearer. He was washing his face standing in water about a foot deep, when a crocodile sprang out of the water, caught hold of him by the right shoulder and carried him off. He was a robust young man of 30, but he could not even find time to make the least essay to save his life. Now, this monster was not quite unknown to the people of the locality. About a month ago it had made its appearance in a creek of the Padma, where it took up its abode.

Well, when I reached the spot from Teota, which is only one third of a mile distant, I saw nothing. I learnt from the people collected there that the crocodile had risen several times with its victim. A shikari was sent in a boat to search for the brute. Something black was then noticed at the junction of the creek with the main channel of the Padma. It turned out to be the crocodile, which jumped out of the water in an erect position, thus exposing about 6 feet of its body. What was stranger still was that the uncanny brute was seen violently striking its victim on the surface of the water as a *dhobi* strikes a cloth on his board. The shikari in the boat took the opportunity of this to fire two shots at it, but without success, the distance being great.

Again the crocodile emerged from the water and in the same way struck the surface as if the dead man was only a bamboo stick. At this time two steamers passed by the spot and nothing was seen of the crocodile for some time. So the search-boat, with the shikari in it, had to return disappointed, and the people began to disperse. I, however, did not give up my watch on the bank. I waited with my binocular ready adjusted. I noticed after a while that the brute was going to the other side of the river, but the current being strong and from other causes, the monster returned and came straight to the spot where the man had been caught, just passing within 50 yards of me.

It then again turned left, and went to the other side of the creek, where it began to make a meal of the unfortunate man. First, it caught hold of the head in its enormous jaws, gnawed the neck, and then, suddenly, so violently jerked the body that it broke, and the head, which was still in the monster's mouth, was instantly swallowed. The brute then jumped and immediately caught hold of the headless trunk, which was thrown at some distance by the jerk. At this stage a huge fish-eating alligator appeared on the scene and watched the proceedings without interfering. Shoals of turtle gathered round to partake of the crumbs from the rich man's table, while crows and kites began to swoop down to pick up bits of flesh floating on the water. I could see with my powerful prismatic glass even the blood flowing from the jaws of the monster as it kept munching its horrid food. It gradually broke piece by piece the arms by gnawing and jerking and swallowed them. At that time the shikari whom I had sent for in the meantime arrived, and crossing the creek fired at the brute; but the bullet from the ·440 bore magazine rifle recoiled from the monster's head. The crocodile noticed the assailant and dived with the remainder of its victim. It was then 10 o'clock, and I came home. I heard that the crocodile was again seen in the evening with the trunk of the corpse. Arrangements are being made to kill the brute.

The first entries for the big race meeting at Bangalore are disappointing, the waler event only filling well. The prospects for the Mysore Meeting are excellent, and it should turn out a great success.

The Simla race meeting is admitted on all hands to have been a signal success. The totalisator has enriched the funds in about Rs. 4,000, which speaks to the magnitude of its operations. The handicapper evoked the gratitude of race-goers as they were able to pick out four or five winners. There was one little rift in the lute and that was when Toe was pulled up by the Stewards for foul riding. On Jeanaroo, in the hurdle race, he forced Captain Holden on Grey Mist on to the rails and penned him there for fifty yards.

The Stewards suspended Toe from riding and have reported him to Calcutta. There is to be an extra day's racing on the 4th June.

BEHAR NOTES.

Messrs. Frank Rawlins, "Minor" Marsham, Jim Wilson, and Manisty were Mr. H. Denis de Vitre's guests at his "stick" at the Swaisingpur grasses on the 25th of May.

The weather was everything that could be desired, as it was a cloudy, and in consequence a cool, day; in the most central spot in the grasses, a large marquée tent was pitched, where cooling drinks and refreshments were always at hand.

At five o'clock sharp, Mr. de Vitre put his beaters into the grass—they numbering some four hundred men—while the "spears" scattered themselves about, and rode slowly along with the line. The grass—or rather jungle, as it was composed of course rank grass that had not been cut for years—was extremely difficult to beat, for it was a regular sea of grass, and gave small hopes of the "stick" being a successful one. Mr. Denis de Vitre looked after the beating coolies, and they, keeping an excellent line, advanced slowly and quietly through the thick heavy grass; every now and then a herd of *nilgai* would spring up, and after gazing with startled eyes at the long line of coolies and elephants would bound madly away, and disappear in the distance; a Blue Bull would then appear, and with head up, and slow, plunging strides follow in their wake; here and there a jackal would sneak away; but no pig! After beating for some time the "line" arrived at a likely spot—a small sheet of water and mud, surrounded by thick grass. More than extra care was taken, and everybody was on the alert. Suddenly without warning a boar got up and charged through the beaters, and made away through the jungle, closely followed by "Minor" Marsham, while Rawlins and Manisty raced for all they were worth to overtake him: de Vitre and Wilson, being on the extreme left, were quite out of the run, though they followed with the hope that a jink, or the pig turning might bring them up to the front. The going was heavy, and the horses had to bound and plunge their way through the thick undergrowth. Suddenly the "Minor" was seen to bend down, as if to give his spear, and the next minute he and his pony had disappeared—the pig had charged and his horse being unsteady reared up, and came down—the field came up, but the pig was lost. As he was apparently badly blown, and there was a small pool of water near the place where he was lost there was every chance of finding him again with the beaters; so everybody rode to the marquée tent, and refreshed themselves, while their horses rested with loosened girths alongside.

It was then decided to continue the "beat" at the spot where the pig had been found, and after that was finished bring up the coolies, and hunt out Mr. Pig, who had escaped.

The party then mounted and rode back to the coolies, and the "line" advanced again. After they had been beating for about ten minutes a fine old boar charged through the coolies, and made off at a great pace. Rawlins and Marshman, closely followed by the rest, were after him at once (as he crossed a small open in the grasses, he was seen to be a fine big chap)—into a even thicker and bigger mass of grass he disappeared. Rawlins was well on him, Marsham, Wilson, and de Vitre were close behind—a crash, the "Minor's" pony had turned turtle, and the pony's legs were seen in the air with its owner somewhere underneath it—nobody could stop however, as the pig was in front, though his career through the grass could only be traced by the slight dust that floated up on the still air as he forced himself through the dry undergrowth. Suddenly this stopped, and the pig was lost!

Luck seemed dead against the day's sport, as the pig had all the advantage on his side, as the grasses were so big and thick. The coolies were then taken over to the other side, where the first pig had been lost, and Messrs. Marsham, Wilson, Rawlins, and Manisty scattered themselves out, and rode with the beaters; while Denis de Vitre galloped off to change his horse that had been hurt in the last gallop.

The line had hardly advanced ten yards before out came Mr. Pig, looking very cross, and very tired; he made for a low patch of grass, closely followed by Wilson, and suddenly disappeared. The coolies were brought up, and he was found at once. This time he meant to fight, and though he could have easily escaped into some jungle alongside, he preferred giving battle to everybody and everything that came near him.

Rawlins was the first up to him on his chestnut Arab pony, and as he came up, the boar charged in; Rawlins' pony, though hard to beat on the polo ground, had never been tried as a pigsticker before, and the result was fatal. Just as Frank Rawlins was bending over to give his spear the pony lashed out violently; the pig getting his charge well home, and cutting the pony very badly high up, on the off hind leg, Rawlins had at once to take the pony off, as it was badly hurt. The pig then returned to receive Wilson, who was also riding a horse new to pigsticking; as he came in, Wilson's horse planted (he unfortunately not riding with spurs). Wilson's spear glanced off a thick hard coat of mud the pig's back was covered with, and the pig got well underneath his horse, cutting it slightly in two places on the near side.

Marsham then got a charge and succeeded in getting his spear in the pig's neck, leaving it there, as a mark in case the pig endeavoured to escape into the jungle alongside.

The pig then stood sullenly waiting for Wilson to attack him again, while the spear butt stuck up like the mast of a small boat above his head. As Wilson rode at him, the pig charged, and though Wilson stuck him in the neck, his spear was knocked out of his hands by the butt of Marsham's spear. So far the battle had resulted in a decided success to the pig, as he had cut two horses and practically disarmed two of the horsemen. Mr. Pig had picked on his position like an old general, as the place he stood at bay on was so cramped that it was extremely difficult to approach him, except at a slow pace; and he also took advantage of the grass to lie down and rest. the riders being unable to see him until their horses were almost alongside. His back was almost completely protected by a thick hard coating of mud, nearly an inch thick, which made it difficult to get the spear to penetrate.

Such was the position of affairs as Manisty rode up, and as he galloped up the pig galloped down on him. His spear got home, but broke off short above the blade. His syce running up at once handed him a new spear. Manisty then got another charge, and the pig succeeded in giving his horse a slight cut, as his spear failed to stop his charge, being stopped by the mud on the pig's back.

Marsham and Wilson then picked up their spears, and all three attacked the Boar, he charging and fighting each one as they came up; and after a battle of some ten minutes, he sank down and died with the "Minor's" spear in his heart—as gallant a pig as ever faced a spear. He was found to be an old 'un, with very short legs, and abnormally long tushes.

After resting the horses, and sampling Mr. Denis de Vitre's whiskey, the party mounted again, and the "beat" was continued. Nothing broke for some time, though a young Blue Bull caused some excitement by charging the coolies and bounding completely over one of the men's heads; then a pig broke, but as he was small, he was left alone, then two or three *butchas* dashed out, at last a fine boar broke away, and after a gallop was lost in the thick jungle.

The beaters were then put in at the place he was lost, but he was never seen again, and as the horses were by this time rather done up the party decided to stop beating and return to Nundnie factory.

Mr. H. Denis de Vitre made every effort to make the stick a success, the coolies worked well, and everything was well managed, but he was greatly handicapped by having such an enormous sea of grass to "beat," and it was greatly to his credit that a pig was "stuck" at all,—for unless Swaisingpur is burnt, it is nearly impossible to get anything out of the place.

I must mention about the boar killed, as he was a most unusual pig. He had rather a good head, grand tushes, and very short legs, which made him measure very small, for he only taped on the field 28", though he looked with his good head while he was fighting over 30". He was undoubtedly an old pig, and a real good "plucked 'un," for even after a

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charge, and after he had got the spear, he would follow up the pony for a bit, as if he couldn't have too much of it.

This pig who measured 28" on the field was measured a couple of hours after at Nundnie factory, after he had been brought in slung by the legs on a bamboo ; he then measured 30½ inches, *a difference of 2½ inches !*

Of course the correct measurement of a pig is the one taken on the field, as soon as he is dead.

But how many people are there—I have seen it done myself—who don't measure the pig until it arrives at the camp or factory?

A most incorrect measurement is the result, as the body is swollen by that time, and the legs have been well pulled out, after coming some distance slung on a bamboo by the legs.

I am afraid there is a good deal of hanky panky over a pig's measurement, but more by the class of man who is continually sneaking away ahead in the hopes of getting first spear, but not by the true sportsman whose main object is the gallop, and meeting the Boar afterwards in a fair fight. The former is intend only on the first prick ; the latter is keen on the whole sport, and only anxious that the pig should not escape, and doesn't care who gets "first" spear.

Athletic Notes.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Indian Football Association was held at the C.V.R. Headquarters last Friday evening, Mr. Maurice Remfry occupying the chair. The annual report, which will be found in our Football columns, was adopted and taken as read. The chairman then announced that a telegram had been received from His Honour the Officiating Lieutenant-Governor accepting the position of President of the Association. Mr. Macmillan proposed that they should put on record the late Sir John Woodburn's many services to the Association during the four years he was its President, which proposal was unanimously carried. The meeting then went on to the election of a council for the ensuing season which resulted as follows :—Mr. H. S. Ashton, Capt. E. R. Cureton, Mr. M. Remfry, Lieut. Paynter, Lieut. E. P. Cudlip, Mr. R. C. Mitter, Mr. A. Gangooly. Messrs J. Greig, F. E. Bushby and J. B. Clarke will take the places of Messrs J. Muir, D. L. Walker and P. McInnes, and Messrs N. G. Pritchard and L. M. Macmillan were re-elected Joint Honorary Secretaries. Mr. N. M. Ismail then proposed that silver medals should be presented to the winners of the Trades Cup Competition. This was seconded by Mr. A. Gangooly, and the proposal unanimously carried. A vote of thanks was recorded by the meeting to the Joint Honorary Secretaries for their valuable services during the past season. With the customary vote of thanks to the chair the meeting was adjourned.

Returning from the Calcutta Rowing Club at Kidderpore last Wednesday evening, Mr. A. P. Cameron, the popular Vice-Captain of the Club, met with a serious accident, which will keep him on the shelf for some time. The shriek from the whistle of an approaching engine—and, by the way, the drivers hereabouts indulge in an infinity of needless whistling—caused his horse to bolt and a collision with a lamp post overturned the trap, Mr. Cameron emerging from the accident with a broken ankle. Luckily Dr. Murray's carriage was down at the Club and the occupants arriving on the spot within a minute of the upset, had Mr. Cameron conveyed to his residence, where Dr. Murray arrived a few minutes afterwards and attended to his injuries. It is a piece of hard luck in which all his friends will sympathise while wishing him a speedy return to the boats and the towpath.

The cricket match between Notts and Leicestershire was drawn. In the first innings Notts made 739 for seven wickets and declared. John Gunn put up 294 and his brother William made 139. The partnership of the Gunns produced 367—a record for the third wicket.

On the 27th ultimo, Middlesex beat Gloucester by an innings and 118 runs ; Essex beat Surrey by three wickets ; Sussex beat Lancashire by nine wickets ; and the match between Yorkshire and Worcestershire was drawn.

So Jamsetjee, the Bombay racket marker, has achieved the summit of his ambition, and in defeating Browne twice, established his claim to the English professional Racket Championship. Well done indeed, oh, worshipper of the Sun !

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—At the time of the despatch of my last budget of notes the rain was coming down in torrents, and it looked none too promising for the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament. Not a few were of opinion that the monsoon had burst, but it was only a storm, and at the present time the sun is shining brightly, and we appear to be in for another short spell of hot weather. But I will leave the weather to take care of itself, and confine myself to a few remarks about the hockey which we have seen during the past few days, and we have had a lot of it, for drawn games and games postponed on account of the rain have resulted in three matches having to be played each evening in order to make up for lost time. When I sent off my notes on Saturday afternoon, it was, as I mentioned above, raining heavily, and play seemed out of the question that evening. But despite the unsatisfactory atmospheric conditions, considerable progress was made, for all three games were decided. The best contested, and the one in which most interest was evinced, was that between the Cathedral Old Boys' "A" team and the North Staffordshire Regiment, both Bombay teams. The game was well contested throughout and eventually resulted in a victory for the Old Boys by four goals to one. The winners, who won the cup in 1901, have been putting in a lot of practice this year, and took the field in the pink of condition, and it was their superior combination which gave them the victory. Of course, both teams were undoubtedly handicapped by the wet state of the ground, but they showed excellent form, the Old Boys being the smarter on the ball, and short passing was a feature of their play. Ward, at back for the Old Boys, who, I fancy, created a good impression in the Calcutta Rugby Football Tournament last year, was in grand form, and frequently got his side out of difficulties, while Green and Gawthorne did splendid work in the forward line, the latter scoring all four goals. For the soldiers Murray and Wilkins showed any amount of dash, while Rogers, in goal, kept out many dangerous shots. The same evening the "B" team of the Cathedral School suffered a hollow defeat at the hands of the Buffs, who had come down from Poona, while the Royal Scots defeated the 21st Bombay Infantry by one goal, after a closely contested game.

During the whole of Sunday and the greater part of Monday it rained heavily, but cleared off sufficiently to permit of two out of the three games arranged being played off on the latter day. In neither game, however, was the play of a very high order, but this was, to a considerable extent, due to the wet state of the ground. On the Oval the Cathedral Old Boys' "A" team secured another victory, beating the Elphinstone College by three goals to one. Play throughout was in favour of the Old Boys, but the collegians made a very plucky fight. The winners were constantly on the attack, but their forwards seemed somewhat weak in front of goal, repeated chances of adding to the score being thrown away by wild shooting. In the other match the Buffs disposed of the Band team of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry by four goals to *nil*. The game was of a more even character than the score would indicate, the Oxfords making many hot attacks on their opponents' goal. The Buffs' back division was, however, very safe, and on each and every occasion the Oxfords were driven back without scoring. Tuesday's play was productive of a bit of a surprise, our old friends the Royal Scots, who had so sportingly come down from Kamptee, being knocked out by the Royal Artillery (Colaba) by three goals to *nil*. The Artillerymen put on a couple of goals before play had been in progress more than ten minutes. Then the Royal Scots woke up, and from then up to half-time they were constantly on the attack, but their shooting was weak, while the defence of the Colaba players was very safe. After half-time the visitors continued to have the best of the game, but could not score, while, just before the close, the R.A. again put through, and

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left the field winners by three goals to *nil*. The same evening the Bombay Educational Society beat the 62nd Battery R.F.A. by six goals to one. The concluding game in the second round and two games in the third round were played off on Wednesday. The former, between the 19th Bombay Infantry and the Ahmedabad Companies of the North Staffordshire Regiment, was won by the 19th by four goals to one, while, in the third round, the Byculla Education Society played a drawn game of one goal each with the 1st Infantry Hyderabad Contingent. The third game, and the one in which most interest was taken, was that between the 17th Bombay Infantry and the Cathedral Old Boys. The first half was very evenly contested, each side scoring a goal. Soon after the re-start the Infantry obtained the lead, but after this there was no holding the Old Boys, who put on three more goals, and won by four goals to two.

The semi-final round was entered upon on Thursday when the Cathedral Old Boys met the Royal Artillery (Colaba). Both teams had shown good form in the previous matches in which they had taken part, and a keen encounter was anticipated by the large number of spectators who surrounded the Oval, and in this they were not disappointed, for it proved to be one of the most interesting and exciting matches played in the Tournament. At the outset the soldiers attacked, but could not break through the Old Boys' defence. After a while they were driven back, and, after a scrimmage in front of goal, Greene sent into the net for the civilians, who, at half-time, crossed over with a lead of one goal to *nil*. The second moiety was very evenly contested, play being rapidly taken from one end of the ground to the other. The defence of both sides proved sound, however, and for a time there was no further scoring. But eventually the Old Boys added to their score as a result of a brilliant effort by Greene, who dribbled the whole length of the ground and scored amidst much enthusiasm. This was all the scoring, the Old Boys thus winning by two goals to *nil*. The following evening the Buffs, who got into the semi-final round as a result of a three to two victory over the 19th Bombay Infantry, met the team of the Byculla Education Society, and a well-contested game was witnessed, both sides doing their fair share of attacking. At half-time the Buffs held a lead of two goals to one, while in the second moiety each side scored a goal, the Buffs thus winning by three goals to two, and qualifying to meet the Old Boys in the final.

There was a very large attendance of spectators to witness the final yesterday, Saturday afternoon, and those who went in the anticipation of seeing a good game were in no way disappointed, for from start to finish play was of a very fast order, and full of excitement. Both sides were fairly confident, but the Old Boys were rather the better favourites. At the outset the Bombay players had rather the best of matters, but play had only been in progress twenty minutes when the Buffs broke through their opponents' defence and drew first blood. From now up to half-time the Old Boys made strenuous efforts to score, but failed to do so, and the Buffs crossed over with a lead of one goal to *nil*. The second moiety was productive of plenty of excitement, and good play was warmly cheered by the supporters of the respective teams, a large detachment of the Buffs, who had come down from Poona to cheer their comrades to victory, being especially demonstrative. Time after time the Bombay players made warm onslaughts on their opponents' goal, but the defence of the soldiers was sound, and when only five minutes remained for play it looked as if the Cup would again be taken to Poona—it was won last year by the Shropshire Light Infantry, who were then stationed at Poona, and who defeated the Old Boys. Four minutes before time, however, Ward found the net with a low shot, and made the score one all. There was no further scoring, despite the fact that extra time was played, and the match was consequently replayed on Monday.

The game on Monday resulted in another draw, neither side being able to score. In the replay on Tuesday evening, however, the Boys won by three goals to one. Up to half-time there was no score, but after the re-start the Boys scored two goals in rapid succession and continued the attack, but eventually were driven back and the ball put into the net. The excitement was intense when the holders made another hot onslaught on their opponents' goal. Ten minutes remained for play when they again found the net, but greatly disappointed were their supporters when off-side was given against them. A minute later the Boys rushed to the other end and scored the third goal, and won the Cup. The winners showed the better combination and thoroughly deserved their victory. The Cup was handed to the winners by Mrs. Riddell, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Riddell made a neat speech paying a tribute to the sportsmanlike spirit in which the tournament had been conducted and congratulating the winners on their success.

The Committee who have in hand the arrangements for sending the team of native cricketers to England next year have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Yorkshire County Club, in which he says his Committee will have much pleasure in "guaranteeing your share of the gate proceeds (for a match to be played in Yorkshire) to be £100. My Committee wish your project success." Lord Hawke has also written to the Honorary Secretaries to the same effect. This is very satisfactory news, and the success of the tour is now practically assured. Then, His Highness the Maharajah of Bikanir has subscribed the sum of Rs. 1,000 towards the expenses of the tour, while a number of other subscriptons of substantial amounts have reached the Honorary Secretaries. There is one question in connection with the constitution of the team which will have to be considered shortly, and that is whether A. H. Mehta, the Parsee bowler, who is now attached to the ground staff at Old Trafford, can be included in the team. When he was invited to become a member of the team, there was nothing to show that he intended proceeding to England to become a professional cricketer. The native team for England will be a strictly amateur one, and Mehta's inclusion might cause a good deal of awk wardness both to the team and to himself. Personally speaking, I hope the Committee will find some way out of the difficulty, for the absence of Mehta would be a distinct loss to the team and his place would be difficult to fill. I think, I may say without fear of contradiction, that he is about the best native bowler we have; he had no small share in the crushing defeat which the Parsees inflicted on the Oxford University Authentics on the occasion of their visit to Bombay.

The proposed athletic contest between Oxford and Cambridge and Harvard and Yale has fallen through.

At Thorpe (Surrey), on 6th May, a professional named Kimber took five wickets with successive balls for Thorpe St. Mary's against Bracknell. Altogether he took 7 wickets for 12 runs.

Another Australian cricketer, J. A. Cuffe, has just arrived in England with the object of qualifying for Worcestershire. He is a left-handed medium-pace bowler, and is regarded as a player of great promise in Sydney, where he has been playing the last two seasons. He bats right-handed, and as he is now only twenty-three, bids to come along when he obtains experience in first-class cricket.

Mr. E. H. Miles has won the Amateur Tennis Championship for the fifth year in succession, beating Mr. Vane Pennell in the finals; the latter retired hurt in the third set.

Among the foreign crews at Henley this year will be representatives of the Union Boat Club of Boston, who have entered for the Grand Challenge Cup.

Can there be any truth in the rumour that the Stock Exchange walk has fired the Calcutta brokers with a desire to show them in the old country that we can still keep our end up out here, and that a walk is being organised from the Outram Statue to the Royal Exchange bar?

Tom Burrows, the club swinging crank, has been at it again. Recently, at Capetown, he swung Indian clubs continuously for forty hours fifteen minutes. And what of it? This monotonous business only testifies to his powers of endurance: it must have been a terribly wearisome show, and if endurance is the only thing worth noting, why we've seen a half-starved punkah coolie put up almost as good a performance.

Boxing is booming in South Africa just now. Big purses are plentiful, but the public want to see a good show for their money, and therefore the "fake" artist is at a discount.

A motor cyclist in expressing his complete satisfaction and confidence with the Dunlop motor tyres fitted to his machine, states his experience in an interesting letter to the Dunlop Co. It bears out exactly what we have often asserted—the wonderful durability of the tyres made by the company. He states:—"I have now covered 5,730 miles on your 2in. motor tyres with only one puncture, due to a French nail. The tyres are as good as ever, and I am sure they will take me comfortably another 5,000 at least. On my next machine I shall insist on having 2in. Dunlop motor tyres, as there is no tyre like them." This letter speaks volumes for the wearing qualities of Dunlops.

All motorists and cyclists have at various times had encounters with dogs, and the following story describes a little experience of this kind. A driver of a motor-car had the misfortune to run over a fine fox-terrier, and, at once pulling up, he went back to the apparent owner, expressed his regret at the occurrence, and gave him a sovereign. Then he drove off while the man observed: "That's what I call a real gentleman. Now, I wonder whose dog that was!"

The Poona Boxing Tournament was a remarkable success in every particular: a full report of the concluding days' proceedings appears further on.

The Calcutta Referees' Association held a general meeting at the C.V.R. Head-quarters on Monday, Mr. M. Remfry occupying the chair. The Rules of the Association, which had been drawn up by the Committee, and which will be found in our Football columns, were read and passed. Mr Pritchard announced that Mr. H. S. Ashton had consented to be President of the Association and he was duly elected. Mr. Pritchard also proposed Mr. G. W. H. Batho as Honorary Secretary of the Association. Mr. E. E. Rope seconded the proposition, and Mr. Batho was unanimously elected, the meeting closing with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

The Ladies' Golf Championship of 1903, played at Portrush, went all in favour of the Irishwomen, who opened the meeting by inflicting a severe defeat on their English sisters in a team match ten a side and who subsequently contributed three out of the four competitors in the semi-final round of the Championship in the persons of Miss Rhona Adair, who eventually regained the laurels which she has worn before, Miss Walker-Leigh, and Miss M. E. Stuart; the fourth was Miss F. Macbeth of the Lytham and St. Ann's Club, a sister, we understand, of Mr. Norman Macbeth, junior, who is so well known as a golfer both out here and at home. She made a most gallant fight and it was only bad putting which caused her downfall before Miss Walker-Leigh, and that not until two extra holes had been played.

Next mail will bring us detailed news of the Open Amateur Golf Championship. There were no less than 142 competitors, an easy record, but one which necessitated no less than five days' play, and it seems a great pity that so many players who have not the least chance of winning are allowed to enter. Some system of a qualifying competition by medal play, such as was introduced four years ago with success in our Indian Amateur Championship, should surely be tried with a view to limiting the numbers and time. All the amateurs of note have entered with the exception of Mr. Charles Hutchings, the holder of the championship, who has been laid aside by rheumatism for some time past and is, to the universal regret, debarred thereby from defending his title. Looking to his intimate knowledge of the Maribield course and the consistently good golf which he has been playing for a long time, Mr. Robert Maxwell must certainly have started favourite, though report has it that "Johnnie" Ball is once again at the very top of his best game, as proved by his recent fine score at Holylake.

A bicycle polo match was played at Bangalore on Tuesday between Bangalore and Madras, the home team winning by four goals to three. Of the visitors Flannaghan was most prominent, while Oakley was the most conspicuous of the Bangalore team.

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General Notes.

THE dance given by Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon at Viceregal Lodge last Thursday was a great success. There were nearly three hundred people present.

The *Simla News* says it is not improbable that His Excellency the Viceroy may run down to Calcutta in July—a very pleasant month here—in connection with the Victoria Memorial Institute.

Those people in Calcutta who find solace in the reflection that they are not so badly off as somebody else, may take heart when they read that the temperature recorded at Jacobabad last week was 121 degrees.

We have to thank Messrs. T. E. Bevan & Co., of Calcutta, for a copy of their recently issued special pianoforte catalogue, a well printed publication and one through which a musician will glance with pleasure.

All anxiety concerning the water-supply of Simla has been removed by the recent heavy showers. Sportsmen, however, did not welcome the rain, as the races were greatly interfered with and the first day of the cricket match between Simla and the Outstations was completely spoiled.

Dr. R. S. Smith, medical officer of the *City of Corinth*, lying in the Kidderpore Docks, was found dead in his cabin last Friday. The *post-mortem* examination showed that death was due to heat apoplexy. Just a week before Dr. Smith granted a certificate of death of the ship's carpenter from heat apoplexy.

His many friends will hear with great regret of the death of Mr. W. Cooper, one of Karachi's leading brokers, who died at Quetta on the 27th ultimo of heat apoplexy. Mr. Cooper was very popular in Karachi, especially among the mercantile community, with whom he had been connected since 1879.

Mr. W. B. Cotton, C.S., Joint Magistrate of Agra, was bitten by a dog on the 28th ultimo. He was sitting smoking when the brute snapped at him and inflicted a severe bite on the hand. Mr. Cotton immediately made a rough cautery with the live end of his cigar before applying other remedies, and having reason to believe the dog was mad, has gone up to Kasauli for treatment.

Some dine by music and like it, others work by music and like that also. At the Ardath Tobacco Company's factory in Worship Street, where many girls are employed, the proprietor, desiring to promote the pleasure of his employés, has provided a large gramophone, which at set hours discourses pleasant music in the work-rooms, to the keen enjoyment of the girls. The proprietor finds that the girls perform their duties as well and as quickly with the music as they did without it.

More Bombay jerry building! On the 31st ultimo a brand new house, to which the finishing touches were being given, collapsed, killing four people and severely injuring several others. These premises, close to the Crawford Market, were known as the Sitaram Buildings and the lower rooms were occupied by the "Windsor Bar" in which several Europeans were refreshing themselves at the time of the fatality. A gunner, a British sailor, a Parsee and a Mahomeden were killed on the spot, a bombardier, who was entombed for 2½ hours, had a leg and an ankle broken, and others received extensive wounds and cuts. Of course Bombay is scandalised: they are quite used to the collapse of old buildings, but this is more than they can stand, and they cry aloud for enquiry and punishment.

One of the popular journals has started a crusade against bridge, which, it says, has seized not only married men, but married women and young girls. Archdeacon Sinclair says: "The playing of bridge for high stakes has become a grievous evil, and from all I hear it is seriously on the increase. The present period reminds one of the days of the Regency, when women of high position remained indoors, throughout the day, with blinds drawn, playing faro. Many men, myself among them, absolutely refuse to play bridge with women. Women have been known to stand up when they have lost three rubbers, and hysterically accuse some unfortunate male player of cheating in front of a room full of people." He adds: "In the clubs, which were never card-playing clubs, they are playing bridge with higher stakes than ever. In country houses life is becoming impossible."

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 15th May 1903.

MESSRS. RAVEN HILL and Sheldon Williams' exhibition of "Durbar and Indian Life" pictures in Bond Street deserves more patronage than it was getting on the day of my visit, for some of the drawings is uncommonly clever. Neither of the artists are particularly strong in horseflesh: the best horse pictures are those touching polo, and one of these by Mr. Sheldon Williams is admirable. The drawings that most appealed to me are Mr. Raven Hill's types of character. His "Thing of Beauty at the Aden Club," a mincing, smiling negro is very happy: to come nearer your address "Bombay City Men" is full of repressed humour: so is the "Official Photographer" at the Durbar: but the pick of the lot is the portrait of the Khitmagar at Laurie's, Agra; one of the cleverest sketches of native character I remember. In their fidelity to life they recall the illustrations in that once notorious book *Curry and Rice*, but are conceived in a more indulgent spirit and lack the cruelty of the *Curry and Rice* pictures while possessing all their point. Mr. Sheldon Williams has been caught by the colour and parade of the Durbar and deals for the most part in representative groups: many of his drawings are remarkable for their breadth and boldness of treatment: his choice of subjects is good and covers such diversity of spectacles as the parade of Mutiny veterans and the Alwar State carriage with its elephant four-in-hand.

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My critic on the hearth does not share my opinion as to the praises due to these pictures, and I was going to say, in extenuation, that she has never been East of Suez, but it occurs to me that her taste in pictures never does agree with mine, for which reason, being sensible people, we rarely now go to exhibitions or galleries together. This was an exceptional matter, as she thought my knowledge of the gorgeous East might be serviceable to her. As I said, we did not agree: and walked home on opposite sides of the street exchanging bitter personalities across the traffic.

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London is crammed: and I doubt not will be more crammed than ever now the Court is returning from Edinburgh. The congestion of street traffic seems to grow worse every season, but thank heaven (or the L.C.C.) the street widening process at Knightsbridge is practically finished, and as soon as the repaving is done the jam there will be relieved. Writing of traffic recalls the fact that a Parliamentary Committee is investigating two Bills touching the re-establishment of steamer traffic on the Thames. A private company presents one Bill and our brave L.C.C. the other. The L.C.C. witnesses are quite sure that Londoners are anxious to see the river utilised and would not mind if the Council ran steamers at a loss involving an extra half-penny rate for the next four or five years. Speaking as a ratepayer I certainly think it desirable that there should be a frequent service of passenger steamers on the river to relieve the streets; but I much prefer that the contingent loss should be undertaken by private enterprise and not by the rates. The L.C.C. has not managed the business entrusted to to it so well that I clamour for enlargement of its responsibilities. It has a net debt of nearly 29 millions as it is, notwithstanding the steady increase in both rates and rateable area.

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Really the amount of money in this country is enough to make one ill—when one hasn't got any. Thirty millions were wanted for the Transvaal loan. Three per cent. if you please. The Bank of England kept its fist closed and was slow to lend: and yet the thirty millions was subscribed 39 times over, 1,174 millions being offered! I am willing to concede that every one—every single financier and speculator asked for three times as much loan stock as he had money to pay for; and yet even then you have enough cash at call to pay off the National Debt or very nearly. The incident is full of morals: you can draw your own: the one that presents itself to my jaundiced vision is that three per cent. of unimpeachable security must be a great deal harder to get than it ought to be in a country like this.

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Mr. Justice Byrne gave judgment in the Cavendish *vs.* Strutt case on Wednesday. The settlement executed by that rather light-headed young explorer is set aside, the Judge feeling satisfied that he did not properly understand what he was doing. There is some rather hard hitting all round in the judgment: Mr. Cavendish is told plainly that though he is a fool, he is not such a fool as he tried to appear in Court. Major Strutt is admonished that while it was clearly desirable for Mr. Cavendish to make over control of the remains of his property to other hands, a man who makes use of the ascendancy he has gained over a mind weak in business matters, to secure large advantages to himself appears in a somewhat shady light. Dr. Ranger, the blind Solicitor, who took instructions about the deed of settlement from the designing Major, is told that he failed in his duty. A singular and significant feature of that deed was that neither Dr. Ranger nor Major Strutt understood its provisions, but were quite certain that Mr. Cavendish did!

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The planchette, table-rapping, spirit-raising feature of the affair which so tickled the public fancy were weighed at what I venture to think exactly their true value by the Judge, who said that his view of the case would have been the same had no such feature existed. He regarded the spiritualistic business, at which Major Strutt connived, as instrumental in enabling that Friend of Wealthy South to strengthen his influence over Mr. Cavendish. Of Mrs. Strutt the Judge charitably held she honestly believed in the silly jugglery she conducted. So it ends. I have been hearing numerous tales about Mr. Cavendish during the last few weeks: he exemplifies the truth of the adage concerning a fool and his money. When a young man keeps open house in chambers in Piccadilly and doesn't even know the names of the chance acquaintances he picks up and takes home with him: when he jumps at any wild cat scheme for making or spending his money: when he is at pains to advertise his indifference to expenditure, his property by the most natural of processes finds new owners.

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The case in its "spiritualistic" aspects recalls the amazing suit of Lyon *vs.* Home, which occupied Vice-Chancellor Giffard for nine or ten days in 1868. I was not interested in law cases myself in those days, but an elderly barrister gave us a sketch of it at dinner last night, moved thereto by the Cavendish and Strutt case. It seems that a rich widow, Mrs. Lyon, was so profoundly impressed with the performances and gifts of a table-turning spiritualist named Daniel Home that she made him a present of £30,000, that was Home's story: but it transpired in evidence that he, by his supernatural talents, had rapped up the spirit of Lyon deceased and Lyon deceased had notified his anxiety that his relict should provide for Home in a substantial way. Obedient Mrs. Lyon provided in manner aforesaid. Afterwards, in a lucid interval, she wished she hadn't. And matter of fact lawyers were entrusted with the task of extracting that thirty thousand from the pockets of Home. The astonishing feature of the business was the defence made: among forty witnesses who bore testimony to the genuineness of Home's telephonic connection with the spirit world were men respected in all departments of life. Judge Giffard, however, had his own views about the affair, and remorselessly crabbed the proceedings of the eminent "medium" as mischievous nonsense designed to delude fools on the one hand and to encourage needy adventurers on the other.

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Well done the Godalming Committee of the Surrey Hospital Nursing and Convalescent Home! To repair a defective Bank balance they held a Grand Imaginary Concert last Monday night selling tickets for real half crowns and shillings. It was hardly complimentary to the local talent, but the coin came in as freely for the Grand Imaginary as it had done for the real concert held a week or two earlier. I can understand it myself. I would always pay to be let off attendance at an amateur concert.

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It has been a busy week again in the dramatic world. Saturday night saw the Prince of Wales open again, piece musical comedy *The Schoolgirl*; book by Henry Hamilton and Paul Potter. Lyrics by Charles Taylor, music by Leslie Stuart. *The Schoolgirl* is going to be a success: about that I have no possible, probable shadow of doubt: it is pretty to look at, the music is bright and catchy if not strikingly original, the dialogue is clever: and there is dash and go about the piece. Cicely Marchmont (Marie Studholme) is the Schoolgirl: we find her in the garden of the convent school in despair because "her people" have fixed the date of her marriage to Sir Ormesby St. Leger, rich middle-aged baronet, who doesn't care for her and for whom she doesn't care. She wants her penniless artist lover, Edgar Verney, who has gone amissing somehow. Enter Lilian Leigh (Miss Edna May) with news that Edgar has sold a picture to Peter Overend (Mr J. A. Warden), stockbroker. Lilian undertakes to ascertain Edgar's whereabouts from Overend and (Act II) is mistaken for a new typewriter. This capacity she adopts and thereby discovers that Overend is swindling her own father and Cicely's father, and with an adroitness and business capacity only found behind the footlights manipulates types and telegrams, etc., so as to make the fortunes of the two papas and of Sir Ormesby and Edgar to boot.

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Sir Ormesby, who is only marrying Cicely because his friends want him to, accommodating party that he is, is "switched off" Cicely by the attractive Lilian to clear the way. In Act III we find Edgar surrounded by pupils in his studio: the pupils get tired of work and decide to have a dance, which is uncommonly well arranged and winds up the play with effect, everybody being made happy who deserves it according to the agreeable convention of unreal life. It was not very clear why a lot of smart girls should be skipping in and out of Overend's office; but if you want all things tangible and proper in musical comedy, you'd better stay at home. Edna May had the lion's share of work and applause: Marie Studholme's part was small, but she did what she had to do well: Miss Violet Cameron as the Mother Superior had the great reception of an old favourite. The men were all uncommonly good: Mr. G. P. Huntly as the accommodating Sir Ormesby gave us a real creation. Mr. Warden as Overend also claims mention.

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It is a little difficult to know how to take Mr. Martin Harvey's conception of Napoleon in *The Exile*, which play, by Messrs. Lloyd Osbourne and Austin Strong, appeared at the Royalty on Saturday. The scene is, of course, Longwood and friends of the Emperor are plotting his escape, without his knowledge. I suppose everyone who has read anything about Napoleon has his own conception of him: and all I can say is that the author's Napoleon is not mine. Granted that the exile lay at St. Helena "with banked fires," so to speak, the fires were still there, surely! Mr. Martin Harvey Napoleon's fires are black out: he has no more spirit, no more symptom of repressed potentialities—there is no more of the caged lion resigned (wish to goodness I could say what I mean) than there is about a bankrupt parson in an almshouse. He is appreciative of civilities, polite to and about women (shade of the first consul!) and he plays prettily at drilling children—a sort of Napoleon pussy cat.

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Part of the house liked this kind of Napoleon very much: Sir Hudson Lowe (who doesn't come on at all) was the villain and his petty tyrannies (oh, so petty!) were boo'ed and The Exile's washily pathetic speeches, for which the original would have kicked him round the island, won murmur of sympathetic applause tempered by damp sniffings. Here lies the clue to the moulding of Martin Harvey Napoleon; it appeals to the sympathies of the upper circle and regions about, and makes naught of mere history. If Mr. Barlow had stepped out of *Sandford and Merton* and pointed morals over M. H. Napoleon's sick bed, it had been quite in harmony. The circumstance that Mr. Martin Harvey makes up into an uncommonly life-like Napoleon, according to accepted standards, only aggravates the offence. To my thinking, Fletcher, the enthusiastic young soldier who worships the demi-god whom he is set to guard, was the man of the play. Mr. Herbert Sleath scored heavily in this character, and his naturalness was the more striking by the side of the leading part. Mr. Henry Vibart's Bertrand was full of dignity and had a satisfying pre-Victorian air about it.

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The interest of *Mrs. Gorringe's Necklace* produced at Wyndham's on Tuesday lies largely in its authorship: we sadly need recruits to the ranks of playwrights and Mr. Hubert Henry Davies is a young playwright and promising. His dialogue is full of humour, never forced; the author has a strong sense of comedy and his characters, his women very particularly, are created with a skill that indicates something like genius. In a word *Mrs. Gorringe's Necklace* is a wonderfully good play for a first attempt and Mr. Davies may safely reckon on a hearing in future. The weak spot is the plot. Mrs. Gorringe's necklace was stolen by young Cairns and suspicion turned upon Captain Mowbray, rich, blameless, Bayard-Galahad. Captain Mowbray saw Cairns hide the stolen necklace, but is silent. Cairns is his friend. *Bus.* Nothing will induce Mowbray to open his mouth. To seal his lips tighter when on the verge of arrest, Isabel Kirke, adored of Mowbray, marries Cairns privately. After this Mowbray's lips of course are corked and double sealed.

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Mowbray is arrested: whereupon Cairns writes a full confession, urges Isabel to marry Mowbray and goes away to kill himself: thus the play ends as satisfactorily as you can expect. It is a pity Mr. Davies felt it incumbent upon him to have a plot at all: still more that he used one so over at the knees, sprung in the sinews, so spavined and worn out. Nobody believes in Mowbray's guilt and there is no mystery: that is the weakness. As I said before the characterisation and dialogue make the play: Miss Marie Illington as the silly, vain Mrs. Jardine, Miss Mary Moore as the vulgar and sillier Mrs. Gorringe and Mr. Alfred Bishop as Colonel Jardine are inimitable. Miss Mabel Terry Lewis as Isabel Kirke had the strongest acting part and right well she sustained it. Sir Charles Wyndham was Mowbray and made the most of him; but it is essentially a Wyndham part, such as we know well.

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When the *Veronica* mutiny affair was brought to light through the instrumentality of the cook, I ventured to opine that the story lacked the ring of truth and that no addition to the annals of crime on the high seas was in the future. I am sorry to say I was quite wrong. The story was true and even worse in its details than that cook's tale first made it appear. The criminals were three Germans, of whom one Rau was ringleader: their accomplice, Thomas, turned King's evidence and bore out the main features of the story told originally by the negro cook. After the captain, officers and two of the crew had been murdered, some under circumstances of peculiar savagery, Rau made up a story to explain the *rôle* he intended the survivors should adopt as castaways: and two more of the crew who could not get the tale by rote were shot. It was the feebleness of the tale framed by Rau that provoked suspicion in the first place; the men of the *Brunswick* who picked them up, asked questions of course and Rau had not foreseen all the enquiries nor was he able to explain how the survivors had escaped with all their personal property in a newly-caulked boat from a burning wreck. These were a few of the points that excited doubts in the minds of the rescuers, apart from the cook's prompt request to be given a bunk away from his fellow "survivors." It seemed improbable that men with a rope round their necks should depend on so feeble a tale as the cook disclosed with the facts. The satisfactory sentence of death is the result.

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Piccadilly was crowded last evening about afternoon tea time. The attraction was the arrival of the motor cars which had run from Glasgow on the "non-stop" trials which have excited so much attention. It was not possible to see more of the competitors than enabled one to observe that they and their cars stood in most urgent need of washing. The G. N. R. is good enough for me, thanks.

ONLOOKER.

In these days of fancy prices for yearlings it may come as a surprise to many of our readers to learn, or perhaps we should say be reminded, of the fact that when Galopin was sent up for sale as a yearling at Mr. Blenkiron's place, Prince Batthyany was able to secure him under the hammer for 520gs. It was on John Dawson's advice that the colt was bought by the Prince, and how amply his judgment was vindicated has been recorded in Turf history.

Shikar.

AN EKA FIRE.

WE were not to go into recess quarters without further experiences of the exigencies of jungle life, as about a week before our sojourn in the Mymensingh terai terminated, dense volumes of smoke sweeping up from the south and south-west one day about noon, told us the usual eka fires had commenced. The damp character of our immediate surroundings rendered the camp secure enough, though we had to reckon upon a possible stampede of animals fleeing to the forest-clad hills, but embayed as we were there was little fear of our being unable to turn them in the right direction. Lest a spark should set light to the grass roofs of the "lean-to" we covered all in with fresh palmyra leaves—*toko* as the Bodis call these. Here and there where the eka strips ran right up to the foot of the slopes, the light brush-wood on the steep sides of the latter affording means of escape for what scared creatures were in the ocean of flaming grass. Unluckily, it is these *vias* that also furnish the connection by which the annual fires spread from plain to hill denuding the plateaux of their verdure for a couple of months, besides bringing forth the growth of coarse herbage that successive burning engenders. An isolated teelah well in the terai, but yet high enough to enable us to see over the low forest between it and the flaming bheel land, gave us a coign of vantage overlooking the avenues of escape mentioned. Jack, we knew, who lurks on the outskirts of the eka would hie him off to the ditches and jungle patches near the bustees at the first crackle, or else seek refuge in the sedges and kuggra immediately bordering the water, amid which, now and again, an inquisitive head popped up to see what all the row was about.

The sight was grand, as the wall of flame full 30 feet in height swept on in a convex fan-like form forcing twos and threes of swamp deer out into the open, together with sundry pigs, but none of the larger beasts were caught napping; what buffaloes there may possibly have been, were either safe under water with the exception of the snouts, and though the men averred they could see the occasional protrusion of horns we failed to discern them. We counted seven parties of bheelwah that ran the gauntlet between the eka on fire and the next belt as yet untouched, but they crossed far out of range, so we concerned ourselves with watching the grounds along the hill base. A couple of mutna showed for a minute or two on different spurs, pausing to look back, but instinct, or former experience, led them to continue their retreat with all haste; doubtless had we taken up a position on the hills themselves many more animals would have been spotted. As the fire approached the forest proper, it was pitiable to notice the number of fowl that fled before the dense vapour, which rolling up into the branches of the trees must have suffocated hundreds of young birds in the nests, and by forcing the ground game from their eggs caused similar destruction among them also; more mature chicks, though escaping the present danger, were compelled to congregate in such circumscribed areas as to fall easy prey to their several enemies, it being too early in the season for them to take wing; the parent birds being obliged to abandon their broods. Sambhur as a rule do not lurk in eka while forest is available, and though the soaring of the conflagration sent them scampering about in the underwood we did not notice many break up the spurs. One stag proved an easy prize as he trotted past our stand, and had we not been in too great a hurry to secure him the three hinds and one six or seven months' *batcha*, who formed his family, could have been had as well, but, scared at the call of the leader or catching sight of us on the knoll, they wheeled round into the forest ere we could get a shot. Considering the number in the neighbourhood I was astonished at neither seeing nor hearing elephants, so presume they have some occult means of judging the proper time to recess.

Inasmuch as the fire in the plains was concerned all was over in a couple of hours, but the flames were making headway up the spurs. As far as the eye could reach what had a few hours before been a grand sea of grass surmounted with the ever-nodding plumes (white or the delicate pink) naught remained but an immense expanse of grey ashes, covered with entanglement of interlaced burnt stems; the mature grass was of course fully consumed, but the recent green growth remained and we could now fully realise the extent of the asylums the water fowl find in these parts; the number of pools seemed to be doubled. We had to allow full twenty-four hours to let the heat subside ere venturing on the ground, a jaunt rewarded by two head of horns whose owners had evidently been caught in a denser network than usual, their charred remains being duly appreciated by our men; we did not explore very extensively for the exertion of traversing such a massed network, to say nothing of being half choked by the fine ash that rose at each step made the exertion hardly worth while. Our chance came the fourth morning after the fire, when just at dawn, by sneaking along the base of the hills, we got two sambhur and a bheelwah buck, who the salt in the ashes had enticed out of cover. As the last was grassed in his endeavour to gain the wood we heard the crashing of some heavier animal, but though making all haste to get round a

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jutting out bluff failed to see what it was. It was not one of the cat tribe, as on these occasions and until the ground is thoroughly cooled they take good care to keep their distance. An unlucky porcupine had come to grief by running into a *cul de sac* between two rocks, where probably he'd have been safe enough had not a rotten limb of a tree, all aglow, fallen in the entrance; the poor wretch being half roasted was regarded as a grand prize by the youngster who lighted on him.

Continuing our trudge till rather late in the afternoon we had taken no notice of the weather, till the rumbling of distant thunder over in the direction of Tura warned us to hurry back to shelter, for though the shikari may make light of a simple drenching there are other considerations to be taken into account when the elements are on the rampage in these parts. If you brave it out in the open you find that the hail runs to the size of pigeon eggs, so unless provided with the stout cane shield called a *katrap*, which by the way does not always prove efficient, the next best thing is to take to the water if near at hand and deep enough: a good thick puggree, which should be invariably warm, will protect the head; in fact, take a lesson from the beasts of the wallows—the buffa'o. It is hardly needful to dwell on the danger of resorting to tree trunks for refuge, the many riven stumps around forming ominous enough warning of the consequences. In the forest itself though from the number of trees the chances of being struck down are minimised, so thoroughly impregnated are the rocks with iron of one kind or the other, that they are frequently shattered as if by artificial blasting and there is no reason to doubt the truth of reported injuries from stone splintering, so unless the roamer has some urgent inducement to tramp about these parts till late in the season, he should vacate ere that for north-westers set in. When the bheels fill up a bit and the streams are navigable you're quite safe in a covered dingy, bar accidents incidental to navigation. Our necessary business being completed I decided to get into more civilised quarters to bid farewell to as good a camping ground in the back slums as need be desired, marching through the almost interminable orange groves to the eastward, to Bolagunge on the Terriah river, breaking the journey at Shella for one night; in the middle of which we were roused by a gentle reminder that the regions below the earth had not yet settled down from the disturbance of six years since.

PHEAOW.

A LEOPARD AND A LAD.

IT was in the hot weather some time in the eighties that I was holding early morning court at Nilphamari. Into the court room bounced an excited villager and shouted that they had shut up his only son in a house with a bagh, so I promptly shut up the learned pleader, who, in conjunction with the flip flap of the punkah, had been for half an hour drousing me into stealthy but soothing naps. We all woke up with a start. I believe the pleader was more than half asleep himself and the following order was entered in my diary: The court having just received information of the hiding place of a notorious bad character adjourns in order to arrange for his arrest. The place was but three miles off and I was soon on my pony and with gun in hand I went for it all I was worth. John Gilpin was not in it. I have never pretended to be able to witch the world with feats of horsemanship. Often when out with hounds and I take a jump I do not despise a momentary seat somewhere between my horse's withers and its ears; but I never come off, I shake gaily back into the pigskin. This system of riding has at times been commented on by my fair friends, who may have been behind me at the time. They never did it twice though. It generally went something like this: as we sat on our nags watching the jack being worried up slides Mrs. C. and with a wink and a broad grin to the others remarks:

"What a lovely bit of sky that was just over your saddle as we took that last jump Mr. B.," to whom I answer: "Now you know it was not the sky you were admiring Mrs. C." Result: we promptly set off to find another jack, while Mr. C. has to get down and tighten up his saddle girths. Now where the Dickens have I got to? . . . . Well when subsequently I came to look at what I had got over, and the pace of that ride I decided to keep it dark from my Saidpur friends. They knew the country and would raise eyebrows of sorrowful reproach. That they might dub me one of the offspring of Ananias, I could have stood. It had happened before and so was a mere fleabite; but I greatly feared that this time they might swear I was the reincarnate father of that notorious gentleman and my natural modesty shrank from such an honour as being considered worthy of being styled the founder of such an illustrious line.

However to continue the story. I soon got to the village and found a crowd at a cautious distance from a hut with a closed and barred *tatti* door, or *jhamp*. Getting off my nag and loading my gun I went up to it. I was told that the hut was divided into two, the dividing *tatti* wall being only about seven feet high and not going right up into the roof. The animal had bounced in at the open door, flooring, without hurting, a lad who was standing at the entrance, and scrambling over the partition wall. Luckily the door connecting the two rooms being closed and padlocked, it had crept between some sacks of ginger, and had remained there without further sign. With more sense than one would have given them credit for, both the boy and the crowd had it seemed remained quite quiet after the first low hurried entreaties of the boy to be allowed out. Very quietly I had the fastenings undone, and the door gently opened while I stood guard. When the lad, who had been crouching close beside it half crawled, half tumbled out, he promptly, strange to say, began to vomit. We soon fastened the door up again and going round to the end of the house I had Mr. Spots pointed out to me through a small hole in the *tatti*. I had just caught sight of two green eyes watching me from the dark when she promptly charged the place I was trying to get my gun barrels through, then she got on the ginger bags, scrambled over the partition wall and sat down in the corner of the larger room, there I got a fair aim at her and laid her out with one shot in the shoulder.

It appears that very early in the morning Mrs. Spots had been seen to seize a small cow close to the village. On being frightened off it she had retreated to a small patch of grass near by. This the men of the village set fire to and being thus forced to break cover and there being no no other jungle on that side of the village, she had made straight for the houses, I suppose with the idea of merely passing through to the jungle beyond. However that may be, into the village she darted, followed by a crowd of men. Not liking this attention and being headed off by some people coming the opposite way with fish nets, she made a bolt for the first place of refuge she could see, this happened to be an open door; and in she bolted knocking down a boy who was just inside, but not so much as drawing a pin's point of blood from him. Before he knew where he was or could pick himself up, the *tatti* door had been clapped to and fastened, and the villagers being too afraid to open it again when they found out a lad had been shut up, had sent for me. It was not the only leopard I have been called to shoot in a house.

POLITYE.

Fishing.

COMMON-SENSE IN FISHING.

THE success of an angler depends largely on the amount of common sense exercised.

The hunter when in quest of game exerts all his cunning which consists of careful forethought coupled with good judgment. If the game is wary, he takes into consideration the direction of the wind and how he can best approach with the least possible noise or lure the game to him without being seen until the quarry is within range.

It is quite probable that fish are possessed of as much instinct or intelligence regarding their self-preservation as most birds and animals: certainly they are as quick to discern any unnatural movement and take instant fright, and when in this state they have no idea of taking food.

It is very rarely the case that the angler gives the proper attention and careful consideration necessary to get within fishing range. The two senses which are most prominent in the organization of fishes are those of feeling and seeing. Most anglers of experience take heed of the latter sense, but the former as a rule is not given due consideration. A heavy jar of any kind in the vicinity of the bank of lake or stream is communicated to the water, and fish will frequently take greater alarm from an unseen disturbance than something that can be detected by vision, as in the one case the nature of the foe is unknown, while in the other their instinct has taught them the ways and means to best protect themselves from threatening danger. While it is undoubtedly true that fish will become accustomed to the presence of an angler if he remain quiet, and will return to their usual quarters after a time, still, much time is lost through lack of careful approach before they will again resume feeding. The skill of an angler in hooking or landing a fish or the fineness of equipment is of no avail provided they are not in a state of perfect tranquility when the lure is presented.

In the art of angling there is scarcely a limit to the amount of skill that can be displayed in all the details necessary for success. It matters little how much time or study one has devoted to the subject, there is constantly some new phase presenting itself or something of an interesting nature to be learned. In the preparation of selection of the tackle, the skill of one angler over another is really a question of common sense. Eliminate all the scarecrows possible, have your tackle as fine as you can and answer the purpose: give the fish credit for at least enough intelligence not to take anything which exhibits the fraud too prominently; always keep as close to nature as the component parts of your tackle will permit; and use the same caution you would in creeping on a flock of ducks around a bend in the river or any other game that one has to excercise great care and forethought to outwit.

It is a common saying with many anglers that they can sit all day with rod in hand in perfect contentment without getting even a nibble. While there is no question but that to the overwrought mind the refreshing breezes and delightful scenery is invigorating and restful, after months of hard labour amidst the humdrum and clatter of city life, and the sense of relaxation is more than pleasant to contemplate, nevertheless, the enjoyment must be infinitely more keen, and both mind and body receive greater benefit when a feeling of enthusiasm pervades the system and a desire to excel in this, one of the noblest of sports.

I will venture the assertion that even among the most indifferent, the sensation of a sharp tug on the line and the bend of the rod will set the blood tingling and awaken the dormant energy to a strong desire and determination to win the fight if possible, and land the fish which is bravely and heroically putting forth all his strength and resources to escape from his unknown and unseen foe. When the capture has been effected and the beauty lies before you, one cannot help but admire the pluck and endurance of the vanquished, and almost wish that he had been the victor.

The common sense fisherman will tell you that when fishing from a boat he throws his bait as far as possible in order to avoid being seen, and also that the conditions surrounding the fish may not be disturbed; he will tell you that he endeavours to present the lure in a life-like and appetizing manner, and give it a motion approaching nature to the best of his ability. The tackle will be fine, and the hook so well concealed that the fish sees nothing but the bait. Some time ago while reading a work on angling, the name and author of which I cannot now recall, I extracted the following, which I jotted down in my note book, and as it so aptly illustrates the common-sense principle on which I am writing, I herewith reproduce it:

"By observation you will soon know that you must not show yourself to the intended capture, and therefore you must not be too close to the water's edge; if it is necessary for casting your fly, you must make yourself as little visible as possible."

After all these points have been taken into consideration it will be seen that while skill in the manipulation of rod and reel is desirable, and only long years of experience can attain this, that the most important factor and the one which was responsible and contributed most to the weight of the basket on the homeward march was allopathic doses of horse sense applied when and where most needed.—*Shooting and Fishing.*

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IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—My dogs some time ago turned out of a small cave an animal I take to be some sort of badger. I bagged it, but unfortunately the skin has gone to pieces, so I am unable to send it down for your inspection; but here is a description of it:—Length about 3 feet (somewhat less), tail 4 inches, snout pointed, small ears tipped black, grey body on top, and grey forehead, black underneath, black face and muzzle, long whitish claws something like a bear's.

I send the skin of a pigeon I shot the other day; will you very kindly identify it for me.

H. S. T.

[The animal is evidently the Indian Ratel, *Mellivora indica*. The pigeon is the speckled Wood Pigeon, *Alsocomus Hodgsoni*.—ED.]

TWO SPORTING QUERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Will you or any of your readers be kind enough to furnish me with the following information and oblige:—

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KASIMBAZAAR, *1st June 1903.* A. N. ROY.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Some time back you published a paper upon the scenting powers of the pariah and other dogs. Dog fanciers, who must number not a few among the readers of your journal, would confer a benefit on the planting community hereabouts if they could recommend some dog keen enough to be laid on to the trail of those gentlemen of the road who have been making so free with our remittances of late. We cannot get the genuine Kuki pie hereabouts, but no doubt subscribers to *The Indian Field* have pups of some reliable cross-breeds to spare up to the desired mark.

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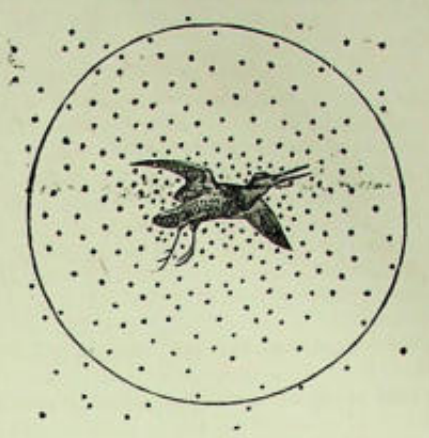

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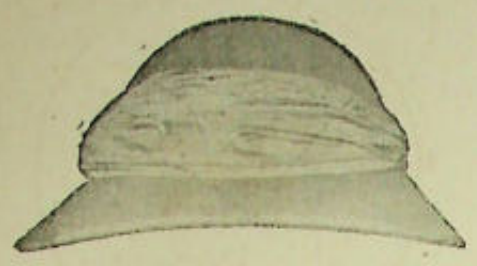

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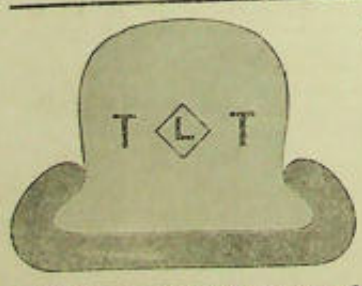

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NAME OF RACES	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Simla Gymkhanas ...	June	13 20 & 27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
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Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
„ Second Extra ...	„	19	
„ First Meeting ...	„	24 26 29 & 31	
„ Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	„	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	„	30	
„ Fourth „ ...	Feb.	6	
Dibrugarh ...	„	2 4 & 6	
First Calcutta Monson	Aug.	8	
Second do do	„	15	
Third do do	„	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	„	12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First ...	... 1st Sept.	
	Second ...	... 15th Oct	
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...	...	... 8th Dec.	
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...	...	... 15th Dec.	
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First ...	... 2nd Nov.	
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TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First ...	... 2nd Nov.	
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	Second ...	... 2nd Jan.	
POONA	First ...	... 4th Augst.	
	Second ...	... 25th „	
	Final ...	... 8th Sept	
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second ...	... 1st July.	
	Third ...	... 16th Sept.	
	Fourth ...	... 1st Dec.	
	Final ...	... 20th Jan.	
BANGALORE	First ...	... 1st June.	
	Second ...	... 20th June.	
	Third ...	... 1st July.	
MYSORE	Third ...	... 1st June.	
LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First ...	... 15th Aug.	
	Second ...	... 1st Oct.	
	Third ...	... 14th Nov.	

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT	...Sept. 15th, 16th, 19th & 24th
GULMARG POLO TOURNAMENT ...	24th to 29th August

CRICKET.

BOMBAY V PARSEES (Bombay) ...	13th 14th & 15th Aug.
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THE HORSE.

TOLLYGUNGE HORSE AND DOG SHOW	... 1st January 1904.
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SPORTS.

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FOOTBALL.

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HOCKEY.

GOLF.

GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August

SWIMMING.

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TWO LENGTHS HURDLES HANDICAP ...	... 5th June.
FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP ...	... 19th June.
FINAL HEAT DITTO ...	... 26th June.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Manchester Cup (1¼ miles)	Friday, June 5
Grand Prix de Paris (1 mile 7 furlongs) ...	Sunday, June 7
Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1¼m)	Saturday, June 13
Ascot Stakes (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds) ...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds) ...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1¼ miles)	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles) ...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1¼ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2¼ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1¼ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1¾ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1¾ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs) ...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1¼ miles) ...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1¼ mile)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Open Golf Championship	11th June.
Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's) ...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords)	6th July.
Henley Regatta	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's)	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval)	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's) ...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	4th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
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Second Day, Thursday, 28th May, 1903.

THE whole of Wednesday afternoon a furious storm of hail and rain prevailed and it was not till dark that it enhausted its force and left the Annandale ground a complete swamp. It looked any odds against any racing being held to-day. There was no bookmaker and no odds on this question were offered or laid. The executive were determined not to be baulked by any freaks of nature and they set about with a will to rectify matters. A gang of workmen were early put on the job and supervised in person by Colonel Baring, Lord Suffolk, and Captain Wigram the course was drained, the wet surface scraped off and fresh cinder laid down. Thursday broke clear and fine and the sun helped to supplement the ardous efforts of the workers so that the announcement by posters that the races would be held came as a welcome surprise and though neither Lord or Lady Curzon, Lord Kitchener, Sir Charles Rivaz or Sir Andrew Fraser were present there was a very large and fashionable gathering which took a keen and active interest in the proceedings. The card showed very full fields for each of the six events, but the declarations reduced the actual starters to very small numbers. This fact in no way damped the ardour of the public for they crowded, in fact mobbed the totalisator windows and all through the afternoon the clerks could not issue tickets fast enough and over every race numbers of intending speculators were left unserved. Almost every pony in every race was more or less backed. There was only one accident and this was in the first race when Peninsular II, who was made favourite, slipped up on turning a corner and came down, but fortunately neither pony nor rider Penton was hurt. The winner of this race was Euphrates, who was also well supported, and after the race he was sold to General Elliot. The course was heavier to-day and the timing slower than on the previous day. Details:—

MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 50 to second, Rs. 20 to third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-0 and under. C.-B's. 14-0 to carry 11st. 10lbs., Arabs 14-0 to carry 11st. W. I. 4½ furlongs.

Hon'ble D Bingham's g a h Euphrates, 10st 3lbs	Owner	1
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's b a h Rock Sand, 11st 7lbs	Mr Barrow	2
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's ch a h Brat II, 10st 2lbs	Toe	3
Mr Douglas's ch cb h Star Light, 12st 7lbs	Capt Hughes	0
Col Hon'ble E Baring's b a p Peninsular II, 10st 11lbs	Penton	0

Peninsular II and Euphrates in company led out, then half way the former fell and leaving Euphrates with a clear lead and he won by six lengths; the same distance separated the second and third. Time—1min. 8secs.

HACK STAKES.—Rs. 150 to winner, Rs. 20 to second. For *bona fide* hacks 14-1 and under that have never started in a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. Arabs and C.-B's C.W. over 11st. others C. W. over 12st. About 1¼ furlongs.

Capt Wigram's b aus g DeWet, 12st ...	Lord Suffolk	1
Mr Caulfield's ch cb m Iconoclast, 11st ...	Owner	2
„ Ogilby's b e m Death or Glory, 12st ...	Owner	3

DeWet, who had the bulk of the public support, soon left his two companions and keeping the lead to the end won easily by two lengths; a bad third. Time—1min. 9⅘secs.

MERCHANTS' PURSE.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 50 to second, Rs. 20 to third. For English and Australasian ponies 14-1 and under. ponies 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. About 1 mile.

Major Grimston's gr aus m Greymist III, 10st 13lbs	Capt Holden	1
Mr J J Pawson's bk aus m Busy Bee, 10st 7lbs	Penton	2
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's b aus m Jeanaroo, 10st 11lbs	Toe	3
Col Hon'ble E. Baring's b aus m Magdalen, 11st 2lbs	Owner	0

Jeanaroo was a strong favourite and he with Greymist forced the running for the first circuit, then Jeanaroo fell back and busy Bee began to creep up to Greymist, but Captain Holden kept her going and finally won all out by a length; two and a half lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 25secs.

THE SIMLA ARMY CUP.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 50 to second and Rs. 20 to third. A high weight handicap for maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under, the property of Officers of His Majesty's Army on full pay. G. R.'s About 7 furlongs.

Capt Wigram's br a h Wainfleet, 10st 10lbs	Lord Suffolk	1
„ Baldrey's b a h King Edward, 10st 5lbs	Mr Barrow	2
Mr Badger's ch a p Homrook, 10st 4lbs ...	Capt Hughes	3

Wainfleet was a hot favourite. Lord Suffolk at once took him to the front and then half way gave him a steadier which helped King Edward to get up and the latter's backers began to experience the joys of paradise, but ere the home turn Wainfleet again drew away and came in an easy winner by three lengths; half a length divided the second and third. Time—1min. 47⅖secs.

ARAB STAKES.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 50 to second, Rs. 20 to third. For Arab ponies 14-0 and under; 14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. About 1, 400 yards.

H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's b a h Brigand, 11st 9lbs	Capt Peacock	1
Mr Baldrey's b a p Shelter, 10st 4lbs ...	Mr Barrow	2
Capt Steward Capper's g a p Cinque Port (late Tabliss), 11st 11b ...	Owner	3

Cinque Port was suffered to lead for a brief space, then Brigand, the favourite, beautifully ridden and attended by Shelter, came to the front and the Patiala horse holding Shelter safe won by a length; two lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 44⅕secs.

THE KELLNER CUP.—Rs. 200 to winner, presented by Messrs. Kellner & Co., and Rs. 50 to second, and Rs. 20 to third from fund. A handicap for all ponies 14-1 and under that have started in a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race since 1st April 1902. About 1½ miles.

Col Hon'ble E Baring's ch a p Nabob, 9st 2lbs	Penton	1
Capt Mappins's b aus g Rifleman II, 11st...	Capt Peacock	2
Mr Mordaunt's ch a p The Abbot, 9st 4lbs	Mr Barrow	3

Nabob had the most call in the betting. Nabob and Rifleman went away from the start and after a hundred yards The Abbot caught up to them and shortly Nabob was steadied, leaving the other two to make the running, then ere reaching the last turn for home Nabob came to the front, and though Captain Peacock on Rifleman made a splendid effort, Nabob won comfortably by two lengths; the same distance between the second and third. Time—3mins. 9⅕secs.

(BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)

Third Day, Saturday, 30th May, 1903.

The meeting came to a very successful termination to-day, and all concerned in its working deserve a special meed of praise. Details:—

SIMLA CUP.—About 1,400 yards.

Koer Sahib of Patiala's Tom, 9st 4lbs ...	Mr Barrow	1
Mr Baldrey's Shelter, 9st 3lbs ...	Penton	2
Koer Sahib of Patiala's Brigand, 11st 7lbs	Toe	3

Tom was favourite.
Won by a length; the same distance separating second and third. Time.—1min. 45⅖secs.

HURDLE HANDICAP.—About 1½ miles.

Mr Mordaunt's The Abbot, 9st 5lbs ...	Penton	1
Koer Sahib of Patiala's Jeanaroo, 10st 9lbs	Toe	2
Capt Mappin's Rifleman II, 9st 12lbs ...	Capt Peacock	3

Also ran: Greymist III, 11-7.
The Abbot was first favourite.
Won by three lengths; one length between second and third. Time—3mins. 9⅕secs.

SNOWDON STAKES.—About 4½ furlongs.

Mr Douglas' Sweetheart, 10st 4lbs ...	Capt Hughes	1
Capt Stewart Capper's Jewell II, 10st ...	Hon D Bingham	2
Col Hon E Baring's Magdalen, 11st 7lbs	Owner	3

Also ran: De Wet, 9-4.
Sweetheart was strong favourite.
Won by a length; one and a half lengths separating second and third. Tim—1min. 2⅖secs.

LONGWOOD STAKES.—About ½ mile.

Mr Reynolds' Envoy, 9st 6lbs	Capt Hughes	1
Col Hon E Baring's Peninsular II, 10st 3lbs	Penton	2
Koer Sahib of Patiala's Shahjehan, 11st 7lbs	Hon D Bingham	3

Also ran: Wainfleet, 9-1; Cinque Port, 8-7; and Holmrook, 8-10.
Peninsular and Shahjehan were favourites.
Won by a length and a half; one length dividing second and third. Time—57secs.

THE MAHASU STAKES.—About 1 mile.

Mr Douglas' Starlight, 10st 11lbs ...	Capt Hughes	1
„ Badger's King Edward, 8st 9lbs ...	Beehan	2
Koer Sahib of Patiala's Rock Sand, 9st ...	Mr Barrow	3

Starlight and Rock Sand were equal favourites.
Won by a length; twenty lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 4⅕secs.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—600 yards.

The Hon D Bingham's Ruby, 9st 10lbs ...	Owner	1
Col Hon E Baring's Dingo, 10st 8lbs ...	Lord Suffolk	2
Koer Sahib of Patiala's Shahjehan, 10st 11lbs	Mr Barrow	3
Mr Badger's Holmrook, 9st 3lbs ...	Beehan	0

Also ran: Benefit, 11-7; Busy Bee, 11-7; Iconoclast, 9-11; and Pannag, 9-2.
Dingo was first favourite.
Won by half a length; the same distance between second and third, and a close fourth. Time—38⅕secs.

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Second Day, Thursday, 28th May 1903.

ANOTHER excellent day's sport was witnessed here this afternoon by a large and fashionable gathering of spectators; the card was an excellent one, the fields ruled fairly large and some very close finishes were witnessed. We are sorry at the untimely end which was fated out for Barnaby Rudge in the chase; he came down at the sixth fence and had to be destroyed and much sympathy is felt by everyone for the loss his sporting owner, who is a good all-round sportsman, has sustained.

THE BEGINNERS' PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14 hands and under, that have never started for a race value Rs. 50 or over before the first day of the meeting. Above heights to carry 12 stone W. I. 3 furlongs.

Mr Menzie's b a p Najib, 9st 4lbs (car 9st 8lbs)	Capt Benwell	1
Mr J Smith's ch cb m Songstress, 11st 8lbs	Mr Beatty	2
Mr G H Anderson's ch cb m Ladybird, 9st 4lbs	Juman Shah	3
Mr O'Hara's sk w g Federation, 10st 7lbs	Mr Martin	0
Capt Grove's g cb m Moti, 9st 7lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Songstress, 6 to 1 against each Najib, Ladybird, Federation, and Moti.

They raced abreast for a space, then Najib, Songstress and Moti showed in front till within the rails the latter died away, Najib and Songstress came on and after a great race the former won by half length; length and half between second and third. Time—40⅖secs.

HANDICAP CHASE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under, that which started on the first day. Steeple-Chase Course about 1¼ miles.

Mr Leah's b cb m The Lamb 9st 13lb (car 11st 21b)	Owner	1
Mr J Smith's b a h Lucky Star, 9st 3lbs ...	Capt Grove	2
Capt Barry-Drew's g a g Gazetteer (10st 11lbs car) 10st 10lbs	Martin	3
Mr S W Anderson's b a g Barnaby Rudge, 9st 10lbs	Egan	fell

BETTING: Evens Lucky Star, 5 to 4 Barnaby Rudge, 3 to 1 Gazetteer, 10 to 1 The Lamb.

Barnaby Rudge showed out in front till the sixth fence, where he came down, and Lucky Star followed by Gazetteer with Lamb in the rear now took the lead till the last fence, where Lucky Star and Gazetteer both came down, leaving Lamb to come in an easy winner by fifty lengths from Lucky Star; two hundred yards between second and third.

THE QUETTA HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A Handicap for ponies which started on the first day. 5 furlongs.

Mr S W Anderson's b w m Grace, 9st 4lbs (car 9st 7lbs)	Churchward	1
Mr Menzies' b a g Zarafshan, 9st 6lbs ...	Capt Grove	2
Capt Minogue's g a g Greylet, 9st (car 9st 2lbs, ...	Egan	3
Capt Barry-Drew's b a g Mustapha, 8st 1clbs	Mr Wallis	0
Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcome's b cb g Sportsman, 9st	Bai Ram	0
Sir Ghaus Baksh's b a h Nasaralla, 8st 7lbs	Juman Shah	0
Major Maxwell's b cb g Richmond, 10st 7lbs	Mr Beatty	0
Messrs Hughes' and Smith's b cb g Queer Fish, 8st 7lbs (car 9st 6lbs) ...	Capt Moore	0

BETTING: Evens Richmond, 2 to 1 Greylet, 5 to 1 each Grace and Zarafshan. 6 to 1 Queer Fish, 10 to 1 each Mustapha, Sportsman and Nasaralla.

Grace jumped off in front, made all the running and won a good race by three-quarters of a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 11⅖secs.

THE QUETTA ST. LEGER.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. Handicap for all C.-B. horses which started first day 1 mile.

Capt Benwell's ch w m Aureole, 10st 7lbs	Owner	1
Mr S W Anderson's b w g Here's Luck, 10st 7lbs	Churchward	2
Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcome's, bl w g Black Snake, 10st 5lbs	Mr Beatty	3
Mr Giles's b w g Oxide, 9st (car 10st 4lbs)	Capt Moore	0
Mr. J Smith's b w m Bidinia, 9st 8lbs ...	Capt Grove	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Aureole, 2 to 1 against Here's Luck, 6 to 1 Black Snake, 8 to 1 Bidinia, 10 to 1 Oxide.

Oxide bolted before the start and took no part in the race. Aureole went off with the lead, which he maintained to the end and won by one and a half lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 54⅕secs.

THE SIBIAB HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, which have never won a race value Rs. 40 or over before the first day of Meeting. 4 furlongs.

Mr O'Hara's b a p Golden Eagle, 10st 10lbs	Mr Beatty	1
Kazi Jalial-ud-din's ch a h Delhi Durbar, 9st 2lbs	Juman Shah	2
Major Showers' b a p Kapurthala, 10st ...	Egan	3
Capt Price's b a h Terror, 9st 2lbs ...	Capt Grove	0
Capt Grove's g cb m Moti, 9st 5lbs ...	Capt Moore	0
Mr Menzie's b a p Najib, 9st 7lbs ...	Capt Benwell	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 against Delhi Durbar, 3 to 1 Golden Eagle, 5 to 1 each Kapurthala, Terror, Najib, 6 to 1 Moti.

They ran in a bunch till within the distance Golden Eagle, Delhi Durbar and Kapurthala drew to the front, and after an exciting finish Golden Eagle won by a neck; same distance between second and third. Time—56⅖secs.

THE JHALAWAN PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A Handicap for Arab and C.-B. ponies that started on the first day. 1 mile.

Mr Ingham's ch a h Ginger, 11st 5lbs ...	Churchward	1
„ Menzie's b a p Zarafshan, 9st 8lbs ...	Egan	2
Capt Grove's b a h Rubicon, 10st 8lbs ...	Owner	3
„ Hislop's ch a h Roburite, 9st 3lbs ...	Capt Moore	0
Mr O'Hara's b cb g Tam, 9st	Bai Ram	0
Major Showers b cb m Sib, 8st 7lbs ...	Juman Shah	0
Mr S W Anderson's br cb g True Blue, 11st	Mr Beatty	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 against Rubicon, 2 to 1 Ginger, 3 to 1 each Zarafshan, True Blue, 20 to 1 the rest.

Ginger jumped off with the lead, which he maintained to the end, finally winning by a length and half; a short head between second and third. Time—2mins. 0⅖secs.

(BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)

Third Day, Saturday, 30th May 1903.

This day's racing brought a most successful meeting to a close: the attendance was again large and the arrangements perfect. The card was an excellent one and provided great sport which was watched throughout with keen interest. The executive deserve great credit for the success which has attended the meeting throughout, and it is hoped the Autumn fixture next September will meet with an equal success.

BALUCHISTAN CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all C.-B. horses that have started at the meeting. 6 furlongs.

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Major Maxwell's Richmond, 10st 12lbs	...	Mr Beaty	1
Nawab Shahbaz Khan's Hazari, 9st	...	Native	2
Khushdil Khan's Phurrie, 8st 7lbs	...	Juman Shah	3
Nawab Shahbaz Khan's Mir Bauz, 8st 4lbs		Native	0

BETTING: Evens Richmond, 2 to 1 agst Hazari, 5 to 1 Phurrie, 10 to 1 Mir Bauz.

Richmond drew away from the start, made all the running and won by five lengths; ten lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 30secs.

SAMUNGLI PURSE.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for ponies that started in either the Scurry stakes on the first day, or the Beginners' Purse on the second day. 3 furlongs.

Kazi Jallaluddin's Delhi Durbar, 9st 11lb (car 9st 5lbs)...	...	Egan	1
Capt Wilkinson's Judy, 10st 5lbs	...	Churchward	2
Mr Menzies' Najib, 9st 12lbs ...	...	Capt Benwell	3
Capt Grove's Walnut, 8st 7lbs	...	Juman Shah	0
Ditto's Moti, 8st 12lbs (car 9st 11lb)	...	Owner	0
Col Yates' Rudolf, 8st 7lbs (car 8st 9lbs)		Mr Wallis	0
Mr O'Hara's Federation, 8st 12lbs	...	Bai Ram	0
„ J Smith's Songstress, 11st	...	Mr Beaty	0
Capt Hislop's Dawn, 8st 12lbs (car 9st 7lbs)	...	Owner	0
Mr Dyer's Junglie, 8st (car 8st 13lbs)	...	Capt Moore	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Songstress, 2 to 1 each Delhi Durbar and Judy, 4 to 1 Najib, 6 to 1 Federation, 8 to 1 each Walnut, Moti, Rudolf, Dawn, and Junglie.

After considerable delay they were sent away when Delhi Durbar, followed by Judy, showed in front and maintaining his position to the end won by a length; a length and a half between second and third. Time—43½secs.

TAKATU PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all ponies that have started at the meeting. 5 furlongs.

Mr Anderson's Grace, 9st 12lbs	...	Churchward	1
Messrs Hughes and Smith's Queer Fish, 9st		Capt More	2
Capt Hislop's Roburite, 9st ...	...	Owner	3
Major Maxwell's Richmond, 10st	...	Mr Beaty	0
Mr Menzies' Najib, 9st 5lbs ...	...	Capt Grove	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Grace, 2 to 1 agst Richmond, 5 to 1 Queer Fish, 6 to 1 Najib, 10 to 1 Roburite.

Grace early showed the way, was never headed and won by a length and a half; a length between second and third. Time—1min 12secs.

GOLD CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all horses that have started at the meeting. R. C.

Mr J Smith's Bidinia, 9st 5lbs	...	Capt Grove	1
Capt Benwell's Aureole, 11st 12lbs	...	Owner	2
Mr Anderson's Here's Luck, 10st 7lbs	...	Churchward	3
Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcome's Black Snake, 10st 3lbs	... ...	Mr Beaty	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Aureole, evens Here's Luck, 6 to 1 Bidinia, 8 to 1 Black Snake.

Bidinia, attended by Aureole and Here's Luck, soon assumed the lead and though Aureole made an effort near the distance she failed to get near Bidinia, who won by a length; eight lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 15secs.

PANIR PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third A handicap for all ponies that have started at the meeting 1 mile.

Mr Anderson's True Blue, 10st 3lbs	...	Mr Beaty	1
Capt Grove's Rubicon, 10st 11b	...	Owner	2
Mr Menzies' Zarafshan, 9st 11lbs	...	Capt Hislop	3
Capt Minogue's Greylet, 9st 3lbs (car 9st 4lbs) ...	...	Egan	0
Mr Ingham's Ginger, 11st 6lbs	...	Churchward	0
„ Davidson's Oriel, 9st ...	...	Capt Hislop	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Ginger, 2 to 1 agst Rubicon, 4 to 1 each True Blue, Zarafshan and Greylet, 6 to 1 Oriel.

Ginger, followed by Rubicon and Greylet, made the running at a great pace till near the distance, where he was done. Here True Blue, coming through, challenged and shortly drew away and won by a length; three lengths between second and third.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all ponies that have run at the meeting and not won. ½ mile.

Capt Eastwood and Mr Newcome's Sportsman, 8st 12lbs	...	Bai Ram	1
Major Showers' Kapurthala, 10st 7lbs	...	Egan	2
Capt Hislop's Roburite, 9st (car 9st 5lbs)		Owner	3
„ Price's Terror, 8st 12lbs	...	Capt Grove	0
Sir Ghaus Baksh's Nasaralla, 8st 12lbs	...	Juman Shah	0
Messrs Hughes and Smith's Queer Fish, 8st 10lbs (car 9st 3lbs)	... ...	Capt Moore	0
Capt Barry Drew's Mustapha, 8st 12lbs	...	Mr Malbis	0

BETTING: 6 to 1 agst Kapurthala, 3 to 1 Terrior, 4 to 1 Roburite, 6 to 1 each Sportsman, Nasaralla, Queer Fish, and Mustapha.

Sportsman and Kapurthala in company cut out the running, and, after a good race to the distance, the former drew away and won by a length; two lengths between second and thid. Time—56½secs.

HUNT CHASE.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap chase for all ponies that have started at the meeting. Steeplechase Course about 1¼ miles.

Mr J Smith's Lucky Star, 10st Capt. Grove W. O.

BANGALORE RACES.

Second Extra Day. 28th May 1903.

STILL does plucky little Bangalore keep her head above water—and well above water—in South Indian racing. On the 28th May a really nice little afternoon's sport took place, and the presence of a couple of well-known bookmakers on their way to the forthcoming big meetings in Mysore and Bangalore, greatly enhanced the interest of the proceedings. Conducted by Mr. Jotter, Band Master of the 6th Dragoon Guards, the Band of the 1st Moplah Rifles played an excellent selection of music, whilst "fair women and brave men" were present to a very fair extent, although many prominent Bangaloreans are still away on the Nilgiri Hills. The weather was absolutely delicious—cloud without rain—and with regard to the racing, it was only fair give-and-take between backers and fielders although the latter probably had a bit the best of it. With regard to the racing, as each event is described in its place it is unnecessary to say more here.

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Events and results:—

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 125, of which the second pony will receive 25. For ponies that have never won a race of the value of Rs. 50 or over. ¼ mile.

Mrs Randall's br aus g Assegai, 10st 13lbs	...	Capt Randall	1
Mr Gwyer's g a h Cat, 9st 3lbs	...	Mr Knight	2
Capt E J R Peel's bk aus m Starlight, 10st 10½lbs ...	...	Owner	3

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Assegai, 2 to 1 agst Starlight and 10 to 1 Cat.

Cat led for a furlong, when Assegai came through and won easily by a length; four lengths between second and third. Time—59½ secs.

THE ARAB WELTER.—Rs. 125, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr E Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 11st 7lbs	...	Capt Randall	1
Lieut-Col A Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 10st 10lbs	...	Capt Dougall	2
Capt R M Bell's g a h Essex, 9st 7lbs	...	Col Armstrong	3
Mr Strickland's ch a h Little Tom, 9st 9lbs		Mr Fischer	0

BETTING: 7 to 4 on Essex, 2 to 1 agst Syndic, 4 to 1 Harefoot, and 6 to 1 Little Tom.

It was never thought that a little pony like Syndic could carry the weight home, and Essex was heavily backed.

The favourite made running for a couple of furlongs, but declined to gallop when challenged and Mr Sydenham's beautiful little pony galloping out to the last stride carried his big weight home in really first-class style a length in front of Harefoot. Essex was third three lengths away. Time—1min. 28½secs.

THE PONY STEEPLECHASE.—Rs. 125, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For ponies 14-1 and under. About 1¾ miles.

Mr Spooner Hart's br aus g Good Chap, 10st 7lbs ..	... ...	Burns	1
Mr Anketell Jones' b e m Lady Abbess, 11st 10lbs ...	... ...	Capt Randall	2
Mr Waterhouse's b aus m Flight, 12st 3lbs		Owner	3
„ Knight's b a h Mish Mish, 9st 10lbs ...		Owner	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Lady Abbess, 2 to 1, each agst Flight and Good Chap and 10 to 1 Mish Mish.

Lady Abbess came away from the start with Flight at her girths and Mish Mish last. The latter soon ran out, and the two former went into the country side by side, with Good Chap lying four or five lengths behind. Burns' mount was jumping badly, but he kept him on his legs, and joined issue with the leaders at the half mile post, subsequently coming away and winning without an effort. The official verdict was two lengths, but it looked much more—with plucky litte Flight, utterly crushed by the big weight, three lengths behind the second pony. Time—3mins. 31⅗secs.

THE PLATER STAKES.—Rs. 125, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For ponies. 5 furlongs.

Mr R P Symonds', bk aus m Cleopatra II, 10st 7lbs ...	... ...	Col Armstrong	1
Mr Graham's ch aus m Shot Silk, 7st 10lbs		Baboth Singh	2

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Cleopatra II and evens Shot Silk.

One was a racing pony and the other a polo pony, and it was almost ludicrous to see Col Armstrong hanging on to the favourite. He let her go a few strides from home and won in the commonest of canters by a neck. Time—1min. 13⅗secs.

THE HORSE WELTER HANDICAP.—Rs. 125, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 25. For Chargers and Hacks that have never won a race of the value of Rs. 100 or over. ½ mile.

Mr L Robinson's br aus g Star, 11st 7lbs ...		Meah Jan	1
Capt E J R Peel's b aus h The Gaffer, 11st 11b ...	... ...	Owner	2
Major A C Hamilton's ch aus h Rubicon, 11st 4lbs ...	... ...	Capt Randall	3
Mr Kidd's b aus m Jess, 10st 7lbs		Mr Waterhouse	0
Col J P. Grant's ch c b g Philistine, 10st ...		Burns	0

BETTING: Evens The Gaffer, 2 to 1 Star, and 4 to 1 each Rubicon, Jess, and Philistine.

Star got the best, and The Gaffer and Jess the worst of a bad start, and Mr Robinson's horse held the command throughout winning by a length, with Rubicon double that distance behind the favourite. Time—54secs.

THE POLO RACE.—Rs. 125, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For *bonâ fide* Polo ponies 14-1 and under that have regularly played polo. Certificate from Polo Secretary to accompany entry. 2 furlongs.

Mr Gwyer's b a h Burgundy, 10st 11b ...		Mr Saunders	1
„ Graham's br aus g Kepplar, 11st 6lbs...		Capt Randall	2
„ R Anketell Jones' ch a g China, 11st 7lbs ...	... ...	Capt Dougall	3
Capt E J R Peel's ch a h Ruby, 9st 12lbs...		Capt Tatam	0
Mr Knight's b a h Mish Mish, 9st 4lbs ...		Mr Waterhouse	0
Capt A T Cole's gr a h Augustus, 9st ...		Mr Knight	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst China, 2 to 1 Kepplar, 4 to 1 Burgundy, 6 to 1 each Ruby and Mish Mish and 8 to 1 Augustus.

A veritable scurry, in which Burgundy got home by a length with Kepplar half a length in front of China. Time—29⅗secs.

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First Day. Friday. 29th May. 1903.

CAPTAIN WELCH and the Executive are to be congratulated on the success of the races just concluded. It has been an exceedingly pleasant meeting and everything went harmoniously, the catering for the public and the sportsmen being in the usual style, which has gained for Darjeeling a happy reputation. The first day was originally fixed for the 27th, but at the time fixed for the first race a deluge of rain (kindly note I do not use the words *Jupiter Pluvius*) came down and the course was converted into a lake. Racing was consequently out of the question, and the programme was put off till next day. The weather was all that could be desired the following afternoon, and all Darjeeling and the District found their way down to Lebong, and were rewarded by witnessing some excellent racing. The most important race, the Lieutenant-Governor's Cup, was handsomely won by The Duke, who was excellently ridden by that fine horseman, Captain Travers, who got every ounce out of him and snatched a half length victory from the handsome mare Comely. Mr. Galstaun's new C. S. Cup candidate Rosalea *also ran* in this race, but made a very sorry exhibition She got off badly, was ridden badly, and finished in the rear division. We had no chance of seeing whether this was wrong form as Mr. Galstaun inadvertently omitted to send in his declarations for the second day. Mr. Walker was much commiserated on his mishap in the "Garrison Stakes." Richard was a certainty, but his saddle slipped soon after the start and he was pulled out. However, Mr. Wellesley, a popular young officer here, stepped into the breach, and brought his mount along with a rare rattle at the finish, getting home almost on the post.

The second day also proved an ideal racing day, and the favorites rolled home with the persistency which is so productive of objectionable language on the part of that ubiquitous individual "the bookmaker"—6 favorites and 2 second favorites! but the long-suffering punters must have an innings sometimes. Tightrope was sent up to win the Lieutenant-Governor's Cup, but having won more than the advertised limit, was not qualified to run, so the winner, The Duke, was challenged to a match at the weights. The race was a great one. The Duke forced the pace and kept a length or so ahead the whole way, and it was only entering the straight that Tightrope made an effort to challenge, but the Duke full of running answered gamely to the call of his rider, and passed the post on easy length to the good. Charlie Bobby, and Comet cut the course in their respective races, while Richard in the "Burdwan Cup" attempted to gallop up a sheer wall, giving a youth we have here, named Byrne, a nasty fall and a severe shaking. The following were the particulars:—

NOVICE STAKES.—For a Cup value Rs 49. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 and under, and others 13-3 and under, that have never won a stake value Rs. 40 or over. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 and others 13-3 to carry 12st. W.I. ¼ mile.

Mr A J Shillingford's b cb m Ringlet, 10st 13lbs ...	... ...	Mr Metcalfe	1
Mr F Chamberlain's br cb m Zulu Girl, 10st 7lbs ...	... ..	Capt Travers	2
Mr C F Andrews' b a p Bridegroom, 10st 4lbs ...	... ...	Mr Davis	3
Mr A T Walker's g aus g Richard, 12st ...		Owner	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Ringlet, 3 to 1 Richard, 4 to 1 Zulu Girl, 8 to 1 Bridegroom.

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 20. Ringlet Rs. 60, Richard Rs. 45, Zulu Girl Rs. 15. Dainty Rs. 5, Bridegroom Rs. 5.

Zulu Girl got away with the lead and led the pace a cracker for the first round, when Ringlet commenced to come up, the other two being distanced. At the far end entering the straight Ringlet closed and a good race home resulted in a verdict for the daughter of Ringmaster by a length.

HABSA PLATE.—For a Cup value Rs. 49. For all Bhutia ponies 13-1 to carry 11st. W.I. Previous winners of Rs. 40 or over once 7lbs., twice 14lbs., three times or over 21lbs. extra. 1 mile.

Mr Mackie's g b g Comet, 10st 2lbs	...	Mr Pickering	1
Mr K Shempa's g b g Bahadur, 8st 7lbs	...	Mr Galstaun	2
Mr Price's g b g Chota Sahib, 11st 2lbs	...	Mr Parsons	3
Mr Pulford's bl b g Albert, 8st 7lbs	...	Lord Dundas	0
Mr Palden's g b g Chukmuk, 11st 9lbs	...	Mr Metcalfe	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 Bahadur, 3 to 1 Comet, 7 to 5 Chota Sahib, 10 to 1 Albert, 20 to 1 Chukmuk.

LOTTERIES:—Tickets Rs. 200. Chota Sahib Rs. 65, Bahadur Rs. 55, Comet Rs 45, Albert Rs. 10, Chukmuk Rs. 10.

Bahadur and Chota Sahib raced in company for half the journey, Comet close up behind. At the last turn Comet was taken to the front and won a good race by a length, Chota Sahib close up third.

DESERT STAKES.—For a Cup value Rs. 49. For Arabs and C.-B.'s. 14-1 and under that have never won a stake value Rs. 50 or over. 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. W.I. ¼ mile.

Mr A J Shillingford's b cb m Ringlet, 10st 6lbs ...	... ...	Mr Metcalfe	1
Mr C J Pickering's b a h Chieftain, 8st 13lbs ...	... ...	Mr Byrne	2
Mr L Hare's grey a g Wasib, 11st 7lbs		Mr A T Walker	3
Mr C Harrison's ch a g Gareth, 10st ...		Owner	0
Capt. Harding-Newman's b a p Nettle, 10st 6lbs ...	... ...	Mr Pickering	0
Mr. F Chamberlain's b cb m Zulu Girl, 10st		Capt. Travers	0

BETTING: Evens Ringlet, 3 to 1 Chieftain, 3 to 1 Gareth, 5 to 1 Nettle, 6 to 1 Zulu Girl, 8 to 1 Wasib.

LOTTERIES:—Tickets Rs. 200. Ringlet Rs. 50, Gareth Rs. 30, Zulu Girl Rs. 20, Nettle Rs. 80, Chieftain Rs. 5, Wasib Rs 0.

Ringlet again proved her superiority over the field by a comparatively easy win. A good race for second place.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S CUP.—For a Cup value Rs. 49, presented by H.H. the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal. For all ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 500 or over. English and Australasians 14-1, 12st 2lbs; Arabs and C.-B's 14-1, 10st 4lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs 200 or over, once 5lbs, twice 8lbs, oftener 10lbs. Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. 1 mile.

Mr A Keelan's br aus g The Duke, 11st ...		Capt Travers	1
„ A J Shillingford's b cb m Comely, 9st 6lbs ...	... ...	Mr Metcalfe	2
Capt Harding-Newman's b a p Hindustan, 8st 5lbs ...	.. ...	Mr Fenton	3
Mr Galstaun's bl aus m Rosalea, 10st 2lbs		Mr Chater	0
„ Samuel's b aus m Coquette, 10st 5lbs		Mr Parsons	0

BETTING: 4 to 6 on Rosalea, 2 to 1 Duke, 3 to 1 Comely, 8 to 1 Hindustan, 10 to 1 Coquette.

LOTTERIES: Tickets Rs. 200. Rosalea Rs. 80-75, Duke Rs. 50-0 40, Comely Rs. 40-25, Coquette Rs, 20-25, Hindustan Rs. 15-10.

Hindustan led the field for the best part of the journey, with Comely second and The Duke next. At the last turn Hindustan fell back and Comely went on attended by The Duke, and a grand race down the straight with a determined finish by Capt. Travers resulted in The Duke securing the verdict by half a length, Rosalea scared all the other competitors, but she never made a bid for the race at any time.

POLO SCURRY.—For a Cup value Rs. 49. For all polo ponies that have played regularly in the Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts during the current season. Best of three heats without dismounting. Catch-weights over 11st 7lbs. ¼ mile.

Mr A T Walker's g aus g Bobby	...	Owner	1
„ L Hare's b a p El Rasim ...	...	Mr Metcalfe	2
„ C P Andrews' b a p Bridegroom	...	Mr Davis	0
„ Hammond's b aus g Tarquin	...	Mr Pickering	0

BETTING: 1½ to 1 Bobby, 2 to 1 El Rasim, 3 to 1 Bridegroom, 6 to 1 Tarquin.

LOTTERIES: Tickets Rs. 200. Bobby Rs. 40, El Rasim Rs. 20 Tarquin Rs. 5, Bridegroom Rs. 5.

Bobby won two heats in succession with El Rasim second.

THE COOCH BEHAR CUP.—For a Cup value Rs. 49, presented by H.H. the Maharajah of Cooch Behar. For English and Australians 13-2½ and under, and Arabs and C.-B.'s 14 hands and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-0 and others 13-2½ to carry 12st. W. I. 5 furlongs.

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Mr Price's b aus g The Swell, 11st 11lbs Mr Parsons 1
„ A J Shillingford's b cb m Ringlet, 11st 11lbs ... ... Mr Metcalfe 2
Mr Payne's g cb m Lightning II, 11st 2lbs Mr Byrne 3
Mr C J Pickering's ch a p Ronald, 11st 3lbs Owner 0

BETTING: 4 to 6 on Ringlet, 2 to 1 Swell, 5 to 1 Lightning 10 to 1 Ronald.

LOTTERIES: Tickets Rs. 200. Ringlet Rs. 50, Swell Rs. 45, Lightning Rs. 15, Ronald Rs. 5.

Lightning went away with the bac, with Ringlet next and The Swell close up. Lightning, however, was soon done with, and with Ronald hopelessly in the rear the race resolved into a match between Ringlet and The Swell. The latter ran gamely enough and wearing down the mare beat her by about a length.

GARRISON STAKES.—For all ponies 14-1 and under, *bonâ fide* the property of officers of the Garrison and to be ridden by the same that have never won Rs. 40 or over. 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs. Arabs and C.-B's allowed 2lbs. W.I. 5 furlongs.

Mr F H B Wellesley's b a g Charlie, 9st 10lbs ... ... Owner 1
Mr C J Pickering's b a h Chieftain, 8st 3lbs Capt Travers 2
Lord G Dundas's ch cb m Lassie, 9st 13lbs Owner 3
Mr A T Walker's g aus g Richard, 10st 13lbs Owner 0
„ A T Walker's g aus g Bobby, 10st 10lbs Mr Gall 0

BETTING: Evens Richard, 4 to 1 Bobby 5 to 1 Charlie, 5 to 1 Chieftain 6 to 1 Lassie.

LOTTERIES: Tickets Rs 200. Walker's stable Rs. 90, Lassie Rs. 20, Chieftain Rs. 10, Charlie Rs. 5.

Richard went out the hope of the Garrison, but unfortunately his saddle slipped soon after the start, and Chieftain went on with Lassie, Charlie whipping in. At the far corner Charlie was set going and to the surprise of everyone he caught the leaders in the straight, and there ensued a great race between the three, Charlie just securing the verdict by a neck; Lassie half a length off third.

THE FRED ARCHER PLATE.—Rs. 20 to the first and Rs. 10 to the second. For all Bhutia ponies that have been regularly hired out in the station, to be ridden by N.-C. O.'s or men of the Garrison. Catch-weights 11st 7lbs. 5 furlongs.

This was the usual amusing *finale* to the day. About 16 started and amused the onlookers no end by deeds of horsemanship The winner turned up in the Gillafon whose horse ran off the course, but he got it going straight again, and won amidst great applause.

Second Day, Saturday, 30th May, 1903.

THIBET STAKES.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all Bhutias. 1 mile.

Mr K Shempa's g b g Bahadur, 9st 3lbs ... Mr Galstaun 1
„ Price's g b g Chota Sahib, 11st 7lbs ... Mr Parsons 2
„ Mackie's g b g Comet, 11st 5lbs ... Mr Pickering 3
„ Palden's g b g Chukmuk, 10st 12lbs ... Mr Metcalfe 0
„ Pulford's bl b g Albert, 8st 5lbs ... Lord Dundas 0

BETTING: 1½ to 1 Comet, 1¼ to 1 Bahadur, 2½ to 1 Chota Sahib, 20 to 1 Chukmuk, 20 to 1 Albert.

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 200, Bahadur Rs. 45, Chota Sahib Rs. 45, Comet Rs. 35, Albert Rs. 5, Chukmuk Rs. 5.

Bahadur was at once taken to the front, and keeping ahead the whole way won from Chota Sahib by a length; Comet a length off third.

HIMALAYAN PURSE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won Rs. 50 or over. ¾ mile.

Mr C J Pickering's b a h Chieftain, 9st 4lbs ... ... Mr Parsons 1
Mr Pickering's b a h Ronald, 9st 4lbs ... Capt Travers 2
„ F Chamberlain's br cb m Zulu Girl, 9st 7lbs ... ... Mr Metcalfe 3
Mr McKenzie's g cb m Asthore, 10st 12lbs Mr Walker 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Chieftain, 3 to 1 Asthore, 5 to 1 Zulu Girl, 10 to 1 Ronald

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 200, Pickering's stable Rs. 70, Zulu Girl Rs. 45, Asthore Rs. 20.

Zulu Girl dashed away at the start and held a good lead for half a mile when she shot her bolt, and Chieftain took command, followed by Ronald. Ronald made a great effort down the straight but Chieftain had the legs of him and won easily by a length and a half.

THE RAJSHAHI CUP.—For a cup value Rs. 49, presented by the Commissioner of Rajshahi. For all ponies *bonâ fide* the property of Owners, Managers and Assistants of Tea Gardens in the Darjeeling, Rajshahi and Jalpaiguri districts and to be ridden by the same, that have been regularly ridden on gardens up to 15th May 1903. W I 14-1 to carry 12st. 7lbs. Bhutias allowed 3st, Arabs and C.-B's. 21lbs, previous winners of Rs. 40 or over once 5 lbs, twice 10 lbs, three times or over 14 lbs. extra. 5 furlongs

Mr T E Metcalfe's b aus m Norah, 10st 9lbs ... ... Mr Metcalfe 1
Mr C P Andrews' b a p Bridegroom, 9st 4lbs ... ... Mr Mackie 2
Mr Wilfrid's b cb g Rufus, 9st 4lbs ... Mr Davis 3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Norah, evens Bridegroom, 4 to 1 Rufus

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 200, Rufus Rs. 50, Norah Rs. 30 Bridegroom Rs. 30.

Norah took the lead attended by Bridegroom, but she soon shook him off and sailed home an easy winner

MATCH FOR Rs. 50.—5 furlongs.

Mr Keelan's br aus g The Duke, 10st 12lbs ... ... Capt Travers 1
Mr Samuel's Tightrope, 10st 3lbs ... Mr Parsons 2

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Tightrope, 1½ agst. The Duke.

The Duke was taken to the front and kept there right up to the winning post. Tightrope hung on to him the whole way and attempted a challenge down the straight, but The Duke answering gamely forged ahead and won nicely by a length.

HURLINGHAM VASE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all polo ponies that have played regularly in the Lebong Station game during the current season. 3 furlongs.

Capt Harding-Newman's b a p Hindustan, 12st ... ... Mr Parsons 1
Lord G Dundas' ch cb m Lassie, 9st 7lbs... Owner 2
Mr F H B Wellesley's b a g Charlie, 11st 7lbs ... ... Owner ran out

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Hindustan, 3 to 1 Lassie, 4 to 1 Charlie.

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 200, Hindustan Rs. 55, Lassie Rs. 30 Charlie, Rs 25.

Hindustan took the lead followed by Charlie, but the latter ran out at the bend past the stand, and as Lassie could not make Hindustan gallop he won in a canter.

THE BURDWAN CUP.—For a cup value Rs. 49, presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Burdwan. Handicap for Arabs and C.-B.s 14-1 and under, others 13-3½ and under that have never won a race value Rs. 200 or over. ¾ mile.

Mr Price's b aus g The Swell, 9st 12lbs ... Mr Parsons 1
„ Shillingford's b cb m Ringlet, 9st 9lbs Mr Metcalfe 2
„ A T Walker's g aus g Richard, 7st 7lbs Mr Byrne fell

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Ringlet, evens The Swell, 5 to 1 Richard

LOTTERIES: Tickets Rs. 200, Ringlet Rs. 60, The Swell Rs. 60, Richard Rs. 15.

Ringlet gave a lot of trouble at the post, and extinguished her undoubted chance by the state she worked herself into. She ran with no heart in the race and The Swell sailed ahead the whole way, winning easily by a couple of lengths.

Richard jibbed at the start and got off very badly, going in hopeless pursuit of the others. At the bend near the stand he cut the course and ran up a perpendicular bank several feet, and then fell back giving his rider, young Byrne, a severe fall.

KINCHINJUNGA PLATE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all ponies that have run on the first day. 1 mile.

Mr A J Shillingford's b cb m Comely, 10st 11lb ... ... Mr Metcalfe 1
Mr Samuel's b aus m Coquette, 10st 5lbs ... Mr Parsons 2
„ C J Pickering's b a h Chieftain, 8st 7lbs Mr Galstaun 3
„ C J Pickering's ch a p Ronald, 8st 7lbs Owner 0
„ A T Walker's g aus g Bobby, 8st 5lbs ... Capt Travers out

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Comely, evens Coquette 5 to 1 Chieftain 8 to 1 Bobby, 20 to 1 Ronald.

LOTTERIES.—Tickets Rs. 200, Coquette, Rs 95, Comely, Rs 75, Bobby Rs. 10, Pickering's stable Rs. 10.

Coquette went out the hope of the backers and made a bold bid for victory, but Comely was always handy and challenging down the straight a great race ensued, the country bred getting the verdict on the post by a bare half length: Chieftain half-a-dozen lengths off third. Bobby ran out.

MATCH FOR Rs. 40.—1 mile.

Mr Price's Chota Sahib 1
Mr Gill's Comet ... ... ran out.

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Chota Sahib, 1½ to 1 Comet. Comet got the best of the start, but extinguished his chances by running out at the first turn, having Chota Sahib to walk over for the stakes.

LEBONG PURSE.—For all Bhutia ponies, the property of natives, and to be ridden by the same.

Seven started for this race which was better run than usual. The winner turned up in the pony which was ridden by Private Gillafon in the Fred Archer Stakes, this time ridden by a Chinese boy who rode on the withers *a la* Tod Sloan

DIBRUGARH SKY MEETING.

STEWARDS.

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C H HOLDER ESQ | S S HAWKINS ESQ
F E WINSLAND ESQ | E C S BAKER ESQ
Honorary Secretary.—E C STUART BAKER ESQ.

Tuesday, 26th May 1903.

JUNCTION STAKES.—Rs. 100 Handicap for ponies 13-1 and under owned by men who have never won a Race value Rs. 100 or over. Distance 3 furlongs.

Dr Rae's b aus m No Trumps, 10st 10lbs ... Mr Sherwill 1
Mr Pengree's bk aus m Gypsy, 10st 10lbs... Mr Green 2
„ E M Wood's sk aus m Corona, 9st 10lbs Mr Baker 3
„ Semple's b aus m Killarney, 11st 0lbs ... Mr F Holder 0
„ J F Gruning's b aus m The Waif 10st 4½lb ... ... Mr Bell 0
Mr Glennie's b aus g Drayton, 10st 3lbs ... Mr W Holder 0

Won by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third. Time—42⅘ secs.

STEEPLECHASE.—Rs 200 Handicap for ponies 13-1 and under that have never won a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race value Rs. 200 or over. 1½ miles.

Mr Hutchinson's b aus m Invernet 12st Mr Sherwill 1
„ E Holders sk aus m Sketch 11st 2lbs Mr Ball } fell
„ Copeland's b aus m Partridge 9st 9lbs Lalsing }

Won any how.

ASSISTANTS' RACE.—100 to winner 50 to second Handicap for all ponies 13-1 under owned by Assistants and others on Tea Gardens drawing Rs. 300 or under a month. Distance ¾ mile.

Mr Bundock' br aus m Butcha 11-7 ... Mr F Holder 1
„ Green's b aus g Paddy 11-7 ... Mr Green 2
„ Soole's b aus m Bona Fide 10-5 ... Mr Soole 3
„ Allen's b aus g Bullfinch 11-1 ... Mr Allen 0
„ Langley's ch aus m Tottie Fay 10-8½ ... Mr Sherwill 0

Won by 6 lengths; 2 lengths between second and third. Time 61⅘ Secs.

LAKHIMPUR STAKES.— Rs. 100 Handicap for ponies 13-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 100 or over. Distance ¾ mile.

Mr Rae's b aus m No Trumps, 11st ... Mr Sherwill 1
„ E Wood's sk aus m Corona, 10st 7lbs ... „ Bell 2
„ A Copeland's cr aus m Betsy, 10st ... „ Baker 3
„ Glennie's h aus g Drayton, 10st 10lbs ... „ Green 0

Won, hard held, by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time 60⅘secs.

THE MAY STAKES.—Rs. 200 Handicap for Ponies 13-3 and under. Distance ¾ mile.

Mr Gruning's b aus m Lady Jane, 11st ... Mr Sherwill 1
Messrs Falkiner and Holder's bk aus m Jura, 10st 7lbs ... ... „ Green 2

Won by six lengths. Time 56⅘secs.

POLO RACE.—Rs. 100 Handicap for Polo ponies 13-1 and under (Certificate as per General condition 7 must accompany entry, or it will be refused.) Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr F Holder's b aus m Burleighsque, 10st 6lbs ... ... Mr W Holder 1
„ F Holder's b aus g Mannlicher, 11st 7lbs ... . Owner 2
„ G E Collins' b aus m Coronation 11st Mr Allen 3
„ Copeland's b aus g Pheasant 9st 11½lbs Mr Baker 0
„ Bundock's b aus m Butcha, 10st 7lbs ... Mr Sherwill 0

Won by a short head; two lengths between second and third. Time—56⅘secs.

BUGGY STAKES.—Rs. 100 Handicap for ponies 13-3 and under that have been regularly driven. Distance ¾ mile.

Mr F Holders' b aus g Mannlicher, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr F Holder 1
Mr Hutchinson's b aus m Invernet, 11st ... Mr Sherwill 2
Mr E Holder's sk aus m Sketch, 10st ... Mr Green 3
„ A Copeland's cr aus m Betsy, 9st 7lbs... Mr Semple 0
„ Semple's b aus m Killarney 10st 7lbs... Mr. Bell 0
„ Gannon's b aus m Blue Bottle, 11st 2lbs Mr Ball 0

Won by four lengths: two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 32secs.

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COLOMBO MONSOON MEETING.

First Day, Wednesday, 21st May 1903.

THE opening day's sport was brought off in splendid weather and a programme of six races carried through. There was a large attendance and good sport witnessed. Mr. Bartleet secured two wins with Poor Me and Mr. Farquharson's stable also had two wins. The race of the day was the last one, the Havelock Handicap. Caloola seemed to have matters his own way and looked like winning his second race of the afternoon when Boniface, finely ridden by his owner, came away and won on the post. Lansdowne and Mr. Quayle shared riding honours. Details:—

MONSOON STAKES.—Rs. 200, and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For Maiden Horses. Weight for age and class raised 1 stone. Entrance Rs. 10. 6 furlongs.

Mr R Farquharson's Boveric, 10st 1½lbs ... Winslow 1
„ C C Herbert's Rapier, 10st ... Lansdowne 2
Capt A C Pitman's Mountaineer, 10st ... Owner 3

Also ran: Mr. W. Bartleet's Gretna (Abboo) and Mr. Eric Watson's Nisi Prius. The last-named was left at the post owing to an accident to the saddle.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Boveric, evens Rapier, 10 to 1 agst any other.

Totalisator paid Rs. 3.

Won easily by two lengths; a very bad third, and Gretna was completely out of it. Time—1min 23⅕secs.

GRAND STAND STAKES.—Rs 300, and Rs 50 to the second Horse. For Horses 14-2 and under. Handicap. Entrance Rs. 10. 5 furlongs

Mr. Bartleet's Poor Me, 9st 12lbs ... Lansdown 1
„ J Quayle's Winnie, 10st 3lbs ... Owner 2
„ R Farquharson's Rebecca, 10st 11b ... Owner 3

Also ran: Capt. Gooch's Redstone (Owner), Mr Montague's Good Girl (Wiles). Mr Heather's Silk (Mr Murland).

BETTING: Evens Rebecca, 2 to 1 Good Girl, 4 to 1 Winnie, 5 to 1 Poor Me, 6 to 1 Redstone, 10 to 1 Silk.

Totalisator paid Rs. 10.

Won by a comfortable length; a similar distance separating Winnie and Rebecca. Time—1min. 7⅘secs

BEDOUIN STAKES—Rs. 300 and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For Arab Galloways. W.I. 14 hands to carry 11st. Entrance Rs. 15. 5 furlongs.

Mr Heather's Sheik, 9st 11lbs ... Mr Quayle 1
„ Farquharson's Tirah, 10st 9lbs ... Owner 2
Capt G Bayley's King William, 9st 11lbs Owner 3

Also ran: Mr. Brace's Silver One (Wiles) and Capt Gooch's Lord Bobs (Mr. Murland).

Evens Tirah, 2 to 1 Sheik, 4 to 1 against, any other.

Totalisator paid Rs. 7.

Two lengths between second and third Time—1min. 13⅘secs.

AUCTION STAKES.—Rs. 300. For Horses. Weight for value If entered to be sold for Rs. 800, to carry 11st 7lbs; 7lbs allowed for every reduction of Rs. 100 down to Rs. 300. Entrance Rs. 15. 5 furlongs.

Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Caloola (Rs 700) 11st ... ... Mr Quayle 1
Mr D H William's, Afreet (Rs. 600) 10st 7lbs ... ... Winslow 2
Mr John Quayle's Dexter (Rs 400) 9st 7lbs S David 3
„ R J Farquharson's The Greek (Rs 300), 9st ... ... David 0

BETTING: Evens Caloola, 6 to 4 Afreet, 4 to 1 any other.

Totalizator paid Rs. 3

Won by a length. Time 1-6⅘.

GALLOWAY STAKES.—Rs. 200 and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For Galloways that have not won a race of Rs. 500. W. I. 14 hands to carry 11 stone, Entrance Rs. 15. 5 furlongs.

Mr Bartleet's Poor Me, 10st 8lbs ... Lansdowne 1
Mr Heather's Silk, 10st ... ... Mr Murland 2
Mr H P Borrett's Peeress, 10st 6lbs ... Capt Gooch 3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Poor Me. No other betting.

Totalisator paid Rs. 3.

Poor Me assumed the lead immediately and kept it, passing the judge's box at the commonest of canters. Time—1min. 10secs.

HAVELOCK HANDICAP.—Rs. 500, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for Horses Entrance Rs. 30. 6 furlongs.

Mr R Farquharson's Boniface, 10st 11lbs... Owner 1
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Caloola, 9st 9lbs ... ... Mr Quayle 2
The Alipore Clique's Anster, 10st 2lbs ... Lansdowne 3

Also ran: Captain Gooch's Devotee (Owner) Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply (Captain Pitman), Mr. Quayle's Dexter (S. David).

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst. Anster, 4 to 1 Boniface, 10 to 1 agst any other.

Totalisator paid Rs. 5.

Won by half a nose. Time—1min. 21½secs.

Few mares have ever gained a higher position on the roll of equine fame than the late General Pearson's famous filly, Achievement, winner, among other races, of the One Thousand Guineas and St. Leger of 1867. She was never tried but once, and this was somewhat against the wishes of her trainer, but General Pearson liked to know the best or the worse of them at home.

"Let them learn what the prickers mean," he would say, though he betted, if at all, on a small scale: and in March, 1886, he and Mr. Sutton—the General's racing friend and confederate—tried Achievement at 10lbs with a seven-year-old mare called Grisette, half a mile and a hundred yards, when the young one won in a canter by six lengths; and on the Tuesday in the Craven Meeting she met her first engagement, the Beacon Stakes over the last half-mile of the B. C.

"What a certainty! The best two-year-old I ever tried in my life," said Mr. Sutton, as the mare, not half-extended, swept past the post two lengths in front of Verulam; a remark made to himself in the excitement of the moment (for Mr. Sutton used to put it down heavily when he fancied them) but which was not lost on at least one bystander, who never failed to follow the mare throughout the whole of that wonderful year, wherein she ran thirteen times, beating such horses as Hermit, Fripponnier, Marksman, and all that was most gilded of the equine youth of the day, being beaten herself only twice—once when in the Clearwell Stakes she attempted to give 3lbs to Plaudit, and succumbed by a head, and the second time when, in the Middle Park Plate The Rake avenged for Mr. Pryor the defeats of Fripponnier, Verulam, etc., the mare giving 5lbs and going down by two lengths.

Unfortunately Achievement, who was a daughter of Stockwell, was not fated to perpetuate her excellence at the stud, dying almost as soon as her Turf career ended. That she was a remarkable mare, both as regards speed and stamina, need scarcely be doubted, and her victory in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster was, perhaps, more easily gained than has been any success in that famous race.

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Sport in England.

(From our own Sporting Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 15th May*, 1903.

THE TURF.

THE public can look with the utmost confidence to the enjoyment of sport of a high order when the Kempton Park Spring Meeting comes round, and those who failed to derive pleasure from to-day's entertainment must assuredly be difficult to satisfy. If anything, there was a surfeit of solid fare in the programme, which extended to seven items, and by the time the curtain was rung down with the Westminster Handicap the scheduled hour for the finish had been exceeded by twenty minutes. The keen interest always evinced by the King in our national pastime found expression in his patronage of the first day's meeting. His Majesty, who journeyed over from Windsor by motor-car, accompanied by Lord Marcus Beresford, came with the object of seeing his colt, Plumassier, make his bow in public in the May Three Year Old Plate, for which he was installed favourite, but unfortunately the royal candidate failed to realise expectations. A raw and misty morning augured none too well for the comfort of visitors to the picturesque Sunbury enclosure, a cold wind rendering the atmosphere decidedly chilly for May. The dubious outlook did not deter a large company from putting in an appearance, however, and the regular passengers by the South-Western Railway being strongly supplemented by formidable contingents who arrived by the new electric trams at frequent intervals, the attendance was a capital one in every department. By the time that racing got into full swing the conditions improved, and the sun infused a little warmth and life into the proceedings. The strength of the fields was well maintained, nearly eighty combatants taking part in the seven races, and the going, though on the soft side, was not as heavy as might have been expected.

The Stewards' Handicap—Of 880 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr J B Joel's b c His Lordship, Ayrshire—Emita, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	O Madden	1
Mr A James's b c Achaicus, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs (car 7st)	Watts	2
Sir J Blundell Maple's br c Nabot, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	W Lane	3
Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin aged, 9st ...	Maher	0
Mr A Cohen's Master Willie, aged, 9st ...	Boardman	0
„ E L Heinemann's Valenza, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs	Janek	0
Mr A M Singer's O Donovan Rossa, 6yrs, 7st 11lbs	Mustow	0
Mr H B Duryea's Acefull, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	J H Martin	0
„ L W Winans's The Raft, 6yrs, 7st 4lbs	Miller	0
Lord Durham's King's Limner, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 4lbs)	Hardy	0
Mr T Southall's Energetic, 5yrs, 7st 3lbs...	Summerfield	0
„ H J King's Mimicry, 4yrs, 7st 11b ...	Griggs	0
Sir J Thursby's Grave and Gay, 4yrs, 6st 5lbs (car 6st 6lbs)	Trigg	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Akbar, 3yrs, 5st 11lbs	J Jarvis	0

(*Winner trained by Morton, at Wantage.*)

Betting:—11 to 4 agst Grave and Gay, 6 to 1 each His Lordship and Acefull, 7 to 1 Achaicus, 8 to 1 Nabot, 100 to 8 each Mauvezin, Master Willie, Valenza, and King's Limner, and 100 to 6 any other (offered).

Won by a short head; three lengths between second and third. King's Limner was fourth, Valenza fifth, Grave and Gay sixth, Vitula colt seventh, Energetic eighth, Mimicry ninth, The Raft next, and Acefull and Mauvezin the last pair. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 17⅘secs.

The May Three-Year Old Plate,—Of 1,130 sovs; three-year-olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs; with penalties and allowances. New Jubilee Course (one mile and a quarter).

Major E Loder's b f Hammerkop, by Gallinule—Concussion, 9st 5lbs ...	J H Martin	1
Sir G Faber's b or br c Playbill, 8st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	2
His Majesty's b c Plumassier, 8st 11b ...	H Jones	3
Sir E Cassel's Sermon, 9st 8lbs... ...	Halsey	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Child Princess 8st 2lbs	W Lane	0
Mr C Meyer's Carbineham, 8st 11b ...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by Huggins at Newmarket.*)

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Plumassier, 5 to 2 Sermon, 5 to 1 Playbill, 6 to 1 Hammerkop, 10 to 1 Child Princess and 100 to 7 Carbineham (offered)

Won easily by three-quarters of a length; a bad third. Sermon was fourth and Carbineham last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 17secs.

Launched into fame at a single bound by the victory of that popular idol, Bendigo, under the welter burden of 9st. 7lbs, the Great "Jubilee" Handicap may be said to have been born with a silver spoon in its mouth. The good fortune which attended the inauguration of the new venture and started it on a successful and prosperous career has jealously and sedulously watched over its interest ever since, with the result that its high prestige has been worthily maintained. For this the glorious weather always associated with the celebration has doubtlessly been mainly responsible. Sunny skies and summerlike conditions have by long usage become the prescriptive right of patrons of Kempton's great handicap, and, despite a dubious outlook, the fates came to their rescue again and provided a day with which until late in the afternoon, little fault could be found. Clad in a wealth of spring verdure, the park was looking almost at its best, though the blossoms of the chesnuts and lilac, usually the brightest features of a brilliant function, were conspicuous by their absence. Notwithstanding that the King again honoured the proceedings with his presence, the attendance, did not exceed the average. On the Members' Lawn, it is true, the muster was a huge one, as it invariably is on such an occasions but on the far side of the course the public, who had thronged the park in their thousands on the Easter Bank Holiday, were but thinly represented, and the new electric tramway service from Shepherd's Bush to Hampton did not meet with anything like the support anticipated. The going, if on the soft side, was in capital order, and there was plenty of life and go in the entertainment, atonement for the failure of most of the favourites being forthcoming in the success of the best-backed horse for the great race of the day.

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The 17th Year of the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap—Of 2,635 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr A P Conlifle's b h Ypsilanti, by Galore—Stefanette (bred in USA) 5yrs, 8st 11b	B Dillon	1
Mr George Faber's b c Duke of Westminster, by Orme—Gantlet, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs	F Hardy	2
M E de Blaskovitz's b c Hazafi by Orwell—Ollyannines, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	W Lane	3
Sir E Cassel's Handicapper, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	W Halsey	0
Mr H I Higham's Royal George, by Royal Sovereign—Queen Anne, 5yrs, 8st 6lbs	K Cannon	0
M Ephrussi's Alencon, by Clarion—Artemis, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs	G Stern	0
M M Caillault's Reine des Fleurs, by Bruce—Illusion, 6yrs 8st 2lbs	J Childs	0
Mr T Simpson Jay's Floriform, by Florizel II—Maid of Athol, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	H Jones	0
Mr R Crocker's Rodrigue II by Lutin—Rose of York 4yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr J Lewis's Valiant, by Ladas—Surprise Me Not, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	J E Watts	0
Sir E Vincent's Pistol, by Carbine—Wenonah, 4yrs, 8st 11b	O Madden	0
Lord Carnarvon's Robert le Diable, by Ayrshire—Rose Bay, 4yrs, 8st ...	H Randall	0
Mr G A Prentice's Pekin, by St Simon—Lady Yardley, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr T Corns's Rightful, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs	J Boardman	0
Mr J R Keene's Kearsage, by Kingston Flying Squadron, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb	C Trigg	0
Mr W M G Singer's Bellivor Tor, by Wolfs Crag—Belle Haine, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	B Janek	0
Mr S Darling's Fermoyle, by Florizel II Deception, 4 yrs, 7st 11b (inc 3lbs ex)	J H Martin	0
Mr L Brassey's Black Fancy, by Ladas—Black Duchess, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs ...	T L Miller	0
Mr A James's Mabon by St Serf—Eistedfod 3yrs, 6st 12lbs...	J Plant	0

(*Winner trained by Fallon at Netharavon.*)

Betting: 7 to 2 agst Ypsilanti, 6 to 1 Pistol, 100 to 12 Kearsage, 100 to 12 Handicapper, 10 to 1 Robert le Diable, 10 to 1 Alencon, 100 to 8 Royal George, 100 to 6 Bellivor Tor, 20 to 1 Rightful, 20 to 1 Fermoyle, 20 to 1 Floriform, 20 to 1 Valiant, 25 to 1 Duke of Westminster, 25 to 1 Pekin, 25 to 1 Hazafi, 25 to 1 Mabon, 33 to 1 Black Fancy, 50 to 1 Reine des Fleurs 50 to 1 Rodrigue II.

The first to leave the paddock was Royal George, who was followed in the parade by Ypsilanti, Alencon, Reine des Fleurs, Floriform Rodrigue II., Handicapper, Valiant, Pistol, Robert le Diable, Duke of Westminster, Pekin, Hazafi, Rightful, Kearsage and Bellivor Tor, the last trio being Fermoyle, Black Fancy, and Mabon. They turned and cantered in the same order, and the white flag was hoisted at 3-27 an excellent start being effected two minutes later. Hazafi, Duke of Westminster, Kearsage, Ypsilanti, and Robert le Diable, almost in a line made play from Alencon and Valiant, this lot being clear of Pistol and Black Fancy, with Rodrigue II. and Pekin the last pair. So they ran for about three furlongs, when Ypsilanti took a slight lead of Duke of Westminster, Hazafi, and Handicapper, with Black Fancy, Valiant, and Reine des Fleurs heading the remainder, and the favourite, making the rest of the running, stalled off the determined challenge of Duke of Westminster (the pair drawing clear away by themselves) and won by a length and a half; six lengths separated the second and third. Handicapper was fourth, Black Fancy fifth, Valiant sixth, Reine des Fleurs seventh, Rightful eighth, Pistol ninth, Fermoyle tenth, Alencon eleventh, Rodrigue II. twelfth, Mabon thirteenth, Kearsage fourteenth, Floriform fifteenth, Royal George sixteenth, and Pekin last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 12-⅘ secs.

The Durham Plate—Of 174 sovs; weight for age, with allowances. One mile and a half.

Mr W. M. G. Singer's b c By Trenton. Great Dame, 3 yrs. 7st 4lbs	O Madden	1
Sir John Thursby's b h Fighting Furley, 6 yrs, 9st 9lbs	Mr Thursby	2
Mr J Buchanan's br c Correlo, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs	J E Watts	3

(*Winner trained by A. Taylor, at Manton.*)

Betting: Evens each Great Dame colt and Fighting Furley and 20 to 1 agst Correo.

Won readily by two lengths; a bad third.

In striking contrast to the First Spring Meeting, with its special attraction in the shape of the One Thousand and Two Thousand Guinas, the Second Spring fixture, which is the last of this series of reunions on the Heath is invariably a quiet and unostentatious gathering. An abundance of rain has fallen in East Anglia during the past fortnight, and it began to look as though those chronic grumblers, the agriculturists would for once be deprived of a legitimate cause for complaint. They are not easily satisfied, however, and it now appears that there is too much water about to please them. This was certainly the case at head-quarters, the torrential downpour causing parts of the town to be temporarily flooded out, the upshot being that the local fire engine had to be requisitioned to pump the water out of the cellars of one of the hotels. The Heath bore evidences of the recent stormy visitations the ground being on the soft side everywhere, whilst in the Abingdon Dip the going was slightly holding. Few but regular patrons of those meetings were in evidence, the muster all round being a very light one, and, indeed, there was little to attract folks to the racecourse side. The wind still remains in a cold quarter—north east, to be precise—and, notwithstanding that there were occasional fugitive glimpses of sunshine, the atmosphere was bitterly cold for the middle of May. Fields ruled large, and the entertainment proved enjoyable.

Details of the principal races.—

The New Market Handicap— Of 905 sovs. A. F. (one mile two furlongs).

Lord Farquhar's b h Bistonian, by Carbine—St. Bets, 5 yrs, 7st 12lbs	H Aylin	1
Mr E Clayton's ch h Patron Saint, 5 yrs, 5st 12lb (car 6st)	Janek	2
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Valenza, 5yrs, 7st 6lbs	O Madden	3
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Veles, 5 yrs, 8st 11b	J H Martin	0
Sir E Vincent's Pistol, 4 yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	Trigg	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's The Bishop, 5 yrs, 7st 10lbs	W Lane	0
Capt Laing's Padlock II., 5 yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	Hardy	0
Lord Ellesmere's Joshua, 4 yrs 7st, 4lbs ...	Watts	0
Sir J Kelk's Orbel, 5 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr H B Duryea's Acefull, 3 years, 6st 12lb	Miller	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Royal Ivy, 4, 6st 6lbs	J Murray	0

(*Winner trained by Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

Betting: 5 to 1 agst Patron Saint, 6 to 1 Acefull, 7 to 1 each Pistol and Joshua, 8 to 1 The Bishop, 100 to 12 Veles, 10 to 1 Valenza and Royal Ivy, 100 to 9 Padlock II., and 100 to 8 each each Bistonian and Orbel (offered).

Pistol, in the centre, showed the way to Acefull, on the lower ground, Patron Saint and Royal Ivy, on the top ground, with Bistonian and The Bishop next, in advance of Veles and Valenza for half the journey, when Royal Ivy took a slight lead of Valenza, Bistonian, and Patron Saint, but Bistonian, drawing to the front in the Dip, stalled off the challenges of Patron Saint and Valenza, and won by a length and a half; half a length between second and third. Royal Ivy was fourth, Orbel fifth, Pistol sixth, The Bishop seventh, Acefull eighth, Veles next, and Padlock II. last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 12⅘secs.

A Trial Plate—Of 395 sovs: weight for age, with selling and other allowances. Dewhurst Plate Course (seven furlongs.

Mr A Stedall's b h Most Excellent, by Freemason—L'Exception, 6 yrs, 8st 9lb (£200)	Halsey	1
Lord Cadogan's b g Viper, 5 yrs, 8st 6lbs (£200)	Maher	2
Sir E Vincent's b h Wabun, 5 yrs, 9st 4lbs	Trigg	3
Lord Derby's Outsider, 4 yrs, 8st 13lbs (£500)	H Aylin	0
Mr J Wallace's Caelmon, 5 yrs, 8st 9lbs (£200)	B Jarvis	0
Mr J C Dyer's Sandbag, 5 yrs, 8st 9lbs (£200)	Walker	0
Mr F Hardy's St Beurre, 6 yrs 8st 9lbs (£200)	Fagan	0
Mr T P Hope's Ravenshengh, 6 yrs 8st 4lb (£200)	Knight	0
Mr D J Pullinger's Carrigavalla, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb (£200)	Boardman	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Bowery, 4 yrs, 8st 4lbs (£200)	W Lane	0
Major Joicey's Plum Pecker, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs (£200)	Watts	0
Mr. E Dresden's Wedding Peal, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs (£500)	Janek	0
Mr E L Heinemann's Avocation, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs (£200	Dawson	0

(*Winner trained by A Sadler, at Newmarket.*

Betting: 7 to 2 agst Bowery, 4 to 1 each Most Excellent and Outsider, 7 to 1 each Viper and Wabun, 10 1 each St Beurre and Ravenshengh, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by a couple of lengths; a head divided the second and third. Ravenshengh was fourth, Outsider fifth, St Beurre sixth, Sandbag seventh, Plum Pecker eighth, Carrigavalla next and Wedding Peal last. The winner was bought in for 250gs. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 32⅕secs.

The Burwell Stakes—Of 420 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 6lbs; with penalties and allowances. Last mile and half mile of T.M.M.

Lord Ellesmere's br c Kroonstad, by Kilwarlin—Sabra, 9st 11b ...	H Jones	1
Rear-Admiral Lambton's ch c Ruy Lopez, 8st 3lbs	Maher	2
Sir E Cassel's b c The Knight, 8st 3lbs ...	Halsey	3
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, 8st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 8st 3lb ...	Croft	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Chalo, 8st 3lbs ...	J H Martin	0

(*Winner trained by J Dawson, at Newmarket.*)

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Ruy Lopez, 7 to 4 Kroonstad, 5 to 1 The Knight, 10 to 1 Arabi, and 20 to 1 each Morgendale and Chalo (offered)

Won by a head; two lengths separated the second and third. Morgendale was fourth, Arabi a long way last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 44⅘ secs.

Just for once the weather made up its mind to give us a real taste of its quality, and the Newmarket Stakes day broke in inimitable splendour. There had been a suspicion of frost during the night, but the wind had veered round into the south-west, and the soft, genial atmosphere was more suggestive of May than anything previously experienced in the last fortnight. To breathe the strong, bracing air of the Bury Hills in the early hours was exhilarating to a degree and more people were to be seen taking stock of the morning exercise gallops than has lately been the case. Overhead the larks were in full chorus and for the time being the conditions and environments were in harmony with the calendar. It was too glorious to last, but, though the sun was obscured by clouds for the greater part of the afternoon, the rain held off and the day was enjoyable enough. The sad news of the death of the veteran, John Dawson, was circulated betimes, and much symmathy is felt for his son, the St. Albans House trainer, in his bereavement. Messrs. Tattersall's Sale at Park Paddocks was but thinly attended, and even the Newmarket Stakes failed to attract anything like a representative gathering to the precincts of the Rowley Mile stands. Fields ruled large, and the interest was well sustained.

The Newmarket Stakes—Of £3,651 15s.; three year olds: colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lb A. F. (one mile two furlongs)

Sir D Cooper's b c Flotsam by St. Frusquin—Float, 9st	D Maher	1
Mr A James's b c Rabelais, by St. Simon—Satirical, 9st	K Cannon	2
Lord Derby's b c Gay Gordon, by St. Frusquin—Broad Corrie, 9st	H Aylin	3
Mr Douglas Baird's Martinet, by Martagon—Silene, 9st	M Cannon	4
Sir E Vincent's Countermark, by Worcester—Assay 9st	J H Martin	0
Lord Farquhar's St Evremonde, by St Frusquin—Ejector, 9st	L Lyne	0
Sir J Blundell Maples' Merry Saint, by St Serf—Mereden, 9st	W Lane	0
Mr Sydney Wargrave's Sizergh, by Kendal—Primrose, 9st	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

Betting: 6 to 5 on Flotsam, 5 to 2 agst Rabelais, 100 to 8 Martinet, 100 to 7 Countermark, 100 to 6 Sizergh, 20 to 1 agst Gay Gordon, 50 to 1 Merry Saint, 100 to 1 St. Evremond.

Sizergh was the first to leave the paddock and cantered to the post, followed at intervals by Merry Saint, Rabelais, Gay Gordon, St. Evremonde, Martinet, and Flotsam, with Countermark bringing up the rear. The white flag was hoisted at two minutes past three, and five minutes later Mr. Willoughby despatched the lot to a capital start, Flotsam, on the top ground, being the first to show in front of Martinet, in the centre, and Sizergh, on the lower ground, with Merry Saint and Countermark next, and Rabelais galloping at the heels of Flotsam for a furlong, when Sizergh lost his place and Gay Gordon took third position, with Merry Saint and Countermark in close attendance. So they ran till descending Bushes Hill, where Rabelais and Gay Gordon challenged Flotsam, but they failed to make any impression on the favourite who won by a length and a half; six lengths separat

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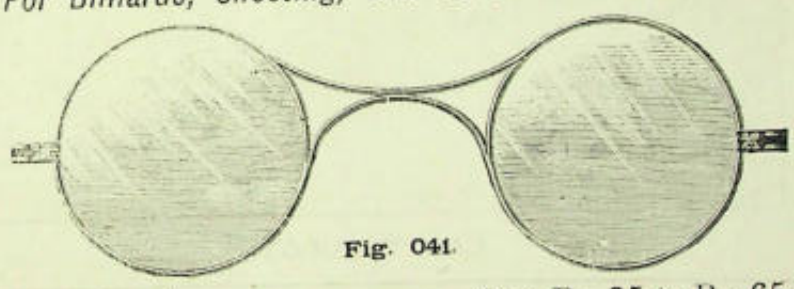

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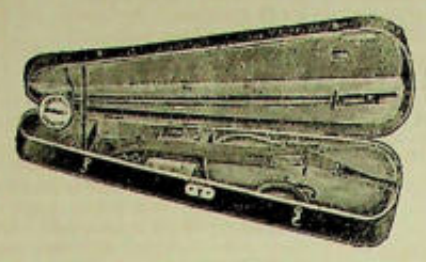

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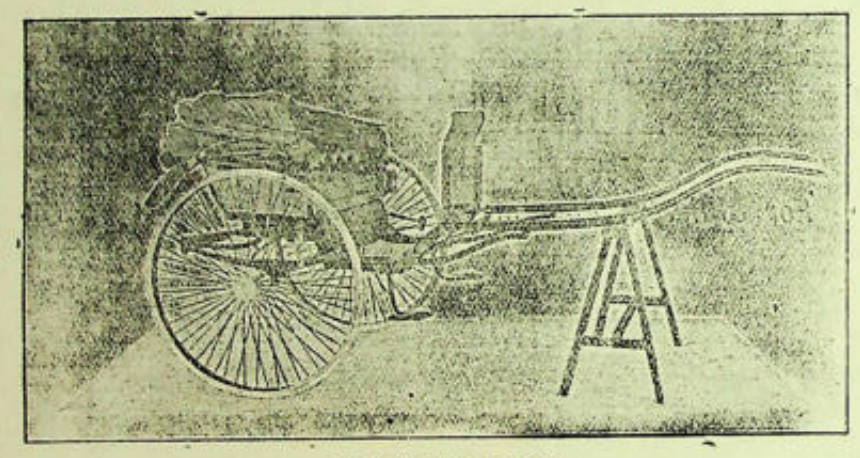

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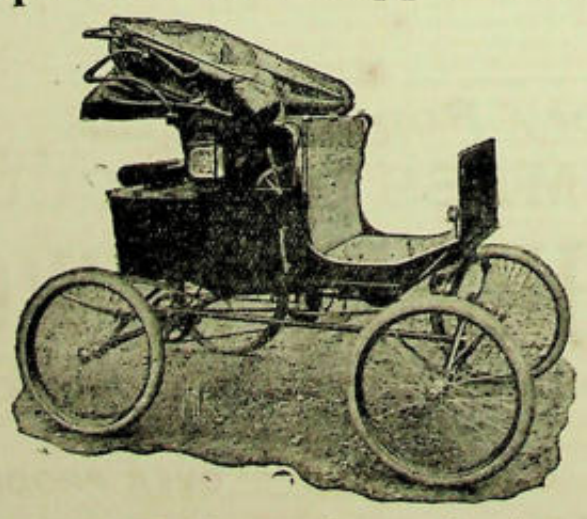

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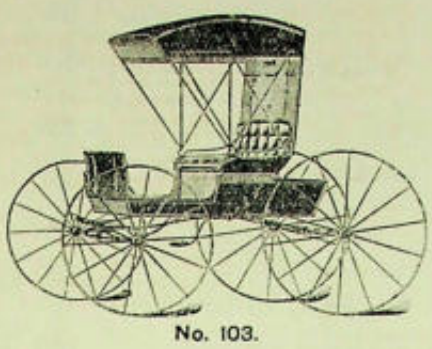

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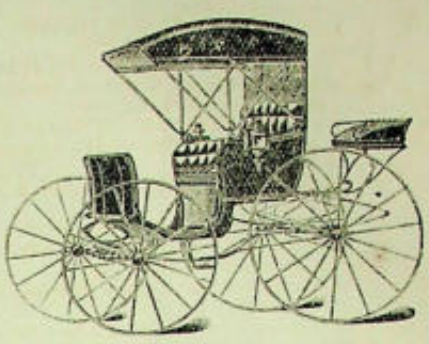

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ed the second and third. Martinet was fourth, St. Evremonde fifth, Countermark sixth, and Sizergh last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 10⅘sec.

A MAIDEN (at entry) TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE—Of 276sovs; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs; winners extra, with selling allowances. Rous Course (five furlongs).

Lord Rosebery's b f Chelys, by Sir Visto—Chelandry, 8st 9lbs	Watts	1
Sir J Thursby's b c John O'Gaunt, 8st 12lbs	Mr G Thursby	2
Mr J B Joel's b f Statuette, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon	3
Duke of Devonshire's c by Campan—Red Wing II, 8st 12lbs	Randall	0
Mr E L Heinemann's Tiger, 8st 12lbs	S Loates	0
„ L E B Homan's c by Rightaway—Repletion, 8st 12lbs	Boardman	0
„ L de Rothschild's St Felix, 8st 12lbs	K Cannon	0
Prince Soltykoff's Dario 8st 12lbs	Halsey	0
Lord Wolverton's Golden Touch, 8st 12lbs	H Jones	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Caterham, 8st 9lbs	W Lane	0
Lord Penrhyn's Cockatrice, 8st 9lbs	G McCall	0
Sir E Vincent's Rabenstein, 8st 9lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr E Dresden's c by Florizel II—Butterine, 8st 2lbs (£200)	Lyne	0
„ Arthur's g by Buccaneer—Eastern Rose, 7st 13lbs (£200)	C Loates	0
„ L Brassey's Fantasy, 7st 13lbs (£200)	Hardy	0
„ R Sherwood's f by St Angelo—Luffness, 7st 13lbs (car 8st) (£200)	Croft	0
„ A Stedall's f by Orvieto—Orxema, 7st 13lbs (£200)	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by P. Peck, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst John O'Gaunt, 5 to 2 Statuette, 4 to 1 the Orxema filly, 100 to 12 Chelys, and 100 to 6 any other (offered.)

Won by a head; two lengths between second and third. Phantasy was fourth, Cockatrice fifth, Luffness filly sixth, Orxema filly seventh, Butterine colt eighth, Golden Touch ninth, Rubenstein next and Eastern Rose gelding last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 4⅘secs.

Sparse as the attendance had been throughout the Second Spring Meeting, there was the usual thinning out of visitors by the early trains, and it is specially noticeable that of the few ardent sportswomen who find their way to head-quarters many habitually forego the final act of the entertainment. In doing so they display good judgment, as the rush to catch the return specials from Newmarket to town on the closing afternoon is an ordeal to be studiously avoided by the gentler sex notwithstanding that the Great Eastern Railway Company provide an excellent service of trains. The early exodus of many society folk left a mere sprinkling of spectators to participate in the pleasures of to-day's gathering, and those who shook the dust of the racing metropolis off their feet early missed the least enjoyable day of the meeting. Heavy banks of clouds obscured the sun throughout the day, but the atmosphere was mild and balmy, and happily the threatened rain held off. The card was framed pretty much upon the lines of a twelvemonth ago, except that the Claiming and Selling Plate, which fell to Crown Imperial, has gone by the board—as these events seemed likely to do—its place on to-day's programme being taken by a Selling Race, decided Across the Flat. The going was in grand order, and the victory of Mead in the Payne Stakes invested the proceedings with unusual interest, and was the signal for a popular outburst of enthusiasm.

THE PAYNE STAKES—Of 655 sovs; three-year-olds; colts 8st 12lb, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs; with penalties and allowances. Last mile and a half of the Cesarewitch Course.

His Majesty's ch c Mead, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, 9st 11b	H Jones	1
His Majesty's br c Persistence, 8st 7lbs	J E Watts	2
Mr J H Houldsworth's b c Eoscene, 8st 7lbs	M Cannon	3
Mr R J Newman's Cock of the Roost, 8st 12lbs	D Maher	0
Mr L Brassey's Saltpetre, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	0
Mr Fairie's Eon, 8st 4lbs	O Madden	0
Prince Soltykoff's Paregoric, 8st 7lbs	Halsey	0

(A declaration was made to win with Mead.)

(*Winner trained by R. Marsh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING:—9 to 4 on Mead, 8 to 1 agst Cock of the Roost, 100 to 8 Eoscene, 100 to 7 Paregoric, and 20 to 1 each Persistence, Eon, and Saltpetre (offered).

Won easily by a length and a half; four lengths between second and third. Cock of the Roost was fourth, Eon fifth, and Paregoric last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min 4⅘sec.

The BEDFORD TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES—Of 630sovs: colts 8st 10lbs fillies and geldings 8st 7lb, with penalties and allowances. Rous Course (five furlongs).

Mr L Brassey's b c Merryman, by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser, 9st	M Cannon	1
Lord Stanley's br c by Melange—Kilmorna, 8st 5lbs	Maher	2
Lord Harewood's b c Almscliff, 8st 7lbs	Miller	3
Mr R Sherwood's Ilkley, 8st 11b	Croft	0
Mr W O Whitney's c by Persimmon—Surprise Me Not, 8st 10lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr E C Clayton's Blue Vinny, 8st 4lbs	G McCall	0
Lord Dunraven's Festal Air, 8st 11b	Griggs	0
Mr W Bass's f by the Rush—Ripplestream, 8st 11b	O Madden	0
Mr Ingle's Santa Maria, 8st 11b	Boardman	0
Prince Soltykoff's Chlora, 8st 11b	Halsey	0
Mr G Lambton's Sophie Arnold, 8st 4lbs	H Aylin	0

Winner trained by H Sadler at Newmarket.

BETTING—7 to 4 on Kilmorna colt, 5 to 1 agst Merryman, 100 to 8 Chlora, and 20 to 1 any other (offered.)

Won easily by two lengths; a head divided the second and third. Chlora was fourth, Surprise Me Not colt fifth, Blue Vinny sixth, Sophie Arnold seventh, Santa Maria eighth, and Ilkley last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 4⅘sec.

THE BREEDERS' STAKES—Of 477 sovs, for two-years-old; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lb; winners extra. Rous Course (five furlongs).

Mr S B Joel's ch c Week End, by Rightaway—Samadi, 8st	Watts	1
Sir J Blundell Maple's b g Ireland, 8st	W Lane	2
Mr L de Rothschild's b f Quisisana, 8st 3lbs	K Cannon	3
Mr L Brassey's Tom Thumb, 8st 3lbs	Halsey	0
Mr T Jennings' Merry, 8st	Hardy	0
Mr E C Clayton's Kill Hill, 8st	G McCall	0
Sir G Farrar's Matchmaid, 8st 4lb	Randall	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's f by Prisoner—Vitula, 8st	J H Martin	0
Lord Stanley's Masterpiece, 8st	H Aylin	0

(*Winner trained by T Cannon, Jun. at Stockbridge.*)

BETTING: 13 to 8 on Ireland, 7 to 1 agst Quisisana, 8 to 1 Tom Thumb, and 10 to 1 agst any other (offered).

Won by three-quarters of a length; a length and a half between second and third. Kill Hill was fourth Vitula fifth. Tom Thumb sixth, Merry seventh, and Masterpiece last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 4⅘sec.

CRICKET.

LANCASHIRE *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Leicester on 11th, 12th and 13th, May. In the Leicestershire team, V. F. S. Crawford and Gill were making their first appearance for the county; on the other hand Tyldesley was absent from the Lancashire XI. There was no play on Monday. After a few overs on Tuesday morning, during which Lancashire lost two wickets for 6 runs, rain came down and stopped play until after lunch. When play was resumed Sharp proved to be in good form, his 54 being the chief score in the innings of 164. At the close of the play the home side had made 69 for the loss of Mr. Wood's wicket, and so had none the worst of the play. Yesterday, however, run-getting proved a somewhat difficult matter, Barnes and Webb bowling so effectively that the nine outstanding wickets of Leicestershire realised but 55 runs. Possessing a lead of 40, Lancashire commenced their second venture, and, but for Maclaren's fine innings of 91, would probably have been dismissed for 50. Barnes and Webb again proved in rare form and assisted by a capital piece of bowling on the part of Littlewood, enabled Lancashire to gain a substantial victory.

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A C Maclaren, lbw, b Odell	6	b Odell	91
Ward, b Marlow	0	b R Crawford	17
R H Spooner, b Odell	3	c Knight, b Marlow	5
A H Hornby, b Odell	30	c Marlow, b King	5
F H Hollins, c V Crawford, b King	18	b Odell	12
Sharp, c De Trafford, b King	54	c and b Odell	13
Cuttell, b King	1	c R Crawford b King	1
Barnes, c Gill, b Odell	30	c and b Odell	2
Littlewood, not out	13	c Whitehead, b Odell	0
Webb, b Odell	2	not out	3
Radcliffe, c Whiteside, b King	0	c Knight, b Marlow	0
B 3, lb 3, nb 1	7	Extras	4
Total	164	Total	153

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, b Barnes	22	c Hollins, b Barnes	6
Whitehead, b Webb	41	b Webb	4
Knight, c Littlewood, b Barnes	7	b Barnes	4
King, run out	1	b Webb	2
V F S Crawford, c Spooner, b Barnes	6	b Webb	5
R Crawford, c Maclaren, b Webb	10	c Cuttell, b Barnes	17
Gill, st Radcliff, b Webb	7	c Cuttell, b Webb	6,
C E de Trafford, c Spooner, b Barnes	20	c & b Littlewood	23
W W Odell, c Ward, b Webb	1	c Maclaren, b Littlewood	6
Whiteside, b Barnes	7	not out	2
Marlow, not out	0	b Littlewood	2
Extras	2	Byes	8
Total	124	Total	85

M. C. C. & GROUND *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Lord's on 11th, 12th and 13th May. Drawn. As usual, when so many counties are playing championship matches, the M. C. C. found great difficulty in getting together a good team; indeed they had to rely almost entirely on their professionals, and both in batting and bowling the side was very weak. There was no cricket on Monday or Tuesday. Yesterday, the ground in front of the pavilion proving unplayable, the practice ground was utilised, this being the first occasion upon which an important match had been contested in that enclosure. Walker Wainwright bowled with great effect for the Yorkshiremen, obtaining six wickets during the innings for 49 runs, and giving great promise of future excellence. In one over he disposed of Llewellyn, Board and Beldam, the score then being 88. Braund and Trott both batted well, the latter claiming 37 out of 55 in 35 minutes. Rhodes and Brown opened the county's innings in fine form, sending up 59 ere a wicket fell. The fine start, however, was not maintained, only Rhodes appearing able to cope successfully with the attack. When the last wicket fell at 181, he was still undefeated with 98 to his credit, having carried his bat right through the innings. His display was a very fine one, considering the state of the ground. Runs were always difficult to obtain, and a definite result never appeared possible.

M.C.C. AND GROUND.

Wrathall, c Hirst, b Wainwright	12	Llewellyn, b Wainwright	1
Hearne (A), b Haigh	26	Beldam (G W), c Wilkinson, b Wainwright	0
Braund, b Rhodes	35	Board, lbw, b Wainwright	0
C. C. T. Doll, b Haigh	0	Hearne (J T), not out	13
G. S. F. Griffin, b Haigh	1	Byes	4
Thomson, c Ward, b Wainwright	4	Total	133
Trott (A E), b Wainwright	37		

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, b Llewellyn	30	Whitehead, b Braund	10
Rhodes, not out	98	Lord Hawke, b Beldam	4
Denton, b Trott	12	Hunter, c Thompson, b Braund	4
Wilkinson, c and b Thomson	3	Ward, b Braund	0
Hirst, b Thomson	0	B 4, lb 5 nb 2	11
Haigh, c Hearne (A), b Trott	1	Total	184
Walker Wainwright, c Hearne (J T), b Trott	11		

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY *vs.* GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.—With Rawlin and Cranfield. Played at Cambridge on 11th, 12th and 13th May. The Gentlemen of England won by 42 runs. It rained nearly all day at Cambridge on Monday, and no play was possible. On Tuesday the Varsity, with the exception of Phillips and Harper, could do very little against the bowling of Bosanquet and Cranfield. The Gentlemen, on the other hand, soon began to make the Cambridge bowling look easy. The stand of the day was effected by Poidevin and Bosanquet, who by means of very bright cricket, added 103 runs, whilst together for the third wicket in 55 minutes. Poidevin's display was probably the better of the two, though Bosanquet's was of a very high standard. The former's chief hits were a 5 and nine 4's, and the latter's seven 4's. Yesterday the Varsity gave a very feeble display and but for the partnership of 94 by Dowson and Fry would have cut a very sorry figure indeed. Although Dowson gave an easy chance when 40 to Bradley at extra cover-point, his innings was a very praiseworthy one. He batted an hour and three-quarters, and hit eight 4's. Cambridge eventually had to acknowledge defeat by 42 runs.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C H M Edden, lbw, b Rawlin	8	b Cranfield	5
H C McDonell, st Marsh, b Cranfield	1	c Weigall, b Bradley	11
E W Mann, c Johnson, b Cranfield	5	b Hartley	5
E S Phillips, b Bosanquet	22	b Hartley	0
E M Dowson, b Rawlin	0	b Bradley	73
L V Harper, c Poidevin, b Cranfield	21	b Hartley	1
K R B Fry, lbw, b Cranfield	3	lbw, b Bosanquet	22
F R Wilson, b Bosanquet	1	b Cranfield	2
H S Bompas, b Cranfield	1	c Marsh, b Bradley	2
R P Keigwin, st Marsh, b Cranfield	1	b Cranfield	0
G Howard-Smith, not out	0	not out	0
Byes 3 lb 1, w 1	5	Extras	7
Total	68	Total	128

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

C J Burnup, c Fry, b Dowson	18	Rawlin b McDonell	1
E W Dillon, b McDonell	7	J C Hartley, run out	25
L O S Poidevin, b McDonell	69	J W Marsh, run out	21
B J T Bosanquet, c Mann, b Edden	64	Cranfield, st Bompas, b McDonell	5
P R Johnson, lbw, b McDonell	4	W M Bradley, b Dowson	5
G J V Weigall, b Dowson	13	Byes 5, nb 1	6
		Total	238

SUSSEX *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Brighton on 11th, 12th and 13th May. Sussex won by 163 runs. The Sussex eleven for this match was at its full strength—for Newham and Braun seem only to play now when some of the big guns are away, and it is necessary to have somebody who can make runs—while Worcestershire included in their ranks Keene, a young Surrey professional who has qualified. Keene is a left-hand bowler of medium pace, and on the first day he did well enough to impress the critics favourably. Sussex made a most unpromising start, for Fry began the season by losing his wicket to a brilliant caught and bowled before he had scored. Vine and Killick then, as so often before, put a good appearance on the game before they were separated, and a little later C. L. A. Smith played such a good innings that his place in the team ought at last to be safe. Ranjitsinhji disappointed the spectators, who had to fall back on some hitting by Butt. Vine was sixth out, after batting patiently and well for an hour and three-quarters. When Worcestershire went in Fry almost immediately brought off a great catch at square leg, which disposed of Bowley, after which Wheldon and Bromley-Martin made a stand. When played excellent cricket for an hour and a half. stumps were drawn Worcestershire had lost 7 wickets 96. Some lively batting by Wilson on Tuesday morning the cricket interesting, and when the innings came to an was only 34 runs behind that of Sussex. When Vine dismissed for one run things did not look well for Sussex in second innings, but Killick and Fry were both in form, and put on 75 runs during their partnership. After taking an hour and 50 minutes to reach his half-century, Fry scored very rapidly, his driving being superb. Apart from a chance to the bowler when 31, he made no mistakes during the four hours his innings lasted. He hit twenty 4's, eight 3's, and fourteen 2's, and with Smith as a partner added 152 runs for the fourth wicket. The position of Worcestershire was not an enviable one when play commenced yesterday, as they were 379 runs in arrears, and had nothing better to hope for than a draw. The visitors under the circumstances, naturally adopted stone-walling tactics, but they did not prove equal to the task of beating the clock. H. K. Foster and Wheldon were both seen to advantage, the former's display being particularly good. Butt caught five and stumped one.

SUSSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B Fry, c and b Arnold	0	c Arnold, b Bird	174
Vine, c and b Arnold	43	b Arnold	1
Killick, b Keene	20	c and b Wilson	36
Relf, c Keene, b Arnold	15	b Arnold	8
C L A Smith, b Wilson	34	run out	46
Marlow, c Gaukrodger, b Bird	8	c Gaukrodger, b Bird	24
K S Ranjitsinhji, lbw, b Wilson	11	c Bird, b Keene	27
Butt, b Arnold	21	c Wilson, b Keene	10
Cox, b Keene	10	not out	0
Tate, not out	1	B 11, lb 7, w 1	19
Bland, c Gaukrodger, b Keene	6		
B 3, lb 1 w 2	6		
Total	175	Total (2)*	345

* Innings declared closed.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bowley, c Fry, b Relf	5	c But	16
Wheldon, st Butt, b Tate	53	c But d	52
G Bromley-Martin, b Relf	12	b Bla	30
Arnold, run out	0	b Bl	4
H K Foster, lbw, b Tate	14	b Ta	84
Gaukrodger, c Butt, b Tate	6	lbw	0
A W Isaac, c Butt, b Bland	4	c B	3
Smith, lbw, b Bland	5	b Bl	14
Bird, not out	14	b Bl	0
Wilson, b Bland	20	b Bl	2
Keene, run out	6	not o	2
Leg-byes	2	B 6 1	9
	141	Total	216

NOTTS *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Trent Bri e on 11th, 12th and 13th May. Notts, won by six wickets. There was no play in this match on Monday owing to rain; but on Tuesday good progress was made, the bowlers having much the best of the situation. No one among the Derbyshire men managed to get going, but for Notts Jones and Iremonger made an excellent start, putting up 47 for the first wicket. After this, however, the bowlers began to make headway and in the end the lead on the first innings was only 64. Yesterday Derbyshire fared badly against Wass only Ellis making any serious resistance to the bowling and were all out for 118, or only 52 ahead. After a bad beginning, Notts won easily.

DERBYSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
L G Wright, c Dixon, b Wass	17	run out	8
C A Ollivierre, b Hallam	15	b Hallam	27
Storer, c Jones, b Wass	6	b J Gunn	18
Needham, c Gunn (J), b Hallam	8	b Hallam	0
Ellis, run out	1	c Gunn (J), b Dixon	44
T Forester, c Iremonger, b Hallam	15	b Wass	6
A E Lawton, b Wass	0	c Gunn (J), b Wass	0
Humphries, c Gunn (W), b Gunn (J)	8	c Oates, b Wass	3
Warren, c Iremonger, b Gunn (J)	5	b Wass	0
Hulme, c Stanton, b Hallam	6	b Wass	0
Bestwick, not out	0	not out	7
Bye	1	Extras	3
Total	82	Total	116

NOTTS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A O Jones, c Storer, b Hulme	23	not out	37
Iremonger, b Hulme	24	c Ellis, b Warren	0
Gunn (W), c and b Forester	17	c and b Warren	1
Gunn (J), c Ellis, b Warren	58	run out	1
J A Dixon, b Forester	0	c Warren, b Bestwick	6
Gunn (G), c Lawton, b Warren	1	not out	4
Rev H Staunton, b Forester	2		
Anthony, not out	13		
Oates, b Warren	0		
Hallam, c Warren, b Forester	2		
Wass, c Bestwick, b Warren	1		
B 4, lb 1	5	lb 2, b 2	4
Total	146	Total (1 wkt)	53

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DERBYSHIRE.

	First Innings. O	M	R	W		Second Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Wass ...	... 15	2	48	3	...	21·3	7	43	5
Hallam ...	... 17·2	6	30	4	...	15	5	30	2
Gunn (J)	... 4	3	3	2	...	9	4	18	1
	Anthony				...	7	4	7	0
	J A Dixon				...	8	1	15	1

Wass and Gunn (J) each a no-ball.

NOTTS.

	First Innings. O	M	R	W		Second Innings. O	M	R	W
Bestwick	... 11	2	41	0	...	12	3	15	1
Forester	... 14	3	43	4	...	1·3	0	9	0
Warren ...	... 9	2	17	4	...	11	4	25	2
Hulme ...	... 13	2	40	2					

SURREYS *v.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Edgbaston on 11th, 12th and 13th May. Drawn. It was found impossible to begin this match on Monday, while on Tuesday there was more rain, and another postponement was necessary. On Wednesday, owing to the saturated state of the ground, no play was possible until 2-40 and what cricket took place was not of a very serious character. The score best tells its own tale.

SURREY.

Hayward, b Charlesworth	38	Holland, c Hargreave, b Whittle ...	16
E Wiltshire, b Santall ...	0	L Walker, not out ...	6
Hayes, c and b Santall ...	8	Montgomery, b Whittle ...	2
Brockwell, c and b Charlesworth	16	Extra	1
		Total (6 wkts)	*87

Lockwood, Clode, Strudwick, and Jackson did not bat.
* Innings declared closed.

WARWICKSHIRE.

T S Fishwick, b Jackson ...	7	Lilley, c Hayward, b Montgomery ...	14
Devey, c Jackson, b Montgomery	22	Kinneir, not out ...	9
J F Byrne, st Strudwick, b Jackson	4	Charlesworth, b Montgomery	6
Quaife (W.G.), c Walker, b Montgomery ...	9	Byes	3
		Total (6 wkts) ...	74

Santall, Moorhouse, Whittle and Hargreave did not bat.

IMPORTANT RESULTS.

The letters *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, &c., denote one, two, three, four wickets down, &c., *x* no wicket down, *signifies the home side, †innings declared closed.

CAMBRIDGE FRESHMEN'S MATCH.

	1st inn.	2nd inn.		1st inn.	2nd inn.
E.M. Dowson's Side...	119	.. 259	C.H.M. Ebden's side	74	... —

OXFORD FRESHMEN'S MATCH.

W Findlay's Side	..150	...130	W H B Evan's Side	101	...58*b*

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

*Colne	... 77*c*	... —	Accrington	... 70	... —
*Ramsbottom	... 30*x*	... —	Enfield	... —	... —
Lowerhouse	... 121*i*†	... —	*Church	... 16*d*	... —
*Rishton	... 98	... —	Nelson	... 56*c*	... —
*Burnley	... 110*c*†	... —	Haslingdon	... 61*c*	... —
*Brooklands	... 79	... —	Sale	... 72	... —
Manchester	... 69*e*	... —	*Longsight	... 67	... —
Broughton	... 131	... —	*Stockport	... 41	... —
*Huyton	... 155	... —	Western	... 72	... —

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

*Moseley	... 34	... —	Dartmouth	... 34	... —
*Stourbridge	... 94	... —	Mitchell's and Butler's	... 91	... —
Aston Unity	... 165*h*†	... —	*Smethwick	... 42*d*	... —

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Silverdale	... 31*e*	... —	*Tunstall	... —	... —
*Fenton	... 124	... —	Crewe	... 40	... —
Stoke	... 14*x*	... —	*Bignall End	... —	... —
*Leek	... 49	... —	Porthill	... 41*e*	... —
Longton	... 59	... —	*Norton	... 49*a*	... —
*Burnslem	... 91*e*	... —	Leek Highfield	... ...	... —

KETTERING AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

*Burton Latimer	59	... —	Rothwell Town	... 32	... —
Desborough (2nd)	53	... —	*Gretton	... 49	... —
*Gt Oakley	... 20*a*	... —	Stoke Albany	... 11	... —
Kettering Engineers	64	... —	*Rothwell (2nd)	... 30	... —
Rushden Town (2nd)	15	... —	*Irchester	... 14	... —
*Wellaston (2nd)	59	... —	Rushdn Wslyns	... 34	... —

OTHER MATCHES.

Liverpool	... 160*g*†	... —	*Sefton	... 90	... —
*Eccles	... 56*b*	... —	Manchstr Cffrd	... —	... —
Whalley Range	... 67*g*	... —	*Macclesfield	... 22	... —
*Warrington	... 33*h*	... —	Bootle	... 28	... —
Owen's College	... 135*d*†	... —	*Knutsford	... 84	... —
Southport	... 78*i*	... —	*Wigan	... 77	... —
*Windsor Home Park	... 100	... —	Kensington Pk.	... 67	... —
Barnes	... 160*e*†	... —	*Mr J. C. Lovell's XI.	... 45*e*	... —
Christ's Coll., Camb.	... 124	... —	Selwyn College	... 63	... —
Peterhouse Cl., Cmb.	... 124*b*	... —	Caius College	... 102	... —
Jesus Coll., Cambridge	... 11*f*	... —	St. Cathrn's Cl.	... 196	... —
*Bedford Gram. School	... 91	... —	Wadham Coll., Oxford	... 80	... —
Leinster Ivanhoe...	26	... —	*Desboro Town	... 24	... —
*Kettering C.T....	75	... —	Kettering B. C.	... 23	... —
*Burton Latimer C. T.	... 70	... —	Isham	... 22	... —
*Brighton St. John's	... 163*d*†	... —	Preston Park	... 34	... —
Hayward's Heath	65	... —	Shoreham	... 53	... —
Trinity Hall, Cam	88	... —	Corpus College	... 29	... —
*Royal Naval College	... 221*f*	... —	H. M. S. Good Hope	... 183	... —
U. C. S. Old Boys	35*b*	... —	*Uxbridge	... 12	... —
*Hem Artillery Co.	56*e*	... —	University Col.	... —	... —
*Blackheath	... 171*d*†	... —	M. C. C. & Grnd	... 26*e*	... —
*Middlesex Asylum	... 98	... —	Upper Tooting	... 4*x*	... —
Beckenham	... 82	... —	*Upper Tooting	... —	... —
*Kew	... 77*g*	... —	West Sheen.	... 76	... —
*Old Charlton	... 137*h*†	... —	Dulwich	... 14*a*	... —
*Addington	... 40*k*	... —	Bromley Town	... —	... —
*Clifton	... 113*d*	... —	Horwich	... 71*h*	... —
Norwich	... 93	... —	*Winsford	... 50*e*	... —
*Sutton	... 140	... —	Addiscombe	... 136	... —
Chelsea Polytechnic	46	... —	*Battersea Poly....	36	... —
London County	109	... —	*S. Thomas' Hsp	68	... —
Kensington	... 64*a*	... —	*Turnham Grn	... 61	... —
Newbury Park	... 134	... —	*Leatherhead	... 131	... —
Chiswick Park	... 71*a*	... —	*Richmond	... 62	... —
L. C. C.	... 107*b*	... —	*Hampton Wick	45	... —
Maidenhead	... 101	... —	*Slough	... 68*f*	... —
*St. Hampton Trojans.	... 250	... —	Weston Park	... 39	... —

Owing to the unfavourable weather a large number of matches all over the country could not be played.

GOLF.

PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT.—Formed three years ago, this Association, which claims the Prime Minister as president, works for the benefit and advancement of the professional golfer. It is customary to hold three tournaments in the course of the year—in the North Midlands, and south of England. All so far have been successful. That held yesterday, by kind permission, on the links of the Hanger Hill Golf Club, was the seventh since instituted and the first of the present year. It was remarkably successful in every respect The entrants numbered 87, a record, the previous highest total being 56, and nearly all put in appearance. Favoured by beautifully fine weather, a large and fashionable company watched the proceedings, many of them following the play of the cracks with keen interest There were ten prizes for competition, including the championship "Tooting Bec" Cup. This was again secured by the holder, James Braid. In the morning the Romford professional went round in 73—the best for the course is 72. His details were: Out 4 4 5 6 4 4 4 3 4—38; home, 4 6 3 3 3 4 4 4 4—35. Total, 73. Second round: Out 5 3 5 5 4 4 4 3 5—38; home, 4 5 5 2 5 5 4 4 4 4—37. Total, 75. Vardon and Jack White also obtained 73 for the first round. Vardon's score was: Out, 4 3 5 4 4 4 3 4; home, 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4—73. Second round: Out, 4 3 5 5 4 4 4 4; home, 5 7 4 3 4 5 4 5 3. Total, 78. White's scores were: First round: Out, 4 2 7 5 4 4 5 3 3; home, 5 6 4 4 5 5 3 5 4. Total—78. Second round Out, 5 3 4 5 4 4 4 2 5; home, 6 5 4 3 3 4 4 5 3. Total, 73. Braid gave an exceptionally fine display, considering that the greens after the recent heavy rains were decidedly slow. As usual his driving was a strong feature. It will be noted that White and Vardon tied for second place. Other winners were J. Sherlock, T. Yeoman, Rowland Jones, J. McLaren, W. Hunter, R. Thomson, Jack Milne, E. Gray and J. Bradbeer. Special awards for assistants went to A. F. Kettley, Mid-Surrey, aggregate, 167; Joshua Taylor, Mid-Surrey, 168; and A. Hills, Sevenoaks, 171. In distributing the awards, Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, captain of the Hanger Hill Golf Club, warmly complimented Braid, and announced that the club prize for the best performance for the 18 holes would be divided between Braid, Vardon, and White, who each scored 73. Mr. C. E. Mieville (hon. sec. of the Professional Golfers' Association), in a short speech, returned thanks on behalf of the professionals to the Hanger Hill Club for their generous hospitality and their promised donation to the Association's Benevolent Fund. Details:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Aggregate.
James Braid, Romford ...	73	75	148
Harry Vardon, South Herts ...	73	78	151
Jack White, Sunningdale ...	78	73	151
J Sherlock, Oxford University ...	75	82	157
Tom Yeoman, Seaford ...	78	79	157
Rowland Jones, Wimbledon Park ...	81	77	158
J McLaren, Norbury (handicap 6) ...	76	82	148
W Hunter, Richmond ...	79	80	159
R Thomson, North Berwick ...	78	82	160
Jack Milne, Neasden ...	83	77	160
Ernest Gray, Littlehampton ...	77	83	160
J Bradbeer, Finchley ...	82	78	160
A McLaren, Hampstead ...	82	79	161
H A Hunt, Reigate Heath ...	78	83	161
J B Batley, Bushey ...	81	81	162
A Tingey, West Herts ...	82	81	163
W R Thomson, Beckenham ...	83	80	163
Alex Thomson, North Surrey ...	82	81	163
A Mitchell, St. Leonards-on-Sea ...	78	85	163
E H Risebro, Chiswick ...	78	85	163
W G Toogood, Rochford ...	82	82	164

The other returns were: A. J. Howlett, Puttenham, 167; J. Randall, Sundridge Park, 185; G Charles, West Middlex, 174, W. M. Winton, Acton, 177; G. H. Cawsey, Malvern, 164; D. Anderson, Bromley and Bickley, 168 *T. Whitehead, Acton, 175 E. Newberry, Strawberry Hill, 189; R. Mundy, Churston, 179; S. J. Cooper, Ealing, 174; H. R. Chestney, Burnham Beeches 169, J Hepburn, Home Park, 167; John Ross, Sutton, 167, W. H. Eve, Wanstead, 190; Bob Monro, Royal Wimbledon, 172; H Strong, Cambridge, 168; D. Stephenson, Huntercombe, 167; H. Cawsey, Ashford Manor, 171; A. F. Kettley, Mid Surrey, 167; J. Kinnell, Royal Norwich, 170; T. Walker Sevenoaks, 172; *G. Henson, Hanger Hill, 172; A Simpson Maidenhead 173 P. G. Wyatt Horne Bay, 173; J. D. Higgs, Hanger Hill, 189; C. Clay Banelagh, 180; G. Morton, Royal St. George's 185; C. W. Pope, Hastings, 174; A. E Robb, Eastbourne, 183; *Joshua Taylor, Mid-Surrey, 171; Jack Rowe, Forest Row, 169; A. Gray, Gravesend, 168; R. Wakerley West Essex, 171; R. G. Hepburn, Royston, 189; Peter Paxton, Hanger Hill, 174; W. P. Lewis, King's Norton, 166; *A Hills, Sevenoaks, 171.

*Asterisk denotes assistant.

TENNIS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.—Steering safely through the preliminary stages of the above competition with victories over Messrs. E. A. Biederman and R. K. Cross and Major Cooper Key, Mr. Vane Pennell became qualified to challenge the holder, Mr. Eustace H. Miles, for the championship, and the contest duly took place on the 9th instant at the Queen's Club, West Kensington. The weather being overcast, the light was not too good for the players, but the decians and gallery overlooking the court were crowded with interested spectators, amongst whom were Major-General Minto Elliot, Major A. Cooper Key, Captain St. G Daly, Messrs. J. F. Marshall, F. Dames Longworth, H. S. Mahony, C. Clay, A. D. Horne, and Plant (New York A. C.). The contest proved a most one-sided affair, and Pennell was well beaten when an unfortunate accident brought the match to an early termination. Miles placed the ball down the side wall very wide of Pennell, and, in attempting to make the return, the challenger could not stop himself and struck his shoulder violently against the building. Pennell fell to the ground, but soon recovered, only to find himself unable to proceed after another stroke had been won. He, consequently, retired and Miles became champion for the fifth year in succession. Details:—

E. H. Miles (Mariborough and Cambridge) (holder) beat V. Pennell (Charterhouse and Cambridge) (challenger) by two sets to love (6—0, 6—2) and two games to one in the third set (Pennell retiring owing to injury) or 14 games to 3.—Miles started in great form and, from the first, it was obvious that, if anything, his form has improved since last year. The holder not only hit very hard, but his length and placing were excellent, and Pennell was kept continually on the move. The first was a love set to Miles, the challenger only winning three strokes, but Pennell who, it must be said, had the worst of the luck, managed to secure the first game in the second set. Miles soon equalised with game to love, and went to 3—1 before Pennell scored again. Subsequently, the Old Carthusian stood no chance, and lost the second set at 6—2. Pennell looked like making a fight of it in the third set, but after alternate games had been won the accident referred to above happened in the fourth game, with the score standing fifteen all. Pennell could not go on, and had to retire, leaving Miles the winner. A Dooley marked and called the match, which lasted 42mins.

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1892. H. Earnest Crawley.	1899. E. H. Miles.
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1894. H. Earnest Crawley.	1901. E. H. Miles.
1895. Sir Edward Grey. Bart.	1902. E. H. Miles.

CYCLING

INTERNATIONAL CYCLING AT PONTYPRIDD.

On Saturday, the 9th instant, the mixed meeting, promoted by the N. C. U., at Pontypridd, produced some good racing. The recent rains had little effect on the cinder track, and some fast times were made. Results:—

HALF-MILE PROFESSIONAL HANDICAP—Grogna (Belgium), scratch, 1; Piard (France), scratch, 2; Bassett (Pontardulais), 72 yards start, 3. Won by only a few inches. Domain (France) was beaten a few inches for third place. Time—1min. 2secs.

ONE MILE SCRATCH RACE.—Piard (France), 1; Domain (France), 2; Tom James (Mountain Ash), 3. James made a great effort to overtake the Frenchmen, who won by inches only. Howard (London) was fourth. Grogna (Belgium) was, beaten by James in his heat. Time—3min 46⅗sec.

QUARTER-MILE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH WALES (CENTRE).—C. E. Baker (Carmarthen), 1; T. S. Lake (Pontypridd), 2; W. J. Powell (Bridgend), 3. Time—33⅘sec.

The standard time was 33sec. and time limit 45secs.

FIVE-MILE SCRATCH RACE.—Mayer (Germany), 1; Heller (Austria), 2; James (Mountain Ash), 3. Won by half a length; the same distance dividing the second and third. Domain and Howard were close up. Time—17min 0⅘sec.

HALF-MILE AMATEUR HANDICAP.—T. S. Lake (Pontypridd) 76 yards start, 1; A. Eddins (Pontypridd), 60 2; C. E. Baker (Carmarthen), 25, 3. Won by a length. Time—1min 1sec.

FIVE-MILE MOTOR SCRATCH RACE.—H. C. Prickett (Cardiff), beat Josh Williams (Cardiff) by nearly two laps. Time—8mins 40secs.

BOXING.

THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

Judging from his display of last night, Jimmy Handler, of New York, must have lost a good deal of the form he possessed at the time he scored the victories he is credited with over men like Charley McKeevor, Dick O'Brien, and Mysterious Billy Smith. True, he was labouring under a very great handicap in meeting "Slounch" Dixon, of Stepney, the last-named having an advantage of pretty nearly 3stone in weight. On the strength of his doings in the States, odds of 2 to 1 were betted at the start on the New Yorker, but so indifferently did he box that at the end of the second round Dixon was a pronounced favourite at 5 to 2. Handler appeared unable to keep his feet, and, with Dixon awkward on his legs, the men fell about the stage in quite a remarkable manner For four rounds it was more of a tumbling match than a boxing contest, and the antics the two cut in regaining their feet and in assisting each other to rise caused no end of amusement. The competitors, on the other hand, fought in a serious and determined manner, and, if science was wanting, hard knocks were more than plentiful. Slow as he is, Dixon, who took the ring a mountain of flesh, was faster than the American. Handler, as stated, seemed all abroad for the first few rounds, and though he hung on in wonderfully plucky fashion he seldom had the better of the exchanges. Throughout the men slogged for all they were worth punched and punched with no thought whatever of science. Power of hitting was with the Londoner, in addition to which his blows had more precision than those of Handler. The last-named appeared to rely mainly on a right-handed swing. This Dixon invariably avoided, and at the end of a hard and gruelling encounter the verdict went his way. Dixon fought remarkably well under his burden of flesh, while no man could have shown more pluck and grit than the loser.

TEN-ROUND CONTEST.

Slouch Dixon (Stepney) beat Jimmy Handler (American).—Bill Higgins and Harry Paul were behind the Englishman; the American was squired by Bill Baxter and Charley Pendley. Handler is a middle-weight, and Dixon a decided heavy-weight; in fact the latter looked nearly three stone the heavier, despite which he was in good condition—for him. To open with, Dixon led twice lightly on the face, and then drove the American reeling on to the ropes, with a flush left on the mouth Dixon slipped down, and Handler's sportsmanlike action in assisting him to rise was cordaly appreciated. Twice again Dixon shook the American with facers. In the second round Dixon again began strongly; thrice he reached the face, and getting near the ropes, put left and right on the Yankee's body very forcefully. Handler swung lightly on the jaw, and then, in some half arm exchanges, both rolled on the mat. So far, Dixon had made all the running. There was more slipping to the floor in the third round, the spectators regarding these antics amusedly. Handler was rather more effective this time, Dixon being slow at close quarters. At the fourth meeting, Dixon drove a heavy one in the face, and then again both went down. Some half work followed, the Stepney man using the right usefully on the body. Coming away from a clinch, the American tried a right high on the jaw, which fairly shook up the big man. The fifth round saw some alteration in the Londoner's tactics; he tempted Handler to lead, and then hooked him heavily on the ribs and stomach. At the opening of the sixth term Handler got right and left on the side of the head, to which Dixon responded with "rib roasters" and several hooks aimed for the mark which the American managed to avoid. The latter was taking a deal of punishment. Handler chopped his man on the jaw in the seventh round, but there was little steam behind it, and returning to the attack the Stepneyite forced him to the ropes, fibbing merrily with both hands. Coming up for the eighth time Dixon half-caught the Yankee with a swinging right. He was dazed for a moment, but quickly recovered. Hereabouts Handler was distressed, but he fought dead game. Once Dixon sent him staggering through the ropes. Handler made a fine effort to retrieve his fortunes in the ninth round. Thrice he swung on the cheek, and then made his adversary wince with a short body jolt. As the round ended Handler thought the bout had finished. He shook hands but his seconds quickly explained the mistake. He smiled, and resumed For the final set-to both were tired, the American far more so than the Englishman. Dixon was always superior. In the last half-minute Handler chanced the right for the jaw, but Dixon was inside. At the close the verdict was easily secured by the Stepney man. His adversary got a big cheer as a very game loser.

ATHLETICS.

A SHRUBB *v.* 10-MILE RECORD.—In the presence of a large attendance of spectators at Preston Park, Brighton, last evening, Alfred Shrubb of the S.L.H., tried to lower W. G. George's ten-mile record of 51min. 20secs., he being the scratch man in a handicap arranged by the Brighton and County Harriers. A slight but puffy breeze was blowing and this was against him. He did five miles in 25mins 15secs, but in the sixth and eight miles accomplished slow times, and, though he finished with a fine spurt, he was 10 ⅖sec outside George's figures. A. Albridge was second, three quarters of mile away, and S. J. Woolly, of the Highgate Harriers, third. The handicap resulted in a win for J. G. Cox, of Brighton, with 5min start, his handicap time being 51min 12secs; Woolly, 4min. 15secs. start, was second, and Shrubb third. In the other events R. J. Heather won the club 100 yards handicap from the 7½ yards mark, whilst W. Foster, 30 yards start, secured the mile club handicap, the respective times being 10 4-5secs and 4mins39secs.

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Hunting.

OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

SPORT was very poor on Monday, 25th May, when hounds met by invitation at Fernhill, the residence of H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore. It was a pleasant morning as regards weather, but too hot for riding and scent was almost *nil*. About 7 o'clock Captain Fife moved off to draw and we had a long jog out to Rees Corner. The Long Swamp was tried first and hounds found, but the line was stale. They hunted slowly round by Bagmair's Hill to Elmhurst Corner and then round the other side of the hill. Blackmore Vale was the next draw, but hounds did not find till we were near the Trebel Crossing and when they did they only ran for a few hundred yards. The whole morning was spent in this manner. Bluegums was drawn last, but with no better luck.

Thursday was also a disappointment, as there was a good run missed. The meet was at the kennels for the first time this year. The Master moved off while a mist was down, but it soon cleared off and the day was hot and fine. The open down Cocky's Course was first tried, and hounds hunted slowly at first on finding near Elmhurst Corner. They hunted over Elmhurst Crossing and up Bagmairs Hill to Mills Court, but turning leftwards from here they hunted along the banks of the stream till the Master cast them up a nullah and they began running faster. Leaving the long Swamp on the left they ran over One Tree Hill to Dreadnaught and from here to Baikie In this covert a fresh brace of jacks was disturbed and hounds divided. The hunted one with about four and a half couple broke near the top, but did not run far and they lost him in a patch of bracken and brambles at the top of the hill. Another couple ran one of the fresh jacks down to the Fair lawns Valley before they were stopped, but the main body of the pack had a capital run to themselves straight down the Mungenal Valley and on to the Emreal Valley between Ooty and the Kundah Hills. They were not found till a Badaga coming from that direction was able to tell of their whereabouts. It was found they had run their jack to ground. In consequence of sport having been so poor this week there is to be a tie day on Saturday.

PYKARA.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT MUSSOORIE

MUSSOORIE *vs.* COMBINED SCHOOLS.—On the 25th ultimo the station played an eleven composed from Mussoorie Schools, and had rather an easy win by 51 runs. Price for the station played a fine innings for 68, while, Turner of Oak Grove School distinguished himself with the ball, taking seven wickets. Score:—

MUSSOORIE.

T H Pruce, lbw Boileau	68
H Williams, c Fox, b Turner	2
Rev H Cowley, c Quarry, b Turner	1
Daubeny, b Turner	0
A G Newcomen, b Turner	0
G Goutiere, b Turner	18
L Smith, c Drake, b Turner	4
E J Riggie, b Boileau	0
P G Collen, c Quarry, b Drake	11
G Slater, b Turner	6
Reed, not out	15
Extras	5
Total	130

COMBINED SCHOOLS.

Fox (St George's College), c Pruce, b Daubeny ...	6
Quarry (Modern School), b Pruce	11
Drake (St George's), b Pruce	4
Boileau (Oak Grove), c Smith, b Cowley	19
Behrmann (St. George's) b Pruce	0
Eagles (Philander Smith's), c Slater b Cowley ...	19
Turner (Oak Grove), c Riggie b Cowley	2
Jahans (Philander Smith's), b Cowley	0
Fitzpatrick (St George's) c Slater, b Cowley ...	2
Domingo (St Fidelis'), not out	0
Lovelace (Oak Grove), b Pruce...	10
Extras	6
Total	79

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Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE LEAGUE.

RANGERS *vs.* BURN & CO.—After three defeats the Rangers won their first match in the competition on the 27th ultimo when they defeated Burn & Co. by three goals to *nil*. The match was played on the Rangers' ground, but there were not many spectators. The Engineers began the attack and Whelan had to save several hard shots. Then play was transferred to the visitors' ground and Clerici drew first blood for the home team. The Engineers tried hard to equalise, but were not successful. Again the ball was worked down to their end and one of the backs missed his kick letting in Pell, who put on the Rangers' second goal On changing ends the home forwards rushed down but were checked by Ward and interesting play in mid field followed for a space. Then a rush by the Rangers gave Swan a chance and he beat Freeman with a fine shot. On resuming an act of Hooliganism on the part of one of Burn & Co.'s halves compelled the referee to order him off the field. A penalty kick followed which Swan failed to turn to account and the match ended in a win for the Rangers by three goals to *nil*. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Whitie and Lees, *backs*; Russell, Walker, and Boilard, *halves*; Williams, Clerici, Pell, Swan, and Mabert, *forwards*.

BURNS A. C.—Freeman, *goal*; Dodds and McFadyen, *backs*; Donnithorne, Ward, and Russell, *halves*; Taylor, Cochrane, Kerr, H. Bonnar, and J. Bonnar, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. H. Remfry, Y. M. C. A.

K. O. S. B. *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—This match was keenly contested on the Calcutta ground on the 27th ultimo and resulted in a well-deserved victory for the military by three goals to one. The Dalhousie men were the first to attack, but the Borderers brought the ball back and Peake was kept busy: he kept his charge intact, however, and then Echlin and Alexander got away, but back came the Borderers and the Dals. were hard pressed, Bushby at length conceding a corner Nothing resulted and the civilian team made some good runs and the K.O.S.B. custodian had to save several difficult shots which he did in grand style. A penalty for a foul gave the Dals. a chance; Watts took the place, but the goal-keep saved wonderfully. Half time arrived without any score. On resuming the Dalhousie men rushed down and it was not long before Watts opened the scoring. The Borderers then besieged their opponents' goal and a penalty for a foul charge gave Byers a chance of equalising. Play ruled very exciting now and after an effort by the local team Cassidy gave the visitors the lead. The Dalhousie men were completely outplayed and Bruce adding a third goal gave them the victory by three goals to one

Y.M.C.A. *vs.* 64th R.F.A.—Played on the Association ground last Thursday, the home team winning by two goals to *nil*. The opening exchanges ruled very even, then Wood went away for the gunners; Yackjee relieved him of the ball and it was transferred to the other end where the Young Men took up the attack. The artillery goal was besieged and the custodian eventually beaten. On crossing over the gunners tried hard to equalise and Williams had to save several shots: then the Association went away and did all the attacking. Apcar putting on another goal Several shots were sent in, but no more scoring took place, the Y. M. C. A. winning as stated.

CALCUTTA *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—Played on the Dalhousie ground the 30th ultimo and resulted in a pointless draw. Neither side was representative and the display not the most brilliant. The Dalhousie men were the first to get dangerous and Buckley cleared in fine style. The Calcutta custodian was penalised for carrying but Echlin sent over the bar. The home team continued to press but Gahan relieved and then the visitors invaded the Dalhousie territory. Several shots were sent in but all went wide. Calcutta then forced a corner without result and the interval arrived with the home team attacking. On changing ends the Dalhousie forwards continued the attack and Buckley had to save shots from Rosser and Stimson. Then Calcutta got going and Peake had rather a warm time but he kept all the shots out in grand style and play was transferred to the opposite end where it remained till the whistle sounded. Teams :—

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*: Margrett and Bushby, backs: Phelps, Wallace, and Dalling, *half-backs*: Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Affleck and Stimson, *forwards*.

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal*: Dennis and Gahan, *backs*: Pierson, Gillespie, and Walker, *half-backs*: Binning, H. Sherman, Fyfe, V. Sherman, and Stewart, *forwards*.

REFEREE.—Mr. A. O. Henry.—Rangers F. C.

A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* K.O.S.B'S.—These teams met at Dum-Dum last Saturday when the Highlanders won a good game by three goals to one. The visitors got going and a sudden rush resulted in Lockhart drawing first blood. The Highlanders kept up the attack and in spite of good defence by the Borderers Quinn got through and put on a second goal. The home team played hard and at last Cassidy got past and passing to Byers the latter forced a corner. Byers placed the kick with good judgment and Coventry had to concede another corner from which Byers put the ball through. After half time play ruled midfield for a spell then the Highlanders attacked again and kept their opponents busy Hogg scoring the third goal. The Borderers were completely outplayed and the match ended in a a win for the visitors as stated. Teams.—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan and Mowatt, *half-backs*; Pollock, Lockhart, Quinn, Montgomery and Hogg, *forwards*.

K.O.S.B.—O'Neil, *goal*; Allen and Macdonald, *backs*; Bradley, Stewart and Tait, *half-backs*; Byers, Kennedy, Cassidy Creagan and Bruce, *forwards*.

REFEREE.—Gunner Nicoll, 64th R. F. A. (Barrackpore.)

Y.M.C.A. *vs.* BURN AND CO.—The Association went across the river to play Burn and Co. last Saturday and an evenly contested game ended in a win for the visitors by a goal to *nil*. The Association took the ball down and began an attack forcing two corners in quick succession but without result. A free kick against Simmons allowed the home team to get away and Kerr sent in a hard shot which Williams saved. Burn and Co. continued to press but Cooper got the ball away and passing to Street the latter ran down the field when near the goal he sent over to Apcar who headed the ball into the net. The home team played hard and forced a corner but nothing accrued and the young men crossed over with the lead. Resuming the visitors had the best of the exchanges They rushed down but Macfadyen relieved, Cooper then sent in a fine shot which was saved in masterly fashion; at this juncture Apcar was injured but soon returned to the field. For the rest of the game Burn and Co kept up an attack on the visitors goal, but they were unable to net the ball and the association ran out winners by a goal to *nil* Teams.—

Y.M.C.A.—Williams, *goal*; Yackjee and Baldwin, *backs*; Brown, Butler and Cooper, *halves*; Godfrey, Street, Apcar, Simmons and Crow *forwards*:

BURNS' A. C.—Dodds, *goal*; McFadyen and Donnithorne, *backs*; Wood, Russel and Cochrane, *halves*; Bonnar, H Bonnar, Kerr Taylor and Freeman, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Ribbins, Howrah F. C.

RANGERS *vs.* HOWRAH.—A draw of one goal each was the result of this match played on the Rangers ground last Saturday. Howrah had the best of matters during the first half though nothing was scored, wild shooting losing them a number of chances. Up and down play opened the second half then the Rangers obtained a corner and Russell dropped the ball into the mouth of the goal, Whitite heading it into the net The visitors played up at this and after a persistent attack Jackson equalised just before time. Teams—

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Anderson and Brown, *backs*; O'Laughlin, Lees and Russell Jr. *half backs*; Maybert, Clericy, Whittie, Williams and Russell Sr. *forwards*.

HOWRAH.—A Bennett, *goal*; F Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, H Osborne and E Osborne, *half backs*; Hart Smith Curtis, Jackson and Brown, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M Remfry, C. F. C.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* K. O. S. B's. The Association served up a surprise on Monday when they met and defeated the Borderers on the Dalhousie ground. The Young Men began hostilities and Apcar taking the ball down had a shot which just went over. Back came the Association a second time and Power sent in a long shot. The Borderers custodian tried to fist out but misjudging the pace at which the ball was descending fisted it into his own net. Then each team attacked in turn but neither side got any material advantage though the Borderers were somewhat disconcerted at the vigour of the civilians attack. On changing ends the soldiers began to play up and Cassidy equalised from a melee Up and down play followed a shot by Crow which just failed to get through. Then Apcar got possession and rushing down had the goal at his mercy when he was badly fouled. Yackchee took the penalty kick, which was awarded and gave the Young Men the lead. Play ruled fast and furious till the end of the game, the Y. M. C. A. keeping the Borderers out and coming out victorious by two goals to one. Teams.

Y. M. C. A.—*Goal*, Williams; *backs*, Baldwin and Yackchee; *half-backs*, Power, Butlin, and Cooper; *forwards*, Crow, Simmons, Apcar, H. Street, and Godfrey.

K. O. S. B.—*Goal*, O'Neil; *backs*, McDonald and O'Connell; *half-backs*, Campbell, Stewart and Davidson; *forwards*, Byers, Kennedy, Cassidy, Neilson, and Tait.

Referee—Mr Batho, Rangers F. C.

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—Played on the Highlanders' ground on the 2nd instant and resulted in a draw of one goal each. The first half was pointless but on resuming the Dalhousie opened the scoring. Peake in goal for the visitors was at his best and the goal they obtained was rather a lucky one, the ball rebounding off Quin into the net after having been once fisted out.

64TH R. F. A. *vs.* BURN AND CO.—These teams met on the Rangers' ground last Tuesday when Burn & Co. won by a goal to *nil*. During the first half the Engineers did most of the attacking and after Hutchinson had been tried by several shots Freeman put the ball into the net. On changing ends the game ruled very even and neither team getting any further advantage the Engineers won as stated.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The principal feature of the past week's football has undoubtedly been the defeat of the League Champions of 1902 by the Y. M. C. A., which took place on the Dalhousie ground on Monday last. In view of the success which has recently attended the "Young Men" it was generally anticipated that they would give the Dum-Dum team a good game but there were few, if any, who ventured to predict that they would ultimately prove victorious.

The K. O. S. B. have shown an unaccountable loss of form and their defeats by Calcutta, the 93rd, and now the Y. M. C. A. have sent them so far down the League table that their chance of regaining the first position is remote in the extreme, especially as the Fort team do not show any signs of tarnishing the unbeaten record they now hold.

The match between Calcutta and the 93rd Highlanders which took place on the ground of the former was brimful of interest from start to finish and the result was in doubt right up to the call of the time. Both teams were strongly represented and the final score of 2—1 in favour of the military fairly represents the superiority of the winners on the day's play, although had Cooper and Fyfe been able to take advantage of the undeniable chances they both had in the second half, a different result would have been arrived at. The Calcutta forwards lacked that dash and combination which characterised their play against the K.O.S.B., and although they gave a few glimpses of combined work their efforts were principally confined to individual runs in which Cooper was continually conspicuous. Fyfe was not in his usual form and Sherman was disappointing, but Stewart showed pace and cleverness on the left wing and some of his centres from the extreme corner were beautifully placed. Gillespie and Maunder were the two shining lights of the back division, and Buckley was as sound as usual in goal.

The Argyll's play was clever and forceful and they excelled in their head work, a feature of the game in which Calcutta have much to learn Quinn and Hogg proved very fast and tricky and the defence was safe in the hands of Wallace and McGowan.

The Howrah Club placed a very poor side in the field against the 64th R. F. A., and consequently had to admit defeat by 5 to 1. The game was very one-sided but, this victory ought to give a much-needed fillip to the Barrackpore team and their supporters

The meeting of Dalhousie and the K. O. S. B. was not noticeable for particularly good football, but it was intensely interesting by reason of the closeness of the struggle which within a few minutrites of the call of time seemed certain to end in a drawn game. At the interval no score had been registered by either side, but shortly after the restart the Dalhousie forwards rushed down in a body and Watts found the net with a shot that O'Neil could not possibly save. The applause which greeted this had hardly subsided, however, before a penalty was given against Margrett for foul play and Byers at last broke down the brilliant and untiring defence of Peake and thus made the scores level. After this there was only one team in it, and the K. O. S. B. front dark completely outplayed their opponents and with Cassidy and Bruce scoring within a few minutes of each other the Dum-Dum team left the field victorious by 3—1. The winners were undoubtedly the best side and it was only Peake's wonderful defence that prevented a larger score.

Tait, Cassidy and McDonald were conspicuous for the K. O. S. B. and Stimson worked hard for Dalhousie.

The Rangers after a game that was entirely devoid of any pretensions to good football, beat Burns by 3 goals to love, a result for which they are indebted to their custodian Whelan, who kept goal in splendid style throughout. Burns were unfortunate to lose as they had the major portion of the game, but their shooting lacked sting and accuracy. Rough and foul play was the order of the day, which if repeated will doubtless end in the football season of the delinquents being shortened. The encounter between Calcutta and Dalhousie on Saturday last drew a large crowd to the ground of the latter team, and a keen, not brilliant game was the result. The "Red Shirts" took the field with a very weak side, as Cooper, Maunder, Crawford, and Todd were all absentees, and this meant a reshuffling of positions which entirely disorganised the team. The younger Sherman partnered Binning on the right wing, Gillespie was brought up to centre half, and Dennis and Gahan were played at full back. Dalhousie were without Stewart, but otherwise had their strongest available side, under the circumstances Calcutta did well to draw with them. The home team had the best of the game during the initial half, but after the restart the premier club did most of the pressing, but the two goal keepers both played magnificently and repeatedly earned rounds of applause for their fine work. The Calcutta forwards were slow and their efforts spasmodic for which no doubt the heat was mainly responsible Both the Shermans played well, the elder one especially giving a better display than he has yet done this season, but Binning has not yet got used to the altered conditions of a hard ground and bumping ball which prevail out here. Gillespie worked hard, but was out of place at half back, and both Gahan and Dennis gave a somewhat patchy display.

For Dalhousie, Margrett's defence was very sound and Stimson and Rosser were the pick of the forwards, but Watts has not yet shown the form of which we know he is capable.

As was expected would be the case the Highlanders prevailed over their old rivals, the K. O. S. B. on Saturday last, when the two teams met on the ground of the latter at Dum-Dum.

It was a great game and a fine exhibition of clever football was given by both teams. The pretty but somewhat dainty combination of the homesters could make little or no headway against the sturdy defence of the visitors in which McGowan and Wallace were always to the fore and the K. O. S. B.'sdefence was not equal to withstanding the combined and vigorous onslaughts of Hogg, Montgomery and Quinn, who were ably assisted by Pollock. As in the match against Calcutta the Borderers allowed themselves to be taken by surprise at the start, and the 93rd forwards rushing down in a body Lockhart banged the ball, past O'Neil before the home team realised the position. After this the exchanges were fairly level, but the Highlanders were constantly dangerous and after several unsuccessful attempts Quinn obtaining possession from a pass by Pollock registered the second goal for his side. Shortly after, however, Byers scored for the Borderers from a corner and half time found the score 2—1 in favour of the visitors. Subsequently, however, the 93rd added a further goal through Hogg and thus won the match by3—1.

Byers and O'Neil were conspicuous for the losers whose methods are too dainty when opposed to such teams as the Highlanders—and McGowan, Quinn and Hogg played best for the Fort team.

Howrah met the Rangers on the ground of the latter on Saturday last and the match ended in a draw of 1 goal all. The game was a very level one throughout, as it was not until the second half that Whitie draw first blood for his side, but this was not sufficient to give the Rangers victory as just on the call of time Jackson scored for Howrah. The Bennetts as usual defended well for the trans-Hooghly team whose shooting was of the wildest description, while Whelan and the half-backs were noticeable for the Rangers.

THE CHIEL.

THE MURREE TURNAMENT.

FIRST ROUND.

Gordon Highlanders beat Rawalpindi Gunners by one goal to *nil*.

Somerset Light Infantry beat 12th Royal Lancers by four goals to *nil*.

The Queen's beat R. G. A. Thobba by three goals to *nil*.

South Wales' Boaderers beat Dorset Regt. by two goals to *nil*.

Royal Irish Fusiliers beat the Wiltshire Regt. by three goals to one.

2nd King's Royal Rifles beat 3rd Hussars by two goals to one.

SECOND ROUND.

The Queen's beat Somerset Light Infantry by two goals to one.

Cameronians beat the Gordon Highlanders by two goals to *nil*.

2nd King's Royal Rifles beat 9th Lancers by three goals to *nil*.

South Wales' Borderers beat Royal Irish Fusiliers by two goals to *nil*.

SEMI-FINALS.

2nd King's Royal Rifles beat South Wales Borderers by three goals to nil.

Queen's beat Cameronian Highlanders.

INDIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

IN submitting the report of the I. F. A. for 1902, the Council before entering into the ordinary matters connected with the working of the Association, desire to place on record the deep regret with which they and the members received the news of the death of Sir John Woodburn who had been the President of the Association since 1898. The late Sir John Woodburn always evinced the greatest interest in football and in 1899 and 1900 was frequently present at, not only the senior matches, but also at many of the Junior Competitions. In 1901, when the Royal Irish Rifles won the Challenge Shield, our late President was present throughout that memorable game which the Royal Irish Rifles played with the 42nd Highlanders and presented the Shield to the winners accepting in turn as a souvenir of the occasion the football which had been played with that afternoon.

Mr. William K. Brown has also passed from amongst us and his untimely death is mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance and by the Football public of Calcutta, both native and European Mr. Brown was, with Mr. Percy Willder, Joint Honorary Secretary of the I. F. A. in 1897, in which year he captained the Dalhousie Football Club to victory for the Challenge Shield. "W. K." was a footballer in the very first rank and an exponent of the game who had few equals His last appearance before the public was in the Civil *vs.* Military Charity Match, played in June, when it will be remembered he figured in the half-back line and greatly distinguished himself. The Council beg to submit their sympathies to his widow and record with deep regret the loss of so true and good a sportsman.

We feel assured that members of the Association and supporters of Association Football will alike agree that the past season has in no way been inferior in any circumstance to previous years, and the fact that the interest in Soccer continuess unabated and is considerably on the increase, is distinctly proved by the large number of competitions not connected with the I. F. A. which have been inaugurated during the past season. These competitions while being under the direct control of their respective Committees are nevertheless to a very great extent advised by the Council of the I. F. A and it is pleasant to report that in no single instance have any disputes or reports in connection therewith been submitted to the Council of the I. F. A. without an amicable settlement being effected, thereby avoiding punitive measures with their consequent illfeeling amongst Clubs. This is a matter of congratulation to the Association and the Council feel assured that if Clubs will endeavour to work and play their matches in the right spirit of the game, a good deal of trouble and annoyance will be spared, not only to themselves but to the Association. Dealing on this subject the Honorary Secretary feels it his duty to here mention that in the competitions for the Elliott Shield and Cooch Behar Cup, the latter of which is now regarded by the native community as of equal importance with the Challenge Shield Competition, the competing Clubs should endeavour, as much as possible, to educate their respective supporters, especially in the latter stages of the competition, to restrain their enthusiasm, as a too prominent display of delight is not always conducive to a friendly termination of any game, be it Soccer or Cricket. It is to be hoped that the foregoing remarks will be read in the light and spirit they are intended to convey. The rules of sporting etiquette apply to spectators and competitors alike.

COUNCIL.—The Annual General Meeting was held on the 19th May at the Dalhousie Institute. The late Sir John Woodburn was again unanimously elected President, and Messrs H. S. Ashton (C.F.C.), H. M. Remfry (Y M.C.A.), J. Muir (D.F.C.), D.L. Walker (D.F.C.), P. McInnes (Calcutta Rangers), Lieutenant-Paynter (R. A., Barrackpore), Lieutenant-Forbes (93rd Highlanders), Captain Cureton (K.O.S B's.), K. Mitter (Sova Bazaar), A. Gangooly (National Association) as members of the Council, and Messrs. N. G. Pritchard (C. F. C.) and L. Macmillan (Calcutta Rangers) as Joint-Honorary Secretaries).

DISPUTES.—It is a matter of great regret that the Council of the I. F. A. were called upon to investigate a report submitted by the Mohun Bagan Club against certain members of the Medical College Football Club for assault after the conclusion of their tie in the third round of the Trades (Junior) Cup Competiton. It having being proved to the satisfaction of the Council after due enquiry that a player of the latter Club was guilty of the charges brought against him, he was suspended for twelve months from 19th September 1902 to 19th September 1903. Similarly a member of the Kumartoli as also a member of the Howrah Sporting were suspended from the same dates and for the same time for gross misconduct on the field. It is to be hoped that these suspensions will have the desired effect of warning Clubs that incidents of such a nature can meet with but one result and that gentlemanly conduct is essential for the proper conduct of every competition.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.—A Special General Meeting was held at the Dalhousie Institute on the 13th July when several alterations in the rules were carried out and passed. Copies of same were duly forwarded to all Clubs and revised issue of the Rules are now in the press and expected to be ready for issue early in July.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.—It is to be hoped that this trophy, which is well worth playing for, will in the coming season draw more Regimental Teams from the different parts of India. The prospects of the competition so far are exceedingly roseate, both from a civilian and military point of view and the entries of the latter are expected to increase very considerably, but depend entirely on their movements. Thirteen teams or one less than the year previous, the Y. M. C A. having decided not to enter, took part in this competition, and it was a pity that in the end the South Lancashire Regiment, who have for the past few years been looked upon as a "home" team, having played for the Shield more ofter than any other military team, found it impossible to come down for the tournament. The Royal Irish Rifles very sportingly, notwithstanding their recent transfer to Fyzabad, come down to defend the trophy which they so gallantly appropriated the previous year by their meritorious victory over the redoubtable 42nd Highlanders. They met the Dalhousie Football Club in the 2nd round of the competition and the old civilian club in gaining a victory by 2 goals to 1 and subsequently qualifying for the finals delighted the hearts of their many admirers with an assurance that they would ere long regain the high standard of form and reputation at the game, which but a few years ago seemed to be their monopoly. Their defeat in the final round at the hands of the 93rd Highlanders was by no means a disgrace as from beginning to end they played with a spirit and dash characteristic of their old selves.

The ever popular and genial Scotsmen of the 93rd, were loudly cheered as they left the field the proud possessors of the Challenge Shield at their first venture, and though they were installed equal favourites with the R I. R. for the competition, it was expected the civilian team would give them a hard game, the result exceeded all expectations and the match was productive of the finest football which had been seen in the city for many years past. At the conclusion of the game Mrs. H. S. Ashton very kindly presented the Shield and gold medals to the winners and silver medals to the runners up.

TRADE'S CUP.—Eighteen teams entered or one less than last year, the formation of a Club at Gaurangdi and their entry for this competition being welcomed by all They met Jamalpur in the semi-finals and after one drawn game played at Asansol had, for want of time, to scratch in favour of their opponents. The National Association who won this trophy in 1900, defeated the Seebpur College (holders) in the third round and Mohun Bagan in the semi-finals and are again to be congratulated on winning the tournament as they well merit their success.

COOCH BEHAR CUP.—This is a very popular competition amongst native Clubs, and although the entries obtained were two less than the previous year the interest in the several matches had by no means diminished. The Mahomedan Sporting Club, exhibiting excellent form throughout, annexed the trophy for the first time, and their success was to a great extent due to the efforts of their popular Honorary Secretary who spared no pains in looking after the proper coaching of the team.

CADET CUP.—Eight teams entered and the form shown especially by La Martinière who own the Cup, reflects the greatest credit on those responsible for the high standand of play attained by the young volunteers. La Martinière now hold the record of wins for this competition, this being the fourth time they have carried off the Cup.

ELLIOTT SHIELD.—Ten entries. The C. M. S. High School showed very good form throughout and eventually won the Shield defeating Madrassa in the finals by 1 to nil.

CHARITY MATCHES.—The Council decided to hold a Civil *vs.* Military Charity Match on the date of His Most Gracious Majesty's accession to the throne which was made the occasion of a public holiday. Owing, however, to the King's serious illness and also to the fact of a general misunderstanding which prevailed especially after various contradictory reports had been circulated, the crowd was not so great as would have been the case otherwise, and the "Gate" in consequence only took Rs. 572-5-0 nett. The interest of a number of people in the second Charity Match which was the finals of the Challenge Shield was considerably less than in previous years, and this was no doubt accounted for by the fact that the Royal Irish Rifles, the brilliant heroes of 1901, had been defeated by the popular civilian team, the Dalhousie Football Club, in the second round. The unfortunate scratching of the South Lancashires let the 79th Co., R. G A into the semi-finals, and though they played a sound game fore and aft they had to acknowlege defeat by 5 goals to nil. The K. O. S. B's were unlucky indeed in losing no less than four of their best men before they met the redoubtable 93rd Highlanders in the semi-final. The latter came full of a keen desire to recompense the regiment for their failure in the League Competition, and were, to all appearances, confident of being able to do so. From start to finish the Scottish Borderers were outplayed, outgeneralled, and finally beaten more decisively then any team has been since the inauguration of the Challenge Shield.

This left Dalhousie and the representatives from the Fort to fight out the issue. Dalhousie renewed an acquaintance with the Cupholdership by the medium of a well skilled cool and masterful exhibition. Both teams played most cohesive football, but the 93rd were obviously the better side and in the latter stages of the game showed better training and fitness. The Colonel and officers of the 93rd very kindly allowed the Regimental Band to play on the ground, a favour which was much appreciated.

The nett proceeds of both the above matches amounted to Rs. 2,271-5-0 and were divided as follows :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Calcutta Hospital Nurse's Institution	...	1,000	0	0
St. Mary's House of Charity ...	...	200	0	0
Little Sisters of the Poor ...	...	200	0	0
St. Vincent's Home	...	200	0	0
Entally Orphanage	...	200	0	0
District Charitable Society ...	...	271	5	0
St. Andrew's Colonial Homes, Kalimpong		200	0	0
Total Rs.	...	2,271	5	0

The thanks of the Council are due to the members of the Clubs who kindly assisted on both occasions and also to the various gentlemen who rendered valuable assistance as referees during the season.

REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION.—The Council have much pleasure in stating that a general and practical response has been received from all the clubs towards the formation of a Referee's Association. A special general meeting was held at the Volunteer Headquarters on the 11th May 1903, and after some discussion on the more important matters connected therewith it was unanimously agreed to have such an Association with the object of providing duly qualified and fit persons to act as referees in the different matches. The preliminary arrangements and the framing of Rules, etc., have been entrusted to a Commitee comprised of the following :—

Messrs. G. W. Batho, M. Remfry, E. E. Bope, J. Greig and N. G. Pritchard.

N. G PRITCHARD, } *Joint-Honorary Secretaries*
L. M. K. MACMILLAN, } *and Treasurers, I. F. A.*

THE CALCUTTA REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION.

THE following rules were adopted at the meeting held at the C. V. B. head-quaters on Monday, 1st June 1903 :—

1. The Association shall be called the Calcutta Referee's Association.
2. The objects of the Association shall be :—
   (*a*) To ascertain the competency by examination or otherwise, of persons willing to act as Referees, to admit such as Members, and to appoint them to matches
   (*b*) To protect its Members against unfair treatment and unjust criticism.
   (*c*) To publish annually in April the Hand-book, which shall include the names and addresses of Members and the Rules of the Association.
   (*d*) To improve the status of Referees in general, and to secure recognition by the Indian Football Association.
3. There small be two classes of Referees. Class I shall consist of Referees who are deemed to be qualified to act in I. F. A. Shield and Calcutta Football League matches ; Class II shall consist of Referees who are deemed to be qualified to act in all other matches.
4. (*a*) Clubs competing in I. F. A. Shield and Calcutta Football League matches requiring Refersees from the Association shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 5.
   (*b*) Clubs taking part in all other competitions and requiring Referees from the Association shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 3. All subscriptions to be paid on or before the 15th April.

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ENGLAND.

5. (*a*) The management of the Association shall be vested in a Council of 5 Members one of whom shall be the Honorary Secretary; 3 to form a quorum.

(*b*) The Council shall be elected from Referees in class I by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association which shall be held in April for the purpose of such election, and for the transaction of other business, of which due notice has been given.

6. The Council shall examine the qualification of applicants who desire to become Members of the Association, compile and issue official lists of Referees, consider questions which arise on the laws of the game, and make recommendations to the Council of the Indian Football Association, and deal with questions affecting Referees as may be necessary.

7. The Council shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring during their term of office.

8. Candidates for Membership may apply at any time. Each application shall be made on a form to be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

9. The Association will use its best endeavours to send a Member to act as Referee upon application. Applications should be sent in to the Honorary Secretary three clear days before the day fixed for the match, and that the Secretary shall reply thereto as soon as possible.

10. When a Referee is required for a match to be played out of Calcutta, his travelling expenses shall be paid to the Association by the Home Club.

11. (*a*) The Honorary Secretary shall convene a General Meeting on receiving a requisition to that effect signed by not less than ten Members or by order of the Council.

(*b*) Subject to an appeal to a General Meeting, the Council shall have power to expel from the Association or otherwise deal with any Member guilty of misconduct as they may think fit.

12. In the event of any alteration being considered necessary in the above Rules, notice of the proposed alteration shall be sent to the Secretary on or before the 1st April, and notice of such proposed alteration, with any alterations proposed by the Council, shall be sent to each Member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting at least seven days prior to the date of such Meeting. No such alteration shall be made in the Rules unless supported by at least two-thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for that particular purpose.

Polo.

THE BERESFORD TOURNAMENT.

(By Special Telegram.)

THE first ties in the polo tournament for the Beresford Challenge Cup were played off at Simla on Monday, the 1st June, before a very small gallery. Lord Kitchener came down later to witness the game, in which his Staff were engaged. The first game was between the Bengal Cavalry, represented by Major Shea, General Beatson and Colonel Cookson (back), and the 12th Royal Lancers, represented by Major Clifton-Brown, Captain Bailey and Captain Brown (back). The umpires were Colonel Kennard and Major Grimston. The Bengal Cavalry team fairly held the young Lancer team and came out victors by four goals and three subsidiaries. The second game was between the Commander-in-Chief's Staff, comprising Major Maxwell, Colonel Hamilton and Captain Brooke (back), and the Welsh Regiment, represented by Mr. Mathias, Captain Ready and Mr. Vernon Harcourt (back). This was a more lively game: the Staff were better mounted and outplaced and outplayed the Welsh team, who played on resolutely to the finish, the Staff winning by eight goals and four subsidiaries to one goal and two subsidiaries.

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Golf.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

THE ST. ANDREW'S TANKARD.—This competition was decided on Friday and Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Mr. E. A. Woodhouse with a gross score of 97—12=85 nett, Messrs. T. B. Peterkin and C. P. Lomax being equal second, two strokes behind. The scoring all round was very poor, and indeed Mr. Stuart Smith's 88 was the only scratch score under 90; this was due partly no doubt to the heat, but still more to the putting greens which are naturally suffering greatly from the drought. The best cards sent in were as follows:—

E A Woodhouse	...	...	97—12=85
T B Peterkin	...	...	91— 4=87
C P Lomax	...	...	93— 6=87
C Engel	...	...	94— 7=87
J E Smith	...	...	88 scr. 88
E Watson	...	...	97— 9=88
B O Robert	...	...	100—12=88
T Desmond	...	...	90 scr. 90
W J Reid	...	...	94— 4=90
Major F J Drury		...	100—10=90
C F Keys	...	...	102—12=90
J M Annan	...	...	104 14 90

MAY "BOGEY" COMPETITION.—The first of the two annual nine-hole competitions against an imaginary "Bogey" score was also held on the maidan links throughout May, and closed last Saturday, when it was found that 112 cards had been taken out, and that the best score returned was one of 5 up by Major Drury, who received a start of four strokes on the nine holes from the "gallant colonel" and he accordingly takes the sweepstakes. Mr Engel was four up, and there were many other good winning cards sent in, a clear proof that the Bogey score is too liberally framed for the Haskell ball. The Committee have therefore very rightly reduced the "Bogey" figures for each nine holes from 43 to 42 for the competition which will last the whole of the current month, and it is probable that another season a still further reduction will be necessary. The best cards sent in were as follows:—

	Strokes received.	Result.
Major F J Drury	4	5 up.
Chas Engel	3	4 ,,
Thos Drimmie	scr	3 ,,
T B Peterkin	2	3 ,,
Major J M Fleming... ...	2	2 ,,
Capt J M Burn	3	2 ,,
G Gillespie	3	2 ,,
R W Williamson	5	2 ,,
C F Keys	6	2 ,,
H R Cobbold	5	1 ,,
D K Hall	5	1 ,,
J K Chase	1	All Square
John Smith	2 ,,	,,
D A Cuthbert	2 ,,	,,
C P Lomax	2 ,,	,,
J H Hechle	3 ,,	,,
R Bignell	5 ,,	,,
R A C Thomas	5 ,,	,,
J M Annan	5 ,,	,,
D Drimmie	5 ,,	,,
A H Pope	6 ,,	,,
W R Smith	5	1 down
G K Stein	6	1 ,,
H E Chappel	6	1 ,,
T Nicoll	6	2 ,,
J A Tassie		

THE MADRAS GOLF CLUB.

THE VIZIANAGRAM CUP.—The Spring Competition for the Vizianagram Cup came to an end on the 25th ultimo and resulted in a win for Mr. Annan, who beat Mr. Symonds in the final by 2 up and 1 to play. This is the second occasion on which Mr. Annan has secured this prize, having won it last May. Details of the competition:—

First Round.

Longhurst (2) beat Macdonald (2) by 1 up.
Balston (3) beat Pope (4) by 4 and 3.
Ross (6) beat Dene (5) by 3 and 1.
Annan (2) beat Carruthers (4) by 1 hole after a tie.
Symonds (3) W. O., Turner (6) scratched.
Mitchell (3) W. O., Hooper (2) scratched.
Gibbs (6) beat Chatterton (4) by 1 hole.
Taylor Mitchell (4) beat Robinson (3) by 1 hole.

Second Round.

Longhurst W. O., Balston scratched.
Annan beat Ross by 4 up and 3.
Symonds beat Mitchell by 2 up.
Taylor Mitchell beat Gibbs by 2 up.

Third Round.

Annan beat Longhurst by 4 up and 3
Symonds beat Taylor Mitchell by 4 up and 2.

Final Round.

Annan beat Symonds by 2 up and 1.

GOLF AT KARACHI.

SERVICES *vs.* COMMERCE.—Great interest was taken in this match for which eleven couples turned out. The Service won six matches and Commerce four, but those four were substantial victories, and when the number of holes came to be added up, Commerce could show 20 to the Services' 19, and thus were winners of 1 hole over the 11 couples who started. Only one couple came in square—Messrs Smith and McConaghy, but there were other matches almost as close. McHarrison was in the best of form, doing the record in 52, but Col. McCloghry secured the first three holes in 4's, and finished 1 up. Mr Brice was also at the top of the game, and but for a 9 at one hole would have had a score under 50: as it was he was 3 up, though Mr. Jacob did a 53 round. Appended are results:—

Commerce.	Holes up.	The Services.	Holes up.
Mr Lang ...	–	Rev A Cant ...	6
,, Harrison	–	Col McCloghry	1
,, Brice ...	3	Mr Jacob ...	–
,, Miller ...	–	Major Duhan ...	2
,, Earle ...	–	Mr Cumming ...	4
,, Tod ...	–	Dr Summers ...	2
,, Smith ...	0	Mr McConaghy	0
,, Jones ...	–	Colonel Cubitt	4
,, Chetham	4	Mr Corbett ..	–
,, Lucas ...	9	,, Willborne	–
,, Nicoll ...	4	,, Olliver ...	–
Total ...	20	Total ...	19

Hockey.

HOCKEY IN BOMBAY.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT.

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS *vs.* NORTH STAFFORDS.—These teams met on the 23rd ultimo and an interesting game resulted in a win for the Old Boys by four goals to one. The match was played throughout in drizzling rain. The Old Boys went away at the start, but after the first burst play ruled very even in mid field, then the military team worked the ball down and the right wing sent in a shot which completely beat Spilling. Brilliant play on both sides followed, then Gawthorne got possession and equalised. The Old Boys rushed the ball down again shortly after and registered a second goal. Crossing over the Staffords began to force matters and the Old Boys had to play a defensive game. At last they got away and after one unsuccessful attempt Gawthorne put on their third goal. A heavy downpour of rain did not improve the ground and its slippery state accounted for numerous falls Ten minutes before the close the Old Boys made their fourth goal and won as stated. Teams:—

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS.—J. Spilling, *goal;* C. M. Ward and R. W. Roberts, *backs;* N. George, E. D. Smith, and P. Hepworth, *half-backs;* W. Samways, A. F. Wickham, A. Spilling, A. Gawthorne, and A Greene, *forwards.*

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.—Pte. Rogers, *goal;* Lieut Armes and Corpl. Wilkin, *backs;* Lance-Corpl. Shirley, Lieut. Murray and Corpl. Grove, *half-backs;* Lance-Corpl. Shelley, Capt. Fox, Lieut. Lyons, Lieut. Locker and Pte. Sutton, *forwards.*

Referees.—Major Aitken and Lieut. Roche.

ROYAL SCOTS *vs.* 21ST BOMBAY INFANTRY.—Played on the 23rd ultimo. Rain before the match had made the ground slippery and falls were the main feature of the play. The Scots opened the scoring soon after the start and before the interval had added another goal. The Infantry scored one goal during the first half. Play was rather fast in the second moiety, but neither team managed to put on any further score and the Scots won by two goals to one.

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS *vs.* ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.—Played on the 25th ultimo resulting in a win for the Old Boys by three goals to one. Both teams played a good game, but though the College played well they were inferior to their opponents. Soon after the start one of the Cathedral half-backs while endeavouring to defend the goal sent the ball into his own net. Good play followed and it was not long before the Old Boys had equalised. Crossing over with the scores even the Old Boys

worked hard and Wickham soon registered their second goal after a grand shot. They continued to have the best of matters and just before the end Wickham sent in a grand centre to Gawthorne, who had no difficulty in finding the net. Teams :—

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS.—J. Spilling, *goal;* C. M. Ward and R. W Roberts, *backs*; R. Fido, E. D Smith and P. Hepworth, *half backs*; N. George, A. F. Wickham, A. Spilling, A. Gawthorne and A. Greene, *forwards.*

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE :—E. D. Nanavati, *goal*; H. D. Gimi and J. D. Mody, *backs;* N. N. Vakil, J. Amin, and N. Ashburner, *half-backs;* B. J. Pleader, B. Desai, P. Vakil, N. Engineer, and G. J. Karaka, *forwards.*

Referees.—Major Aitken and Mr. A. Powell.

BUFFS *vs.* OXFORD L. I. BAND.—The Band had to acknowledge defeat on the 25th ultimo, their opponents beating them by 4 goals to *nil*. The opening exchanges ruled very even, though the Buffs displayed better combination. Then a good combined run gave Rhodes his chance and he scored the Buffs' first point The Band made great attempts to get even, but their opponents again got away and Templeton scored from close quarters. The Oxfords had the best of the beginning of the second half; they besieged the Buffs' goal and a hard shot was sent in which the Buffs' custodian saved. They had to concede a corner later, but nothing resulted and the Buffs going away scored two goals in quick succession.

19TH BOMBAY INFANTRY *vs.* E & F Co.'s THE STAFFORDS.—These teams met on the 25th ultimo and a hard game resulted in a draw of one *goal* each. Though ten minutes extra were played each way neither side could score and the tie was replayed the next day. The game was all in favour of the Infantry who had the best of things throughout. They scored one goal before half time, but after the interval they put on three more. The Staffords only scored just before time, there opponents thus winning by four goals to one.

BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY *vs.* 62ND BATTY. R.F.A.—Played on the 26th ultimo and resulted in a win for the Civilian team by six goals to one. The match was a very one-sided affair, the boys keeping up a continuous attack. Lieut. Christie met with a nasty accident soon after the start, being hit below the eye with the ball. When half time arrived the Byculla team were leading by two goals to one. On changing ends they had matters all their own way and putting on four more goals won as stated.

THIRD ROUND.

BYCULLA EDUCATION SOCIETY *vs.* 1ST INFANTRY H. C.—The first meeting between these teams resulted in a draw of one goal each, but when the tie was replayed last Thursday the Byculla team proved victorious by two goals to one The match was full of interest and well contested throughout.

ROYAL SCOTS *vs.* R.A. COLABA.—These teams met on the 26th ultimo, the artillerymen winning by three goals to *nil*. They had the best of the opening and the game had not been in progress three minutes when the gunners got going and with a combind rush broke the Scots' defence and put on their first goal. Even play followed till the ball was sent into the Scots' territory by a long hit and the gunners' left wing getting away put it into the net. For the remainder of the first half the Scots had the best of the game and besieged the artillery goal but were unable to score. On resuming the Scots were again hard at work but could not break the gunners' defence After a hard struggle the artillerymen again broke through and a fine shot added a third goal to their score leaving them victors as stated.

17TH BOMBAY INFANTRY *vs.* CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS—Played on the 27th ultimo. The soldiers were the first away and gave their opponents plenty to do, Lieut. Scott scoring after the game had been in progress a few minutes. The Old Boys forced matters, but in spite of repeated attempts were unable to score. At last just before the interval Greene ran the ball down and from a scrimmage in front of goal Gawthorne netted the ball, thereby equalising. On changing ends the soldiers again exhibited good form and beating Spilling with a difficult shot again assumed the lead. Fast play followed and then Greene got possession and running the length of the field put the teams on even terms once more. Another run by Greene enabled Gawthorne to put on a third goal for the Old Boys. Exciting play in which the soldiers were beaten followed, then Green got away yet again and added a fourth goal. A penalty bully for a foul near the Infantry posts gave no result and the Old Boys ran out winners by four goals to two.

THE BUFFS *vs.* 19th BOMBAY INFANTRY.—These teams met on the 27th ultmo and the game had not been in progress five minutes when each team had scored a goal. The Buffs rushed down and their right wing scored with a high shot. The Infantry equalised almost immediately and play ruled very fast and even till the Buffs once more got away and rushed the ball into the net. Not long after a centre by Major Aitken gave the Infantry centre forward his chance and he scored, the interval arriving with the score two goals all. Crossing over play was midfield for a time, then the 19th broke through and just missed scoring. The Buffs next had their turn and rushing down a third goal was scored from a *mêlee*. They worked hard to get a bigger lead but were unable to break the Infantry defence and when time arrived were victors by three goals to two.

SEMI-FINALS.

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS *vs.* R.A. COLABA.—A large crowd witnessed this match on the 27th ultimo and as was expected the Old Boys proved victorious. The Gunners had the best of the beginning and forced the Old Boys back to their twenty-five, but they were unable to pierce their defence and their opponents at length broke away. Midfield play followed and then the Old Boys went down with a combined run and a scrimmage before the Artillery goal resulted in Greene putting the ball through. The gunners tried to equalise but were unsuccessful and the interval arrived with the score unchanged. The second half was very fast and the Old Boys going away quickly forced a corner without result. Up and down play followed till Greene again got possession and after a splendid run down put the ball through for a second time. The gunners worked hard to get even but failed in spite of vigorous efforts during the last few minutes and the Old Boys won by 2 goals to *nil*.

THE BUFFS *vs.* BYCULLA EDUCATION SOCIETY.—Played on the 28th ultimo before a large crowd when a splendid game was witnessed. The Buffs opened by rushing the ball down, but the boys saved and invading the opposite twenty-five scored from an opening given them by a miss. The Buffs played rather erratically and the Boys kept up a hard pressure and nearly added another goal. The soldiers then pulled themselves together and forcing their way back equalised from a penalty bully. They put in another rush and lost a fine chance by one of the forwards lifting the ball over the net. Both teams worked hard and exciting play followed ending in the Buffs putting on a second goal. After the interval the soldiers rushed the ball down but were brought up by "sticks." The boys then attacked and breaking through equalised the score. The military team began to outplay their opponents and kept up a continuous attack. The Byculla goal-keep defended his charge in fine style, but at last he was beaten and the Buffs notched their third goal. A last rush by the boys was brought up by the soldiers' backs just as the whistle sounded leaving the Buffs winners by three goals to two

THE FINALS.

(*By special Telegram*)

CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS *vs.* BUFFS.—These teams met on no less than three occasions before a final decision was arrived at. On Saturday and Monday the games ended in draws, but on Tuesday after a splendid game, which caused the greatest excitement, the Old Boys beat their opponents by three goals to one.

HOCKEY AT BANGALORE.

BANGALORE *vs.* MADRAS.—Teams representing Madras and Bangalore respectively, tried conclusions on the hockey ground of the Essex Regiment in Bangalore on the 30th May, when the officers of the Essex Regiment were "At Home" to their friends, their band played an excellent selection of music and a numerous company witnessed the play. It was hard luck on Madras that owing to one reason or another they left many of their best men behind, but as a matter of fact the Bangalore players who appeared as substitutes did Yeoman service for the visitors. For some time after the start the Madras men were fairly penned and corner succeeded corner in rapid succession, although nothing tangible resulted. Torkington netted the ball at last, but was ruled off-side, and play continued to be in favour of the home team. The Bangalore combination was palpabaly superior but Madras defended stoutly and Scovell was applauded for several good saves. A five run by Flannaghan, the Madras centre forward afforded the visitors temporary relief, but Marsden and Torkington by good work on the Bangalore left wing brought the ball back, and Grant scored with a marvellous shot which gave Scovell absolutely no chance. Half-time arived soon afterwards with Bangalore in a majority of one goal.

After the restart Bangalore continued to press, although Ricketts and Brierley were towers of strength at half-back, Catty scored the second goal for the home team after about five minutes' play. Madras were once or twice dangerous, but there was no getting past Patterson at back and the home forwards continued to show good combination, Grant scoring an excellent goal, and Abbay following suit almost immediately afterwards. Play continued to be fast, but there was only one team in it, and when the whistle sounded the homesters retired winners by four goals to nil, a result which hardly gives a fair idea of their superiority, for they were attacking almost throughout.

Teams:—

MADRAS.			BANGALORE.	
G V Scovell, Goal		...	Raymond, Goal	
W A Turner	Backs	...	Patterson	Backs
G L Ricketts			H Kelly	
G F Brierley	Half-backs		Marsden	Half-backs
Raymond Simpson			Walce	
J B Cunliffe			Young	
J H A Stephenson	Right Wing		Abbay	RigatWin
J J O'Kelly			White	
E B Flannaghan	Centre	...	Grant, Centre	
C Wood	Left Wing		Catty	Left Wing
P S Coleridge			Torkington	

Referee.—Captain G S Cottell.

Bowls.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

HANDICAP BOWLS TOURNAMENT.—An interesting handicap tournament at Bowls on the American principle was held on the Golf Club green during May, and to the practice gained therein it is not unfair to attribute the success of the Calcutta Bowls against Howrah in their last match after so many consecutive defeats. Nine couples entered for the tournament as follows: Messrs. W. E. G. C. Dickson and F. H. Stewart (scratch) G. S. Hannah and W. D. Steven (scratch), T. Drimmie and T. D. Wood (1), W. D Cowan and J. Smith (2), P. Hurll and J. R. Stewart (3), Reg. Murry and N. M. Mitchell Innes (3), J. G. Hewit and W. Ross Smith (4), W. T. Reid and E. J. Wright (3), and D. Drimmie and Dr. W. Forsyth (6). Opinions were at the start fairly evenly divided as to the probable winners, but Mr. Dickson, who is now quite the strongest player in the Club, was in first rate form, and being well supported by his partner, won their eight matches hands down and so carried off the prizes presented by the Club.

Boxing.

THE POONA TOURNAMENT.

THIRD DAY.

IT was not till Tuesday that the third day's fighting was permitted by the elements to be brought off when the Bantams claimed first tenancy of the ring. Private Scurr, Suffolks, beat Drummer Miller, L Batter R. H. A. Miller opened hostilities knocking Scurr off his pins. In the second round the latter assumed the offensive, and taking a commanding lead knocked his man out in the third period, having previously knocked him through the ropes

Then Private Cotton, Warwicks, beat Private Black, Lincolns. Short but sweet. After a minute and-a-half of fireworks Cotton knocked Black clean over the ropes and off the platform, Black failing to come into the ring before call of time. The Committee in view of similar eventualities decided that while in such cases the time-keeper should continue counting second might assist their man to his legs and on to the platform. After this Drummer Neat, G. Batter, R. H. A., beat Private Bower, the Buffs A poor display of science, Neat eventually catching his opponent a knock-out blow on the point. A much more interesting fight was that when Private Higgins, York and Loncashire beat Lance-Corporal Blackman, 10 Hussars. The latter, a wiry neat boxer, made an excellent fight with a heavier and longer-reached man and was keenly seconded by the redoubtable Corporal Smith. Higgins won a close fight on points.

Then the Light Weights invoked public favour and a really enjoyable scrap took place, when Private Tilt, Wilts, defeated Gunner Deary, 40th Batter, R. F. A. Tilt, looking the perfection of training skill, tried to force the fighting but got none the better of the first round. In the third round condition told the inevitable tale, and Tilt won fairly comfortably on points, having his man played out. A good honest fight.

Corporal Young, 15th Hussars won the next bout, Corporal Smith 1st Devons failing to enter the ring

A neat fight and an interesting one ensued when Drummer Thomas 55th Batter, R. F. A. beat Corporal Blake Royal Fusiliers. The latter is marvellous like his more celebrated brother of the same rank and regiment who won last year both in appearance and style, but as yet lacks his terrific hitting power and ring craft. Thomas, much the lighter man, showed quite exceptional activity and cleverness in ducking, and completely puzzled young Blake. Thomas, who by no means spent his entire time on the defensive, rightly winning on points. A very neat display.

Then followed an officers' competition, when Lieut. McMillan, Gordons, beat Lieut. Guy-Lee, Buffs'. McMillan with a brilliant public school record and towering over Lee never gave the latter a chance, fighting round and round the ring till he had been stone cold. McMillan boxes in beautifully academic style, and has great strength and reach, and one would like to see him fully extended.

Then came the Middle Weights. Private Stephenson, Gordons, won. Private Cundwick, Welsh. Regiment, failing to come to the scratch.

Then followed the incident of the third night and a deplorable one when Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, beat Private Holloway, Royal Fusiliers, Popular feeling was clearly strong against Smith's style of fighting, and while this may show a commendable appreciation of scientific boxing as opposed to sheer brute force, it can be considered as no excuse whatever for the conduct of Holloway, who, after about 15 seconds' fighting, closed with his man, grappled and flinging him over the ropes straight way proceeded to strike him while down. He was pulled off and needless to say promptly disqualified. Smith was lifted to his legs smiling, and kept his temper in truly commendable manner. It was a strange indication of popular feeling that the shouts which ensued (and were of course promptly quenched) were not of execration for Holloway's desperately foul fighting or appreciation for Smith's command of temper, but were for "Good, old, "Olloway." Altogether a most discreditable display.

It is pleasurable to be able to turn to a very different bout, when, after the necessity for an extra round Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery, R. F. A., beat Private Hott Buffs. Nothing could have been finer as a display of plucky fighting with a commendable amount of science. The one slight blot was the necessity for twice cautioning Gibson for hitting low, but it was in close fighting and not through any wilful intent. Failing to separate the men a deciding round was given when the award was given to Gibson a decision which failed to meet with universal approbation.

The evening's amusement was brought to a close when Gunner Jones, R.F.A., beat GunnerChapman, G. Battery, R.H.A. Proceedings opened with mutual unscientific slogging, Jones getting a bit the better of the first two rounds. Chapman quite a lad, showed unusual gluttony for taking punishment and evoked considerable approbation by the plucky man in which not only pulled himself together but actually got the better of the final round. Jones, however, properly got the verdict on points. Not a scientific display, but manly, honest, fair fighting, and consequently wholesome.

FOURTH DAY.

Fine weather continuing boxing was resumed on Wednesday night and it was calculated that few less than 2,500 people thronged the huge arena—a clear testimony to the popularity of the show. Before fighting commenced, Captain Lewis (who is clearly immensely popular with the soldier) on behalf of the Committee, administered a thoroughly deserved censure and warning relative to the disgraceful incident in connection with the Smith-Holloway bout on the previous night and it was gratifying at least to find that his few well-chosen and manly words bore the most desirable results.

The Light Weights opened the ball, and Drummer Cook, G. Battery, R.H.A., beat Private Bolton, Lincolns,

Poor boxing of the rough-and-tumble order, and interesting only in that the men were evenly matched, Cook eventually winning on points.

Then Private Tilt, Wilts, walked over Private Amger not entering the ring. This led the way to a very sporting contest in which Corporal Baxter, Warwick, beat Corporal Young, 15th Hussars. The first two rounds were very lively, both meaning business and Young making up in greater cleverness what he lacked in physical strength. Baxter just managed to outlast him in the third round winning on points A brace of good men.

Following this Private Warr, Buffs, walked over, as Drummer Thomas, 55th Battery R. F. A., owing to an injury, could not compete.

Then came the 3rd round of the Middle Weights and excitement was rife when Carporal Smith, 10th Hussars beat Private Stephenson, Gordons. When it was seen that Stephenson stood up in the most unflinching manner to the redoubtable Smith's furious onslaughts and actually took the offensive and administered quite as much as he took, suppressed feelings found vent, and the Referee had to warn the public that he would stop the fight if such unseemly interruption took place again. Smith's brutal style of fighting and his bull-like bellowing as he rushed in certainly fails to appeal to public sentiment. After the second round had been in progress, about 35 seconds, Smith got in one of his terrific left handers and further proceedings interested the game Stephenson no more.

Then Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery, R. F. A., beat Gunner Jones R. G. A. A capital bout all through, Gibson, though smaller, making up for deficiencies in stature by cleverness, and with neat straight hitting style wore his man down and won cleverly on points.

The second and final round of the officers' competition then took place and Lieut. MacMillan, Gordon's, beat Lieut. Trenchard, R.E. The latter who looked like having at least 2 stone the worst of the weights, fought in the gamest possible manner and plastered MacMillan's middle piece with peculiar vigour—he found it difficult to get to MacMillan's figure head, the latter officer towering head and shoulder over him. It was the usual story of the good big 'un beating the good little 'un and MacMillan getting Trenchard beaten in the second round and dazed after a knock down, knocked him out with a deadly left-hander. Trenchard got his full share of applause when he came to. But what a pity it is that with the scores of fine English lads in the full fettle of youth who come out yearly that but three in all India could be found to face the music! Is it quite creditable?

Following this the devastator Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, met and defeated Private Gray, Wilts.

The latter like his predecessor stood up to his doughty little opponent with great vigour, but after less than a minute's slogging Smith got in a terrific prod on the ribs near the mark and Grey collapsed.

Then Private Smith of the Lincolns walked over Sergeant May of the Suffolks, who has unhappily spent most of his time in Poona in hospital, being unable to appear.

This leaves the two Smiths in for the final of the heavy weights and a terrific contest is anticipatedas the Lincoln man is said to be one not likely to be intimidated by his opponent's ferocious preliminaries or overwhelmed by his up-to-now irresistable onslaughts.

Then the little Bantams claimed the pit and Private Scurr, Suffolks, beat Private Cotton, Warwicks. A good fight was looked forward to and this looked like being fulfilled till Scurr got in a rather lucky one (as it seemed) on the point knocking Cotton out of time.

After this Private Higgins, York and Lancashire, beat Drummer Neat, G battery R. H. A. Very lively fighting without much science, and blood was soon on tap on both sides. Eventeally Higgin got in a feeler on the temple, Neat being unable to get to his legs before the fateful ten was counted.

Next came the semi-finals of the Light Weights, when the all-conquering Private Tilt, Wilts, beat Drummer Cook, G. Battery R. H. A. This was Cook's second fight in the evening, while Tilt had had a walk over. This and Tilt's beautiful fitness had the almost inevitable result and he fought Cook to a standstill on the first round.

Then Private Warr, the Buffs, beat Corporal Baxter, Warwicks. Warr, quite a novice in one of the local regiments, shaped in excellent style and has a beautifully-developed physique. He had, however, all the worst of the first two rounds, and it looked all over as regards the verdict. To the surprise and delight of the public, he took the initiative on the final bout, coming up marvellously fresh after the amount of punishment he had received from the hard hitting Baxter and fighting with a grand determination wore Baxter down to a complete standstill and knocked him out just before time. A really fine performance for such a lad who must have a brilliant future before him. A fine fight to send us home rejoicing.

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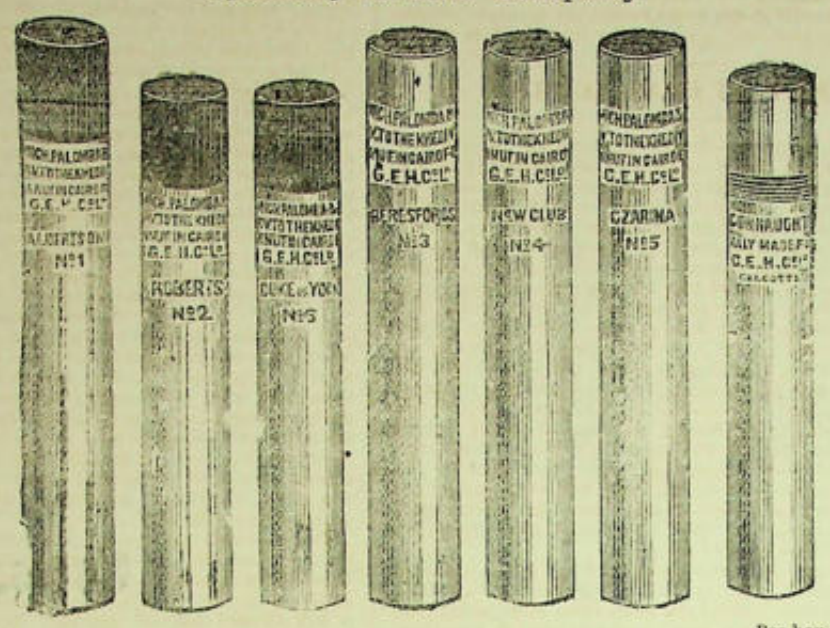

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Jupiter Pluvius being auspicious the tournament was brought to a successful close on Thursday night. The event selected for the "curtain raiser" was the finals for the Middle Weights wherein Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, beat Bombardier Gibson, 12th Battery R. F. A.

No one anticipated a fight—and anticipations were fully realized. Gibson held out his mittens after 20 seconds' sparring. A wise though perhaps not wholly edifying proceeding in a final.

Next followed a six-round contest between Private Nicholson, Welsh Fusiliers and Corporal Young, 15th Hussars. This was a pretty display of sparring and effectively served its purpose as a *pour passer* and Corporal Young's knock out was a dramatic effort worthy of other boards. This contest need scarcely, I think, be treated in a very serious light. Nicholson was awarded the verdict, Young's "knock out," out-lasting the time-keeper.

A very different bout was the one which next occupied public attention, when Private Tilt, Wilts Regiment, beat Private Warr, the Buffs. This was a very delightful fight. Tilt, the old stager, trained to admiration and taking every liberty with his fitness, dancing all round his man for an opening. Warr, quite a lad fresh to the mysteries of the ring and doing his trainer great justice, shapes in academic style, has proved himself to have indomitable pluck keeps his head and boxes in admirable style with lots of cleverness. When he has acquired a bit more ring craft and to take the initiative more readily, he will I anticipate make a really fine boxer. Tilt was on the offensive throughout, his usual tactics longing to get one of his slashing left-handers in. Warr fought with most commendable calmness for such a youngster lasting finally through the entire three rounds of very fast fighting, and Tilt was only able to win somewhat cleverly on points. Both received a well-deserved ovation. A fine performance next ensued when in a six-round contest Private Stephenson, Gordons, beat Private Williams, Wilts. It was soon obvious to the nearest novice that this was no more "time passer." Stephenson had all the best of the weights, strength and weight. Williams fighting with much determination and the better skill led cleverly on the first two rounds, when Stephenson woke up to the seriousness of life and making full use of his advantages laid Williams out in the fifth round. A very fine fight and genuine business from start to finish. Then came the finals of the Bantams, when Private Scurr, Suffolks, beat Private Higgins, York and Lancashire. Here, too, Scurr looking mightily big for his class had all the best of nature's advantages, and it was entirely through Higgins, unusual cleverness in avoiding that the fight was sustained so well. Higgins, after getting a smasher, came to the scratch in the gamest possible manner and fought out time, but Scurr had always the verdict safe in his favour.

A pretty exhibition and no child's play was the six-round contest between a brace of Hussar Feather Weights, when Corporal Blackman, 10th, defeated Private Ramsden, 15th. In this instance youth was not served, and Young's experience—and a very neat clever boxer he is—enabled him to gain the decision on points.

This brought proceedings to the final fight and excitement was intense at the redoubtable Corporal Smith of the 10th Hussars meeting his namesake Private Smith of the Lincolns, who may be remembered as a fine fighter with all the advantages of great strength and height in his favour. Towering high over his indomitable little opponent and with two stone to the good, it certainly seemed as if the little champion had tackled a big job. And it was with difficulty that complete silence was kept or rather restored when it was seen that the Lincoln giant had distinctly the better of the first terrific hitting round. Nor was there much to choose in the second round, both administering and receiving terrible punishment with equanimity. In the final round the Hussars' fighting was quite irresistible and risking all he rushed in at his huge opponent and felled him with a cruel blow under the jaw. Rising in the gamest way before call of time, it was obvious that he was wholly dazed and it was impossible not to admire the manly forbearance with which Corporal Smith withheld *coup de grace*, and the Referee promptly grasping the true state of affairs stopped further slaughter, a decision which met with universal approbation. Consequently Corporal Smith, 10th Hussars, beat Private Smith, Lincolns and won the heavy weights of the tournament.

While I cannot admire the Hussar man's style from a scientific aspect, none can fail to admire his magnificent physique and the most gallant manner in which he treated the unflattering, and I must add grossly ungenerous, reception from the audience. No less gallant and brave was his treatment throughout of his opponents under one special circumstance at least (to which I would fain not refer) of a most trying character to any man's temper. His power of hitting has certainly been a revelation.

Colonel Bayley made a few remarks at the close of proceedings on behalf of that fine Polo player, Colonel Onslow, who had that day received a bad blow at his favourite game. Colonel Bayley, while complimenting the competitors and especially Corporal Smith, regretted that he was unable to extend it to the audience. He finally thanked the officials mentioning each by name—not forgetting the time-keeper—for their able and skilled assistance. Colonel Onslow distributed the prizes, the special prize to the brace who contributed the best fight of the meeting being awarded to Private Gibson, 12th Battery, R.F.A., and Private Hott, the Buffs, an award which was very fully deserved. So ended the Poona Boxing Tournament of the year of grace 1903, and to Captain Lewis and those who so ably assisted him all praise is due to the admirable organization which, despite the elements, brought this great tournament to so successful a conclusion. Its benefits are incalculable, long may it continue.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 29th May, 1903.

The final heat at the three lengths (100 yards) handicap was contested to-day, and resulted in a hollow win for A. E. B. Siddons, who is displaying remarkably fine form. Results as follows:—

FINAL HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	A. E. B. Siddons ...	16 secs.	1min. 25 secs.
2	W. S. J. Willson ...	18 "	1 " 31½ "
3	J. Chaplin	22 "	1 " 36½ "

4 G. Brown also swam, but was disqualified for starting before his time.

In the Plate Diving Competition, which followed, A. L. Clarke secured first prize with 21 out of 24 plates down, and H. M. Sherman took second place with 19 out of 24 plates. The next event will be a two lengths hurdle handicap on Friday, 8th June.

The Horse.

OOTACAMUND HORSE SHOW.

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Capt. R. D'A. Fife. | Capt. S. S. Browne.
Major Logan-Home. | Capt. W. H Kay.

H. P. Hodgson, Esq.

Honorary Secretary—Capt. C. T. SWAN.

Second Day. Saturday, 23rd May 1903.

TO-DAY we had most perfect weather and the attendance, which on the first day was very poor, was much larger. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill were present and Lady Ampthill gave away the prizes after the show was over. In the Hack Class, Viking was given the prize, Her Excellency Lady Ampthill's Atalanta being a very good second. The Hack Pony Class produced a great show. There were nineteen entries almost any of which one would have been glad to own. His Excellency's Amberite carried off the prize, Rupert was placed second and The Bee third. In the C.-B Class for horses and ponies, Prime was the only one in it for make and shape. Ladies' Saddle Horses was won by Her Excellency Lady Ampthill's Atalanta, who had perfect manners. Atlas, also owned by Her Excellency, was second. This was a very good class with twelve entries. Ladies' Saddle Cobs and Ponies came directly after and was won by an Arab Blackcock, who was well shown off by the owner, Mrs. Horne. H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore carried off first and second prizes in the Arab Ponies. The Thorough-bred Horses produced six exhibits. Miss Anderson's Angeline was awarded first prize. A strong class turned out for Arab Polo Ponies, Major Logan-Home's Rupert just securing the verdict from Captain Calbeck's Fareed. The Horse Jumping was the most interesting event of the show, the winner, the Maharajah of Vizianagram's br aus g Captain, being a beautiful jumper, and after the competition jumped over a rope held by two *syces* in the ring. Single Harness Horses was won by Mrs. Boddam's Starlight, while the Pony Harness went to Mr. Sutherland Orr's Winifred. Many people were surprised that Major Campbell's Bumps was not even placed. His action seemed better than any of the others. The Driving Competition was won by Captain Swan driving Bessie. Details:—

CLASS V.

HACKS HORSES.—Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd prize, Hair Brushes.
Capt Swan's b aus g Viking 1
H E Lady Ampthill's ch aus m Atalanta 2
H E Lord Ampthill's b aus g Andax 3
Judges.—Major Fowler, W. O. Home, Esq., H. P. Hodgson, Esq.

CLASS VI.

HACKS PONIES.—1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Silver Flask.
H E Lord Ampthill's brn aus g Amberite 1
Major Logan-Home's ch aus g Rupert 2
Capt Barr's gr aus g The Bee 3
Judges.—Col Cunliffe, H. P. Hodgson, Esq, Major Gunn.

CLASS XI.

C. B. HORSES AND PONIES.—Silver Cup.
Col Grant's b h Prime 1
Capt Matthew's g m Nutmeg 2
Judges.—Major Fowler, Capt Packard, Capt Browne.

CLASS VII.

LADIES' SADDLE HORSES.—1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Clock; Special Prize, Gold Bracelet.
H E Lady Ampthill's ch aus m Atalanta 1
H E Lady Ampthill's br aus g Atlas 2
Mrs George's b aus g Corunna 3
Judges.—Capt. Packard, W. O. Home, Esq.

CLASS VIII.

LADIES' SADDLE COBS AND PONIES.—1ST Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Clock; Special prize, Bracelet.
Mrs Home's blk a h Blackcock 1
Mrs Hay's b aus g Snip 2
Major Kirkpatrick's b aus g Brisbane 3
Judges.—Capt Packard, Col Cunliffe.

CLASS X.

ARAB PONIES.—1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Cigarette Case.
H H The Maharaja of Mysore's g r a p Nur-e-Cachashim 1
H H The Maharaja of Mysore's g a p Tutor ... 2
Major Logan-Home's ch a g Bahadur 3
Judges.—Col. Grant, C. A. Mackenzie, Esq, Major Gunn.

CLASS IX.

THOROUGH-BRED HORSES.—Silver Cup.
Miss Anderson's b aus m Angeline 1
Judges.—Col. Cunliffe, H. Irwin, Esq, Major Fowler.

CLASS XII (*b*).

POLO PONIES UNDER 14-1.—1st Prize, Silver Cup; 2nd Prize, Cigarette Case.
Major Logan-Home's ch a g Rupert 1
Capt Caldbeck's b a g Fareed 2
Major Campbell's g a p Iron Stone 3
Judges.—Capt. Browne, Capt. Packard, Capt. Kay.

CLASS XVII.

JUMPING COMPETITION FOR HORSES.—1st Prize, Silve Cup; 2nd Prize, Silver Cigar Tube.
The Raja of Vizianagram's b aus g Captain ... 1
Mr Bartholomew's ch aus g Rupert 2
Judges.—The Committee.

CLASS XV.

SINGLE HARNESS HORSES.—1st Prize, Silver Cup.
Mrs Boddam's b aus g Starlight 1
Judges.—Col. Cunliffe, Col. Grant, H P Hodgson, Esq.

CLASS XVI.

SINGLE HARNESS PONIES.—Prize, Silver Cup.
Mr Sutherland Orr's Winifred 1
Col Desara Wrs' Quickstep 2
Judges.—Col. Cunliffe, Col. Grant, H. P. Hodgson, Esq.

CLASS XVIII.

DRIVING COMPETITION.—Prize, Scarf Pin.—Captain Swan.
Judges—The Committee.

Mr. Parker, owner of Joe Miller, winner of the Chester Cup, and other well-known horses, was a man of great physical strength, which he knew how to use to the best advantage. It was owing to this circumstance, perhaps, that he only once in his life had a dispute over a bet. This was at Shrewsbury, under the following circumstances:—

Mr. Parker offered to take five ponies to one about a horse he was running, and someone said, "Done, Mr. Parker!" and, giving the name of Jones, made his exit from the ring as quickly as possible for fear of recognition. The horse was beat, and the next morning the money was claimed.

"Why," said Parker, "you are not Jones. I never laid the bet with you!"

"Oh! yes, you did, Mr. Parker," replied the fellow; "and here it is in my book," pointing to the entry.

It then flashed across Mr. Parker's mind that he had been "done," a thing which of all others he objected to.

Thus frate, he expressed himself in most emphatic terms, and catching poor little "Jones" by the throat, proceeded to frighten him out of a year's growth,

"It was Quince that laid you the bet," explained the culprit, when allowed to speak; "and he said if I could get it he would give me £5, for he felt sure you would know him if he came for it himself."

The said Quince was a whilom penciller who was in default to Mr. Parker, among others, and he showed considerable discretion in not turning up *in propria personæ* for a settlement.

The Naturalist.

A NEW MONKEY.

At the last Scientific Meeting of the London Zoological Society on 17th March, Mr. Oldfield Thomas, so well known for his researches among "rats and mice and such small deer," exhibited the skin of a much more sensational animal—in short, a new and very remarkable monkey. This beast, which came from Kwei-chow, in China, belonged to the genus *Rhinopithecus*, the members of which are allied to the Langurs, but distinguished by having noses "tip-tilted like the petal of a flower." The best known is *Rhinopithecus roxellana*, a very large and brilliantly coloured monkey, bigger than the great Himalayan Langur (*Semnopithecus schistaceus*), and showing much of a rich golden-chesnut in its colouring. The new species, which is to be named *Rhinopithecus brelichi*, is even larger than its ally, the tail alone being more than a yard long. This makes it the largest of all known monkeys except the great African baboons and the anthropoid apes. In colour, however, the new species is not so striking as many monkeys, although remarkable enough in its way. Its general hue is slaty-grey, with yellowish patches on the fore-arms and thighs, and a white one on the back between the shoulders. The gentleman, who obtained the specimen, and after whom it was very properly named, Mr. Henry Brelich, was present at the meeting

LONG-TAILED JAPANESE FOWLS.

THE curious long-tailed breed of Fowls, originating from Japan, has long been known to English fanciers under the name of Yokohamas or Shinowaratas. It is, however, seldom kept or seen, and Mr. J. T. Cunningham therefore did good service in exhibiting at this meeting two living cocks of the breed, with which he had been making experiments in order to find out the cause of the extraordinary growth of the tail-feathers, tail-coverts, and saddle-hackles in the cocks. A good bird of this breed has tail-feather the length of which runs into yards, and although neither of Mr. Cunningham's specimens could boast of a feather even a yard long, one had grown feathers of over 2 feet 9 inches. This was originally the least promising individual of the two exhibited, and Mr. Cunningham is inclined to attribute the superior length of feather which it had manifestly attained to the fact that he had daily manipulated its tail-feathers by gently stroking and pulling them. It is true that, as might have been expected, several of the feathers had come out under this treatment, but successors to these had appeared, and had continued to grow even beyond the ordinary moulting season; so that this inferior specimen had surpassed the more promising bird which had been left alone and had moulted in due course. Of course more experiments are needed to show that the manipulation of the feathers was the cause of this extra growth, but no one can deny that the present result, so far as it goes, is extremely interesting.

These birds themselves, excepting for the elongation of the above-mentioned feathers, were common place to a degree and resemble nothing so much as the ordinary Indian poultry. They had single combs, and clean legs with the ordinary four toes; while as to colour they were what a fancier would call very bad "duckwings;" *i.e.*, they were coloured much like the jungle-cock, except that the neck-hackle and saddle were straw-yellow instead of red. As the combalso varies according to the strain, if is evident that no point has been attended to in this breed beyond the elongation of certain feathers; this is present also in the hen, though her tail-feathers and coverts are only a little longer than in ordinary fowls. This point should therefore be carefully looked for by anyone who has a chance of buying a supposed pair of this curious breed.

A FADING RHINOCEROS.

At the same meeting were exhibited by Mr. W. L Sclater, the temporary Secretary, some photographs of the nearly extinct White Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros simus*) taken from a dead animal by Mr. C. R Saunders, C. M. G., Chief Magistrate and Civil Commissioner of Zululand. It was satisfactory to learn that the specimen had met its death by misadventure, having strayed away from its protection limit and been killed by natives. As so few specimens of this grand animal appear to be left that they can be individually counted, it is surely time for Government to intervene and appoint a Rhinoceros-keeper whose sole duty should be to look after these last specimens of a vanishing race, whose interest is more than merely scientific, as it is good for food and the largest generally edible animals.

F. FINN.

STRAY NOTES.

Though hyænas and badgers differ greatly in size and are not often found in the same habitat, this occasionally does happen, the same being true of wild dogs and wolves, thus novices, whose acquaintance with these animals has been but seeing behind bars in zoos, may mistake one for the other, quite apart from excited imagination magnifying or minifying proportions. In dense undergrowth under the uncertain light prevailing in all forests one sees a gray object slinking off and has neither time or mayhap nerve, to determine whether the stripes or bars run longitudinally or the reverse, hence the two animals first mentioned are very frequently confused with one another. The wolf and dhole hunt in packs as a general rule, but in the neigh bouhook of halitations slin about singly keeping well under cover, pounding on their prey and rearing it off so quickly that the started spectator in this case also jump to hasty conclusions. In all sudden encounters men of the steadiest nerve and experience are apt to be misled. Unless of course a scrimmage results, the animal is seen but for an instant and only a mere patch of him at most. Of course serious results now and again attend these errors leading the ardent hunter to followup a dangerous antagonist under false impression and many instances can be adduced of this. Some of these adventures have also a ludicrous side. Once a timber feller in scram bling up a rocky gully rushed back post haste, arriving at a planter's bungalow averring he had come fullbut on a tigress about to bear the "pleasing punishment:" guns were loaded lethal weapons seized and a formidable posse proceeded to the spot, but on cautiously peeping over the intervening boulder, indecated by the man, the cause of his perturbation was found to be a rottenlog freely bespattered with bright yellow fungii; the illusion of a hasty glance in the dim uncertain light being excusable enough. The fact of the presumed animal being in such a secluded spot, coupled with excited imagination supplying the assumed detail. We have known the trailing tail of a lungoor monkey send a well armed party of men flying, presenting as it did, swaying to and fro, the appearance of the caudal appendage of something else; a little reflection and the sight of the tuft would have shown the absurdity of the surmise.

Muddling up the identify of snakes is of every-day occurrence leading to a great deal of reckless destruction of useful reptiles, but the very classification under that name is enough for most people to whom the beguiler of our "first mother" is regarded as the progenitor of each and all, and to whom undying enmity is a sacred matter, yet the amount of good snakes accomplish in freeing us from depredators in the shape of rats, mice, etc., is enormous. This ignorant causeless enmity extends to frog, toads, lizards and other friends of man. Truly a course of natural history is sadly wanted in these days of "higher" education.

The Story Teller

THE PIXIE CROSS. A NEW YEAR STORY.

OUT on Dartmoor, some two miles from Tavistock, stands a small grey Pixie Cross. Lonely and pathetic it stretches out its cold stone arms in kindly fashion, as though to warn and protect unwary travellers against the dangers of the disused quarry yawning at its feet.

And the legend of the cross is this:—

Years ago, one New Year's Eve, a farmer, distraught by grief and shame at the ruin brought upon himself and his little daughter by his debts, entered the old stone quarry with the intention of taking his own life

The Pixies, living beneath the quarry, hearing his sobs and groans and being kindly little bodies in the main, to save a soul alive, hastened to his rescue, giving him gold enough, and to spare, only stipulating that once every ten years he should give them in return, any one thing in his possession which they demanded.

Ten years passed. The farmer and his daughter, now a lovely young girl, happily betrothed to a neighbouring farmer, had lived in extreme comfort on the Pixie wealth. On New Year's Eve, the Pixies true to the bond, came to claim their due, and seeing the girl, became so enamoured of her charms they claimed her as their reward.

Vain all prayers and all expostulations. The Pixies remained inexorable and carried her off. One boon they granted her—an hour for prayer at the foot of the Pixie Cross. Flinging herself upon the ground at the foot of the Cross, the weeping girl implored the good God to send her aid, and even as she prayed a clear white light illuminated the moon, forming a bright path, leading straight to her lover's cottage, while down the way of light passed an angel form, conducting by the hand her sorrowing lover.

At the sight of this heavenly vision, the Pixies, poor soulless things, uttering piercing screams fled to their subterranean home.

The fainting girl, clasped close in her lover's tender arms, was borne to her father's house, and next day happily united to the man of her heart.

The farmer, full of thankfulness, honourably returned to the Pixies twice the borrowed sum of money.

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New Year's Eve, and the eve of my wedding day. To-morrow I must marry Sir Alwyn Griffith. Three months ago I learned that father stood on the brink of ruin, and to save him, our home, our old honourable name, he had said I must marry money. How I hated it all. Years ago all the love of my life was given to Jack, but he was poor, and father refused to hear our tale, and so it came about that on New Year's Eve, at the foot of the old Pixie Cross we met to say "Good bye." Said it with breaking hearts, eyes blinded with tears and trembling lips that clung in one last despairing kiss.

"Only be true to me darling" Jack had whispered, "and I'll marry you yet. I swear I will! Here at the little cross I'll meet you again one New Year's Eve, and then you'll be mine for ever." Then he left me, sailing next day with his regiment for India.

For the last time I crept out in the dusk of the afternoon with a cruel aching bitterness of heart to keep my useless tryst with Jack. He would never come now, and to-morrow!—I shuddered as I thought what to-morrow would bring.

Full of my wretched musings, I hastened along, never noting in my misery the gathering gloom and softly falling snow. Almost before I knew it it was dark, pitch dark, and the snow fell heavily thick blinding flakes.

Not for an hour, however, did I turn my face in the direction of home, leaving the little cross with anguish for I had clung to it as my one remaiuing link with hope. For some time I struggled on, following the direction I knew must lead to the road, but presently, feeling at a loss, I glanced anxiously round, only to discover to my intense dismay that a thick mist had arisen, blotting out even the darkness, and converting the world into one vast white sheet, which every moment became more dense as the snow fell steadily.

Helplessly, aimlessly, up and down I wandered, hither and thither, vainly seeking some sign, some familiar landmark until at last utterly worn out, and frantic with fear and weariness I struck my foot a violent blow against a projecting stone and flinging out my arms to break my fall, found myself clinging once again to the old stone cross.

Too exhausted to rise, faint with the pain of the blow, I crouched down at its foot, pressing my cheek against its cold grey form.

Hours passed—hours of pain and fear, but I clung there motionless not daring to leave my only refuge, fearing the dangers of the quarry lying, as I knew, at my very feet.

Gradually as time went on, I seemed to drift from a state of frozen numbness of body and frenzied anguish of mind, to a dreamy warrnth and indifference.

Vague thoughts, sounds and visions drifted across my half paralyzed brain and bye and bye, my dazed thoughts glided off to the old legend of the cross.

Losing my own personality I fancied myself that girl of long ago, praying in dire distress for God's aid and her lover's presence.

Yes! Surely there through the darkness gleamed the clear white light! The angel too—its great white wings folded, paced slowly down that blinding pathway, while behind I knew my lover walked too.

Full of joy I tried to cry out, to rise, to meet them. Panting I raised myself painfully, slowly by the aid of the cross to my knees, holding out eager arms to those I knew awaited me.

Then the light faded, and sobbing I sank back, but the next instant my lover's arms were round me, warm kisses raining on my cheeks and lips, then the vision ceased. Some cord snapped in my bursting brain, and I knew no more.

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Hours later I languidly knew that I could think again.

How warm it was—how comfortable. Feebly I tried to stir, but my limbs were still weighed down by a heavy warmth above them. Gradually things grew clearer. Warm kisses were pressed frantically on my lips and eyelids and a voice.—Ah! so dear a voice I should know it all the world over, murmured broken words of delight and endearment into my ear.

Ah well! perhaps my life was over. "Can I be dead" I wondered lazily "and is this heaven?"

But after all there was something very earthly in the next sound which penetrated my clouded intellect. "Damn it" I heard with startling distinctness, "she is gone off again, What the Dickens shall I do now?"

Roused to fuller consciousness by these strange remarks I at last succeeded in opening my eyes, to find myself to my unbounded astonishment extended at full length on the cushioned seat of a first-class railway carriage, covered from head to foot with a huge fur rug, and last—most wonderful of all—my head resting with the utmost confidence upon the shoulder of a man, while the man himself knelt by my side on the carriage floor, the more conveniently to convey to my lips those same warm kisses I mentioned before.

For a moment I gazed in the wildest amaze, then flinging my arms round the man's neck I returned the kisses with heartiest fervour.

"Thank God, he said, when he could speak once more, you've come round at last." And "Oh Jack" I gasped in the same breath, "where are we and how did you come."

Jack held me more closely to him, and explained "we're half way to Plymouth" he said and I came because its New Year's Eve and I said I would."

"Two months ago my uncle died leaving me his heir. Of course I came to you straight, sweetheart, just in time for New Year's Eve.

Yesterday I landed. This evening I drove to your father's house, only to find Sir Alwyn Griffiths' promised bride was missing! Your father told me all. He and the servants are searching the other side of the moor. He thought you must be there, but I knew where you were" (with a laugh that was half a sob) "and I didn't wait to explain. We'll send them a wire to-morrow dearie.

"My cab was at the door and I drove like the dev-er-um drove like anything you know to the cross roads, there by the aid of one of the carriage lamps I found you. Now I've eloped with you! See my pet?

"But Jack" I gasped—the wedding—tomorrow—what will they do."

Jack chuckled, "All right little woman, cheer up. You shall have a wedding to-morrow, only a change of bridegroom."

"I took out a special license this morning. I have waited so so long dear heart," he went on wistfully." I knew you'd marry me at once if you cared to marry me at all, are you vexed I made so sure?" he whispered. And I? I crept closer to the dear true heart, and kissed the pleading eyes, and Jack seemed to need no other answer.

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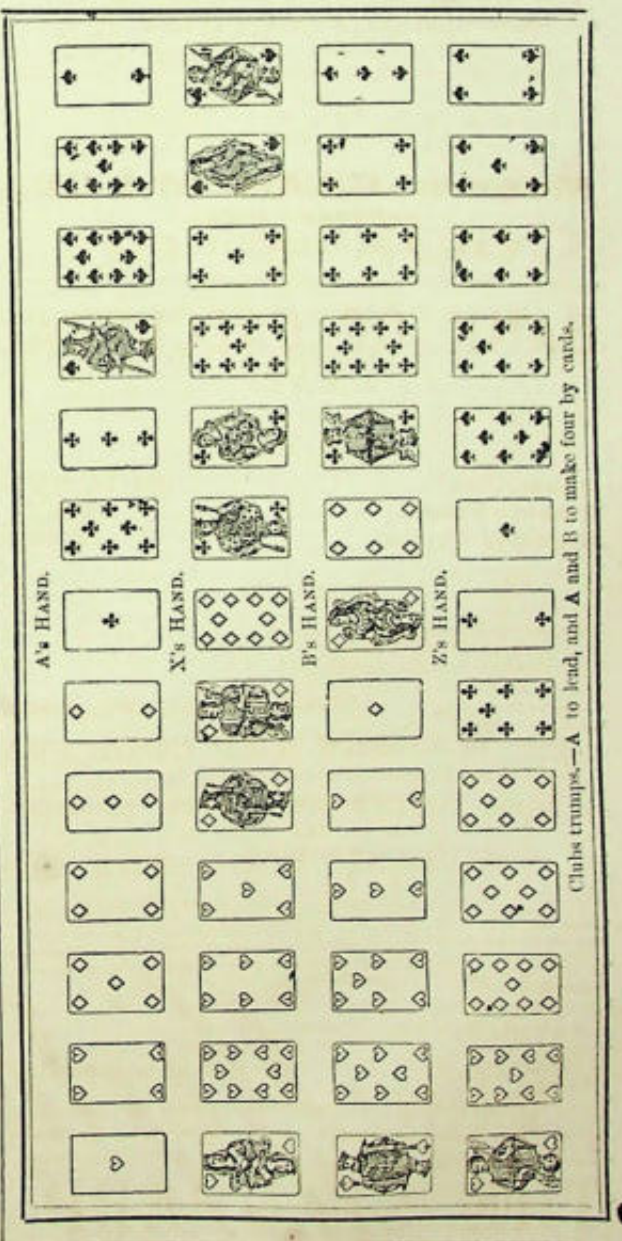

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TRAINING AND CONDITION.

WHEN will some athlete who has given attention to the subject take pen in hand and compile a few pages on the subject of training in this country? The appearance of a very practical and sensible little book on Daily Training, by Messrs. E. F. Benson and Eustace H. Miles indicates that ideas on the subject of getting fit and keeping fit are undergoing changes, and that old hard-and-fast rules about training are growing into disrepute. American authorities went deeply into the allied questions of feeding and training some years ago, and the fruits of their enquiries were embodied in a book full of facts and figures wherein the relative values of proteids, carbohydrates, fats and the other constituents of our daily fare were duly set out and considered with almost portentious solemnity. Authorities in England have done much the same thing from time to time, but we doubt whether the average runner or rowing man cares much about the chemical aspects of his dinner: what he does want to know is how he can bring his physical forces up to concert pitch with the least self-denial and least risk of breakdown: a consummation far more difficult to arrive at in this climate than in England.

Messrs. Benson and Miles' book appeals to us by its sweet reasonableness: the author of that comet of a season yclept "Dodo" is practically a vegetarian: Mr. Eustace Miles, known as one of the finest tennis players in Britain, has no leanings toward an ascetic *régime*: the two authors have their own ideas about feeding and those ideas are diametrically opposed, but each proves that his principles are right by the convincing circumstance that each is in the best possible physical condition for regular exercise: not be it noted, wound up to concert pitch for some one great effort of energy and strain that will be over in a few minutes; but in that hard condition which enables a man to ride all day or shoot all day and feel only agreeably tired at the end of it.

The doctrine of these two authors is that the road to condition is for no two men the same. Jones will thrive and put on muscle on a diet of beef steak and cabbage, while Thomson will attain thereby to nothing more satisfactory than dyspepsia: what is needed is that each man who wishes to get himself into good condition should first arrive at a good and complete understanding with the organ that rules him—his stomach. It is a humiliating fact, but we cannot get away from it: that organ is the master and it must be consulted first. When the man who with mistaken vanity calls himself the "owner" of the organ which rules him knows what he can eat and drink to the best advantages—let us say when he knows what fuel will produce the best head of steam, he has laid the sure foundation of knowledge on which to proceed with his training whether for one supreme effort or for continuous "condition."

It is a curious thing that for generations we have accepted as incontrovertible the truth that "one man's meat is another man's poison," yet we should have insisted upon what may fairly be called a cast-iron *régime* for training magnificently blind to the ordinary diet of the subject. To take a conspicuous example the training of the crews for the Varsities Boat Race is conducted on these fine old cast-iron lines; the marvel is not that the men should turn out so fit on the day of the race, but that they should turn out at all: but we may find explanation in the

fact that simple fare, such as their training requires, suits most men tolerably well if it do not produce the best results in each individual. As one of a team it may be desirable to bow to the autocratic methods of the trainer and make the best of the *régime* his theories sanction: but the runner or the oarsman who is playing for his own hand is well advised if he consult none but his own appetite and his own feelings. It is probable that the over-indulgence in meat which is a feature of our normal *régime* at home is less considerable in this country: for one thing we feel the need of meat less in a hot climate: the sight of a hot meat dish is very often repugnant to us in the hot weather; and for another bazaar chops and steaks are not sufficiently appetising to tempt us to exceed. To say that meat is not necessary to a man in training would be to dogmatise, and the principle it is sought to establish is that the diet of a man in training is not a subject about which it is possible to be dogmatic. One man may reach his physical best on a diet purely vegetarian, which indulgence in the same by another man differently constituted might lay the experimenter on his back.

The difficulty of the athlete in this country is seldom that of keeping down superfluous tissue. The circumstances under which we live during a goodly part of the year are all against accumulations of what the medicine man delicately calls "adipose deposit," and men who take a reasonable amount of exercise corrected by a reasonable quota of pegs, unless naturally predisposed to "lay on beef" need have little difficulty about keeping the body in condition. The difficulty with a good many of us is to retain, in a high temperature, a sufficiency of tissue to work up into muscle; and to do the physical work necessary to attain to condition without unduly taxing the system.

It is perhaps the first article of the orthodox training creed that a smoker must for the time being deny himself the luxury of smoke, and turn his back resolutely on cheroot, pipe, or cigarette; the last—an insult to a healthy smoking appetite as we maintain—being allowed as a generous concession to human frailty after dinner. Now, we quite concede that excessive smoking and training are incompatible; nay, he must be a very robust man who without detriment to his steadiness of hand and nerve generally can smoke his twelve or fifteen cheroots a day, week in week out year after year. Such over-indulgence must tell in the long run and no man can continue it and come near his physical best: but it is quite another thing to stop the regular but moderate smoker's tobacco as essential to training him. If he feel none the worse of his smoke there can be no reason for stopping it: and feel none the better for cutting off his smoke the deprivation is doing him no good. It is acknowledged that to suddenly check a habit is liable to produce untoward consequences: some of us have realised this in a mild form when for relaxed throat we have felt bound to forego our smoke for a day or two: the first result, within our own experience, is that it is less easy to sleep: while abstinence from tobacco if prolonged for any reason is, we are informed, on sound authority, productive of evil consequences to temper—or, as the victim himself would say, to his nerves. It is quite certain that any incident of training which affects a man's powers of sleep or unsettles his nerves, should be dropped out of the *régime* after fair trial has proved that the subject does not readily accommodate himself to the change in his mode of life.

The matter of exercise is equally one for each man to arrange for himself: indoor work on what is known as the Macdonald-Smith System is strongly recommended by many who have followed it with satisfactory results, and these extension exercises devised to bring all the muscles into play in turn are suitable for everyone. We observe that Messrs. Benson and Miles do not approve of the use of dumb-bells: heavy dumb-bells notoriously have a tendency to make the user slow and we go with the authors in our preference for exercises without mechanical appliances of any sort as being more conducive to activity and bringing the muscles more naturally into good development. It is easier to lay down rules for exercises than for diet: the muscular system is the same in every man, and if we lay dumb-bells, bell bars, clubs and kindred tools aside we cannot go far wrong in our endeavours to make the most of systems of exercise calculated to swell the muscles and open the chest. The new school of muscular training lays great and proper stress on fresh air and proper breathing—it is a curious thing, but it seems that comparatively few men whose occupations are sedentary do breathe properly. In this regard we have the pull over men at home who spend the better part of the day within doors: save during the hot weather we can live with open doors and windows and breathe fresh air.

Special Telegrams.

THE MANCHESTER CUP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Manchester Cup of 3,000 sovs. (200 sovs. in plate, the rest in specie), added to a handicap sweepstakes of 25 sovs. each, 10 ft.; winners (selling races excepted) after 7th May at noon, 3lbs.; twice or once of 400 sovs. 7lbs.; twice of 400 sovs. or once of 1,000 sovs. 10lbs. extra; second to receive 300 sovs. and the third 100 sovs.; entrance 5 sovs., the only forfeit if declared by Tuesday next. Cup Course (one mile and half). (52 subs.)—Closed 6th January.

London, *Friday, 5th June.*

Ld Howard de Walden's ch c ZINFANDEL, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs ... 1
Mr W R Reid's b c CLIFTON HALL, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton 4yrs, 6st 11lbs 2
Mr J Lowry's ch c BACHELORS BUTTON, by Winkfield—Milady, 4yrs, 8st 1lb ... 3
(*Winner trained by C. Beatty, Newmarket.*)

Betting: 13 to 8 agst Our Lassie, 7 to 1 Clifton Hall, 8 to 1 Zinfandel, 20 to 1 Bachelor's Button.

Won by a length and a half; bad third. Eleven ran.

Winners since 1878.

1878	Mr J Houldsworth's Attalus	3	6	1	Hopkins (16)
1879	„ H Bragg's Lartington...	3	6	1	Bell (18)
1880	„ F Gretton's Isonomy ...	5	9	12	T Cannon (21)
1881	Capt Machell's Valour ...	6	8	9	F Archer (18)
1882	Lord Ellesmere's Wallenstein	5	8	5	C Wood (15)
1883	Mr R Peck's Primrose II	4	7	6	C Wood (16)
1884	Mr J Hammond's Florence	4	7	2	S Loates (18)
1885	Sir R Jardine's Borneo ...	4	7	1	F Barrett (15)
1886	Sir R Jardine's Riversdale	3	6	1	W Glover (10)
1887	Mr Somers's Carlton ...	4	8	9	G Barrett (14)
1888	Lord Bradford's Merry Andrew	3	6	1	G Chaloner (9)
1889	Mr L de Rothschild's Cotillon	4	8	3	F Barrett (16)
1890	Lrcd R Churchill's L'Abbesse de Jouarre ...	4	8	8	T Cannon (18)
1891	Mr Vyner's Lily of Lumley	5	7	0	Bradbury (13)
1892	Mr B Maple's Balmoral ...	4	7	6	Woodburn (14)
1893	Mr Buchanan's Shancrotha	5	7	1	Mullen (14)
1894	Mr Buchanan's Shancrotha ...	6	7	12	Woodburn (16)
	Sir R Jardine's Red Ensign	4	7	7	Finlay
1895	Prince of Wales's Florizell II	4	8	1	Calder (11)
1896	Mr Buchanan's The Docker	5	7	6	Allsop (10)
1897	Mr E M Inglis's Piety ...	4	7	3	S Chandley (9)
1898	Mr R C Vyner's King Crow	4	6	10	H Luke, jn (10)
1899	Mr J Hammond's Herminius	5	8	13	M Cannon (7)
1900	Duke of Portland's La Roche	3	7	9	K Cannon (12)
1901	Mr J Dawson, jun's Rambling Katie ...	4	6	3	J Childs (12)
1902	Mr A M Singer's Rambling Katie	5	6	11	J E Watts (15)

THE GRAND PRIX.

(From our own Correspondent.)

GRAND PRIX de Paris of 200,000fr. (8,000sovs); if the winner is foaled in France the breeder will receive 15,000fr. (600sovs) in addition; 150,000 fr. (6,000sovs given by the City of Paris, and 50,000fr. 2,000sovs) by the five Great Railway Companies, for entire colts and fillies, foaled in 1900, of every description and country; added to a sweepstakes of 1,000fr. (40sovs) each, 600fr. (24sovs) ft., and 500fr. (20sovs) only, if declared by 10 P.M. on the Wednesday preceding the race, or 100 fr. (4sovs) only, if declared by 10 P.M on the 2nd of May, 1903; the second to receive 20,000fr. (800 sovs) and the third 10,000fr. (400sovs), out of the stakes; weights, colts 58 kilos (about 9st 12lbs). fillies 56½ kilos (about 8st 13lb); about 3,000 metres (about one mile and seven furlongs).—478 subs. Closed 17th September 1901.

Paris, *Sunday, 7th June, 1903.*

M Edmond Blanc's ch c QUO VADIS, by Winkfield's Pride—Filomena, Pratt ... 1
M Edmond Blanc's ch c CAIUS, by Reverend—Choice, Thomson 2
M Edmond Blanc's b c VINICIUS, by Masque—Wandora, Lane 3
M W M K Vanderbilt's b c ALPHA, by Fripon—Prima 0
M P Aumont's b f CAMISOLE, by Simonian—Dormeuse 0
M M Caillaut's ch c SANS PROFIT, by Lutin—Profiterolle 0
M Gaston Dreyfus' b c JOHN BULL, by St Damien—Julia 0
M H Cheri R Halbronn's cd c FRISQUET, by Masque—Mrs Freeman 0
Baron E de Rothschild's ch c VERTUMNE, by Galeazzo—Vernal 0
M Ephrussi's bc AVIGNON, by Persimmon—Avarice 0
Prince Pierre D'Arenberg gr c GRADIGNAN, by Caudeyran—Grey Powder ... 0
Baron A de Schickler's bc EX VOTO, by Le Sancy—Golden Rod 0
M P Aumont's bc VIEUX PARIS by Simonia—Verveine 0
M M Caillaut's ch c LAISSER PASSER, by La Capricorne—Lady Lilian 0

Betting: 5 to 1 agst Quo Vadis.

Won by three-quarters of a length; two lengths between second and third.

Sporting Notes.

THE starting gate continues to afford much "copy" to the English sporting press and a fillip has been given to the discussion by the action of a home contemporary in inviting the opinion of trainers and other experts as to the advisability of its continuance as a means of despatching horses. Judging by the letters published there seems to be a wide divergence of opinion on the subject, many holding the "machine" up to execration, while others, whose views are entitled to equal respect, are just as strong in their support. There is not one, however, but has something to say in condemnation of the methods at present adopted, and even those in favour of the barrier argue that the horses should be started from a walk, or else should be drawn up in line some few yards behind the webbing.

When the last mail left England, trouble was brewing over the result of the race for the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) which was won by Rose de Mai, owned by Count de Saint-Phalle. There were one or two duels on the *tapis*, and, although everyone is convinced that Count Saint-Phalle is above suspicion, some very harsh judgments were expressed respecting those who are known to have aided in the organisation of a purely American *coup*, arranged so as to steer clear of racing law. Enquiries made by the Stewards of the Jockey Club show that the filly was cantered on Aigles on the morning of the race, with Sloan up, and under the supervision of Brethes, the nominal trainer for M. Charron. Racing law has been cleverly evaded to carry out a plan concealed behind the irreproachable reputation of Count Saint-Phalle. The Stewards have communicated to the journals the fact that the Committee has fined Brethes a couple of thousand francs (£80) for having used the gallops without permission, and considering that "Tod" Sloan galloped the filly, and should, as a former jockey, have known that previous authorisation ought to have been obtained, and also that no permission had been given—thus constituting himself guilty of the same offence as the trainer—the Committee of the Jockey Club announce that the said "Tod" Sloan is excluded from all enclosures on the racecourse and from all ground belonging to the Jockey Club. This is the most severe sentence that could be passed.

Mr. F. Beaty, the Official Starter to the C. T. C., will work the starting gate at the Calcutta Monsoon Meetings.

Disaster has overtaken the ambitious experiment of the Koer Sahib of Patiala, who sent that unfortunate animal Record Reign to race in France. The horse took part in four jump events, won a couple of them, fell in the third, fell in the fourth, and having broken his leg had to be shot. Poor brute!

First Entries for the Bangalore Races will be found further on: they are good and we quite expect to find that the confidence of the executive will be justified. Second Entries close on the 20th instant.

Our old friend Harry Goldspink was well on the spot with his Derby selection. In a letter dated 22nd May and received by the last mail he writes:—"The Derby looks a real good thing for the favourite; if anything beats him it will be Vinicius. I place them Rock Sand, Vinicius, and Flotsam; but the race will be a thing of the past by the time you get this."

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It is proposed to hold a gymkhana at the Tollygunge Club on Saturday, the 20th instant. There are six races on the card; two for ponies, of which one is a hurdle scurry over 6 furlongs, and the other a half mile flat race. A race for hacks over 3 furlongs, the Charger Stakes, owners up, and the Opening Handicap of half a mile each, provide for the big division and there is a 3 furlongs event for polo ponies. Entries close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th June.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to act as Stewards of the Western India Turf Club during the absence of General Burnett, Lt.-Col. Cleary Hill, and Lt.-Col. Bull, M.D., I.M.S., *viz.*:—Brig.-General Bingham, Captain the Hon'ble C. F. Greville, and C. A. B. Beatty, Esq.

What's this story we hear about a certain Calcutta lady (hitherto conspicuous on the Red Road in a smart tum tum) having set out in the said vehicle on a driving tour across India? We await news of further developments with much interest.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes as follows on 7th June:—It has been warming up here lately with a vengeance, and with the thermometer well over 90 degrees in the bungalow it might have been expected that last Thursday's paperchase would not have been particularly well attended. But our local sportsmen appear, salamander-like, to revel in the heat, and there were no fewer than twenty-one starters drawn up at the appointed spot at the level crossing on the Sultanpur Road. The course laid out was that known as the Sultanpur circular course, over which the Paperchase Cup races are held. Among the starters I noticed Mrs. Ryves, Miss Porter, Miss Williams, Major Ionides, Captains Davis and Winwood, and Messrs. Shaw, Watson, Story, Maunsell, Gage, Stanley, Symons and Gardiner. The course is an exceptionally good one from the spectators' point of view, as all the jumps except three are well in sight. Mrs. Ryves got away with the lead, but was passed at the first jump. A very good run ended in Captain Davis coming in first, with Captain Winwood second. The officers of the Royal Artillery were "At Home" after the run. The Paperchase Cup will, I understand, be run for on the 18th. I also hear that we are to have another Water Gymkhana next Saturday. The last one was so signally successful that the next is being eagerly looked forward to.

"Bridge Topics" by "Lynx," which we foreshadowed a few weeks ago, will make its appearance very shortly in the form of a charming little brochure, most tastefully got up by the Caxton Press. The work itself is thoroughly comprehensive and up to date. It will be published by Messrs. W. Newman & Co. at Rs. 2 net.

The following is Mr. Cursetjee Dhunjee Shaw's handicap on the Maharajah's Cup, 1 mile 3 furlongs, to be run for on the second day of the Mysore Races :—

	st..	lbs.
Mameluke	11	3
Chungiz	9	5
Sapphire	8	5
Moon	8	2
Rubric	8	1
Dib	8	0
Babyboy	7	12
Delight	7	7
Padlock	7	1
Syndic	7	0
Harefoot	6	4
Superb	6	0

Top weight not accepting, weights raised 7lbs.

The Beresford Polo Tournament came to a conclusion on the 8th instant with the match between the Viceroy's Staff and the Commander-in-Chief's Staff. The latter team did not play up to their usual form and the Viceregal Staff won an overwhelming victory by seven goals, and eight subsidiaries to two subsidiaries.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—Paperchasing is reviving much in Bangalore, and two took place last week under the management of Lieutenant Adams, 3rd Madras Lancers. On each occasion there was a sweepstake for horses and ponies respectively, the entries being fair. Major Harrison, R.F.A., won the first "All Horse" Sweepstake, whilst Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, was successful in the pony event. At the second "chase" Mr. Anketell-Jones, 6th Dragoon Guards, was first home in the Horse Sweepstakes, the pony race being annexed by Mr Graham, 3rd Madras Lancers.

At both meets there was a large non-competing field which was let go a few minutes after the sweepstake riders, and the result has been two excellent and enjoyable rides, whilst many people were out on wheels. At the first paperchase, the officers R. A. were "At Home" to their friends at the finish, whilst at the second, Lieutenant Adams entertained a good many guests in his bungalow. The distance ridden was about three miles in each case, and the above rides are only the forerunners of a regular chase every week, of which I hope to send you fuller particulars when they get into a more orthodox shape than at present.

I have been on the race-course pretty often of late in the mornings, and recent rain has put it into very fair condition, although the grass is rather on the heavy side. There are quite a lot of horses here, but most of the best will not be seen in public until Poona, and with regard to the Mysore meeting, it seems the general impression that winners should not be very difficult to find, some seven or eight of the horses going being considerably too good class for their opponents. This is to a great extent the case, and it is apparently almost impossible to bring some of the animals together. Minimus is entered for three events, and reading through his opponents' names, it would seem not to much matter what the handicapper pu's on his back.

In the country-bred class it is pleasant to see that all the three events have filled, but if anything can beat Evensong it will only be Upstart, who is galloping wonderfully well, and creating a most favourable impression. Louis is also said to be smart, but he does not take the eye in his gallops as does Mr. Allardyce's horse. As to the Arabs, they are always uncertain, but there do not appear to be any local animals good enough to tackle those from the other side—by the way although they have sent us fair quality, *quantity* is alas! conspicuous by its absence—and Chungiz, Moon and Sirjamal will probably do well be the weights what they may. Amongst trainers neither Fergusson nor Watson will go to Mysore, although the former is represented by a couple of horses, Oberon and Wallgrove; and these with Harpist, Promotory, Malto, Tecoota and Jack O'Lantern constitute about the best class which will be seen at the meeting. Lansdowne, Thompson, McQuade, and O'Neill will be riding, and also probably Fenton, these being the only European jockeys I have heard of with the exception of a new rider from Colombo whose name I believe is Brown.

The gay folks at Simla held a novel entertainment on the 9th instant, a gymkhana by moon light at Annandale. A large number of people dined at the club after the Polo Tournament and a perfect night added to the great success of the proceedings. Sixteen entered for the Gentlemen's Obstacle Race, but owing to the dim light and competitors finishing in a bunch it was found impossible to place the winner. Mrs. Buck with five points out of six won the tilting for ladies for which there were 15 entries. The "Lloyd Lindsay" for ladies and gentleman in pairs was won by Mrs. Atkinson and Captain Holden; 16 pairs competed. The same couple also won the Thread and Needle Stakes with Mrs. Buck and Major Poynter a close second.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote are expected to arrive in Poona from Mahableshwar's heights and shady glades on the 8th instant and the first public function at present advertised is the Levée on the 29th. With reference to the latter I notice an innovation from previous years' procedure. Formerly any one who had previously attended a Levée was entitled to make obeisance at succeeding ones without question or demur. Under recent mandate it is necessary for all desiring to attend to submit an application to that effect to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and to each permitted to attend a card will be sent by that high functionary, such cards being brought by the holders at time of admission. This wise regulation has come none to early for one has jostled against individuals, whose claims to attend a levée of the King's local representative were certainly not apparent at first sight.

I was lucky enough to get a prolonged passing glimpse the other morning of Colonel Sheringham and his hounds while at exercise. They are a level but distinctly small lot of hounds. I did not notice a big hound among them, but they look a very sporting, varminty pack, and as their fitness to run under such skilled attention and care may be taken as assured: there seems little doubt but that good sport is in store for followers of this distinguished hunt. There is, however, another department of Indian hunting which requires little less care and attention if perfect success is to be achieved and this in the Bombay hunt, I am assured on all sides, is carried to the pitch of perfection and to this was, I hear, due to a large extent the record season recently brought to so successful a close. The mantle of Elijah has fallen on Elishah in the matter of an Honorary Secretary, and Major England of the Royal Artillery has taken over that onerous and thankless task from his brother of the Royal Fusiliers. Major England has himself I hear had experience in the gentle art of hunting hounds somewhere up north and as there is also I am told a one-time master of the Poona pack in that fine horseman, Major Edwards of the 3rd Cavalry, Poona is indeed rich in talent. Indeed the sole dread seems to be the possibility of the proverbial evil of two many cooks. However it is earnestly to be hoped that all will remember that but one king reigns. There is but *one* M. F. H, and his word must be law. Few I hear have responded to the courteous invitation to be at the kennels at 5-30 A.M., and there is still a difficulty as to efficient whips. But surely there must be some hard bitten lads with a taste for hunting in Poona.

Last month the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill was moved in the House of Commons by Mr. Corrie Grant. This Bill is intended to do away with "certain spurious kinds of sport," and protect certain animals, such as deer, hares, rabbits, and pigeons, which, although nominally wild, are to some extent confined, and are released only for the purpose of being hunted or shot. If this Bill became law it would, practically, do away with pigeon and starling shooting, as well as coursing and stag hunting. Sir F. Banbury severely criticised the Bill, and in the end succeeded in "talking it out."

It is not generally known that a man who has a watch in his pocket has also in his possession a reliable compass by which he can always tell his position. By pointing the hour hand to the sun, South will be found exactly half-way between the hour hand and the figure XII. on the watch, counting forward up to noon, but backward after the sun has passed the meridian. Here is an example. Presuming that it is eight o'clock, you point the hour hand, indicating VIII., towards the sun, and the figure X. will be due South. If it is four o'clock, then by following the same directions the figure II. on the watch dial will show the exact South.

A great deal has been written upon improving the breed of our horses, stock, etc., but we do not recollect any one taking up the claims of the Indian donkey. Yet when we see the enormous loads carried by this despised little creature, bearing in mind at the same time their value as milk providers for invalids and children, one would imagine the advisability of introducting fresh blood would occupy attention. For general purposes we need not indent upon the elaborate studbred stallions or dams, but the ordinary jacks or jinnies one sees at home on the heaths and seaside sands would answer all requirements, and as the patient beasts cost little to keep, are docile, good tempered and stand the climate either of the plains or hills well, the small dots of the rising generation would benefit more by exercise on their backs, than in the perambulators and go-carts that cramp limbs and encourage that *dulce far niente* our little folks are too much indulged in. The marked improvement in donkey breeding that followed Lord Shaftesbury's initiative in England half a century since should prove an incentive to people out here to follow the example. The suggestion applies to natives and Europeans alike, especially in the present day, when artificial locomotion threatens to almost sever those intimate relations between horse (donkey) and man which has endured from prehistoric times.

Captain Randall, while schooling a horse over fences on the Bangalore course came a heavy cropper on Tuesday and broke his collar bone. This is a piece of hard luck to a keen sportsman, and just before the Mysore Meeting too. It was this owner's racing pony, Ada, which so damaged herself lately and died of her injuries a day or two ago.

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BEHAR NOTES.

One of the most enjoyable ways of spending a morning is to go out with two or three others, beat out a "grass" on the chance of turning a pig out, find him there, and after a rattling run kill him in the open.

Messrs. F. W. Needham, C. Macdonald, Justin, Finch, and Reeves on Thursday, the 28th of May, went with spears and beaters to examine a grass near Meghoul Factory; and as they were lucky enough to start and slay a very good pig, I will describe how he was found and killed.

The grass ran in a long narrow strip on the edge of a river, while on the other side the jungle extended for a considerable distance and was quite impracticable for beating with any success.

The coolies were put into the narrow piece of grass, and after they had been at work for some time a sow and a *butcha* broke out and went across country; and as nothing else was seen, it looked as if it was going to be a blank day. Luckily, however, one of the party riding behind the beaters called to his *syce*, who was walking alongside him with an extra spear, to poke the spear into a thick piece of scrubby grass; this the *syce* did, and up jumped a fine big boar. Away he went, followed by Needham, Finch, and Macdonald. He hadn't much pace, but escape was easy for him if he made for the river; so he was not pressed too hotly, but was carefully nursed by the three riders in the direction they wanted him to take. Suddenly as the grass got low and thin, the boar saw his mistake and turning tried to make for the river.

Needham spurred his horse up, and galloping along on the near side waited for a charge; but, no, Mr. Pig would not accept the challenge, as he was intent on reaching the river and escaping to the other side.

Needham then pressed on with the intention of heading the pig off, while Justin Finch, and Macdonald came up. The going was bad here, being hard, black, dried up mud, pitted with holes where the wild pig had been rootling. The river was getting closer and closer, when suddenly the boar turned and charged Finch. Somehow or other Finch's spear missed its aim and the pig succeeded in getting its charge well home; luckily, however, for some unknown reason, his pony was not ripped, or badly cut; but escaped with a few scratches.

Needham then rode at the boar, whose blood was up and who, now seeing escape cut off, intended to make a good fight of it; for as Needham galloped up to the pig, the latter put all his weight and strength into a grand charge, but he had met his match here as "Bobbie" Needham is too old and experienced a pigsticker to make a mistake, and his spear went deep into the pig's back. The pig then charged Macdonald and he also gave him a spear, but in the *mêlée* got his pony slightly cut. There is very little more to be told—a few more charges and a few more spears, and the pig lay dead on the ground.

He turned out to be a big, broad, heavy boar with a grand head and good tusks, and taped on the field full 33 inches.

What a wonderful animal a pig is for concealing himself! Sometimes a grass will have to be beaten three and four times with elephants and coolies before he will appear.

In this "stick" the line of coolies must have actually passed over him, and he would have undoubtedly never been found, but for one of the pigsticking party noticing a *pariah* dog sniffing and smelling at a patch of grass; and as he rode past, he told his *syce* to prog it with a spear he was carrying, and the pig came out.

The Hajapore "stick" last month turned out a failure, which was a great disappointment, as it was looked upon as being a certain success, though it was no fault of the host, Mr. Vere Ramsay, who made the most excellent arrangements.

There is a Kanti "stick" again this month, and if they do as well as they did at the last time there should be very good fun.

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Athletic Notes.

THE finals in the Murree Football Tournament between the Queen's and the King's Royal Rifles ended after a very evenly contested game in a win for the Queen's by two goals to one.

There are evidently some keen golfers in the National Bank, Bombay. In a match—Bankers *vs.* World—played last week the Bank sent in no less than nine players, and might have sent in a tenth, but for the accident of a damaged knee.

The match between Oxford University and Gentlemen of England, details of which will be found in our English Sporting letter, was a triumph for B. J. T. Bosanquet. He scored 108 in 70 minutes, and in the second innings of Oxford took 6 wickets for 31 runs in 15 overs. His batting was something quite out of the common, and worthy of that of C. I. Thornton in the old days, when there really were big hitters. In his innings were included three sixes and sixteen fours.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—The annual Lawn Tennis Handicap Tournament in connexion with the Bombay Gymkhana has just been brought to a close. In the ordinary course of things it should have wound up a fortnight or three weeks ago, but the unusual rain towards the end of last month delayed the final from being played in the singles. The players left in to contest the final were Mr. H. Cheetham (−15½) and Mr. W. Reid (−30). The last-named has met with conspicuous success in Tennis this season—he started by winning the Marryat Cup and then the West of India Cup, both scratch competitions. He and his partner (Mr. Russ) were heavily handicapped in the doubles of the handicap tournament and suffered defeat; but on Monday night he got the better of Cheetham after three good sets. As to the play on that occasion, Cheetham started off by winning the first game of the opening set, but Reid secured the next two, and when eight games had been played the latter, whose placing was decidedly good, had won five games to his opponent's three, and eventually secured the set 6—4. The second set went all in favour of Cheetham, who played up very strongly—after both players had won a couple of games, Cheetham secured the next four, and the set 6—2. The concluding set was productive of some excellent play, but at one time it looked as if Reid would win easily. Cheetham won the opening game, while Reid secured the next three, his placing being very accurate, while Cheetham was playing by no means so well as he had done in the previous set. After this, however, he improved considerably and five games all were called. The eleventh game, however, went to Reid, who thus won 6—4, 2—6, 6—5. The winner's performances during the season have been consistently good, and had he won the doubles his record would have been hard to beat. In his style of play he has become much steader of late and improvement of this kind has doubtless been responsible for much of his success.

The recent rain has caused a marked improvement in the golf links, and as a result, there is a considerable increase in the number of players who now turn out of a morning. A match was played a morning or two since; the Bankers challenging the World, the teams being composed of sixteen a side. The result was a victory for the World, due largely to the manner in which Messrs. E. E. Coombs and W. L. Shaw dealt with their opponents, the former defeating Mr. J. D. Johnston by six up, and Mr. Shaw gaining a similar victory over Mr. S. T. Hutchison. The scores were: the World, 25 holes; Bankers, 7 holes.

Bombay people, and especially racquet players, have been following with interest the play in England of Jamsetjee, the Bombay Gymkhana racquets marker, who so easily beat Browne for the World's Championship. He was, however, unable to get a match with Peter Latham because he could not find the necessary backing, Latham declining to play under a stake of £500 aside. When this latter announcement was made, two members of the Parsee community offered, through the *Times of India*, to find the stake, and the news was cabled home to Mr. F. W. Shaw, who took a prominent part in sending Jamsetjee to England. A private wire received in Bombay a few days since stated that Jamsetjee was leaving England on 4th June, but that Mr. Shaw hoped to arrange a match against Latham next season. In order that there shall not be the slightest doubt as to the stake, the two Parsee gentlemen referred to above have deposited the £500 with the *Times of India*. Interviewed on the subject, Mr. Dorabji J. Tata deprecated the idea of throwing the whole burden on two individuals only, and expressed the opinion that the whole Parsee community should subscribe towards the amount. He suggests that the money should be raised by means of small amounts. He undertakes to collect the subscriptions, and appeals to the Parsees to treat the question as one concerning the whole community, and not to let go the present golden opportunity of recognising the merits of a Parsee, who has the rare honour of being a world's champion.

Details are to hand this mail of the Amateur Golf Championship, which has just been decided over the links of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield, and it is quite clear that the meeting was in every way no less successful than had been anticipated, while the victory of Mr. Robert Maxwell will have given great pleasure throughout Scotland, and *The Indian Field* can also arrogate some credit to itself for having predicted his success. Muirfield has always been a happy hunting ground of Mr. Maxwell's since his first appearance in the Amateur Championship when it was held there last in 1897, when the final was fought out by those two then unknown young amateurs, the late Dr. A. J. T. Allan and Mr. J. Robb, but Mr. Maxwell achieved the feat of the meeting in putting out Mr. John Ball and Mr. H. H. Hilton, both at the height of their fame, Mr. Maxwell then went abroad for some time, but since his return has been quite the most prominent figure in Scottish Amateur Golf, and his many notable achievements at St. Andrew's, Muirfield, and North Berwick, and his consistently fine performances, both in the Amateur and Open Championships, together with his commanding and effective style and his steadily brilliant play will have combined to render his victory as well deserved as it was popular. And there is no golfer more liked than Mr. Maxwell whether on the links or off them. The veterans had their full share of the laurels at Muirfield headed by Mr. Horace Hutchison, who, in spite of his indifferent health for so many years, is still *nulli secundus* in knowledge of the game and actual technical skill, while Mr. Angus MacDonald, the popular Edinburgh Burgess player, ruffled it with the best of them and by his defeat of Mr. Ball won a fine feather for his black velvet bonnet. The younger players too distinguished themselves duly, especially in the persons of Mr. Hermon de Zoete, who made a splendid fight against Mr. Maxwell in the semi-finals, Mr. F. Mackenzie of St. Andrew's and Mr. Horace Castle, the Chiswick amateur, who received the well-earned honour of a place in the English team for the international match. As usual there were various upsets. Mr. Hilton, who succumbed after a tie to Mr. H. W. Beveridge, the slashing Oxonian golfer of a couple of years back. Mr. J. L. Low, and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, who should surely have held Mr. Ballingall, being among the victims. Anglo-Indian golfers will have been sorry to see Mr. Norman Macbeth put out so early in the tournament, but it is no disgrace to him to have gone down before Mr. Andy Stuart, little though that excellent golfer has been seen in the big events of late years.

The meeting was as last year to close with a team match between England and Scotland, the result of which will not be known until next mail. Scotland holds by much the same players as at Hoylake last year, but Mr. Charles Hutchings, Mr. H. C. Ellis and Mr. J. A. T. Bramston are all absent from the English side, and though the result is sure to be close, Scotland should win. Not so with the international professional encounter to be held in connection with the Open Championship in June at Prestwick, the Scottish team is already selected, but though a strong one with A. Herd, Braid and Jack White to lead it, England (*cum* Jersey) should be still stronger with Taylor and the redoubtable Vardons at the head of affairs. In fact Jersey might well put a team of its own into the field with the three Vardons, Ray, Renouf and Gaudin, as suggested in this week's *Golf Illustrated* and in years to come this match might easily develop into an all-comers' international encounter with amateurs and profes-

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sionals playing, side by side for the honour of their respective countries.

On the 3rd instant Somerset was beaten by Middlesex by 112 runs, Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by three wickets, and Hampshire beat Derbyshire by 26 runs.

The matches between Notts and Surrey, Sussex and Gloucestershire, and Yorkshire and Lancashire were drawn.

Sussex has beaten Somerset by eight wickets.

Middlesex beat Yorkshire by nine wickets on the 6th instant. Lancashire was beaten by Kent by 177 runs. Surrey defeated Leicestershire by 28 runs and the match between Notts and Essex was drawn.

General Notes.

ABOUT a dozen officers were present at the Ladysmith dinner held at Simla on the 3rd instant.

A big dinner was given at the United Service Club, Simla, last week by the Police Commission.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Curzon left Simla last Friday for Mashobra *en route* for Naldera.

Rumour has it that Miss Kathleen P. Emmett's novel "A Girl Soldier" (F. V. White and Co., 14, Bedford Street, London, W. C., 6*s*.) will be among the most popular of the newest publications. It is printed in bold type and is said to be a fascinating book with which to wile away a sultry afternoon in the plains.

Some time ago we referred to a gharry accident at Rangoon in which Captain Eccles was injured, fracturing his right foot. It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the popular captain. The injured limb had to be amputated, but the patient was unable to stand the operation. Captain Eccles joined the Irrawady Flotilla Company in 1884, and at the time of the accident was in command of one of the steamers.

News reaches us from Bombay of a fatal accident to Dr. W. Morrison, who has been on special plague duty in India for the last three years. He was staying with the Principal of the Technical Institute and was injured on the 5th instant by a fall down stairs which proved fatal. Dr. Morrison had been suffering from insomnia, and it is believed that he fell over the banisters when walking in his sleep.

The Eton dinner given by Messrs. C. W. N. Graham and R. G. Thomas was held in Calcutta last Thursday, the following gentlemen being present: The Hon. Mr. C. E. Buckland, Messrs. C. W. Foley and A. F. Simson, the Hon. Mr. Justice Harington, and Messrs W. Graham, E. C. C. Haythorne, A. M. Clark, G. Akers-Douglas, J. Kennedy, L. W. Ogilvy, R. Jardine-Paterson, E. L. Ralli, E. F. Schilizzi, L. Pape, C. W. Graham, R. D. Thomas, and J. H. Allen. Messrs. Garth and Pearson were unavoidably absent.

A very pretty wedding took place on the 27th ultimo at Dibrugarh, the "high contracting parties" being Mr. John Frederick Gruning, Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur, and Miss Mabel Lydia Baker, daughter of the late Mr. E. B. Baker, Deputy Inspector-General of Police. Everybody in the station was there, the church was very nicely decorated, the presents numerous and costly. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. C. Stuart Baker, the well-known sportsman-naturalist and a reception after the ceremony was held at the club, Mr. and Mrs. Baker doing the honours.

The following gentlemen attended the Old Etonian dinner given by H. E. Lord Curzon at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, on the 4th instant:—His Excellency Lord Curzon, Col. the Hon. J. Byng, 10th Hussars, Lt.-Col. the Hon. E. Baring, Military Secretary to the Viceroy, Major H. S. P. Davies, Deputy Commissioner, Simla, Lt.-Col. A. E. Sandbach, Commanding N. E. Narbadda Disdrict, Lt.-Col. H. G. H Kennard, 5th Dragoon Guards, Major W. G. Wolridge-Gordon, the Black Watch, Major H. A. L. Tagart, 15th Hussars, Major H. Clifton Brown, 13th Lancers, Major R. J. Marker, A.-D.-C. to the Commander-in-Chief, Capt. H. H. Norman, Northampton Regt., Hon. M. C. A. Drummond, the Black Watch, Mr. J. J. Dawson, 12th Royal Lancers, Mr. R.J.I. Ogilvy, 4th Dragoon Guards, Mr. R. W. Oppenheim, 4th Dragoon Guards, Mr. E. Crawshay Williams, R. F. A., Mr. A. E. Duff, the Black Watch, Mr. R. B. Wood, 12th Royal Lancers, Mr. N. G. B. Henderson, the Black Watch, the Hon. A. Hill Trevor, Imperial Yeomanry.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 22nd May 1903.

THE Royal Military Tournament opened last Friday. It is on the usual lines, the conspicuous novelty being the Durbar Pageant in which the elephants are real, but in which, I am glad to say, the parts of natives are taken for the most part by British Reservists. There was one false note in this spectacle: it struck me, and I think a good many others, as a mistake to bring on a group of cripples to represent worn-out veterans. The presence of this detachment was not in accord with the festive nature of the display, and answers no good purpose so far as any one can see. The King and Queen were at the Hall on Saturday, having arrived from Scotland the previous day. It sometimes crosses my mind to hope that His Majesty enjoys his self-imposed duties as much as he appears to do: he does not spare himself. Even a King must be glad when it is time to get into bed, though His Majesty, when heir-apparent, seemed able to manage with less sleep than any member of his suite. So said they who oft-times would have sought their pillow and could not because their Lord was tireless.

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His Majesty went in State to Kew on Wednesday afternoon to open the new bridge. Fate so willed that the omnibus on which I journeyed arrived at Hyde Park Corner, just in time to be stopped by the police to allow the Royal procession to cross from Constitution Hill into the Park. The King was looking remarkably well, and the Queen the same.

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There are some real symptoms of summer at last. I don't refer to the cuckoo which is reported to have arrived at Putney, or to the belated swallows; but to the weather. We have had three positively fine days and two warm ones this week; quite worthy of mention after weeks and weeks of rain.

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It has been in my mind since the Park began to fill of an afternoon, to refer to the vast improvement in the turn-out of the motor cars and their drivers. Until this year nineteen cars out of twenty were conspicuous for their deplorable dirtiness a hundred yards away: and it was apparently the sacred duty of every driver to dip his shapeless tarpaulins in an oil tank and take a roll in the dust before he mounted his box. A grimier set of villains than the motor drivers of yester year you would not find out of a stoke hold. Now we have changed all that. Nineteen drivers out of twenty have clean faces; fifteen out of twenty wear a smart uniform and cap, a compromise between those of an hotel porter and a German bandsman; un-English but clean, and quite a large proportion of the motors themselves are free from the stains of much travel; and are as nearly fit as these things can be to take their place in the stream of nicely turned out carriages in the Park.

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The Royal Society's first *conversazione* was held at Burlington House on Friday night. The rooms as usual were crowded with the Eminent in science, Law, "pol'tic, all tings" as Count Smorltork said: and the exhibits, when a mere ordinary average man out of the street could understand them, were very interesting. There were several exhibits to show us what progress has been made in reducing electricity to order and making it earn somebody's living. Sir Oliver Lodge's "stand" (?) devoted to wireless telegraphy engaged a lion's, a small lion's, share of attention; Sir William Crookes as expected devoted his stall (again "?") to radium. Two new gunsights appealed to a lower order of comprehension: Dr. Common's "collimating" gunsight, capable of use by day or night, will, I imagine, be heard of in a wider field than Burlington House. The Rev. John Bacon of ballooning celebrity shewed photographs, some very extraordinary and some very curious, taken from high altitudes. The Martinique photoes naturally attracted a crowd. Most to your address I suppose were Dr. Leonard Roger's five sea snakes, from Eastern waters, conspicuous for the finality of their attentions. Here is a question for your natural history expert, by the way: If the cobra, krait and such other engaging reptiles are equipped with poison glands for legitimate purposes of home defence, why should sea snakes be even more poisonous when, in the nature of things, prying humanity can rarely disturb them?

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While hovering thus enviously in the outer dark on the confines of science, it is worth mentioning that the authorities at the Middlesex Hospital report "extremely satisfactory results" obtained with the X-rays and ultra-violet rays in the treatment of that most hideous and horrible of diseases *lupus*. They also report that the effects of the X-rays in cancer cases are remarkable "as they clearly produce wasting of the morbid growths to which they are applied." The question yet to be solved is whether the rays exert any influence on the constitutional or other conditions on which cancerous growths depend: time and experiment will throw light on this important point.

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What will science accomplish next? A few days ago a doctor was giving us a sketch of a new apparatus which, when secured upon the forehead of a stone-blind patient, conveyed to his brain the impressions he would otherwise have received through his eyes. That doctor had much to say about the mysteries of hypnotic suggestion and "psychic blindness" induced for experimental purposes, whereby it had been proven that patients could be made to see through opaque screens. But I flounder in deep waters. Please refer to Mr. Myers on "Human personality" (1400 octavo pages of smallish type, in two volumes). which appeals equally to the profound searcher after truth and to the frivolous (when he has mastered the language) who would harrow his midnight dreams with authentic ghost stories.

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Miss Ellen Terry's revival of "Much Ado" was fixed for Tuesday night, but has been postponed until to-morrow night. A new feature is to be the introduction of madrigals some of which will be sung between acts—no bad innovation when the curtain remains down for long.

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The dramatic event of the week has been Mr. Tree's production of Mr. Claude Lowther's "The Gordian Knot" at His Majesty's. There are twenty-two characters in the cast, but only three have anything to do with the working of the play. The interest hinges on the endeavours of Roger Martins (Mr. Tree) to rescue his friend the Vicomte de Selignac (Mr. Rober Taber) from the wiles of Gabrielle Melville (Miss Olga Nethersole) actress and courtezan. Gabrielle is a mantrap and nothing else: she lures men on, wins their affections, and casts them off. Me, I grow old and critical of motive and felt small sympathy for Selignac in his agony of love and jealousy when Gabrielle ceased to conceal her true colours; her realism is, perhaps, a blot. One ought to sympathise with Selignac, who gives his crippled friend Martins the cue to cutting the knot when he says: "Her death or mine!" Gabrielle, the actress, has a new play on hand and is considering a death scene for it, when Martins (Act III) comes to her boudoir and, in answer to her query, says he has come to kill her. "Yes" says Gabrielle who thinks Martins is one of her victims. "Let us make a death scene!" She recites one passage involving the use of a dagger. Martins does not "rise" to it. Then she plaits her yellow hair in two long thick tails, and suggests another scene wherein her murderer is to strangle her with her own hair. Martins pounces upon her and in two minutes it is all over, Selignac hammering the while at the locked door. This last act is both dramatic and powerful, which is more than one can say for the preceding two. The first is simply dull. Mr. Tree's make-up was a marvel and he grasped the potentialities of the part. I liked Mr. Taber's Selignac too.

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Country Girl at Daily's has acquired a new outfit in the shape of fresh songs and "business." The main lines of the play are wisely left as they have been during sixteen months of crowded houses, but there are some changes in the cast. Miss Octavia Barry replaces Miss Maggie May as Princess Mehelanch, and Miss Olive Morrell takes the part of Marjory Joy *vice* Miss Lilian Eldée. Miss Evie Greene continues to play Nan, and does it, if possible, with more life and go than ever. Of course Mr. Huntley Wright is still there: his new song in petticoats "When I was a Girl" was only eclipsed by Miss Ethel Irving's "The Worst Woman in London," a skit on the ridiculous Adelphi piece, which, by the way, has been taken off this week. Either for its merits, which are high, or because it tickled the fancy of the house, that song was thrice encored.

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I suppose "The Worst Woman in London," was too bad for her West-end acquaintance, or the play itself was not up to the mark. Whatever the reason, it is gone, nightshirt and all, to be replaced by An Entirely New and Original Drama by Walter Melville, in four acts, consisting of thirteen scenes. "The Worst Woman" was not up to much, but the Entirely New and Original which replaces her is worse. There may be people to whom "Her second time on Earth" will appeal, but I cannot imagine who or what they are. The thing is beneath contempt; the titles of the scenes read like the chapter headings of the dreadfullest penny dreadful; that indeed is what the latest Adelphi piece is, a crude, blood and thunder novelette tinkered into some sort of dramatic form. If it survives for a week I shall be surprised, and yet I dont know. The late Mr. Carlyle's dictum that men are mostly fools comes to mind.

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Last week's budget was such a heavy one that I omitted mention of the little passage of arms between Mr. Martin Harvey and the *Times*. The Thunderer did not notice the appearance of "The Exile" at the Royalty and the reason came out next day. Mr. Martin Harvey's usual complimentary stall ticket was sent to Printing House Square and per return of post came a cheque for cost from "Mons. Walkley." The obvious meaning was that Mr. A. B. Walkley wishes to criticise freely, which he has qualms about doing from a free seat. Mr. Martin Harvey expressed his surprise and asked for return of the ticket if Mr. Walkley, or the *Times* could not accept it as a courtesy; and back it went: and concerning the merits or demerits of "The Exile" the voice of Authority was mute. The *Times* it appears has made a rule that it must and will pay for its critic's seat. Sir H. Irving, Sir Charles Wyndham and others accept the rule and the half guineas with stoic fortitude, but Mr. Martin Harvey is not of their way of thinking. Rather a nice point is raised by this new rule of sending the newspaper critic as an ordinary spectator. Can an ordinary spectator write in a newspaper his mind about a play that doesn't impress him favorably, and successfully defend an action for libel in the courts afterwards? His position as a member of the outside public appears to differ essentially from that of the recognised critic who is invited to come, see, and criticise. In the former case his opinion is unasked; in the latter it is formally sought; and if the author or the management, the Jones or the Martin Harvey, doesn't like the opinion, the critic's answer is, why did you ask for it? This seems to be the view of the Higher Courts, as witness reversal of the judgment which gave a provincial manager damages against a provincial paper for a hostile critique a few months ago.

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By the way I have not seen any mention in English papers of a little incident which occurred at the gala performance at the Opera on the occasion of the King's visit to Paris. The issue of tickets was most jealously supervised and nobody, whose social and moral standing was not above the lightest breath of criticism, was granted access to the sacred function. Before the curtain went up, however, the attention of the expectant audience was attracted by the proceedings of two officials who approached a lady very quietly dressed in black, and escorted her out of her place and out of the house. The moment the lady rose she was recognised as La Belle Otero of the music hall stage; perhaps the most beautiful, certainly the most notorious, woman in Paris to-day. How she got her ticket we can guess easily enough; but how one so well known to everybody managed to get past the jealously watched doors of the opera is a mystery. The unusual absence of the diamonds Otero always displays in the evening *may* possibly explain how her very-carefully chosen dress disguised her identity.

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"In Dahomey" at the Shaftesbury is a kind of musical comedy in which nearly all the performers are negroes. "In Boston" would be an equally correct title as most of the action occurs there. The plot is a trifle vague, but that does not matter as the fun depends on the business. Mr. Williams, as a detective, is uncommonly good, and is like nothing I have ever seen on the stage. To say that he is a fat and foolish negro, grumpy and unlucky, will not convey much notion of the fun he gets out of his part, nor are his methods easy to describe. The man is a born comedian and that is the secret of it. The music and songs are capital, and will catch on. We could dispense with some of the knockabout business. How unconventional the whole entertainment is you may guess, from the fact that the conductor sang most of the songs with his orchestra. Also when the curtain fell nobody knew the show was over, and remained in satisfied expectancy till the band furnished the necessary hint with the National Anthem.

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The Coroner's jury have found a verdict of wilful murder against the man Dougal in the Moat Farm case. With the evidence before them it is not easy to see what other verdict they could have arrived at, but having regard to the lapse of time and the purely circumstantial nature of the evidence, it remains to see what clever lawyers can do for the accused.

ONLOOKER.

Review.

A NEW HEALTH PRIMER.

WHATEVER Lieutenant-Colonel Ranking puts his hand to we invariably find to be remarkable for thoroughness and practical value; consequently we were not surprised on receipt of a little *brochure*, recently sent out by him and entitled "Practical Hints on the Preservation of Health in India," to find these characteristics in their most conspicuous form. The author makes no claim for a position for this little work among what we may call the standard works of medical reference, scientific or domestic, but he lays down in the most concise manner possible and in the plainest and most convincing language directions for those who wish to preserve their health amidst the dangers and trials inseparable from existence in this country. The book is not intended in any way to take the place of skilled medical advice, its main object being to assist us in cases of emergency, to help us to relieve those innumerable ills and inconveniences, which go a good way to make up the white man's burden in the shiny East, and by the inculcation of common-sense rules of hygiene to assist us in warding off the more serious forms of sickness and disease. In the course of some fifty small pages we are given the principal rules by which we should order our daily life; our common ailments are next dealt with, together with a brief chapter in the First Aid style on injuries and wounds, and this is supplemented by a chapter on the equipment of drugs, sick room diet, etc. It is a first-rate little book and should be on the shelf of every careful haus frau in town, in the bungalow of every planter and mofussilite and somewhere among the kit of every military officer and sportsman in the country.

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general, as well as directions for making under separate heads, delicious plain puddings of cornflour, rice and arrowroot, macaroni, etc., while jellies, creams and pastry are not forgotten. For the hints on savouries everybody who has suffered under the tyranny of an oft repeated *sikkim*. will be grateful, while the couple of chapters on dessert will make all who are far from Peliti and Isaia comparatively independent of these well-known confectioners. Chutneys, sauces, jams, jellies, sweet cheeses, and liqueurs, cups, etc , have all received the writer's careful attention, while the invalid and even the total abstainer are also catered for !

In addition to various useful household hints *re* medicines, poultices, cleaning, etc., etc. this useful volume closes with general hints to those going home on dress, furnishing, and housekeeping, besides ideas on what to get and where to get it, the writer ingenuously adding that she adds this chapter "hoping not only to add to its popularity, but also because I wish to be of real help to my readers." And this very possibly "Carrie Cutcrewe" may be if the readers of her book go through it carefully and adapt rather than implicitly follow her advice, which as she herself says, partakes, after all more of the nature of hints than hard-and-fast rules She advises every *memsahib* hailing straight from India, more especially if "arriving as we generally do at the beginning of the London season.....not to trust to the fashions of India, but to write ahead and to have a costume, hat, etc., in readiness for you on your arrival in England, otherwise you will find you will start by being in a flurry, so anxious will you be to look as others do all around," and that, of course, is fatal to the choice of either suitable or inexpensive garments. "Carrie Cutcrewe" recommends a dress-maker—whose name it is scarcely fair to give, but which may be easily ascertained by any one who cares to know, by the purchase of *The Memsahib's Book of Cookery* who will. on receipt of a "well-fitting bodice, your measurements, photo, age, and any little idiosyncrasies you may possess, ' upon your arrival delight you with a *tout ensemble* "which will entirely please not only yourself, but also the most aristocratic and fastidious of your relatives and friends." The dress-maker who can do this must indeed be a genius! We cannot vouch for her, we have only "Carrie Cutcrewe's" word to go upon, but this talented person is recommended with apparently much confidence, and has besides the great advantage of her prices being "more moderate than the best milliners."

A notice of *The Memsahib's Book of Cookery* would not be complete without mention of the alphabetical Hindustani vocabulary of various domestic and culinary terms for which the young housekeeper in India is so invariably stumped. Quite one of the features of the book, it supplies a long-felt want, though there is one word that might, we think be added with advantage and that is—"crisp." How many of our readers know the native word for this, and what *memsahib*, be she ever so learned can direct the presiding genius of the kitchen in his own tongue to send up the *Topsi match* as it should be sent, properly fried and *crisp*. "Carrie Cutcrewe" does not err on the side of avoiding plain speaking. Almost her first remark is trenchant and to the point. "A dirty kitchen is a disgrace," she says, and later on when advocating the use of Sanitas as a disinfectant, says it "must be used for drains, etc., and the daily flushing of the same should be seen to by every mistress of a house, and not left to servants. In this opinion we thoroughly concur, and if the perusal of *The Memsahib's Book of Cookery* leads even a few *memsahibs* to the same opinion, it has fulfilled one of its purposes. That the book is a popular one is evidenced by the fact that its second edition has sold out, and the copy now lying before us is the first of a third edition.

The Memsahib's Book of Cookery. By Carrie Cutcrewe. Third Edition. Calcutta: Thacker, Spink & Co. 1903

Shikar.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN THE TERAI.

THE only way, to my mind, of spending Christmas is out in the forest. There can hardly be two opinions on this point, as anyone with the opportunity would prefer the free-and-easy life of the forest to the constraint and stilted enjoyments of a mofussil station. Christmas morning, in such a station, is ushered in to the discordant strains of the foofoo band, which ill-replaces the less discordant wails of the Christmas waits at Home. Their clamant notes must be stilled, either by gifts, or language unfitted for the season which breathes peace on earth and good will to men. Exit foofoo band, enter the *dalli* bearers in all their glory of tinsel and *gendas*, with their collections of plums, sugarcandy, and all the other things which go to make up their Christmas offerings. The unfortunate man who is detained at the *Sadr* to undergo this ordeal, must then prepare for church and the rest of the forms and ceremonies of the day. But to what purpose to retail the "weary round the irksome task," which the day imposes on all who are within reach of social influences ?

What could be more joyful than to wake to the shrill clarion of the jungle cock. Could the foofoo band for one moment vie with it ? Do you lazily turn over in bed, and anathematize chanticleer, and tell the bearer to "*jao hakao ?*" No! You meet the red jungle-fowl half way, and to his "Merry Xmas" you wish him good fare, and see that he gets it. Can the *dallis* for one instant hold their own against a brace of jungle *murghis* ?" "Is there a man with soul so dead" who would say, yes, to this ? If so I pity him and his indigestion, and his sore head, consequent on a preference for the foofoo band and "other things" at Head-quarters.

It requires an effort to be up on the first crow of the *murghi*, but nevertheless it is done, and with coolie at heels, each man is off in a different direction through the forest to well-known haunts of the fowl ; for to stock the larder is the first thought ; the big game shooting will come later on, and indeed may be met with on the way to the *murghi* grounds A sure and certain find for *murghi* is an old camp ground, and a few minutes' beat in the grass and bushes round will reward you with the sight of a few fowl. But unless you have been wary in your approach, it is doubtful if you will get them, for it is a clever little bird you are after, and long years of persecution have sharpened his wits till, with the exception of the pea-fowl (not your domestic kind, shot in the neighbourhood of villages, but the wary jungle bird) there is no bird more difficult to approach. If every man who went out were to bring in a couple of birds, they have done well ; for it rarely happens that you can get in a left and right, unless, of course, there is a beat ; and then, if the fowl are numerous, your bag will be correspondingly large ; for, once on the wing, the *murghi* is an easy bird to hit. But the *murghi* is not as numerous now as it once was, and large bags are not the invariable rule. The great drawback, if drawback it can be called, to shooting him in the morning, is that the grass in which he is found is dripping wet with dew, and the trees to which he flies when put up are dewy shower-baths. One may not care, but it is still uncomfortable to walk for a couple of hours with sodden boots and breeches wet to the knees, while drops of dew, cold as ice, dribble their way down under your collar. But if you want your *murghi* you must take your wetting.

All are at home for breakfast at 10 o'clock, for the ladies have decided that, unless special permission has been given, all must be in for this meal and for dinner. For the rest we are free to come and go as we like. The usual question "what have you got" greets each as he comes up, and unhappy is the man who has nothing to show for his wetting. It is the knowledge of this ordeal which steadies the hand and eye when the birds rise, and nothing can equal the satisfaction of the man who can lay down as many birds as the others, and may be one or two more.

At breakfast the plans of the day are discussed, and finally the beat for the day is settled. The more momentous question of the division of the party is left to settle itself, and, gathering the coolies and guns, we all start off on a long walk to the spot selected. On the way we drop the beaters, and, when well up we take up our positions, a couple at each post, and await developments. The beaters are a long time coming, and though silence has been strictly enjoined, it is difficult to refrain from the opportunity thus afforded one. The silence of the forest, the strangeness of the surroundings, and the pleasant companionship, all invite conversation, and the stern mandates of the tyrant who rules the beat are forgotten, or only remembered to be disobeyed. It may be disastrous to the chances of sport I admit, but then you can't have everything in this life. Presently, in the expectation of hearing the shouts of the beaters, there is a silence all along the line, and the impressive quiet of the forest is broken only by the tapping of the wood pecker, as he jerks his way up the stem of a tree a hundred yards away, or the switchback flight of the hornbill is heard as he wends his undulating way across the valley. The silence is so great, that the tapping of the wood-pecker sounds as loud as the chopping of the woodman's axe, and the calls of the beaters, which now ring out in raucous howls, are distinctly heard, though more than a mile away. You are now all alert, and every move in the forest, within range of vision and how circumscribed is that range, is noted, and you find what a bad place has been given you. It strikes you forcibly that you might have cut down that clump of grass, put aside those twigs, and taken up your position with your back to the tree behind which you now crouch. You might have made yourself more comfortable while you were about it, and a sitting posture, with possibilities of slewing round to the right or left, would have been better than kneeling. But no slewing round is allowed, as you have to remember that there are others in the *hank* besides yourself, even though you cannot see them. You are apt to forget this when game is afoot, and getting passed you, though it should be the thought uppermost in your mind. There is a quick rustle in the leaves just in front of you, and then it stops, while the shouts of the beaters are getting nearer now. Your heart gives an uncomfortable flutter, and you wonder if you will be steady enough to shoot straight. Will it be a quick shot or will he give you a standing one ? Ten to one he will break and go past like the wind. While you are wondering what is going to happen and preparing for it, the beaters have come up, and by their redoubled howls and yells you know that something has broken back and you are certain it must have been a beauty, as each beater will tell you afterwards. There is a shot to the left of you "that was A.'s rifle that spoke, wonder what he got !" Again there is a shot, this time from your next-door neighbour. "Hang it ! Why won't the beast in front break ?" There has not been a sound from him for some minutes now, and the beaters are quite close. Surely he will break now. It is a breathless and despairing moment, for there is the first beater tapping the tree within a few feet of where your game was ; but now, alas ! is not ; for nothing breaks and he must have sneaked away quietly and gone in another direction. A few more shots and shouts and the beat is over. Every beater you come across tells you that many animals broke back, and all, without exception, carried big heads. Each man could have touched one or more with his stick ; and you make a mental resolution that you will go with the beat the next time. But what has the beat produced ? Your neighbour who had a shot tells you that something went by, but he did not see quite clearly, and of course is not sure that he hit it. There are no traces of blood, so we wait news from the others. A. is directing the *hank* and sends for us. With an autocratic wave of his hand he directs us to get up the hill to the right, while he shows the beaters a new line of country. "Yes, but what did you shoot ?" He's too busy with his men to answer you, and sorrowfully you conclude that the beat has been a blank. But no, one of the beaters who carried a spare gun comes up, grinning, to say he has shot a pig. He is somebody's orderly, and considers himself entitled to blaze away his master's cartridges at whatever passes. God help the unfortunate beaters. But luckily on this occasion, the pig stopped the ball. We find on comparing notes that everything broke back Never mind, better luck next time.

We are soon at our new posts, and as we have a ravine sweeping away from us down for some hundreds of feet, we have a clear view of the beat, as it advances up the valley. There is enough cover to hide any amount of game, but it is patchy, and as soon as anything is afoot, even though it is a *karkar*, it will be spotted ever so long before it approaches the guns, and as the sides of the enclosing ridges are steep and stony, nothing can move along it without giving ample notice of its coming. As the eye falls into the ravine it is swept down into the valley and out over the plain, covered at the foot of the hill with dense forest, which gives way to grass lands through which run many stream-beds, most of them dry, but some holding broad, shallow streams, which look like ribbons of silver winding with many a bend towards the Ganges, which lies a broad, blue belt, midway between the hill we are on and the Gori Range. Away to our left front rises the mighty mass of the Himallia, and there on the most distant spur, stippled in white and occasional flashes of the glass-fronted verandahs, lies Masuri. The plain is cumbered with heavy clumps of jungle, and many is the likely spot noted for future beats. But the shouting of the beaters comes up to us, faint at first, for they have started right away at the mouth of the ravine, where it debouches on the plain, and with stops placed at intervals along the ridges, hope to drive all before them. And with the noise of the howling, and the rolling of the stones, echoed and re echoed by the steep walls of the ravine, it would not be surprising if they made even the trees move up to the guns. But a scared sambhur lies very close, and never will he move till he knows where his danger lies. But a heavier crash than can be made by a falling boulder warns us that at least one sambhur is in the beat, and presently there are two shots, and a mighty crash. Was it a falling stag or did he break away with a magnificent disregard of what, to us, appeared an impenetrable barrier of bamboo clumps and twining creeper ? We haven't got much time to speculate, for just below us a falling boulder, followed by what we judge to be half the hillside attracts our attention. Nothing can break immediately below us, for we are posted at the very end of the ravine, where it ends in a *cul de sac*. But with a sudden rush, whatever was below us, scrambles up the hill on our left, sending dozens of boulders clattering down the valley, and breaks away to our left. We see the glint of antlers and know that a sambhur, favoured by the clump of bamboos at our side, has got away, and the quick snapshot has failed to stop him. There is no time to swear, for a *karkar*, taking advantage of the diversion caused by the stag, has gone by, and your fair partner, who has not left her place, tells you that there is something else coming up. Determined not to be done this time, you cover the spot which is indicated by a movement in the bushes, and presently find yourself intently studying, over the sights of your rifle, the movements of a beater ! For you the day is over. There has been a good deal of firing, and as far as game goes the drive has been a successful one. On your right there has been a fearful clatter, and two shots but from something overheard, you judge, with no result. Your left-hand neighbour has bagged two sambhur, one as it was making off over a ridge a couple of hundred yards to his left, and the other on the far side of the ridge just beaten. The ridge is a razor-backed one, common in the *Siwalikhs*, and the poor brute fell a hundred feet before he struck the stream bed. Another sambhur has gone away wounded. And this is the net result of a very exciting drive in which five guns took part.

However slaughter is not our only object, and we have had a most enjoyable afternoon, and now for tiffin. We retire along the plateau, which is found on nearly all the hills here, and select a shady creeper—covered, bamboo clump to rest under. Rugs are spread and guns are cast aside, and, with well earned ease, we discuss the good things provided. We go over the day again and point out to each other how it was that we did not get that sambhar, or karkar, or chital stag, as the case may be. After "Irish" or "Scotch" has been carefully put away we find the day is a bit warm, and some of us who hate to waste any of the hours of daylight, are rather sorry we did not join the ladies in their tea. But before we are quite in the land of dreams, the indefatigable A. has arranged us all for the photograph which usually winds up the day's outing. On the elephants the ladies make their way home by the shortest path through the forest, while the men find their way as best they can on foot. Those who have confidence in their bump of locality go alone and unattended, in the hopes that, being alone, there will be less noise and more chance of game. Others who are not so learned in forest lore and ways, are content to take a coolie, while the remainder take the beaters and beat their way home. None arrive without some-

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thing to relate, and before we scatter to our tents to dress for dinner, there has been a fresh exchange of notes, and everyone knows what befell everyone else.

The dinner is one of the jolliest. What if the turkey was left behind by that fool of a man who was told to be very careful to bring it along. It is well and appropriately replaced by that tender pea-hen, which was picked up two days' ago by A., when he was laying out the camp. The partridges and *murghis* could not be excelled, for were they not the first fruits of the shoot shot on our way from the station? And the conversation is shikar, for who are so keen as the ladies who grace the table! They have had a day of it which would have knocked up nine out of ten of their less fortunate sisters, who have chosen to stay at home, and they have not even complained of their complexions. They have faced all sorts of weather in many camps, and are not going to be beat by a little heat and inconvenience now. And they are keener than the keenest of us men. Our hearts were rejoiced at dinner when it was announced that the party would not break up till after the Darbar holidays, instead of on New Year's Day, as had been the case in former years, and the party which gathered round the blazing log-fire was in no mood to retire early, even though most of us were fagged.

A row in the huts, which lay a couple of hundred yards away from our camp, elicited the remark that a panther was making free with the forest rangers' cattle for his Christmas dinner. But we were surprised next morning to learn that the remark, made at random, and laughed at, was true. Next morning we got *khabar* that there had been a kill not far from the camp, and we then learnt that a tiger had taken up his residence in the jungle close by, and had committed no little mischief in the last few days. We hadn't enough elephants to beat this gentleman out, but we made his acquaintance, in a singular fashion, a few days before the shoot gave over. The daughters of our hostess were out in the jungle one morning alone and unattended, when much to their surprise they saw the tiger standing within a few yards of them and looking at them. The younger girl would hardly believe that it was a tiger, and not till the elder had pointed out the tail of the beast waiving from side to side, did she feel convinced that she was at last in the presence of an animal both had been longing for years to see. Their position was decidedly a dangerous one, for had the tiger been hungry, or put out, he could have helped himself to either girl, had he been so minded and there was nobody to say him nay. The girls never lost their heads, but pluckily stood their ground, and were more curious than frightened. The tiger not liking their attitude, and not being in want of a meal, walked slowly into the grass, and left the girls to themselves. They soon brought the *khabar* to us, and in an hour's time we had our line posted, and the beat turned out two animals—one was the tiger the girls had seen, and he was a magnificent fellow, while the other we could not make out, as he was too quick in his movements for us to see him fairly. We were certain he was a tiger, though as he was evidently in company with the other fellow. The animals both broke too far off, and turned past the right flank of the beaters. The tiger offered only a "fore and aft" shot, and the lucky man to whom it was offered failed, greatly to his own disgust, to bring it off. The second one gave only a snap shot, which was also unsuccessful.

Our beats were varied by days of still-hunting, when each man taking a gun coolie went his own way after fur or feather, as his fancy dictated. In these expeditions the guns were frequently accompanied by the ladies, and so keen were they that they never objected to any sort of ground which turned up, and were even ready to subject themselves to the rule of silence. Those who elected for birds rarely came back empty handed, as the jungle was always good for a couple of *murghis* to those who knew their runs. And pea-fowl also were to be had for the finding. Blacks were very hard to get unless flushed during a beat, or a morning's walk on the road-side. Those who flew higher and went for big game, had a more arduous and less successful time of it; for the forest floor is a carpet of dead leaves and dry grass, and to get noiselessly through this requires the reputed soft tread of the Red Indian. Not even a panther can get through without making a mistake sometimes, as one found to his cost one day. That was a fortunate day for the writer, for after a few minutes' silent walk through the forest he was able to send *karkar* home, and in another hour he sent back his coolie to bring up men to take a panther back to camp. In the interval of waiting, he wounded two sambhar stags, one of which was lost: the other was picked up three days after. The evening added three pea-fowl to his bag. But this was an exceptional day. As a rule a stealthy walk through the forest at about a mile an hour results in nothing, but a pain in the back, as one has to constantly stop and stoop to look under the low-hanging branches to get a sight of the game, which has probably heard and seen one long before one has suspected its presence, and once warned good-bye to all chances of getting a shot at it, for, with a sudden rush, the animal will, on finding that it has been discovered, break away through the jungle and take to the hills on either side of the valley up which one is stalking. There is no lack of game in these valleys, but it takes a deal of finding. Up on the hills their forms are to be found all over the place, and many is the rush which tells the sportsman that the game he is after needs more careful handling than he is giving them. Chance occasionally does favour one, and a karkar, or a chital stag, caught napping, pays the penalty of his unweariness. Kills every here and there proclaim that the tiger and panther are numerous, but it is rarely that such game is encountered while on foot, and if one feels that such a chance must not be thrown away, one must be careful not to bungle, or the consequences will be disastrous.

To our amusements in camp was added the experience of a *sanai* ride down the Ganges, to Hardwar. These *sanais* are inflated *nilghai* skins, anointed with evil-smelling pine oil. Across two of these a native cot is tied, on which two people can sit, facing in opposite directions. Two men, each supported on similar skins, one each lying with their feet in the water, swim by the cot, one on either side, and so guide the raft down the river with no little skill. The undulating motion of the skins as they are borne swiftly down the river, is a delicious sensation, and the ease with which the swirling rapids are shot, adds no little to the enjoyment of the journey. The scenery is frequently diversified by the sight of otters, ducks, and coots, while down in the clear depths of the stream fish of any believable size can be seen disporting themselves. And it is not impossible that if the journey was taken in the morning or evening, a shot at a thirsty stag, sambhar, chital, or parha, or even something more worth having, would be obtained.

Everything must come to an end at last, and though a lot remains unchronicled, so must this veracious account of our Christmas camps.

MAUSER.

A DEAD ELEPHANT.

As the discovery of the remains of wild animals seems to be a rare thing, possibly the following instance may be of interest:—

Several days ago some of the coolies employed on working plans by me in this division brought back to camp a fair pair of elephant's tusks and reported that they had found a larger tusker lying dead in the sample area which they had counted out.

From their description, and as they seemed to think that the elephant's death was due to an accident, I thought the remains might be worth visiting. Accordingly I went to the place next day and observed as well as I could, considering the smell, the position, and surroundings of the carcase.

It was lying at the source of a small nulla. The surrounding jungle was densely evergreen, consisting of trees, canes, and the creeping bamboo (*Dinochloa Maclellandii*). A nearer approach revealed the swollen carcase of a full-grown elephant, lying on his back with the top of his shoulders wedged in between the banks of the streamlet, his legs in the air, his mouth open, and his trunk hanging over in a down-stream direction—a disgusting sight.

The streamlet in question hardly deserved the name, being only the commencement of a little rivulet. It was about three feet deep and just wide enough to keep an elephant placed on his back (if such a thing can be imagined) in position. The elephant had apparently slid on his side down a steep bank about 10 feet above where he was found.

I do not think this elephant's death was due to his accidentally falling off the bank, getting wedged in the stream and being unable to extricate himself. From the appearance of the bank the ground had not given way, and the elephant appeared simply to have fallen on his side and slid gradually down the slope into the position in which he was found.

What further makes me be of opinion that the elephant was in a dying condition when he fell off the slope is that the banks of the stream being of a soft sandy soil, by struggling an elephant could easily extricate himself, and there appeared to be no signs of any struggling having taken place.

Perhaps this was a case of an elephant's death being due to snake-bite. There was a large swelling just above the knee of one hind leg, but this may have been due to putrefaction.

The lower part of the stomach and part of one hind leg had been eaten by a tiger, who had settled in the neighbourhood and was paying periodical visits to the remains, but it is improbable that the tiger had anything to do with the elephant's death.

H. W. A. WATSON.

In the Indian Forester.

When Mr. Ten Broeck first patronished the English Turf, some forty-five or fifty years ago, it was generally remarked by English trainers that in their gallops the American horses were clothed more heavily and more frequently than they approved of. Dick Pryor at that period trained Mr. Ten Broeck's horses, and at the same date William Day was the most successful trainer of handicap runners. Mr. Ten Broeck, with that keenness of vision and judgment which characterised him, noted this.

"How is it," he said to William Day, "that you beat us so often in handicaps, and yet I think our horses are better than yours, and the handicappers treat us quite as fairly?"

"I think," was the reply, "you use too much clothing."

Mr. Ten Broeck shortly afterwards said to his trainer, "William Day says we use too much clothing."

"Oh! he's a d—d fool!" retorted Pryor.

"Possibly," replied Mr. Ten Broeck: "but what d—d fools we must be when we can't beat him with better horses!"

Correspondence.

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IMPORTED FOWLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—In your issue of 4th June I see a letter signed "Moorghi" suggesting that stewards of liners bring out fowls and eggs. Has "Moorghi" ever tried eggs from Mr. Meik's farm at Pakour? He has from six to eight hundred fowls, and pays long prices for them. He also breeds ducks and geese. Pakour is only six hours' rail from Calcutta and Mr. Meik's farm well repays a visit.

POLITVE.

RACING QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—To decide a bet will you kindly inform me through the medium of your journal whether the famous mare La Fleche is a so-called "Triple Crown" wearer and, and if so, in what respect?

DAGONET.

[Baron Hirsche's La Fleche was a treble event winner in 1892 when she won the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks, and St. Leger.—ED.]

WHIST QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will favour me with your opinion on the following point: A partners B against C. and D. Rupee points are agreed upon with five rupees on the rubber. A. and B. win the first game by five tricks to one and the second by five tricks to three, what amount will C. and D have to pay A and B?

KING OF SPADES.

[If the five rupees on the rubber is an extra bet, A and B win a double the first game and a single the next—five points and the five rupees for the rubber—ten rupees in all.—ED.]

TENNIS QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Will you kindly decide the following: A and B play C and D in a tournament and win the first set. The second set has gone as far as 9 all when the players agree that it is too dark to continue should the whole match be replayed? Should the first set won by A and B count and the second set continued at 9 games all, or should the first set count, and the second set be replayed?

DEUCE.

[The whole match should be replayed. There is no rule on the point; but the invariable custom is to replay the whole match as has been often done in Calcutta tournaments.—ED.]

WHIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I should like to criticise the play of Whist-hand No. X in your issue of 21st May.

A having shown a very strong suit in Clubs, B determines, having no suit of his own except Trumps, to play entirely for his partner's hand, and so, to my mind, is wrong in finessing in Trick 3, when I maintain he should play the Ace of Trumps, and then have a third round of them at once.

X and Z, who are playing to try and save the game, after winning two tricks in Hearts, should leave that suit and try Spades, their only chance being that X holds the Ace, or at any rate, Queen. As X holds both, he and Z make 6 tricks.

G. S.

KASHMIR, *30th May 1903.*

A FEW NOTES ON SNIPE.

SIR,—I see a good deal of correspondence of late in your paper about snipe, and perhaps the following notes may prove of interest to your readers.

When I first came out to Bengal early in the seventies the general belief then was that snipe never arrived in Bengal before the first week in September, and that it was not worth while going after them till the 15th September. Many a time have my elders laughed at me as a silly young fool because I went to look for them in August. A noted snipe shot at Dacca in 1878 or 1879 scoffed at me promising me a gold mohur for every snipe I shot that day. It was one 20th August I came home with seven and a half couple But I never saw those gold mohurs!

In 1875-76 no one in Chittagong thought of going after snipe till 15th September or at least not before the 7th September. Two friends of mine A. F. B. and A. F. D. with me started a sweep for the first snipe of the season. I won it three years, my dates being 16th August, 14th and 13th August. Since my time, for I am told the idea caught on and many others joined, I understand that the date of the first snipe has been brought to 9th August.

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A friend won these sweeps several years, and instead of buying a new pewter every year he has had place, year, and date engraved on his original mug, and I do not think that mug is quite a thousand miles from Kodala Tea Garden. It is a curious fact that for many years hardly a pintail was ever shot in Chittagong, and even now, though a few may be found, still the principal snipe of the district is the pintail. Your correspondent is quite right in opining that pintails are the first to arrive and the last to leave Bengal. This at least has been my experience. Talking of pintails I have been told that their pin feathers, as well as the "Artists'" feather on each wing which has a point like a needle are splendid for retouching photos up with. Not being a photographer I cannot say if it is a fact.

Regarding shooting them in every month of the year, I have done so in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and I do not see why it could not be done in other Bengal districts, *provided* there are secluded undisturbed bheels overgrown with rushes and grasses, which you alone know of, or at least which are left quite undisturbed. But where will you find such now-a-days, when every fourth man in a village has a gun. Years ago I knew of many such in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and Hume and Marshall in a note, in their book, "Game Birds of India," have mentioned the fact of birds being shot all the year round. I have frequently shot snipe in the beginning of May. When I say snipe I mean I have flushed and bagged one or two stray birds, they have generally been pin tails

I once shot a snipe in the heart of a heavy forest jungle, there was no marsh near, and it was bobbing and running along a pebbly banked stream for all the world like a sandpiper which I at first took it for.

Painted snipe at times collect together, and I have seen as many as thirty or forty in one clump of bushes. It was in the month of April or May. I was placed as a stop, while a line of elephants was beating up to me for tiger. I naturally stood very still in my howdah, and I soon noticed these painters scuttling about under some wild rose bushes that grew near a piece of water. I have seen nearly as many together near the Thandasurrie Tea Garden in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. I had shot for many a year out here before I made the acquaintance of the jack snipe; but one season I was shooting over a bheel just behind the cemetery at Rungpur with a Mr. De D. we got about fifteen to seventeen couple, ALL jack snipe. I believe this is very unusual.

Talking of Rungpur reminds me of a very large snipe I shot there. I have looked up my diary. Here is the entry:—

"19th November 1890. Half a mile on the old Nisbetgung road, at Rungpur, flushed from a masonry culvert near a casuarina tree, and bagged a snipe, it weighed ten-rupee pieces and one eight-anna bit. Its bill was two and a half inches long and very slender."

I wish I had sent it to some authority to see. I believe it may have been a wood snipe.

Of course all old hands know; but for the benefit of your younger readers I would advise them if possible to shoot snipe after a moonlight night, the more moon the better, the birds feed better and consequently next day are not so wild. During September and August when the bheel water is very hot should birds have disappeared from a bheel they were on the day before, then let our young gunner try not only any jungle near, but make some boys go over any ploughed up ground near and the shady side of hunds. It's odds that the birds are hiding under the shady side of a turned-up clod, that is if it's in the heat of the afternoon.

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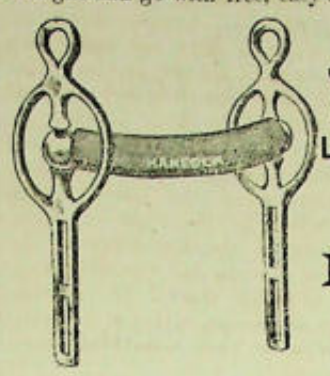

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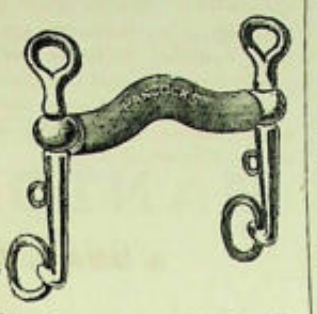

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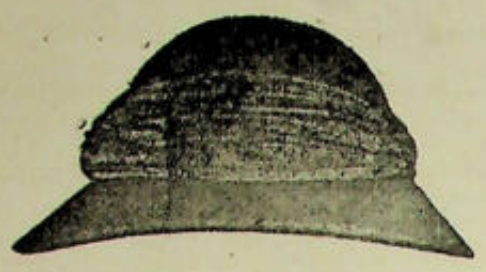

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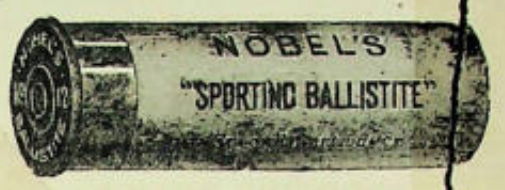

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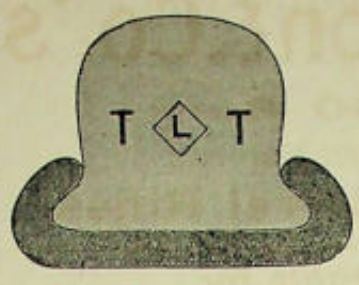

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Mysore	June	16, 18 & 20	
Tollygunge Club Gymkhana...	June	20	
Bangalore	July	14, 16 & 18	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Simla Gymkhanas ...	June	13 20 & 27	
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Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	24, 26 & 28	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	24 26 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb.	6	
Dibrugarh ...	,,	2 4 & 6	
First Calcutta Monson	Aug.	8	
Second do do	,,	15	
Third do do	,,	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	,,	12	
Poona 1st Extra	July	25	
,, 2nd ,, ...	Aug.	1	
,, 3rd ,, ...	,,	7	
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,, 6th ,, ...	,,	22	
,, 7th ,, ...	,,	26	
,, 8th ,, ...	,,	29	
Secunderabad	July	30 & Aug 1	
Tezpore	Dec.	1 3 6	
Dacca	Jan.	7 9 12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First ...	... 1st Sept.
	Second ...	... 15th Oct
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...	...	... 8th Dec.
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...	...	... 15th Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
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CALCUTTA RACES SECOND MEETING	First ...	... 1st Dec.
	Second ...	... 9th Jan.
	Third ...	... 16th Jan.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
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TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES SECOND DAY	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
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POONA	First ...	... 4th Augst.
	Second ...	... 25th ,,
	Final ...	... 8th Sept
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second ...	... 1st July.
	Third ...	... 16th Sept.
	Fourth ...	... 1st Dec.
	Final ...	... 20th Jan.
BANGALORE	Second ...	... 20th June
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LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First ...	... 15th Aug.
	Second ...	... 1st Oct.
	Third ...	... 14th Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

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POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT	...Sept. 15th, 16th, 19th & 24th
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CRICKET.	
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TOLLYGUNGE HORSE AND DOG SHOW	... 1st January 1904.
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OOTACAMUND SKITTLE GYMKHANAS	June 15th, & 27th
FOOTBALL.	
DURAND TOURNAMENT, SIMLA ...	... 14th to 25th Sep.
HOCKEY.	
GOLF.	
GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August
SWIMMING.	
CALCUTTA S. C.	
FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP ...	... 19th June.
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ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Duchess of York Stakes, Hurst Park (1¼m)	Saturday, June 13
Ascot Stakes (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Prince of Wales's Stakes (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Tuesday, June 16
Gold Vase (2 miles)	Tuesday, June 16
Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs 166yds) ...	Wednesday, June 17
Gold Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds) ...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles) ...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles) ...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs) ...	Thursday, Oct. 29
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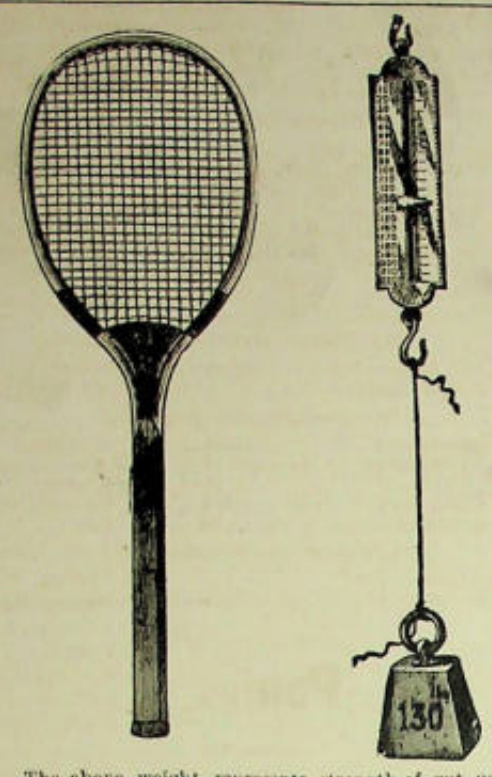

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SIMLA OPEN GYMKHANA RACES.

Thursday, 4th June, 1903.

THIS extra day to the three days' racing just concluded, took on wonderfully and a very flattering response was made by owners. Very satisfactory fields turned out and we witnessed some capital sport, there was a very full attendance. The handicapper accomplished his task creditably, for not only did he put punters off but outsiders when they did get home won after a hard struggle. The threatening storm held off till after the last race and then it burst with all its fury.

THE FLYERS' PLATE.—Rs. 49. A handicap for Arab and C.-B ponies 14-1 and under. About 1,400 yards.

Mr Mordaunt's ch a p The Abbot, 10st 7lbs — Lord Suffolk 1
Capt Baldrey's b a p Shelter 9st 5lbs ... — Mr Southey 2
Lala Jai Lall's ch cb g Pannag, 8st (car 8st 7lbs) ... ... — Native 3

Shelter had the bulk of support; he held the lead for the first circuit, then The Abbot drew up to his girths and they led in this order till in the last few strides The Abbot got on terms and finally won on the post by a head; a bad third. Time—1min. 36⅖secs.

THE NOVICE STAKES—Rs. 49. A handicap for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never started in a race value Rs. 50 or over. About ½ mile.

Capt Knapp's ch a g Flashlight, 11st 7lbs. — Capt Holden 1
Mr R B Wood's ch a g All Sir Garnet, 10st 5lbs ... ... — Mr Percy Smith 2
Mr R Oppenheim's b a g Reserved, 11st 4lbs ... .. — Capt Peacock 3
Capt Tancred's gr a p Chanticleer, 11st 7lbs ... ... — Mr Mant 0
Mrs Hawkins' g a h Melody, 11st 4lbs ... — Hon D Bingham 0
Mr Crawshay's gr a p Pelican, 11st 4lbs ... — Owner 0
Capt Onslow's ch cb m Eileen, 11st ... — Mr Pawson 0
Col. Baring's dun a p Wavebeam, 9st 11lbs .. .. — Lord Suffolk 0

All Sir Garnet had a slight call in the betting over Flashlight. These two at once drew clear of the field and had the race to themselves, Flashlight winning by half a length; two lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 8⅖secs.

THE POLO STAKES.—Rs. 49. For maiden Arab and C.-B. Polo ponies 14-1 and under. C. W. over 10st 7lbs. About 5 furlongs

Mr F G Connolly's b a g Kilfinane, 10st 7lbs ... ... — Capt Peacock 1
Mr R Oppenheim's b a h Albemarle, 10st 7lbs ... ... — Hon D Bingham 2
Capt Stewart Capper's gr a p Cinque Ports, 10st 7lbs ... ... — Owner 3
Mr Reynolds' g cb m Searchlight, 10st 7lbs — Mr Pawson 0

Searchlight was a hot favourite. She with Albemarle cut out the work, but after a hundred yards the favourite fell out and shortly Kilfinane began to improve his position and catching Albemarle in the run home won by a length; a head between the second and third. Time—1 min. 8⅖secs.

THE HARD LUCK STAKES—Rs. 49. A handicap for ponies that have run and not won at Simla Summer Races, 1903. About 4½ furlongs.

Col E Baring's b aus g Dingo, 11st 7lbs ... ... — Owner 1
Mr J J Pawson's blk aus m Busy Bee, 11st 10lbs ... ... — Owner 2
Mr J G Morrison's b cb m Cuba, 9st ... — Hon D Bingham 3
Mr Caulfield's ch cb m Iconoclast, 11st 4lbs — Mr Crawshay 0
Capt Badger's b a p King Edward, 9st 7lbs ... . — Mr Southey 0

Dingo and King Edward favourites. Cuba attended by King Edward led off, but turning the first corner the latter ran wide and let up Dingo, who shortly took the lead and came in a comfortable winner by a length from Busy Bee, who snatched second honours by a head on the post. Time—1min. 6⅕secs.

THE HACK STAKES.—Rs. 49. For *bonâ fide* hacks 14-2 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. Arabs and C.-B's. 14-2 to carry 11st., others 14-2 to carry 12st 7lbs.

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Capt Ready's b cb g Butcha, 7st 8lbs (car 8st 13lbs) ... ... — Mr Southey 1
Col Capper's b aus g Circassian, 11st 9lbs ... ... — Capt S Capper 2
Capt Drummond's blk c m Waterwitch, 8st 3lbs (car 9st 6lbs) ... ... — Capt Holden 3
Capt Peacocke's b aus g Australia, 11st 9lbs ... ... — Owner 0
Capt Armstrong's b cb m Fioradora, 10st 8lbs ... . — Lord Suffolk 0
Major Tagart's g a g Bismarck, 10st 2lbs — Hon D Bingham 0
Mr Crawshay's g cb m Rosette, 10st 2lbs... — Owner 0
„ R Oppenheim's ch a h Scimitar, 8st 12lbs (car 10st 7lbs) ... ... — Mr P Smith 0

Australia and Scimitar favourites. Butcha and Waterwitch drew to the front and led round to the last turn, where Butcha drew away and won by a length easily Circassian coming up strong at the end beat Waterwitch for second place by a length. Time—60 secs

THE SUMMER PLATE.—Rs. 49. A welter handicap for all ponies 14-1 and under About 1¼ miles.

Mr Mordaunt's ch a p The Abbot 11st 4lbs — Capt Holden 1
„ Douglas' ch cb h Starlight, 11st 4lbs ... — Col Hon E Baring 2
Capt Mappins's b aus g Rifleman II, 11st 7lbs .. .. — Lord Suffolk 3
Mr J J Pawson's blk aus m Busy Bee 11st 4lbs ... ... — Owner 0

All four were about equally backed. It was a fine race. Starlight made the running from Rifleman and Busy Bee with The Abbot in rear till in the last circuit The Abbot overhauled his field and came in a winner by two lengths; one length between the second and third. Time—3mins 2secs.

COLOMBO MONSOON MEETING.

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Second Day, Saturday, 30th May, 1903.

THE second day's proceedings were brought off in splendid weather and a large attendance pronounced them a great success. Fair fields turned out for the six races and good sport was witnessed.

Details :—

MONSOON HANDICAP.—Rs. 200, and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For horses entered in Monsoon Stakes. Handicap. 1 mile.

Mr R J Farquharson's Boverie, 10st 11lbs ... ... — 1
„ C C Herbert's Rapier (by Bread Knife—Gloriola), 9st 12lbs ... . — 2
Capt A C Pitman's Mountaineer, 9st ... ... — 3
Mr Wilton Bartleet's Gretna, 9st ... ... — 0

Mr Eric Watson's Nisi Prius was scratched.

BETTING: Evens Rapier, 2 to 1 agst Boverie, 3 to 1 Mountaineer, 10 to 1 Gretna.

Totalizator paid Rs. 6.

Won by a length. Time—1min 53secs.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP.—Rs 200, and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For horses entered in Grand Stand Stakes. Handicap. 5 furlongs.

Mr John Quayle's Winnie, 10st 3lbs ... — Mr J Quayle 1
Mr W B Bartleet's Poor Me, 11st ... — Lansdown 2
Capt R F K Gooch's Redstone, 10st 4lbs — Owner 3
Mr Heather's Silk, 8st 6lbs ... ... — Mr Murland 0
Mr Walthew's Young Hyson, 7st ... — David 0

Mr Farquharson's Rebecca and Mr Montague's Good Girl were scratched.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Poor Me, 2 to 1 Winnie, 3 to 1 Redstone, 8 to 1 Silk, 10 to 1 Young Hyson.

Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

Won by a length. Time—1min. 7secs.

FAREWELL PLATE.—Rs. 300, and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For horses entered in the Auction Stakes. Handicap Entrance—Rs. 15. 6 furlongs.

Mr J Quayle's Dexter, 9st 6lbs ... — Owner 1
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Caloola, 11st 4lbs ... ... — Lansdown 2
Mr Farquharson's The Greek, 8st 11lbs ... — Wiles 3
„ D H Williams' Afreet, 9st 10lbs ... — Winslow disqualified.

Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply was scratched.

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst. Dexter, 2 to 1 Caloola, 3 to 1 Afreet, 4 to 1 The Greek.

Totalizator paid Rs. 6 on Afreet, first past the post.

Won by three-quarters of a length; Caloola half a length behind. Time— 1min. 21⅕secs.

Lansdown on Caloola lodged a complaint against Winslow on Afreet for bumping, which the Stewards upheld, and awarded the race to Dexter, Caloola being placed second.

BEDOUIN HANDICAP.—Rs. 300, and Rs. 50 to second horse. For horses entered in Bedouin Stakes. Handicap. 6 furlongs.

Mr J M Brace's Silver One, 10st 7lbs — Wiles 1
„ Wilton Bartleet's Tact, 8st 12lbs ... — Lansdown 2
„ Heather's Sheik, 1 st 3lbs .. ... — Mr Quayle 3
„ R J Farquharson's Tirah, 10st 9lbs ... — Owner 0
Capt G E Bayley's King William, 9st 8lbs — Owner 0
„ R F K Gooch's Lord Bobs, 8st 7lbs — Mr Murland 0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Tirah, 3 to 1 Tact, 4 to 1 each Sheik and Silver One, 6 to 1 any other.

Totalizator paid Rs. 12.

Won by a short head; half a length separating Tact and Sheik, and Lord Bobs and Tirah half a length behind. Time—1min. 28secs.

GALLOWAY HANDICAP.—Rs 300, and Rs. 50 to the second horse. For Galloways. Handicap. 6 furlongs.

Mr W B Bartleet's Poor Me, 11st ... — Lansdown 1
„ R J Farquharson's Rebecca, 9st 2lbs — Mr J Quayle 2
„ H P Bartlett's Peeress, 9st 6lbs ... — Wiles 3
„ Montague's Good Girl, 9st 11lbs ... — Mr Murland 0

Mr Heather's Silk and Mr Walthew's Young Hyson were scratched.

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Rebecca, 3 to 1 agst Good Girl and 4 to 1 each Poor Me and Peeress.

Totalizator paid Rs 8.

Won a grand race by a neck; two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 22⅕secs.

CINNAMON GARDENS HANDICAP.—Rs. 500, and Rs 100 to the second horse. For horses entered at the Meeting. Handicap 1 mile.

Capt R F Gooch's Devoted, 10st 3lbs .. — Lansdown 1
Mr R J Farquharson's Boniface, 11st ... — Owner 2
„ John Quayle's Dexter, 8st 8lbs ... — Mr J Quayle 3
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply, 9st 11lb ... ... — 0

The Alipore Clique's Anster and Mr Farquharson's The Greek were scratched.

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Devoted, 2 to 1 Boniface, 4 to 1 Reply, 5 to 1 Dexter.

Totalizator paid Rs 5.

Won by half a length; three-quarters of a length separating second and third. Time—1min. 51secs

After the Farewell Plate (the third race) was run. Afreet was put up for sale and bought in at Rs. 700.

RACING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

S. A. J. C. AUTUMN MEETING.

GOODWOOD HANDICAP.—Of 400 sovs.; the second horse to receive 80 sovs and the third 40 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-quarters of a mile

Mr S King's br g Trochon, by St Swithin—Black Rose, aged, 8st 9lbs ... — S Willis 1
Mr N McEachern's b c Chatter, by Carlyon—Small Talk, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs — J McDonald 2
Mr J Rowen's c m Tiptop, by Thunderbolt—Quality, 5 yrs, 8st 3lbs .. — J Barden 3
Mr G Burgess's c h Fortune Teller, by Othello—Idle Girl, aged, 9st 7lbs ... — R Gough 0
Mr E Kelly's br g Mairp, by Priam—Happy Bride aged, 9st 5lbs ... — W Curran 0
Mr R Howie's b g Prospero, by Clonard—Themis, 5 yrs, 9st ... ... — W Lake 0
Sir Rupert Clarke's br g Fairy States, by Hova—Judy Mo, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs ... — R Lewis 0
Mr W Moran's br or bk m Adelaide, by Lochiel—Beryl, 5yrs, 8st 7lbs — F Bullock 0
Mr J Rowen's c g Florin, by St Swithin Dime, 6 yrs, 8st 3lbs ... ... — J Mott 0
C N Kinman's b g Manlock, by Padlock—Menugoru, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs .. ... — R Trewartha 0
Mr E Kelly's br g Boaz, by Eiridspord—Ruth, 4 yrs, 7st 8lbs ... ... — F Foulsham 0
Mr G A Gibson's b or br f Enigma, by Tostig—Riddle, 3 yrs, 7st 6lbs ... — T Mathews 0
Mr C Smith's br g Stuart King, by Clan Stuart—Regina 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ... — G Anwin 0
F Burmeister's b g Ybraw, by Sunrise—Vixen, aged, 7st 5lbs ... ... — J Butlin 0
Mr C N Kinman's c g Silver, by Broken Hill—Primula, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs ... — J O'Brien 0
Mr H Roberts' c m Lady Stanhope, by Lochiel—Busybody, 4 yrs, 7st 2lbs ... — A Anderson 0
Mr W Clark's c c Royal Oak, by Carlyon—Sylvan Queen, 3 yrs, 6st 13 lbs ... — B Carslake 0
Mr S J Jacob's b f Footmark, by Thunderbolt—Footstep, 3 yrs, 6st 12lbs ... ... — D J Hall 0
Mr J F Henderson's b m Nita Carlyon, by Carlyon—Thora, 5yrs, 6st 9lbs ... — W Burns 0
Mr J H Hill's b m Profit, by Thunderbolt—Prosperity, 6st 7lbs ... — H McCann 0
Mr S Ferry's g m Pandora, by Prince Consort—Harriet, aged, 6st 7lbs ... — B Burnett 0

Amount in totalizator, £3,900 10s. Dividend for £1 tickets £7 5s.

Won by half a head from Chatter, with Tiptop half a head off third. Royal Oak, who was finishing very fast, was fourth, Fairy States fifth, Manlock sixth, Profit seventh, Enigma eighth, Lady Stanhope ninth, Fortune Teller tenth, Ybraw eleventh, while the last lot were Silver, Nita Carlyon, Mairp, Prospero, Stuart King and Boaz. Time—1min 15⅕secs.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STAKES.—A sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each with 250 sovs. added; the second horse to receive 50 sovs. and the third horse 25 sovs. out of the stake. For two-year-olds—colts, 8st. 10lbs.; fillies, 8st. 8lbs. (geldings at time of starting allowed 5lbs.). The winner of any two-year-old stake (not a handicap) of the value of 150sovs., 10lbs. extra; of 200sovs. and upwards, 14lbs. extra. (25 subs.) 7 furlongs.

Sir Rupert Clarke's br f Sweet Nell, by Haut Brion—Novelette II, 9st 8lbs ... R Lewis 1
Mr F W Allen's b c St Vincent, by Carlyon—Lady Doris, 9st 6lbs ... ... H J Morrison 2
Mr A Nicholson's c f First Fleece, by Carlyon—Golden Fleece, 8st 8lbs ... S Willis 3
Mr F Bansemer's b c Caerleon, by Carlyon—Sylvan Queen, 9st 6lbs... ... A Anderson 0
Mr T E Bart Smith's br f Martinique, by Wallace or Bill of Portland—Hortnese J Barden 0

Amount in totalizator, £1,752 5s. Dividend for £1 tickets, £1 16s.

Won easily by two and a half lengths from St. Vincent, with First Fleece three and a half lengths off third. Martinique was fourth and Caerleon last. Time—1min. 31secs.

THE ST LEGER STAKES—Of 10sovs. each, with 250sovs. added; the second horse to receive 50sovs. and the third horse 25sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds—colts, 8st 10lbs; fillies, 8st. 8lbs. (geldings at time of starting allowed 5lbs.) (88subs). 1¼ miles and 132 yards.

Mr H R Dixson's b f Cross Keys, by Padlock—Scuffle, 8st 8lbs ... ... H J Morrison 1
Mr Fitzgerald's c c Sojourner by Pilgrim's Progress—Winnifred, 8st 10lbs ... C Quinn 2
Messrs Clark and Robinson s or c Rienzi, by Carlyon—Brown Alice, 8st 10lbs ... W Ross 3
Mr G Anderson's cg El Koran, by Koran—Virago 8st 5lbs ... ... J McDonald 0

(*Winner trained by C. Quinn.*)

Amount in totalizator, £1,800 10s. Dividend for £1 tickets, £11 7s.

ADELAIDE CUP—Of 800sovs; the second horse 160sovs. and third 80sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of the S.A.J.C. St. Leger Stakes of 1903 to carry not less than 7st. 12lb. One mile and five furlongs.

Mr Fitzgerald's c c Sojourner, by Pilgrim's Progress—Winifed, 3yrs, 8st 3lbs ... W Hopwood 1
Mr C Lenny's c g Avalon, by Strathmore—Chintz, aged, 8st 3lbs ... ... W Bevenev 2
Mr H G Wheeler's b g Rapid Pilgrim, by Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Bevis, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ... ... D J Hall 3
Mr H R Dixson's b f Cross Keys, by Padlock—Scuffle, 3yrs, 7st 12lbs ... H J Morrison 0
Mr J Scobie's br m Annotate, by Annesley—Calida, 6yrs, 9st 8lbs ... ... W Ross 0
Mr J Gove's c g Lieutant Bill, by Pilgrim's Progress—Ringarooma, 4yrs, 9st 7lbs... R Lewis 0
Mr A B Pearson's br h Flagship, by The Admiral—Leona, 5yrs, 9st 5lbs ... J Barden 0
Mr W H Fell's br g Australian, by The Australian Peer—Ophelia, aged, 9st 2lbs F Bullock 0
Messrs H and C Hughes's b g Combat, by Carnage—Maid of Honour, 6yrs, 9st E Turner 0
Messrs Nicholns and McKeon's b g Orphan Boy, by Navigator—Golden Image, 6yrs, 8st 10lbs... ... ... R Trewartha 0
Mr R Phillips's b m Novitiate, by Malvolio—Initial, 6yrs, 8st 5lbs ... ... S G Thomas 0
Mr C N Kidman's b g Adjuster, by Off Colour—Swing ... ... J O'Brien 0
Mr A Cherry's b g The Sailor, by Off Colour—Swing, aged 8st ... ... J McDonald 0
Mr W Clarke's br c Rienzi, by Carlyon—Brown Alice, 3yrs, 7st 13lbs ... E Sutherland 0
Mr J Rowen's c g Florin, by St Swithin—Dime, 6yrs, 7st 7lbs ... ... B Carslake 0
Mr J Hewton's b g Eland, by Malvolio—Adelaide, 6yrs, 7st 7lbs ... ... A Anderson 0
Mr C Mallen's br m Magda, by Bill of Portland—La Tosca, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs ... S Willis 0
Mr T Keily's c g Lorne, by Lonsdale—Swing, 5yrs, 7st 2lbs ... ... F Foulsham 0
Mr F Winch's c g The Bird, by Splendour—Canary, aged, 6st 12lbs ... ... G Anwin 0
Mr T Matson's b h Tapioca, by Goldsborough—Vermicelli, aged, 6st 12lbs... R Hopwood 0
Sir Rupert Clarke's b f Grattana, by Grafton—Roxana, 3 yrs, 6st 11lbs ... B Porter 0
Mr J Patterson s b m Tinfoil by Neckersgat—Tinmine, 5 yrs, 6st 8lbs ... C King 0
Mr A B J Francis's br g Quandong, by Lord Cochrane—Wilangra mare, 6 yrs, 6st 8lbs ... ... L Sluice 0
Mr N McEachern's br h Discussion by Light Artillery—Small Talk, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs ... ... J Butler 0

(*Winner trained by J. H. Hill.*)

Amount in totalizator, £4,375 15s. Dividend for £1 tickets, £13 11s.

Won by two lengths from Avalon, with Rapid Pilgrim a neck off third. Cross Keys was a nose off fourth, and then came Lieutenant Bill fifth, Adjuster sixth, Combat seventh, Florin eighth, Magda ninth, Annotate tenth, Flagship eleventh, Quandong twelfth, Rienzi thirteenth, and Discussion fourteenth, while the last lot were Eland, Orphan Boy, Grattana, Tinfoil, Tapioca, and Lorne. Time—2mins 51secs.

An incident in connection with Blink Bonny's Derby and Oaks victories in 1857 is not without interest. Charlton the jockey, took his own saddle to scale for his Derby mount on the mare, and it was not until she was about to be saddled for the Oaks that it was known how narrow an escape he had from a mishap which wood have completely settled the filly's chance A well-known Northern sporting gentleman undertook to see the jockey weigh out on the Oaks afternoon, and when he was looking over Charlton's equipment, the Newcastle turfite, being struck by the odd and rickety appearance of the saddle, remarked. 'You are not going to ride with that?"

"Oh! yes," replied the jockey. "I used it for the Derby, and, in fact, I have ridden many and many a race on it."

Upon hearing this, the Northern gentleman said, "I should think you have. Let me see those stirrup irons.'

A careful examination of the stirrups disclosed the fact that one of the irons had been so severely strained when last used that a slight pull now broke it into pieces. Here was a dilemma! A suitable saddle not being procurable, new stirrup irons were obtained, and the old saddle tinkered up so as to hold Charlton through the race. Both the trainer and his friend, however, were considerably relieved in mind when Blink Bonny got home without accident, and succeeded in first catching the judge's eye.

Entries for Races,

BANGALORE RACES.

ENTRANCES FOR 1st June 1903.

First Day, Tuesday, July 14th.

THE HIGH GROUND STAKES—About 2¼ Miles, S. C.

1 Major J Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Cowboy
2 Mr F de Gruchy's ... b aus m ... Water Lily
3 Dr Spooner Hart's ... bk aus g ... Oberon
4 H H Sultan of Jahore's ... b aus g ... Gaulme
5 General Sir G T Pretyman's br aus g ... Mainspring

MACINTIRE PLATE—6 furlongs.

1 Major J Vans Agnew's ... bk aus g ... Gaylad
2 Capt E J R Peel's ... b aus g ... The Gaffer
3 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Red Coral
4 Major H C V Harrison's ... b aus m ... Coree Belle
5 Mr N R Chowdhury s ... br e m ... Bouquet
6 Capt J Randall's ... ch rn e g ... Dr Barnardo, Autumn Leaf

THE PONY TRIALS—5 furlongs.

1 Capt Morris's ... ch a g ... Barty
2 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... g a h ... Ptarmigan
3 Mr E Sydenham's ... b a h ... Syndic
4 Lt Col A Sprot's ... ch a h ... Harefoot
5 Major H C V Harrisons's ... b ch g ... Hampton Court

THE TRIAL STAKES—1¼ miles.

1 Major J Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Corrie Roy
2 Lt Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Trenton
3 Mr N R Chowdhury's ... ch aus g ... Tecoota
4 Mr K D Biswas' ... b aus g ... Promontory
5 Dr Spooner Hart's ... b aus m ... Wallgrove

THE PADDOCK STAKES—5 furlongs.

1 Mr A Sattar s ... br aus g ... Ocean
2 Mr R L Kindersley's ... br e m ... Freda
3 Capt W J Tatam's ... ch ch m ... Filigree
4 Mr C P Graham's ... ch aus m ... Shot Silk

THE ARAB PLATE—1 mile.

1 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... ch a h ... Rubric
2 Mr W F Wormald's ... b a h ... Baby Boy

Second Day, Thursday, July 16th.

THE CLOISTER CUP—1¼ miles, over S. C.

1 Mr W F Wormald's ... b a h ... Baby Boy
2 Dr Spooner Hart's ... br aus g ... Good Chap
3 Mr R Anketell-Jones's ... b e m ... Lady Abbess
4 „ C P Graham's ... ch aus m ... Shot Silk

THE LEONIDAS PURSE—7 furlongs.

1 Mr A Sattad's ... b aus m ... Beccles
2 Major H C V Harrison's ... b ch g ... Hampton Court
3 Mr A P Symond's ... bk aus m ... Cleopatra II
4 The Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ... b aus g ... Shield

THE EASTERN PLATE—¾ Mile.

1 Capt Morris's ... ch a g ... Barty
2 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... g a h ... Ptarmigan
3 Mr E Sydenham's ... b a h ... Syndic
4 Lt-Col A Sprot's ... ch a h ... Harefoot

THE HORSE SCURRY—5 furlongs.

1 Mr Liebenrood's ... ch aus m ... Latchkey
2 Major Logan-Home's ... ch aus g ... Redoubt
3 Major J Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Corrie Roy
4 Ditto Ditto ... bk aus g ... Gaylad
5 Capt E J R Peel's ... b aus g ... The Gaffer
6 Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Red Coral
7 Ditto Ditto ... ch aus g ... Leonidas
8 Major H C V Harrison's ... ch aus g ... De Wet
9 Mr N R Chowdhury's ... br e m ... Bouquet.
10 Mr Kels's ... ... b aus g ... Harpist
11 Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ch aus g ... Jack O'Lantern
12 Ditto Ditto ... ch aus g ... Kingfisher
13 Mr L Robinson's ... br aus g ... Star
14 Capt J Randall's ... br aus m ... Blue Blood
15 Ditto Ditto ... ch rn e g ... Dr Barnardo
16 Mr R Anketell Jones' ... b aus g ... Ombree,

H. H. THE MYSORE MAHARAJAH'S CUP.—R. C. and 200 yards

1 Capt E J R Peel's ... b aus g ... The Gaffer
2 Lt.-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Trenton
3 Mr R L Kindersley's ... b nth am h St. Rule
4 Major H C V Harrison's ... ch aus g ... Glenfield
5 Lt-Col H Armstrong's ... b aus g ... Knight Templar
6 Mr A A Apcar's ... b aus g ... Godsmith
7 Ditto ... ... br aus g ... Milburn
8 Mr N R Chowdhury's ... br e m ... Bouquet
9 Mr K D Biswas's ... b aus g ... Promontory
10 Mr Kelso's ... ... b aus g ... Harpist
11 Dr Spooner Hart's ... b aus g ... Wallgrove

THE HEBBAL STAKES—½ mile.

1 Mr A Sattar's ... br aus g ... Ocean
2 Mr D William's ... b aus g ... None Such
3 Capt W J Tatam's ... ch ch m ... Filigree

Third Day, Saturday, July 18th.

THE STEWARD'S PURSE—About 2½ miles, S.C.

1 Major J Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Cowboy
2 Mr F de Gruchy's ... b aus m ... Water Lily
3 Dr Spooner Hart's ... bk aus g ... Oberon
4 H H Sultan of Jahore's ... br aus g ... Gaulme
5 General Sir G T Pretyman's br aus g ... Mainspring

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

1 Capt Morris' ... ... ch a g ... Barty
2 Mr E Sydenham's ... b a h ... Syndic
3 Major H C V Harrison's ... b ch g ... Hampton Court
4 Capt W J Tatam's ... ch ch g ... Filigree

THE ALL-HORSE HANDICAP—5 furlongs.

1 Mr Liebenrood's ... ch aus m ... Latchkey
2 Major Logan-Home's ... ch aus g ... Redoubt
3 Major J Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Corrie Roy
4 Ditto ... bk aus g ... Gaylad
5 Capt E J R Peel's ... b aus g ... The Gaffer
6 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Red Coral
7 Ditto ... ch aus g ... Leonidas
8 Major H C V Harrison's ... ch aus g ... Harpist
9 Mr Kelso's ... b aus g ... Jack O'Lantern
10 Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ch aus g ... Star
11 Mr L Robinson's ... br aus g ... Blue Blood
12 Capt J Randall's ... br aus m ... Dr Barnardo
13 Ditto ... ch rn e g ... Ombree,
14 Mr R Anketell-Jones' ... b aus g ...

THE EXCELSIORS STAKES—5 furlongs.

1 Mr A Sattar's ... b aus m ... Beccles
2 Ditto ... br aus g ... Ocean
3 Capt E J R Peel's ... bk aus m ... Starlight
4 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... br aus m ... Acme
5 Mr R L Kindersley's ... ar e m ... Freda

THE AUGUST STAKES—1¼ MILES.

1 Major Vans Agnew's ... b aus g ... Corrie Roy
2 Capt E J R Peel's ... b aus g ... The Gaffer
3 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... b aus g ... Trenton
4 Mr R L Kinderseleys' ... b nth am h St Rule
5 Major H C V Harrison' ... ch aus g ... Glenfield
6 Lt-Col Armstrong's ... b aus g ... Knight Templar
7 Mr A A Apcar's ... b aus g ... Goldsmith
8 Mr K D Biswas's ... b aus g ... Promontory
9 Mr Spooner Hart's ... b aus g ... Wallgrove

THE DESERT HANDICAP—1¼MILLES.

1 Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ... ch a h ... Rubric
2 Mr W F Wormald's ... b a h ... Baby Boy

THE DEWAN'S PURSE—¾MILE.

1 Mr Liebenrood's ... br ch g ... Landwind
2 Col J P Grant's ... b ch h ... Prime
3 Ditto ... ch ch g ... Philistine
4 Mr A A Apcar's ... ch ch g ... Phil
5 Mr J D Scott's ... b ch h ... Louis

2nd Entries close 20th June, 1903.

BANGALORE, *2nd June 1903.*

H. DONNE,
Secretary, Bangalore Races.

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on the 22nd May 1903, by the Official Measurer:—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Fanny	b aus m	Capt J. Ward	Aged	13-0	For life.
Little Eva	dk b or br aus m	Mr G. B. Paris	Aged	13-3¼	For life.
Matsa	ch aus m	Messrs. F. Chapman & Co	Aged	13-2¼	For life.

THE following horse was classed, aged, and measured at Calcutta, on 22nd May 1903 by the Official Measurer:—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	
Reinzette	ch e m	Mr. K. G. Banerjee	3	14-2¼	—

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

THE following pony was classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 18th May, 1903:—

Scattercash	g a h	Capt Hon'ble C. F. Greville	4	14-0	31st March, 1904.

BOMBAY.

THE following pony was classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Bombay, on the 25th May 1903:—

Cinder	bk aus m	Mr. A. W. P.	6	14-1¼	For life.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 22nd May*, 1903.

THE TURF.

THE clashing of two such fixtures as Gatwick and Haydock Park cannot have any appreciable effect upon either, and Messrs. Platt had every cause to be satisfied with the results of to-day's gathering In addition to the Metropolitan division, who filled the well-arranged special trains from Victoria and London Bridge, the Southern contingent is always well represented here, and every advantage was taken by the public of the convenient service to and from Brighton. Thus, by the time the ball was set rolling the enclosures presented quite a holiday appearance, and the band of the Royal Marines enlivened the proceedings by playing a tuneful selection of popular airs from their vantage ground on the Members' Lawn There was a time in the morning when appearances favoured a wet day, but happily the threatened downpour held off, and, with the solitary exception of a passing shower prior to the opening event, the afternoon proved fine. The conditions improved steadily hour by hour, and it was in a blaze of sunshine that the last race was run. A drying wind, assisted to some extent by the solar rays, had effectually counteracted the soaking effects of the recent rainfall, so that the going was in capital order. Interest in the sport was well maintained, and backers held their own in their exchanges with the Ring.

Details of the principal race:—

THE ALEXANDRA HANDICAP—Of 877 sovs. Six furlongs.

Sir J Miller's b h Cossack, by Ayrshire—Kosakin, 5yrs, 9st 2lbs ... ... Maher 1
Mr Ivor E Hughes s b or br h Engineer, 5yrs, 7st 11b (car 7st 3lbs) B Dillon 2
Sir R Waldie Griffith's br c Loch Leven, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs ... ... Griggs 3
Mr W C Whitney's Ballantrae, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs ... ... J H Martin 0
Mr J Lewis s Valiant, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs ... H Aylin 0
„ R W B Jardine's Tar Brush, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs ... ... O Madden 0
Major Jolcey's Sterling Balm, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs Trigg 0
Mr A James's Achaicus, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs ... Watts 0
„ H J King's Mimicry, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs ... Hardy 0
„ Horsman's Goldrush, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ... Knott 0
Prince Soltykoff's Leisure Hour, aged, 6st 12lbs ... ... J Lane 0
Mr R Dalgleish's Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs (car 6st 9lbs) ... — Miller 0
Mr B Ellam's Switch Cap, 3yrs, 6st ... Plant 0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

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BETTING: 5 to 2 each agst. Cossack and Achaicus, 8 to 1 Sterling Balm, 10 to 1 Engineer, 100 to 7 each Tar Brush and Pitch Dark, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won a fine race by a short head; a length and a half separated the second and third. Switch Cap was fourth, Sterling Balm fifth, Achaicus sixth, Pitch Dark seventh, Mimicry eighth, Leisure Hour next, and Goldrush last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 19secs.

The liberality of the Gatwick executive in offering prize money to the amount of £2,000 on the second day was well rewarded, the number of runners reaching a high aggregate, whilst class was fairly well represented. The closing stage of the fixture was not destined to pass by without encountering the hostility of the elements. Frequent cold showers with no compensating sunshine during the intervals detracted considerably from the comfort of the spectators, who turned up in even greater force than on the previous day, with the result that the London and Brighton Railway Company found their accommodation taxed to the utmost, and special trains had to be hastily improvised. Beyond being slightly dead, the going was in first-rate order and from first to last there was no lack of "go" in the proceedings Backers had again to put up with a series of disappointments, only one first favourite, in Dolores Olga, succeeding in catching the judge's eye, whilst the race of the day, the valuable Prince's Handicap, saw the improving but unfancied Wavelet's Pride cut down a big field of useful handicap horses in irreproachable style to the consternation of the talent, who sought in vain for any encouragement to support the stout son of Fernandez.

Appended are details of the chief race:—

THE RINCE'S HANDICAP—Of 827 sovs. One mile and a half.

Major J. D. Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs, 7st 11lbs	Compton	1
Lord Derby's br h Andrea Ferrara, 5 yrs, 7st 4lbs	H. Aylin	2
Mr J Sloncombe's ch h Grey Tick, aged, 7st 6lbs	Watts	3
Mr Spencer Gollan's Seahorse II., aged, 8st	Knott	0
„ H. Lindemere's Congratulation, 5 yrs, 7st 5lbs	B Dillon	0
Sir J. Miller's Rondeau, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb ...	Martin	0
„ E. Vincent's Parody, 4 yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Trigg	0
Mr T. Corns's Rightful, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Dicker	0
„ S. Platt's Monitress, 4 yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Griggs	0
Lord H de Walden's Amoret II., 4 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Miller	0

Mr H. J. King's The Wag was weighed for by Plant, but threw his jockey on the way to the post, and did not come under the starter's orders.

(*Winner trained by owner, at Ogbourne.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Rondeau, 5 to 2 Congratulation, 11 to 2 Andrea Ferrara, 100 to 8 each Wavelet's Pride, Grey Tick, Parody, and Rightful, 100 to 7 Monitress, and 20 to 1 any other

Won by a length and a half; four lengths separated the second and third. Congratulation was placed fourth, Monitress was fifth, Rondeau sixth, Parody seventh, Seahorse II. eighth, and Rightful last. The Wag was weighed for by Plant but bolted and threw his rider on the way to the post and did not come under the starter's orders. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 47 secs.

As is usually the case in the week preceding the Derby, the attention of racegoers is divided between the Northern and Western circuits, sport being conducted at York and Doncaster simultaneously with that at Bath and Salisbury. These are one and all fixtures of very old standing, but the two Yorkshire reunions are perhaps the richer in historical association, in addition to which their programmes are more liberally endowed. The fact that of twenty-eight horses despatched from Newmarket by the early specials yesterday morning twenty-four were consigned to York, whereas only a quartette journeyed westwards, bears eloquent testimony to the popularity—especially amongst a certain class of owners—of the Northern tryst, and once more the lion's share of the prize-money was secured by horses trained at "head-quarters." The Spring Meeting here has never taken quite such a hold on the affections of the sport-loving community as that held in August, but few of them would dream of foregoing a day's racing in the precincts of the venerable city, and it was good to see thousands of holiday folk wending their way coursewards in an unbroken procession through the forenoon. By the time the ball was set rolling Knavesmire was thronged with all sorts and conditions of spectators, the vast majority of whom were well content to witness the equine struggles without committing themselves to speculation even of the most modest description. The going was heavy, as a result of the recent continuous rains but good fields contested nearly all the events, and genial sunshine and balmy breezes characterised the opening of the Northern campaign.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP PLATE—Of 445 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr G Faber's b f Loveite, by St. Frusquin —Orle, 4yrs, 8st	Hardy	1
Mr K Carlton's ch h Flavus, aged, 7st 12lbs	W Lane	2
„ F Langstaff's br c Catty Crag, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs	Miller	3
Lord Ellesmere's Pax, aged, 9st ...	Halsey	0
Sir J Kelk's Orbel, 5yrs, 8st 11lb ...	J Jarvis	0
Lord Derby's Andrea Ferrara, 5yrs, 8st 6lbs	Maher	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Pom Pom, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs	Watts	0
Mr C Perkins's Roseburn, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	Murray	0
„ G G Tod's D'Orsay, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Janek	0
„ D J Jardine's Nestor, 5yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Hoppell	0

(*Winner trained by J. Porter, at Kingsclere.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Andrea Ferrara, 5 to 1 Loveite, 6 to 1 Roseburn 8 to 1 Catty Crag, 100 to 12 D'Orsay, 10 to 1 each Flavus, Pom Pom, and Nestor, and 100 to 7 any other.

Won easily by three lengths; four lengths between second and third. Orbel was fourth, D'Orsay fifth, Pom Pom sixth, Andrea Ferrara seventh, Roseburn next, and Pax last throughout.

THE ZETLAND STAKES.—Of 200 sovs, for two-years; old colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs with penalties and allowances. T Y C (five furlongs).

Mr T W P Rivis's b g Rosebury, by Crewberry—Lady Cadeby, 8st 6lb ...	Dalton	1
Mr J Joicey's ch c by Raeburn—Alberta, 8st 6lbs	Maher	2
Mr J Gadola's br f La Mandchourie, 8st 6lbs	Hare	3
„ J Bell's Lass o' Gowrie, 8st 6lbs ...	Caley	0
Lord Durham's c by Florizel II.—Diablerie, 8st 9lbs	Watts	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Stately Lady, 8st 6lbs	W Lane	0
Mr G G Tod's Miss Flite, 8st 6lbs ...	J McCall	0

(*Winner trained by T Anson at Malton.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Alberta colt, 7 to 2 Stately Lady, 4 to 1 Rosebery, 6 to 1 Diablerie colt, and 10 to 1 any other.

Won in a canter by a length and a half; two lengths separated the second and third. Diablerie colt was fourth, Stately Lady fifth, and Miss Flite last throughout.

The doubtfuly bred dragon who officiates in the capacity of weathercock high upon the church tower of St. Martin-cum Gregory was seen to be facing due east on the morning of the 20th instant as soon as it was light enough to discern his sinuous form silhouetted against the dark and angry sky. Seeing that the monster bears on his off-wing the date of 1771, his veracity on a simple matter of the kind should be beyond question, but he was caught napping for once, as a move out of doors soon proved what little breeze there was coming in fitful puffs from south-west A raw, misty atmosphere seemed to portend rain and, indeed, a sprinkling of moisture made itself felt more than once during the early hours. Few people patronised the exercise gallops, and things were unduly quiet. The city walls did not attract quite so many sightseers as usual, and the Minster, half enveloped in scaffolding, was deserted by the time a resumption was made. However, the course was crowded again, and the stands and enclosures presented a busy appearance. A somewhat earlier start was effected at half-past one and the programme, contained half-a-dozen items as against seven yesterday Unfortunately the afternoon turned out showery, but the rain did not amount to much, and a capital day's sport was provided, a gratifying feature of the proceedings being the pronounced success of Northern-trained horses.

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN HANDICAP PLATE—Of 275 sovs. One mile.

Mr T W P Rivis's b c The Foreman, by Bend Or or Orme—Crusade, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs	Miller	1
Mr C H Hannam's b c Raven's Flight, 4yrs, 8st	J H Martin	2
Sir J Kelk's b h Mirus, 5yrs, 9st 11b (inc 7lbs ex)	Maher	3
Mr D J Jardine's Gardenhurst, 5 yrs, 8st 11b	Heppell	0
Mr. C Perkins's Triplands, 5yrs, 8st ...	W Lane	0
„ J Sweeney's Simonhatch, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs	Murray	0
„ B Eliam's Pitch Battle, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs	J Jarvis	0

(*Winner trained by T Anson at Malton.*)

BETTING: 85 to 40 agst Raven's Flight, 3 to 1 Mirus, 6 to 1 each Triplands and Simonhatch, 8 to 1 The Foreman, 10 to 1 Pitch Battle, and 20 to 1 Gardenhurst.

Won by a length; six lengths between second and third. Gardenhurst was fourth, Pitch Battle fifth, and Simonhatch last throughout.

THE LONDESBOROUGH PLATE—Of 215 sovs; weight for age, etc. One mile and a half.

Mr E A Wiener's ch c Skiograph by Rightaway—Clouded Yellow, 3yrs, 8st 2lbs	Heppell	1
Major W H Fife's b c St Phocas, 3yrs 7st 7lbs	Miller	2
Mr G Seeman's br c by Galloping Lad—mino, 3yrs, 7st 10lbs	G McCall	3
„ H J Newman's Cock of the Roost, 3yrs, 8st	W Lane	0
„ W Sanderson's Melsary, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs	Harvey	0

(*Winner trained by Kennedy at Richmond.*)

BETTING: 13 to 8 agst Skiograph, 5 to 2Cock of the Roost, 5 to 1 each St Incas and Mino colt, and 7 to 1 Melsary.

Won easily by six lengths; two lengths separated the second and third. Cock of the Roost was fourth.

The town of Doncaster presents a vastly different appearance during the Spring Meeting from that associated with the all-important September function In contrast to the stress and turmoil which make a perfect pandemonium of the place on the St. Leger day, the streets early this morning were a marvel of peace and quietness, and it was not until approaching noon that the peripatetic vendors of butterscotch, racecards, pork pies, and "paddock finals" combined to make life hideous with their raucous clamour The sun had reached its meridian before the stream of holiday-makers began to set course-ways, but the townsfolk turned out in their accustomed strength, and, supplemented by visitors from York, Leeds, and the adjacent hives of industry, they made a brave show on the spreading Town Moor by the time the ball was set rolling. Happily the conditions were all that could be desired. A soft south-westerly breeze and brilliant sunshine were the accompaniments to which the meeting was inaugurated and the summerlike weather was all the more welcome by reason of having been long deferred. A few days ago the course had been very heavy, but the turf had recovered wonderfully in the meantime, and to-day the going was in good order, if inclined to be soft. Fields reached average dimensions, and some capital sport was witnessed.

THE DONCASTER SPRING HANDICAP—Of 555 sovs. The Sandall Mile.

Mr L de Rothschild's ch h Kunstler, by Juggler—Doreas, 5yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	Murray	1
Sir J Blundell Maple's b f Simony, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs	W Lane	2
Mr C Schlesinger's b h the Wyvern, aged, 6st 9lbs	Miller	3
Sir E Vincent's Waban, 5yrs, 8st 5lbs ...	Maher	0
Lord Durham's King's Limner, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs	Watts	0
Mr T Southall's Cherokee, 5yrs, 6st 11lbs...	Knight	0
„ C H Hannam's Raven's Flight, 4yrs, 7st 11b	J H Martin	0
Mr H J King's Amurath, aged, 6st 10lbs ...	Barnard	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Simony, 9 to 2 Waban, 5 to 1 Kunstler, 6 to 1 King's Limner, 8 to 1 Raven's Flight, 100 to 8 each Cherokee and The Wyvern, and 100 to 6 Amurath.

Won easily by three-quarters of a length; two lengths separated second and third. King's Limner was placed fourth, Raven's Flight was fifth. Waban next, and Cherokee last.

THE PORTLAND STAKES (high-weight Handicap)—Of 260 sovs One mile and a three furlongs.

Mr Reid Walker's ch g Courlan, by Gallinule—Clarion, 6yrs, 10st 9lbs ...	Halsey	1
Mr J Thompson's b f Suezath, 4yrs, 8st 10lbs	Lawn	2
Mr H Flaval's b c Lad O'Wax, 4yrs, 8st 5lbs	Fagan	3
Major J M Gordon's Wolf, 6yrs, 9st 9lbs ...	Watts	0
Duke of Devonshire's Slowburn, aged, 9st 11b	K Cannon	0
Lord Farquhar's f by Simonfault—Asteria, 4yrs, 8st 11lbs	Maher	0
Mr T Jennings's Bayona, 3yrs, 8st ...	J H Martin	0

(*Winner trained by W. Robinson, at Farhill.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst the Asteria filly, 7 to 2 Lad O' Wax, 7 to 1 Suezath, 8 to 1 Bayona, and 10 to 1 each Courlan, Wolf, and Slowburn.

Won by half a length; two length between second and third. Slowburn was fourth, Asteria filly fifth, and Wolf last throughout.

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CRICKET.

SURREY *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 14th 15th and 16th May and abandoned.

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Hayward, c and b Bird	31	b Wilson,	15
Holland, b Keene ...	23	b Wilson,	12
Hayes, b Wilson .	102	c Wilson, b Arnold	2
Lockwell, b Arnold ...	2	b Arnold	0
Brockwell, b Bird ...	51	c Gaukrodger, b Arnold	0
E. Wiltshire, b Arnold	13	st Gaukrodger, b Arnold	33
L. Walker, lbw, b Arnold	2	b Arnold	5
Clode, c Keene, b Bird	0	c Smith, b Arnold	23
Montgomery, b Bird	1	b Wilson	6
Strudwick, b Arnold	6	b Arnold	6
Jackson, not out ...	0	not out	0
B 1, lb 2 w 1 ...	4	Lb 5, w 1 ...	
Total	235	Total	108

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bowley, c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	0	Pearson, c Walker, b Brockwell ...	0
Wheldon, c Hayward, b Lockwood...	20	A. W Isaac, run out	2
Smith, c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	10	Bird, lbw, b Montgomery	0
H.K.Foster, c Jackson, b Brockwell...	35	Wilson, c Clode, b Brockwell ...	0
Arnold, not out	67	Keene, run out	5
Gaukrodger, c Strudwick, b Brockwell	0	Leg-bye	1
		Total ...	140

Second innings: Bowley, not out, 7; Foster, not out, 17; extras, 3.—Total (for no wicket), 27.

LANCASHIRE *vs* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 14th, 15th and 16th May and abandoned.

LANCASHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A C Maclaren, b Hargreave ...	0	c & b Hargreave ...	20
Ward, b Santall	3	c Kinneir, b Santall ...	8
Tyldesley, c Quaife, b Hargreave	32	c Whittle, b Hargreave ...	53
R H Spooner, c and b Moorhouse	24	st Lilley, b Hargreave ...	1
A H Hornby, b Hargreave ...	4	c Charlesworth, b Hargreave ...	3
Sharpe, c and b Santall ...	13	c Fishwick, b Moorhouse ...	3
A Eccles, b Santall ...	6	c Lilley, b Hargreave ...	0
Barnes, b Hargreave ...	1	c & b Moorhouse ...	4
Littlewood, c Charlesworth, b Hargreave ...	5	not out	5
Webb, c Hargreave, b Santall ...	6	b Moorhouse ...	4
Blomeley, not out	2	st Lilley, b Hargreave ...	0
B 3, lb 3 ...	6	B 6, lb 4, w 2 ...	12
Total ..	102	Total	113

WARWICKSHIRE.

Devey, run out	2	T. S. Fishwick, b Barnes	4
Kinneir, b Barnes	26	Santall, c and b Littlewood	0
J. F. Byrne, C Tyldesley, b Barnes ...	0	Whittle, c Spooner, b Littlewood	8
Quaife, b Barnes ...	4	Hargreave, not out ...	
Charlesworth, lbw, b Barnes	4	B 9, lb 2	11
Lilley, c and b Littlewood	31		
Moorhouse, b Webb ...	13	Total ...	103

ESSEX *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Leyton on 14th, 15th, and 16th. May. Yorkshire won by 261 runs. It is hardly likely that any Essex man felt at all confident that his county might, with equal luck on both sides, succeed in beating Yorkshire in this match, for the Yorkshiremen are always the most formidable in a season like the present. They have so much batting and so much bowling of a high class, that a side which is not particularly strong in either of these branches of the game must be more or less out of the running. From the very first the Yorkshiremen looked like winning without much difficulty. It was not that any startling batting was shown, but man after man showed good form, and seemed determined to make runs; indeed Brown, jun., alone failed to secure double figures. Perhaps the best cricket on the first day was shown by Haigh, but Denton, Brown, sen., Lord Hawke and Rhodes all played sound, and for the most part, methodical cricket. When the innings ended, Essex had to bat twenty minutes, but after Brown, jun., had bowled a very fast over, and Buckenham had been l. b. w. to Haigh, Sewell, who had gone in first, appealed, justly enough, against the light, and stumps were drawn. On the next morning things went very badly indeed for the home team, and disasters came in such quick succession that seven wickets were down for 36. Young and Kortright then saved the situation, and the follow-on was saved. In the Yorkshire second innings there was the same methodical batting, although not as many men made good scores as in the first innings On the other hand, Tunnicliffe played a great defensive game, being at the wickets for two hours and a half, during which he occasionaly made some powerful hits. Lord Hawke also did particularly well. Just before six o'clock the innings came to an end, and in the last twenty minutes Essex had a sad time, losing Sewell, Young and Mead for two runs, so that the task for the morrow was as nearly hopless as possible—332 runs to be made with seven wickets in hand. Haigh and Hirst were nearly irresistible on Saturday, but Perrin, Tremlin, and especially Kortright, were seen to some advantage with the bat.

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Tunnicliffe, b Tremlin ...	15	c Kortright, b Buckenham ...	62
Brown (sen.), Buckenham ...	28	b Buckenham ...	18
Denton, c Tremlin, b Buckenham	32	c Turner, b Buckenham ...	8
Wilkinson, c Tremlin, b Mead ...	15	c McGahey, b Young ...	18
Hirst, c Tremlin, b Young ...	16	b Young ...	9
Rhodes, c Sewell, b Mead ...	24	b Mead ...	16
Haigh, b Tremlin	44	c Turner, b Buckenham ...	3
Walker Wainwright, b McGahey	13	c Mead, b Tremlin	18
Lord Hawke, b Mead ...	20	b Young ...	25
Brown (jun.), c Gillingham, b Tremlin	6	b Young ...	10
Hunter, not out	11	not out ...	2
B 14, lb 2	16	B 8, lb 1 ...	9
Total ...	240	Total ..	189

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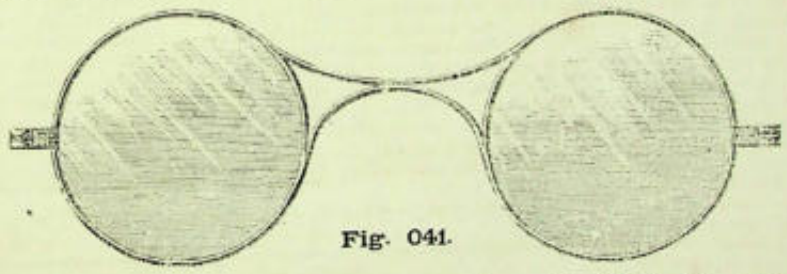

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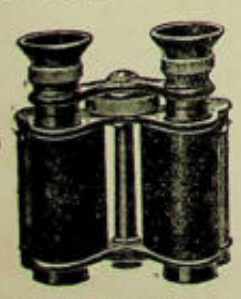

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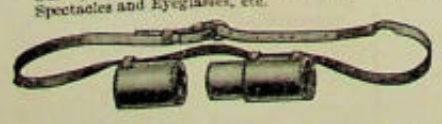

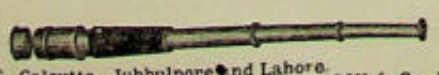

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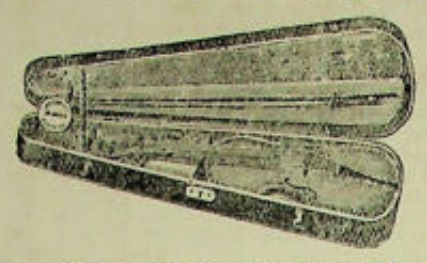

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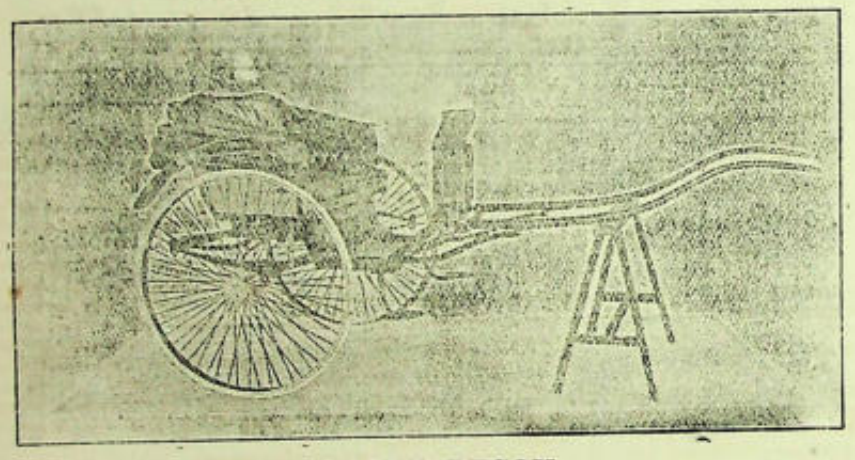

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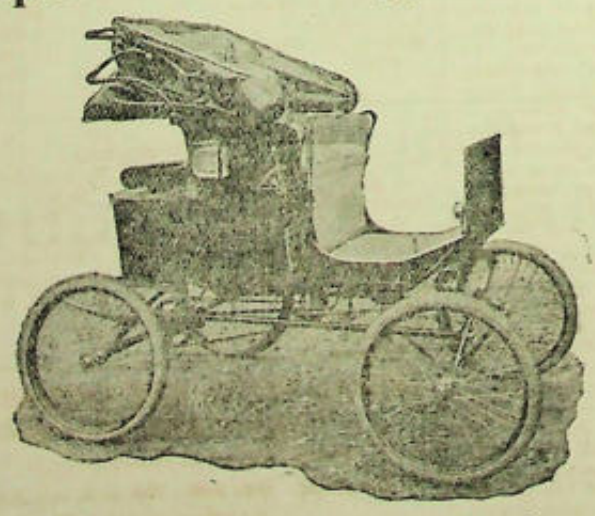

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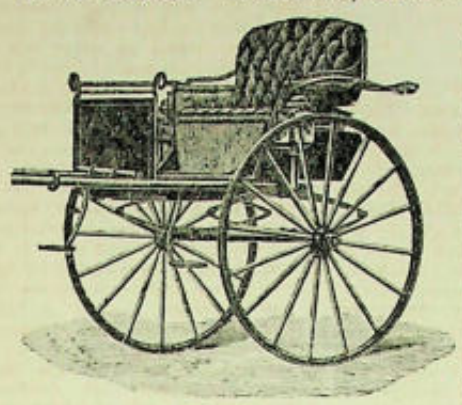

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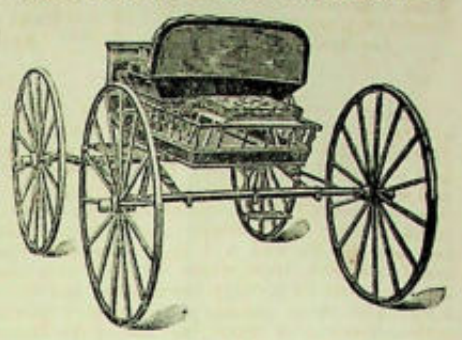

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ESSEX.

First innings.			Second innings.	
Buckenham, lbw, b Haigh	...	5	not out	3
Sewell, b Hirst	...	3	b Haigh	1
Tremlin, b Hirst	...	4	c Hunter, b Hirst	13
P. Perrin, b Haigh	...	0	b Hirst	17
C. McGahey, c Wainwright, b Haigh	...	7	b Haigh	10
A. J. Turner, b Hirst	...	1	b Hirst	0
C. J. Kortright, c Hirst, b Rhodes		22	b Hirst	22
Rev. F. H. Gillingham, c Hunter, b Haigh	...	12	b Haigh	5
Young, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes		35	b Hirst	0
Mead, b Rhodes	...	0	b Hirst	0
Russel (E.), not out	...	5	b Haigh	0
Leg-byes	...	2	Byes	1
Total	...	96	Total	72

OXFORD UNIVERSITY *vs.* GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.—Played at Oxford on 14th, 15th, and 16th May. Gentlemen won by 85 runs. This match was chiefly remarkable for the all-round play of B. J. T Bosanquet. He was in wonderful batting form, and being fortunate enough to get well bold of a new bowler who was not promptly taken off, he had a fine time. When Winterbotham came on, Bosanquet hit him for three 4's in the first over, and two 6's and a 4 in the second. The bowler was allowed four overs, from which 48 runs were made. Bosanquet scored his first 50 in thirty-five minutes, and his second in thirty minutes, his entire innings lasting seventy minutes. There was nothing remarkable about the rest of the England batting, but it should be mentioned that Key was out to a magnificent catch on the pavilion rails. Against the bowling of Cranfield and Bradley, Oxford did not do at all badly, and when stumps were drawn they had scored 112 for eight wickets, Carlisle having played the best innings. On the following day there was not much interest in the cricket. Dillon, Bosanquet and Bennett played well for the Gentlemen, and Evans bowled with great effect for Oxford. It did not seem very likely that Oxford would make the 199 runs required to win, but they made a fair commencement, which was discounted by some effective bowling by Bosanquet, who, going on after a shower, took three wickets in three overs. When the day's play ended at five o'clock, owing to rain, Oxford had lost six wickets for 61, and were easily beaten on the next morning.

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

First innings.			Second innings.	
E W Dillon, b Ernsthausen	...	19	b Evans	31
C H B Marsham, c Burn, b Martin	...	7	c Winterbotham, b Burn	4
L O S Poidevin, c Evans, b Burn		5	c Darling, b Winterbotham	19
B J T Bosanquet, c Worsley, b Martin	...	108	b Evans	30
J C Hartley, c Ernsthausen, b Burn	...	18	b Evans	0
G J V Weigall, c McIver, b Ernsthausen	...	1	b Evans	0
K J Key, c Carlisle b Burn	...	5	c Darling, b Amory	9
R A Bennett, c Findlay, b Martin	...	0	not out	23
Rev. J Burroughs, not out	...	22	b Evans	1
W M Bradley, c Carlisle, b Burn		5	c Winterbotham, b Martin	1
Cranfield, b Martin	...	2	b Evans	3
Wide	...	1	B 8, lb 1, w 1	7
Total	...	193	Total	128

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First innings.			Second innings.	
R S Darling, b Cranfield	...	4	c Poidevin, b Bradley	6
W Findlay, lbw, b Cranfield	...	12	c Cranfield, b Bosanquet	12
C D McIver, c & b Hartley	...	0	b Bosanquet	22
W H B Evans, c Marsham b Cranfield	...	5	c Bosanquet, b Cranfield	5
K M Carlisle, c Burroughs, b Brandley	...	37	c Bennet, b Bosanquet	27
A E Worsley, b Cranfield		2	c Bennett, b Bosanquet	0
L Heathcote-Amory, b Bradley	...	13	st Bennett b Cranfield	4
E G Martin, not out	...	21	c Bennett, b Bosanquett	1
A C von Ernsthausen, b Bradley	...	7	b Bosanquett	12
J P Winterbotham, b Cranfield		9	not out	12
R C W Burn, c Cranfield, b Hartley	...	0	c Burroughs, b Bradley	3
B 12, lb 1	...	13	B 4, w 5	9
Total	...	123	Total	113

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Martin	22	5	61	4	12	3	44	1
Burn	14	2	52	4	6	1	19	1
Ernsthausen	12	4	31	2				
Winterbotham	4	0	48	0	3	0	13	1
Evans					14·2	4	31	6
Amory					7	3	14	1

Burn and Amory each bowled a wide.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings.	O	M.	R.	W.
Cranfield	22	12	29	5		16	4	46	2
Hartley	13·5	1	30	2					
Bosanquet	9	1	18	0		15	5	31	6
Bradley	11	2	33	3		12	4	27	2

Bradley bowled four wides and Cranfield one.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* NOTTS.—Played Bristol on 14th, 15th and abandoned.

NOTTS.

First innings.			Second innings.	
A O Jones, c Jessop, b Parish	...	19	b Spry	5
Iremonger, b Paish	...	7	c Wrathall, b Paish	64
Gunn, W run out	...	27	b Spry	16
Gunn, J, c Wrathall, b Paish	...	48	b Huggins	15
Gunn, G, c Paish, b Huggins	...	0	not out	6
Dexter, c Paish, b Huggins	...	9	cWrathall, b Paish	3
Anthony, c Rowlands, b Huggins	...	4	clessop, b Paish	12
Day, c Langdon, b Huggins	...	1	c Board, b Huggins	0
Oates, not out	...	13	not out	0
Hallam, st Board, b Paish	...	4		
Wass, c Board, b Paish	...	6		
Byes 5 n-b 5	...	10	l, b 1, w 1, n-b 3	5
Total	...	148	Total (7wkts)	126

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

T H Flower, c Jones, b Anthony	...	31	Rowlands, b J Gunn	3
Wrathall, lbw, b Anthony		52	Huggins, b J Gunn	1
Hale, st Oates, b J Gunn		45	Paish, c Jones, b Anthony	7
Langdon run out	...	12	Spray, b Hallam	2
G L Jessop, c Jones, b Hallam	...	77	Roberts not out	4
Board, c Jones, b Wass	...	8	Byes 2, l-b 1, w2 nb 3	8
			Total	250

SUSSEX *vs.* M. C. C. AND GROUND.—Played at Lord's on 14th and 15th May.—M.C.C. won by one wicket. From the beginning of this match it was as clear as possible that the bowlers would have the best of the situation, for the ground was in such a state that the ball would not travel, and there were very few batsmen indeed on either side who could be deemed capable of making runs against good bowling under such circumstances. The M.C.C. team included three amateurs, only one of whom was in the front rank, while Fry and Ranjitsinhji were not playing for Sussex. Thanks to very good cricket by C. L. A. Smith, who played the right game, and a sturdy resistance by Newham, Sussex did quite well at first as could reasonably have been expected, but when King was put on to bowl wickets fell rapidly. Newham nearly managed to carry his bat, after playing a first-class defensive innings for an hour. For the M.C.C. Llewellyn and Braund made a most useful stand for the second wicket: the former scoring his 33 in half an hour, but as no other men offered effective resistance to the bowling, the end of the innings was almost as sudden as that of Sussex, and the M.C.C. only had a lead of 21. But as Sussex lost five wickets before stumps were drawn half an hour before time on account of the bad light, and had only scored 30 runs, thus being 9 runs on, the game seemed practically over. On the next morning, however, Smith again played well, and Butt seized every opportunity of scoring which offered itself while Cox helped him so much that in three-quarters of an hour 51 runs were put on. Thus, after all, the M.C.C. with 116 to win, seemed likely to have their work cut out. But so finely did Llewellyn bat that when half the wickets were down, only 20 runs had to be made. Then wickets fell quickly, and with two wickets in hand the M.C.C. still required five runs to win. Of these two were obtained by Doll, who then saw his partner (Marrell) bowled by Bland. J. T. Hearne played the remaining four balls of Bland's over, and in the next over (from Tate) Doll made the winning hit—a chance stroke through the slips.

SUSSEX.

Vine, c Doll, b Llewellyn	...	4	b Llewellyn	18
Killick, c Braund, b Hearne	...	10	c Murrell, b King	1
Relf, c Coleman b Llewallyn	...	0	c and b Hearne	0
C L A Smith, c Llewellyn, b Braund	...	32	c Burnup, b King	30
W Newham, c Llewellyn King		8	run out	0
Marlow, c Thompson, b King	...	20	c Coleman, b Hearne	2
Bean (J), st Murrell, b Trott	...	0	c Braund, b Hearne	5
Butt, st Murrell, b King	...	1	not out	49
Cox c and b King	...	7	b Trott	19
Tate, c Trott, b King	...	0	lbw, b Trott	3
Bland, not out	...	2	st Murrell, b Llewellyn	2
B 5, lb 1, nb 1	...	7	B 1, lb 6	7
TOTAL	...	91	TOTAL	136

M.C.C. AND GROUND.

C J Burnup, c Cox, b Tate	...	0	c Smith, Tate	11
Braund, c Smith, b Tate	...	27	c and b Bland	8
Llewellyn, b Relf	...	33	b Tate	55
G S F Griffin, b Bland	...	10	b Tate	2
Thompson c Smith, b Tate	...	18	lbw, Bland	3
Trott (A E), b Tate	...	11	c Tate, b Bland	16
King (J. H.), b Tate	...	0	c Smith, b Tate	0
Coleman, b Bland	...	0	b Bland	3
Murrell, c Relf, b Tate	...	4	b Bland	0
C C T Doll b Bland	...	2	not out	5
Hearne (J T), not out	...	2	not out	0
B 4, lb 1	...	5	B 8 lb 5	13
TOTAL	...	112	TOTAL	116

SURREY *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at the Oval on 18th, 19th and 20th. Essex won by 260 runs. So heavy was the ground after the rain which fell on Saturday and Sunday that the start on the first day was delayed until after luncheon. Although the pitch never became difficult, the run-getting was very slow, only 161 being scored for the loss of six wickets during the three hours and a half that play lasted. The early downfall of so fine a forcing player as Sewell perhaps caused his comrades to play a safer game than they otherwise would have done, for the Surrey bowling, although it required watching, was never really difficult. The play was very wearying and everybody appeared relieved when stumps were drawn for the day on account of the bad light. On Tuesday Essex were seen to such advantage that by the end of the day they occupied a winning position. Their last four wickets added but 26 runs, it is true, but the bowling of Mead after the interval was of so remarkable a character that Surrey were disposed of for 107, after 93 runs had been on the board for the loss of but three wickets. Hayward had played a capital game for his side, considering the fine bowling of Mead and the state of wicket scoring 56 out of 94, his chief strokes being nine fours. Of the first 48 runs made by his side he claimed 39, made in half-an-hour. Brockwell was unfortunate in being disposed of by a magnificent catch at deep square-leg by Sewell—a catch which it is safe to say must rank as one of the best ever seen on a London ground. After luncheon Mead was irresistible, his analysis reading 33 balls, three maiden overs, for two runs and six wickets. Such effective bowling has seldom been seen in a great match on any ground, eclipsing Peate's analysis of eight for five for Yorkshire *vs.* Surrey at Holbeck in 1883, but falling short of W G.'s seven for none for Gloucestershire against Notts at Cheltenham in 1877. Mead's feat is the most remarkable piece of bowling accomplished in an Essex match since Reeves took five wickets for no runs against Derbyshire, at Leyton, in 1901. When Essex went in a second time, Sewell hit in splendid fashion, making 60 out of 89 in 55 minutes, his chief strokes being a five and four 4's Perrin and McGahey were both seen to advantage, and when stumps were drawn Essex were 290 ahead with six wickets to fall. Yesterday, although Essex gained an easy victory, as was generally anticipated, but few persons could have been prepared for the feeble resistance offered by Surrey to Mead and Young. The latter carried all before them dismissing the home eleven for 76, and winning the match for their side by 260 runs. Hayward again proved the highest scorer in the innings, but his runs were not made without luck. Surrey certainly suffered severely from the enforced absence of Abel, and possibly from the lack of a regular captain of experience, but it must be admitted that their display was quite unworthy of the side. Young finished off the innings in great form, his last three wickets being obtained in eight overs at a cost of eight runs.

ESSEX.

First innings.			Second innings.	
F L Fane, lbw, b Jackson	...	13	c and b Hayward	25
Sewell, c and b Montgomery	...	15	st Stedman, b Jackson	60
P Perrin, c sub., Clode	...	43	st Stedman, b Hayes	44
C McGahey, c Wiltshire, b Clode		32	b Hayes	47
A J Turner, b Clode	...	36	st Stedman, b Clode	9
C J Kortright, c Hayward, b Jackson	...	4	run out	16
Buckenham, c Lockwood, b Clode		12	not out	25
Russel (T), b Brockwell	...	10	not out	12
Young, c Jackson, b Clode	...	0		
Tremlin, c Hayes, b Clode	...	13		
Mead, not out	...	3		
B 3, lb 2, w 1	...	6	B 16, lb 1, nb 1	18
Total	...	187	*Total (6wkts)	256

*Innings declared closed.

SURREY.

First innings.			Second innings.	
Hayward, c and b Tremlin	...	56	b Young	29
Holland c Kortright, b Tremlin	...	1	c Russell, b Young	5
Hayes, c McGahey, b Mead	...	8	c Russell, Mead b	1
Brockwell, c Sewell, b Tremlin	...	16	c and b Young	0
E Wiltshire, b Mead	...	19	b Mead	4
Lockwood, b Mead	...	3	b Mead	6
L Walker, b Mead	...	0	c Russell, b Young	1
Clode, b Mead	...	0	c Russell, b Young	4
Stedman, b Mead	...	0	b Mead	17
Montgomery, c Buckenham, b Mead		3	not out	2
Jackson, not out	...	0	b Mead	0
No-ball	...	1	B 6, nb 1	7
Total	...	107	Total	76

WARWICKSHIRE *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Edgbaston on 18th and 19th May. Warwickshire won by an innings and 43 runs.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
C J B Wood, c Lilley, b Hargreave	...	7	c Byrne, b Hargreave	6
Whitehead, b Hargreave	...	18	st Lilley b Hargreave	4
Knight, b Santall	...	1	b Santall	33
R T Crawford, lbw, b Hargreave	...	12	b Hargreave	2
King, c Fishwick b Hargreave	...	5	c & b Hargreave	3
V F S Crawford, c Fishwick, b Moorhouse		22	b Santall	39
Gill, c Quaife, b Hargreave	...	15	b Hargreave	2
C E de Trafford, Charlesworth, b Hargreave	...	0	b Santall	2
W W Odell, not out	...	1	c Whittle, b Moorhouse	11
Whiteside, b Moorhouse	...	2	c Moorhouse, b Hargreave	4
Marlow, b Moorhouse	...	0	not out	2
Byes	...	9	Byes 6 w 2	8
Total	...	92	Total	116

WARWICKSHIRE.

Devy, st Whiteside, b King		1	Charlesworth, b Whitehead	32
Kinneir, c Gill, b King	...	4	Moorhouse, b Whitehead	0
J F Byrne, c and b Marlow		28	Santall, b Whitehead	2
Quaife, b Odell	...	130	Whittle, not out	29
T S Fishwick, lbw, b Marlow	...	2	Hargreave, c Whiteside, b Odell	5
Lilley, c Knight, b Marlow		8	Byes 8, lb 2	10
Total	...		Total	251

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Bristol on 18th and 19th May. Yorkshire won by an innings and 142 runs.

After their capital display against Notts, Gloucestershire probably encountered Yorkshire with higher spirits than would have been the case ordinarily. Whatever hopes the side had, however, of making a creditable show against their powerful opponents were speedily shattered. At the drawing of stumps on the first day, Yorkshire were 45 runs ahead and had seven wickets in hand. Brown, who overnight was not out 73, increased his score on Tuesday to 125—a superb innings on a difficult wicket. The Yorkshire bowlers carried everything before them the early downfall of Jessop in each innings being a sad blow to Gloucestershire. Rhodes was in excellent all-round form, taking ten wickets and making the second highest score in the match. It was a very characteristic Yorkshire victory. On the second day Paish was no-balled by West, the square-leg umpire, for throwing.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
T. H. Fowler, b Hirst	...	13	c and b Rhodes	14
Wrathall, lbw, b Rhodes	...	8	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	26
G L Jessop, b Hirst	...	0	c Haigh, b Hirst	7
Hale, c Hunter, b Rhodes	...	4	c Wilkinson, b Hirst	0
Langdon, b Haigh	...	13	b Hirst	8
Board, b Rhodes	...	0	c Brown, sen., b Hirst	4
W H Rowlands, b Haigh	...	10	st Hunter, b Rhodes	1
Huggins, c Hunter, b Wainwright	...	26	b Hirst	1
Paish lbw, b Rhodes	...	5	not out	4
Spry, not out	...	1	b Hirst	0
Roberts, c Rhodes, b Wainwright	...	14	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	3
B 4 lb 2, nb 1	...	7	Leg-byes	2
Total	...	101	Total	70

YORKSHIRE.

Tunnicliffe, c Jessop, b Roberts	...	22	Wainwright, lbw, b Roberts	31
Brown (J T, sen.), b Spry	...	125	Lord Hawke, not out	27
Denton, b Roberts	...	3	Brown (J T, jun.), c Rowlands, b Roberts	0
Wilkinson, run out	...	7	Hunter, c Spry, b Roberts	6
Hirst, c Jessop, b Roberts	...	38	B 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 4	12
Rhodes, b Spry	...	42		
Haigh, st Board, b Spry	...	0	Total	313

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Hirst	14	6	14	2	16·2	5	34	6
Rhodes	31	15	39	4	16	5	34	4
Haigh	15	6	27	2				
Wainwright	7·4	2	14	2				

Hirst delivered a no-ball.

YORKSHIRE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Paish	16	3	43	0	Huggins	19	8	35	0
Roberts	31·4	12	54	6	Jessop	18	3	61	0
Spry	27	3	108	3					

Paish delivered two wides and two no-balls, and Roberts and Huggins each one no-ball.

DERBYSHIRE *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played at Derby on 18th and 19th May. Lancashire won by ten wickets. Those who anticipated an easy victory for Lancashire were correct in their forecast, as Derbyshire gave so feeble an exhibition against Barnes and Webb that the match was concluded on the second afternoon. The game was certainly played on a bowler's wicket, but the collapse of the Derbyshire team was due almost as much to bad batting as to fine bowling by Barnes. The latter was quite the hero of the match, his analyses of seven for 65 and seven for 34, or fourteen for 99, being quite out of the ordinary. Eccles' innings of 39 not out was a meritorious display, the manner in which he monopolised the bowling during his partnership with Webb being very noticeable.

DERBYSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L G Wright, c Eccles b Webb	12	b Webb	0
C A Ollivierre, b Barnes	1	c Littlewood, b Barnes	8
Storer, c and b Barnes	2	lbw, b Littlewood	16
E M Ashcroft, b Webb	5	b Webb	13
Ellis, c Haggas, b Barnes	0	c Eccles, b Barnes	0
A E Lawton, c Hollins, b Barnes	2	c Hollins, b Barnes	5
T Forester, b Barnes	5	b Barnes	1
Humphries, b Barnes	18	b Barnes	22
Warren b Barnes	14	b Barnes	9
Hulme, not out	1	b Barnes	0
Bestwick, b Webb	0	not out	0
B 2 lb 2, w 1	0	B 5 nb 1	6
Total	65	Total	71

LANCASHIRE.

A C Maclaren, b Bestwick	14	Barnes, lbw, b Forester	4
Ward, b Hulme	2	Haggas, b Hulme	4
R H Spooner, b Hulme	18	Littlewood, c Storer, b Hulme	0
Hollins, c Wright, b Hulme	1	Webb, c Storer, b Hulme	11
A H Hornby, lbw, b Hulme	18	B 1, lb 2	3
Sharpe, c Storer, b Hulme	6	Total	120
A Eccles, not out	39		

Second innings: A. C. Maclaren, not out, 7; Ward, not out 2. Byes, 8.—Total (no wkt.) 17.

DERBYSHIRE.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Barnes	27	15	25	7	25	11	34	7
Webb	26·5	12	35	3	11·1	4	16	2
					Littlewood 13	6	15	1

Barnes bowled a wide and delivered a no-ball.

LANCASHIRE.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Warren	7	2	16	0	2·5	1	4	0
Hulme	27·2	8	52	8	3	1	5	0
Bestwick	14	1	38	1				
Forester	8	4	11	1				

SUSSEX *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at Brighton on 18th, 19th and 20th May and abandoned.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, run out	5	lbw, b Relf	24
Iremonger, c Cox, b Tate	21	st Butt, b Vine	3
Gunn (W), lbw, b Tate	81	c Fry, b Vine	2
Gunn (J), c Butt, b Bland	38	b Relf	95
Rev J Staunton, b Bland	0	c Butt, b Bland	48
Gunn (G), st Butt, b Tate	8	not out	14
Anthony, b Bland	4	c Tate, b Relf	4
Dexter, not out	15	not out	1
Oates, c Butt, b Relf	16		
Hallam, c Marlow b Relf	3		
Wass, c Butt b Relf	2		
B 10, lb 3, nb 1	14	B 5, lb 3	8
Total	207	Total (6 wkts)	199

SUSSEX.

C B Fry b J Gunn	48	Butt, c Jones b Wass	13
Vine, lbw, b Hallam	3	Cox, not out	28
Killick, b Wass	35	Tate, c Staunton, b J Gunn	4
C L A Smith, b Wass	4	Bland, c G., b J. Gunn	22
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Staunton, b J Gunn	8	Lb 8, nb 4	12
Marlow, b Wass	8	Total	199
Relf b J. Gunn	14		

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Oxford, 18th 19th and 20th May. Oxford won by 59 runs. Thanks to a capital, if somewhat lucky, display by W. Findlay, the University were able to hold the lead throughout, eventually winning by 59 runs. The country, for whom the Colonial player, Cuffe, made his first appearance, gave a very poor display, being dismissed by Evans and Martin for 98. The former, who is a nephew of the famous Mr. A. H. Evans, gives promise of developing into a good all-round player. Bird worried the Oxonians greatly in their second innings, obtaining seven wickets at a cost of 41, whilst Cuffe, who had failed as a bowler at his first attempt, took three for 25 at his second.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C D Melver, b Wilson	4	c Arnold, b Bird	11
W Findlay, c Bowley, b Bird	70	b Bird	14
H J Wyld, c Shaw, b Bird	13	b Bird	7
W H B Evans, b Bird	13	b Bird	0
K M Carlisle, run out	0	b Cuffe	18
F A Worsley, b Wilson	11	c Foster, b Bird	23
R S Darling, c Burnes, b Bird	23	b Bird	2
L Heathcott Amory, c Straw, b Wilson	3	c and b Cuffe	6
E G Martin, c Carmichael, b Bird	17	c Bowley, b Cuffe	6
A C von Ernsthausen, b Wilson	0	b Bird	2
R C W Burn, not out	9	not out	0
Byes 11, lb 3, w 1	15	Byes 15, lb 1	16
Total	178	Total	103

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
H K Foster, lbw, b Martin	23	c Evans, b Martin	10
Bowley, b Evans	12	b Evans	18
Arnold, c Findlay b Evans	14	c Amory, b Martin	9
W B Burnes, b Evans	3	c and b Burn	35
Cuffe, c Burn, b Evans	1	b Evans	27
E G M Carmichael, b Martin	5	run out	1
Pearson, c Burn, b Evans	4	c and b Amory	0
A W Isaac, c Burn, b Martin	15	c and b Burn	2
Bird, c Amory, b Martin	0	c Amory, b Martin	8
Wilson, c Ernsthausen b Martin	9	c Worsley, b Martin	3
Straw, not out	3	not out	3
B 6, lb 4, nb 1	11	Extras	8
Total	98	Total	124

GOLF.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Amateur Golf Championship ran through a partial initial stage on the 18th instant at Muirfield, the green of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, fourteen ties being drawn in a nominal first round intended to reduce the starters to 128, from which number the competitors run right through to the final, which is reached on Friday. The entry of 142 was a record one, and play on five days was necessitated for the first time in the history of the competition. The weather was a delightful contrast to that of the previous few days. The sun shone fitfully at first, but later in the day the weather was brilliant. As there was practically no wind to disturb the players the conditions were as nearly as possible perfect. The ties played were reduced to thirteen by a withdrawal, and none of the thirteen was of first importance. The most interesting tie was between Messrs. Blackwell and Everard and Graham *vs.* astle. The long driving of Mr. Blackwell advertised the former, but the Oxonion, who made a moderately good start and squared the match on the third green with a pretty putt fell away in his short game from the fourth hole on, and as he turned 5 down the end was surely forecasted, and came six greens later, Mr. Blackwell keeping steadily on his short game The Graham-Castle tie took the expected turn in favour of the better known player at a much later time, a good, all-round game giving Mr. Castle the lead at the third and again at the sixth greens. Mr. Blyth had a stiff fight to qualify, as had Messrs. Hambro and Doleman. The latter, the oldest man in the field, played a steady game, and his victory was a highly popular one.

The programe set down for decision at Muirfield on the 19th instant was the monster one of 96 ties, 64 in the second round and 32 in the third, and a record day's play was involved, the few withdrawals being without effect on the length of the day. A beginning was made at nine o'clock, at which time there was a considerable gathering on the course. An hour later a special train from Edinburgh added greatly to the numbers and throughout the day there were over a couple of thousand persons on the links. As it happened, no tie of apparent first importance was drawn, and the crowd, scattering in small sections, caused no inconvenience. Play took place under the most favourable auspices. Of the early ties, the meetings of Messrs. Gairdner and McKenzie and Hilton and J.W. Robb excited most interest. From the outset McKenzie was steadier on the green than his brother Internationalist, and his final 4 and 3 win was forecasted 6 holes out. It was only at this stage, on the other hand, that Hilton began to wear down Robb, whose long game was later too wild to enable him to cope with the steady play of the ex-champion. The veteran Alex. Stuart created a surprise by ousting Norman Macbeth, but the other ties ended in accord with expectations till Taylor (Richmond) brought Jas. Robb to the last green, Taylor putting the Scotsmen in from 4 up to all square two holes from home, four successive holes to Taylor being 2 4 3 4. Robb, however, qualified by winning the last hole. Less fortunate was J. L. Low, the runner-up of two years ago, and his defeat by S. A. Gillon was one of the surprises of the round Gillon's long game was exceptionally fine. Mure Fergusson lost to Ballingall, another outsider, who came away with a strong game on the outward journey. Coming in Fergusson squared the match, but Ballingall had a gift of the seventeenth hole, and dividing the home hole won the match. In order Jno. Ball, Hutchinson, and, at a later stage, Graham and Dick qualified, but S. H. Fry succumbed to a poor game on his own part and to the steady, short game of his opponent, W. E. Fairlie, one of the Prestwick family. Fry drove out of bounds off the first tee, and never settled to his game. He lost the first, second fourth, seventh, and eight, holes, turning 5 down. After three divided on the home journey Fry lost the thirteenth hole and the game by 6 and 5. He repeatedly hooked his ball into the rough, and was off his short game.

The surprises of the second round were emphasised in the evening, when two ex-champions, Messrs. Hilton and Laidlaw, were beaten, together with Robb, one of the strongest Scottish candidates, by men of comparatively little reputation. Hilton was a likely winner of his tie at the turn, but Beveridge played three grand holes coming in, and Hilton was in difficulties in front of the seventeenth green Beveridge squared the match here, the home hole was divided, and a pretty 3 at the first hole out gave Beveridge the match. Laidlaw was opposed by a young Edinburgh player, who never let the ex-champion get more than one hole away. He, too, squared the match a hole from home and as his opponent was weak on the home green. Johnston won the match by 1 up Robb played poorly in his tie with Craik, who was twice 3 up, and finally playing the last hole very prettyly ran out a winner by 2 holes. Another English International player in Darwin lost his place, a young Scottish player beating him by 2 and 1. Otherwise the ties were without incident.

The fourth round was entered upon on the 20th at Muirfield, and during the day 24 ties were played, the lists being reduced to eight. The occurrences of Tuesday, while robbing the competition of several of the leading exponents of the amateur game, directed attention to some rising players, who yesterday attracted a goodly crowd to the course. An unfavourable change had taken place in the weather in the morning, but as the day wore on the sky brightened, and save that the greens underwent a little change during the day the conditions were generally of a most favourable character. The forenoon's play was for the most part devoid of surprise results, though the second tie played found a golfing M. P. ousted by a young Scottish player with unexpected ease. For a time Balfour-Melville was hard pushed by Purdom, a young Border player, and the ex-champion only got rid of his opponent on the home green. Less fortunate was Alex. Stuart, the first winner of the Irish Open Championship, who started badly against Fred Mackenzie, and never had a real chance of recovery against his opponent's steady short game. The most attractive tie of the morning was provided by the meeting of Maxwell and Beveridge The Scottish favourite lost the first hole, but squared the match three greens later, and a fine approach game giving him the seventh and eighth, he turned 2 up, He lost one of his lead two greens later but was not again in trouble, and he won a capital round two holes from home. The only other ties of more than local interest were the last two, and while in one case Angus Hambro beat Blackwell by means of a steadier short game, an occasional brilliant hole enabled C. E. Dick to get rid of his more fancied clubmate, J. Graham.

The afternoon's play was comparatively featureless as regards the returns made, but provided two of the strongest exhibitions of the finest golf of the week. Against the remarkable game played by Balfour-Melville, Mackenzie, the St. Andrews International player, had little chance, and for the fourteen holes holed out the winner had the grand scoring register of 54. His approach play and short game were practically without a fault. So, too, was the game played by R. Maxwell, and in disposing of a good local player six holes from home the North Berwick player had an average of fours for twelve holes. Ball had again an easy win, but the last two ties of the day were among the most stautly contested. Dick and Hambro being square seven holes from home, while Fairlie made a good stand against the first holder of the title.

Six ties in the sixth and semi-final rounds at Muirfield on the Yesterday's 21st instant brought the competitors to the last stage. play took place under conditions that admirably suited the following of the game, but were not so much to the liking of the players, in whose case a high wind imposed altered conditions from that which prevailed earlier in the week. The play from morning till late in the afternoon was of a most interesting character. The first tie was between L. M. Balfour-Melville, an ex-holder of the title, and H. W. De Zoete, a comparative newcomer to the first-class game, and here the surprises of Tuesday were equalled. De Zoete, who drove one of the longest balls of any of the competitors, and was in fine form on the green, was one down from the second to the sixth greens, but he led by 1 at the turn. Melville was 1 up three holes from home where an old failing manifested itself, the ex-champion losing the sixteenth and seventeenth holes on the putting green and failing to save the game with a longish putts for the home hole. Maxwell always had the upper hand of Pease, whom he consistently outplayed through the green, and had he played for a half at the sixteenth green instead of going all out and failing to carry the bunker, the tie would probably have ended there. The third match was one of the major surprises of the week's play. Ball never touched his best game, but with wins at the first two holes in he seemed to hold a winning advantage. From this point his long game was unsteady and he was in difficulties again and again, losing the twelfth, thirteenth, and fifteenth holes on this account. McDonald, playing safe, halved the last three holes and won the match on the home green. The Dick-Hutchinson match was expected to yield the Scotsman a win, but the veteran's long game was sounder, and he was a winner all the way in. The semi-finalists being equally Scottish and English the International character of the morning's round was preserved in the afternoon, and as it happened Scottish interests were in the ascendancy in the first of the semi-finals, while English interests were safe in the second.

THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

The Maxwell-De Zoete tie produced a grand game, with a most exciting finish. At one period of the first half the Scot was 3 holes up, but he lost the eighth through playing his second out of bounds, and turned 2 up. Two grand holes by De Zoete in the first three squared the match, and twice again the Englishman pulled Maxwell down to level terms, this being the state of the game on the last green. An extra hole was necessitated, Maxwell winning on the putting green amid great excitement. The second tie was a more prosaic affair, Hutchinson coming away as in the morning with too strong a game for his opponent after the turn for home. Details :—

SIXTH ROUND.

H W De Zoete, St George's, beat L M Balfour-Melville, Honourable Company, by 1 up.

B Maxwell, Tantallon, beat J B Pease, Ainmouth, by 2 up and 1 to play.

A McDonald, Edinburgh Burgess, beat J Ball, Royal Liverpool, 1 up.

H G Hutchinson, Royal North Devon, beat C E Dick, Royal Liverpool, by 3 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

Maxwell beat De Zoete at the nineteenth hole.

Hutchinson beat McDonald by 4 and 2.

SCOTLAND *vs.* ENGLAND.

In the evening the International teams for to-morrow's match were chosen as followes :—

Scotland : R Maxwell, J E Laidlay, F McKenzie, J Graham, jun., L M Balfour-Melville, S Mure Fergusson, Jas Robb, Norman F Hunter, and C E Dick.

England : J. Ball, jun, H H Hilton, H G. Hutchison, H W De Zoete, J B Pease, S H Fry, H Castle, W H Fowler, and G S Smith.

The changes from last year's teams are—Scostand : Hunter in Blackwell and Gairdner out. England : De Zoete, Pease, Castle Fowler, Hutchings, Bremston, Ellis Scott, and Darwin out.

The last stage of the championship was reached to-day the final round of 36 holes being played by Messrs Hutchinson, the champion of 1886 and 1887, and Maxwell, the leading Scottish player, an international flavour being imparted. When a beginning was made at 10-30 the weather was dull but pleasant with a fresh westerly breeze. The match began with give and take play, Maxwell winning the first and third, and losing the second and fifth holes At the turn Maxwell had a lead of one hole. Weak play on the eleventh green put Hutchinson two down, but playing a beautiful iron game he drew level on the thirteenth green. Maxwell's, magnificent long game and Hutchinson's two bunkered shots had the effect of giving the next three holes running to Maxwell. The seventeenth hole was divided, and the home hole falling to Maxwell, the Scochman ended the round four holes up.

ATHLETICS.

HERNE HILL EVENING MEETING.—The members of this popular and flourishing pack have every reason to be proud of their association with the club, which from a modest beginning now takes its place in the ranks of the foremost organisations of its kind in the South of England. At the London County Grounds, Herne Hill, a race meeting was held, and proved an attraction to a goodly company. Four events figured on the programme, the distances being 150 Yards (boys), 100 Yards, 440 Yards, and Three Miles. The entries for each event were large no fewer than forty-eight engaging Mr. C. Otway's (the handicapper) attention in the sprint, while forty-seven entered for the quarter, and in the long distance race thirty-five names were on the programme. As will be seen from the subjoined details the majority turned out and some capital racing was witnessed, the feature being the running of Blundon, who won two first

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prizes. The most prominent officials were : Judges, Messrs. T. E. Knights, H. G. Brockman, H Feltham, and C. W. Garnham ; timekeeper Mr. W. S. Lane ; referee, Mr. W. Thompson ; hon. sec., Mr Chas. Otway ; starter, Mr E. Willet. Details :

100 YARDS HANDICAP.—Heat 1 : C. H. Childe, scratch 1 ; G. Burton, 5½ yards start, 2. Won by a foot. Time—10⅘secs Heat 2 : A J Yates, 6½ yards start, 1 ; T Hampson, 8½, 2. Won by inches. Time, 10 ⅘secs. Heat : 3 B. J. Blunden, 5½ yards start, 1 ; J. L. Malkin, 7½ 2 : Won by two yards. Time—10 ⅕secs Heat 4 ; J. M. Muere, 7 yards start, 1 ; A. Davies, 7½, 2. Won by inches. Time—10 ⅘secs. Heat 5 : B. Foulds, 8 yards start, 1 : A. J. Court, 4, 2. Won by a foot. Time.—10 ⅘secs. Heat 6; F. Barton, 7½ yards start, 1 ; J. Lumley, 9½, 2. Won by half a yard. Time.—10 ⅘secs. Heat 7 : J Joyces, 7 yards start, 1 ; D. E. Fern, 8½, 2. Fern stopped on the tape and Joyce won by a foot. Time—10 ⅘secs. Final heat : B. J. Plunden, 5½ yardys start, 1 ; F. Barton 7½, 2 ; J. M. Mueres, 7, 3 ; R. H. Foulds, 8, 4 Won by a yard ; others close up. Time 10 ⅕secs.

150 YARDS BOYS' HANDICAP.—W. Court, scratch, 1 ; F. Jones, 10 yards start, 2 ; J. Court 14, 3 ; E. Harrison, 3, 0 ; R. Barker 16, 0 ; T. S. Foulds, 16, 0 ; H F. Otway, 35, 0 ; W. E. Ashfold 78, 0. Won by two yards. Time, 19 sec.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.—Heat 1 : J. W. Harrison, 34 yards start, 1 ; J. H. Hewett, 20, 2; R. B. Cowley, scratch 3. Won by two yards. Time,—54⅕sec Heat 2 : C. McLachlan, 4 yards, start, 1 ; A. Davies 18, 2 ; F. W. Galner, 24, 3. Won by 6 yards. Time.—54sec. Heat 3 : T. Hampson, 22 yards start, 1 ; T. W. Davies, 30, 2 ; A. Ashfold, 32, 3. Won by three yards. Time.—53⅕secs. Heat 4 : B. J. Blundon, 10 yards start, 1 ; J. M. Muer. 20 2 ; F. Barton. 23, 3. Won easily up. Time,—52⅖sec. Final heat : B. J. Blunden, 10 yards start, 1 ; A. Davies, 18 2 ; C. McLachlan 4 3 ; J. W. Harrison, 34, 4. Won by six yards; two yards between second and third. Time.—51⅖secs.

THREE-MILE HANDICAP.—F W. Garner 150 yards start, 1 ; E. E. Stone, 280, 2 ; C. A. Brew 380 3 ; J H. Lane, 260, 4 ; A V. Ashley, 80, 5 ; J. G. Stock, 400, 6. Twenty-six started, the scratch man, F. James, standing down Garner ran with splendid judgment, and taking the lead half a mile from home, won comfortably by fifty yards ; ten yards between second and third Time,—15min 37⅖sec.

RACQUETS.

THE AMATEUR HANDICAP CUP.

Coming at a somewhat late period of the season, it was hardly to be wondered at that the interest in racquets is on the wane. More's the pity for Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M. P., President of the Prince's Club, has presented a beautiful silver cup for open competition amongst amateurs on the handicap principle. The event was commenced at the palatial club premises in Knightsbridge, but owing probably to the fact that the King was holding a levée at Buckingham Palace a large number of scratchings took place, particularly among the Army officers, who furnished eight out of the fourteen entrants. As a result only one match took place, in which Mr. H. C. B. Underdown defeated Mr. G. J. V Weigall, the well-known Kent cricketer, rather easily, the latter being obviously short of practice. The attendance was very moderate.

FIRST ROUND.

Hon. B Gordon Lennox, Grenadier Guards (rec. 4 aces), a bye.

Capt. Creed, Rifle Brigade (scratch), w.o.; Mr. Vane Pennell (owes 5), scratched.

Mr. H. C. B. Underwood (rec 6) beat Mr. G. J. V. Weigall (rec 1) by three games to love (15—3, 15—3, and 15—12).—At the outset Underwood was the better player, as the loser was palpably out of condition. In the first game he made a best run of six, and ran out with three. Continuing his hand, he added another four, making the run seven. In the third and last game Weigall's best run was five by which he made it "eleven all," but Underwood with small uns, proved successful by 15—12 in 25mins.

Mr. Arthur Young (rec 7), w.o ; Lieut. C. M. Grogan, 4th Dragoon Guards (rec 4), absent.

Lieut. Collingwood L. Wood 18th Hussars, w.o.; Lieut. K. J W. Leather, Durham, L.I., w.o.

Out of the four matches set for decision in this event at the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, three were played out, and furnished in more than one instance play of an exceptionally high character, so that those interested in the various competitors who failed to put in an appearance missed some thoroughly enjoyable sport. There can be no doubt as to the earnestness of the men—it is quite on a par with the Stock Exchange walk—for the beautiful silver presented by Sir Wm. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., would do credit to even a king's sideboard It may be mentioned that the donor, in his time, was one of the finest amateur racquet players going, having, in the sixties beaten the famous professional, Frank Erwood, for the championship of England. Sir William is a thorough sportsman, and takes keen delight and interest in all kinds of pastimes. So far the attendance have been disappointing, which is rather surprising, as the entrants are all fine players. The month of May should be perfect for racquets. Certainly the present weather is cool enough to play any fast game in an open court. Probably some of those who scratched thought the atmosphere would be too warm but the experience of the past, ten years ago, should not have been forgotten As usual the excellent arrangements are in the capable hands of the popular secretary, Mr. J. H. Saunders. Yesterday's games were admirably marked by the young club professionals, Beck and Suter. Results :—

FIRST ROUND (Concluded).

Capt. S. H. Sheppard, D.S.O. (R E.) (owes 5), beat Mr. W. G. Hilton Price (owed 3) by three games to love (15—6, 15—4, and 13—5 to 13—0).

With a best run of four Sheppard soon established a lead, but hands were very numerous, and the work in the court on the part of both men was brilliant in the extreme. From 2—1 the Captain went to 14—4, and ultimately won at 15—6.

Going on with the second game Sheppard put himself out with two faults. Then a ding-dong struggle ensued for some time. Sheppard, however, warming to his work, served finely and with a splendid sequence of nine aces reached game at 15—4. Continuing, he only added a single before being put out with a grand back-handed smash. Subsequently hands were very small, seven, nine, ten, eleven, and thirteen all being called before the Captain, with two and three, won at 5—0. Time of match, 28mins.

Hon. F. Guest (1st Life Guards), (rec 6), w.o.; Mr H. C. Biron (rec 8) (absent).

Lieut. Robert Whitebread (Coldstream Guards) (rec.6), a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. Percy Creed (Rifle Brigade) (scratch) beat Hon. B. Gordon-Lennox (Grenadier Guards) (rec 4) by three games to love (15—5, 15 x 15 and 15—7.

Four all was soon called, and then from 6—5 the Captain went out with a grand sequence of nine aces mainly by service.

Continuing his hand in the second, he put on two more, thus bringing the run up to eleven. Gordon-Lennox was dead off colour, as he only managed to score an ace before his rival ran to game with a sequence of eight.

Adding half a dozen more in the third the result was fourteen consecutive aces, his service being exceptionally good. With three he won very easily. Time of match, 26 mins.

Mr. H C B. Underdown (rec 6) beat Mr Arthur Young (rec 7) by three games to one (15—11, 15—6, 13—0 to 13—3 and 15—10).

In the opening game Underdown, serving splendidly and playing grandly in the rallies, soon got to 12—3, with best runs of three and seven Nothing daunted, Young did finely with three and five, getting to 11—12, but twice afterwards he failed to score, and was defeated by 15—11.

One, two, three, and four "all" were called in at the second meeting, until Underdown went ahead with a chief run of four. Hands were small after this, the rallies being brilliantly contested, but Underdown again won, this time at 15—6.

He failed to add anything and then followed undoubtedly the most stubbornly contested game of the day. Seven hands each only yielded one face at a time, until Young took a strong lead with five by reaching 11—3. Underdown, however, retaliated with five and four, and the game was called 13—11 in his favour. Young, however, came out with two and caused the game to be set to three. These he scored and won at 3—0.

He was put out at the next stroke, while Underdown scored nice sequences of half a dozen (twice), getting to 12—5. Young, however, played up well by tacking on five and making it 10—13. Underdown, however, clinched matters by winning at 15—10. Time of match, 35mins.

Capt. S. H. Sheppard, D. S. O. (R. E.) (owes 5) beat Lieut. Collingwood L. Wood (18th Hussars) (rec 4), by three games to love (15—8, 15—8, and 15—8).

Winning the spin of the racquet, the Captain soon wiped off his handicap, and later, with a brilliant sequence of nine aces, mainly by service, reached 14—6. Wood only replied with two and was beaten at 15—8.

Opening the second game "four all" was soon called, and then, with useful runs of five and four, these being obtained after some wonderful rallies, the back-marker again proved successful at 15—8.

Meeting for the third time, Wood showed slight improvement at the start, but he was never dangerous against his formidable antagonist, who, with three and five (twice), ran out an easy winner by 15—8. Time of match, 22mins.

Hon. F. Guest (1st Life Guards) (rec 6) beat Lieut. Robert Whitbread (Coldstream Guards) (rec 6) by three games to two (0—15, 13—5, to 13—0, 15—9, 7—15 and 15—3).

Hands in the opening game were very small until Whitbread, serving well, put on half a dozen aces and reached 10—0, and he eventually won easily 15—0.

In the second game Guest was seen to far better advantage, as serving in very strong style, he quickly reached 7—1 with a run of half a dozen. After repeated "blank" hands Whitbread improved adding three and getting to 8—10. A grand struggle ensued, Whitbread putting on a capital sequence of five, but at "13 all" the game was "set to five," and this after two hands. Guest won at 18—13.

The first feat of note in the third game was a nice run of six by Guest who got to 10—1. Whitbread, however, nothing daunted played up pluckily, and with four (twice) made a fight of it, but after a ding-dong finish he was beaten by 15—9.

Meeting for the fourth time, "three all" was called, but then Whitbread with four, held an advantage which he maintained to the end as ultimately, with four, he ran out at 15—7.

In the fifth game he was put out before, he could add anything to his score and then Guest responded with a capital run of seven, in which were some brilliant rallies and service strokes. Whitbread retaliated with three, when he was put out with a tremendous back—handed smash, which, coming back at a most acute angle off the corner gave the Coldstream no chance. This was the latter's last opportunity, as Guest, still playing brilliantly, ran to game with a superb sequence of eight aces and, winning by 15—3, gained the rubber as stated. Time of match, 45mins.

It seems a pity that, with such an interesting competition in progress, the members of the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, have not raillied round and brought a few friends in to witness the struggle for the possession of the beatiful silver cup given by the president of the establishment, Sir Wm. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P.. So far the play had been thoroughly attractive and the two games in the semi-final round yesterday were full of exciting episodes. In the first match Mr. Underdown, who has represented Eton in the Public Schools Championship, with a start of six aces, cleverly defeated Capt. Creed, of the Rifle Brigade, who was on the scratch mark, after the whole of the five games had been contested. The representative of the Army afterwards fell off materially in his play and lost the next three games and the match. In the next encounter Capt. Sheppard of the Royal Engineers, winner of the recent Army Singles, played a marvellous game, as although owing five, whilst his rival, the Hon Mr. Guest of the 1st Life Guards, received six, he annexed the whole of the three games, and actually aggregated 60 aces to Mr. Guest's 12. The final should prove exciting. Yesterday Capt. Sheppard refereed the first match and Mr. E. Biedermann the second, whilst, as usual, the club professionals Beck and Suter, called the game in a most audible manner. Details :—

Mr. H. C. B. Underdown (rec 6) beat Capt. Percy Creed, Rifle Brigade) (scratch) by three games to two (9—15, 12—15, 17—15 15—6, and 15—0).

Capt. Creed, with half a dozen in the opening game, quickly caught up his rival and won easily, whilst he also captured the second game. In the remainder, however, he fell off a lot whilst, served by his youth, Underdown played well and won the third struggle after a "set to three." In the fourth he ran out with a sequence of seven, whilst in the fifth he won a love game. Time, 40mins.

Capt. S. H. Sheppard, D. S. O. (R. E.) (owes 5) beat Hon. F. Guest (1st Life Guards) (rec 6) by three games to love (15—12, 15—7 and 15—11).

Guest, with a chief run of five, quickly reached 12—0, but eventually Sheppard, playing magnificently, won, mainly through a fine sequence of eleven. Then he ran out with two. Continuing his hand, he added eleven more aces, bringing the sequence to thirteen, and, as Guest did very little, Sheppard went to game with seven. In the third he wiped off his penalty very quickly, and made best runs of six and eight, leaving him an easy winner. The loser only scored twelve aces to the victors' sixty. Time, 20mins.

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THE PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

GILBERT BROWNE, PRINCE'S CLUB, vs. JAMSITJEE BOMBAY.—Peter Latham (late of the Queen's Club but now of Newmarket), having retired from the championship, the professional, Gilbert Browne, Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, and Jamsitjee, of the Bombay Club, have signed articles to play two matches each the best of seven games, for £100. The first will be played at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Saturday next, 13rd May and the second at the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, on Thursday, 28th May both to start at half-past two. Mr. F. H. Browning will act as referee, and the umpires will be Messrs. E. M. Baerlein and E. F. Baerlein. The usual conditions prevail, the only thing special being that in the event of Jamsitjee winning he agrees and undertakes to play the next Championship match when challenged in England In the event of the winner being challenged and refusing to defend his title within six months from the date of the last challenge, except as provided by the present championship, he shall forfeit his title.

We hear on the best authority that Latham will come out of his shell and challenge the victor

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

ON Monday, 1st June, hounds met at Brooklands at 6-45, where a particularly small field turned up. It was a fine morning, but the sun was too hot for comfort, scent was good, however, and we had a good run at the end of the morning. Hounds were taken to draw Brooklands Covert, where they found at once and the jack broke at the lower end and pursued the Demon Valley for some distance before turning uphill into Rocky. Hounds hunted him in covert for about ten minutes before he broke back to Brooklands. Here he was hustled up through covert and came out near Bingham's Covert and took refuge in a culvert on the road. He was bolted and came out at the other end and after running down the road for a short distance he again ran into Brooklands, where after some pretty woodland hunting he was killed and proved to be a well-grown cub. The open in the direction of Barber's shop was now drawn and hounds spoke to a line here, but scent was stale, so they were taken on to Dartmoor Vale, where they found at once. We now had a fast and trying gallop down the hill past Wapshare's Hare Shola, over the swamp at the bottom and the Pykara Bridle Path and then straight without a check to the edge of the Seegor Ghaut and into the Dunsandle Tea Estate, where hounds were stopped. Thursday, 4th June, will be a red-letter day in the annals of the Ootacamund Hunt and Captain Fife is to be congratulated on the way hounds hunted. The run which was over good country all the way was measured over nine miles on the Hunt map and lasted for one hour and ten minutes without a check. Jackal Shola was the covert that provided us with the stout-hearted jack. There were a brace here, but hounds settled to one and he was viewed at the bottom and broke towards Rallywood. He did not pause here, but ran through and then over the hill to Sheffield Corner. Nungenal Valley was now to our front, and the jack ran down and over the plough to Swami on Bluegums, but he turned down hill just short of them and skirted below Leeds before he turned up hill again. He did not long remain up and turning down for the last time he crossed by the Swami crossing and over to the Baikie side. There was a momentary check here, but hounds were soon on again and ran over Denmark Hill and into Baikie The jack did not pause here, but ran on through and into the open at the right of Dreadnaught. Once over one Tree Hill he made a bee line for Staircase over Brick Kiln, crossing Newmarket and Rawlins' Nullah. It was reasonable to expect the run was at an end, but no such thing, the jack was over the saddle and into the Yemakul Valley. Hounds hunted him parallel to the stream for some way, but below Chemund he turned up and took refuge in this wood, where Captain Fife stopped hounds. Not more than half a dozen were at the finish and of these only two, besides the Master, had ridden the whole run, Mrs. Agnew on a small bay Arab and Mrs. Giffard were the only ladies up, the former rode the whole run.

The bye day on Saturday, 30th May, resulted in a pleasant morning's sports, though it was late before we got the run. The meet was at the kennels. A jack was not found near Sandy Nullah and he was chopped in Rocky and proved to be a cub. Captain Fife then drew on to the 7th Milestone, Pykara Road, where he missed a brace of jacks. Hounds were laid on at the top of Gibbs. Hounds soon settled to the line of one of them and ran at a tremendous pace along Lawley's Course to the bottom of Staircase, where the jack turned right handed and crossed back to Gibbs. He ran through here and across the Pykara Road and finally went to ground where he was left.

PYKARA.

Polo.

BERESFORD TOURNAMENT.

OF the two games in the semi-finals in the Beresford Challenge Cup Polo Tournament, fixed to be played off on the afternoon of the 3rd instant, the one between Lord Kitchener's Staff and the Bengal Cavalry, which was looked forward to with great interest by the public, had to be put off owing to the illness of Major Maxwell of the former team.

There was a fairly large gathering at Annandale, including Lady Curzon, to witness the game between the Viceroy's team and Major Marker's team. The East Lancashire band was also present and played during the game. The sides were :—The Viceroy's Staff (Captain Wigram, Colonel the Hon. E. Baring, and Captain Keighly, back) and Major Marker's team (Major Poynter, Mr. Ogilby and Major Marker, back). Umpires—Colonel Kennard and Major Grimson. This game fell short of public expectations. The Staff played brilliantly, and it would be difficult to single out any for special mention. By splendid combination they held their adversaries to their half of the ground nearly all through the game. The organization and support of Major Marker's team, who had ostensibly not practised much together, was faulty. Mr. Ogilvy, 4th Dragoon Guards, however, played a very good game for his side. The Staff finally won by eight goals and six subsidiaries against one goal.

Another large gathering at Annandale on the 5th instant witnessed the postponed game in the semi-finals. Major Maxwell had recovered from his fever and played in his best style.

It was a splendid game all through. The Staff played quite above their form. Their combination was perfect, while the

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Bengal Cavalry hardly showed out as well as on the previous occasion. Their lack of condition told, and Colonel Cookson's pony in the latter part evinced an objection to play.

In the first chukker play was very equal, and there was no score. In the second chukker the Staff not only made a brilliant defence, once stopping General Beatson's shot from passing in between the flags, but scored one gal. In the third chukker General Beatson made another unsuccessful attack on the Staff's goal, while the Staff contributed a subsidiary. In the fourth chukker play was fast and even, till about mid-time when Captain Brooke got on and had an easy run to the flags, scoring a goal, but as the opposite side claimed "off-side" the Cavalry practically had pulled up, and after a discussion by the umpires this goal was allowed.

A curious circumstance now happened. Play was started without changing sides, and practically both teams were playing off-side, but fortunately there was no score and complications were averted. In the fifth chukker General Beatson did great service. After two unsuccessful shots at the flags he crowned a fine run with a well-placed goal, and shortly Colonel Hamilton retaliated with a run and placing a final shot between the flags. There was no more scoring in the brief time left for play and the Staff won a well-played game by three goals and one subsidiary to one goal. The teams were:—Lord Kitchener's Staff, comprising Major Maxwell, Colonel Hamilton, and Captain Brooke, back; and the Bengal Cavalry, represented by Major Shea, General Beatson, and Colonel Cookson back. Umpires—Colonel Kennard and Major Grimston.

THE FINALS.

VICEROY'S STAFF *vs.* COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S STAFF.—Played on the 8th instant. A large and fashionable gathering being present in spite of the big society function at the Barnes Court. The game was not up to public expectations, the Commander-in-Chief's Staff not appearing in their best form. On the other hand the Viceroy's Staff played a splendid game, and when the game began they went away and soon established a lead of three goals and one subsidiary. The Snowdon team were unable to score and the game was kept in their territory. Their opponents continued the attack and playing with fine combination ran out victors by seven goals and eight subsidiaries to two subsidiaries. Lady Curzon presented the Cup to the winners at the end of the game. Lord Curzon made an appropriate speech and called for three cheers for the victors and the Snowdon team. Colonel Baring called for cheers for Lady Curzon.

Rowing.

REGATTA AT NAINI TAL.

Saturday, 30th May 1903.

THE Ranikhet week was brought to a conclusion to-day with the Regatta which proved a great success. Some of the events and preliminary heats had been rowed off on Thursday. Details:—

DEPOT RACE.—Gloster Regt beat Royal Irish Rifles by two lengths.

NOVICE SCULLS.—Won by A. B. Tillard by half a length.

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Mr G W Wood		Mr H D Macdonald
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Mrs Wood *cox*		Miss Tate *cox*

Won by half a length.

P. AND O. PADDLING RACE.—*1st Heat.* Won by Miss Adams, Miss Britten, Hon. E. Napier, Capt Walpole, Major Thompson.

2nd Heat.—Won by Miss Meares, Miss G. Meares, Mr. Meadows, Mr. King, Mr. Naylor.

Final Heat.—Won by the latter crew.

MIXED DOUBLE SCULLS.—Won by Mrs. Porteous, and Mr. Jones, cox Miss Laurence by a length

SINGLE SCULLS—*Final.*—Mr. A. M. Rouse beat Mr. H. D. Macdonald by three lengths.

OPEN FOURS.—Cooper's Hill crew beat Civil Service crew by three-quarters of a length after a grand race.

CANOE RACE.—Won from eight starters by Mr. Naylor.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 15th May 1903.*

MANY cyclists indulge in the weed whilst cycling, although most experience a difficulty in enjoying a pipe or cigarette, when taking such exercise. The reason why one cannot—with pipe in mouth—indulge in a pastime which demands physical powers, is explained by the fact that nicotine has a powerful effect on the heart, depressing it and rendering it unfit to perform its functions. Hence it is that during the active employment of our muscles, it is as well to leave the weed severely alone. If, however, we must have a pipe, have it when gentlemen ambling along on the level and scarcely any perceptible effort is necessary to keep the machine running. After meals, when resting so as to allow our food to digest, a pipe may be beneficial by reason of the sedative qualities contained in tobacco, but during its employment, the physical powers should be in absolute repose.

The increase of motor traffic on the highways has proved an advantage to cyclists in a certain direction, since it has tended to distract the policeman's attention on matters of pace, from the wheelman. The motorist proves higher game, and although he may be more difficult to capture—a piece of string across the road will have no terrors for him, nor even the hooked stick dear to the rural bobby—he proves a more important haul when run to earth than the comparatively insignificant wheelman. Possibly the present time may afford a favourable opportunity for cyclists to make their peace with the force in disaffected districts, as with the exercise of a little circumspection, and a little bending to popular prejudices, or local prejudices is perhaps the better term, we may see a gradual dying out of the hostility to wheelmen that characterises some of the towns in the home counties. With regard to the so-called "persecution of cyclists" there is no doubt that those who suffer, suffer mainly for the faults of others who pay no regard to the safety of pedestrians.

There never were such glorious times in store for poor Old Ireland as are opened up by the Gordon-Bennett Fortnight in the early part of July. The Irish are going motor mad, and little else is heard than some item of interest anent the great race on 2nd July. In the midst of the excitement, however, the islanders are not overlooking the valuable harvest that the race will provide to those who have accommodation to let within reasonable distance of the course. The Irish have made up their minds to taste the Saxon visitors' money, and those who intend viewing the race must be prepared to pay out on a high Henley Regatta scale. According to the *Irish Wheelman*, six pounds is asked for a three-bedded room for one night only. The fee for pitching a cyclist's camp on a piece of waste ground is a modest £20, whilst for one of the cheapest houses near the line of route £80 is asked for the week. Twenty-five shillings for a bed and breakfast is being asked at even second-rate hotels in Dublin.

A very fine performance was achieved by G. A. Barnes, at the Canning Town cycle track, on 9th May, when from a standing start he covered 27 miles in 31min 55secs. against the previous record made by F. W. Chase, of 36mins. 27⅘secs. Barnes started with the intention of improving upon the hour mileage, but was obliged to relinquish the attempt owing to a thunder-storm breaking over the the track. There is little doubt that he would have been successful. He covered 25 miles 690 yards in the half-hour. On 13th May he made another attempt riding the first mile in 1min 23⅘secs., and 48 miles 1395 yards in the hour. It is interesting to note that in each ride Barnes rode a 2¾ h-p. flat motor bicycle, fitted with Dunlop tyres.

A cyclist—or out of respect to other members of the pastime, we would class as a cad on a bicycle—whilst riding in the East end of London, knocked over an old woman with such serious consequences as to result in the death of the poor old lady. He stayed, and gave a name and address, which subsequently proved to be fictitious ones. Such action as this is calculated to give a very bad name to the pastime, and the only regret is that the identity of the offender has not been discovered. Well might the coroner remark that all cycles should be numbered and registered, and many similar cases would no doubt, bring about this undesirable enactment. Fortunately there is a very small proportion of such despicable characters in the large body of wheelmen.

Although the free wheel appeals so strongly to the male cyclist, it should appeal still more strongly to ladies, and that such is evidently the case is borne out by the number of lady cyclists one sees riding machines so fitted. Some people object to the free wheel on account of the ungainly position of the rider's feet when free-wheeling, but we fail to see where the objection is on this score. Even should it exist with male riders, it does not in the case of lady riders, who when riding on a free-wheel machine are the acme of grace. Not only this, they are much freer from possible accident than with fixed cranks. The free wheel entirely does away with the danger of the skirts catching in the revolving pedals, should the lady coast down a hill on a fixed pedal machine. One almost shudders to think of the consequences should such an accident occur.

Another good amateur rider in Sid Holloway, the Midland crack, and holder of the National Cyclists' Union quarter-mile championship, is severing his connection with the race path, so far as racing is concerned. At the close of the 1902 racing season, he announced that it would close his racing career; but little credence was put on this announcement since it is customary for racing men to make such resolutions only to break them at the return of spring and the attraction of the path. But not so in this case. Holloway has kept to his word, and the race path is consequently the loser.

In the *Polytechnic C. C. Gazette*, reference is made to an outrageous attempt to disable a machine of one of the competitors at a race meeting held recently within a hundred miles of Huntingdon. The mean, despicable action, was no other than removing the bolt from the head of a machine. The act might have resulted in a most serious accident, not only to the unfortunate rider of the machine, but to other competitors in the race. It is a pity that the perpetrator was not discovered and made an example of. One would not expect such an action at an amateur meeting.

In connection with the forthcoming Gordon-Bennett motor race, the police from all over Ireland are already requisitioned for duty on that occasion. Two thousand officers and men of the Royal Irish Constabulary are required to take up duty along the course during the progress of the contest, and arrangements for their location and accommodation for the period are being made. The police will be under the command of Mr. Thomas F. Singleton, Inspector-General, who will superintend operations in his splendid motorcar

Cricket.

CRICKET AT OOTACAMUND.

OOTACAMUND *vs.* COIMBATORE.—A two-days' match between representatives of these stations ended on the 2nd June in a very easy victory for Ootacamund by 7 wickets and 52 runs. For the winners C.T. Studd made 69 and 52 not out, while Phillips Collyer, and Mullings batted well. For the visitors, Messrs. Lushington and Leggatt helped the score most; but in the second innings there was a general collapse and they were all dismissed for 57 runs. Score—

COIMBATORE.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.	
E H Gadsden, b Phillips	...	18	b Swaminathan	... 1
R H Lushington, c de Winton, b Morrison	...	31	b Swaminathan	... 1
P M Lushington, c Standen, b Swaminathan	...	11	1-b-w, b Morrison	... 0
S V Chetty, b Swaminathan	...	12	b Swaminathan	... 0
P Narayana Row, c Tait, b Collyer	...	12	b Morrison	... 14
B Leggatt, c Swaminathan, b Morrison	...	36	c Studd, b Morrison	... 1
A B Jackson, c Tait, b Morrison		2	b Morrison	... 1
F A Hamilton, b Swaminathan		1	c Standen, b Swaminathan	... 22
Capt Nethersole, not out	...	0	b Morrison	... 3
A Amirtham, b Swaminathan		3	b Swaminathan	... 2
W E Lonsdale, b Morrison	...	1	not out	... 9
Extras	...	11	Extras	... 3
Total	...	138	Total	... 57

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.	O.	R.	M.	W.
Morrison ...	15 3	46	1	4	12	26	7	5
Swaminathan ...	14	27	4	4	11	27	2	5
Phillips	7	30	0	1	—	—	—	—
Studd	6	19	1	0	—	—	—	—
Collyer	2	7	0	1	—	—	—	—

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OOTACAMUND.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.	
W W Phillips, b Narayana Row		1	b S V Chetty	... 60
W M Standen, b Amirtham	...	2	b Narayana Row	... 0
H N Collyer, c Leggatt, b Amirtham	...	13	b S V Chetty	... 43
C T Studd, b Narayana Row	...	69	not out	... 52
C Morrison, c Lushington, b Narayana Row	...	9		
J G Tait, l-b-w, b Narayana Row	...	6		
W B de Winton, b Narayana Row	...	0		
Captain Packard, b Jackson	...	6		
D W Patrickson, b Jackson	...	6		
C T Mullings, not out	...	35		
Swaminathan, b Narayana Row	...	17		
Extras	...	12	Extras	... 16
Total	...	176	Total (3 wkts)	... 171

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.	O.	R.	M.	W.
Narayana Row ...	23·3	65	2	6	20	61	2	1
Amirtham ...	12	39	2	2	15	50	3	0
S V Chetty ...	11	32	0	0	9	26	0	2
R H Lushington ...	3	15	0	0	—	—	—	—
P M Lushington ...	—	—	—	—	3	9	1	0
Jackson ...	3	11	0	2	1	9	0	0

CRICKET AT NAINI TAL

NAINI TAL *vs.* RANIKHET.—Played at Naini Tal during the Ranikhet week. The home team put up 171 in their first venture, of which Major Stainforth played a fine innings of 85. Their second innings produced 150. The visitors put up 186 and 136 for 8 wickets, thus winning by 3 wickets. Score:—

NAINI TAL.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.	
Major Stainforth, b Hurt	...	85	c Wilberforce, b Twiss	... 21
Mr Taylor, b Morphett	...	16	b Morphett	... 16
,, L J Le Fleming, b Hurt	...	3	b Twiss	... 31
,, O'Donnell, c Twiss, b Hurt		8	b Morphett	... 20
,, Brett b Hurt	...	0	not out	... 37
,, MacLeod b Hurt	...	0	c Twiss, b Hurt	... 3
Capt Wingate, c Daniell, b Hurt	...	0	b Twiss	... 0
Mr Richardson, c Anson, b Hurt	...	26	b Harenc	... 4
Mr Knowles, st Tailyour, b Hurt	...	5		
Capt Robertson, b Twiss	...	1	b Twiss	... 0
Mr Ring, b Twiss	...	1	c Stuart, b Morphett	5
Mr Wallace, not out	...	9	c Anson, b Twiss	... 16
Extras	...	17	Extras	... 7
Total	...	171	Total	... 150

RANIKHET.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.	
Col Anson, l-b-w, b Ring	...	8	b Ring	... 3
Mr S F A Hurt, l-b-w, b Wallace	...	0	c Taylor, b Le Fleming	... 27
Mr E R M English, c Ring, b Le Fleming	...	53	c and b Le Fleming	17
Mr R Wilberforce, c Stainforth, b Le Fleming	...	10	b Le Fleming	... 7
Major Stuart, b Wallace	...	9	b Ring	... 9
Mr C G Morphett, run out	...	2	c Taylor, b Ring	... 1
Lieut-Col Goodwyn, b Le Fleming	...	10	not out	... 43
Mr R E Harenc, b Wallace	...	11	run out	... 4
,, C Anson, b Ring	...	6	not out	... 5
,, W R Daniell, c MacLeod, b Stainforth	...	31	did not bat	... 0
,, E K Twiss, b Stainforth	...	11	l-b-w, b Le Fleming	6
Capt Tailyour, not out	...	11		
Extras	...	24	Extras	... 14
Total	...	186	Total	... 136

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE LEAGUE.

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* BURN & CO.—Played on the Howrah ground last Saturday. The game was a very one-sided affair, the Highlanders having the best of it all through, and had it not been for the fine goal-keeping by Dodds they would certainly have won by a larger margin. Burn & Co. opened well but lost a couple of good chances and the visitors got to work. Hogg put on the first goal from a scrimmage which was all the score up to the interval. On changing ends the Highlanders took up the attack and a continuous onslaught enabled Quinn to put on three more goals for the visitors, thus leaving them victorious by four goals to *nil*. Teams:—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan and Mowatt, *half-backs*; Pollock, Lockhart, Quinn, Montgomery and Hogg, *forwards*.

BURN & CO.—Dodds, *goal*; Donnithorne and MacFadyen, *backs*; Wood, Kerr, and Cochrane, *half-backs*; Russell, Todd, Freeman, J. Bonner and W. Bonner, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Henry, Y. M. C. A.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* HOWRAH UNITED.—These teams met on the Dalhousie ground on the 6th instant when rather an uninteresting game resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to *nil*. They were the first to attack and sent in several shots which were unsuccessful. Play ruled midfield for a space then a piece of good combination by the home forwards took the ball into the Howrah territory, where a good pass by Stewart enabled Rosser to put the ball through. The Dalhousie men continued to press, and Rosser getting away with a brilliant run scored a second time. After the interval the home team rushed the ball down and a constant attack was kept up against the Howrah goal. Erratic shooting by the Dalhousie men prevented any scoring and the game ended as stated. Teams:—

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Bushby and Margrett, *backs*; Phelps, Wallace, and Dalling, *half-backs*; Kehlin, Rosser, Watts, Stewart, and Simson, *forwards*.

HOWRAH UNITED.—A. Bennett, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, Osborne, Jr. and Curtis, *half-backs*; J. Smith, Munden, W. Smith, Burn, and Jackson, *forwards*.

Referee—Mr. H. Remfry, C. F. C.

K.O.S.B.'s *vs.* RANGERS.—The Rangers' ground was the venue of this match played on the 6th instant. The Borderers kicked off and going down Cassidy put the ball through soon after the

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start, but was ruled off side. Cuthbert and Russell did some smart work for the home team but they could not break through, and shortly before half time Cassidy put the Borderers ahead by beating Whelan with a tricky shot. On crossing over the Borderers bombarded the Rangers' goal, but Whelan was all there and saved in fine style. At last, however, Byers found an opening and put the ball through. The home team then woke up and a combined run by Russell, Williams, and O'Laughlin resulted in the last-named finding the net. Nothing further was scored and the game ended in a win for the Dum-Dum team by two goals to one. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.'s.—O'Neil, *goal*; Allen and McDonald, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart, and Tait, *halves*; Byers, Bruce, Cassidy, Doggett, and Nielson, *forwards*.

Rangers.—Whelan, *goal*; Templeton and Anderson, *backs*; Brown, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *halves*; Swan, White, Williams, Cuthbert, and Russell, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M Remfry, C. F. C.

Calcutta *vs.* 64th R. G. A.—Played on the Calcutta ground and ended in a pointless draw. Play ruled very even for the first few minutes; then Calcutta pressed and the Gunners' goal was threatened, the home team losing several chances through bad shooting. The visitors also lost some opportunities and half time arrived without scoring. After the interval the Calcutta forwards took the ball into the enemy's quarter, but could not pass their backs; up and down play followed and the home team were still pressing when the whistle went. Teams:—

Calcutta.—Buckley, *goal*, Gahan and Todd, *backs*; Maunder, Crawford and Walker, *halves*; Binning, Sherman, Fyffe, Cooper and Gillespie, *forwards*.

64th R. G. A.—Hutchinson, *goal*; Prince and Quinn, *backs*, Lockens, Donelly and Corby, *halves*; Wodds, Wratten, Lieut. Shaw, Nicoll, and Doods, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. G. W. H. Batho, Rangers' F. C.

Dalhousie *vs.* 64th R.F.A.—This match was played on the Dalhousie ground last Tuesday and resulted in a win for the home team by 3 goals to 1. Dalhousie got away first, but the Gunners brought the ball back and Peake had a lively time. Then the home team got going again and forced two corners, Echlin putting in some good work, but back came the visitors, and after some pressing Shaw netted the ball, up and down play followed till the home forwards rushed down and forced a corner; nothing resulted, but a little later Echlin sent in a fine centre which Watts headed into the net. Crossing over with the scores equal, the home team had the best of matters, and after some hard play in which Watts and Rosser were conspicuous, the ball was taken to the gunners' end, where Johnstone put on the second goal for Dalhousie and they continned the attack. Watts scored a third goal from a long shot, and the game ended as stated. Teams :—

64th R.F.A.—Hutchinson, *goal*; Prince and Quinn, *backs*; Lockens, Carley, and Donnelly, *halves*; Woods, Wratten, Shaw, Nicoll, and Dodds, *forwards*.

Dalhousie F. C.—Pete, *goal*; Margrett and Wade, *backs*; Dalling, Wallace and Phelps, *halves*; Echlin, Rosser, Watts Johnston and Williams, *forwards*,

Referee.—Mr. Henry, Calcutta Rangers.

Burn and Co. *vs.* K. O. S. B's.—Played at Howrah on the 9th instant and ended in a crushing defeat for the Engineers by 7 goals to *nil*. The home team went away at the start, but were soon pulled up and an attack made on their goal where several shots were sent in by Cassidy and Byers. Freeman, however, was at last beaten by Nielson, who added a second goal almost immediately. The Borderers kept up the attack, and in spite of a good defence two more goals were put on, one by Cassidy and the other by Bruce. After the interval the Engineers kept the Borderers out for a time and going down Kerr and Bonner put in a couple of shots which the Borderers' custodian had no difficulty in saving. Then the visitors rushed down and a continual attack resulted in Cassidy scoring twice and Dogett once. No further scoring took place, the Borderers winning as stated by 7 goals to *nil*. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.'s.—O'Neil, *goal*; MacDonald and Allen, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart and Tait, *half-backs*; Byers, Bruce, Cassidy, Nielson, and Dogett, *forwards*.

Burn & Co.—Freeman, *goal*; MacFadyen and Donnithorne, *backs*; Russell, Kerr, and Cochrane, *half-backs*; Robertson, H. Bonner, Wood, J. Bonner, and Todd, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Remfry.

Name of Club.	Matches played	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals For.	Goals Against.
93rd H'landers	7	6	0	1	13	20	3
Calcutta	7	4	1	2	10	9	3
Dalhousie	8	4	2	2	10	12	7
K O S B	7	4	3	0	8	19	9
Y M C A	7	4	3	0	8	9	7
64th R F A	7	2	4	1	5	7	10
Howrah	7	2	4	1	5	5	16
Rangers	8	2	5	1	5	7	15
Burn's A C	8	1	7	0	2	1	19

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Several complaints have recently reached us from players, especially wing forwards, regarding the obstruction to their game, and the risk of injury they incur, on account of the close proximity of spectators to the touch lines, which has now reached such lengths that it is often impossible to distinguish the touch lines by reason of the crowds that sit on and often swarm over them. The remedy for this state of affairs lies entirely with the executives of the various clubs, and if monetary considerations do not permit of the playing area being roped in, some other steps, such as the assistance of members for keeping back the spectators, should be resorted to.

There have been very few matches of particular interest during the past week, but perhaps the best contested and most exciting was the first meeting of the 93rd Highlanders and Dalhousie which took place on the ground of the Fort team before an enormous attendance. Both elevens were at full strength and the game was an exceptionally fast one from start to finish. Nothing was scored by either side in the first half, during which the visitors had undoutedly the best of the game, but shortly after the restart Stimson beat Coventry before the military custodian could recover from repulsing a shot from Watts, and thus placed the first goal to the credit of Dalhousie, who continued to hold the upper hand until towards the closing stages when the superior condition of the Fort men became most pronounced, and they literally bombarded the civilian goal, but Peake saved again and again in marvellous fashion, and it was only through an extremely lucky rebound off Quin's chest that the Highlanders drew level.

Both elevens played a fine game throughout, during which the Dalhousie men showed greater cleverness than their opponents, but their want of condition was most apparent during the closing stages of the match. Peake in goal was very fine as usual, and he was ably assisted by the sound defence of Margrett and Bushby. Watts, who kept going from start to finish, gave one of his best displays, and both Williams and Stimson were repeatedly dangerous. Echlin, however, was disappointing, and though possessed of great pace is far too impetuous. Wallace gave one of the best exhibitions of half-back play we have seen this season—his tackling was never at fault and the accuracy with which he placed the ball in the mouth of the goal time after time, was a treat to witness. Of the Fort team McGovan at half-back, and Montgomery and Lockhart of the forwards were most conspicuous.

The members of the Calcutta team have anything but pleasant recollections of their visit to Howrah to meet the United Club, whom they vanquished by 3 goals to love The game throughout was of a poor description, and was marked by a series of most deliberate fouls on the part of the home team, of which the elder Sherman appeared to be the principal victim, and for which the delinquents were promptly and rightly penalised. Calcutta took the field without Todd and Cooper for whom Gahan and the younger Sherman were substituted, and the latter fully justified his inclusion by playing a fine game throughout. Bennett, the Howrah custodian, made several clever saves, but the trans-Hooghly forwards showed little or no combination and their shooting was feeble in the extreme.

The departure of the Calcutta eleven from Howrah was accompanied by volleys of stones and other missiles which left their marks on several members of the team, and as this is not the first time that this has occurred and the police appear to be powerless to prevent it, we think it would be as well if future matches between the two teams took place on neutral ground.

The Rangers, who were strengthened by the inclusion of Templeton, met and defeated that erratic team the Y.M.C.A after an exciting game by 2 goals to 1; but they are indebted for their victory to a shocking decision on the part of the referee, which the Committee of the I. F. A, to whom the matter has been referred, cannot possibly allow to stand.

The Young Men were without Baldwin and Street, and although they did most of the pressing their repeated attacks were well met by Templeton and Lees, who were well supported by Whelan in goal. The only point in the first half was scored by Cooper for the Rangers, but the shot, although a hard one, should have been saved by Williams. Directly after the restart Apcar was badly fouled and Yackjee equalised from the subsequent penalty. The game continued to go in favour of the visitors, but Russell obtaining possession ran down and centreed beautifully to White, who headed through, and thus put the Rangers ahead, but the Y. M. C. A. scored again and the match should have been a draw, but in consequence of the referee's decision above referred to the last goal was disallowed and for the present the Rangers can claim a victory by 2 goals to 1.

It is to be hoped that the display of the Calcutta eleven against the Barrackpore R. A. will have the beneficial effect of opening the eyes of their captain and those responsible for the selection of the team to the disorganisation which they are causing by the constant shuffling and changing in which they are indulging, and which would be perfectly understandable had the team been unsuccessful, but as the reverse has been the case it is surely a mistaken policy to court defeat by trying experiments.

A wholesale reorganisation of the team took place on Saturday last. The elder Sherman was dropped and Stewart was unable to play owing to an injury, so this left two places to fill on the left wing. Cooper was transferred to inside left from his usual position which was filled by H. Sherman and Gillespie was brought from full back to outside left and Gahan played back. The result was a foregone conclusion—Cooper was almost useless in his new position, Gahan was a poor substitute for Gaillespie at back, and the latter was far to slow and hopelessly out of place as a forward. If it is the intention to drop V. Sherman from the team we feel convinced that a great mistake is being made, as, although he has played disappointingly so far this year he is still one of the most dangerous forwards on the side as he is a most accurate and deadly shot.

The Barrackpore R. A. were not expected to prove a stumbling block to Calcutta, although the latter were not at full strength but such was the case, as, after a game which was singularly devoid of good play, time was called without either side having scored The premier club had had undoubtedly the best of the game and but for some terribly bad shooting, principally on the part of Fyfe, they should have won by at least 3 goals. The Barackpore men pressed on one or two occasions but were easily repulsed although a mis-kick by Buckley soon after the start nearly went into the net. Lieutenant Shaw was indefatigable in his efforts to penetrate the opposing defence, while the R. A custodian, Hutchinson, maintained his previous good form. For Calcutta the younger Sherman and Binning combined well on the right wing, the latter especially centreing well and accurately on several occasions.

Howrah with a weak team were no match for Dalhousie on the ground of the latter club on Saturday last, as despite the fact that the home team were playing a very wild and erratic game, they managed to beat the visitors by 2 goals to 0. Both points were scored by Rosser one of which was from a very fine individual run by that player. In the second half Howrah pressed in most determined fashion for some time, but Margrett and Bushby defended well. Morrow for Howrah played well at half back

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The score of 2 goals to 1 by which the K. O. S. B. beat the Rangers is no criterion of the immense superiority shown by the military team in this match on Saturday last, as but for the magnificent goal keeping of Wheelan the score would have assuredly been much heavier. The game does not permit of much description as the Dum-Dum team proved far too clever a combination for the home lot who were quite outclassed. O'Laughlin scored the solitary point for his side.

The Chiel.

MURREE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

The Finals.

Queen's *vs.* King's Royal Rifles.—A large crowd assembled to witness the final match in the tournament and were rewarded with a fine display. The Queen's got away at once and a smart piece of combination took them to the Rifles' quarters, where they put the ball through within a couple of minutes of the start. They continued the attack and forced a corner, but without result. The Queen's goal was then attacked, but Keale saved and exchanges ruled very even, till the 60th got going once more and Stolworthy put on a second goal for his side. The Rifles were playing hard, but they put on an extra spurt and managed to net the ball just before half time. On changing ends the Rifles played all they knew to equalise, and on several occasions looked like scoring, but a couple of chances were not taken advantage and the Queen's once more took the ball to the other end, where, after forcing a corner, the ball was put through but ruled off side. Another goal by them was given off side and then the Rifles got away forcing a corner which proved abortive. No further scoring took place and the Queen's were declared winners by two goals to one. Teams:—

Queen's :—Keale, Keigher, Robinson, Clarke, Haines, White, Allen, Pennel, Stolworthy, Lawrence, and Waring.

King's Royal Rifles :—Hall, McQueen, Williams, Higney, Gradwell Mowatt, Bramwell, Connor, Clayton, Cowniff, and Whitehead.

It is hardly necessary to say that many people who start from London to go to Epsom by road on the Derby Day never reach the Downs at all, and that many more, having got there, see nothing whatever of the great race of the day. The following case is, however, a little out of the common.

A few years ago an American gentleman had come over to England on purpose to see the Derby. The luncheon provided in one of the boxes, however, so occupied his attention that the important event was decided without his knowing it, and he only rushed out in time to see the jockey brought back to scale.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed, as the situation burst upon him; "I've come three thousand miles to eat cold beef and pickles!"

Golf.

GOLF IN BOMBAY.

BANKERS vs. THE WORLD.—This match, which was arranged with some difficulty, owing to the modesty of several players, ended in a win for The World by 18 holes, a result largely due to the play of Messrs. Coombs and Shaw, who were both six up. We understand a return match is being arranged. Details :—

BANKERS vs THE WORLD.

John Stiven	0	Osborne Marshall	1 up
F H Greig	0	P F Fischer	2 up
Jas Carnegie	all square	C J I Jones	all square
B A Don	0	L Stansfield	1 up
R H M Steven	0	T D Moore	2 up
D H Brand	1 up	H S Jacob	0
G C Scott	1 up	Major Rogers	0
J D Johnston	0	E F Coombs	6 up
R Kidd	3 up	C St Paul	0
Robt Fairnie	all square	P Branson	all square
J Greig	0	Lt-Commdr Gardiner, R I M	3 up
J Lapraik	1 up	Rev John Cameron	0
A A Legatt	0	H E Hart	3 up
W I K Hegarty	1 up	F C Bayly	0
S T Hutchison	0	W L Shaw	6 up
J J Esplin	0	C Thomson	1 up
	7 holes		25 holes

Lawn Tennis.

LAWN TENNIS IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.—The finals in the singles were played off on the 1st instant when Messrs. W. Reid and H. Cheetham met and a fine exhibition of tennis was given. Reid secured the first set by 6 to 4; but in the second Cheetham, who was playing very strong, had all the best of it and won the set by six games to two. The concluding set was an exciting one. Cheetham won the opening game, then Reid took the next three and looked as if he would have an easy win, but Cheetham improved wonderfully, and five games all were called. The eleventh game went to Reid, who thus won the set and the Tournament. Appended are results of both the Singles and Doubles :—

SINGLES.

Fisher—15	beat	McCausland + ½	(15 6-5; 6-4)
Powel, Scr	beat	Moore + ½ 15	(6-0 ; 6-3)
Cheetham—15 ½	beat	Crichton + 15 ½	
Caine—½ 15	beat	Bromley + ½ 15	(6-3 ; 6-4)
Westron + ½ 15	beat	Haines + ½ 15	(6-2 ; 6-2)
Kendall + ½ 15	beat	Binning—½ 15	

The following drew byes :

Harrington – ½ 15, James Scr. Rumboll – 15, Thomas + ½ 15. R. Reid – ½ 15, Francis + ½ 15, W. Reid – 30, Worgan – ½ 15, Innes-Ker + ½ 15, Jacob ½ 15, Coombs + ½ 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Harrington – ½ 15	beat	James Scr	(6-2 ; 6-3)
Rumboll – 15	beat	Thomas + ½ 15	(6-1 ; 6-1)
Fischer – 15	beat	Powell Scr	(6-3 ; 6-2)
Cheetham – 15 ½	beat	R. Reid – ½ 15	scratched
Francis scratched.			
Caine – ½ 15	beat	Westron + ½	(15 6-0 ; 6-1)
Reid – 30	beat	Kendall + ½ 15	(6-0 ; 6-1)
Worgan—½ 15	beat	Innes-Ker + ½ 15	
Coombs + ½ 15	beat	Jacob – ½ 15	

THIRD ROUND.

Rumboll – 15	beat	Harrington – ½ 15	(6-3 ; 6-1)
Cheetham – 15 ½	beat	Fischer – 15	
Reid – 30	beat	Caine – ½ 15	
Coombs + ½ 15	beat	Worgan – ½ 15	

SEMI-FINAL.

Cheetham – 15 ½	beat	Rumboll – 15	
Reid—30	beat	Coombs + ½ 15	

FINALS.

Reid—30	beat	Cheetham—15 ½	(6-4; 2-6) 6-5

DOUBLES.

FIRST ROUND.

Jacob, Crichton	+15	beat	Fowell, Hart	+ ½ 15 (6-4; 3-6 ; 6-1)
Thomson, Cheetham	–30	beat	East, Coombs	+ ½ 15 (6-3 ; 3-6 ; 6-1)
Harrington, McCausland	scr	beat	R Reid, Innes-Ker	+ ½ 15 (6-0 ; 6-3)

The following drew byes :—

Francis and Caine + ½ 15. Bromley and J. Reid + 15 ½, Russ and W. Reid – 30, James and Moore + ½ 15, Rumboll and Thomas – 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Bromley, Reid	+ 15 ½	beat	Francis, Caine	+ ½ 15
Jacob, Crichton	+ 15	beat	Thomson, Cheetham	–30 (6-3 ; 6-2)
Russ, Reid	–30	beat	Harrington, McCausland	scr (6-4 ; 0-6 ; 6-3)
James, Moore	+ ½ 15	beat	Rumboll, Thomas	– 15

SEMI FINALS.

Jacob, Crichton	+15	beat	Bromley, Reid	+ 15 ½ (4-6 ; 6-2 ; 6-2)
Russ, Reid	–30	beat	James, Moore	+ ½ 15 (6-4 ; 6-4)

FINALS

Jacob, Crichton	+15	beat	Russ, Reid	–30 (6 2 ; 6-4)

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Bowls.

HOWRAH BOWLING CLUB.

THE Howrah Bowling Club held their annual distribution of Prizes and Bumble Puppy competition last Saturday, when there was a large attendance. MRS. McLAREN, wife of the President of the Club, gave away the prizes to the following winners:—

President's prize, R. Speirs

Vice-President's prize	T Maxwell ...	1
	A Daw ...	2
Doubles Handicap	R Speirs. R Russell.	
Duffers' Handicap	J McMurray ...	1
	H Orford ...	2
American	W R Shanks ...	1
	M M King ...	2
	T Maxwell ...	3
	R Speirs ...	4
Tennis.		
Doubles Handicap	Mrs W Crawford. C S Whiteman.	
Singles Handicap	M M King ...	1
	C S Whiteman ...	2
American	W Crawford ...	1
	C S Whiteman ...	2

The Bumble Puppy resulted as follows:—

1 R. Speirs, 2 M. M. King, 3 J. Patrick, 4 G. D. Grey, 5 G. M. Dick, 6 W. R. Shanks, 7 H. Orford, 8 T. Maxwell, 9 L. McLaren, 10 J. W. Sowton. 11 J. M. Gilmour, 12 J. D. Ness, 13 J. McMurray 14 J. H. Hunter, 15 C. S. Whiteman, and 16 G. T. Lane.

Yachting.

YACHTING IN JAPAN.

THE Easter holidays in Yokohama consisted of Good Friday and Easter Monday, gazetted bank holidays, but the Saturday was generally conceded, giving a clear stretch from Thursday evening to Monday night. With the sailors' superstition about Good Friday, we intended to make a start on Thursday afternoon, as soon as we could get away from our offices, but it rained dismally all day, and there was no wind, so we decided to get on board after dinner, and hoped that it would clear up during the night. The *Nina* is a cutter yacht of 12 tons yacht measurement; 40 feet on deck, 28 feet 2 inches waterline, 9 feet 6 inches beam. She has four berths in the main cabin, and two forward for the crew. Our party consisted of the owner and two friends, and one Japanese as crew. We usually carry two Japanese, but the second sendo was recently dismissed, and his place not filled up. The rain ceased shortly after midnight, and we made an early start at 6 A.M. punctually, with a very light wind which carried us out of the harbour, and a few miles down the Bay, before it died out and left us drifting. It was a beautiful day, and we dawdled along, with the aid of occasional gentle zephyrs until noon, when we found ourselves becalmed close by a strongly fortified island, named Saru Shima, *i.e.* Monkey Island. By this time the tide had turned, and so we dropped anchor, and devoted our attention to tiffin. Saru Shima lies just off the big Japanese Naval Station and arsenal of Yokosuka, and before we had been there very long a steam launch came out with a party of submarine miners, who stopped close beside the yacht, and began diving operations in connection with one of the mines laid there. In answer to enquiries, the Japanese officer in charge assured us that there was no danger to our boat, as we did not fly the Russian flag. About 3 P.M. a nice breeze sprang up, which enabled us to set our course for Kannon Saki, at the entrance of the Gulf of Yedo, and rounding the point, we entered the harbour of Uraga and anchored there at 4-30. Just inside the harbour we saw a small steamer, with only her masts, funnel and bridge showing above water. On enquiry we learned that she had struck a rock outside, and they had only just got her inside the harbour in time to run her on to a soft spot before she sank. On the steep hillsides surrounding the harbour there was a very fine show of plum and cherry blossoms which looked very prretty, backed up by the deep shade of the cryptomerias covering the ridges. In the harbour we saw two small gunboats being built by the Japanese for America, for use in the Philippines. On Saturday morning we turned out early, and left harbour at 7 A.M. with a fair wind, and ran down the coast, passing inside the dangerous Plymouth Rocks, where many vessels have come to grief. A big steamer hit them a few months ago, and was quickly broken up. The rocks stand up with deep water all round them, and within half a cable's length there are 60 fathoms. Leaving them behind, we soon had Cape Sagami on our beam, and hauling on the wind, shaped our course to the passage between Joka Shima and the fishing village of Misaki. This passage is full of ugly reefs, but the wind was steady and the sea smooth, and we threaded our way through them with no difficulty. Once clear out in the open, we held a consultation as to what place we should make for. The morning so far had been dull and there was every promise of heavy rain coming, and probably a good deal of wind as well. We therefore decided to put into a very pretty little harbour, Aburatsubo, about which we had heard a great deal from other yachtsmen. None of us had been there before, and although it was yet early in the day to make port, we thought it best to get there before the rain came and made sailing disagreeable. So the large scale chart of that part of the coast was brought out, and we put the boat about and raced for the entrance, which is protected by projecting reefs on either side, which break the force of the sea in heavy weather. Aburatsubo is a very pretty little place, surrounded by well wooded hills. The harbour has an inner pocket, in which a yacht might lie with security through any typhoon. We dropped anchor in 3½ fathoms, and quickly made all snug, as the rain was coming up fast. It poured heavily all the afternoon, until close on sunset, when it cleared up, and turned to a beautifully clear evening. We sat on deck for some time, watching the changing hues in the western sky, with the great Fujiyama standing up to its height of 12,000 feet across the water. Fujiyama is indeed a beautiful mountain, and it is not surprising that the Japanese are so fond of it. The last rays of the sun tinged its snow-capped peak with red and gold, and the full moon when she rose changed it again into glittering silver.

Easter morning broke fine and clear, and we went ashore for a climb among the hills, taking our cameras to secure mementoes of our cruise. Up in the woods we found violets in great profusion, and above us larks filled the air with their songs of gladness. It was indeed a morning that made one feel that it was good to be alive. We lingered on until the want of breakfast began to make itself noticed; the keen cold air giving an edge to our appetites. So we returned to the yacht, and were glad to find that the sendo was busy with the wherewithal to appease our hunger.

After breakfast we took in a reef in the mainsail, and got all ready to leave. We could see that there was a fresh wind blowing from the north, but it was difficult to judge of its strength from the shelter of the harbour. However, it is easier to shake out a reef than to tie one in the open, and we thought we would be on the safe side. With the single reefed mainsail, stay-sail and No. 2 jib, we cleared out into the open, and then found that there was all the wind we wanted, as it was blowing fairly strong. With sheets free we raced along for about five miles due west, and then gybed, setting our course for Misaki. Once well clear of Joka Shima, we let her ramp along until we were off Cape Sagami once more, and then put the boat on the wind. On the east side of the peninsular we found the wind and sea much heavier, and the spray from our weather bow necessitated oilskins, or we would soon have been drenched. Presently we discovered that there was quite a lot of water under the cabin floorboards, which the skipper could not account for as the boat is tight and dry, and we knew we had not struck anything. However, a search revealed the cause of the mischief; the water butt had broken its lashings and having been refilled just before we left Aburatsubo, it had emptied itself into the bilge. We reached Uraga shortly after noon, and were once more on an even keel.

After tiffin the skipper went ashore to buy fresh beef, as we had nothing left but tinned provisions. We also took in a further stock of water, and were careful to see that the butt was properly lashed this time. We stayed in Uraga for the night, and on Monday left at 9 A.M. for the return up the Bay to Yokohama. The wind and sea had gone down, and we had a very peaceful journey back. In the Bay we ran across a big school of porpoises, heaving themselves out of the water in all directions, some of them quite close to the boat. We tried to secure some snapshots of them, but without much success, as they come up and disappear so quickly that by the time a camera can be brought to bear on the spot, they have gone under.

When close up to the harbour, the wind died away till the sails were all flapping, and we were surprised to see another yacht leave her moorings, and come bowling out to the entrance in the breakwater at a fine pace. But she brought a very nice breeze with her, and once inside the breakwater we began to churn up the water at a great rate. In fact, with three hours or so more daylight, it seemed a pity to go straight to our moorings, but we decided that we had done pretty well on our cruise, and so resisted the temptation.

A. R. C.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

A TWO lengths Hurdle Handicap was held on Friday last, the 5th June. Eleven competitors faced the starter and the results were as follows :—

FIRST HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	F. T. Blockley ...	12 secs.	62½ secs.
2	A. R. C. Miller ...	Scratch.	51 ,,
3	D. V. Harvey ...	5 secs.	Disqualified.

G. Mead also swam, but did not finish.

SECOND HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	G. Brown ...	4 secs.	49 secs.
2	H. G. Remfry ...	12 ,,	59½ ,,
3	K. M. Kennedy ...	4 ,,	53 ,,
4	A. E. B. Siddons ...	7 ,,	56½ ,,

THIRD HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	A. L. Clarke ...	10 secs.	58 secs.
2	H. M. Sherman ...	Scratch.	48½ ,,
3	J. Knox-Ord ...	7 secs.	59½ ,,

FINAL HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	G. Brown ...	4 secs.	49 secs.
2	F. T. Blockley ...	12 ,,	60 ,,
3	H. G. Remfry ...	12 ,,	64 ,,
4	A. L. Clarke ...	10 ,,	Not taken.

The next event will be a four lengths handicap on Friday, 19th June.

The only two things that seem "certs" in this world are death and quarter-day—especially the latter, coming as it does with a regularity that is, to say the least of it, monotonous, especially after one has had a few bad Mondays. In a well-regulated household, the lord and master whereof does not dash the last quarter's rent on a "cert" which, going the way of other "certs" lands him a cropper, it may not matter so much; but in the merry punter's domicile there is apt to be trouble when a disaster occurs similar to the one which we are about to relate.

At Stockbridge (some forty years ago) the late Mr. J. B. Starkey had two horses engaged—a magnificent mare named Viridis and a younger horse called Landtax. Both had been tried, and Landtax had done so well that the race was considered to be a good thing for him by those chiefly concerned in the matter. The merits of Viridis were well known to the public, but her stable-companion was a dark one. Landtax carried the confidence—and, what was more important, the money—of the Danebury patrons, while Viridis, who had been pretty heavily backed by the public, was ridden by an old Danebury jockey, Salter.

The owner, as usual, made himself very busy in all the preliminaries, which was the cause of him receiving a considerable amount of chaff afterwards. Viridis got well away at the start, closely followed by Landtax, and a terrific race ensued between the pair, Landtax being beaten by a head, Viridis in the hands of Salter, just getting her nose in first after a punishing finish.

This result was due to the fact that Starkey, in his excitement, had forgotten to make a declaration, and to tell Salter not to force the pace. The chagrin of the Duke of Beaufort, the Marquis of Hastings, and other of the heavy-betting Danebury patrons at this unlooked-for result can well be imagined.

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The Horse.

THE SIMLA HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

THERE was a great gathering at Annandale on Saturday, the 5th instant, on the occasion of the Horse and Dog Show. The entries for the former exceeded all expectations, while those for the latter were disappointingly small, and further the class left much to be desired. In the Horse Show there were not only numbers, but there was quality in abundance. The jumping competitions were very entertaining, very many of the horses and ponies performing admirably, and the judges must have had a hard job to make their awards. On the other hand there were some remarkably bad jumpers and some execrable exhibitions of riding, a feature inseparable from all shows of the kind. The arrangements were admirable and the proceedings terminated by the prizes being presented by H. E. Lady Curzon with that charm of manner that cannot fail to enhance the value of the presentations made by her.

HORSES.

CLASS I.—For chargers, including walers, C.-B.'s, Arabs.
General E. Elliot's Kronstadt 1
Major Maxwell's English Lord 2

CLASS II.—For ladies' hacks over 14 (to be ridden by ladies).
Miss Madden's Bronzewing and Miss Colvin's Tourist, owners up.

CLASS III.—For ladies' hacks 14-2 and under, to be ridden by ladies.
Lady Mary Tagart's Bismarck 1
Colonel Birdwood's Petel 2

CLASS IV.—For C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under.
Lieut.-Col. Morgan's Makquet 1
Vet. Major Walker's Silly Loo 2

CLASS V.—For Arab ponies 14-2 and under.
Kour Sahib's Brigand and Rock Sand.

CLASS VI.—For all horses over 14-2.
Major M. Cowper's Melbourne 1
Miss Madden's Bronzewing 2

CLASS VII.—For English, Australasian, and Cape ponies 14-2 and under.
Lieut-Col Morgan's Kia Ora 1
Capt Peacock's Australia 2

CLASS VIII.—For children's ponies—all breeds.

CLASS IX.—For Ordnance mules.
Nos. 20 and 102.

CLASS X.—For polo ponies that have been playing at Simla during season 1903.
Colonel Baring's Gus 1
Major Maxwell's Sheen 2

JUMPING COMPETITION FOR HORSES.
Mrs Buck's Herald, Owner 1
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Flying Dutchman 2
Lord Suffolk's Jericho, Owner 3

The Herald was the black charger ridden by Major Maxwell, the Herald at the Delhi Durbar.

PONIES' JUMPING COMPETITION.
Major Grimston's Greymist, Capt Holden 1

Major Merewether's Monday and Colonel Kennard's Baron Trek divided second prize.

General Sir E. Elliot's Kronstadt won the prize for the best horse in the show, and Major Grimston's Greymist was the best pony.

DOGS.

CLASS I.—Best bobbery pack dog.
Not awarded.

CLASS II.—Any other large variety, including St. Bernards, Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Deerhounds, Bloodhounds, Great Danes, Wolfhounds, Greyhounds etc.
Major Marker's Australian Greyhound 1
Mrs. Buck's Great Dane Mona 2

CLASSES III and IV.—Terriers rough, other than fox-terriers for dogs and bitches only.
Mr. Hudson's Danny and Mr. F. Elles' Jock.

CLASSES V and VI.—For terriers, smooth, for dogs and bitches only.
Capt Wigram's Avon Monitor and Mr. Lampard's Pioneer Jess.

CLASS VII.—Wired-haired fox-terriers, for dogs only.
Not awarded.

CLASS VIII.—Wired-haired fox-terriers, for bitches only.
Captain Wigram's Moti.

Mr. Connelly's Vic.

CLASS IX.—Retrievers, pointers, setters, spaniels.
Mr Devenishe's Glove Jet.
Major Rundle's Mishur Ruby.

CLASS X.—Collies and sheep dogs.
Mrs Yeilding's Mickie 1
Colonel Birdwood's Chaman 2

CLASS XI.—Poodles.
Major Barrow's Zon Zon 1
Mr and Mrs Cowper's Raggles 2

CLASS XI.—Dashshounds.
Mr Schwaiger's Sir Roger 1
Mrs Jones' Warrior 2

CLASS XIV.—Soldiers' dogs—free
Sergt-Major Patterson's dog and Gunner Bryant, No. 5 Mountain Battery.

The prizes were given away by Lady Curzon.

The Naturalist.

THE INDIAN SNIPES.

BY F. FINN, B. A., F.Z.S.

IN the first place I must sincerely apologize to the editor and readers of *the Indian Field* for the long interval which has elapsed between this article and the last of the Wader series, which appeared in the issue of 9th October 1902, and dealt with the general characters of the snipes. My illness and journey home, and varied pre-occupations there, are my only excuse; but now I hope to get forward again.

In that article I mentioned that the Woodcock was distinguished from the other snipes by being more thickset and shorter on the leg, which is feathered right down to the hock, a very rare peculiarity among wading birds. Moreover the head is banded crosswise, instead of longitudinally, with black, and the size of the common Woodcock of Europe and India much exceeds that of any of our snipe, though the Brazilian giant snipe (*gallinago gigantea*) is bigger than any Woodcock. Only four species of Woodcocks are known, of which only one is found in the continental part of the Old World; the other three being the Moluccan, Javan, and American Woodcocks.

THE WOODCOCK.

Scolopax rusticola, Blanford, Faun. Brit. Ind. Birds, Vol. IV., Native names:—*Simtitar, Tutitar*, Hind.; *Sim Kukra*, in Kumaon; *Chinjarole*, in Chamba. The word "titar" (partridge) in these names strongly recalls the "cock" in the English title.

The Woodcock is, indeed, rather like a partridge in shape, except for the big head and long bill, but its wings are of course much larger; it shows none of the slenderness of form so common in waders; its plumage is also rather like that of a game bird, being a rich motting of various shades of black and brown above and buff with dark bars below; the quills are marked with chestnut on the edges, whereas those of our other true snipes are plain. The short tail is mostly black, tipped with dark grey above and silver-white below; it has twelve feathers. The beak is dark brown, becoming livid at the roof, and the feet greyish. The eyes are dark, and very large and full.

An old poet has the couplet—

"Fools are known by looking wise,
As men find Woodcocks by their eyes."

And by acting on this I was able to pick out the Woodcock (American) from a photo taken under natural conditions, which was a regular puzzle of the "find-the-policeman" type, owing to the protective colouration of the bird: I recommend this old tip to people out Woodcock shooting. The sexes of the Woodcock are alike as in all true snipes; the young are more boldly marked on the outer web of the first quill with chestnut, and also have more chestnut on the tail.

The bird is about fourteen inches long, with a wing of nearly eight inches, bill three, and shank only half of this length But Indian birds are smaller than European, and weigh about four ounces less—a fine European bird will weigh a pound.

The common Woodcock ranges all across Europe and Asia, migrating southwards in winter. It breeds all along the Himalayas above ten thousand feet, coming down to the valleys in winter, or even migrating as far as the hills of Southern India, Ceylon, and Burma; in fact, at this season it may be found in any part of the Empire, but not commonly except in the Nilgiris. I have only once in eight years got a specimen in the Calcutta Bazaar, and it appears not to have been recorded from the Andamans or Nicobars. It comes down in November and returns to its mountain haunts in March. As implied by its name the Woodcock is a bird addicted to frequenting cover, lying quiet during the day, and frequenting the margin of water, especially streams, in its nightly search for food. It is of solitary habits, and is a gross and greedy feeder, devouring quantities of earth worms, and also taking grubs, beetles, &c. Its borings in search of food furnish a means of discovering it, as also its habit of turning over the dead leaves for the same object. In the Himalayas it breeds in June, laying four eggs in a hollow on the ground among moss or dead leaves; these eggs measure rather over an inch and-a-half in length, and are marked with reddish brown and purple grey on a ground varying from buff to reddish drab.

At the breeding-season the Woodcock displays some very remarkable habits; the male in spring flies slowly about with puffed-out plumage, going backwards and forwards; this exercise known as "roading" is performed in the morning and evening, and the bird during it utters a peculiar note. Then the female, when the young are hatched, will carry them with her to escape danger, or to find a suitable feeding-ground; they are held between the thighs, and also supported by the bill and feet. In this way the bird is able to fly with one of her offspring even when they have grown as large as snipe. This shows the great wing power of the Woodcock, although its ordinary flight is heavy and flapping. It is, however, a notoriously deceptive flyer, having the power of darting off suddenly sideways, and also of alighting "all of a bloomin' sudden" as the sailor said. Woodcock in India, however, are far tamer and easier to shoot than in Europe: they furnish a well-known object of sport in the Nilgherries, and, as everyone knows, are remarkably good eating; in fact almost the best of all birds for the table.

Woodcock have been cited as among those desirable articles which cannot be increased in abundance by human agency. But this is hardly correct; effective game-preserving would undoubtedly increase their numbers, as it has done in England; the eggs of such a bird should of course be held sacred from collectors; and the detestable custom followed in Sweeden of shooting the "roading" male should be regarded as poaching just as much as the old one of catching the birds in nets or springs. Moreover it would be highly advantageous to introduce this valuable bird into Tasmania and New Zealand, and this would not be at all impossible, for the Woodcock will live well in confinement. One survived for some years in the London Zoological Gardens, being fed on chopped raw meat; it looked healthy and was very tame, and I often amused myself by feeding it with lob-worms from my fingers, for it would come right up to the front of the aviary for them. It has also been known to live in captivity on so simple a diet as bread and milk; and a gentleman with whom I once travelled home told me that in his home in the hills in India, a wild Woodcock used to come and feed on boiled rice with his fowls. Indian Woodcocks would, indeed, be the best for acclimatization purposes, since, as we have seen above, they are in many cases but slightly migratory. Now therefore that the New Zealand Acclimatization Societies have formed an association, I hope they will have a try of the Woodcock, and as the bird is rare in Ceylon, Anglo-Indian spostsmen might do worse than make an attempt to establish it in the hills of that Island.

MEETING OF THE LONDON ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SEVERAL interesting communications and exhibits were made at the Zoo Meeting on 12th May. Imprimis, it was gratifying to hear from the new Secretary that the menagerie had been enriched during April by, among other things, a young Bactrian camel born in the gardens; a specimen of the rare and handsome Bleshok Antelope (*Damaliscus albifrons*), and two Green Geckos (*Phelsuma madagascariense*). These last are most beautiful little reptiles, brilliant green with red markings, much like a species found in the Andaman Islands (*P. Andamanense*), which, however, is not so large judging from those I have seen. This Andaman Green Gecko has been exhibited in the Calcutta Zoo, and I hope more will be brought up. The veteran naturalist, Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier, exhibited a skin and illustration of a fine Pheasant (*Phasianus kogenbecki*), which had been obtained under rather peculiar circumstances The species has not been long described, and has now turned up in numbers in the shops of the poulterers in Leadenhall Market, having been imported frozen from some part of Asia under Russian control. The bird closely resembles the familiar ring-necked Pheasant of China (*Phasianus torquatus*), but is lighter and brighter in colour, with the white collar about twice as broad, and often a white spot below the eye; it is also a larger bird. Mr. Tegetmeier suggested that it would be a good bird for our coverts, in which opinion all who saw the specimen would, I am sure, agree. I had myself the honour of exhibiting some specimens exemplifying variation in wild mammals and birds, notably drawings by the careful Museum artist, A. C. Chowdhury, of a frontlet and pair of horns of the Kakur (*Cervulus muntjac*) which were procured by a friend of mine in the Indian Medical Service in the valley of the Rydak River not far from the Buxa cantonment. Their peculiarity consisted in the presence of two small single spikes or extra horns, springing quite independently

from the outer sides of the long bony columns or pedicles which support the true antlers As the local shikaries told my friend that such four-horned Kakur were not uncommon, it would be of interest to investigate the matter I took occasion to mention some other varieties in deer which had come to my knowledge in India, notably two black specimens of the Kakur doe from the Himalayas, and two pecular fawns of the Sambhar, (*Cervus unicolor*), one as red as a Kakur, and the other slightly but distinctly spotted with white. All these I saw in Calcutta, alive in the hands of Mr. Rutledge or other dealers In Calcutta also I several times met with a bird, a variety of which I exhibited a skin on this occasion. This was a variety of the Ruff (*Pavoncella pugnax*) with the head and neck white even in winter plumage. The variability of the Ruff "when he has his show on" as the few men used to say, is well known, but in winter all Ruffs are usually as much alike as all proverbial cats in the dark. The variety alluded to seems to have become more common of late years; I certainly used not to meet with it in the Calcutta bazaar when I first came out here. Two specimens of it which were still living in the Calcutta Zoo when I went home at the end of last year, have shown that these birds also have the nuptial ruff and tipped white when they don these ornaments.

The Society's Prosector, Mr. F. E. Beddard, exhibited some brains of mammals in spirits, and Dr. J. F. Gemmill gave an exhibit of slides illustrating double-monster embryos in trout. These Siamese twin fishes, if they ever live to grow up, ought to be interesting to anglers. Communications on the metamorphoses of certain Decapod Crustacea, on Fishes from Rio Janeiro, and on new South Africa Chrysomelid beetles were brought forward, but, according to the wise rule in such cases, were mercifully taken as read, and will in due course be available for study at leisure in the published "Proceedings" of the Society.

F. FINN.

The Story Teller.

RUNNING REIN'S DERBY

AMONG the six score races or thereabouts which go to complete the momentous history of the Blue Riband of the Turf, no contest has caused so much excitement, or has been so frequently alluded to in song and story, as the memorable struggle of 1844 in which Running Rein came in first, only to be disqualified in favour of Orlando after the exposure of one of the biggest swindles ever perpetrated in the history of horse-racing. The whole thing was so beautifully worked, and so completely carried out, that a recital of the chief events can hardly prove uninteresting.

At the Newmarket Second October meeting of 1843 an animal called Running Rein beat a good field for a fifty-pound plate. He belonged to one Abraham Levi Goodman, proprietor of a London hell, called "The little Nick," and a well-known associate of swindlers of every denomination. An objection was lodged against this so-called Running Rein by the Duke of Rutland, the owner of Crinoline, who ran second, on the ground that he was a three instead of a two-year-old, as required by the conditions of the race. The matter was brought before the Stewards of the Jockey Club, but the evidence adduced by Goodman seemed to them satisfactory, and the objection was overruled.

Towards the end of the same year a Mr. Alexander Wood, a corn-merchant of Epsom, took over Running Rein from Goodman for a bad debt, and give him £200 into the bargain for the horse, with all his engagements. These liabilities included the Epsom Derby, in which Mr. Goodman had also nominated a bay filly by Venison out of Isabella.

It should here be mentioned that after winning the £50 plate Running Rein—although beaten the next day in the Clearwell by Colonel Peel's Zenobia—was quoted at 40 to 1 for the following year's Derby, and the Goodman division backed him at those odds to win something like £100,000. Though entered for the Two Thousand he did not compete in that race, nor did he run again, after the Clearwell, till the following year at Epsom. There is no question but what this animal that won the £50 plate and which passed the post first for the Derby of 1844 wers one and the same horse.

The week before the Derby a protest against Running Rein starting was handed to Baron de Tessier, one of the stewards of the meeting. It was signed by Lord George Bentinck, Mr. Bowes, and Mr. Scott. The Baron, after conferring with Sir G. Heathcote, called on Mr. Wood to produce either the servant of the breeder or such other evidence as might be deemed sufficient to establish the identity of Running Rein. On the Saturday before the race, having been furnished with what seemed, *prima facie*, sufficient evidence on this score, permission was given for the colt to compete. At the same time the parties were informed that they must be prepared, if necessary, for further examination afterwards, as their declarations might be required in a law court. The following report of the race is taken from *Bell's Life* of the 26th of May 1844:—

"At the third attempt the flag dropped, and the largest field of horses (twenty-nine in number) that has run for the Derby since Coronation's year were got off on fair terms. The running was at once taken up by Leander, followed for a few strides by Voltri, and then by Abkar, The Ugly Buck third, with Orlando behind on his right and Ratan on his left, Running Rein next, in The Ugly Buck's track, and in his rear Ionian and Bay Momus —the pace so severe that Dick Thornton, Beaumont, the Amulet colt, Cockamaroo, and two or three others could not live even with the second ruck.

"After running in this way for nearly half a mile, Running Rein made his way to the front and took his place at Leander's quarters on the whip hand; in this position he remained to the first turn, in making which he struck Leander's off hind-leg above the fetlock, and literally smashed the bone down to the pastern. Bell, although unaware of the extent of the injury his horse had received, immediately pulled him back, and the lead was taken by the cause of his mishap, Akbar and The Ugly Buck still retaining the positions they had taken at the commencement of the race, with exactly the same lot in waiting on them.

"Running Rein went on with a lead of upwards of two lengths to the turn, where a tremendous tail was visible; in the front rank, too, symptoms of distress were perceptible. There was little alteration to the distance, where Orlando got within a length of his leader. Half-way up it he made a final effort, and reached his quarters, and there without even making it necessary for Sam Mann to call upon his horse, he remained to the end, Running Rein winning with consummate ease by three-parts of a length.

"As near as we could guess, Orlando beat Ionian by about two lengths. The difference probably would have been less had George Edwards persevered to the last. Bay Momus finished at the latter's shoulder."

Mr. Clark, father of the better-known "J. F. C." acted as judge. William Boyce was originally retained for Running Rein, but at the last moment, Sam Mann was put up, much to the chagrin of the first-named, who is said to have wept bitterly on being transferred to the back of The Ashtead Pet.

Another episode in connection with this memorable race was the discovery that Sam Rogers, who rode Ratan, had made a book on the race and laid heavily against his own mount, as a result of which the Jockey Club condemned him to exile from Newmarket Heath, from which he was banished for many years afterwards.

A scene of the wildest excitement was presented in the weighing-room after the race as soon as it became known that Colonel Jonathan Peel, the owner of Orlando, had lodged an objection against the winner. The colonel betted himself but little, and the prime instigator through the chapter was Lord George Bentinck. Lord George, we believe, had a good round sum on Orlando. Mr. Cockburn said so at the trial, and doubtless ihis had something to do with the action he took in the matter, though he was so ardent a Turf reformer that the share he had in the affair scarcely requires explanation.

Meantime the settlement of all wagers and "sweeps" hung fire. Colonel Peel claimed the Derby stakes, and Messrs. Weatherby declined to hand them over until they were legally satisfied as to whom they should be paid. Thereupon Colonel Peel instituted proceedings against them in the Court of Exchequer. The defendant obtained an inter-pleader Rule, and the stakes were paid into court.

A fresh action then lay, Mr. Wood, the owner of Running Rein, being plaintiff for the stakes, against Colonel Peel, defendant. On the Thursday before the hearing of the case, which was fixed for the 1st of July, Baron Alderson granted an order, on the application of the defendants, to see the horse, whereupon Lord George Bentinck and a party of vets. and experts went down to Mr. Smith's, at Epsom, where he was trained, to inspect his mouth, etc. a proceeding which Mr. Goodman had stoutly and successfully opposed at Newmarket in the previous autumn.

Mr. Smith "didn't care for no judge's orders." He wasnt going to let them see the horse without the owner's leave, so the party repaired to Mr. Wood's house. Mr. Wood was not at home, so there was nothing for it but to return to town, after a fruitless mission.

The trial, which was expected to last a considerable time, took place before Baron Alderson, an impetuous but able judge, and a special jury, under the foremanship of Mr. Edmund Antrobus, of Piccadilly. The late eminent Lord Chief Justice—then Mr. Cockburn, Q C.—assisted by Mr. Edwin James and Mr. Lush (who was afterwards raised to the Bench), represented Mr. Wood, the plaintiff; while Colonel Peel's interests were entrusted to Sir F. Thesiger (Solicitor-General), assisted by Mr. Kelly, Mr. (afterwards Baron) Martin, and Mr Peacock.

It may be necessary to state that the contention of the defence was that the animal which won the Derby was not Running Rein at all, but a colt got by Gladiator out of a dam by Capsicum; that this colt was foaled in 1840 at Sir C. Ibbotson's breeding establishment; that he was bought by Goodman and one Higgins at Doncaster in 1841; that he was sent to Northampton, and entrusted to the care of a Mr. Worley, at Siwell, and remained at or near those quarters till 21st September 1842; that he was led to London *viâ* Woburn, St. Albans, and Barnet, *and that it was this colt and not the true Running Rein that was lodged in Hynes' stables on the 24th of September 1842.* Furthermore, that he had been successively called Spartacus, Maccabæus, and Zanoni; and that this was the four-year-old colt that had come in first for the Derby, he having been coloured on the card as Maccabæus in the Derby of '43, though a non-starter.

The case went on till seven o'clock on the first day, and was expected to last a considerable time; but the next morning supplied a tremendous sensation. Mr. Cockburn informed the Court that Mr. Wood regretted that it was quite out of his power to produce the horse, as he had no idea where he was to be found. The judge remarked that if these parties could be caught he would give them a lesson, if it fell to his lot to try them at the Old Bailey for horse-stealing. Mr. Cockburn said that his client was now convinced that a detestable fraud had been practised on him, and that he had resolved to withdraw from the case, hoping that the defendant and others would believe that he was no party to the ramp.

There was nothing further to do but for Baron Alderson to address the jury, which he did in the following scathing and memorable words:—

"Now, gentlemen, you have only to return a verdict for the defendant, the plaintiff declining to contest the question further; there is, therefore, an end of the case. But before we part I must be allowed to say that it has produced great regret and disgust in my mind. It has disclosed a wretched fraud, and has shown noblemen and gentlemen of rank associating and betting with men infinitely below them in society. In doing so they have found themselves cheated and made the dupes of the grossest frauds. They may depend upon it that it will always be so when gentlemen associate and bet with blackguards."

Thus ended the short but memorable trial, the issue of which was greatly simplified by Mr. Word's withdrawal, for, though there could be little doubt that it was the Gladiator and not The Saddler colt that was removed from Bean's to Haynes's and thence to Epsom, the fact would have been very hard to prove. The non-production of the horse virtually settled the case.

That Goodman made away with him there is little room to doubt. Mr. Wood met that worthy after the trial and demanded the restitution of his horse. Goodman made a characteristic reply, for he was known to be a man who would stick at nothing: "You'll never see the horse again, though you may have a quarter of him if you like."

A writer in *Bell's Life* at that time says, "We have but too much reason to believe that tht poor horse has been made the sacrifice of this abominable conspiracy, and has been actually destroyed. Indeed, we have been told, how truly we cannot say, that he has been killed, boiled, and his head burnt."

It only remains to be said in conclusion that Levi Goodman and his associates were warned off the Turf for life, Mr. Wood being exonerared from blame, as was Smith, the trainer of the horse, though it has always remained a subject for regret that the originators of the swindle were not made the objects of a criminal prosecution.

A match for the benefit John Lillywhite was played at Brighton in 1871. The old Hove ground was the spot chosen, and Gentlemen *vs.* Players the attraction. With the third ball J. C. Shaw bowled W. G. Grace, and consternation reigned amongst the famous youngster's supporters. Dreadfully downcast was the beneficiare, and W. G. could not help noticing this as he returned to the pavilion.

"I am terribly sorry, Lillywhite," he said; "I *did* want to do well for you."

"Better luck next time," responded the veteran, cheerfully.

For some reason, however, Grace felt anything but confident of his ultimate success, and told his friend so.

"You take these," Lillywhite told him, producing a couple of sovereigns from his pocket, "and pay me a sixpence back for every run you make in the second innings. I call that a fair bet."

Such confidence could not fail to have the desired effect, and when W. G. again took his place before the wicket it was with a determination to score the eighty runs necessary to repay the two pounds. Before long Grace was joined by his brother Fred, and in two hours and a half they had succeeded in knocking up 240. At the end of the day's play the score was 353 for three wickets, the juvenile player having made 200 runs, not out. Of course, he had a great reception, Lillywhite being particularly enthusiastic over his success.

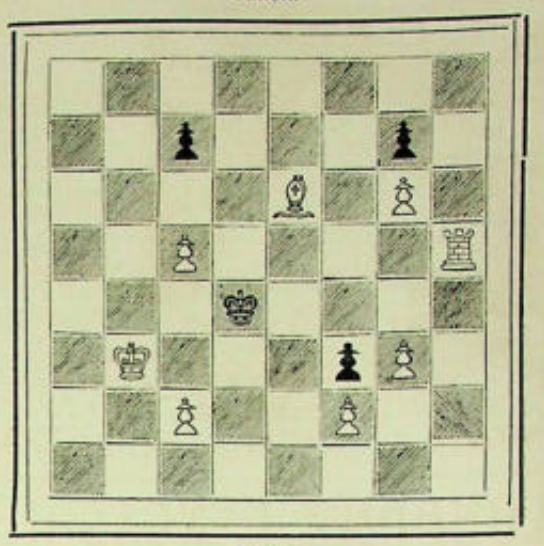
"I'll trouble you for five pounds on account," he told the successful batsman.

"Certainly," laughingly replied Grace: "but," he added in a tragically serious tone, "I shall have to knock down my wicket the first thing to-morrow if you don't let me off the rest of my bet."

Chess.

PROBLEM NO. 20.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves.

GAME NO. 21.

White.	Black.
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4
2. P to K B 4	2. P takes P
3. Kt to K B 3	3. P to K Kt 4
4. P to K R 4	4. P to Kt 5
5. Kt to K 5	5. Kt to K B 3
6. B to Q B 4	6. P to Q 4
7. P takes P	7. B to Q 3
8. P to Q 4	8. Kt to R 4
9. Kt to Q B 3	9. Q to K 2
10. B to Kt 5 ch	10. P to Q B 3
11. P takes P	11. P takes B
12. Kt to Q 5	12. Q to Kt 2
13 B to R 4 (a)	13. B takes Kt
14. P takes B	14. Castles
15. Kt takes K B P	15. Kt takes Kt
16. B takes Kt	16. Q to Kt 5 ch
17. Q to Q 2	17. Q takes K B (b)
18. Castles K R	18. Q to K 5
19. B to R 6	19. R to R sq
20. Q R to K sq	20. Q to K Kt 3
21. R to B 6	21. Q to R 4
22. Q to Q B 3	22. B to K 3
23. B to Kt 5	23. P to Kt 6 (c)
24. Q takes Kt P	24. Q to Kt 5
25. Q to B 2	25. Kt to Q 2
26. R to B 3	26. K to R sq
27. R to K Kt 3	27. Q to B 4
28. Q to Q 4	28. R to K Kt sq
29. R to K b sq	29. Q takes Q B P
30. R takes K B P (d)	30. B takes R
31. P to K 6 dis ch	31. R to Kt 2
32. P takes Kt	

Black resigns.

(a) Kt to Q B 4 looks tempting, but it is doubtful whether it is any better than the move in the text. (b) It would have been better for Black to exchange Queens. (c) The only move to save the Queen. (d) The *coup juste*. White plays the game throughout in a masterly manner.

Cards.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM NO. 10.

1. A leads Ace of Hearts.
2. A leads 4 of Hearts; B wins with King.
3. B leads a small Heart. It is evidently useless for Z to trump, and he discards a Diamond. A trumps.
4. A leads a Diamond, and B wins with the Ace, if X plays King. If X play the ten, B wins with Queen.
5. B leads the winning Diamond.
6. B leads Spade. Z wins with Ace.
7. Z must either lead a Spade or a trump; if he lead a Spade, A wins with King, and B discards Diamond.
8. A leads a Diamond. B trumps with the ten.
9. B leads Heart, and A trumps.
10. A leads Ace of trumps.
11. A leads Spades and, however X plays, B must make his Knave of trumps.

If at trick 7 Z lead trumps, A wins with Ace, and (8) A leads King of Spades; B discards Diamond. 9. A leads Diamond; B trumps with the ten. 10 B leads Heart, and A trumps 11. A leads ten of Spades and B must make his Knave of trumps.

If at trick 6 Z does not put on his Ace of Spades, A wins with the King, and (7) A leads a Spade; B trumps. 8. B leads Heart; A trumps. 9. A leads Spades; X trumps with the Queen, and B discards Diamond; and whether X lead Diamond or trump, A and B make two more tricks. If X, instead of trumping, discard his Diamond, B trumps, and A's Ace of trumps makes A and B four by cards.

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BETTING AS A CRIME.

LORD DAVEY'S Bill for the harassing of betors duly came before the House of Lords on the 18th May last and duly received the quietus it deserved. We lay no claim to legal knowledge, but even "the man in the street" cannot read this amazing Bill without marvelling that an eminent jurist like Baron Davey should have lent himself to the support of a measure which he could not fail to know would prove hopelessly unworkable in practice. We need not go beyond the first clause to recognise this: the preamble asked the King and Parliament to enact that "The word resorting" in section one of the Betting Act, 1583, and this Act, shall include applying by the agency of another person or by letter, telegraph, telephone, or other means of correspondence; and the word resort in section seven of the said Act and in this Act shall have the same meaning." In other words Lord Davey proposed to make it an offence to write or telegraph or send a message to a bookmaker. Surely a more fantastic notion never entered the mind of a sane man? It implied the creation of a corps of post office police whose duties it would be to open letters to any address they might deem suspicious and to censor telegrams in the same way. How it was proposed to stop "resorting" to a bookmaker through the instrumentality of a third person we fail to conceive. We are strongly tempted to think that Lord Davey rode for a fall; he permitted the anti-gambling fraternity to make him their mouthpiece and put his name on the back of a Bill whose glaring absurdities told him could never pass into law.

We feel little disposition to go through this preposterous measure and point its amazing propositions. It desired to make advertising the continental agencies a punishable offence; to make betting by a bookmaker or agent "in any street or other public place" a misdemeanour; it proposed to make possession of a betting book or any card or paper connected with bets proof that the possessor was a rogue and a vagabond within the meaning of George IV.'s Act and liable to arrest and search! And we are expected to believe that an ex-Solicitor-General and Lord of Appeal brought this wonderful production into the Lords in a serious legislative spirit. It was the easiest of tasks which Lord Durham had to undertake to show in the clear light of common-sense the shortcomings of this "drastic, very offensive, and needless Bill" and he did it without mercy. He admitted that street betting was a nuisance for the same reason that street football was a nuisance, but there was nothing criminal about it. He claimed for the working classes that they should be allowed to spend their own money in their own way, and strongly deprecated an attempt to convert a natural human instinct into a crime: he referred to the monotony of the existence led by the classes aimed at by the Bill and urged the Lords to keep that before them while they considered this proposal to make one of their chief pleasures an offence. The Lord Chancellor took, if possible, a stronger line. He said plainly that the Bill said everything but what

it really meant; its promoters wished to stop betting altogether, but they were afraid to say so. And in this and in this alone the promoters of the Bill were quite right. Their object is to stop betting altogether, but the most sanguine of the faddists, whom Lord Durham not inaptly described as "a cross between a fanatical pharisee and a lunatic" have not the courage of their opinions when they approach the arena of practical affairs. They will shriek loudly enough on the platform to a meeting of whose sympathies they are assured; but they shrink from emptying the curious organism given them in place of a mind, when brought to touch. They were fools indeed beyond the scale of even faddist folly who dared public opinion with a Bill that should frankly ask the Legislature to say that betting *per se* is a crime.

We are inclined to think that this precious Bill is something in the nature of a retreating howl by the faddist. The Report of the Betting Commission was tantamount to the admission that betting cannot be stopped, but so long as fools can be found to subscribe, it is not in the nature of the crank to be silent, and this Bill would probably be called by its promoters a final shot at the public conscience. The public conscience, however, is a somewhat sluggish organism and is hard to move: the harder when the public taste and far more generally is strongly in favour of a little mild speculation and cannot, small blame to it, discover that there is any moral obliquity in taking the odds. To use a phrase much valued by politicians, there is "no mandate" for a Bill against betting; nobody denies that now and again a sad case of ruin or worse becomes public property, the cause of which is traceable to betting beyond the victim's means: but because one lacks the stability to keep his speculations within his income, are ten thousand to be debarred from what in their case is a perfectly harmless amusement? Are we all to go on crutches because one has a wooden leg? We are tempted to repeat Lord Durham's incisive phrase and ask if the faddists consider themselves justified in mortifying other people's flesh in order to save their own souls?

To talk about "suppressing gambling" is to trifle with words. The working classes at whose reform this pitifully bad Bill aimed, do not, as we honestly believe, "gamble" to any greater extent than people who wear better hats and coats. Lord Durham, it is of interest to observe, recently made a sea voyage in the company of Lord Davey and the latter eminent man was, he said, not above joining the daily sweep on the day's run. Now there is some little inconsistency in Lord Davey's proceedings, in taking a ticket in the sweep and then in standing godfather to a Bill intended to put difficulties in the way of betting. He was able to put down his stake and lose it without a second thought. Did it never occur to him that the working man in 999 cases out of a thousand could put down *his* modest shilling or half crown with the risk of losing it with a heart equally free from qualms? There is to our mind something exceedingly offensive in the way the faddists arrogate to themselves the right to interfere with the doings of the humbler classes of society and regulate the fashion in which they shall spend their wages. That ridiculous person the Bishop of Hereford, who has earned not wholly enviable fame by the part he has taken in legislative efforts of this character, said that the Bill would have the support of the whole Bench of Bishops. It did not apparently occur to him that he was giving his fellow prelates and their great work as promoters of human welfare, a very poor testimonial: for in saying this, he said in effect that clerical influence for good had proved unavailing, that the church recognised its powerlessness to make headway against what it considered one of the gravest evils of the time, and, realising its helplessness, was obliged to call in the policeman. This proposition we are very sure the church as a body would resent; it has a sufficiently uphill task in its endeavour to elevate the mass of humanity congested in great English towns, but its wise and well-considered method we believe is to regenerate, as far as may be, by brightening the people's lives. Man is a thinking animal and he must have something to think about; his mental horizon in the back streets is a sadly narrow one, and he has few means of bringing the mental exciteiment, which most of us find essential to our well-being, into his life at all. Is it reasonable, is it even humane, to try and prevent him from obtaining such poor gratification as he can from putting his shilling on a horse and pondering duly over his chances of winning "a bit?" The worst of these friends of humanity is their deplorable short sightedness which makes them inhuman. Mr. Charles Booth in his extraordinary volumes on London people has remarked upon the difficulty of "getting at" the working classes. Religious services and popular scentific lectures, he observes, draw equally poor audiences: the much-debated, much-legislated for British workman has no taste for these things: "he only wants to be let alone" says Mr. Booth, and we have great sympathy with him

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Ld Derby's br c CHAUCER, by St Simon—Canterbury, Pilgrim 0
Capt Laing's b c RONALDSHAY, by Bay Ronald—Proposition 0
Duke of Westminster's b c FAIRFIELD, by Orme—Rydal 0

Winner trained by Gilbert at Newmarket.

Betting: 5 to 2 agst William Rufus; 2 to 1 Chaucer.

Won by three lengths, a length between second and third.

Pedigree of the Winner.
WILLIAM RUFUS (1900).

Simena				Melton			
Flying Footstep		St. Simon		Violet Melrose		Master Kildare	
Atalanta	Doncaster	St. Angela	Galopin	Violet	Scottish Chief	Silk	Lord Ronald
Galopin Feronia	Stockwell Marigold	King Tom Adeline	Velocette Flying Duchess	Thormanby Woodbine	Lord of the Isles Miss Ann	Plum Pudding Judy Go	Stockwell Edith

THE GOLD VASE.

THE GOLD VASE.—Value 200 sovs. given by His Majesty with 200 sovs in specie for the winner, and 100 sovs. for the second, added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each. About two miles.

London, *Tuesday, 16th June 1903.*

Ld Howard de Waldens ch c ZINFANDEL, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, Cannon ... 1
Mr C Russell's c f FLORINDA, by Florizel II—Wise Flower, 3yrs, Watts ... 2
Major J D Edwards's b h WAVELET'S PRIDE, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs, Thursby 3
Mr. H E Beddington b c D'ORSAY, by Royal Hampton—Lady Frivoles, 3 yrs ... 0

(*Winner trained by C. Beatty, Newmarket.*)

Betting: 11 to 10 agst Zinfandel.

Won by four lengths: a neck between second and third.

Winners since 1889.

1889 Morglay 3y 7st 8lb (3)	1896 Pride 4y 9st (5)
1890 Tyrant 5y 9st 4lb (5)	1897 Count Schomberg 5y 9st(5)
1891 Mons Meg 3y 6st 12lb	1898 The Rush 6y 9st 4lb (4)
1892 Martagon 5y 9st 4lb (5)	1899 Did not fill
1893 Convent 3y 7st 5lb (w.o.)	1900 Solitaire 4y 8st 4lb (5)
1894 Quaesitum 4y 9st (8)	1901 Mackintosh 3y 7st 8lb (4)
1895 Florizel II 4y 9st 5lb (4)	1902 Ice Maiden 3y 7st 3lb (9)

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES—Of 50sovs. each, h. ft., with 1,000sovs. added, for three-year-olds: colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 5lb.; a winner of 500sovs to carry 3lb, of 1,000sovs 5lb, of 3,000sovs 9lb extra; maidens allowed 7lb: the second to receive 300sovs and the third 200sovs out of the stakes; New Course (about one mile and five furlongs).—48 subs.

London, *Tuesday, 16th June 1903.*

His Majesty's b c MEAD, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, Jones 1
Prince Soltykoff's br c JASON, by Gold—Argonavis, Halsey 2
Mr Douglas Baird's b c MARTINET, by Martagon—Silene, Madden 3
Mr L Brassey's b c SALTPETRE, by St Simon—Billow 0
Mr George Faber's br c PLAY BILL, by Kendal—Lady Yardley 0
Lord Farquhar's b c ST EVREMONDE, by St Frusquin—Ejector 0
Mr J H Houldsworth's b c EOSCENE, by Enthusiast—Helioscene 0
Sir J Blundell Maple's b r c MERRY SAINT, by St Serf—Mereden 0
Lord Rosebery's b c LADURLAD, by Ladas—Treasure 0

(*Winner trained by R. Marsh.*)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst Mead.

Won by six lengths; a neck between second and third.

Pedigree of the Winner.
MEAD (1900).

Meadow Chat				Per-Immon			
Stone Clink		Minting		Perdita II		St. Simon	
Stone Chat	Speculum	Mint Sauce	Lord Lyon	Heroine	Hampton	St Angela	Galopin
Adventurer Furze Chat	Velette Doralice	Y Melbourne Spree	Stockwell Paradigm	La Belle Helene	Lady Langden	King Tom Adeline	Velocette Flying Duchess

Winners since 1889.

1889 Donovan 9st 5lb (8)	1896 Shaddock 8st 11b (6)
1890 Alloway 8st 3lb (5)	1897 Galtee More 9st 5lb (4)
1891 Melody 1st 9lb (8)	1898 Jeddah 9st 5lb (5)
1892 Watercress 8st 3lb (12)	1899 Manners 8st 5lb (7)
1893 Red Ensign 8st 3lb (6)	1900 Simon Dale 8st 13lb (5)
1894 Contract 8st 3lb (4)	1901 Veronese 8st 13lb (7)
1895 Matchmaker 8st 3lb (6)	1902†Ard Patrick 9st 5lb (8)

THE ASCOT STAKES.

THE ASCOT STAKES (handicap) of 20 sovs. each, 10 ft. and only 5 sovs. if declared by Tuesday, 9th June with 2,000 sovs. added; second to receive 500 sovs. and the third 200 sovs.; lowest weight not less than 6st.; winners of a handicap after the publication of the weights (4th June) 7lbs., of any two or one value 1,000 sovs. 10lbs. extra; the winner of the Grand Prix de Paris to carry a weight to be fixed on the publication of the handicap. Once round starting at the distance post (two miles). (41 subs.)—Closed 12th May.

London, *Tuesday, 16th June 1903.*

Mr H E Randall's b g GENIUS, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs, Wheatley 1
Mr W Goodchild's b f SCULLION, by St. Florian—Cinder, 5yrs, Halsey ... 2
Mr T Corne's ch c RIGHTFUL, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, Madden ... 3
Mr F Alexander's b c THROWAWAY, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs 0
Mr W B Purefoy's b g CAPPA WHITE, by Buckingham—Elivir, 4yrs... ... 0
Ld. Cadogan's b f ELBA, by Prisoner—Simoom, 4yrs 0
Mr R Croker's ch c RODRIGUE II, by Lutin—Rose of York, 4yrs 0
Mr F Oppenheim's b c SURPRENANT, by Bestman—Simoom, 4yrs 0
Mr H J King's br c PRINCE FLORIZEL, by Florizell II—Good Hope, 4yrs ... 0
Ld George Thursby's b h VICTOR DON, by Donovan—Capucin, aged 0
Ld Carnarvon's b c PREEN, by Sheen—Coquette, 4yrs 0
Prince Soltykoff's bl c COAL SACK, by Gold—Black Star, 4yrs 0
Mr J. F. Appleyard's b c LORD BRAND, by Autocrat—Miss Brand, 4yrs 0
Mr J. Reiss's ch c INTAGLIO, by Childwick—Cameo, 4yrs 0
Mr L Brassey's b c ALDERMAN, by Isinglass—Butterfly, 3yrs 0
M W. M. G. Singer's b c by TRENTON—Great Dame, 3yrs 0
Mr L de Rothschild's b c GOURGAUD, by Sir Visto—Gagoul, 3yrs 0
Mr E Courage's r g BLITHESOME, by Ravensbury—Carolside, 3yrs ... 0

(*Winner trained by Sadler, jun.*)

Betting: 20 to 1 agst Genius, 10 to 1 Scullion

Won by two lengths: four lengths between second and third.

Winners since 1893.

1893 Enniskillen 5y 8st 7lb(15)	1898 Herminius 4y 7st 11lb(15)
1894 Aborigine 4y 7st 12lb (11)	1899 Tom Cringle 4y 7st 9lb(11)
1895 Ravensbury 5y 9st 9lb(9)	1900 Baldur 4y 7st 2lb (11)
1896 Arlequin 3y 6st 5lb (8)	1901 Sinopi 5y 8st 2lb (16)
1897 Masque II 3y 7st 9lb (21)	1902 Scullion 4y 6st 12lb (15)

THE ROYAL HUNT CUP.

THE ROYAL HUNT CAP. A piece of plate value 500 sovs, with 1,500 sovs. in specie, added to a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, h ft.; lowest weight not less than 6st; winners of a race value 500 sovs. or of any handicap after declaration of the weights (4th June), 5lb, if of a handicap value 500 sovs. 10lb. extra; winner of the Grand Prix de Paris to carry a weight to be fixed on the publication of the weights; second to receive 300 sovs. and the third 100 sovs. Seven furlongs and 166 yards. (62 subs.)—Closed 19th May.

London, *Wednesday, 17th June 1903.*

Mr L de Rothschild's ch c KUNSTLER, by Juggler—Dorcas, 5yrs, Watts ... 1
Ld Howard de Walden's b f IMPERIOUS, by Tarporley—Imperialism, 3yrs, Miller ... 2
Sir E Cassel's br c HANDICAPPER, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs, Halsey 3
Mr George Faber's b c DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, by Orme—Gauntlet, 4yrs ... 0
Mr J Daly's br c ST BRENDAN, by Hackler—Court Card, 5yrs 0
Ld Carnarvon's ch c THE SOLICITER, by Winkfield—Elissa, 5yrs 0

Mr S B Joel's ch c BACHELOR'S BUTTON by Wingfield—Milady, 4yrs 0
Mr W C Whitney's b f BALLANTRAE, Ayrrhire—Abeyance, 4yrs 0
Mr E Blaskovitz's b c HAZAFI, by Orwell—Ollyan Nines, 4yrs 0
Mr J B Joel's ch c KILCHERAN, by Kilwarlin—Emita, 5yrs 0
Mr R S Sievier's b c LAVENGRO, by Ladas—Avillon, 4yrs 0
Mr G Parrott's ch c CERILLO, by Orvietto—Cereza, 4yrs 0
Sir J Miller's b f RONDEAU, by Bay Ronald—Doremi, 3yrs 0
Mr J Hammond's ch c BURSES, by Childwick—Bendlet, 4yrs 0
Ld Carnarvon's c f MINNIE DEE, by Fitz Simon—King's Daughter, 5yrs ... 0
Mr J R Keene's b c KEARSAGE, by Kingston—Flying Squadron, 4yrs ... 0
Mr R W B Jardine's br c TAR BRUSH, by Torporley—Bruyere, 4yrs 0
Mr A M Singer's ch g O'DONOVAN ROSSA, by Donovan—Symmetry, 6yrs ... 0
Mr H B Duryea's ch c ACEFULL by Mirthful—Myrtle Harkness, 3yrs 0
Capt Bewick's br c GENERAL CRONJE, by Gallinule—Moira, 3yrs 0
Mr F W Phillips's ch g SWOOPER, by Endurance—Eagle, 5yrs 0
Mr J Bibby's b c PAINBIS, by Breadknife—Pansy, 3yrs 0
Mr P P Gilpin br c ROE O'NEILL, by Sweetheart—Troublesome, 3yrs ... 0
Mr J Buchanan's b f SANKENCE, by St. Simon—Sayonara, 3yrs 0
Mr A Stedall's br g HARTFIELD, by Sir Visto—Mutina, 3yrs 0
Mr H Waring's b c WAPENTAKE, by Chittabob—Dame Quickly, 3yrs ... 0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe.*)

BETTING: 25 to 1 agst Kunstler, 11 to 2 St. Brendan.

Won by two lengths; a length between second and third.

Sporting Notes.

WITH the Calcutta monsoon season drawing on apace, the question of how, where, or if at all, the monsoon hurdle races will be run becomes a matter ofimportance to owners of intending timber toppers. An esteemed contemporary assures us that it has been definitely decided to meet the difficulty by filling up the old nullah with cinders, but though this is perhaps the best selection, it is by no means certain that the result will be altogether satisfactory. A walk round the course the other morning, however, led us to the belief that the C.T.C. have another and sure scheme in their mind's eye, to wit the disablement of all the jump horses at present in Calcutta by means of flights of schooling hurdles, the top rail of each of which is studded—one might almost say *coped*—with long, sharp, and extremely rusty iron nails. This is perhaps the simplest and—to the C.T.C.—cheapest method of settling the matter, since there are no jump horses there can obviously be no jump races, and the erection of immature culverts and cinder-diluted quicksands will be thus rendered unnecessary.

While on the subject of hurdles, and in case there *should* be any hurdle racing this monsoon, is it not nearly time that the Calcutta hurdles were disposed of as firewood, and something a little less unique substituted in their place? In every other place we have visited the hurdles are either made of sawn timber with bars wide enough to be visible, or they are split wood hurdles—as these are—but *bushed*. The only object of having unbushed split wood hurdles would appear to be to delude a horse into the idea that he can gallop through them—a belief which he subsequently discovers to be a delusion.

Very little work is doing on the course at present, but what little there is is fraught with considerable danger. Only the other morning Wishart had to pull up in an exercise canter in order to extract a rusty iron nail, the size of a juvenile crow bar, from his horse's frog. Excitement is also added by the vagaries of certain equestrians who seem to consider the race course a suitable spot in which to educate their mounts in the art of passaging, circling, reining back, and other military manœuvres, and a few mornings ago we saw a bold sportsman engaged in jumping the bamboo rails put up as barriers to close the course, and, not only jumping them, but jumping them the wrong way round!

Apropos of this what a fine instance it is of the "law of cussedness" that when a non-racing man or woman rides on to a race course during morning work, his or her evil genius invariably prompts them to ride the wrong way round, that is to say left-handed on a right-handed course and *vice versâ*. This of course does not apply so much to Calcutta, where regulations on the subject exist, but to up-country courses. To meet another horse careering wildly in the opposite direction is quite enough to put a nervous thoroughbred over the rails, but this never occurs to those sportsmen who utilize the track as a handy spot on which to exercise their dogs.

Early last week the S. S. *Itinda* arrived from Australia bringing up about forty horses, all in fine condition. Some of these are the property of Mr. Gove, while the Idler and Find Out, the new purchases of the Kour Sahib of Patiala, are also among the shipment.

In steeplechasing it is interesting to observe a horse jump a fence, and note the precise point on the "wing" of the jump which shows how high it raises its body to get over safely. This is found to be very much lower than usually imagined.

A fifteen hand horse is five feet high, and its body is two and a half feet from the ground; therefore in order to clear a fence four and a half feet high, the horse would have to raise its body only two feet. But since it can, and generally does, brush through at least six inches of the hedge, there is no necessity for a horse rising more than eighteen inches at the fences.

Now, if you lower these jumps so that the horse may not have to rise at all to clear them, you actually make them dangerous.

In some of the old courses they have done away with the wall, the bank, the board fence, etc., in their stead remain about eighteen inches to two feet of the old obstacle, surmounted by a foot and a half of earth and a lot of brush. These obstacles, notwithstanding the fact that they are practically alike—a brush jump with an earth base—are still called the "wall," the "bank" and the "board fence."

This recalls the story told of a clebrated English gentleman rider, "Doggy" Smith, who was asked by one of the stewards at Sandown Park, after a steeplechase in which he had ridden, how he liked the course. He replied: "Oh, the course is all right. But, I say, you ought to have a lot of labels made with 'This is a wall,' 'This is a bank,' 'This is a water jump' printed on them; then we might think we'd been steeplechasing, which is more than I can think now."

This was before the jumps at Sandown were raised. Even in England they go through the same periods of relaxation of rules, followed by strenuous efforts to enforce them—and re-enforce them—just as we do Elsewhere.

Simla held its fourth Gymkhana on the 13th instant, when large entries and keen competition were the features of the proceedings. The first event—Gentleman to cut four potatoes—was won by Col. Kennard from twelve competitors. Eleven entered for the Snatcher Stakes in which gentlemen were to pick three polo balls off stumps and throw them into a bucket, ladies to pick three tennis balls off posts and throw them into sacks. Marks given for pace. This was won by Col. Kennard and Mrs. Whelar, with Capt. Wigram and Mrs. Buck second. Polo croquet for ladies produced fifteen competitors and was won by Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Teague second. The fourth event was—For ladies and gentlemen to ride in pairs over three low hurdles to a given spot, where both dismount and write their names legibly in a book, mount and finish over three hurdles. Pair taking least time to win. Syces allowed to hold horses or ponies only. Won by Lord Suffolk and Mrs. Morgan with Col. Kennard and Mrs. Buck next, a second behind. The Trotting Race for ladies on horses was won by Mrs. Couchman, while Mrs. Atkinson won the Ponies' Race. Thirteen couples entered for the last event—The Bran Tub Stakes. This provided great fun and was hotly contested. Gentlemen with ponies run to ladies with sealed envelope, lady after opening envelope matches a ribbon inside envelope with other ribbons placed near by. Gentleman after receiving ribbons rides to bran-tub where he again matches the ribbon, mounts and rides to winning post. First in with three ribbons correctly matched wins. Syces allowed at bran-tub. Mr. Oppenheim and Mrs. Hawkins were first, and Lord Suffolk and Mrs. Buck next.

It will be news to a good many people to hear of pigsticking in the vicinity of Bangalore, and the sport has certainly not been in vogue of late years at least, writes a correspondent. But on the 6th instant three officers of that sporting regiment, the 6th Dragoon Guards, had a fairly exciting day and accounted for a very fair boar. The cover around Bangalore consists principally of the ordinary South Indian scrub jungle in large patches, with cultivation of various sorts between. The jungle, however, is mostly too high to ride through, and the extent of some of the covers makes it somewhat difficult to beat the pig, of which there would seem to be a fair number, out of it. The sporting trio above referred to were Messrs. O. St. Michael Jones, Ker and Christie, and they went out to the Bikashapur Estate, on the Kankanhalli Road, at the kind invitation of Mr. G. V. Scovell. The invitation had been to come out over-night and begin operations in the early morning, the genial host—he is a brother of Mr. Scovell of yachting fame and indeed goes in a great deal for yachting himself—apparently concurring in the opinion of the immortal Jorrocks that "where a man dines he shou'd sleep, and where he sleeps he should breakfast." Accordingly at day break a start was made, about fifty coolies acting as beaters under the command of Mr. Scovell's head maistrie. The first cover drawn proved blank, and the second patch appeared much too large for three "spears" to manage properly. This proved to be the case, for although a good boar and a sow were in the jungle, they slipped away almost unperceived and had got a hopelessly long start in the direction of another large patch of jungle, before the sportsmen found out which way they had gone. This latter patch was about a couple of miles away, and although a prompt move to it was made, and the jungle carefully beaten, the pigs were never seen again. Either they must have gone straight through in the first instance, or the cover proved too thick for the little army of beaters. And here it may be remarked in parenthesis that some scrub jungles in Southern India are absolutely impenetrable for beaters. Such a cover exists at Vandalur, the well-known sniping ground, a score of miles from Madras, in the shape of a large hill close to the road which is literally one mass of different thorny shrubs and cactus. When sniping the tracks of large pig may be constantly seen in the neighbouring paddy-fields, or their rootings in the fields some miles away from their stronghold, but all these tracks lead back in the direction of the hill to which they retire before daylight. But with many apologies Mr. Editor for the digression, I will return to my baa-lambs. The day was now well on, and even on the Mysore plateau the sun can be hot at mid-day, so that a move was made for Mr. Scovell's hospitable bungalow with a view to tiffin. On the way back, however, a sudden hubbub and shouting announced a find, and a good-sized boar made off straight in the direction of Mr. Scovell's estate, thus helping the "spears" on their way to luncheon in the most considerate manner. All three riders were close on the boar after a gallop of about a mile and-a-half, the ground being none too easy in places, when Mr. Pig stopped short and turned to bay fairly blown. He evidently meant fighting, and came straight at Mr. O. St. Michael Jones, who got in a good spear behind the shoulder, the blade snapping short off and remaining in the boar's body. Still he came on, being again speared by Mr. Christie, although not deeply enough to finish him off. However he was now rather sick, and retreated into a patch of thick jungle. Somewhat rashly the sportsmen dismounted and followed the boar on foot, for it was impossible to ride into the jungle, and Mr. Ker catching the brute almost in the act of charging, met him half-way and got the spear well home in his chest, being just able to hold the now considerably weakened animal off at spear's length. Messrs. Christie and Jones joined issue, and the pig was again speared, the *coup de grace* being administered by Mr. Jones. The boar was a good one, (for these parts) measuring about 27 inches—*not* fourteen hands—as I heard suggested by another officer after the triumphant trio's return—and he carried fairly good tusks. The ground in this district is quite rideable in most places, and it is likely that some further "stiches" will take place before long, for there are any number of the sporting military element now in Bangalore. But more than three "spears" are required to work the covers properly.

The Stewards of the Berhampore Races are circulating a draft programme for a meeting they propose holding in November or February.

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Lieut. W. A. Hamar Bass has bought that good colt Carabine and we may possibly see him running this year in the Viceroy's Cup. Carabine is a four-year old by Carbine—Saintfield His very first appearance gave him a bracket at the Salisbury meeting, 24th May 1900, when he won the Juvenile Selling Plate with 9st. up. He was sold after the race to Mr. J. Collins for 170 guineas. In June he was third to Jim Alec, to whom he was giving 6lbs. in the Hollybush Selling Plate at Gatwick. In September he was twice second to Congratulation; in the Clumber Nursery Handicap Plate at Nottingham and in the Dryton Nursery Handicap at Pontefract. In November he was unplaced to Laffan in the Lancaster Nursery Handicap at Manchester. In 1901 Carabine won the Thirsk Handicap at Thirsk in May; also the Warwickshire High Weight Handicap Plate at Birmingham in June. At Haydock Plate he secured a bracket in the August Handicap, and won the Nottingham Handicap at Nottingham in October. The Manchester November Handicap was also won by him, beating Black Sand and Rambling Katie. He ran unplaced to Lakota in the Ingestre Handicap at Wolverton in May, and to Gyp in the Great Ebor Handicap at York in August. Last year he ran four times, his only victory being the Chester Cup when he beat St. Aldegonde and Sweet Sounds. He was second to Scullion, to whom he was giving 16lbs. in the Ascot Stakes in June, seventh to Black Sand in the Cesarewich, and fifth to Sweet Sounds in the Markeaton Plate at Derby. This year up to the 22nd May he had fulfilled but one engagement, running fourth to Vendale in the Chester Cup.

It will be seen from the above list of performances that Carabine is a real good one: he has run in very good company, and when he has not won he has been either placed or somewhere on the premises. Up to last month he fulfilled 17 engagements which had brought him 7 wins, 3 seconds, and one third. Altogether his record is one which entitles him to much respect and will secure for him the good wishes of all Indian sportsmen. We wish Mr. Bass all good luck with his new purchase, and trust we shall have the pleasure of seeing Carabine brought to the post at Calcutta on the 26th December next as fit as hands can make him.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—Nelson, the well-known English jockey, who is at present riding in India for the owner of Sceptre, has arrived in Bangalore and proceeded to Mysore. Penton also has passed through, and altogether quite a number of European jockeys will be seen in the saddle next week.

Saturday's paperchase in Bangalore was a failure owing to heavy rain, and consequently very deep going. Despite thunder, lightning, and wet, however, about a dozen men and two ladies—Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Hawkins—pluckily rode the course, although it was impossible to do much hard galloping. For the present, although the paperchases will be regular affairs, there will be no sweepstakes, but later on in the season it is hoped to hold several competition paperchases and to present an average cup both for horses and ponies.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes, under date 14th June, as follows:—The weather has, thank goodness, been a little cooler this week, and it was possible to enjoy last Thursday's paperchase, the course for which started near the Kukrail Bridge and included some eighteen jumps. The field was again very good. Among the starters whose faces I recognised were Mr. Ryves on Truelove, Mrs. Lawrence on Miss Mary, Mrs. Saunders on Jacqueline, Miss Porter on Ladysmith, Mr. Douglas Straight on Carry Me Safe, Mr. Symons on Ludo, Mr. Story on There and Back, Mr. Watson on Doris, Captain Torides on Steam Horse, Mr. Stott on Greyling, Mr. Gage on Safe Conveyance, Mr. Sheridan on See You Again, Mr. Berthond on Crusader, Mr. Ruck on Adjutant, and Mr. Shaw on Bitter Beer. Mrs. Ryves got away with the lead and held it for about half the course. Until the last jump it looked as if the victory must fall to a native boy who was riding Captain Dunbar's Rifleman, but he lost ground at the last jump, and Mr. Symons came in first, followed by Mr. Gage, with Rifleman third The Officers of the Gloucesters were "at home" after the run. The date of the Paperchase Cup Race Meeting has been changed, I hear, from the 18th to the 25th instant.

We had another very jolly little water gymkhana yesterday (Saturday) at the Chutter Munzil Swimming Bath, organized by Mr. Douglas Straight, our District Superintendent of Police; it was a great success. There was a good attendance, including many ladies. The first event, diving over a rope, was won by Major Newnham, with Messrs. Symon and Sheridan, equal, second. Eight entered. The second event, swimming two lengths on back, for which eight again entered, had to be swum in two heats. The first was won by Mr. Barnaby, the second by Mr. Stott, the final falling to Mr. Barnaby. The egg and spoon race, which caused no little amusement, attracted seven entries. The first heat was won by Mr. Douglas Straight and the second by Mr. Stott, who also won the final. A very exciting game of polo followed, three rounds of two minutes each, in which the East Surreys beat the Gloucesters by one goal. The afternoon's sport was brought to a conclusion with various feats of skill, all of which were good, and some exceptionally so.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—We have been having a noisy time of it in peaceful Poona and heaven's artillery has been outvying that of the Royal Field. For, while the latter has been pouring out plaudits in honour of the advent of the little tin gods from Olympia to cast their effulgence on us poor dwellers on the plains, the former has not confined itself to blank ammunition and, great Jove (jealous no doubt of the thunderbolts which issue at times from the Editorial chair), hurtled one of his own manufacture at the edifice of our local 'Thunderer' knocking off several massive coping stones, but otherwise, happily, doing no harm. Lightning also struck a house in Ghorpuri—next, curiously enough, to one that was struck last year, and the owner appears to have had a narrow escape from electrocution.

I regret to see that the talented critic who writes over the *nom de plume* of "Lorgnette" in your excellent little contemporary the *Indian Sporting Times* makes so vigorus an attack on the executive of the Western India Turf Club on the subject of closed races. Anything which emanates from the pen of so distinguished a critic of Indian racing is entitled to due consideration, more especially since one must rest assured of the absolute disinterestedness of the writer. He leads off with the scathing assertion that the closed races held at the extras under the auspices of the W. I. T. C. are in many respects "a fallacy and a farce," and adds that the remark is induced by the fact that in the new prospectuses special catering is being made for the G. R.'s. who happen to be members of the leading clubs in Western India. And therein apparently lies the sore. The closed races are under the most recent conditions confined to members of H. M.'s Navy and Army, members of the Indian Civil Service, and members of the Byculla, Yacht Club, and Bombay Club, Bombay, and of the Club of Western India, Poona. This would seem to embrace a fairly extensive field for *closed* racing. Yet "Lorgnette" cavils at it and resents the exclusion from the list of the Bombay and Poona *Gymkhanas* and in his zealous championship goes so far as to be apparently surprised at "the Western India Turf Club not being a means of qualification to a closed race!"

But let us look at the matter from another point of view. Surely it must be admitted that it is to a genuine gentleman amateur who races mainly for sport, and not to the wealthy professional owner who races chiefly from a commercial point of view, that we must look uphold the best traditions of racing, and surely it is killing the goose with the golden egg and a shortsighted, selfish policy to attempt to deprive the former class of all personal interest in the great game?

Some years ago racing on this side of India was confined chiefly to Arabs and country-breds, English and Australian horses being in an extreme minority. Blood Arabs in the stables seldom fetched over a thousand rupees, and under such circumstances the gentleman amateur could and did hold his own in racing, and the large number of names of celebrated gentlemen owners and riders handed down to us testifies very clearly to the good use they made of their opportunities.

Then came the influx of the wealthy native; the purchasing of animals at from any price varying from one to ten thousand or more, and as a not unnatural result the swamping of the impoverished amateur. He could not possibly live up to it, and as the result amateur racing has for some years past been more or less moribund.

But during the past year or two there seems to be a distinct recrudescence in desire on the part of several gentlemen amateurs to patronize the grand game, if only it is made possible to them. Surely this desire should be fostered as the executive of the Western India Turf Club are apparently endeavouring to do, instead of being smothered at birth as it seems to me "Lorgnette" is endeavouring to effect? It will, I think be a sad day for racing when those who rule its affairs are from among the number of those who look on it solely as a commercial enterprise. And since owing to lack of wealth they cannot *possibly* compete on fair terms with the racing public at large, it seems obviously sound policy to frame rules giving such owners an opportunity of personally indulging in the great game

"Lorgnette" grieves at no new riding talent being unearthed among the G. R.'s and at the standard of riding not being an exalted one. Admitting that, is it necessary to point out that such a deplorable state of affairs is the direct result of *lack of opportunity*, a misfortune which the Turf Club are now evidently endeavouring to remedy.

The question of restriction in closed races is a delicate subject to dilate on and one which I approach with the utmost diffidence and with the most earnest desire to avoid giving offence. But if the restriction be made too elastic the object in view is at once defeated, and in confining themselves to the Services and Clubs previously mentioned, the executive would seem to have used a wise discretion. Member-hip of His Majesty's Service is accepted as an "open sesame" to most doors and the Indian Civil Service not unreasonably (in India at any rate) is accorded an equal privilege. It cannot be overlooked that election to a *Gymkhana* is necessarily less vigorous than to a Club, and it certainly seems that anyone, who, not belonging to the distinguished services mentioned, is also for one reason or another unable to claim membership of one of the four Clubs in question, can have no great grievance if he is excluded from a *closed* race. "Lorgnette" can scarcely be in earnest when he hints at membership of the Turf Club as being a qualification to compete in *closed* racing, and it need scarcely be treated seriously, since it would mean the qualification of opulent natives and would render the restriction, to use "Lorgnette's" own phrase, indeed "a fallacy and a farce." If the executive of the Western India Turf Club find their efforts do not meet with sufficient support, nothing can be easier than for them to omit such races from future programmes. But their effort is obviously an earnest one for the good of racing on this side of India

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I hear most encouraging accounts of the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds. A sporting friend, whose opinion I can rely on, tells me they look a very useful lot, and that their condition at so early a stage shows the sign of the master hand we know is ruling hunting affairs. Colonel Sheringham's invitation to meet hounds at Kennels at 5-30 any morning has I believe met with most gratifying responses—and what pleasanter way of spending a morning when one has not, alas! reached the sere and yellow of life. Some exceilent cub hunting is going on and the new hounds have entered in the most promising manner I believe. So at present all seems roseate. I have not yet heard when the first real meet of the season is to take place. It will no doubt be a Lawn Meet at Government House.

I hear that the list of G. R.'s in this Presidency has been enriched by the appointment of Major Beavor, A. M. S., as Surgeon to His Excellency the Governor, with Major Edwardes, 3rd Cavalry; Captain the Honorable C. Greville, Military Secretary; Captain Wood, A. D. C.; Colonel Hazelton, A. V. D.; Major England, Royal Fusiliers; Mr. Cooper R. F. A., and doubtless others whose names do not at once rise to my memory, all ready to sport silk. One need scarcely fear that amateur race riding is as yet at a very low ebb on this side of Hindustan.

A correspondent writes from Dharampore:—"The Giri river has been most disappointing. I fished the Jumna at the mouths of the Giri and Arsun in April, until the snow water came down, which it did early for this year, about 24th April. Before it came down I hooked a Goonch in the Jumna at the mouth of the Giri who accomplished the unusual feat (for a Goonch) of running out the whole of my line, viz. 200 yards, with one grand rush. To my disgust when I landed him I found it was only Goonch of 20lbs. instead of, as I expected, the record fish for the season. I also got a 10-lb. Mahseer in the same place; both on dead bait—a 6-inch one spun with a wire trace. I started up the Giri after that and fished as far as Solon, about 80 miles: but the fish were not on the take, the largest I got

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were a 7-lb. and a 4-lb. fish. I think there must have been a little snow water in the river. A member of the Foreign Department who started up the river early in April got, amongst other good fish, one of 44½lbs. and another of 26lbs. The river swarms with fish and is preserved by a number of watchmen who patrol it.

A reward of Rs. 100 has been offered by Mr. H. A. Crump, I.C.S., Commissioner of the Nagpur Division, for the destruction of a man-eating panther which infests the jungles of the Muramgaon zemindari in the Chanda district.

According to the *British Inventor* a brilliant plan for ridding back gardens of philandering cats has been registered. It consists of nothing less than the invention of a fearsome automaton tom-cat made up of a tin frame and covered with a fur coat. The general principle of construction is based upon powerful clockwork, released by a lever when the tail of the animal is moved. The clock works a pair of bellows, with two loud, screeching reeds, at the same time forming contact to light the lamps in the eyes, and forcing outwards a dozen long needle points, which come up through the skin of the back. The tail also acts as a trigger, and releases a hammer formed of the lower jaw of the cat, which explodes two percussion caps in the mouth.

Of 1,016 persons bitten by mad dogs and treated at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, last year, three only are said to have died of hydrophobia.

Niagara remains the pinnacle of the adventurer's ambition, until he takes to aerial navigation. In spite of the heavy toll in lives which has been paid by those who have made the trial, a surprising number of persons have braved the terrors of the Falls, either by swimming, floating, or worse still, the giddy crossing on foot by means of the tight-rope. The first to make the journey by the last-named means was, of course, Blondin, and it is unlikely that in our day his performances will be excelled. It was nearly fifty years ago that he first slung a hawser between the Falls and Whirlpool Rapids. For 18 minutes he walked, leapt, danced, and curveted in mid-air, drank from a bottle passed up by cable from a steamer below, and then with his balancing-pole, weighing 45lbs. and measuring 38ft., landed on the Canadian side. Several times thereafter he repeated the performance with infinitely daring variants, walking with his head enveloped in a sack, with his feet encumbered by baskets, with his hands and feet manacled, carrying a table and chair, and finally a man. One of the most remarkable pieces of nerve was that in which he held a hat in his hand, while a sharp-shooter from the deck of a steamer riddled it with bullets. The Falls have always a pathetic interest for Englishmen from the fact that the grandest swimmer this or any other country ever produced, Captain Webb, lost his life there. It was in July 20 years ago that the poor fellow made the attempt. After getting into the current, he was seen to pass a few of the swells, and then was sucked under. His lifeless body was recovered four days later, seven miles down the river, and to-day it lies in Oakwood Cemetery.

Of freak performances there have been not a few. Carlisle D. Graham, a Philadelphian, has several times shot the rapids in a barrel of his own fashioning. After his first successful attempt he determined to repeat the feat with his head protruding from the tub. He did so, and was nearly suffocated by being caught in an eddy in which he could not get his breath. His success inspired a young woman named Maud Millard to emulate the feat. She took with her in her barrel a pet dog. Thousands of people watched the nine hours' tossing of the barrel in which she was imprisoned. They saw it sucked under, and cast high into the air hundreds of yards from the point at which it had disappeared. When late at night the barrel was redeemed from the water, the little dog leapt joyously from its prison, but the girl was dead. The fresh air for whose lack she had died has been absorbed by the dog. The wife of a professional wrestler made a somewhat similar attempt recently, and was picked up almost dead. Another of her sex copied Blondin's feat of crossing the rope with her feet and hands girt about with chains. She managed the journey successfully, but has not been heard of in a similar connection since. A couple of years ago a Mrs. Taylor shot the Falls in a barrel, and there remains nothing else out of which man could win notoriety, until a new thrill be devised. Quite a lot of heroism which might have been more profitably employed has been expended in feats of this character.

A German scientist has suggested a means of ridding localities of the mosquito pest. The professor in question, we are told, argues that protection from animal and insect depredations is frequently secured by the erection of scarecrows. He further states that, inasmuch as mosquitoes are the prey of dragon-flies, and that as the mosquito avoids this insect as much as possible, the bodies of dead dragon-flies strung upon wires in mosquito-infested localities should succeed in scaring mosquitoes away. This opens a wide field for operations. "As big fleas have small fleas that on their backs do fright' em, so little fleas have lesser fleas, and so *ad infinitum*"; and the only thing to do to rid ourselves of insect pests is to place destroyers in conspicuous spots, and the trick is done.

An experiment was, says a contemporary, made by a Polish nobleman to ascertain how far storks migrate during the winter. He caught a stork, and attached a plate to its neck on which were inscribed the words: "This stork comes from Poland." In the following spring the same stork was found in the nobleman's park with a bundle around its neck, containing several precious stones of great value, and the metal plate with these words on the other side: "India sends him back with presents to the Poles." Next please.

An unexpected incident such as a swarm of bees suddenly alighting in a public thoroughfare is enough, according to what we read in a Paris newspaper, quite to unnerve the average policeman. The incident referred to was this: Whilst a man employed in watering the roads was standing near a water-main in a Paris street, a swarm of the industrious little insects, presumably bent on an outing, settled down on the pavement. The man in charge of the water-cart hesitated what to do, and called the police to his aid. The constable on duty in the vicinity consulted a colleague, but though they would have collared a pickpocket or drunkard with the utmost alacrity, they are said to have experienced considerable delicacy in interfering with the bees. Ultimately, a tradesman acquainted with the habits of the insects was applied to, and secured the swarm, but there yet remained the problem, what was to be done with the capture. At the police-station the Commissary emphatically refused to take charge of the wanderers. At the lost property office, it is narrated, there was no room for them, so, finally, the tradesman, much against the grain, was compelled to store them away somewhere until their owner could be discovered.

Some time ago we gave our readers our opinion of Messrs. P. Orr & Son's "Orite," which we consider to be absolutely the best preparation for cleaning and preserving rifles and guns. We continue to hear its praises sung by all who have tried it, and we are pleased to hear that the War Office evidently thinks it good enough to ask the manufacturers in India for quotations.

The rain has come just in time to tempt owners into supporting the Tollygunge Gymkhana on Saturday, and very fair entries have rolled in for all but two events. Neither the polo players nor the voluntary warriors of Calcutta seem anxious to have a flutter; but all the remaining events have filled well. There is some very useful class in both the horse events, and "hacks" is a decided misnomer for many of those entered for the three-furlong hack stakes. Out of 14 entries for this contest, most of whom are unknown quantities, it will be no easy task to pick the winner, but as several of the better class ones are double entries for this and the opening handicap, they may elect to go for the latter only and so simplify matters. Oom Paul, it will be remembered, ran in very good company last season when quite unfit, and, should he go for this race, will probably be the first to catch the judge's eye. Sylvia also made a fair show, running second in a hunter's hurdle race, and Myrene ran well in the light horse paper-chase, when untrained. Corban, too, has won a

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Gymkhana, so that the winner might turn up in either of these. Sir Humphry is a nice cut of a horse, but is believed to be all out of order, having had fever. Red Pepper is reported to resemble his name, and on the whole we should select him and Oom Paul to fight it out between them.

For the pony hurdles five entries are forthcoming, of whom Pekin and Peeping Tom are known to be moderate paperchasers. Country Girl is reported to be very "peas in the pot," but she is entered for the ½ mile also. Which ever she goes for, she should not be allowed to run loose.

For the pony race, ½ mile, we have nine to choose from, of whom Ophelia, Pekin, and First Guide are known as paperchasers. If what we hear of Country Girl is reliable, she should about win this, and Moonray and First Guide may be looked to to fill the situations. A warmish crowd are named for the opening handicap, True Blue, Red Pepper, Oom Paul, and Chummey, all being stated to be real jam. Writing before seeing the weights, it is impossible to make a selection, but unless weighted out, True Blue, Oom Paul, and Red Pepper should all run well.

Athletic Notes.

WHAT will, we fear, be almost the last of the Lawn Tennis matches for the present season, came off on Saturday last on the Calcutta Cricket Club ground, when that Club invited the Saturday Club to try conclusions. The tourney was played on the American principle, each couple of one side playing eleven games against each of the other couples in turn. Each Club was represented by 3 couples, and the match decided on the best of the 99 games played. The sides were very even and a most exciting match resulted, the Calcutta Cricket Club ultimately winning by the narrow margin of 3 games, as set forth in the details given elsewhere.

The Calcutta Cricket Club were represented by Messrs. Hechle and Allen, Preston and Hinds, Harvey and Danger, and the Saturday Club by Messrs. Jacksonand Grimley, Colville and Quin, and Bagshawe and Hill. In the first round Jackson and Grimley beat Preston and Hinds by 7 to 4, Bagshawe and Hill beat Harvey and Danger by 7 to 4, but Hechle and Allen scored 10 to 1 against Colville and Quin, giving the Calcutta Cricket Club a lead of 18 games to 15. In the second round, Preston and Hinds beat Colville and Quin by 9 to 2, but Hechle and Allen lost to Bagshawe and Hill at 3 to 8, and Harvey and Danger went down to Jackson and Grimley at 2 to 9, making the score 34 to 32 in favour of the Saturday Club. In the last round Hechle and Allen won by 8 to 3 from Jackson and Grimley. Preston and Hinds beat Bagshawe and Hill by 7 to 4 and Harvey and Danger lost to Colville and Quin by 4 to 7, making the total 51 games to the representatives of the Calcutta Cricket Club against 48 for the Saturday Club.

We hope next season to see a good many of these inter-club matches, as they are very interesting and do a lot to stimulate the game.

The International Golf Match, which brought the very successful Championship meeting at Muirfield to a termination, proved most exciting, and it came to the last putt of the last couple Messrs. G. F. Smith (England) and C. E. Dick (Scotland) before the Southerners could claim the victory, and even then Mr. Dick took three on the green. The feature of the play was the magnificent form shown by the new champion Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Hilton and their severe defeats of Mr. John Ball and Mr. Laidlay, respectively; the young Chiswick amateur, Mr. H. G. Castle, also played very finely and easily accounted for Mr. Robb. But why Scotland elected to play Mr. Norman Hunter, unless Mr. Edward Blackwell, Mr. John Law, Mr. A. R. Aitkin and many others, including his brother Mr. Mansfield Hunter, were all unable to play, comes as a great surprise. The ex-Cantab is certainly a strong player, but no less certainly one of the most erratic, and his downfall at the hands of Mr. W. H. Fowler, an enormously improved golfer, was only what might have been expected.

The English team for the International Professional Match in connection with the open Golf Championship at Kestwick has been selected and will be as follows:—Harry Vardon (Captain); J. H. Taylor, Tom Vardon, P. Rainford, Rowland Jones, E. Ray, T. G. Renouf, W. G. Toogood, A. Tingy, T. Williamson, J. Sherlock, and J. Row with Earnest Grey and G. H. Cawsey as reserves. This is a far stronger side than that chosen for Scotland as will be seen from an analysis of the names, but the whole match is apparently a misnomer, as we learn that Andrew Kinkaldy, Archie Simpson, and Willie Auchterlonie, three of her very best and very best-known professors, will not be allowed to represent Scotland because they do not belong to the new fangled Professional Golfers' Association. What a farce! Surely trades unionism will not be allowed to dominate sport in this manner. It would be far better not to have the match at all.

The sad death of Mr. P. G. Pearson, the well-known lawn tennis player, from enteric fever which was reported last week, will have caused much regret in Calcutta where he had made many friends during his short residence in India. Mr. Pearson, who was educated at St. Paul's School and Magdalen College, Oxford, was quite the best dark blue lawn tennis player of his year, and often distinguished himself at Wimbledon and the other big tournaments; he never appeared to get quite fit out here, and consequently never showed his best form, but he won the lawn tennis Championship of Bengal last year, when he had only been in the country a few months, and only succumbed in the final to Mr. Nelson Wright this year after a tremendous struggle. Mr. Pearson was only 25 years of age, and had been less than two years in India, and his sudden death has cut short a most promising career.

A lot of training is going on for the projected after-dinner walk from Barrackpore to Calcutta. The match is between representatives of Messrs. J. Thomas & Co. and Messrs. Birkmyre Bros., 6 aside, and no doubt all of them will go the distance. The date, as at present arranged, is the 11th July, and the course will be about sixteen miles. Mr. E. A. Smith will act as starter and time-keeper, and six well-known Calcutta Sportsmen have agreed to act as umpires.

Some members of the Calcutta Rowing Club have lately been prominent on the Thames. The London Rowing Club Trial Eights were decided on the 15th May, and in the Trial Eights from Chiswick Church to Putney Dummy, we find Mr. F. A. G. Medd rowing No. 2 in the winning boat, and from the reports in the *Lock to Lock Times*, his crew was a very good one. In the Club Eights, Hammersmith Bridge to Putney Dummy, Mr. C. V. Green rowed No. 6 in the boat that won. Messrs. J. B. Hoare and J. Graves have also been seen on the riverside.

Mr. Warre Cornish, son of the Vice-Provost of Eton, made an attempt to shoot Windsor Weir in a small Canadian canoe last month. Owing to all the sluices in the weir being up, there was a tremendous stream running, and the attempt was a very daring one. Mr. Cornish quietly paddled his canoe down the weir stream unaccompanied, and tried to guide it between the uprights of the weir, which are only about five feet apart. The canoe, however, struck one of the supports, and Mr. Cornish was thrown into the eddying waters. He had the utmost difficulty in keeping afloat, but fortunately he was able to clutch the uprights and hold on until the lock-keeper and other men appeared on the scene. After much difficulty, Mr. Cornish was dragged on to the weir in an exhausted state, and his canoe floated on down the river. His escape from drowning was a remarkable one. Many years ago Lieut. Watkin Williams Wynne of the Guards, lost his life in endeavouring to shoot the same weir when there was not nearly so strong a stream running. Happily, after the attempt, Mr. Cornish was able to leave for his home at Eton College.

A process whereby tanned pigskins can be used as a substitute for rubber for tyres has been invented by a Mr. John Muir, Leith, Scotland. He says that the pigskins so treated will wear longer than rubber.

The terrible list of casualties which occurred during the recent motor race from Paris to Madrid, which resulted in the authorities stopping the contest when Bordeaux was reached, may not improbably lead to the forced abandonment of the contest of a similar kind which is fixed to take place in Ireland during the month of July. For our part we shall rejoice if this is the outcome of the terrible affair in France, for to class the speed trials of these death-dealing engines as "sport" is surely stretching that much-abused word to its fullest extent. That there is a certain amount of enjoyment in rushing along the roads at lightning speed no one will deny who has had an opportunity of indulging in the experiment, but that any good purpose is served by such celerity is more than open to doubt. Now that it has been proved that there is danger to life and limb to be feared by the motorists themselves some check will doubtless be placed upon their actions, and assuredly the roads of Great Britain should never be allowed to form racecourses for those who indulge in this craze.

"Wag" Harding, the ex-champion sculler, has been stricken with brain affliction at Vienna. A meeting of gentlemen connected with the Thames side was held on the 22nd ultimo to decide what steps should be taken to help the unfortunate man and his wife and family who are left practically penniless. Enough money was raised at the meeting to meet Mrs. Harding's immediate wants, but the committee decided to issue collecting lists at on early date.

The Madras Hockey Tournament will commence on the 20th proximo, when the Challenge Cup, at present held by the 2nd Battery, Durham Light Infantry, will be offered for competition.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—With the break of the monsoon, which may occur at any time now, the Bombay football season will commence, and from what I hear I fancy our local association teams—or the chief of them—will be a little stronger than has been the case of recent years, and in this connexion I am glad to be able to say that there is every chance of the Gymkhana giving a better account of itself than for some years now. But, of course, much of this depends on whether or not all the men who have promised to turn out will keep their word. The annual meeting, held an evening or two since, was, I understand, attended by between twenty and thirty players, among them being quite a lot of men who will be making their first appearance in Bombay "soccer", but who have done well for other clubs both in India and at home. Mr. Lidderdale was elected Captain and Honorary Secretary, and no better choice could have been made, for he is a rattling good player, and, what is still more important, an enthusiastic devotee of the game. Turning to the Rovers, I understand that they have several promising new players, in addition to which they will still have the assistance of most of those who figured in the eleven of last year. The competition for the Harwood Challenge Cup, which has had no little share in rousing increased interest in the dribbling code in Bombay will be continued this year, and gives every promise of being as great a success as it was last year. In connexion with this competition, I understand that the committee have come to a decision which I have no doubt will commend itself to everybody, and that is that in league games every player shall be compelled to turn out in his club colours. In the past it has been no uncommon thing to see players of this or that team turning out wearing all the colours of the rainbow, which, naturally, has caused no little confusion to referee, players, and spectators alike. Then, of course, the Rovers' Tournament will be again held this year, and I have no doubt that it will be as equally successful as the tournaments of previous years. And in connexion with this I would once more put forward my suggestion as to the advisability of the civilian teams of Bombay being represented in the Tournament by a combined team, for it is only by doing this that they can hope to get anywhere near the final. Since I threw out this suggestion two or three weeks since I have had an opportunity of talking over the matter with two or three prominent civilian players, and all have expressed themselves in favour of some such step being taken.

By every mail the Honorary Secretaries of the scheme for sending a team of Native Indian Cricketers to England next year continue to receive encouraging letters from gentlemen connected with the leading English clubs, and given a good season I have not much doubt as to the success of the tour, Mr. F. E. Lacey, Secretary of the Marylebone Cricket Club and Ground, writes: "At a committee meeting held yesterday (18th May) I was directed to inform you that if an Indian team visits England next season, they will be prepared to offer it a welcome, and will give £100 towards its expenses if a match is played at Lord's." Then Mr. W. Alcock, Secretary of the Surrey County Club, has written promising to bring the matter before his committee, and adding, "I can only repeat my sincere interest in the trip, and add my desire to be of use to you in any way in my power, I am glad to hear that the M. C. C. have offered you a cordial welcome. I can promise you an equally hearty one at

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the Oval." The sum which is being subscribed in India towards the expenses of the team is of a fairly satisfactory nature, but I should like to see promises of substantial support coming in a little quicker than they have been up to the present. "Surely," as a writer pointed out a few days since, "there are many sportsmen amongst the Indian gentlemen who will contribute Rs. 1,000 each." An evening or two since I was speaking to a gentleman who is taking a very keen interest in the scheme, and he was of opinion that there need not be the slightest fear as regards the financial side of the question. At any rate, I hope this will be the case. There is one thing which I should like to point out, however, and that is in reference to the constitution of the committee who have the arrangements in hand. It is intended that the team shall be representative of the whole of India, but it will be noticed that the committee does not include anyone from outside the Bombay Presidency. I fancy this must have been an oversight. It is all very well to talk about Bombay wanting all the honour and glory, but the fact must not be lost sight of that subscriptions are being invited from all parts of the country, and that the team to go home is not one of the Bombay Presidency. Would it not have been policy to have invited a gentleman from Madras and another from Calcutta to accept a seat on the committee? Of course the committee may say, "if we had done this they would not have been able to attend the meetings." This may be true, but at the same time it would have gone some way towards enlisting interest from that side of India, and would have been a compliment which, I fancy, would have been appreciated by players in Bengal and Madras. Of course I don't want it to be understood that I am finding fault with the committee, but it is a matter which I have frequently heard referred to, and it is not yet too late to remedy the oversight, if such it was.

Sussex beat Yorkshire on the 10th instant by an innings and 180 runs, while the matches between Gloucester and Lancashire, and Essex and Derbyshire were drawn owing to rain. On Saturday last *all* matches were abandoned owing to rain.

One often hears of a batsman being out in two ways, but seldom in three. In the match between the M. C. C. (Victoria) and Western Australia, played in Perth, at Easter, Mr. Randell, one of the local team, expressed no dissatisfaction at the umpire's decision when he was given out. Fry sent down a ball to him, which he turned on to his wicket, dislodging the bails. A. E. Johns caught the ball before it touched the ground, and then the batsman fell over his wicket. He was thus out, bowled Fry, caught Johns bowled Fry, and hit wicket bowled Fry.

The report that a team from Yale College may compete with an Oxford and Cambridge team or one composed of Cambridge men alone is confirmed by Mr. Thomas, captain of the Yale track team. If the International games are arranged they will be held late in July.

Henley has lost an old landmark in the person of Captain H. W. Etheridge, Superintendent of the Thames, whom oarsmen, who rowed at Henley regatta some years since, will remember. Captain Etheridge was eighty years of age and was Superintendent of the Thames from 1858—1878.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—*Apropos* of a paragraph in the *Indian Sporting Times* which criticises my denial of the statement that H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore has granted Jayaram leave to stay in England for the purpose of playing in the Indian cricket team, I have a few words to say. That such leave will be granted is highly probable, and that the Committee of the Indian team have received *official intimation* that such leave has been sanctioned is most certainly not the case, although the Committee may have received a hint in this direction.

I am glad to note that the *Indian Sporting Times* is of opinion that the statement as to Jayaram's leave costing the State thousands of rupees is utter nonsense, for it appeared in a paper published not a thousand miles from the *Indian Sporting Times'* office. Everyone is quite aware that Jayaram is not considered to be on leave whilst pursuing his studies, but the *I. S. T.* is decidedly astray when it remarks that Jayaram is "entitled to furlough after several years of study." Everyone here is well aware that Jayaram has *not* the necessary service to be entitled to furlough, and personally I have the honour to know Jayaram very well. However it is highly probable that the leave will be granted. Indian papers have only been a bit "previous."

It is probable that a boxing competition open to the Madras army may take place during the Bangalore race-week in July. Mr. O. St. Michael Jones of the 6th Dragoon Guards is the moving spirit in the business, and more than one fight to a finish is likely to enliven the proceedings. As regards these latter, however, I am not at present at liberty to disclose names. I did hear, however, that one heavy weight was keen enough to desire "a twelve-foot ring and 2oz. gloves"!

General Notes.

THE State Ball at the Viceregal Lodge, Simla, arranged for the 29th June, has now been fixed for the 26th instant.

We regret to learn that Mr. P. B. Bramley, District Superintendent of Police, Benares, got a touch of the sun on Sunday, and has been compelled to go to Naini Tal, where he is at present in the Ramsay Hospital.

Railway collision took place on the 13th instant at Sukheke Station between Lyallpur and Wazirabad, between a local mixed train from the former place and a goods train. Four native passengers were killed, and ten seriously injured.

The ball given by the Knights of the Black Heart, at the Town Hall, Simla, on the 10th instant, was a great success. A large number of guests, including the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Rivaz were present at the dinner which preceded the dance.

H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal leaves Darjeeling about the 15th July and after a short stay in Calcutta will go on tour to Behar. He will open the Behar-Bukhtiapur Light Railway and visit Hatwa. Berhampur and Dumka will probably be visited also.

We see the Niel-Frawley troupe, who twanged out their repertoire to the Calcutta public last season, have got to Melbourne, where they are to give their peculiar nasal renderings of their peculiar pieces. We note with surprise that Miss Susie Vaughan has joined them. From the Broughs to the Frawleys—poor Susie!

At a meeting of the Calcutta Light Horse, held at Head-quarters on the 12th instant, with Lieutenant-Colonel E. Henry presiding, the following officers were elected to complete the establishment: Lieutenant A. J. Pugh to be Captain, 2nd-Lieutenants T. Westmacott and G. Shorrock to be Lieutenants, Sergeants A. Pickford and Latham Hamilton to be 2nd-Lieutenants—good sportsmen all.

We are glad to see that Robert Clarke, who was tried on two charges of defaming Mr. F. W. Roberts, Executive Engineer, Burma Railways, has, after a trial lasting two and a half days, been sentenced. The prisoner was found guilty on the first charge by a majority of seven to two and sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment, and on the second charge by a majority of eight to one and sentenced to two years' simple imprisonment. And rightly too, there has been too much of this sort of thing in Burma lately.

The Photographic Society of India have just issued their salon prospectus. The salon will be held at the Club Rooms, 57, Park Street, Calcutta, from the 21st to 31st December 1903. There will be two sections. In section A the Society's gold medal will be awarded to the best collection of four photographs taken by one member. Section B embraces four classes for each of which medals will be awarded. The classes are Portraits, Landscapes, Instantaneous work and Lantern Slides. Intending exhibitors will find further details in the prospectus.

Between Sonepore and Banwarchak on the B. & N.-W. R a collision between a passenger and a goods train took place on the 12th instant. Several passengers were injured and were brought to Muzaffarpur where they are being attended to by Captain Cochrane, Civil Surgeon of Chapra. It is believed that there were no European passengers in the train. The accident is reported to be due to the native guard of the goods train securing a line clear unauthorisedly. The brakesman of the passenger train was killed, and the driver, a European, is said to have been injured.

A terrible disaster took place at the Yellannu Colliery, Secunderabad, on the 11th instant. The roof of one of the galleries collapsed entombing several hundred miners. Many managed to crawl out, severely injured. Later intelligence announces that though some two hundred odd people had been imprisoned all were rescued except about 5 or 6. The whole field is in a bad condition and sinking everywhere

Complete returns of those killed and injured have been issued. It appears that 384 persons in all were in the mine, at the time of the accident. The total casualties are:—Ten killed, nine injured, and five workmen remain to be accounted for, ten of those entombed being rescued the next day. The narrow escapes of large numbers were simply marvelous.

With great regret we heard of a sad accident on the 9th instant resulting in the death of Dr. N. S. Monnier, Personal Assistant to the Health Officer of Calcutta. While visiting Mr. Ford, a friend, residing in the Hazra Road, they went for a swim in a tank adjoining the house. After swimming about for some time Mr. Ford came out and suddenly hearing cries of "Ford, Ford" saw the doctor disappear under the water. Mr. Ford went to the rescue but it was useless. Dr. Monnier never rose again. Medical aid and the Suburban Police were called in, and the tank dragged. At last a professional diver was sent for from Kidderpore and at 3 A.M. he recovered the body which was removed to the residence of the deceased gentleman's brother. Dr. Monnier was thirty-five years old and had only been married three months. The greatest sympathy is felt for his widow, who was present when the accident took place.

London Week by Week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Friday, 29th May 1903.

THE Coaching Club met at the Magazine on Saturday as by precedent bound, that being the Saturday before Derby day. There was a good muster of twenty-nine coaches, and as the women had put on their best clothes it was as pretty a meet as I have seen. Colonel Hall Walker, whose portrait and biography are in the June *Baily's*, was there as usual, with a nice team of very dark browns. Came also Mr. Albert Brassey with bays, Mr. Lindsay Hogg with liver chesnuts, Mr. Gerwyn Jones with black browns, Dr. Hastings with greys, Captain Hargreaves with browns and bays, Mr. W. H. Grenfell with browns and bays, and Mr. Colston who drove blacks. The club "processed" round the park as usual and a good many of the coaches took their parties down to Hurlingham to lunch.

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Then was the Temple Flower Show upon an early day this week. Distinctly a function of the season is the Temple Flower Show: everybody who is anyone is sure to be there, and nobody who includes a barrister among his or her acquaintance need stay away. For this reason your scribe was not at the flower show, having done his devoirs thereat these many seasons past without fail: though it is always a pleasant function whose charms are qualified only by the stuffiness of the marquees, crammed with plants and people.

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These are matters Worldly, Truthful, or of Vanity Fair: let us to other pastures.

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The "meet" of the Aero Club at Ranelagh on Saturday was a success and either that or the fine day or the Ladies' Driving competition or all three brought a very respectable crowd for the first time this season. The magnificent indifference of the polo ponies to the three apparitions in the persons of balloons on the ground, interested me; so also did the feelings of the passengers in the second balloon which got off badly and for as long as we could see it kept its car and contents swinging like a pendulum to the utter disordering, I fear, of the several interior economies of the contents. By the way the Driving Competitions produced what to me is a new obstacle and I venture to suggest a particularly good one. The competitors had, among other tests, to drive between a pair of posts against each of which rested a wheel: it was curious to see how skilful whips who made light of rows of pegs and the usual embarrassments came to grief at the wheels, only one competitor got through without displacing one of them.

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I hear that the meeting in the Park on Saturday was one of the largest ever seen upon that stage of organised talk. There was a mile or two of brakes with bands and banners and citizens who, for all the earnestness ascribed to them, wore, I am told, an air of festivity, not to say frivolity. Monday's paper told me, and I daresay a goodly proportion of those earnest and enlightend demonstrators, that the demonstration was against the Government's Education Bill for London: a matter which leaves the calm of most of us unruffled.

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Christie's, during the last days of last week, was rather more of a crush than the Academy. By reason of the exhibition of Mr. Reginald Vaile's famous collection of pictures, mostly French of the 18th century. *The* features of the collection were the "Boucher Panels," each about 124 inches by 71 inches, "Love's Offering," The Love Message, "The Fortune Teller," and "Evening": these were sold in one lot and the first bid was 8,000gs. A Paris dealer, Sedelmeyer by name, Agnew and Tooth, fought the battle out among them, Tooth holding out longest and paying 22,300gs. J. M. Wattier's portrait of the Comtesse de Newbourg and her daughter, signed and dated 1749, went for 4,500gs. Nearly all the Vaile pictures are familiar to the public through their frequent appearance at loan exhibitions. The 62 pictures were sold in three hours and realised a total of £58,529.

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Pity the sorrows of that unhappy Bond Street dealer in works of art, to whom an aged lady from Worthing some ten days since, offered a shabby old picture for whatever trifle his Art Dealership might be graciously pleased to give her. It was a battered old canvas with ten big holes in it and the face of the lady portrayed was deplorably dirty; but it was a Gainsborough, and what were the mingled emotions of that dealer when the work he scornfully refused to buy at any price was caught up by Wertheimer at Christie's on Saturday for 9,000gs.! The modest old lady from Worthing had thought perhaps it was worth £5.

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Be it far from a taxpayer to condemn the War Office for endeavours in the direction of economy, but is the country in a state of such destitution that it is imperative to sell blankets "that are worn out or otherwise inferior when that inferiority takes the shape of a filthy condition, soiled with blood, food etc.," (*vide* the letter of the Medical Officer of Health for the City of London to his *confrère* of Birmingham). At least one serious outbreak of typhoid or enteric has been traced to these "inferior" blankets which have been sent home from South African hospitals full of the bacilli of enteric. These second-hand blankets have, it appears, been sent all over the country to convey infection to households most likely to take advantage of the opportunity thrust upon them. The Military authorities burned, or cooked, £150,000 worth of tinned stores they did not want, not so long ago. One would imagine that officers of the R. A. M. C. might be trusted with the task of condemning blankets that had been used by enteric cases. Wonderful ways indeed are those of our priceless War Office.

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Reuter, without doubt, has given you news of the Paris-Madrid Motor race. The competitors were unanimous in their complaints against the spectators who in their desire to view the race only got out of the way at the last moment and thus considerably impeded the progress of the cars. Inasmuch as the speed some cars attained was over 80 miles an hour the spectators certainly exhibited some lack of consideration for themselves. The amazing thing about the business is that the casualty roll is so brief. Imagine 212 high power locomotives started at intervals of one minute to race over one of the finest and smoothest roads in Europe. The whole race took place in the densest of dust fogs from start to finish: cars were passing and repassing one another at express train speed the whole journey: and the population on the road was "warned" to keep out of the way, in other words that the *Route Nationale* from Paris to Bordeaux could not be used by any but racing motorists for at least three hours and a half at any given point! My sympathies are entirely with the Municipal authorities at Bordeaux who declined to trust the motors that did arrive to use their own power in that city: the cars had to be drawn out of the city limits by horse or cattle.

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Naturally the tale of disaster has drawn attention to the possibilities hovering over the Gordon-Bennett Cup Race in Ireland next July. Somebody has hurried into print to say that the circumstances of the Irish race will be quite different: only twelve cars are to compete and these will start at longer intervals: seven thousand police soldiers and Club Stewards are to keep the 93-mile course. In fact every precaution has been taken to prevent accident even to the motorists themselves; but it is noteworthy that public apprehension is aroused wholly on behalf of those who mote not neither do they spin at express train rates along public roads. The Hon' John Scott Montague contributed a plaintively silly letter to Wednesday's *Times*. He thinks that the "feeling aroused over the casualties in the Paris-Madrid race is somewhat unreasonable." Mr. Scott Montague has misapprehended the trend of public feeling; it does not much object to motorists killing themselves, but to motorists killing other people on the public highways.

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Much Ado About Nothing took the boards of the Imperial on Saturday and is likely to make a longer stay thereon than the *Vikings*. My recollections of Miss Terry's *Beatrice* at the Lyceum in byegone days was a bit misty I fear, but Anno Domini notwithstanding the *Beatrice* of the Imperial revival recalled it vividly: whence you will correctly infer that Miss Terry has lost nothing of the charm of frankness and roguishness that made her *Beatrice* one of her best creations. Mr. Oscar Asche was a more than satisfactory Benedick; but among the men Mr. Norman Forbes' Dagberry most appealled to me: he made the man a pompous blockhead whose verbal ineptitudes are merely and naturally incidental to his sterling stupidity; and the house recognised cordially the merit of an uncommonly clever performance.

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By the way did men in Elizabethan times ever wear their hair cropped short as at the present day? If this innovation was due to failure of the wigmaker to come up to time, we will forgive it; but if Miss Terry intends to run much *Ado* without bewigged heads I hope she will think better of it. The scenery was a great score for Mr. Gordon Craig. The Church in Act III was a stroke of genius; by clever manipulation of lights from above very simple stage accessories are made to convey a singularly vivid and convincing sense of the space which is the predominant characteristic of a church. It was wonderfully well done, and Lyceum traditions as regards staging are potent at the Imperial, it is clear.

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Caste has been revived at the Criterion for a week. Miss Marie Tempest was Polly and right well the part fitted her; but by general consent honours go to Miss Kate Rorke for her Esther. I have seen *Caste* often enough in all conscience; and though my liking for the piece has always been qualified by a consciousness of the future which St. John Hankin put into one of his "Dramatic Suquels" in *Punch* a few years ago, I never enjoyed the play more than at the Cri. on Tuesday, thanks largely to Miss Rorke's tenderness and sympathy as Esther. Mr. Dawson Milward created a Captain Hawtree of his own and excellently truthful to the chosen type it was. Old Eccles was a besotted lout and nothing else; he had none of the subtleness of the Eccles of Mr. Hare who showed long ago what could be done with that rather thankless part.

There is a lively agitation afoot concerning the propriety of allowing children to "go on" at hours when children ought to be in bed. The agitation I rather think is largely promoted by the Exeter Hall faction which regards the stage-door as rather worse than the gates of the Inferno and whose exalted sense of morality is offended by the bare notion of going inside a theatre. These would have child parts forbidden altogether, regardless of the detail that early apprenticeship to the stage often means a decent livelihood. A good idea has been put forward, that licenses for children should be granted, not as now to individual children, but to the managers who employ them. If it be desired to ensure the good treatment of the youngsters, surely that is the best way to ensure it: but judging by the keenness of children to go on, any safeguards in that direction do not seem at all necessary.

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Uneasy lies the head that wears the responsibility of issuing, and advertising, an *Encyclopædia Britannica*. In Tuesday's *Times* is a declaration for which I had been looking these many days, stimulated to expectancy by the articles which have been appearing in the *Financial News*. Those articles averred that the *Encyclopædia Britannica* was the product of an American book syndicate of pushing character, and that the *Times* has merely lent its name to the enterprise. Whereto the *Times*' declaration of Tuesday makes a series of counter-statements which tell us that its great self took all responsibility, but it is said that some malcontent is bringing an action against the *Times* to recover the price of a copy of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* on the plea that the Great Work was sold under false pretences. We shall know more of this matter in due time no doubt.

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Paul Blouët, otherwise Max O'Rell, died on Saturday in Paris, and a source of gaiety to nations is dried. He was a Breton by birth, but a Britisher by adoption, for during 30 years his home was in this country. For eight years he was French master at St. Paul's School, but "John Bull and his Island" in 1884 showed his true *metier* and the school desk knew him no more. The highest tribute to the good humour of his satirical humour was the popularity of his books in England (his wife, an Englishwoman, did all the translations, by the way) He often hit us hard, but the geniality of the man was magnetic and he might say pretty much what he pleased, so his spirit shone through him. He was one of the best lecturers I ever heard and I believe he was equally good as an after-dinner speaker, but I never had the luck to hear him in this capacity. It is to be feared that his amusing books will not live, they were a bit too superficial.

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It was pretty well known that Mr. F. G. Curzon would not defend the divorce suit Miss Ellis Jeffreys (to use the lady's stage name) was to bring against him: hence they that fatten on "West End scandals" were baulked of what they no doubt thought would be a banquet. Enough was proved to obtain the decree desired: the pair had been separated by mutual consent for over a year, but the separation only afforded opportunity for fresh trouble: the upshot of the brief trial on Thursday should have the not rare merit of satisfying both parties.

ONLOOKER.

It is not a very rare case that horses who are only supposed to be sprinters have proved themselves to excel over a distance of ground, and, *vice versâ*, horses who were thought to be stayers only, and not possessed of much speed, have finally made their name on the T. Y. C. Similar popular opinions have often been found wrong.

When Pearl Diver ran in the Grand National it was prophesied that if he landed on the flat anywhere near the leaders he must win, as he had shown such good speed when engaged in the legitimate business. As a matter of of fact, he did jump first on the course, and was then beaten by The Lamb, whose *forte* was supposed to be galloping over ploughed fields.

That over-estimated colt Sir Joseph had very shelly feet, and "Teddy" Weaver had a standing complaint that whenever an engagement was made for the horse the ground proved as hard as adamant, and he had no earthly chance of winning. The day he ran in the Royal Hunt Cup was a pouring wet one, and the stable thought that their time had come, and that they had a fair "pinch." The result was as on previous occasions—that the horse was easily beaten.

Perhaps, however, the most striking intance of a case of this sort was in connection with Macaroni. Many years ago, it was an article of faith with racing men that "the Sweetmeats liked to hear their feet rattle." So thoroughly was this believed in that when a torrent of rain fell at Epsom Downs on the Derby Day of 1863, converting the course into a quagmire, Macaroni, who had been an equal favourite with Lord Clifden at 5 to 1, receded to double the odds, and at the start was not even third favourite. Strange to say, Lord Clifden blundered in the heavy going, and Macaroni beat him by a head, the pet theory in connection with the Sweetmeat blood thus taking the knock.

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WHISKY.

Review.

SERVICE AND SPORT ON THE TROPICAL NILE.*

CAPTAIN SYKES was one of the officers who were sent to Uganda to take part in the work of quelling the Soudanese mutiny, and, despite its title, we opened his book with some qualms, anticipating yet another painstaking account of a difficult and troublesome business which, so far as he who reads for amusement is concerned, has already found chroniclers numerous enough. Our apprehensions on that score have been quickly and very pleasantly dispelled. We hear little about the mutiny and high politics; the author devotes himself to such matters as came under his own eyes in the daily routine of his work, and his good spirits, lively humour, and observation of native character, found a fruitful source of entertainment for himself and for us in the every-day incidents of African life. It is not a connected narrative, but in the author's own words "events do not occur in any particular order, nor are one's ideas connected in regular sequence. I have written them down as they occurred." To this light-hearted treatment the book owes much of its undoubted merit. Captain Sykes has no illusions about the negro races, and sums them up with a good deal of shrewdness. Few African races, he remarks, show much advance upon their ancestors since the time of Adam; the conditions of their existence render it unnecessary for them to think, and he is clearly of opinion that the mental process with the negro is at a very elementary stage indeed. Nevertheless he speaks with affection of the Soudanese he commanded and got on swimmingly with the tribes with whom he was brought in contact: and we may fairly attribute his success to the sound, good sense which taught him understanding of an animal race and the indulgence, tempered with firmness, wherewith he treated them.

Captain Sykes obtained little sport in Uganda and on his way thither the circumstances of his duty in the country indicated speed; and not until he embarked upon the Nile and his task of establishing stations thereon had he or his companions much opportunity to use the rifle save on hippos and crocodiles. The slaughter of a hippo was an event productive of less satisfaction to the sportsman than his native following, as the taste of these religious is for meat in a very advanced stage of "highness" and the orgies which followed the death of a hippo showed the savage at his lowest. Apaddu, just above the Duffields Falls, the spot which Baker regarded as the future centre of Africa, appears to be no bad place for the sportsman. If the game had ever been disturbed it must have been long before Captain Sykes' party created a settlement; for when the work of clearing was in hand "occasionally one would hear shouts and yells from the hewers and some bush buck or reed buck or small gazelle would come dashing through the busy throng, not knowing where it was going." At first the antelopes, attracted by curiosity, "were tempted to come and look on" at the work. Elephants and rhino were numerous, giraffe were occasionally seen, eland, haartebrest, cobus and numbers of smaller antelopes were very common. One of the best things in the way of sporting reminiscences is the author's frank analysis of his feelings when for the first time in the presence of elephants. There were three—two cows and a young bull, and Captain Sykes had only a ·303 with him, a good weapon, but not one with which inexperience could with a light heart face elephants:—

> "As I crouched behind a tree and gazed up at him I thought how easily he could uproot it and trample me to death. Visions of six dead men, which one elephant had recently mangled to death, began to rise up before me. I found myself trembling from head to foot—whether from excitement or fear, or both, I know not. Probably it was fear! When I was within ten paces of the monster, I lay down and took a steady aim at the vital spot in his heart marked in a diagram in my mind's eye. For a moment I wondered if I dared to fire: I was still safe and could have walked away unharmed. For very shame I could not do that. My brave Bazruta was by my side weapon in hand and I steadied myself for one of the supreme moments of my life."

He took his chance and got his elephant: and has "since learned by better experience how colossal his ignorance was." His next adventure with elephants was a much more serious affair: he and Bazruta stalked with in ten yards of a herd of forty or fifty, wounded one in a fashion we need not criticise, and following the herd up wounded another. This brought a charge in which the whole crowd joined and hunted the flying sportsman and his followers right up to the caravan, when the gleam of the escorts' presented rifles or the crowd of humanity turned them. The book is brightly and pleasantly written. Whether he writes of native character, of boots, butterflies, sport, dances or food, the author is always alert and amusing: there is not a dull page from cover to cover. A few tolerable illustrations are given.

* *Service and Sport on the Tropical Nile*, By Captain C. A. Sykes. Murray.

It is related, on what is generally considered pretty good authority, that when poor George Fordham won the Goodwood Stakes of 1870 on Paganini he only received from the horse's owner, the late Ned Smith, the sum of five pounds. However this may be, certain it is that later on "the Demon" had an opportunity of avenging himself on his parsimonious patron, which he did not neglect to seize.

In the following year Fordham had the mount on Idus in Newmarket Handicap, Snowden riding Paganini. A short distance from home, Fordham saw that it would be a desperately near thing between them and, indeed, could not disguise from himself that, if anything, Snowden's mount was actually going the better of the two; so, without looking at Snowden, he said, "Jem, I'll save five pounds with you!

Snowden, desiring to see how the chances stood, looked to ascertain how Idus was going, as Fordham had thought he would, for that was his artful plan to distract his dangerous rival's attention for a moment. Seizing the second, Fordham got first run, and won by a short head. Riding back into the saddling enclosure at the top of the town, the victorious jockey saw Mr. Smith looking anything but pleased, and maliciously determined to vex him still more; so, leaning down to the boy who was leading Idus in, he said in a whisper, loud enough for Smith to hear, "Look sharp; I think I'm a bit short of weight."

The bait took. Mr. Smith—hopes of winning yet by the disqualification of Idus flashing through his mind—rushed frantically into the weighing-room to watch with keen and eager eyes the process of weighing in. There he saw Fordham passed all right at the scale, as of course he knew he would be, and as he got out of the chair and passed Mr. Smith, the jockey said, with a smile on his face—"*Quits.*"

Shikar.

JOTTINGS FROM JUNGLYPORE.

I.

VERY warm just now at Junglypore. We have lately invested in a new self-registering thermometer. We simply couldn't believe the old one. It used to exasperate everybody by saying "only 105°" on the very infernallest of infernal days. The new one has soothed us: it weighed in with 114°, and shortly after gratified its owners by putting up the satisfactory score of 119½°, the which appeased mightily. It *is* something after all to think that you *are* getting it worse than the great majority of suffering exiles! Indeed one has known men fight savagely, in each upholding the claim of his particular station to being the hottest in India!

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The jungles are pretty open and bare at present. The few brilliantly green trees that appear in fresh foliage—bless them—at this all-parched season, only seem to accentuate the wilderness of whitish grass and bare stems. By day the blackened expanses, by night the curving lines of creeping red, show that the jungle fires are at work fertilising the soil on hill sides that shall spring out softly green at the earliest fall of rain. *Khubbar* is rather scarce this year—at least from the lower hills close by. A prowling leopard or two; now and then news of a phantom bear: oftener still of a sambar, the latter practically useless, as few stags are to be found in horn just now—although there are the exceptions to prove the rule.

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It is really too hot at this time of year (we have been here a very long time, and are getting "fed-up") to enjoy a morning's ride or walk after antelope or chinkara. By 8 A.M. the sun is fierce, and the haze-laden fiery wind has been up and doing since a still earlier hour. But there are tigers not so far away! A man-eater among them too. The last we heard of the latter was when a party of cartmen was passing along a lonely road in the forest depths. The tiger appeared over a hill above them, and, bounding lightly on to the road, hunted his human prey round the carts, behind the bullocks—of which he took not the slightest notice. Picking out one poor fellow, he retired up hill with the body. This tiger is one of those that, so common in these parts, do not stick to an entirely human diet, and is therefore somewhat difficult to locate. It will not no be long before some one is after him.

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We have had a little pigsticking lately. Pig appear to be recovering from the effects of the famine years, and, given a year or two more of fairly fat seasons, we shall have them all back again in their ancient and familiar haunts—however the old coverts are sadly thinned.

Within the last two months or so our little local and informal Tent Club has accounted for some nine or ten pig, mostly smallish ones, as it is not often that the really big boars from the surrounding jungly hills forget themselves so far as to linger in covert on the plains. Nearly all these pig died fighting as a pig should; and horses have been cut, one of them somewhat severely. The best boars measured 33 and 34 inches respectively.

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This year the shooting season has already been productive of mishaps: and the last one reported, the sad case of poor Rogers in the Chanda district, is more than usually distressing. We read that he "boldly walked up" the wounded tiger. In the absence of detailed information it would be as inadvisable as superfluous to comment on the poor fellow's method of dealing with that grim potential agent of death, a wounded feline.

On 1st May of last year one of our present number at Junglypore was the victim of an accident in the jungle, which resulted in his being carried to Rogers's house, where, as he will never forget, he was received and nursed with the greatest kindness. Indeed it is probable that he owes his life to the prompt despatch of medical attendance which met him while still far distant from that little civil station in which he found such a friend in need.

At that time invalid and host found many a subject of common interest, and, in the course of an unusually sympathetic intercourse, their exchange of ideas indicated clearly that he who has now fallen a victim, on another fatal May day, to that chance which follows on all human undertakings, was a man of clear and cool-headed sense, experienced in the pursuit of big game, and the last to run a foolhardy risk. Here again, too, it would be difficult even to insinuate on the part of those who have lately been rushing to ill-founded conclusions in print that the weapon used by the ill-fated sportsman was to blame for the sad accident. That both the shots fired at the charging tiger were directed with an admirable coolness is evident from the fact that they struck what was undoubtedly the centre of the mark, breaking both of the brute's jaws as he came on. It is questionable whether any kind of firearm would have done more than the ·450 cordite rifle then did. The whole unhappy episode appears to have been one of those which occasionally bring home to us that "nothing is certain," and as such it has to be sorrowfully engraved on the tablets of the mind.

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So much tiger-shooting is now-a-days carried out without the use of the trained elephant, that men who have to content themselves with the pursuit of the big cats nominally "on foot" are often perplexed with the question of what is to be done in the case of a wounded beast.

Let us take the commoner form of tiger-shooting prevalent over the larger part of India—that of beating with a gang of men afoot and "stops" in trees, while the rifle, for a variety of good reasons, occupies a commanding position above the surface of the ground. A tiger or panther appears, is fired at, and wounded—perhaps mortally, perhaps slightly, it is difficult on many occasions to tell which—and the beast then passes from the view of sportsman or of "stops" into ground which cannot well be searched from trees, high banks, or other points of vantage and view What is to be done?

In many cases, confident in an experience of animals previously followed up and disposed of without accident, the sportsman may elect to wait what he considers a sufficient time, and then, very cautiously, proceed to look for the dead or disabled creature. But the element of chance is an ever-present factor. This may be the only but very occasion on which the beast elects to go for his pursuer; and out he comes in that utterly astonishing manner.

He may be stopped by a fortunate shot; in which case it is to be feared that the shikari will become dangerously confident on the next occasion. He may make good his attack; and then the hunter, his friends—or both—will gain a dearly-bought warning.

It is practically impossible, in view of the varied character of different situations to advise, even in apparently clear cases, any particular line of action. If the ground be suitable, the services of a herd of domestic buffaloes may be usefully employed, in the way of which most of us are aware. Should the cover consist of not too long grass, covering rideable ground, it may be possible to search it at a fast pace on horseback; a method which has before now been successfully employed. The covert *may* also be fired. And there are other plans.

But as a rule, unless indeed the sportsman or his men are indifferent to their safety, or as a rescue, it is surely no sane man's business to fruitlessly offer human life as a very possible sacrifice to a beast which is intent on his destruction, and has a double power of dealing death in its septic fangs and claws.

There appears to be a fairly widely distributed idea that a wounded tiger, abandoned by the sportsman, will develop, in the case of its escaping death, into a terrible scourge of the country side; but this is certainly contrary to most experience. Being what they are, a comparatively slight wound will often bring felines to their death; and, if they should recover, it is more likely than not that such creatures will display greater caution than before.

At any rate, working by the law of averages, and endeavouring to avoid that arch-enemy Theory, it is far more likely that infinitely greater evil will be caused by the following up of a wounded animal than by its judicious abandonment.

As to the moral view to be taken of what has been given above, it seems fairly obvious that any fool can follow hot foot on the track of a dangerous brute, but that it usually takes a wise man all his time and courage to decide when to leave it.

We are an argumentative lot at Junglypore; so next time I write you I may be able to impart our humble ideas on the very burning question of weapons.

(*To be continued.*)

DHAK.

INCIDENTS OF IBEX SHOOTING.

Several considerations had led to my pitching my tent in a nalah near Kargil instead of going further into Baltistan. Expense, time, and a doubt as to my ability to put up with the cold and loneliness, were the three principal ones. I think I found about as distressful a spot as exists in that dreary country—great sheer walls of rock shut in my nalah on either hand: it was like being at the bottom of a well. A dirty little stream wandered noisily along the rocky bottom of the ravine, disappearing at intervals beneath huge snow-drifts. The stunted birch trees and snow bent bushes were naked and budless, exhibiting no signs of coming spring, although it was the middle of May.

A side nalah joined the main one close to where my tent was pitched, and about three or four miles up this smaller ravine, the rock walls gave place to shale slopes, with here and there what my shikari called a maidan. These maidans were slopes rather less steep than the usual shale ones, on which a certain amount of rough vegetation managed to flourish. These proved to be the grazing grounds of a large herd of ibex. I think there were only three good bucks among the lot. One had a very fine head, forty two and-a half inches round the curve; in fact quite an an uncommon trophy to find so comparatively near Srinagar. The other two were very far behind only about thirtyfives, and there were four or five more running from thirty to thirty-three. My second day in the nalah I was lucky enough to find four of the bucks and one or two does away from the rest of the herd. The big one was among the four. I made by stalk to find two bucks

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in view, perhaps a hundred and sixty yards off with their tails towards me I could not for the life of me tell which was the big fellow and shot the wrong one, a thirty-two incher; but my luck was good that day: I missed the big one as he galloped off, but got him as he topped a ridge of rocks two hundred and fifty yards off. He fell with a terrific crash some fifty or sixty feet and then rolled headlong down a steep shale slope, without even damaging the tips of his fine horns.

For several days after this the herd quitted the slopes of the side nalah, and we could not find where they had gone.

I tried various other places and found three more herds, but there were no good heads among them. I hoped, however, that the first lot would eventually come back, as I knew there were still a couple of decent heads. One evening we went up the little nalah and there high above us, on a very steep slope, was the herd feeding; at that particular part of the nalah there were steep, shale slopes between rocky ridges. Putting one of the rock ridges between us and the game, we started on a most heartbreaking climb. Eventually we got just above where we thought the herd was. A clamber over the rocks and a peep over the edge revealed a young buck with a deformed horn standing on a ridge, still well above us doing chowkidar. I wormed back and disappeared, and then started climbing to get above the sentry. Then on trying to get up and look over I found the ridge was so precipitous that I could not climb up. Eventually we found a place which looked possible, and the shikari scrambled up somehow, when I handed up my rifle, and then with his help got up too. All this made a good deal of noise, and when I looked over the edge, I found three or four does staring at me only sixty yards off. Moreover they had evidently heard us sometime before and had gone up the shale slope, so as to be almost level with me as I looked over. I knew there was no time to be lost and this hurried me. I glanced over the scattered herd and saw two bucks close together, about a hundred and twenty yards off. Of course all their heads were turned towards me, and I could only see that the horns of one of these had a good curl to them, and that he seemed to be the best in sight. I quickly covered him, and sent a Mannlicher bullet through his heart. At the shot my shikari jumped up with my field glasses to his eyes, and, as the ibex scattered hither and thither, exclaimed I had shot the wrong one, and pointed to two animals going off—one up the hill and the other parallel to it. I lost no time in getting the Mannlicher on to the ibex making up the hill. I missed him two or three times, when he stopped to look back, being then about three hundred yards off. This gave me a chance of a steady shot and the bullet got him fair in the body extinguishing him instantly. I then had a shot or two at the other one, and as near as possible got him too. Taking the 300 yards sight full I put a bullet just over his back. The ibex I had killed smashed the points of both horns in falling: he had a thirty-five inch head, very thick, though not long. I was most incredulous as to having shot a small one, so went down the shale slope some distance to where the animal I first killed had rolled. To my utter disgust he proved to be a thirty-one; and it was only some days later, when I had arranged the horns in a line and looked at them from about forty yards off, that I realized how excusable the mistake was. The *chota* shikari and tiffin cooly were sent up to bring away the head of the thirty-five incher, while the shikari rolled the small one down a shale shoot, and I sat down to wipe out my rifle.

The place where I was sitting was a tiny flattened ledge between two steep shale shoots. Suddenly I heard a rumble, and looking upwards saw in the distance a cloud of dust: this was followed by stones coming down both shoots. Presently there was a roar and a regular avalanche seemed to be descending towards me. I hurriedly crept upwards a few yards and took shelter under a sort of hump in the slight ridge between the two shoots. I was only just in time: one huge stone just grazed my back, while another missed my head by a foot. Both were whizzing like rockets with the velocity they had attained in their long flight. The *chota* shikari who was a big heavy man (quite belying his name) had dislodged some stones while crossing the slope far above us—a piece of carelessness that might have had disastrous consequences. The shikari, who was lower down the slope, was luckily near some rocks, which he used as a refuge. A word as to the rifle I have been using. It is a late investment, a Shoenhauer Mannlicher, the weapon spoken of so highly by Baillie Grohman. It differs from ordinary Mannlichers, in that the whole of the barrel and action lifts out of the stock, so that the rifle will pack into an ordinary gun case. The Cartridges are rimless like the Mauser-ones: while the magazine is a revolving one closed at the bottom, so that there is no fear of earth or sand getting into the mechanism when one is shooting from the prone position. The accuracy and killing power leave nothing to be desired. Four out of five ibex I have shot with it were killed instantly; the fifth was wounded in the leg, and had to be given another shot. There are two kinds of bullets—the ordinary soft nose, and the soft nose, split case. These latter have three small slits in the front of the envelope, as well as having the soft point; the former go through an ibex making a large wound of exit. I have only killed one ibex with the split bullet and that did not go through—

"FLEUR-DE-LYS."

THE NILGIRI GAME ASSOCIATION.

A correspondent writing from Ootacamund says:—

The Collector, Mr. Mullaly, having decided to close the district to Ibex shooting for a further period, I wonder whether the members of the Game Association will appeal to Government against the decision of the Collector, as they said they would, and failing to obtain the redress from the Government, to resign in a body. Such an appeal must prove futile, inasmuch as there is abundant proof existing in the Government archives to show that Mr. Mullaly is acting within the orders of Government, and also in accordance with precedent established by his predecessors, and I endorse the opinion of many that if the members carry out their threat they will adopt a suicidal policy. Whether the Association continues to exist or not is a matter of really no importance, for they are simply advisers, and their refusal to accept the condition which must arise in all business based upon advice, whether wrong or right, of such advice being at times rejected is in itself a sufficient reason to justify summary dissolution. Such a course I am of opinion will hardly be adopted, either by the President or the Government. The rules of the Association show that it has only a permissive existence, and can therefore be dispensed with at any moment. No doubt being a body of experienced sportsmen its advice is at all times desirable, but to directly or indirectly lead it to suppose that it is infallible, and can adopt a policy of restraint when what it advises cannot be carried out, will prove a great mistake and work mischief at some future date, when the conditions for disregarding its advice are not so justifiable as they are on the present occasion. What I ask is, whether it is in the interests of order and for the benefit of the local community, sporting or otherwise, is not material to the argument, that responsible officers of Government should be coerced and prevented from conducting their own affairs in their own way. Of course it must be conceded that every public or quasi-public body has a right to remonstrate, to petition higher authority, to assemble and make known their wishes and wants: but one cannot approve of an attitude of sulking and threatening, however abortive, in case remonstrance is disregarded, petition rejected or wants and wishes ungratified.

Some of the speakers at the last special meeting of the Game Association contended, they said for a principle, and a more important administrative principle is involved here, namely that which cannot tolerate the legal and official status of the District Collector and the District Forest Officer being menaced. As local representatives of Government they are simply wheels within wheels, and when quite willing to accept the steering of the members of the Game Association when safe, they certainly are well within their rights and entitled to support, when they take charge of the rudder believing that other guidance is risky. It is going too far for the members of the Game Association to say they know everything about game and game protection. They believe they do, but they must not claim to override the combined wisdom and experience of the Government, the President and his expert adviser, the Honorary Secretary. In this particular instance Messrs. Mullaly and Hadfield showed their ability to urge their views in public meeting and in print, but the course proposed in the alternative is as objectionable as, we believe, it will be unsuccessful, and it would be better that the members take their medicine even though it be with a wry face. By adopting the ill-advised course the Association is in danger of losing the influence accumulated through long years of good advisory service, while submissiveness may enable it to recover that influence in the future that it exercised in the past as shown by its own admission. Its members will advise, the Association will pass, and its Honorary Secretary will carry out, as heretofore, such measures of protection or destruction as may be necessary.

Thus things have gone on since 1879; and may go on in future. A few years hence there will be two holes in the board that will be filled by new figures, and the old condiality be restored. If, on the other hand, in its temper it will not permit any one to stand in its way it wishes to run its own course, and seek to be accountable to nobody, the sooner it extinguishes itself, as it threatens to do, the better for all concerned and for game.

NESTOR.

"A.H.B.," of Ascot, sends to the *Globe* some very fair specimens of "Howlers" perpetrated by Board School children and collected by a Board Schoolmaster. On the nature of gases, "An oxygen has eight sides." In natural history, "A cuckoo is a bird which does not lay its own eggs"; "a mosquito is a child of black and white parents"; and "a blizzard is the inside of a fowl." In geographical study we get the following: "The equator is a managerie lion running round the earth and through Africa"; "a meridian is the place where they keep the time"; and "the inhabitants of Paris are called Parisites." Among answers we have heard before is that of the child who declares "Izaak Walton was such a good fisherman, that he was called the Judicious Hooker."

If the Americans cannot find a horse good enough to carry off our Derby, they are pretty strong in the matter of jockeyship. For three successive years Blue Riband winners have been steered by American riders. Still this is a bit discouraging to native talent, which, so far, has not been strikingly developed by the apprentice allowance introduced for the purpose of encouraging the young idea. There has, however, not been much time for development. The embryo Archers and Fordhams may be on the way.

Fishing.

A TRIP TO THE TORSA RIVER.

ON 14th March 1903 I left Calcutta for a short trip to the Jaldaka river. Following the advice of friends who had not much acquaintance with that part I travelled by the Darjeeling mail. The train was rather crowded, that is with ladies, so one was put into my compartment, a thing I don't usually care about, but in this case my fair companion was of attractive appearance and engaging manners, and we had a most interesting discussion regarding her travels. It appeared that she was touring round the world, and had been through America, Japan, and China, which it had also been my fortune to see and this was her first appearance in India as well as her first journey on an Indian railway. At Sara Ghat I got on to the steamer and thence travelled to Jalpaiguri, which was reached about dawn. Descending on to the platform, I drank a villainous mixture supposed to be coffee and while doing so an individual came up and enquired of me if the 32nd Pioneers had passed, as he had a relative in them, and they were on the move to Silliguri, accounting for his question at the same time by saying that he had been in the jungles for three months, and only just returned. I then went to the Dâk Bungalow and got *chota hazri*. After walking a mile further I arrived on the banks of the Teesta and found the steam ferry lying in a small pool of water without steam up. Accordingly I toiled across at least another mile along the sandy bed of the river, till I reached the main stream where I was poled across in a ferry boat. The water was discoloured and intensely cold, snow water was coming down. Crossing the river I found a train with a dining car attached waiting, and also learnt that had I come by Parbatipur and Lalmanir Junction I should have reached the place where I was now in the same time, and without the unpleasant trudge across the sands of the Teesta. I then took train to Chalsa Road. Arrived there, for regular trains ran no further, I got out and told the station master I wanted to march to—— Forest Bungalow. He said he had never heard of it; one or two planters who arrived on the platform about this time stated the same Then the Commissioner of the District appeared and on my asking him if he knew of it said that he didn't. He then produced his map, and after some discussion, knowing that the bungalow was on or near the Jaldaka, arranged with the station master for me to go on by the next ballast train to a bridge 3 miles further on across a tributary of the Jaldaka, which he said would be nearer to my destination in any case: so on I went as far as the bridge.

Arrived there a railway baboo appeared with coolies from some huts close by, unloaded my baggage and I prepared to start "Where are they to take your baggage, Sir," enquired the baboo. To——Forest Bungalow was my reply. The baboo looked thoughtful for a moment, then said he had never heard of it. This was pleasant. There was forest all round for miles, and I hadn't the least idea whether the bungalow lay up or down the river, and about one hour remained before sunset. Relying on a bungalow, I had brought no tents, otherwise I would have camped where I was. Luckily a brilliant idea occurred to the baboo. He told me that 3 miles further on, on the line was the District Railway Engineer's bungalow, that he knew all the places all round, would put me up for the night and show me the road next day. So my baggage was put back in the train and I resumed my journey. The train stopped at Nagrakata Station, where I left my baggage and went up the hill to interview the District Railway Engineer. I explained the situation to him, and soon found myself comfortably housed as his guest. An intelligent man was sent off to search for the bungalow who returned after three days, saying it couldn't be found!

For the next two days I fished the Jaldaka river, distant about ½ mile with fly and spoon. The water was low clear and I got nothing, though I had a couple of short runs in pools above the bridge with dead bait, the fish getting off, others fished entirely with a fly with rather better results. I now learnt that the railway line was open for ballast trains to within 6 miles of Madari Hât, a village on the banks of the Torsa, so I started for the rail head, distant 20 miles, but the train was slow, excessively so, and I realised after starting that my stores and cooking pots which were to follow on by the next train from Nagrakata might not reach me for several days as the ballast train frequently occupied that time over the journey. Luckily there was a saloon attached to the train after some hours, containing telegraph officials who very kindly gave me dinner and *chota hazri* the next morning. Finally after various movements which occupied two days, during which I stopped at a planter's bangalow 8 miles off, where we had a shoot at small game I found myself on the banks of the Torsa at Madari Hât on the 20th in company with another engineer. I put up at the Engineer's bungalow, and as my stores had not arrived, lived during that and the following day on the contents of my tiffin basket and that of the Engineer which he had kindly left for me. In the afternoon I got four small fish, aggregating about 2lbs. on a small fly and a 3-lb fish on a 1¾-inch spoon, all silvered. There was a market held at Madari that day, where I bought eggs, chickens, and vegetables sufficient for two or three days, also some villainous tea.

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On the morning of the 24th I issued forth and getting a dugout with a scratch crew I started to fish with a two inch spoon : the fish would not take. In the meantime clouds were gathering and a storm began to work up the river bed. I kept steadily spinning away. While I was doing so, the wind, which had gradually risen, blew very hard and a few big drops of rain fell. The fish began to take ; I hooked one every cast. They were taking the spoon with the greatest force and time after time I found my hooks torn off, twisted, or broken. I had a few short runs, but I did not succeed in landing a single one. Then the rain came down in torrents, and I made for the village for shelter. After some hours the storm cleared off and the sun shone out again, so I went down to the river once more with the scratch crew. Intending to cross the pool to the further bank they dragged the boat up in the shallow still water on the near side as far as it would go by the side of the heavy run that entered the pool. My boatmen then shoved the boat head pointing slightly up stream towards the further bank. As soon as the head of the boat touched the rapid the boat spun rapidly round and heeled over ; the boatmen fell over each other into the boat, which immediately filled with water and capsized. As it turned over we all climbed on to its bottom and hung there, while the boat shot down the rapid with great speed for about 50 yards. Then getting into quieter water, we swam ashore and recovered the boat lower down. But it was empty ; this meant that a Farlow's rod and a Hardy's cane rod and reel, a Mallock's reel, half my casts and spoons, a landing net and a tiffin basket were at the bottom of the river. Cheerful !

However we set to work to make a large fire on the river's bank where we dried our clothes and set to work diving for the lost articles. After some time my double-handed rod was recovered, and I started to fish again but without success. The tiffin basket and casts and spoons were recovered several days later after constant diving, but the other things were not found.

On the 22nd I fished about half a mile lower down the river using medium salmon gut and a 2-inch silver spoon. After a couple of casts in a run which entered a deep pool I hooked something which went off with a rush, taking out about 40 or 50 yards of line. The fish then slackened off a bit, and afterwards tried to get into the rapid issuing from the pool. This he very nearly accomplished, but by moving along the bank and reeling in I got him into shallower water which ran slower, in which he worked slowly up the river I guessed he was a fair size by the way he kept along the bottom well out of view. At last the water he was worked into got so shallow that I could see his back fin and tail. In he came, slowly nearer and nearer, and at a sign from me the boatman waded in towards him, this resulted in a few short rushes after each of which he got more and more exhausted until he lay panting in the shallow water with one glistening side exposed. The boatman put his fingers in the fish's gills and lifted him out of the water. The fish which like all the others I caught in the Torsa was a mahseer and scaled 17 pounds.

I continued to fish this pool for some time without any results and finally decided to move lower down. I got to a place where the river ran in three channels, and selected one which contained a deep pool. After the very first cast while letting my spoon down the run I felt a couple of tugs with some interval between them, so letting out two or three yards more of line I began to reel in slowly letting my spoon play in and out between the run and the deep still water. After reeling in about 10 yards there was a tug, and out rushed the line in the most lively manner. I got on to the bank and slowly began to reel in, bringing the fish up stream into shallow water towards the bank. On landing him he was found to weigh 4 pounds. Resuming my fishing from the very same place I hooked a fish at the very next cast and succesfully landed him in the same manner ; he also weighed 4 pounds. I fished again in the same place with no result, and then sat down and had tiffin, because I was hungry and also to give the fish a rest. After tiffin I decided to try the pool again. After about three casts and reeling in the thirty or more yards of line I had let out I was reeling in the last ten yards or so when there was a tug and a rush, which took out about 20 yards of line, then a second rush which brought the fish to the further end of the pool, where he leapt once or twice clean out of the water, I lowered the point of my rod. The fish now turned and came running up stream towards me, so reeling in as hard as I could I made for the bank, and in order to keep the line taut ran away from the water. He worked right up into the run, but in a short time his efforts slackened and I reeled him in towards the bank. He weighed 8 pounds. Although I fished the pool again and again and tried lower down I hooked nothing more of any size that day. In returning to camp I fished some rapid shallow water with an aluminium spoon, and caught several small fish, varying in weight from ½ to ¾ pound. When I reached the bungalow I found my stores had arrived which relieved me from any further anxiety as regards supplies.

On the 23rd of March I went down to the pool where the upset had ocurred. The boatmen warned by their previous experience did not attempt to shoot across near the head of the rapid and we crossed in safety lower down. The banks on both sides were low and formed of large boulders, but at one point the bank I had crossed to rose steeply to about 6 feet above the water, so getting the boat about 10 or 15 yards above that point I commenced to fish letting my spoon play opposite the steep bank where I guessed the deepest water lay. I succeeded in landing one 4-pound fish and after some interval another of 5 pounds. I touched one or two more but that was all. I then moved down stream in the dug out. Looking over the side of the boat as I went down to see if any missing articles were visible, suddenly the boatman spotted something bright lying in the shallow water, and stopping as soon as possible we landed, and after wading in it was recovered ; it proved to be the aluminium lid of a box that had been in my tiffin basket, and from the position where it was found, 400 yards from the point of the upset, I concluded that most of my things had been swept down stream. I tried the pool where I had caught the 17-pounder, but it was no use, so I moved down to the point where I had been so successful yesterday, and commenced work. Letting the spoon rapidly down the run, I felt slight tugs once or twice, but I continued to let out line till I judged my spoon to be near the end of the pool, then I began to reel in After a few turns I got a fish on who gave some good play, he was successfully landed. His weight was 6 pounds.

I then fished steadily on the same water for about an hour and had decided to try another place and was reeling in the last few yards of my line, when the spoon was seized with a violent jerk, and out went the line with a rush. This fish on being landed weighed 7 pounds. Although I fished hard for the rest of the day I got nothing.

On the 24th after I had tried nearly all the pools without any success I moved down to the one where I had landed the 7-pounder yesterday. Commencing very cautiously right above the run and letting my line slow down towards it, and fishing some deep water alongside of it the result was that I got hooked in a sunken tree in deep water close to the head of the run. The boatmen stripped and went in to try and free it, but the current was so strong that they were swept off their feet into deep water. I next made the boatmen take off their puggaries and tie them together. I stripped and tying one end of it round my waist, the other being held by the boatmen standing up stream in shallow water, went in, I got hold of the tree, which was a large one, but couldn't find the spoon, and having to come up at short intervals to breathe, the greater part of the time under water each dive was spent in finding the tree so I didn't make much progress. I finally gave it up and reeling in short broke the line off as short as I could, not a single fish did I touch that day, though I worked steadily on till sunset.

Another storm would have probably set matters all right again. Very early on the 25th I started back on my way to Calcutta. I learnt while *en route* that about a month previous a tigress with a cub had appeared in the neighbourhood of a tea garden about 12 miles from the west bank of the Torsa and close to the railway. She had carried off five coolies, the last one being seized and carried off while sitting in his hut. This as may be imagined had created rather a panic, but as nobody had been taken for a month, the people had settled down again. A planter I met told me he had seen Hilsa fish for sale in the markets in the neighbourhood and that on enquiry he was told that they had been netted in adjacent streams. I was rather surprised to hear this, as I had hutherto supposed that Hilsa were only to be caught in the neighbourhood of Calcutta, and certainly never imagined they were to be found within twenty miles of the Himalayas. It would be interesting if some one would give further information on this point. [Hilsa are found in most of the big rivers in Eastern Bengal—the Hooghly, Brahmapootra, Megna, the Jaboona etc,—at Goalundo and Damookdeah are the biggest fisheries ; but they are caught in vast numbers higher up and further from Calcutta Ed.]

The climate in the Dooars was perfect during my trip, and though I fished all through the day I experienced no inconvenience from the heat. The best spoon for the river is a silvered one, about 2 inches in length. I never tried dead bait, but have no doubt that it would be equally if not more effective. I was rather suprised to find such fair sport so near a railway under construction. As a rule in such cases one finds the pools netted or dynamited. But in this case both the engineers on the line were fishermen, and stopped all unfair destruction of fish.

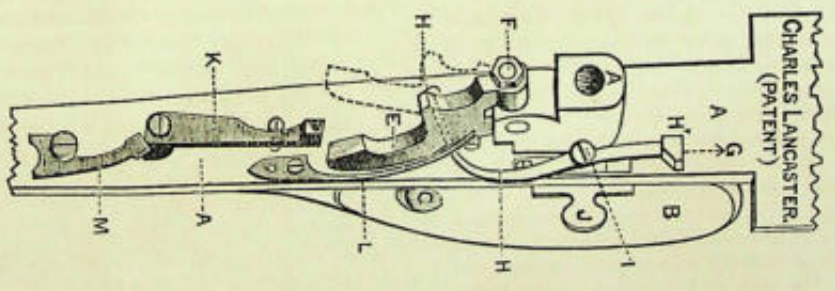
WAHAN SAHIB.

Shooting.

A NEW SINGLE-TRIGGER MECHANISM.

MR CHARLES LANCASTER, of 151, New Bond-street, has forwarded for our inspection, writes *The Field*, a new single-trigger mechanism, which is herewith illustrated. For the purpose of a practical trial three guns so fitted were also placed at our disposal, and in order that they should be shot under a variety of conditions a visit was paid to Mr. Lancaster's shooting ground, where a large number of cartridges were fired at all the recognised forms of moving "bird." Some of the most difficult shots were sent from the tower in double rise fashion with a bewildering perplexity of direction. In such cases the mechanism proved itself fully able to deal with the rapid operation of the parts that was necessary to score the double kill before the birds had reached the ground. The more, in fact, that one sees the methods in vogue at intelligently managed shooting schools, the clearer does it become that the science of shooting overhead birds is to know why one misses. One varies the allowance bit by bit till the birds that seemed at one moment beyond the range of the gun are subsequently unerringly smashed in the air, as a result of finding out the characteristics of their travel and the precise allowance necessary to provide for the delay due to the time of flight of the shot. Considering that this often runs to as much as 10ft. with birds known to be travelling at about 65ft. per second, or say just over forty miles per hour, it will be understood that many misses in the field are due to want of courage in giving the necessary allowance rather than faulty alignment on the track of the bird's flight or the opening out of the pattern.

A test of this kind is at any rate particularly applicable to the trying of a single trigger since with any muddling of the pull one's swing is lost and the recovery comes too late to allow for making up the time wasted in futile effort. The record of kills effected was, however, well up to the average hitherto experienced, which at least goes to show that the trigger was doing its work in accordance with the requisite standard.



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THE PROJECTED WALKS TO BARRACKPORE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—In view of the various walks in contemplation to and from Barrackpore, would you kindly state what is the distance from the Shambazar terminus of the Tramways to the point of junction of the Barrackpore Trunk Road and of the Station Road, Barrackpore, or to the milestone (? 15th or 16th) nearest that point. It certainly seems sound in starting from this end to escape slummy and crowded thoroughfares, and I fancy about 14 miles will prove more than enough, anyhow quite enough, for most people at this time of year.

X.

The 15th June 1903.

[The distance from Government House, Calcutta, to the Cross Roads mentioned is 14 miles 7 furlongs (we think). Subtract 3 miles from Government House to the Shambazar terminus and you have 11 miles 7 furlongs.—ED.]

CROCODILES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The rather gruesome account of a man being seized by a crocodile on the Padda, and the attendance of an alligator at the banquet, reported in a recent issue, impels me to ask whether the latter does not occasionally prey upon human victims himself. The *gurial* is credited with being harmless to animal life, but, as I myself have witnessed, has no objection to second-hand dishes in the shape of carrion, when sufficiently decomposed to suit his more fragile jaws. Adults can often be seen bathing in the clear water of the eastern rivers with the long-snouted saurian in company, but as children occasionally are reported drowned, may not the reptile be at the bottom of the matter? for though adult bodies are recovered, those of little folk are never found. I don't wish to frame an indictment against the *gurial*, but the matter needs clearing up.

NATURALIST.

GOALUNDO, *30th May 1903.*

THE SALWEEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—With reference to the account by "Salween" entitled "with canoe and rifle in the Shan States" which appeared under the heading of "Shikar" in your issue of the 28th May 1903, will you permit me to point out the following inaccuracies which appear. In the last paragraph but one, "Salween" says, "The river, although navigable, was now very swift and dangerous, but by good fortune after three days, by dint of keeping in near the banks when the current was worst, we safely reached Papun." This statement is incorrect. Papun is on the Youzalin river and not on the Salween. From Papun to the nearest spot on the Salween (at Kyonkhuyat) is over twenty miles and there is a high range of hills in between. The Youzalin river meets the Salween near Kawkayit about 70 miles below Papun. Again, in the same paragraph "Salween" says, "From this we might have continued right on to the sea, for steam launches come up so far." This is not so: the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's launches only go as far as Shwegon, about sixty miles above Moulmein and ninety miles below Papun. As far as I am aware no launch has ever been within fifty miles of Papun.

Some of the old maps of the country show Papun to be on the Salween (of course incorrectly), and perhaps "Salween" had one of these maps by him when he wrote his account, but even then he reckoned without the *Hâtgyi* (Great Rapid) which lies about one hundred and twenty miles above Moulmein, and which is not navigable.

"MOUNG GYI."

BURMA, *7th June 1903.*

BIG GAME GROUNDS IN BENGAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR—with reference to a query which appeared in a recent issue of your journal, P. C. Roy would no doubt be welcomed on the S. Sylhet tea gardens just now! Behar, Purnea and the borders of the Nepal terai will furnish buffalo, deer and tiger, not to say pig, but to fire on the latter in that particular province would cause the man who did so to incur much the same odium as is meted out to the vulpicide in the hunting shires at home. The Sunderbunds, where they abut on the Backergunge district, especially where fresh rice land has been brought under cultivation, yield buffalo, bheelwah and the smaller deer: the same applies to the neighbourhood of Port Canning—the Mutla. The jungle lying between the city of Dacca and Maimensing can be hunted for buffalo, though deer are not now over-plentiful. The eastern districts and four-footed denizens inhabiting them will be found fully noticed in your back numbers. The Brahmaputra churs, though still holding *moiesh*, have been pretty nearly ruined as hunting-grounds by the steam traffic on the river, so anyone drawing either of the Assam valleys must depend on the terais underneath the hills. The south side of the Surma Valley, though abounding in game, is unsatisfactory to work, owing to the huge forests of bamboo encountered, though the ground improves after passing the Munipur boundary at Tepai Mook, where rhino turns up, but is scarce and shy. The northern side in the Sylhet district is still well stocked and will well repay the sportsman prepared to rough it somewhat. High up the Mandas and all east from the Cooch Behar boundary, both hill and terai, hold metna, buffaloes, sambhar, bear and small deer, while the ravines of the hill rivers, such as the Borhilli and Subansiri, are well worth tramping up. The Jyrung forest, south of Gowhatty, has been unofficially preserved for many years and here, in addition to the game mentioned, rhino is in evidence. The Nowgong wastes is the Yellowstone Park of Assam, while well armed and with reliable companions the Namba jungle abounds in game. One has but to get well into the back slums of former hunting-grounds to find ample scope for his energies with either the light rifle or bone-smasher.

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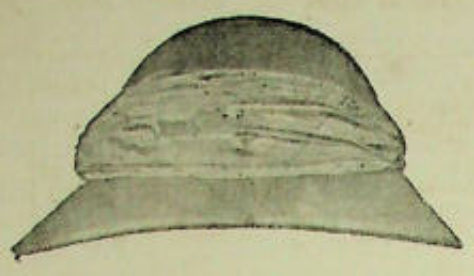

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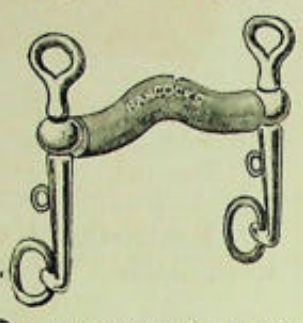

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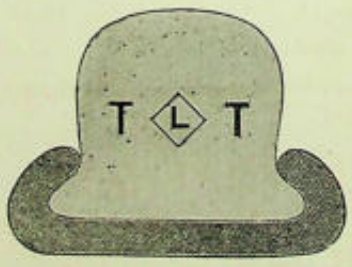

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Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	,,	12	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sept.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	571
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	,,	26	575
Meerut Autumn	,,	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	,,	21, 26 & 28	
Tezpore	Dec.	1 3 6	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
,, Second Extra ...	,,	19	
,, First Meeting ...	,,	21 26 29 & 31	
,, Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	,,	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	,,	30	
,, Fourth ,, ...	Feb.	6	
Dibrugarh ...	,,	2 4 & 6	
Dacca	Jan.	7 9 12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	First ...	... 1st Sept.
	Second ...	... 15th Oct.
Calcutta First Extra ...	...	... 8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ...	...	... 15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First ...	... 1st Dec.
	Second ...	... 9th Jan.
	Third ...	... 16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases 1st Day	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second day	First ...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second ...	... 2nd Jan.
Poona	First ...	... 4th August.
	Second ...	... 25th ,,
	Final ...	... 8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup ...	Second ...	... 1st July.
	Third ...	... 16th Sept.
	Fourth ...	... 1st Dec.
	Final ...	... 20th Jan.
Bangalore	Second ...	... 20th June.
	Third ...	... 1st July.
Lucknow Autumn ...	First ...	... 15th Aug
	Second ...	... 1st Oct.
	Third ...	... 14th Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.	
Poona Open Tournament ...	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sep
Gulmarg Polo Tournament ...	24th to 29th August
CRICKET.	
Bombay v Parsees (Bombay) ...	13th 14th & 15th Aug.
Bombay v Parsees (Poona) ...	21st 22nd & 23rd Sep.
THE HORSE.	
Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
SPORTS.	
Ootacamund Skittle Gymkhanas	27th June.
FOOTBALL.	
Durand Tournament, Simla ...	14th to 25th Sep.
HOCKEY.	
Madras Tournament —	Begins 20th July.
GOLF	
Gulmarg Tournament ...	17th to 22nd August
SWIMMING.	
CALCUTTA S. C.	
Four Lengths Handicap ...	19th June
Final Heat Ditto ...	26th June

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Gold Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, June 18
New Stakes (5 furlongs 136yds) ...	Thursday, June 18
Hardwicke Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, June 19
Nothumberland Plate (2 miles) ...	Wednesday, June 24
July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)... ...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10

Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1¼ miles)	...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)		Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1¼ mile)		Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's)	...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting ...	...	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords) ...	...	6th July.
Henley Regatta	...	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's) ...	...	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval) ...	...	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's)	...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	...	4th August.
America Cup First Race —	...	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show ...	...	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show ...	...	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall) .	...	7th December.

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MYSORE RACES.

(By Special Telegram.)

First Day, Tuesday, 16th June 1903.

THE meeting opened with complete success. There was a very large attendance, including H. H. The Maharajah's guests and the knights of the pencil were in great force. Col. Desaraj Urs won the first two races, Minimus trotting in the Medium Stakes, and Rubric making Chungiz and the others look uncommonly small in the Arab Plate, in spite of his top weight. Mr. Hart, of Calcutta livery stable renown, won the MacIntire Plate with Oberon, nicely ridden by O'Neil. Details:—

THE MEDIUM STAKES.—Rs. 1,000. Rs. 500 presented by Mr. M. Kantharaj Urs with Rs. 500 added from the fund, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 100. For ponies 14-2 and under. English and Australasian 14-2 to carry 9st 7lbs; country-breds 7st 7lbs.; Arabs 7st W. I.—6 furlongs.

Colonel Desaraj Urs' Minimus, 10st 4lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Mr Abdul Sattar's Beccles, 8st 8lbs ...	Oomer Khan	2
Kumaraja of Pittapur's Shield, 8st 8lbs ...	Gooloo	3

BETTING: 4 to 1 on Minimus, 10 to 1 agst Beccles, and 7 to 1 Shield.

Won in a common trot. Time.—1min. 20½ secs.

THE ARAB PLATE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300 and third Rs. 200. For Arabs, W. A., reduced 7lbs. 1¼ miles.

Colonel Desaraj Urs' Rubric, 8st 6lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Mr Mustapha Bin Talib's Chungiz, 8st 3lbs	Heroo	2
„ R R's Sapphire, 7st 9lbs ...	Noor Mahomed	3

Also ran—Harefoot, 8-3; Baby Boy, 8-3.

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Chungiz, 4 to 1 agst Rubric, 36 to 1 Sapphire, 15 to 1 Baby Boy, and 20 to 1 Harefoot

Won by six lengths; a length between the second and third. Time—2mins. 25½secs.

THE MACINTIRE PLATE.—Rs. 1,000, out of which second receives Rs. 100. For horses which were maidens on the 1st of January, 1903. W. A and C. Penalties.—Winners, since 1st January 1903 of a race value Rs. 200 or more—once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races, value as above, of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,000, 5lbs. in addition to above penalties. Entrance—1st May, Rs. 25; 15th May, Rs. 40; 1st June (when the race will close) Rs. 60, with Rs 20 more if not struck out before 8 P.M. on Saturday, 13th June 1903. 6 furlongs.

Mr. Hart's Oberon, 9st ...	O'Neil	1
Colonel Desaraj Urs' Trenton, 9st	Oomer Khan	2
Captain Randall's Barnardo, 8st 13lbs ...	Penton	3

Also ran.—Har and Pay lad.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Trenton, 2 to 1 agst. Oberon, 6 to 1 Barnardo, 10 to 1 Star, 15 to 1 Gaylad.

Won by a length. Time—1min. 19½secs.

THE FARM STAKES.—Rs 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. For country-bred horses. W. A. reduced 4lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr J D Scott's Louis, 8st 4lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
„ Patter's Wisdom, 9st	Penton	2
„ Allardice's Upstart, 9st 13lbs ...	McQuade	3

Also ran—Evensong, 9-6; Philistine, 8-4; St. Clair, 8-1; and Landwind, 7-11.

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst. Louis, 3 to 1 Upstart, 6 to 1 Evensong, 4 to 1 Wisdom, any price for the rest.

Won by a short head; two lengths between the second and third.

THE LILLIPUT PLATE.—Rs. 1,000. Rs. 500 presented by Mr. M. Lakshmi Kantharaj Urs with Rs. 500 added from the fund, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 100. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under; 14 hands to carry 9st 10lbs. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Mr Ali Bin Talib's Moon, 9st	Heroo	1
Mr R R's Sirjamal, 7st 7lbs ...	Noor Mahomed	2
Aga S Shah's Chester	Dhondi	3

Also ran—Dharwar, 9-3; Delight, 9-3; Syndic, 8-11, Essex, 8-5.

BETTING: 5 to 2 each agst. Moon, Sirjamal, and Chester, 10 to 1 each on Syndic and Essex, any price for Dharwar.

Won by a head. Time—1min. 24½secs.

PACHMARHI GYMKHANA RACES.

I APPEND herewith the results of the Gymkhana races and must apologise for their tardy appearance, but what is one to do, Mr. Editor, business and the heat often over come good resolutions and demands for copy. At any rate "better late than never."

First Day, 2nd June 1903.

NOVICE STAKES.—4 furlongs.

Capt Newnham's g a g Seagull, ...	Mr Bailey	1
Mr Todd's ch a g Laffee ...	Capt Arbuthnot	2
Capt McConaghey's ch a p Minden, ...		3

Two others ran. Laffee was favourite. The first three ran in a bunch, Seagull winning by a short head.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP.—6 furlongs.

Mr R A Wynn's ch ch g Howitzer, 10st 9lbs	Capt Arbuthnot	1
Capt Greer's bl w m Conceit, 10st 3lbs ...	Mr Davidson	2
Mr Gosset's b a p Rex, 8st 9lbs ...		3

Howitzer was favourite at 3 to 1 on, and won easily; a bad third.

CIVIL SERVICE CUP.—1 mile, over 8 flights of hurdles.

Mr Fox-Strangway's br w m Cornelia ...	Owner	1
Capt Arbuthnot's Red Start	Owner	2
Mr Bayley's Mary Jane	Owner	3

Four ran. Cornelia was favourite. Won easily by two lengths.

HORSE STAKES.—5 furlongs.

Captain Arbuthnot s ch e g Little Knight,	Owner	1
Mr Cleveland's ch aus m The Dane ...	.....	0

The favourite won easily.

POLO SCURRY.—2 furlongs.

Mrs Crump's g a g The Boy	Mr Bayley	1
Major Langley's b a p Swat	Capt Arbuthnot	2
Mr Todd's ch a g Laffee	Owner	3

Five ran, won by a length; a length between second and third.

Second Day, 4th June 1903.

MUSKETEERS' CUP. (Handicap).—1 mile over eight flights of hurdles.

Mr L C L Bayley's c w m Mary Jane, 11st 2lbs	Owner	1
Mr Fox Strangway's br w m Cornelia, 12st 4lbs	Owner	2
Capt Arbuthnot's Red Start, 10st 8lbs ...	Owner	0

Won Easily by three lengths.

MAXIM STAKES—(handicap)—4 furlongs.

Mr R A Wynn's ch ch g Howitzer, 11st 7lbs	Capt Arbuthnot	1
Capt Newham's g a g Seagull, 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Bayley	2
Mr Gosset's Rex, 9st 7lbs		0

Howitzer was favourite and won easily.

THE BEGINNERS' STAKES.—3 furlongs.

Mr Todd's ch a g Laffee, 9st 5lbs (car over weight)	Capt Arbuthnot	1
Mr Morris's Gypsie, 10st 11lbs	Owner	0
„ Bayley's Mary Jane, 11st 9lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Marten's Poppett, 10st 2 bs ...		0

Laffee won very easily, starting favourite.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S CUP.—6 furlongs.

Mr R A Wynn's ch ch g Howitzer, 9st 13lbs (carried 10st 8lbs) ...	Capt Arbuthnot	1
Capt Greer's bl w m Conceit, 10st 12lbs ...	Mr Davidson	2
„ Newnham's Seagull, 9st 9lbs ...		0

Howitzer was a hot favourite at 5 to 1 on, and won in a canter.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—3½ furlongs.

Major Langley's b a p Swat, ...	Capt Arbuthnot	1

Won by half a length; three other starters.

SINGAPORE SPORTING MEETING.

Judge.—J. C. D. Jones.
Asst. Judge and Time-Keeper.—D. P. MacDougall.
Handicapper—C. E. Velge.
Starter.—A. Robertson.
Clerks of the Scales.—J. D. Saunders and J. Graham.
Honorary Veterinary Surgeon.—P. Scott Falshaw, M.B. C. V. S. L.
Semaphore.—G. E. Mosley, G. T. Greig, and A. S. Leresche.
Secretary and Clerk of the Course.—G. P. Owen.

First Day, Tuesday, 19th May 1903.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—A cup presented by H. E. Sir F. A. Swettenham, K. C. M. G., and $200 added by the Club. A race for Maiden Horses. Weight 9st. Entrance—$10. R. C.

Tan Hap Liong's Conical, 9st ...	Beaumont	1
Tan Boo Liat's Apiary, 9st	Southall	2
A Cumming's Wedlock, 9st	Kirwan	3
H Fort's Coat of Arms, 9st ..	D Greenhalgh	0
W W Bailey's Chieftain, 9st 3lbs ...	Greaves	0
W W Bailey's Lebir, 9st	Smith	0
Bombastes Kongsee's Perfidy, 9st ...	Holley	0

(Winner trained by Abrems.)

Won by a length and a half; two and a half lengths between second and third. Totalisator paid $18. Time—2mins.

THE FIRST GRIFFIN RACE.—Value $300, and $50 to the second horse provided there are five starters, the property of different owners. A Race for subscription Griffin Horses. Weight 10st 6 furlongs.

Seah Peck Seah's Spadille, 10st ...	J Woods	1
Mr. Glencaird's Furnace, 10st ...	J Beaumont	2
Noel Trotter's Postman, 10st	H Wool	3
Seah Eng Kun's Victor, 10st ...	Kirwan	0
E S Manasseh's Bramble, 10st ...	J Smith	0
Sir A R Dorward's Stymie, 10st ...	J C Bull	0
H Fort's Foundry, 10st	D Greenhalgh	0

(Winner trained by Dallans.)

Won by a couple of lengths. Totalisator paid $38. Time—1min. 25secs.

THE SECOND GRIFFIN RACE.—Value $300 and $50 to the second horses provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Race for subscription Griffin Horses. Winners excluded. Weight 10st. R. C. and a distance.

Mr D Gee's Salad, 10st	J Woods	1
G P Owen and A Cumming's Woodpecker, 10st	J Smith	2
W Reid's Bridget, 10st	Peerbux	3
A Moir and J M Bryan's Quicksilver, 10st	Southall	0
T Paul's Mimi, 10st	G Greaves	0
Capt Whyte's Lochaber, 10st	Kirwan	0
Bankin Kongsee's Grey Leg, 10st ...	J Beaumont	0

(Winner trained by Dallans.)

Won by four lengths easily, Bridget third pulling up. Time—2mins. 20½secs. Dividend $54.

THE SINGAPORE DERBY.—Value $1,500, and $250 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. Weight 9st. Entrance—$20. 1¼ miles.

A W Jackson's Essington, 9st ...	Smith	1
T Sarkie's Cadenas, 9st	Kirwan	2
Mr St John's Klimbo, 9st	H N Bond	3
Chua Soo Tuan's Juindo, 9st	J Woods	0
Mr Payne's Sir Launcelot, 9st ...	Greenhalgh	0
T Sarkies' Sweet Erina, 9st	J Beaumont	0
J De Voogt's Pawnbroker, 9st ...	J C Bull	0
J C Tate and Vollenhoven's Yorkshire, 9st	Holley	0
Mr Howden's Gaylass, 9st	H Wool	0

(Winner trained by Dallans.)

Won by a street, nearest to him being Cadenas, six lengths away and Klimbo pulling up. Totalisator $30. Time—2mins. 50½secs.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Value $400, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Selling Race for all Horses, to be entered

at a stated value of from $600 to $400. If entered at $600, to carry 11st. Weight for value. Entrance—$10. R. C.

Tan Boo Liat's Apiary, $400, 9st	...	J Woods	1
Chung Thye Phin's Carlton, $400, 9st	...	Holley	2
D D Mackie's Battlefield, $400 9st	...	J Beaumont	3
A Cumming's Rough Diamond, $400, 9st	...	Kirwan	0
J De Voogt's Zoroaster, $400, 9st	...	J C Bull	0
J H Marinus' Attila, $400, 9st	...	Southall	0
Mr Howden's Lancer, $400, 9st	...	H Wool	0
„ Willing's Dodol, $400, 9st	...	Peerbux	0

(*Winner trained by Southall.*)

Won by a length from Carlton, Battlefield third. Zoroaster fourth. Totalisator paid $29. Time—2mins. 1sec.

THE GRAND STAND CUP.—Value $600, and $150 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A handicap from 10st 7lbs to 8st 7lbs for all horses. The winner to be put up for auction under Rule 119 for $1,500. Entrance—$15. R. C.

Chung Thye Phin's Olaf, 8st 7lbs	...	Bond	1
T Sarkies' Blue Jacket, 8st 12lbs	...	Peerbux	2
Mr Howden's Lulworth, 9st 7lbs	...	H Wool	3
Tan Boo Liat's Benedick 9st ...	...	Southall	0
E Cropley's Scientist, 9st 10lbs	...	J Woods	0

(*Winner trained by Dallans.*)

Won by a length and a half; Lulworth and Benedick ran a dead heat for third place. Totalisator paid $21. Time—2mins. 2½secs.

THE LAWN STAKES.—Value $500, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A handicap from 10st 7lbs to 8st 7lbs. for all horses. The winner to be put up for auction under Rule 119 for $1,000. Entrance—$10. R. C. and a distance.

Tan Hap Liong's Comical, 8st 10lbs	...	J Beaumont	1
„ Swee's Mandolin, 9st	...	Southall	2
Mr Howden's Argonaut, 8st 10lbs	...	H Wool	3
Chung Thye Phin's Highlander	...	Holley	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by a length and a half; the same interval beingbetween Mandolin and Argonaut. Dividend $18 50. The winner was bought in at $1,650. Time—2mins. 18secs.

Second Day, Thursday, 21st May 1903.

THE FIRST GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Value $300, and $50 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for Griffins that have entered for the First Griffin Race (Race No. 2) on the first day. Winners excluded. R. C. and a distance.

Mr Seah Eng Kun's Victor, 9st 6lbs	...	Kirwan	1
„ E S Manasseh's Bramble, 9st 5lbs	...	J Smith	2
„ J Glencaird's Furnace, 9st 9lbs		Mohamed Khan	3
W Reid's Bridget, 9st 7lbs	...	Peerbux	0
Bankin Kongsee's Grey Leg, 9st 2lbs	...	J Beaumont	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by half a length; a length and a half between second and third. Dividend $21. Time—2mins. 17½secs.

THE READ STAKES.—Value $350, and a Sweepstake of $10 for starters, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A handicap for horses that have started in Race No. 7 and 1 or Race No. 1 on the first day. Entrance—$10. R. C.

Mr A Cumming's Comical, 10st 10lbs	...	Kirwan	1
„ Tan Hap Swee's Mandolin, 9st 12lbs	...	Southall	2
„ Howden's Argonaut, 9st 3lbs	...	Wool	3
H Fort's Coat of Arms, 8st 8lbs	...	Greenhalgh	0
Cheng Thye Phin's Highlander, 10st	...	Holley	0
W W Bailey's Chieftain, 8st 7lbs	...	J Gray	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by a head, close second. Dividend $31. Time—1min. 56½secs.

THE SECOND GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Value $300, and $50 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for Griffins that have entered for the Second Griffin Race (Race No. 3) on the first day. Winner excluded. 6 furlongs.

Capt Whyte's Lochaber, 9st ...	...	Kirwan	1
Mr N Trotter's Postman, 9st 13lbs	...	Wool	2
„ T Paul's Mimi, 8st 12lbs ...	...	M Khan	3
Moir and Bryan's Quicksilver, 8st 12lbs	...	Southall	0
Genl Dorward's Stymie, 9st 11lbs	...	J C Bull	0
H Fort's Foundry, 8st 7lbs ...	...	Peerbux	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by three lengths; poor third. Dividend $16·50. Time—1min. 25secs.

THE CLUB CUP.—Value $750, and a Sweepstake of $20 for starters and $250 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for Horses that have started in the Singapore Derby (Race No. 4) on the first day. Entrance—$15. 1¼ mile.

Mr Payne's Sir Launcelot, 9st 11lbs	...	Peerbux	1
„ St John's Klimbo, 9st 7lbs	...	Bond	2
„ Chua Soo Tuan's Juindo, 8st 12lbs	...	Woods	3
A W Jackson's Essington, 10st 10lbs	...	Smith	0
T Sarkies' Cadenas, 10st ...	...	Kirwan	0
T Sarkies' Sweet Erina, 9st 2lbs	...	Beaumont	0
De Voogt's Pawnbroker, 8st 9lbs	...	Bull	0
Tate and Vollenhoven's Yorkshire, 8st 7lbs		Holley	0
Mr Howden's Gayluss, 8st 12lbs	...	Wool	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by one and a half lengths. Close third. Dividend $92 Time—2min. 17½secs.

THE TANGLIN CUP.—Value $400, and a Sweepstake of $10 for starters, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for Horses that have started in Race No. 6 and 1 or Race No. 1 on the first day. Entrance—$10. 1¼ miles.

Mr T Sarkies' Blue Jacket, 9st	...	Peerbux	1
„ Tan Boo Liat's Benedick, 9st	...	Southall	2
„ Cheng Thye Phin's Olaf, 9st 7lbs	...	Smith	3
„ E Cropley's Scientist, 9st 5lbs	...	Woods	0
„ Cumming's Wedlock 8st 10lbs	...	Kirwan	0
„ Howden's Lulworth, 9st 7lbs	...	Wood	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by a short head. Olaf was a length behind Benedick. Dividend $17 50. Time—2mins. 19secs.

THE FIRST EX GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Value $300, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for all Horses imported as Griffins into the Straits Settlements or Federated Malay States being Maidens at the time of entry. Entrance—$10. R. C.

Bombastes Kongsee's Perfidy, 9st 4lbs	...	Holley	1
Mr Nirvana's Melody, 8st 7lbs	...	Peerbux	2
„ Seah Eng Kun's Anne, 8st 9lbs	...	Beaumont	3
„ E Cropley's Sharavogue, 10st 10lbs	...	Woods	0
„ C E Paterson's Thornaby, 8st 7lbs	...	Bull	0
„ W W Bailey's Lebir, 9st ...	...	N Ullah	0

(*Winner trained by Holley.*)

Won by four lengths, with the rest in a nicely spaced string behind him. Dividend $29·50. Time—1mins. 58½secs.

THE PAVILION STAKES.—Value $300, and $100 to the Second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for Horses that have started in the Paddock Stakes (Race No. 5) on the first day. Entrance—$10. R. C. and a distance.

Mr Tan Boo Liat's Apiary, 9st 12lbs	...	Southall	1
„ De Voogt's Zoroaster, 8st 12lbs	...	Bull	2
„ D D Mackie's Battlefield, 9st	...	Beaumont	3
„ A Cumming's Rough Diamond, 8st 9lbs		Gray	0
„ Cheng Thye Phin's Carlton, 9st 7lbs	...	Holley	0
„ Marinus' Attila, 8st 9lbs ...	...	Woods	0
„ Howden's Lancer, 8st 7lbs	...	Wool	0
„ Willing's Dodol, 8st 10lbs ...	...	Peerbux	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won a good race by three quarters of a length; a length between second and third. Dividend $18·50. Time—2mins. 11secs.

Third Day, Saturday, 23rd May.

THE OPEN GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Value $300, and $50 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for all Griffins that have started at this Meeting. Entrance—$10. R. C.

E S Manasseh's Bramble, 9st 6lbs	...	J Smith	1
Mr D Gee's Salad, 10st 4lbs ...	...	J Woods	2
Seah Eng Kun's Victor, 9st 12lbs	...	Kirwan	3
Seah Peck Seah's Spadille, 9st 9lbs	...	Holley	0
N Trotter's Postman, 9st ...	...	Wool	0
Mr Glencaird's Furnace, 9st ...	...	Beaumont	0
Capt Whyte's Lochaber, 9st 8lbs	...	Campbell	0
W Reid's Bridget, 8st 12lbs ...	...	Peerbux	0

(*Winner trained by Dallans.*)

Won by one and a half lengths, Salad being two lengths in front of Victor, Furnance fourth dividend $39 dead. Time—2mins.

THE SCURRY STAKES.—Value $400, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for all Horses that have started at this Meeting. Entrance—$10. 6 furlongs.

Chua Soo Tuan's Juindo, 10st 3lbs	...	Woods	1
T Sarkies's Sweet Erina, 9st ...	...	Kirwan	2
Cheong Thye Phin's Olaf, 10st	...	J Smith	3
Mr St John's Klimbo, 10st 5lbs	...	Bond	0
Tate and Vollenhoven's Yorkshire, 9st 5lbs		Wool	0
Bombastes Kongsee's Perfidy, 8st 10lbs	...	Holley	0
Tan Hap Swee's Mandolin, 8st 9lbs	...	Beaumont	0

(*Winner trained by Woods.*)

Won by a quarter length in front of Sweet Erina; the same intervals separating her from Olaf, Yorkshire also very close up-the finest finish of the meeting in 1min. 20⅕secs. Dividend $11.

THE SECOND EX-GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Value $300. A Handicap for Horses that have run in the First ex-Griffin Race (Race No. 6) on the second day. Entrance—$10. 1¼ miles.

Seah Eng Kun's Anne, 9st 11b	...	Kirwan	1
Mr Nirvana's Melody, 9st 4lbs	...	Peerbux	2
E Cropley's Sharavogue, 10st 10lbs	...	J Woods	3
W W Bailey's Lebir, 8st 10lbs	...	H Wool	0
C E Paterson's Thornaby, 8st 11lbs	...	J C Bull	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by half a length from Melody; three-quarters in front of Sharavogue. Dividend $27. Time—2mins. 26½secs.

THE STEWARDS' CUP.—Value $400, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A handicap for horses that have started in Races Nos. 1, 5, 6, or 7 on thefirst day. Entrance—$10. R C.

T Sarkies' Blue Jacket, 9st 12lbs	...	Peerbux	1
Tan Boo Liat's Benedick, 9st 7lbs	...	Southall	2
Cheong Thye Phin's Carlton, 9st 2lbs	...	Holley	3
Tan Hup Seng's Comical, 10st 10lbs	...	Kirwan	0
Mr Howden's Lulworth, 9st 11b	...	H Wool	0
A Cumming's Rough Diamond, 8st 10lbs	...	J Campbell	0
D D Mackie's Battlefield, $400, 8st 9lbs	...	Beaumont	0
H Fort's Coat of Arms, 8st 9lbs	...	Greenhalgh	0
W W Bailey's Chieftain, 8st 8lbs	...	J Gray	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by a half a length in front of Benedick, who was a length ahead of Carlton. Time—1min. 57secs., three seconds faster than the Open Griffins, and five faster than the Grand Stand Cup on the first day. Dividend $21.

THE GRIFFIN CONSOLATION.—Value $250. A Handicap for all Griffins that have started at this meeting and not won. R. C.

A Moir and J M Bryan's Quicksilver, 9st 11b		Southall	1
T Paul's Mimi, 9st 4lbs ...	...	J Smith	2
W Reid's Bridget, 9st 10lbs ...	...	Peerbux	3
Noel Trotter's Postman, 9st 8lbs	...	H Wool	0
Sir A R Dorward's Stymie, 9st 3½lbs	...	J C Bull	0
Mr Glencaird's Furnace, 10st	...	Moh Khan	0
H Fort's Foundry, 9st ...	...	Greenhalgh	0
Bankin Kongsi's Grey Leg, 8st 12lbs	...	Beaumont	0

(*Winner trained by Dallans.*)

Won by a quarter length in front of Mimi, who led Bridget by a length. Postman fourth. Time—2mins. 5½secs.

THE SINGAPORE STAKES.—Value $400, and $100 to the second horse provided there are five starters the property of different owners. A Handicap for all Horses that have started at this meeting. Entrance—$10. 1½ miles.

Mr Payne's Sir Launcelot, 10st	...	Peerbux	1
De Voogt's Pawnbroker, 8st 12lbs	...	J C Bull	2
T Sarkies' Cadenas, 9st 5lbs ...	...	Kirwan	3
T Sarkies' Sweet Erina, 8st 9lbs	...	J Beaumont	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by two lengths. Time—2mins 54⅘secs. Dividend. $18.

THE ROCHORE PLATE.—Value $300. Second horse to receive the entrance fees. A handicap for all non-winning horses that have started at this meeting. Entrance $5 if declared by noon on Saturday, 9th May, and $10 if declared after noon on 9th May, and by 4-15 P.M. on the day of the race. R. C.

D D Mackie's Battlefield, 8st 12lbs	...	Beaumont	1
Tan Boo Liat's Benedick, 10st	...	Southall	2
Tan Hap Swee's Mandolin, 10st	...	J Woods	3
H Fort's Coat of Arms 8st 9lbs	...	D Greenhalgh	0
De Voogt's Zoroaster, 9st 7lbs	...	J C Bull	0
Mr Howden's Argonaut, 9st 11lbs	...	H Wool	0
Mr Willing's Dodol, 9st ...	...	Peerbux	0
Cheong Thye Phin's Highlander, 9st 8lbs	...	Holley	0
A Cumming's Rough Diamond, 9st	...	Kirwan	0

(*Winner trained by Abrams.*)

Won by a one and a half lengths, a length separating the next two horses. Time—1min. 57⅘secs. Dividend $83.

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LONDON, *Friday, 29th May*, 1903.

THE TURF.

IT is abundantly manifest that the Doncaster executive intend to keep abreast of the times, every gathering on the Town Moor being generally marked by some new feature. The hoisting on the number-board of the result of the draw for places meets with the warm appreciation of the public at all racing resorts where it is practised, and another move that found general favour has been the erection for a quarter of a mile round the bend of a second row of rails running parallel to the old ones and some six feet inside them. The intention is to keep sightseers well out of reach of the horses as they sweep round the turn, police being stationed between the two sets of railings to insist upon an observance of the new restriction. If the inside fence were continued the whole way to the winning-post it would be better still. It was glorious to experience a genuine foretaste of summer on the Town Moor to-day. The air was soft and balmy, and there was folks amongst the huge attendance who were ungrateful enough to complain of the excessive heat. Be that as it may, the majority fairly revelled in the delightful conditions, even if they cast envious eyes on the select few who turned out in all the glory of new Panama hats and immaculate flannels. The muster on the second day in the rings had nearly reached a record for the Spring Meeting, and there was no diminution in the gathering on the concluding day. Moreover, the sport went with a swing, and from first to last the entertainment was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

THE CHESTERFIELD HANDICAP—Of 435 sovs. One mile and a half.

Duke of Portland's ch c Caro, by Carbine —Nenemoosha, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs ...		Maher 1
Mr E C Clayton's ch h Patron Saint, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	...	J H Martin 2
Lord Ellesmere's ch h Pax, aged, 8st 5lbs		Halsey 3
Sir J Blundell Maple's Champagne, 5yrs, 8st 2llbs ...	...	W Lane 0
Sir T R Dewar's Lady St George, 5yrs, 8st		Miller 0
Mr L de Rothschild's Pom Pom, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	...	Murray 0

(*Winner trained by Mr. G. Lambton at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 8 agst Caro, 2 to 1 Patron Saint, 6 to 1 Champagne, 8 to 1 Pom Pom, and 100 to 8 any other.

Five furlongs from home, Pom Pom collided with Lady St.George and unshipped his jockey, and Caro, pulling his way to the front in the straight, followed by Patron Saint, won in a canter by three lengths; a bad third. Lady St. George was fourth.

The rythm of equine hoofs galloping lightly over the springy sward is music to the ear of the sportsman, and the temptation to "join the glad throng that went laughing along" towards Epsom to-day proved well nigh irresistible. And no wonder, for the morning broke radiant and glorious, and apprehensions on the score of the weather entered into the minds of no one. The enthusiasts who make a point of driving down by road, as their fathers did before them, roused the southern suburbs of London betimes, and along the Clapham and Bixton roads a stream of vehicles flowed steadily for several hours. Patrons of the three different railway routes took matters more leisurely, but their numbers reached—if they did not exceed—the average and the throng on the stands, in the enclosures, and on the far side of the track reached enormous dimensions. As was the case a twelvemonth ago, Royal patronage was accorded the meeting. Shortly after one o'clock a loud cheer proclaimed the arrival of the King, who was accompanied by Prince Christian and attended by Col. Legge. It was satisfactory to note that His Majesty was looking in robust health and appeared to enjoy his surroundings to the utmost. But for a strong north-easterly breeze the heat of the solar rays would have been over-powering. As it was, the conditions were almost perfect, and the turf yielded wonderfully good galloping, having regard to the chalky subsoil and recent parching weather. Moreover, sport ruled brisk throughout, and from start to finish the proceedings were replete with interest.

THE WOODCOTE STAKES—Of 600 sovs. for two-year-olds; colts 8st 2lb, fillies 8st 9lb; penalties, etc. Last 6 furlongs of the Derby Course.

Mr L Brassey's b c Merryman, by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser, 9st 5lbs ..	M Cannon	1
Mr Douglas Baird's b c Mousqueton, 9st 2lbs	K Cannon	2
Lord Rosebery's b c Jolly Beggar, 8st 12lbs	D Maher	3
Mr S Darling's Challenger, 8st 9lbs ...	J H Martin	0
„ M Pizzey's Gold Winner, 8st 9lbs ...	L Sherwood	0

(*Winner trained by H. Sadler, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Jolly Beggar, 3 to 1 Mousqueton, 3 to 1 Merryman, 5 to 1 Challenger, 100 to 7 Gold Winner (offered).

Merryman jumped off clear of Mousqueton and Gold Winner, with Challenger, who hung fire, last, for quarter of a mile, when Jolly Beggar took second place, which he resigned half-way up the straight to Mousqueton; but Mr. Douglas Baird's colt could never get on terms with Merryman, who made the whole of the running and won by a length and a half: a like distance separated the second and third. Gold Winner was last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 11⅕secs.

THE EPSOM PLATE (Handicap).—Of 462 sovs; winners extra. Seven furlongs, on the new course.

Mr A Cohen's br h Royal Rivers, by Prince Hampton—Lady Peter, 5 yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	Boardman	1
Sir S M Lockhart's b f Donnetta, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs ...	J Jarvis	2
Mr G Thursby's b m Indian Corn, 6 yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	Trigg	3
Mr Ivor E Hughue's Engineer, 5 yrs, 8st 11b	Halsey	0
„ W M G Singer's Papola, aged, 7st 10lbs	Hardy	0
„ F Bibby's Blue Peter, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	W Lane	0
„ G A Prentice's Japan, 3yrs, 7st 4lbs (car 7st 5lbs)...	O Madden	0
Mr H J King's Amurath, aged, 7st 4lbs ...	J H Martin	0
„ L Neumann's His Grace, 3 yrs, 6st 12lbs	Murray	0
„ A P Cunliffe's Caper, 3 yrs, 7st 3lbs ...	B Dillon	0
„ A Stedall's Rayleigh, 4 yrs, 7st 3lbs...	Bray	0
„ R Croker's St Patrick's Day, 3 yrs, 7st (car 7st 11b)	Watts	0
Mr A Kemp's Icon, 4yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by H. Chandler, at Arundel.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Japan, 7 to 2 Engineer, 8 to 1 Caper, 10 to 1 each Indian Corn, Royal River, and His Grace, 100 to 8 each Papola, Blue Peter, Rayleigh, St. Patrick's Day, and Donnetta, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won by a short head; two lengths between second and third. Engineer was fourth, Japan fifth, His Grace sixth, Icon seventh St. Patrick's Day next, and Amurath last.

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Everything was favourable for those who journeyed to Epsom on Wednesday to witness the decision of "the greatest race in the world," as the Derby has very properly been termed. The weather was gloriously fine, nothing was wanting as regards the condition of the turf, and, to crown all, the favourite gained a very handsome victory Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family graced the proceedings with their presence, and had an exceedingly hearty reception, and, although the Royal colours were not sucessful, there is satisfaction in the fact that the race did not go out of the country, however much we like to see sportsmen from across the Channel contesting the event. On his running yesterday, however Vinicius ought clearly to have carried off the French Derby. In comparison with recent years, the numbers of runners was disappointing, though, of course, the known superiority of Rock Sand accounted for this in a large degree. The field, in fact, was the smallest, with one exception, for just one hundred years, the exception being in 1894, when Ladas only had half a dozen opponents. But what was lacking in quantity yesterday was undoubtedly made up for in quality. The American horse was excused from taking part in the preliminaries, and, after a very good start, Rock Sand took the lead, though Mead assumed command when a quarter of a mile had been covered. Rounding Tattenham Corner, however, the King's horse was done with, and Rock Sand, drawing clear was never afterwards threatened, the favourite winning with ease amid considerable cheering. Sir J. Miller's colt has now been successful in eight out of nine races, and has won in takes 18,124 sovs. His trainer, G. Blackwell, is to be heartily congratulated upon the victory, this being his first Derby winner.

Apart from the Derby, some large fields were seen out at Epsom yesterday. Of the fifteen who contested the Epsom Town Plate, the Irish-trained Mandalay was mostly fancied, but he succumbed to the Ballette filly, who had captured the Egmont Plate on the previous day. Martina, winner of the Juvenile Plate, was sold to Mr. M. Gurry for 330 guineas, leaving a surplus of 230 guineas for division between the owner of the second horse (Sir J. Miller) and a race fund. Catgut, in securing the Caterham Plate, gained her fifth successive bracket. The Ranmore Plate was won by Blue Diamond in 56⅘ secs, which equals the record time for five furlongs, made by Master Willie at the Epsom Spring Meeting Sun Bonnet made short work of fifteen opponents in the Effingham Plate.

THE DERBY STAKES—Of 6,500 sovs, by subscription of 50 sovs each, h ft, or 5 only if declared by the last Tuesday in March, 1902; for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs; the nominator of the winner received 500 sovs, out of the stakes; if not sufficient surplus is obtained from subscriptions to give the second at least 400 sovs and the third at least 200 sovs the difference to be made up from the race fund. About one mile and a half. (295 sovs 100 of whom paid 5 sovs ft). Closed July 23rd, 1901.

Sir J Miller's br c Rock Sand, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune	D Maher	1
M E Blanc's b c Vinicius, by Masque—Wandora	J Thompson	2
Sir D Cooper's b c Flotsam, by St Frusquin—Float	W Halsey	3
Mr A Jame's Rabelais, by St Simon—Satirical	K Cannon	0
His Majesty's Mead, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat	H Jones	0
Mr Duryea's Acefull, by Mirthful—Myrtle Harkness	J H Martin	0
Mr W Bodrick-Cleete's Cerisier, by Cherry Tree—Last Love	O Madden	0

Glaucos was struck out at 2-23 P.M. on the day of the race.

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Rock Sand, 11 to 2 agst Vinicius, 100 to 14 Flotsam, 9 to 1 Mead, 25 to 1 Rabelais, 33 to 1 Acefull, 100 to 1 Cerisier (offered).

PLACES (1 2 3): 4 to 1 on Rock Sand, 2 to 1 Flotsam, 7 to 4 Vinicius, 6 to 4 Mead, 2 to 1 agst Rabelais, 4 to 1 Acefull, 100 to 8 Cerisier offered.

The first to leave the padock was Rock Sand, who was followed in the parade by Flotsam, Cerisier, Rabelais, and Vinicius, with Mead bringing up the rear, Acefull, who was saddled away, taking no part in the preliminaries. Flotsam led the canter from Rock Sand, Rabelais, and Cerisier, with Mead last, and it was 3-10 when the lot were assembled at the post and the white flag was hoisted. There was not much delay, the lot being despatched to a capital start at 3.17, the first to show in front being Rock Sand on the outside, from Rabelais, Mead, and Acefull, with Flotsam close up and Cerisier last. So they ran for a quarter of a mile, when Mead took a slight lead of Cerisier, Rock Sand, and Flotsam, with Acefull next, in advance of Rabelais, Vinicius dropping into the racr, but passing the mile post Rock Sand and Cerisier changed places and Acefull and Vinicius were the last pair. At the top of the hill Rock Sand drew level with Mead, the pair going on just clear of Flotsam, with Rabelais galloping in his heels and Acefull and Cerisier in close attendance, Vinicius still whipping in, but, rounding Tattenham Corner, Rock Sand drew out clear of Flotsam, Rabelais, and Mead, and, making the remainder of the running, stalled off the late challenge of Vinicius, who took second place just inside the distance, and won, amidst uproarious cheering, by a couple of lengths; a like distance separated the second and third. Rabelais was fourth, Mead fifth, Acefull next, and Cerisier last Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 42⅘ sec. Value of the stakes, £5,850.

The programme for the third day of the Epsom Summer Meeting has undergone more changes and variations than that of any other stage of the fixture. Until 1895, in which year Whitte (with odds of 30 to 1 laid on him) beat his solitary opponent, Powick, the Epsom Grand Prize was the tit-bit of the Thursday, but it disappeared from the card, its place being taken the following season by the Durdans Plate, which gave way in its turn to the Epsom Cup. Last year was the date of the inauguration of the valuable Coronation Cup, which remains the principal feature of the penultimate day's racing, and, judging by the class of the entrants, the new event seems to have a bright feature before it. In comparison with yesterday, when one of the largest crowds ever witnessed on the breezy downs enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent, the attendance this afternoon seemed at first sight sparse and attenuated, but in reality such was far from being the case, a bigger concourse of spectators having seldom been associated with the so-called "off day's" entertainment. Despite the wear-and-tear to which it had been subjected during the two previous days, the verdure of the course was positively marvellous, and was rendered all the fresher by a soaking thunder shower, which cleared the atmosphere and made things generally cool and pleasant prior to a recommencement being made. Th afternoon remained delightfully fine, and the sport was ful interest.

THE ROYAL STAKES (handicap)—Of 905 sovs Six furlongs.

Mr J B Joel's ch h Sundridge, by Amphion—Sierra, 5 yrs, 9st 10lbs ...	M Cannon	1
" Foxhall Keene's b or br m Cap and Bells II., 5 yrs, 8st 5lbs	Lyne	2
" W M G Singer's ch g Torrent, 4 yrs, 7st 11b (car 7st 21bs)	Hardy	3
Sir J Blundell Maple's Nabot, 4 yrs, 7st 11lbs	W Lane	4
Mr A Cohen's Master Willie, aged, 9st 10lb	Boardman	0
" H J King's Orchid, 5 yrs, 9st 5lbs ...	H Jones	0
" G Thursby's Indian Corn, 6 yrs, 7st 7lbs	Trigg	0
" S B Joel's Tippler, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	B Dillon	0
" G Parriott's Cerillo, 4 yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	O Madden	0
" M Pizzey's Wolfshall, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs (car 7st 4lbs)	Murray	0
" W Johnston's Silent Friend, 5 yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 4lbs)	J H Martin	0
Prince Soltykoff's, Mountain Daisy, 4 yrs, 6st 9lbs	Janek	0
Mr G A Prentice's Japan, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb ...	J Jarvis	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Loch Leven, 4 yrs, 6st 12lbs	Griggs	0
Mr R H Henning's Jennico, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 10lbs)...	Miller	0
" A Stedall's Hartfield, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Bray	0

(*Winner trained by Morton, at Wantage.*)

BETTING: 9 to 2 agst Nabot, 8 to 1 each Sundridge and Cap and Bells II., 10 to 1 each Master Willie and Torrent, 100 to 9 Loch Leven, 100 to 8 each Orchid, Indian Corn, and Hartfield, 100 to 7 each Cerillo, Japan, and Wolfshall, 100 to 6 Mountain Daisy, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third. Nabot was placed fourth, Wolfshall was fifth, Orchid sixth, Master Willie seventh, Loch Leven eight, Mountain Daisy ninth, Indian Corn tenth, and Hartfield last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 8⅘secs.

THE CORONATION CUP—Of 1,735 sovs: weight for age, with allowances. Derby Course (about one mile and a half).

Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Valenza, by Winkfield—Bellinzona, 5 yrs 8st 7lbs ...	O Madden	1
Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Rising Glass, 4 yrs, 9st 3lbs	Halsey	2
Mr Reid Walker's b h Templemore, 5 yrs, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	3
" J Gubbins's Caraval, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs ...	Boardman	0
" Spencer Gollan's Seahorse II., aged, 8st 10lbs	Walkington	0
" W C Whitney's Slipthrift, 4 yrs, 8st 7lbs	J H Martin	0

(Winner trained by F. W. Day at Newmarket.)

BETTING: 11 to 8 agst Caravel, 6 to 4 Rising Glass, 10 to 1 Valenza, 100 to 8 Templemore, 100 to 8 Slipthrift, 20 to 1 Seahorse II.

Caravel settled down in front of Valenza, Rising Glass, and Seahorse II., with Templemore last to the mile post, where Caravel increased her lead three or four lengths and Rising Glass took second place in front of Slipthrift, Seahorse II. now dropping in to the rear. So they ran till a quarter of a mile from home, where Rising Glass assumed command, but was challenged by Valenza, who crept up on the rails and won a fine race by half a length; three lengths divided the second and third. Caravel was fourth and Slipthrift last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 41⅘secs.

THE DURDANS PLATE (Handicap)—Of 935 sovs. The last mile and a quarter of the Derby Course.

Sir Jas. Miller's ch c Pharisee, by the Sailor Prince—Perception, 4 yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	Hardy	1
Mr C H Hannam's b c Raven's Flight, 4 yrs, 7st 3lbs...	J H Martin	2
Mr C Mynor's b c Selkirk, 4 yrs, 7st 11b ...	Heppell	3
" E C Irish's Over Norton, 6 yrs, 9st 7lbs	H Jones	0
Lord Carnarvon's The Solicitor, 5 yrs, 8st 13lbs	M Cannon	0
Sir E Vincent's Pistol, 4 yrs, 8st 8lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Kunstler, 5 yrs, 8st 4lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	K Cannon	0
Mr A James's Shellmartin, 4 yrs, 7st 6lbs...	Watts	0
" J Lewis's Long Tom, 4 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	Janek	0
" Jas Buchanan's Sankence, 3 yrs, 6st 11lbs	Bray	0

BETTING: 100 to 30 agst Long Tom, 4 to 1 Pistol, 7 to 1 Over Norton, 8 to 1 each Kunstler and Pharisee, 10 to 1 Selkirk, 100 to 8 each Raven's Flight and Sankence and 20 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; a neck between second and third. Long Tom was fourth, Shellmartin fifth, Pistol sixth, Over Norton seventh, and Sankence last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 8⅘secs.

I have just time to append the result of the principal event of to-day's racing:—

The scene on the road to the Downs this morning was one of unusual animation. Fortunately the dull sky and the rain which prevailed during the early hours gave place after nine o'clock to genial sunshine, with the result that the ladies came out in their daintiest summer costumes, their presence largely preponderating outside coaches and vehicles of all descriptions. The difference in the composition of a Derby-day crowd and that of an Oaks was probably never more marked than it was this morning, nearly all of those travelling by road being smartly-dressed people in superior conveyances. The large number of motor cars on the road was also a striking feature. At Waterloo, Victoria, Charing Cross and other railway stations there was an exceptional pressure on the numerous specials run to Epsom for the "Ladies' Day."

THE OAKS STAKES—Of 5,000 sovs. by subscription of 50 sovs. each, h ft., or 5 sovs. only if declared by the last Tuesday in March, 1902, for three-year-old fillies: 9st. each; the nominator of the winner to receive 400 sovs. out of the stakes; if not sufficient surplus is obtained from subscriptions to give the second at least 200 sovs., and the third at least 100 sovs., the difference to be made up by the Race Fund. About one mile and a half. Two hundred and sixty-seven subs, 117 of whom pay 5 sovs. forfeit.

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Mr J B Joel's b Our Lassie, by Ayrshire—Yours	M Cannon	1
Major Eustace Loder's b Hammerkop, by Gallinule—Concussion	J H Martin	2
Mr A Raphael's b Skyscrapper, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandry ...	D Maher	3
Prince Soltykoff's b Sun Rose, by Sheen—Nina	W Halsey	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's b Valve, by Velasquez—Gas	O Madden	0
Mr Arthur James's b Mrs Gamp by St Simon—Lucina	H Jones	0
Mr J R Keene's ch Dazzling, by St Leonard—Splendour	L Lyne	0
Mr C Russell's ch Florinda, by Florizel II—Wise Flower	K Cannon	0
Mr W Hall Walker's b Ladies' Mile, by Ladas—Serpentine	J E Watts	0
Mr R C Dawson's bl or br St Hylda, by St Simon—Darkness	H Randall	0

(*Winner trained by C. Morton.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Hammerkop, 4 to 1 Sun Rose, 6 to 1 Our Lassie, 7 to 1 Valve, 10 to 1 Dazzling, 100 to 7 Skyscraper, 20 to 1 Mrs Gamp, 25 to 1 Florinda, 33 to 1 Ladies' Mile, 33 to 1 St Hylda.

Skyscraper led from Ladies' Mile, Hammerkop, and Sun Rose with Mrs. Gamp last. There was little alteration till nearing Tattenham Corner, where Dazzling fell, and Our Lassie, drawing to the front, won easily by three lengths; a head separated the second and third.

CRICKET.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY *vs.* SURREY.—Played at Oxford on 21st, 22nd and 23rd May Surrey won by 119 runs.

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Lockwood, c Findlay, b Martin ...	16	c Evans, b Amory ...	11
Hayward, c Henley, b Martin ...	6	b Burn ...	86
Hayes, c Findlay, b Burn ...	72	c Findlay, b Evans	16
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, b Evans	8	c Pawson, b Henley	10
E. Wiltshire, c Findlay, b Amory	17	run out ...	6
L. Walker, c Evans, b Martin ...	25	c Worsley, b Martin	21
K E M Barker, b Burn ...	1	st Findlay, b Martin	5
K J Key, c Carlisle, b Martin ...	26	b Burn ...	1
Clode, c Carlisle, b Burn ...	17	c Findley, b Evans	25
Stedman, c Findlay, b Burn ...	0	not out ...	2
Richardson, not out ...	2	b Burn ...	0
B 4, w 1	5	B 2, w 3 ...	5
Total ...	195	Total ...	188

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
R S Darling, c Leveson Gower, b Clode	18	b Lockwood ...	25
C D Melver, c Stedman, b Richardson	31	lbw, b Richardson	10
K M Carlisle, b Lockwood ...	28	b Lockwood ...	4
W H B Evans, b Richardson ...	13	b Lockwood ...	15
A C Pawson, lbw, b Richardson ...	0	not out ...	5
W Findlay not out ...	63	b Lockwood ...	0
A E Worsley, b Lockwood ...	2	b Richardson ...	0
L Heathcote-Amory, lbw, b Lockwood	1	b Richardson ...	1
E G Martin, c Stedman, b Richardson	13	b Richardson ...	0
F H Henley, c Stedman, b Lockwood	4	b Lockwood ...	5
R C W Burn, b Richardson ...	5	b Lockwood ...	0
B 1, lb 5	6	B 4, lb 8 ...	12
Total ...	187	Total ...	77

LEICESTERSHIRE *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at Leicester, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd May Drawn. Thanks in a very great measure to their two new men, Gill and V. F. S. Crawford, Leicestershire were enabled to have all the best of the play in this match, for, when stumps were finally drawn on the third evening, the visitors required 78 runs to win, and had but one wicket to fall. The draw was, therefore, all in favour of Leicestershire Crawford's innings of 72 was made in 75 minutes, and was without blemish, the chief strokes being a 5 and seven 4's, whilst Gill's display, which was marred by a chance at 94, lasted 90 minutes, and contained sixteen 4's. But for mistakes in the field, Leicestershire would probably have won easily, for Vine and Relf, who made the highest scores in the first innings of Sussex, were both let off.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C J B Wood, c Tate, b Relf ...	0	not out ...	46
Whitehead, c Fry, b Tate ...	45	b Tate ...	10
Knight, c Ranjitsinhji, b Relf ...	20	b Bland ...	27
R T Crawford, c Fry, b Relf ...	14	c Tate, b Relf ...	11
King, c and b Cox	8	c Ranjitsinhji, b Bland ...	17
V F S Crawford, c and b Cox ...	73	b Bland ...	2
Gill, c Fry, b Tate	19	c Bland, b Killick	100
C E de Trafford, c Fry, b Bland	26	c Butt, b Relf ...	16
W W Odell, not out ...	30	c Newham, b Killick	1
Woodcock, b Tate	12	c Ranjitsinhji b Killick ...	22
Whiteside, b Tate	3	b Cox... ...	6
Byes 8, w 2, n-b 1 ..	6	Byes 5, w 2, n-b 3	10
Total ...	256	Total ...	262

SUSSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C B Fry, b King	15	c Whiteside, b Gill	9
Vine, lbw, b R Crawford ...	63	b Woodcock ...	24
Killick, b King	16	run out ...	27
K S Ranjitsinhji, b R Crawford	27	run out ...	2
Relf, lbw, b Whitehead ...	11	c R Crawford, b Woodcock ...	35
W Newham, c and b Whitehead	1	b Gill	1
Marlow, c King, b Gill ...	1	b O'Dell ...	2
Butt, b Woodcock	39	c Whiteside, b Woodcock ...	29
Cox, not out	4	b Woodcock ...	13
Bland, b R Crawford ...	6	not out ...	21
Tate, b Woodcock ...	0	not out ...	11
Byes, 8, n-b 1	9	B 4, l-b 8, w 1 n-b 6	19
Total ...	222	Total (9 wkts) ...	219

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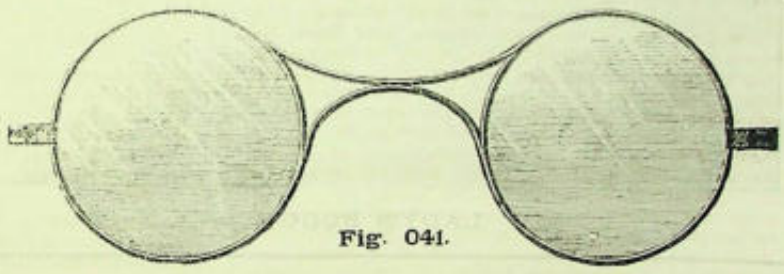

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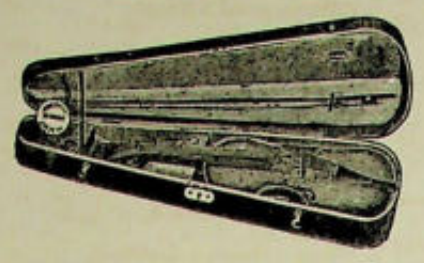

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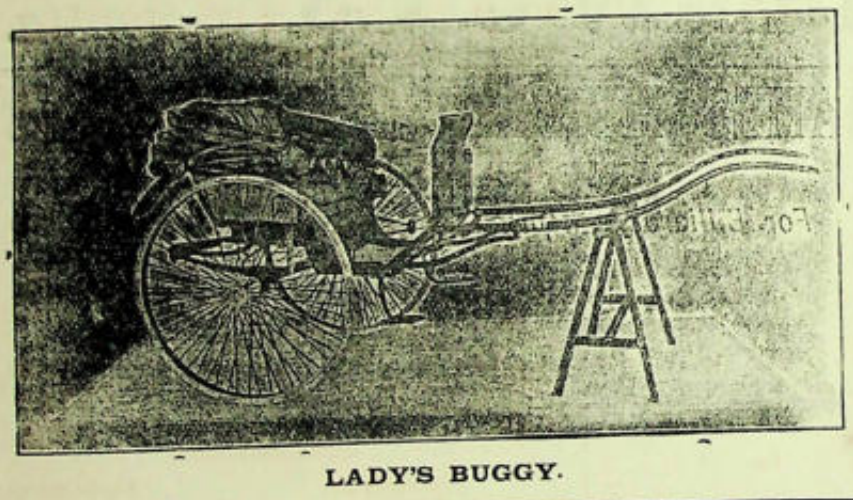

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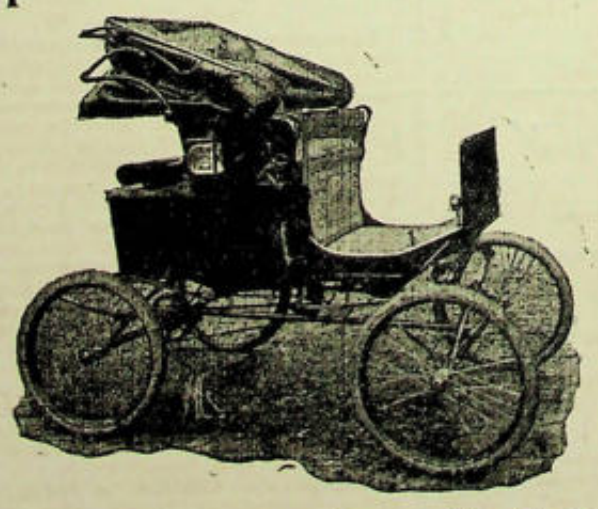

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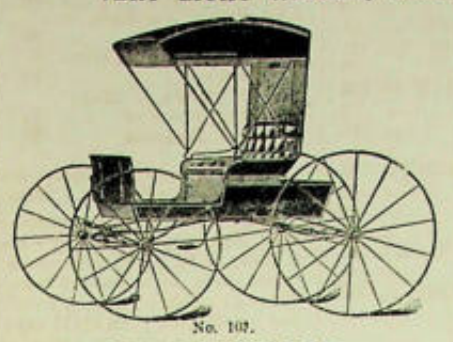

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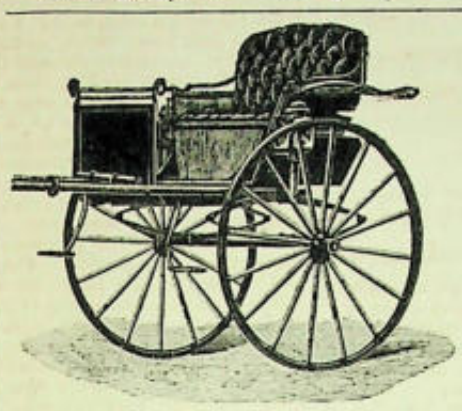

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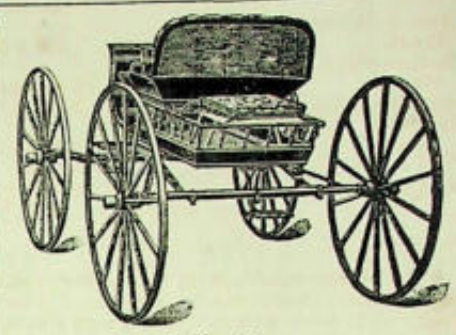

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Cambridge on 21st, 22nd and 23rd May Cambridge won by 21 runs.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C H M Ebden, b Field ...	17	b Field ...	0
L V Harper, lbw, b Hargreave ...	9	b Charlesworth ...	51
E W Mann, c and b Hargreave	0	b Santall ...	21
K R B Fry, b Field... ...	3	absent ...	0
E M Dowson, lbw, b Moorhouse	14	c Kinneir, b Field	116
F B Roberts, lbw, b Hargreave...	1	b Field ...	0
F B Wilson, c Fishwick, b Field	64	retire	72
R P Keigwin, c Fishwick, b Moorhouse	14	c Lilley, b Santall ..	35
H C McDonell, b Santall ...	37	b Santall ...	1
H S Bompas, b Santall ...	15	not out ...	0
G Howard-Smith, not out ...	8	b Field ...	0
B 13, n-b 4	17	B 16, l-b 2, n-b 3	21
Total ...	199	Total ...	317

WARWICKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Devey, c Wilson, b Roberts ...	5	c and b Keigwin ..	53
Kinneir, b Keigwin... ...	3	c sub, b Mann ...	90
J F Byrne, c Bompas, b Roberts	25	c Mann, b Dowson	40
Quaife, b Howard-Smith ...	25	not out ...	66
T S Fishwick, b Dowson ...	1	st Bompas, b McDonell —	6
Lilley, c Howard-Smith, b McDonell	33	c and b Keigwin ...	16
Charlesworth, c Harper, b Keigwin ... ... —	27	b Howard-Smith ...	22
Santall, b Keigwin	12	Howard-Smith ...	8
Hargreave, c Howard-Smith, b Roberts	11	b McDonell ...	3
Field not out	3	run out ...	7
Moorhouse, absent, hurt ...	0	absent, hurt ...	0
Byes	5	B 23, l-b 7, n-b 9	39
Total ...	150	Total —	345

KENT *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at Catford Bridge on 21st, 22nd and and 23rd May. Notts won by 4 wickets. When play ended on Friday night Notts seemed to have a most difficult task before them, for, in a low scoring match, they still had 71 runs to make with only 4 wickets in hand. There was, of course, more than a chance that the wicket would improve after the two or three days' fine weather, but on the best of wickets it is not often that the last four men are good for 71 runs But when the game was resumed on Saturday morning there was a surprise in store for the two not outs, Anthony and G. Gunn, stuck to their work with such determination that the runs were hit off without further loss. Gunn played a steady game, and allowed his partner to do nearly all the scoring. Under the circumstances Anthony's innings of 52 was one of the best seen this year. The fortunes of the game fluctuated a good deal. When stumps were drawn at the end of the first day Notts had considerably the best of matters, for thanks to good cricket by A. O. Jones, Dexter and Anthony they were leading by 27 runs, and still had three wickets in hand. But they only ended with a lead of 47. Dexter's innings of 38 was purely defensive, but particularly useful; it lasted for two hours and three-quarters In their second innings Kent did well, and when, an hour and a quarter before time, Notts went in for the fourth innings of the match, Bradley, Alec Hearne and Blythe bowled so finely that they seemed practically to have secured a victory for their side.

KENT.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C J Burnup, c Dexter, b Wass ...	1	c Hallam, b J Gunn	11
E W Dillon, c Jones, b Wass ...	0	c Oates, b J Gunn	35
Seymour, c Oates, b Wass ...	19	c and b Wass ...	20
C H Marsham, b Wass ...	1	b J Gunn ...	1
Hearne (A), c Day, b Wass ...	6	b J Gunn ...	0
Humphreys, c Anthony, b Wass	31	b J Gunn ...	30
R N R Blaker, b Wass ...	18	b J Gunn ...	12
Murrell, c Anthony, b Hallam ...	4	b J Gunn ...	5
Huish, lbw, b Hallam ...	18	b J Gunn ...	21
Blythe, not out	2	b Wass ...	16
W M Bradley, b Hallam ...	0	not out ...	4
B 3, w 1 ...	4	B 5, l b 2, n-b 5...	12
Total ...	104	Total ...	167

NOTTS.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A O Jones, b Hearne ...	33	c Burnup, b Hearne	16
Iremonger, b Blythe... ...	6	lbw, b Blythe ...	9
Gunn (J), c Seymour b Blythe ...	0	lbw, b Hearne ...	16
Gunn (G), c Huish, b Blythe ...	3	not out ...	23
Dexter, not out	38	b Bradley ...	1
Day, b Hearne	5	b Bradley ...	4
Anthony, b Bradley... ...	45	not out ...	52
Oates, b Bradley	0	b Blythe ...	1
Hallam, b Bradley	2		
Wass, b Bradley	10		
Pennington, c Blaker, b Bradley	0		
L-b 4, w 5 ...	9	Byes ...	2
Total ...	151	Total (6 wkts) ...	124

KENT.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Wass ...	31	11	57	7	32·4	8	78	2
Gunn (J) ...	21	10	14	0	36	13	65	8
Hallam ...	10	4	29	3	4	0	12	0

(Gunn delivered one and Wass four no-balls.)
Hallam bowled a wide.

NOTTS.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Bradley ...	23·1	9	49	5	19	4	43	2
Blythe ...	27	17	39	3	24	8	45	2
Hearne ...	13	5	24	2	11	2	14	2
Humphrey ...	6	1	18	0	3	0	9	0
Burnup ...	5	1	12	0	2	1	11	0

Burnup bowled five wides.

M. C. C. AND GROUND *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Lord's, 21st and 22nd May. The M. C. C. won by nine wickets.

DERBYSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L G Wright, c Wynyard, b Llewellyn ...	4	b Thompson ...	6
C A Ollivierre, b Coleman ...	29	b Mead ..	3
Storer (W.), b Coleman ...	2	b Thompson ...	18
Locker, b Llewellyn ...	3	lbw, b Mead ...	7
Needham, b Llewellyn ...	16	b Mead —	0
A E Lawton, c Gilman, b Coleman ...	4	b Thompson ...	2
Humphries, lbw, b Llewellyn ...	22	b Mead ...	0
Warren, run out	25	b Thompson ...	4
Hulme, b Llewellyn... ...	1	not out ...	11
Morton, lbw, b Mead ...	0	run out ...	0
Bestwick, not out	2	b Thompson ...	0
Byes	2	Byes 2, n-b 1 ...	3
Total ...	110	Total ...	54

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

Capt E G Wynyard, c Lawton, b Warren ...	8	Board, lbw, b Hulme ...	0
Wrathall, c Lawton, b Hulme	29	C D Barlow, st Humphries, b Hulme	0
Llewellyn, c Needham, b Hulme	23	Dr P Northcote, not out	6
Thompson, c Humphries, b Hulme	13	Coleman, b Hulme ...	1
G S F Griffin, c Humphries, b Bestwick ...	14	Mead, c Lawton, b Bestwick	21
Gilman, b Bestwick ...	15	Byes 6, l-b 7 ...	13
		Total ...	143

Second innings: Wynyard, not out, 11; Wrathall, b Morton 5; Llewellyn, not out, 6. Total (1 wkt), 22.

YORKSHIRE *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Taunton on 21st and 22nd May Somerset won by six wickets. The Somersetshire team is always a hard nut to crack on its own ground, and the reputation held by a visiting team hardly ever affects the result There had been no rain at Taunton for some days, and the wicket was much faster than could have been expected by the Yorkshiremen, who had hitherto played only on very slow wickets. The consequence was that they misjudged the place at which the ball left the ground, and as Braund was bowling for all he was worth, they, most of them, never got into their stride. Brown played a good innings and Lord Hawke, as so often before, made runs when they were very badly wanted. Palairet and Braund made an excellent start for Somerset, but after the former was dismissed, there was such a collapse that Yorkshire seemed to be more than holding their own. Seven wickets were down for 111, and then H. Martyn completely changed the appearance of the game. He hit and hit boldly, sending Hirst to the boundary three times in an over, and when stumps were drawn, he was not out, 62; he had found a useful partner in A. E. Newton, and Somersetshire were now leading by 43 with three wickets in hand. Just before the end of the day, Hirst strained his left leg, and had to retire. On the next morning Martyn was bowled without adding to his score—he had made his 62 in just over an hour—but Newton and Cranfield hit the bowling all over the field. Yorkshire were unfortunate to lose the services of Brown, jun., who dislocated his shoulder when bowling. They also had substitutes for Hirst and Tunnicliffe, the latter having split a finger. In the end, Somerset had the useful lead of 109, and as Yorkshire lost three wickets for 50, and four for 76, there was more than a reasonable hope to the Southerners that they would come out of the struggle with great honour. Hirst was able to bat, and played the innings of the day, but Tunnicliffe was still and an absentee—a very great disaster for Yorkshire, who for all that made a good fight. Lord Hawke and Haigh, when things were looking hopeless, made a fine effort to save the game. Somerset were left to make 82, and accomplished their task with ease,

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Brown (J.T.), sen., c Lee, b Robson ...	48	c Lee, b Robson	29
Tunnicliffe, c Palairet, b Braund	4	absent, hurt ...	0
F S Jackson, b Braund ...	16	c Newton, b Robson...	12
Denton, c Cranfield, b Robson	5	c Martyn, b Braund	9
Hirst, c Lee, b Robson ...	2	c Johnson, b Cranfield ...	50
Wilkinson, b Braund ...	5	b Braund ...	8
Rhodes, c Braund, b Robson	0	c Newton, b Braund	33
Haigh, b Braund ...	19	not out ...	18
Lord Hawke, c & b Braund ...	29	b Robson ...	24
Brown (J.T.), jun., lbw, b Braund	0	absent, hurt ...	0
Hunter, not out ...	7	c Martyn, b Braund	
Extras — ...	12	Extras ...	7
Total ...	147	Total ...	190

SOMERSET.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L C H Palairet, c Hunter, b Hirst	43	c Rhodes, b Jackson	11
Braund, b Hirst	47	c sub, b Jackson ...	14
Lewis, c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst ...	8	b Jackson ...	9
Robson, b Hirst	0	not out ...	12
S M J Woods, b Rhodes ...	5	not out ...	16
P R Johnson, c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	4	c Denton, b Rhodes	19
F M Lee, b Rhodes ...	3		
H Martin, b Brown, jun ...	62		
A E Newton, c Jackson, b Brown, sen	47		
Cranfield, not out	30		
North, c Hunter, b Jackson ...	2		
Extras	5	Bye ...	1
Total ...	256	Total (4 wkts)	82

LANCASHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 21st and 22nd May. Lancashire won by an innings and 11 runs.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
H K Foster, b Brearley ...	35	b Barnes ...	20
Bowley, b Brearley	42	c Maclaren, b Brearley	5
Arnold, b Brearley	0	b Barnes ...	56
Wheldon, c Hoggans, b Barnes ...	4	c Spooner, b Barnes	13
Gaukrodger, lbw, b Brearley ...	4	ht wkt, b Webb ...	24
Corden, b Brearley	7	c Hoggans, b Webb	7
Pearson, lbw, b Brearley ...	4	c Sharp, b Brearley	24
A W Isaac, c Eccles, b Brearley	14	b Sharp ...	4
Bird, run out	5	not out ...	29
Burrows, run out	1	b Barnes ...	8
Wilson, not out	11	c Sharp, b Brearley	6
Leg-byes 7, n-b 1, w 1 ...	9	Byes 7, n-b 4 ...	11
Total ...	136	Total ...	207

LANCASHIRE.

A C Maclaren, c Wheldon, b Bird	143	Barnes, b Burrows ...	0
Ward, b Arnold ...	12	Webb, b Burrows ...	1
R H Spooner, b Arnold ...	10	Brearley, b Burrows ...	1
F H Hollins, b Bird ...	114	Hoggans, b Burrows ...	2
A H Hornby, b Wilson —	6	Byes 5, l-b 8 ...	13
A Eccles not out ...	26	Total ...	354
Sharp, lbw, b Burrows ...	26		

SURREY *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at Leyton on 25th, 26 andth 27th May Essex.

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Hayward, b Buckenham ...	0	b Buckenham ...	40
Holland, b Mead	3	lbw, b Mead ...	28
Hayes, b Buckenham ...	79	c Fane, b Young ...	23
Baker, st Russell, b Tremlin ...	15	b Young ...	4
Lockwood, c Russell, b Buckenham ...	18	lbw, b Buckenham	24
E Wiltshire, b Buckenham ...	23	b Mead ...	11
Brockwell, b Buckenham ...	5	b Mead ...	3
L Walker, b Buckenham ...	3	not out ...	50
Strudwick, not out	5	b Mead ...	52
Jackson, b Buckenham ...	0	lbw, b Kortright ...	0
Richardson, b Buckenham ...	0	b Kortright ...	6
B 11, lb 6, w 1... ...	18	B 9, lb 5 ...	14
Total ...	169	Total ...	258

ESSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
F L Fane, b Richardson ...	24	lbw, b Jackson ...	16
Sewell, b Lockwood ...	15	b Lockwood ...	0
P Perrin, c and b Hayes ...	46	c Holland, b Jackson ...	40
C McGahey, not out ...	110	b Lockwood ...	7
Rev F H Gillingham, b Brockwell	15	c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	
C J Kortright, b Lockwood ...	0	b Lockwood ...	0
Russell (E), b Lockwood ...	5	b Lockwood ...	30
Buckenham, c Hayward, b Lockwood	19	not out ...	40
Tremlin, c Strudwick, b Lockwood	3	not out ...	19
Young, c Hayes, b Lockwood ...	0		
Mead, c Strudwick, b Jackson ...	14		
B 1, lb 5	6	Extras ...	7
Total	257	Total (7 wkts) ...	167

SURREY.

First innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckenham ...	18·4	25	53	8	25	9	45	2
Mead ...	18	2	45	1	34	12	82	4
Young ...	8	1	19	0	15	5	25	2
Tremlin ...	9	3	26	1	15	1	56	0
McGahey ...	3	1	8	0	5	1	17	0
					Kortright 4·5	0	14	2

Buckenham bowled a wide.

ESSEX.

First innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Lockwood ...	33	3	99	6	22·1	7	48	5
Richardson ...	24	4	62	1	8	1	36	0
Brockwell ...	4	0	28	1	3	0	12	0
Jackson ...	17·3	3	43	1	10	1	31	2
Hayes ...	7	1	19	1	5	0	15	0
					Hayward 4	0	18	0

Richardson bowled one wide.

MIDDLESEX *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Lord's on 25th 26th and 27th May. Middlesex won by an innings and 118 runs. There was a very attractive day's cricket at Lord's on Monday, for although most of the Middlesex team failed to distinguish themselves their failure was more than compensated for by the brilliant display of Warner, L. J. Moon, Trott and Griffin. The two former gained the upper hand from the first, and by lunch time had taken the total to 190, Moon being at 95 and Warner at 93. After lunch they scored more quickly than ever, but when the total was 248 Moon was at last disposed of. The innings had lasted for two hours and 25 minutes only. Both men showed a great command over the ball, and made admirable strokes Warner lasted until the total was 283. For a time after the first-wicket partnership was broken, the bowlers began to make headaway, but when Trott and Griffin came together they were knocked all over the field. In 50 minutes 94 runs were put on. Griffin, who played a vigorous game claiming 51 of them. There did not seem much chance when Hearne came in for the last wicket that Trott would reach his hundred, but Hearne was equal to the occasion and helped Trott to increase the score by another 69 runs. Trott played a really good innings. The only Gloucestershire bowler who met with success was Roberts, who kept an excellent length. Gloucestershire had a few minutes' batting and scored 18 without loss, the day's play having produced 520 runs. Tired out by their long day's fielding the Gloucestershire men did not distinguish themselves on the next morning, Hearne's bowling getting up considerably at times, although he did not take many wickets. Jessop played a maiden over and then was caught at the wicket off Beldam. Never did Gloucestershire look like making a big score, and a follow-on was necessary. In this there was some good batting by Kitcat and Jessop, the latter making 49 in 35 minutes, but just before half-past six the match was over.

MIDDLESEX.

P F Warner, b Roberts ...	149	Trott (A E), c Fowler, b Dennett	103
L J Moon, b Roberts ...	122	C P Foley, b Roberts ...	6
G W Beldam, c Kitcat, b Roberts	32	G F S Griffin, b Dennett	51
C C Pilkington, c Dennett, b Roberts	3	Hearne (J T), not out ...	20
B J T Bosanquet, c Board, b Jessop	3	B 7 lb 2, nb 2 ...	11
W P Robertson, b Roberts	2	Total ...	502
Hon B Gordon-Lennox, b Jessop	0		

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
T H Fowler, b Beldam ...	10	b Hearne ...	
Wrathall, c Warner, b Hearne ...	16	c Foley, b Hearne	23
Hale, c Beldam b Hearne ...	19	c Beldam b Bosanquet	21
Langdon, c Moon, b Bosanquet	29	c Beldam, b Hearne	1
G L Jessop, c Robertson, b Beldam	1	c Bosanquet, Beldam	49
S A P Kitcat, lbw, b Trott ...	23	b Bosanquet ...	31
Board, b Beldam	24	b Trott ...	7
Huggins, b Trott	3	c Beldam, b Hearne	26
Dennett, c Beldam, b Trott ...	2	b Trott ...	11
Spry, not out	33	b Trott ...	0
Roberts, c Lennox b Hearne ...	6	not out ...	0
B 14, lb 6, w 2	22	B 13, lb 5 ...	18
Total ...	188	Total ...	196

LANCASHIRE *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at Old Trafford on 25th, 26th and 27th May Sussex won by nine wickets. Although the wicket was hard enough on the first day of the match, it was a little fiery at one end, and the Lancashire batsmen for the most part found great difficulty in making runs. After the great batsmen on the side had failed, Sharp and A. H. Hornby put on 48 in forty-five minutes and then Eccles and Hornby added 51 in the same time, Hornby playing a really fine innings. There was a different tale to tell when Sussex went in, for Vine and Fry put on 70 for the first wicket, and then Fry and Killick played out time, the former being at 64 and the latter at 45. The total was 142 for 1 wicket, so that Sussex had much the best of the situation. Killick was soon out on the next morning, but Ranjitsinhji then joined Fry, and the two famous batsmen obtained a mastery over the bowling. At lunch time the total was 343. Fry being not out 142 and Ranjitsinhji not out 105, but immediately after the game was resumed the latter was caught at short leg. The partnership had produced 195 runs in two hours and a quarter. After this the end came sooner than was anticipated. Fry was at the wickets five hours for his great innings of 181. Lancashire had to go in against a balance of 260, and when stumps were drawn had lost 4 wickets for 92 (R. H. Spooner not out 41). Yesterday Sharp and Spooner batted so well that the innings defeat was saved the partnership producing 160 runs. Sharp made the highest score of his career in first class cricket, and was batting for two hours and a quarter.

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LANCASHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A C Maclaren, c Butt, b Relf ...	15	b Relf ...	2
R H Spooner, c Butt, b Relf ...	9	c Butt, b Cox ...	75
Tyldesley, c Tate, b Bland ...	15	b Bland ...	11
F H Hollins, c Cox, b Bland ...	0	c Marlow, b Tate...	12
A H Hornby, b Relf ...	71	b Relf... ...	6
Sharp, b Tate	38	b Cox... ...	120
A Eccles, c Bland, b Relf ...	24	b Relf... ...	32
Webb, c Butt, b Bland ...	2	b Relf... ...	18
Barnes, not out	16	not out ...	5
		c Ranjitsinghi, b Relf ...	0
W B Brearley, b Relf ...	7	c Newham, b Cox...	4
F W Boucher, c Bland, b Relf ...	8	Extras ...	19
B 18, lb 2	20		
Total ...	225	Total ...	302

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, c Eccles, b Brearley, — ...	181	Cox, b Sharp ...	22
Vine, b Webb —	16	Bland b Brearley ...	1
Killick, b Brearley ...	54	Marlow, c Sharp, b Brearley	15
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Webb, b Barnes	105	Tate not out... ...	0
Relf, lbw, b Brearley	1	B 33, lb 13, nb 2 ...	48
W Newham, c Brearley, b Barnes	29	Total ...	485
Butt, c Eccles, b Brearley	13		

Second innings:—C. B. Fry, not out, 20; Vine, c Spooner, b Brearley, 8; Killick, not out, 12; extras, 4—Total (1 wicket) 44.

YORKSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 25th, 26th and 27th. Drawn.

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, (J. T.), sen., lbw, b Bird	27	Wainwright (W.), st Wheldon, b Bird ...	32
Tunnicliffe, c Brinton, b Wilson	39	Lord Hawke, b Wilson	76
Denton, c Foster, b Bird ...	0	Hunter, c Foster, b Burrows ...	5
Wilkinson, b Hunt ...	88	Bedford, not out ...	30
Hirst, b Hunt	123	B 18, lb 7, nb 2 ...	27
Rhodes, c Isaac, b Burrows ...	42	Total ...	518
Haigh, b Burrows ...	29		

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bowley, lbw, b Rhodes ...	7	c Wilkinson b Haigh ...	2
Nicholls, c Hunter, b Rhodes ...	4	c Hunter, b Haigh	2
Arnold, b Rhodes	35	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes ...	83
Wheldon, b Rhodes	71	c and b Rhodes ...	71
H K Foster, not out ...	71	c Lord Hawke, b Wilkinson ...	120
Hunt, b Rhodes	0	b Haigh ...	2
R S Brinton, c Hunter, b Rhodes	7	not out ...	66
A W Isaac, lbw, b Haigh ...	55	c Hunter, b Rhodes	3
Bird, b Rhodes	10	c Hirst, b Haigh ...	1
Burrows, c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	0	run out ...	15
Wilson, b Haigh	1	c Denton, b Rhodes	8
B 8, lb 7, nb 2... ...	17	Extras ...	8
Total	278	Total ...	381

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIAL MATCH.—Played at Oxford on 25th, 26th and 27th May Drawn.

MR. WORSLEY'S SIDE.

First innings.		Second Innings.	
O M Samson, c Worsley, b Boissier	76	c Brownlee, b Udal ...	10
A C Pawson, c Peel, b Boissier	54	c Bridge, b Winterbotham... ...	19
D J Cassavetti, b Udal ...	22	b Udal	2
C D Melver, c Bomford, b Winterbotham... ...	22	b Winterbotham ...	5
G C Bourns, c Bomford, b Boissier ...	14	b Udal	0
H E Crawford, b Udal ...	18	c Udal, b Winterbotham... ...	6
K O Hunter, b Winterbotham	22	b Udal	0
A J Graham, c Bomford, b Dickson	21	lbw, b Winterbotham	14
H. M. Worsley, c Bomford, b Dickson — ...	6	b Winterbotham ...	1
L Hetheote Amory, c Dickson, b Udal ... —	12	c Brownlee, b Whately	27
W S Bird, not out ...	16	not out ... —	5
F H Henley, b Udal ...	0	absent, hurt ...	0
G A C Sandeman, not out ...	0	c Winterbotham, b Whately ...	0
B 13, lb 9, nb 4, w 3 ...	29	Extras ...	8
Total (11 wkts) * ...	312	Total... ...	97

* Innings declared closed.

MR. H. BOMFORD'S SIDE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hon M Herbert, b Amory ...	7	not out ...	8
R S Bridge, b Henley ..	1	run out ...	6
M R Dickson, b Samson, b Amory	18	b Hunter ...	0
L D Brownlee, c Bird, b Amory	10	b Hunter ...	6
A E Worsley, b Amory ...	1		
B L Peel, c Bird, b Amory ...	12	c Worsley, b Hunter	60
E G Whately b Henley ...	5		
A P Boissier, b Henley ...	0		
J E Raphael, b Amory ...	41	not out ...	44
R V Buxton, c Henley, b Amory	52	c Sandeman, b Pawson	25
N R Udal, b Worsley ...	41		
H Bomford, c and b Amory ...	9		
J P Winterbotham, not out ...	0		
B 4, lb 6, nb 1 ...	11	Byes ...	8
Total ...	208	Total (5 wkts) ...	157

MR. WORSLEY'S SIDE.

First Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Winterbotham ...	23	4	62	2		17	56	2	5
Whately ...	17	2	63	0		3	5	1	2
Udal ...	26	7	79	4		15	28	7	4
Boissier ...	16	3	45	3					
Dickson ...	13	6	34	2					

Dickson delivered three and Udal two no-balls.

MR. BOMFORD'S SIDE.

First Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Henley ...	20	3	82	3					
Amory ...	28	10	57	8		13	3	37	0
Sandeman ...	9	4	14	0		6	0	19	0
Hunter ...	8	1	21	0		12	0	56	3
Worsley ...	4	0	23	1		7	0	27	0
					Pawson	6	2	10	1

Henley delivered a no-ball.

NOTTS *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Trent Bridge on 25th 26th, and 27th. May Drawn.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, c R Crawford, b King	66	Dexter, lbw, b R Crawford	17
Iremonger, b Woodcock ...	94	Anthony, b R Crawford ...	3
Gunn (W), b Odell ...	139	Oats, not out ...	9
Gunn (J), b Whitehead ...	294	Extras ...	11
Rev J Staunton, c Whitehead, b Odell ...	2	Total (7 wkts) ...	739
J A Dixon, not out —	104		

LEICESTERSHIRE.

C J B Wood, b Anthony	30	Whitehead, c Jones b Anthony	62
C E de Trafford, b Hallam	70	Gill, b Anthony ...	0
Knight, c Gunn (W), b Hallam	10	Ward, c Odell, b Wass ...	2
R T Crawford, b Anthony	3	Woodcock, b Wass ...	6
King, b Anthony ...	14	Whiteside, not out ...	1
V F S Crawford, b Anthony	28	B 2, nb 1, w 2 ...	5
		Total ...	231

Second innings:—King, c Gunn (W), b Iremonger, 127; Knight, not out, 144; Wood, not out, 14. Extras, 12.—Total (2 wkts), 312.

LAWN TENNIS.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY *vs.* ALL ENGLAND L. T. C.—A fairly strong team from the All England Club journeyed to Cambridge yesterday and succeeded in defeating the Cantabs by seven matches to two, 15 sets to 5, and 115 games to 67, in boisterous but fine weather. The teams and individual matches were :—

R. F. and H. L. Doherty, All England, beat Hunt and Stone, Cambridge (6—4, 6—1); beat Andrewes and Chance, Cambridge (6—4, 6—3); beat C. Palmer and Argyle, Cambridge (6—2, 6—2).

A. W. Gore and J. E. Mellor, All England, beat Andrewes and Chance, Cambridge (6—2, 6—1); lost to Palmer and Argyle, Cambridge (6—4, 6—3); beat Hunt and Stone, Cambridge (6—3, 6—4).

H. Wilson Fox and Archdale Palmer, All England, lost to G. Palmer and Argyle, Cambridge (6—3, 4—6, 6—2); beat Hunt and Stone, Cambridge (3—6, 6—1, 6—3); and beat Andrewes and Chance, Cambridge (6—3, 6—2).

BOXING.

It was twenty-five minutes to one of the 19th instant morning when the curtain fell on the entertainment at the National Sporting Club The start was late on Monday night, and the finish, as stated, early the next day. This is a short history in itself of a wonderfully fine show, which would have been more appreciated provided it had ended in anything like decent and reasonable time. The tit-bit on the programme, the contest for the Middle-weight Championship between Jack Palmer, of Newcastle, and Jack "Twin" Sullivan, of America, of course, came last. As a result, many who did not see the force of passing the night in town missed one of the most punishing battles ever seen in the club. Sullivan took the ring a bigger man by pounds than was anticipated. His strength at close quarters was most pronounced, and his favourite hit, a half-arm hook on the body, of a distinctly telling character Palmer fought a grand uphill battle, and in the end the referee failing to part the men, gave his verdict a draw All the contests went the full length.

Palmer was seconded by Spike Sullivan, Tom Murphy, and Jack Fulton, the American being looked after by his brother "Mike" and Charley Hagin. They were very well matched so far as regards size. Sullivan, although the lighter, appearing quite as big a man. The opening exchanges favoured the Novocastrian, who was by far the cleaner in style. Twice he put the left on the head and the right on the body, Sullivan, who clinched a little, hardly showing his form. However next time he displayed the fact that he had a hard punch, for he twice smashed the right on the body out of a clinch and put the left hand on the head. The next round again favoured Sullivan, who kept hooking his left on to Palmer's body—blows that had great effect upon the Englishman, who had appeared to hold his opponent just a little too cheap. After this the American showed by far the better form, always first to land on his man and dealing out heavily. He was particularly severe on Palmer's body on which the right was smashed in fine style. The seventh was a very desperate round, for Sullivan started by landing a number of heavy rights on to Palmer's head and body, which appeared to take a deal out of him. However, the Englishman was by no means so bad as he appeared, for, catching Sullivan unawares he dashed the right on to his opponent's face after which the American, who was in distress, hung on for some time, Palmer's blow having taken a deal out of him. However, he recovered rapidly, and in the next two rounds was again doing best. Sullivan was seen to greatest advantage in the close work, where he was by far better than Palmer. However, always a tryer, the Newcastle man made a very fine show, and by his splendid show in the tenth round gained the loudest applause. So the battle proceeded, Palmer making a fine effort to get on terms with his opponent. Sometimes he was quite brilliant, his left-hand work being very good. To the end they went hard at it the result being a draw

GOLF.

THE AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

ENGLAND *vs.* SCOTLAND.—The tentative introduction of an Amateur Golf International at Hoylake last year having been followed up during the intervening period by the establishment of the event on a permanent basis, last week's Golf at Muirfield closed on Saturday with a nine aside contest between teams representing, respectively the golfers of England and Scotland. The teams were selected on Thursday evening, and while the English selection, based almost entirely on the form revealed by the championship contest, gave general satisfaction to the English golfers (who had, however, occasion to lament the absence from the field of three members of last year's ten, Messrs Hutchings Ellis, and, Branston), the Scottish team represented rather the paper than the current strength of Scottish golf, and as such gave rise to a good deal of criticism. As matters turned out, two of the players against whom most criticism was directed, Messrs. Laidlay, who has been out of practice of late, and Norman Hunter lost heavily, but so did one of the men who was certain of his position from the first, J. Robb, and, on the other hand, so good a fight was made of it that, as the the match counted by matches instead of by holes, as at Hoylake last year, the last match of the series proved the decider, and that on the last green with the last stroke in the day's play. After a great sporting finish England reversed the verdict of last year, when Scotland won by seven holes.

MAXWELL *vs.* BALL.—Having regard to the recent cold and backward weather, the golfers at Muirfield were exceedingly favoured by the week's weather, and as good luck would have it, Saturday was the most summerlike day of the six, a westerly breeze being the only drawback. A large crowd of general and local golfers visited the course during the day, and in the afternoon there would be close on 1,500 persons on the links. Attention was naturally directed in the first instance to the play of the leading "strings" Maxwell and Ball. A year ago the Englishman finished one hole up against the new champion, who on this occasion proved a good deal too strong for his rival, with regard to whom it falls to be said that he was not in the best of health, he having contracted a cold which effected his kidneys. For all that, Ball played good golf, and although he had, usually to give the odd through the green his fine second shots left little between the pair on the putting greens. Maxwell won the first two holes played, and lost the next two, the result representing inferior play—first on the part of the one and then of the other on the green. Maxwell drew away with a magnificent 3 at the seventh hole, a put he again performed in the afternoon, and turning 1 up he won the first hole in, and, after three divides two more. At the close of the round he was 4 up, his approximated details working out at 73, one above the record for the course made by Herd, the open champion, in the championship contest of 1892. Details :

Maxwell : Out, 3 4 5 5 5 3 4 4 4 : in, 3 5 4 4 3 4 5 4 4—total 73.

Ball : Out, 4 5 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 : in, 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 4—total 77.

Maxwell lost two of the first three holes played in the afternoon, poor at the hole side but steadying, he won three holes running, and, 6 up at the turn, he ended the match three greens later, winning by 8 up and 6 to play. His half-round out was one stroke under that of the morning, his details being : Out, 4 5 5 4 4 3 4 3 4 ; in, 4 5 4—total, 49 for 12 holes.

HILTON *vs.* LAIDLAY.—Meantime, Hilton, playing his finest golf of the week, was giving his old opponent, J. E. Laidlay, a severe trouncing. Laidlay was out of form, his short game being very indifferent, and although he began with three divides, he lost steadily from the fourth green. He was 3 down at the turn and 4 down at the end of the round, which Hilton completed in the following approximated details : Out, 4 5 5 4 4 3 3 4 4 ; in, 4 5 4 4 3 4 6 4 4—total 74.

In the afternoon the Hoylake man had an easy progress. He stood 8 up at the turn for home, and won the match by 9 up and 7 to play.

THE OTHER MATCHES.

The third couple, H. G. Hutchinson and F. Mackenzie, had a fairly equal match, the young Scotsman playing a slashing game through the green, and the championship runner-up owed the evenness of the play to his grand iron approaches. He was 1 down at the end of the first round, and squared the match at the first hole of the second round. Mackenzie drew away with wins at the third and fourth greens, stood 2 up at the ninth and 3 up at the twelfth, and won by 5 and 3. In the following couple, J. Graham was opposed by H. de Zoete, who gave R. Maxwell so long and hard a game on Thursday. Graham held a lead at one stage of the first round, but he played a slack game through the green to 2 holes in, lost his lead and stood 3 down, on the home green. Putting himself to it, he wiped out this deficiency in the first half of the afternoon's round with, in successive holes, three in and a 3, and matters were thereafter give-and-take till Graham won the match on the home green. J. B. Pease played a steadier game on the green than L. Balfour-Melville, and won a fairly close game, and Mure-Fergusson got home narrowly from S. H. Fry, Scotland scoring 4 points against 2. With two of the last three Scottish hopes were disappointed, Jas. Robb playing a very poor game—one of the worst of his career—against Horace Castle, who earned the distinction of twice laying himself and both times negotiating a stimie, and Norman Hunter was too erratic to cope with W. H. Fowlers. This left a settlement to G. F. Smith and C. E. Dick, and here English interests were in the ascendant at the end of a moderate first round. Dick, however, took all his chances in the early stages of the afternoon's play, and great excitement was occasioned by the report that with half a dozen holes to go the pair were square. Everybody flocked out to see the encounter all the other matches having finished, and the last holes were the most exciting of the day. One up with two to go, Smith lost the seventeenth hole, and the match was carried to the home green. Here Dick was short with his run up, while Smith laid his like within holing distance. The Liverpool Stock failed to run down a long put, and Smith, holing out, won the hole and the match amid loud applause. The event was a great success, but a concensus of opinion seemed to be that it should precede instead of following the heavy work of the championship.

ENGLAND.	Matches.	SCOTLAND	Matches.
John Ball, jun ...	0 *v.*	R. Maxwell ...	1
H. H. Hilton ...	1 *v.*	J. E Laidlay ...	0
H. G. Hutchinson ...	0 *v.*	F. Mackenzie ...	1
H. de Zoete ...	0 *v.*	J. Graham, jun. ...	1
J. B. Pease... ...	1 *v.*	Leslie Balfour Melville ...	0
S. H. Fry	0 *v.*	S. Mure-Fergusson ...	1
H. Castle	1 *v.*	James Robb	0
W. H. Fowler ...	1 *v.*	N. F Hunter ...	0
G. F. Smith ...	1 *v.*	C. E. Dick	0
Total ...	5	Total ...	4

RACQUETS.

THE AMATEUR HANDICAP CUP.

FINAL TIE.

Five days of very interesting play at the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, left Capt. S. H. Sheppard, D.S.O., of the Royal Engineers, on the 23rd instant the winner of the handsome silver cup presented by the president, Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P. To have won a second trophy within about two months (for he recently captured the Army Singles Championship) is certainly a brilliant achievement. On the present occasion his success is all the more meritorious, as he was one of the extreme back-markers, owing five, a pretty stiff handicap against such a class player as Mr. H C. B. Underdown, who received six aces, and who has represented Eton in the Public School's Championship. The "skipper," however, who has a wonderful athletic frame, proved an adept in covering the court for any kind of return, and to this and his fine service may be ascribed his victory, although it must be stated he appeared to be heavily handicapped. Still, Mr. J. H. Saunders, the popular secretary of the club, must be complimented upon his judgment in allotting the starts. Mr. W. G. Hilton Price acted as referee, while Beck called and marked the game most admirably. Result :—

THE GAME.—Capt. S. H. Sheppard, D. S. O. (R. E.) (owes 5), beat Mr. H. C. B. Underdown (rec 6), by four) games to one (15—11, 14—1, to 11—5, 15—9, 15—10, and 15—11).

For some time in the opening game hands were small, but Sheppard, with a nice run of seven aces, quickly made it "ten all," and he eventually won at 15 11.

He failed to add anything in the second game and for a long period hands were very frequent, until Sheppard, with a fine run of seven, reached 9—7. Underdown, however, with a couple, made it "9 all," but his rival, not to be denied, retaliated with four, getting to 13—9. From here it was a most exciting struggle, but after numerous hands Underdown, after the game had been "set to three," proved successful.

The third encounter proved a very easy thing for the Army champion, as he made best sequences of five and seven, and won at 15—9.

On the fourth occasion, Sheppard, who had by this time warmed up to his work, quickly wiped off the arrears, and play-

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THE FOX WAS THE WINNER.

RESULT OF A HOT COMPETITION IN THE CALL OFFICE.

Lively Typewriter Contest ended in a Victory for the Grand Rapids Machine—Something about the "Light-Running Fox."

"The quick brown Fox jumps over the lazy dog." This odd sentence is familiar to all operators on the typewriter, because it is a good practice line, containing, as it does, all the letters of the alphabet. But the "quick Fox" has a new significance in The Call Office

We now have in constant use in this establishment six typewriters, a New Century Caligraph, in the counting room, the first editorial machine, a No. 7 Franklin (and both of these are excellent machines) and the latest acquisition in the shape of four 'Foxes." When it was recently decided to add four more typewriters to the editorial department, the use of the machine having proved a great saving of time and labour, to say nothing of the improved condition of the copy for the linotype operators, it was concluded to secure the very best that the market afforded. On account of its long-established reputation, there was somewhat of a predisposition in favour of a well-known machine and one of the latest models was taken on trial. It was in every respect a first-class machine. On the suggestion of one of the members of the editorial staff who is known as a pronounced "typewriter crank," and who had been practically testing the "Fox" machine for seven months or more, it was decided to send to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for a sample of that make for competition.

The "Fox" had not been in the office two nights before it was the favourite. No one would use any other machine when he could get hold of the "light-running Fox." The slight depression of the keys, the remarkably easy action, the swift escapement and possibility for speedy writing, the phenomenally light touch, the comparative noiselessness, the ease of inserting paper and making corrections, the ball bearing carriage, the simplicity and perfection of the mechanism, the manifest durability of the machine and absence of complicated gimcracks, were all strong points, over which there was no argument. Not being experts, the operators at first did not appreciate all these details, but they did know that they liked the operation of the "Fox" the best, and it was such a favourite that there was almost a fight for its use. The "Fox's" principal rival was such a good machine, however, that for some days the competition was hot; but all through the "Fox" maintained the lead so far as the preferences of those who were to become operators were concerned.

Experts examined the "Fox" machine, the most of them never having heard of it before. It was examined mechanically and from the standpoint of operation. It was hammered and pounded by hard and rapid operators on the Remington, the Smith Premier the Densmore, the Caligraph the Yost, the Hammond, the Barlock, and several other standard makes, and the same opinion came from all—that the "Fox" was in every respect a perfect specimen of a typewriter. Men who had been all their lives prejudiced in favour of some other machine, became enthusiastic in their praise of the "Fox" after using it for a short time. The result was an unqualified victory for the "Fox" and four of the machines were ordered. This was no disrespect for the leading competitor * for it was an excellent machine and one of the best ever turned out by the company, and had the "Fox" never been heard of it would have been the winner; but after having tested the relative attractions of the two the general demand was for nothing but "Foxes," and the "light-running Fox" won the race. Any one dropping into the editorial rooms of The Call along towards midnight will find one of the liveliest kinds of a Fox chase they ever heard of.

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ing a dashing game at service, and also in the rallies, he annexed the game at 15—10.

Commencing the fifth game it was palpable that the captain had the match well in hand, and this proved to be the case for in the fifth and last game he soon put on five and three aces, and ran out with a superb sequence of twelves aces, winning at 15—11. In all, the winner aggregated one hundred aces to the loser's twenty-eight. Time of match, 45min.

At the close the company adjourned to the large and handsome reception room where the donor, in presenting the cup to Captain Sheppard, said that it give him the greatest pleasure to hand over the trophy, as he was convinced that the best man had won. It was a very sporting entry on the winner's part, and to have worked his way right through with such a heavy penalty was, indeed, a triumph that he might well be proud of, and he was certain his friends would de delighted to hear of his victory.

In a few choice words, Captain Sheppard thanked Sir William for his beautiful cup, and thoroughly appreciated the prowess of all his opponents. He was proceeding shortly to India, and he would take care that both the Army and the Hart-Dyke Cups should grace the mess table. Loud cheers)

THE PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

GILBERT BROWNE PRINCE'S CLUB vs. JAMSITJEE BOMBAY.—With such an important match on it was certainly very surprising to fined only a moderate company present in the gallery overlooking the racquet court at Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Saturday the 23rd instant when the above professionals played the first half of their match for the Championship of the World and £50 aside. Probably the delightful weather caused the majority of racquet enthusiasts to discard for the nonce patronising their favourite indoor pastime: certainly it was not the sort of day to entice anyone to watch any indoor game. Since Peter Latham's retirement a year ago, the title of champion has remained in abeyance, but it was at once acknowledged that the next best man in England was his old opponent Gilbert Browne, who for some years now has been engaged at the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge. When a match for the Championship was mooted, the English and Parsee communities in Bombay at once threw out a challenge for their professional, Jamsitjee, of the Bombay Club, to play Browne for the title. This was at once accepted and articles were signed two play to matches, each the best of seven games, for £100. The usual conditions prevail, the only thing special being that in the event of Jamsitjee proving victorious, he agrees and undertakes to play the next championship match when challenged, in England. In the event of the winner being challenged and refusing to defend his title within six months from the date of the last challenge, except as provided by the present championship, he shall forfeit his title. Saturday's play was certainly not up to expectations, although it must be stated that some of the rallies were brilliantly contested Still at times there was a lack of finish on the part of both men—whether it was over-anxiety or not one cannot say. Browne who has a very effective back-handed stroke, put himself out on more than one occasion with two faults, but apart from this it must honestly be stated that the better man won on the day's play. It is to be hoped that on his own court next Thursday he will be seen to better advantage; but he has a tremendous uphill task to pull the match out of the fire, as in the event of the games being level the number of aces scored in the two matches will decide the issue. The Parsee has a very fine service, but he is seen to far better advantage in the rallies. As regards all-round work, however, we do not think that either can be classed with Latham or Standring (New York). By the way, "Peter" has signified his intention of challenging the winner He is very fit, and every day puts in a lot of work in Mr C. D. Rose's court at Newmarket, where he is at present engaged. On Saturday, Mr. J. H. Browning acted as referee, and Messrs. E. M. Baerlein and E. F. Newton as umpires, while Holden, one of the club professionals, admirably called and marked the games.) Amongst those present were Mr. J. H. Saunders (secretary. Prince's Club, Mr. C. J. B. Marriott (the newly elected secretary of the Queen's Club); Gen Minto Elliott; Captain S. H. Sheppard (Army racquets champion); Creed, Major A Cooper Key, Messrs. H. S. Mahony, H. M. Leaf, E. G. Raphael, Nigel Holmes, R. M. Smith, G. E A. Ross, M. Templeton, A. de Luze. Peter Latham "Judy" Stevens (the renowned Harrow coach), and a host of professionals from both the Prince's and Queen's Clubs. Details: Jamsitjee (Bombay Club) beat Gilbert Browne (Prince's Club, Knightsbridge) by four games to one (15—11, to 13-3, 13-0, to 13-3 15-8 and 15—4).

FIRST GAME.—Winning the spin of the racquet, Browne opened service, but only managed to put on a single At the start both were naturally anxious and somewhat erratic. Four hands each only ended in 'two all' being called, but then Browne put on four after some exciting rallies, and on the next occasion was out with two cuts. Hands were small, the best three (twice) by the Parsee, who eventually ran to game with four at 15—11. Time, 11min.

SECOND GAME.—On continuing, Jamsitjee failed to add anything, whilst Browne, with two and three, reached 5—0, and ultimately, after innumerable hands, 8—3. He, however, failed to sustain the advantage, as his rival, with 4 and 8, got to 10—8. A most exciting struggle ensued, hands being small and frequent, and at "13 all" the game was set to "5." Here again both fought hard for the mastery, but the visitor won at 5—3. Time, 18min

THIRD GAME.—Keeping on, he added two more, and put Browne out with a tremendously hard back-handed smash, but by this time the Prince's Club professional had warmed up to his work, but so desperately keen was the struggle that neither man could make any headway, the biggest runs being three aces on either side. Browne reached 13—12 but Jamsitjee, after making it "13 all," was put out with a "gentle tap" stroke high up the court which he could not possibly reach in time. Browne then got in and ran out, amid great applause, by 3—0 Time, 13min.

FOURTH GAME.—He added two more before being put out with a swift return off the right angle, and then ensued perhaps the best bit of play in the match. All the rallies were brilliantly contested, two, three, four, five, and eight "all" being called. Then, however, Jamsitjee, serving finely and playing a superb game at the back of the court, went out with a splendid sequence of seven aces at 15—8. Time, 8min.

FIFTH GAME.—A soft service stroke enabled the Englishmen to quickly put out his opponent, but he in turn only managed to tack on one. The Parsee then came out with four (three by service), but later on Browne made it "four all." He, however, could not last with his rival, as after an unproductive hand each, the Bombay professional placed a nice sequence of seven to his credit five of them being obtained after some magnificent rallies. Browne failed in two hands to do anything and then the Parsee ran to game with four at 15—4. Time, 8min. Time of match, 58min.

The second half will be played at Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, on Thursday next, 28th May at 2-30 P.M., when Browne, being his own court, will probably be seen to better advantage.

Gilbert Browne, disappointed his admirers on the 28th instant when in his own court, he again had to put up with second place to W. Jamsetjee The occasion was a match, the best of fourteen games, for the championship and a stake of £100, the first half to be played at Queen's Club and the second at Prince's, but at the former enclosure the Parsee exhibited his superiority to such a marked degree, winning by four games to one, that the result yesterday was practically a foregone conclusion. In order to get on terms with his opponent Browne would have had to accomplish something quite out of the common, but as events proved the Englishman again met more than his match, and Jamsetjee holds the professional championship for at least the next six months. Peter Latham may then be persuaded to emerge from his voluntary retirement, and if he cared to challenge the Parsee the match would excite universal interest. It may be that at present Jamsetjee has not shown what he is capable of doing at his best. His style is so easy and graceful that he never appears to be going at top speed but there is no doubt whatever of his being an exponent of racquets worthy to be classed in quite the top rank. The proceedings yesterday attracted a large attendance to the Knightsbridge Club, and among those present were Lord Cholmondeley, Lord Donoghmore, Sir A. Wills, Hon. C. Baring, Capt. Haley, Capt. Tufton, Capt. Carstan, Col. Kennard, Capt. Jones, Capt. Trotter, Capt. Sheppard, Messrs. G. E. A. Ross, E. B. Noel, H. Tattersall, H. S. Mahony, and F. H. Browning, the latter gentleman officiating as referee. Peter Latham also witnessed the play, together with Charles Saunders and Walter Gray (the coach at Charterhouse School). J. Soutar called the scores. Details:—

W. Jamsetjee, Bombay, beat Gilbert Browne, Prince's Club Knightsbridge, by four games to one (15—5, 11—15, 15—6, and 15—1). The Parsee scored the first two aces, but Browne soon drew level by service. The former, however, then put in a magnificent sequence of eleven, six by service, and was only put out by his opponent's wonderful smash down the side of the court. Jamsetjee thus led at 13—2 and with Browne unable to get fairly going the Parsee won the first game at 15—5, after eight hands. Runs were extremely small for a long time during the second game, but some fine rallies took place, Browne keeping his rival continually on the alert with some great strokes off the angles. Browne was well ahead at 6—2, but Jamsetjee gradually got on terms, and with a run of five possessed the advantage at 11—8. The latter never scored again, however, for a run of five carried Browne to 13—11, and, despite serving himself out with a couple of faults, the Englishman got home at 15—11 and made the games one all after a prolonged sitting of twenty-three hands. Jamsetjii quickly opened out a useful lead in the third game, and mostly by service ran to 8—2 before his opponent improved his position with a sequence of three. Browne never had another chance, however, for, playing beautifully, the Parsee scored all the remaining aces and won the third game at 15—5, after fourteen hands. The fourth meeting saw Browne put up a good fight for a little while, but then a run of five by his opponent opened out a wide gap at 11—4. Small hands followed, but the Parsee maintained his lead and won at 15—6, as the result of twenty-three hands. Jamsetjee was quite brilliant in the fifth and final game. He opened with a sequence of five aces, followed on with four, and finally ran out to 15—1 with a run of six at the ninth hand, Browne palpably tiring. The match lasted 45mins.

ROWING.

ROWING AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY—THE SUMMER EIGHTS.—Nothing could have been more delightful than the weather that prevailed. A light south-westerly breeze prevented the heat being too oppressive, and there was again an exceptionally large attendance no both sides of the river. The racing, too, was more interesting than on the opening night, and in the Second Division, no less than four bumps were recorded. In the First Division the three leading boats again provided a most exciting struggle, and whilst at one point New looked like catching University, at another they themselves appeared likely to fall victims to Magdalen. Lower down Brasenose followed up their previous success by bumping Pembroke, and Worcester provided Trinity with a bump early in the race.

The Second Division started at 4-30 in the following order: Lincoln Keble, Merton, Wadham, Hertford, Queen's, Jesus, St. John's, Corpus, Oriel. St. Catharine's, and St. Edmund Hall. Lincoln had to row hard to keep clear of Keble, who had a very good crew in Martin immediately below them, and the latter, coming up rapidly from the Bridges, secured them under the Willows Wadham, who had lost a place to Merton the previous night succumbed to Hertford at the Balliol Barge, whilst Queen's failed to hold their own against Jesus, and the Welshmen caught them at the Freewater Stone, St. Johns being within half a length at the time. Corpus were well away from Oriel, but St. Catherine's failed to stall of St. Edmund Hall, who caught them soon after the start, the latter making their bump at the Weirs Bridge.

The First Division order of starting was University, New College, Magdalen, Balliol, Pembroke, Brasenose, Worcester, Trinity, Christ Church, Exeter Lincoln. Another fine race ensued between the leading boats. New gained rapidly up Iffley Reach, and passing the bridges were within half a length of University. Magdalen in the meantime having drawn on to the Wykehamists and were within half a length at the bridges. Nearing the boathouse New further reduced the gap until only a narrow margin divided the two crews University were well steered, and, rowing rather the faster stroke they drew away towards the finish and reached home a short quarter of a length to the good, whilst the same distance separated New from Magdalen, Balliol being four lengths behind the latter. Brasenose caught Pembroke under the Willows, and Worcester fell victims to Trinity at the commencement of the gut, the other boats being their distances apart.

The weather still continues delightfully fine, and as a consequence there was a very large attendance at Saturday's racing which, however, hardly proved as interesting to those on the Barges as that of the previous evening. The greatest interest centred in the race for the headship, and although University had succeeded in holding their own in the two previous races they were not so successful on this occasion, and New caught them before reaching the Cherwell. Hitherto University had shown the best form at the finish of the course and had managed to draw away again in the last quarter of a mile, but a fine effort by the Wykehamists from the Boathouse enabled them to effect their purpose along the wall and so secure the headship.

The Lower Division started at half-past four in the following order, the brackets denoting the bumps:

Lincoln	Wadham	Corpus
Merton	Jesus	Oriel
Keble	Queen's	St. Edmund's H.
Hertford	St. John's	St. Catherine

Although getting a good start, Lincoln failed to make any headway against Merton, who gained on them at every stroke, and notwithstanding that the Lincoln cox steered a better course, they were forced to strike their colours at the Bed Post. The struggle between Keble and Hertford was very keen. Hertford rowing a faster stroke, came up very quickly, and at the Long Bridges were within a length of their opponents. Along the Willows they continued to close up the gap, but at the Boathouse Keble, possessing better staying power, went away again. Not to be denied, Hertford shot again on reaching the Cherwell, and, although they missed, Keble had to do all they knew to keep clear, eventually scraping home by three yards. Jesus continued their upward career, catching Wadham at the Ferry, whilst St. St. John's also improved the position at the expense of Queen's opposite the Kidneys. The remainder of the boats finished their starting distance apart.

The Upper Division started at 6 o'clock as follows:

University	Brasenose	Worcester.
New College	Pembroke	Christ Church.
Magdalen	Trinity	Exeter
Balliol		Merton

The attendance at this Division was largely increased, doubtless owing to the prospects of a keen struggle between the head boats. New College commenced at the start to gain on University, and rowing a much faster stroke, got to within a length at the Gut. Along the Willows they continued to improve their position, and at the New Cut they overlapped, eventually catching University opposite the New College Barge. The next three boats were all well apart, but Pembroke had a stiff task in avoiding the attention of Trinity, who got to within half a length at the Boathouse, and, putting on a spurt along the Barges finished a quarter of a length behind. Owing to the death of the Provost, Worcester did not row and Christ Church, who went to the start, did not compete. Exeter, after being hard pressed by Merton right to the Cherwell, got clear and finished their distance to the good.

Many years have elapsed since such a succession of fine weather has been experienced during the Eights week, and, with bright sunshine and a pleasant breeze, the conditions prevailing on the 25th were quite as favourable as on the previous occasions. After the excellent form they had displayed at the end of last week, it was expected that Magdalen would overhaul University, and, going off very fast, they caught them before passing the Boathouse. Consequently they will now have a chance to secure the headship, and as New did not bump University on Saturday until much nearer home, it seems highly probable that

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Magdalen will effect their downfall. Christ Church, who are undoubtedly a very good crew, made short work of Trinity, and Worcester, failing to profit by their Saturday's rest, succumbed to Exeter, and to-day may provide Merton with another victim. In the Second Division, Jesus gained another popular victory, Hertford falling to them on this occasion, and it looks as though they will still further improve their position. St. John's also moved up another peg, and, thanks to Queen's being above them, Corpus were able to obtain winning brackets.

The Second Division started in the following order: Merton, Lincoln, Keble, Hertford, Jesus, Wadham, St. John's Queen's, Corpus, Oriel, St. Edmund's Hall, and St. Catherine's. All the bumps in this division took place over the first half of the course. Merton were compelled to row fairly hard to escape Lincoln, and at the Cherwell only half a length separated them. Keble had to bustle along at the start, as Hertford were being pressed hard by Jesus, who effected their downfall opposite the ferry. Wadham stood very little chance against St. John's, who caught them before reaching the Gut, and Queen's fell victims to Corpus near the Freewater Stone.

Next day the First Division order of starting was: New College, University, Magdalen, Balliol, Brasenose, Pembroke, Trinity, Christ Church, Worcester, Exeter, and Merton. New College rowed over comfortably, but, with Magdalen behind them, University fared even worse than on Saturday, as they had got no further than the Red Paost when Magdalen ran them down, and the race between the latter and New College this evening will excite an immense amout of interest. Balliol came in more than their distance ahead of Brasenose. Pembroke rowed over, although they had to work hard up to the Freewater Stone, where Trinity, who were behind them, fell victims to Christ Church. Worcester, who were unrepresented on Saturday, again put on, and, after a brief struggle, fell to Exeter just as they were entering the Gut.

Bright sunshine favoured the fifth day's racing on the 26th instant, but there was a cold easterly wind, which had an appreciable effect on the attendance. Interest centred in the race for the headship between New and Magdalen. Having once secured it, however, New College showed no disposition to relinquish the position, and, rising to the occasion, they displayed much improved form, going away well in the last quarter of a mile. Magdalen were certainly the speedier crew, but appeared to lack the dash of New. Christ Church gave another proof of their excellence, steering Pembroke quite early in the race, and Merton rose another place at the expense of Worcester. Three bumps were again recorded in the Second Division, Jesus and St. John's both continuing their upward career. Corpus were very unfortunate, as, after having bumped Queen's on Monday night, they lost their place again owing to the stroke getting his oar fixed in the rowlock. St. Edmund's Hall made a fine effort to secure Oriel, and only just failed in their endeavour.

The Second Division order of starting was as follow: Merton, Lincoln, Keble, Jesus, Hertford, St. John's Wadham, Corpus Queen's, Oriel, St. Edmund's Hall, St. Catherine's. Merton rowed up much better than on the previous evening, and were at no point in any danger of losing their place. Keble never stood much chance with Jesus, who came up hand over hand in the Iffley Reach and caught them at the Corporation Ferry. Hertford fared little better at the hands of St. John's, although the latter experienced a rather harder struggle and did not make their bump until reaching the Willows. Corpus had a mishap at the start, and Queen's recovered the place they lost the previous evening.

The First Division order of starting was: New College, Magdalen, University, Balliol, Brasenose, Pembroke, Christ Church, Trinity, Exeter, Worcester, and Merton. As on previous occasions Magdalen gained considerably on New College up to the Red Post, being at one point within a quarter of a length. Along the wall, however, New held them, and putting in a capital spurt from the Cherwell, they drew away again and finished a good half length in front, University Balliol, and Brasenose, followed at wide intervals, but Pembroke fell to Christ Church near the Weirs Bridge Trinity kept well away from Exeter, but Worcester continued their downward career, and fell victims to Merton before reaching the Weirs Bridge.

One of the most successful race weeks ever known concluded last evening, delightful weather prevailing right to the finish, although at one time during the day there seemed a possibility that the final stage might be marred by rain. New College left off head of the river, and were fortunate in doing so, as Magdalen were undoubtedly the faster and better crew, but New proved good stayers, and, when once past the Willows they held their own without any great difficulty. They undoubtedly improved very much during the racing, and their performance is another proof of the excellent coaching they have received at the hands of Mr. G. C. Bourne. Taken all round, the rowing was not as good as usual, and doubtless the difficulties experienced in coaching owing to the floods had a lot to do with it. Christ Church proved the most successful crew in the First Division. They gained four places, notwithstanding the fact that they had to change their No. 5 at the last minute. Worcester, on the other hand, had a very poor crew, and after starting sixth, find themselves in the unenviable position of sandwich boat. Merton succeeded in working its way well into the First Division, but Jesus and St. John's could boast the greatest number of successes, either crew claiming five victories. Jesus have not been so high up for years. They were lucky in displacing Lincoln last evening, the latter only rowing a few strokes before they went into the bank. Wadham were most unfortunate, as, after losing four places, last evening the crew caught a crab along the Willows, and Oriel, coming up past Queen's and Corpus, bumped them at the New College Barge, which necessitated an exchange, Wadham thus losing three places and Oriel gaining a similar number. Such a thing has not happened for a great number of years.

The Second Division started in the following order: Worcester, Lincoln, Jesus, Keble, St. John's, Hertford, Wadham, Queen's, Corpus, Oriel, St. Edmund Hall, and St. Catherine's. Lincoln were very unfortunate, as, owing to the bow of their boat being pointed in shore, they ran into the bank immediately after the start, and Jesus gained another place without any difficulty. Keble lost ground to St. John's from the start, and the latter managed to make their bump on entering the Gut. Corpus succeeded in recovering the place they lost to Queen's the previous evening, and left a wide gap between Oriel and Wadham. Oriel went in pursuit of Wadham, and an unfortunate crab placed the latter at their mercy and they had to acknowledge a bump near the New College Barge.

The First Division order of starting was: New College, Magdalen University, Balliol, Brasenose, Christ Church, Pembroke, Trinity, Exeter, Merton, and Worcester. As before, Magdalen gained very considerably on to the leaders in the early part of the race, but New passed the post a quarter of a length to the good. Christ Church gained considerably on Brasenose, finishing within three-quarters of a length, whilst half a length separated Pembroke from Trinity, the other boats being well apart.

The present order is as follows, the figures in parentheses denoting the starting order.

FIRST DIVISION.

New College (2), Magdalen (3), University (1), Balliol (4), Brasenose (5), Christ Church (10) Pembroke (5), Trinity (8), Exeter (9), Merton (14), and Worcester (6).

SECOND DIVISION.

Worcester (6), Jesus (17), Lincoln (11), St. John's (19), Keble (12), Hertford (15), Oriel (20), Corpus (18), Queen's (16), Wadham (13), St. Edmund Hall (22), and St. Catherine's (21).

The following are the names and weights of the New College crew: H. C. Birt (bow), 11st 7lbs.; G. H. Hope, 12st; R. M. Gaskell, 11st 8lbs; Viscount Tiverton, 11st. 8lbs.; P. T. Spencer-Phillips, 12st. 12lbs.; A. de L. Long, 12st. 12lbs.; W. A. G. Bond, 11st; G. M. A. Graham (stroke), 10st 6lbs.; H. S. Wilson (cox), 8st 3lbs.

THE WEASEL.

Cycling.

CYCLE RACING IN BANGALORE.

It has seemed advisable to the Committee for cycle racing in Bangalore, to compile a brief summary of the history of cycle racing in that station during the last five years. This has been done essentially from a financial point of view and especially with the object of dispelling an idea which seemed to exist in certain quarters that these meetings have been a speculation on the part of the Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company, Limited. I have written before on this point in *The Indian Field*, and it is now in my power to lay the fullest information before all who take interest in cycle racing in India. So long as even a suspicion of speculation exists, people will always button up their pockets, and whilst this little article has as its principal object the promotion of cycle racing as a sport which is eminently adapted to provide the general public with amusement, and to render those who go in for it real athletes, it may be said that it is also fair to the Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company that its probity should be vindicated. With this slight preamble, the particulars gleaned may be set down.

It is perfectly evident that though the directors of the company above-mentioned may have considered that cycle racing needed the support they accorded it at the outset, they cannot be expected to continue to accept all responsibility for an indefinite time. The Committee are of opinion that the cycle race-meetings are worthy of the support of the public, particularly of the military; soldiers being, with one or two exceptions, the sole competitors, and if subscriptions can be raised to make up a respectable prize fund, the directors of the Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company, Limited, are prepared to expend a further sum of Rs. 600, in altering the track to give spectators an entire view of the course, and in other ways improving it. So much for the present, now for the past.

In May 1898, it was decided to start cycle-racing in Bangalore and an influential Committee of civil and military residents was formed. The Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company undertook to construct a track at their own risk, and it was hired by the Committee. A subscription list was opened which brought in the very respectable sum of Rs. 785, amongst the subscribers being Colonel Donald Robertson—now Sir Donald Robertson—British Resident in Mysore, several of the Mysore high officials, certain generous private individuals, and practically all the principal business firms in Bangalore. Thus it was evident that the idea met with much sympathy and approval. The races took place on August 18th and 20th, something like two thousand persons being present; and a second meeting took place on November 25th and 26th, which was not so successful. The accounts of these two meetings showed a deficit of Rs. 236-8-11, which sum is still due to the Secretary who then held office—Mr. Bernard Hawkins. Very little was done in the matter of cycle racing during 1899 by the Committee, the scene and centre of racing having been moved to Madras, but in 1900 a meeting was held under the auspices of the Madras Cycle Race Committee, which resulted in a deficit of Rs. 246-15-6, and this has been defrayed by the Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company, who received nothing for the use of the track. It was not until the middle of 1902 that anything was done again in the matter of cycle racing, and on this occasion a very successful gathering took place, both from a sporting and a financial point of view. The entrances were good, the "gate" showed an attendance of nearly 2,000 people, and the prizes were on a lavish scale. On this occasion, also, the accounts showed a credit balance of Rs. 58-0-6, whilst amongst the subscribers were H.H. the Maharani of Mysore, and also the Dewan. The meeting held at the end of 1902, although eminently successful as far as racing was concerned, turned out a dismal failure from a financial point of view, as the deficit of Rs. 557-11 6 will show. This was mainly due to Coronation celebrations elsewhere drawing away a good deal of interest.

At a meeting of the Cycle Race Committee held in April last, it was decided to lay the accounts before the public,—seeing the great interest evinced by riders from all parts of India in the Bangalore meetings, and the good sport which has always been shown spectators—with a view to making one last appeal, and to put the meetings on a sound financial basis.

The actual state of things at present is, that if Rs. 500 can be obtained, it is proposed to hold a meeting in the middle of July, but failing a subscription list of this amount, the meeting will be postponed *sine die*. A subscription list of from Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,000 will always secure a good meeting both from a competitor's and a spectator's point of view, and will moreover secure the Committee from loss. It may finally be added that the Lincoln champion cyclist—Higgins—who has put up so many Indian records is at present in the station, whilst Fox, Color-Sergeant Smith, Burton of the Carabiniers, and other well-known riders are training regularly. There are also some new men from outside who promise well, and also many good local riders. Major Burt, D. A. A. G., is taking great interest in the furtherance of cycle racing, and it is much to be hoped that the necessary subscriptions may be forthcoming, and that numerous entries will be received from outside stations.

B. A. B.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 29th May 1903.*

THE death is announced of Paul Albert at his parent's house at Mayence from injuries received in an accident, he having been thrown from his car when negotiating a steep hill near Ingleham. Many of the present-day cyclists will remember Paul Albert as the champion cyclist of his time, he having won the world's sprint championship at Vienna in 1898, and in 1899 the quarter and one mile National Cyclists' Union Championships at New Brighton. He was a most successful rider, besides being a general favourite alike with his rivals on the path, and the public. The poor fellow was only twenty-eight years of age and died from a fractured skull.

At the Bristol Post Office A. and C. C. race meeting, a most distressing accident occurred during the final heat of the five-mile motor bicycle race, which cast a gloom over the gathering and led to the postponement of the undecided events on the programme. The accident occurred at one of the highly banked corners, which P. C. Bailey, of Bristol, when travelling over thirty-four miles an hour, took wide. G. A. Barnes, the record breaker of London, also ran wide, and when passing his opponent something went wrong with his machine and the two riders collided. The smash was awful, both riders and their machines falling amongst the spectators, two of whom were killed and some twenty injured. Bailey escaped with but slight injuries, but Barnes received injuries to his head and one of his legs.

In common with other cycling scribes we have always advocated the use of the cycle amongst road surveyors and inspectors, not only on the score of the saving of time and consequently the more frequent inspection of the roads and road-labourers, but also because a surveyor who cycles over the roads under his charge, would far easier detect any unevenness of the surface. We are glad to see that the Carmarthenshire County Council hold similar views, for when recently advertising forthree inspectors of main roads for the County, they stated that candidates must provide themselves with cycles and use them for travelling on the roads. This is a capital idea, but could not the Council supply the machines?

A lady cyclist has been successful in obtaining damages from the Edinburgh Tramway Company for injuries received. When starting for a ride, one of the company's cars ran into her carrying her along for a considerable distance, and inflicting personal injuries and damage to her machine. She made a claim for £500, the case being finally settled by the company paying £110 and all expenses. Not long ago, the company had to pay some hundreds of pounds compensation to a Birmingham manufacturer who was run into whilst driving a motor car.

British-made cycles hold pride of place in the markets of the world. In prices they may range high, but those who can afford the money know that they are purchasing an article that can be relied upon to give satisfaction. Even in America, British cycles are held in high opinion and are looked upon as specimens of good workmanship. An American writing to an English cycling paper, says: "Our papers may assert what they wish, but for all that I am convinced that your people do put the finest kind of work in their best bicycles." This is praise to be sure! We might add, that even the cheap British-made cycles possess a finish that is not found even in second-grade foreign production.

Some people maintain that rim brakes are largely responsible for side-slip, through their skidding the wheels and bringing about falls. This may be if the brakes do not act evenly and the rider does not apply them judiciously. There is no reason, however, why the fact of applying rim brakes should cause the wheels to skid. To suddenly put on the brake at hard pressure, is pretty sure to bring about a catastrophy, but not so if the pressure is applied gradually, the application of power being increased as the way on the machine is retarded. Another failing, is, in cases where the rims are not mathematically true, the likelihood of the brake locking the wheel. If the rim is not perfectly true, this frequently occurs. But the wise cyclist when ordering his machine, would specify for reliable rims—like the Dunlop—and so overcome the possibility of this defect.

The prospective cyclist about to purchase a machine, cannot be too careful on the point of obtaining advice. Nowadays, a jerry-built cycle bears, to the untutored eye, practically as good an appearance as the best machine it is possible turn out. Enamel and nickel-plate cover bad workmanship in a most effective manner, and unless the man about to purchase a cycle obtains the assistance of an experienced friend, he stands a very good chance of making an unsatisfactory purchase, especially if buying a machine at a low price, unless of course he goes to a firm of standing and repute where he may rely upon being well and properly treated. It is, generally speaking, in buying a machine from a comparatively small maker who goes in for cutting prices, that the jerry-built machine is obtained.

There is no truth in the statement that the cycle share market has experienced an appreciable weakness owing to the rage for walking. Walking has certainly gained a temporary hold on a certain section of the community, but there is no fear that wheelmen will discard their cycles for the older but slower form of locomotion. Once a cyclist always a cyclist is the general rule, and to give up the wheel requires a far greater attractive pursuit than that provided by Shanks' Mare. There is something so fascinating about cycling as to ensure for it lasting support. With many other pastimes the public soon grows tired, but with cycling the more one rides, the stronger grows the desire to be once again on the wheel gliding through the leafy lanes or over furze covered commons.

The Birmingham Centre of the National Cyclists' Union is one of the most business-like centres of the Union, and under its control, not only is racing flourishing but the interest of ordinary cyclists is well looked after. The racing men are kept in order, and any underhand riding is severely dealt with. For instance, at a meeting at Small Heath, last Good Friday, some riders were noticed to be roping. The matter was reported to the Centre, and the men immediately suspended. The result of such prompt and strict measures, is, that racing in the neighbourhood has since been very satisfactory, the competitors riding 'all out,' and thus providing purer and more interesting sport.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT SIMLA.

SIMLA *vs.* PLAINS.—This match concluded on the 11th instant in a win for Simla by four wickets. In the first innings for the Plains E. L. French put up a good exhibition and in the second fine innings were played by Bignell and Ross. But Captain Wigram was undoubtedly the hero of the match for he made 80 and 71 not out for Simla and took 8 wickets. Score:—

PLAINS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt Ross, c Gore, b Keighly	1	c Lawrence, b Keighley	55
Capt G H Neale, l-b w, b Wigram	0	b Keighley ...	7
Mr H S Bignell, c Keighley, b Wigram	1	run out	66
Mr G W L Whatford, b Keighley	16	l-b-w, b Wigram ...	10
Mr J Murray, b Wigram ...	3	c Keighley, b Wigram	1
Mr E L French, run out ...	66		
Mr C S h awe, c Wigram, b Keighley	0	st Lawrence, b Wigram	15
Mr R A Bullock, c Stokes, b Onslow	19	b Wigram ...	0
Mr B G Henderson, c Williams, b Keighley	14	c and b Wigram ...	27
Mr M Forester, b Keighley ...	4	not out	13
Mr G Churchill, not out ...	15		
Extras ...	8	Extras ...	14
Total ...	147	Total ...	208

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ENGLAND.

SIMLA.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt Wigram, c Whatford, b Bignell ...	80	not out ...	...	71
Capt Onslow, c Henderson, b Murray	25	b Ross ...	...	14
Capt Stokes, c Whatford, b Bignell ...	0	c Neale, b Bignell	...	14
Capt B Plunkett, c Bullock, b Shawe	31	b Bignell ...	...	2
Capt Keighley, b Bignell ...	20	b Ross ...	...	1
Capt Gore, b Shawe ...	22	b Bignell ...	...	22
Major Shea, b Murray ...	0	c Shawe, b Bullock	...	18
Major Younghusband, c French, b Bignell ...	3	not out ...	...	6
Sergt Lawrence, b Murray ...	8			
Major Williams, not out ...	1			
Capt Tancred, c Whatford, b Shawe	8			
Extras ...	4	Extras	...	5
Total ...	202	Total	...	156

CRICKET AT MUSSOORIE.

STATION *vs.* OAK GROVE SCHOOL.—The return match between these teams was played on the 10th instant and resulted in a win for the School by three wickets. The Station batted first, but had only seven men present and these were all out for 23 before the tardy ones arrived. In their second innings T. H. Pruce played a fine innings for 77, also taking 9 wickets. Turner bowled best for the boys. Score :—

MUSSOORIE.

T H Pruce, not out ...	10	b Turner	...	77
H Williams, b Turner ...	5	b Boileau	...	8
Rev H Cowley, b Turner ...	7	b Turner	...	16
Captain Symonds, c and b Boileau	1	run out	...	2
G Yule, b Turner ...	0	b Boileau	...	0
A G Newcomen, c Milchem, b Turner	0	l-b-w Boileau	...	1
G W Yule, b Turner ...	0	not out	...	0
Daubeny	did not bat	b Turner	...	6
Marsh		b Turner	...	8
A Slater		b Turner	...	12
R Yule		run out	...	9
Extras ...	0	Extras	...	2
Total ...	23	Total	...	141

OAK GROVE SCHOOL.

Mr Harrer, b Cowley ...	7	c Williams, b Pruce		1
E Milchem, b Pruce ...	0	b Pruce	...	4
L Smith, b Pruce ...	1	run out	...	0
E Boileau, c Pruce, b Cowley	8	c Yule, b Pruce	...	2
B Whaley, run out ...	0	not out ..	...	38
Mr Smith, b Pruce ...	1	b Daubeny	...	15
Mr Lovelace, b Pruce ...	13	c sub, b Symonds	...	8
Mr Turner, not out ...	14	b Cowley	...	27
G Simmons, b Pruce ...	2	not out	...	3
F Ellison, l-b-w, b Pruce ...	0	did not bat.		
K Ellis, run out	0			
Extras ...	1	Extras	...	26
Total ...	47	Total	...	121

[for 7 wickets.

Football.

THE CALCUTTA LEAGUE.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* BURN & CO.—Played at Howrah on the 13th instant. The visitors started operations and rushing down forced a corner which they were unable to improve upon. The attack on the home goal was continued, but the Dalhousie forwards were unable to beat Hollis. Then the game was transferred to the other end, where the home team lost some opportunities. Once more the visitors brought the ball down and Dodds had a lively time. Williams eventually putting the ball through. After the interval the Dalhousie men had matters all their own way. Echlin scored a second goal, Williams added another. Then H. Bonner got away for the home team and scored their only point. After this the visitors kept up a bombardment on Burn & Co.'s goal and Phelps put on a fourth point, the visitors thus winning by four goals to one. Teams :—

DALHOUSIE F. C.—Peake, *goal*; Maigrett and Bushby, *backs*; Williams, Phelps and Dalling *half-backs*; Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Stewart and Stimson, *forwards*.

BURN & CO.'S A. C.—Dodds, *goal*; McFadyen and Donnithorne, *backs*; McLaughlan, Russell and Wood, *half-backs*: Kerr, H. Bonner, Taylor, Cochrane and Todd, *forwards*.

Referee—Mr. Maurice Rennry, C.F.C.

K. O. S. B. *vs.* HOWRAH.—These teams met on the Dalhousie ground last Saturday, when the Dum-Dum men had an easy win by three goals to *nil*. They began the attack at once, but for some time could not break the Howrah defence; then Cassidy got possession and put the ball through. The Borderers continued the pressure for the most part of the half, but owing to erratic shooting were unable to increase their score. On changing ends play ruled in the Howrah grounds throughout the half, but the Borderers only managed to put on two more goals, Cassidy and Walls being responsible. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.—O'Neil, *goal*; McChesney and MacDonald, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart and Tait, *half-backs*; Byers, Walls, Cassidy, Neilson and Bexton, *forwards*.

HOWRAH.—A. Bennett, *goal*; H. Osborne and Curtis, *backs*; E. Osborne, Morrow and Lewis, *half-backs*; Burns, Jackson, Smith, Davis and Rebeiro, *forwards*

Referee—Mr. A. O. Henry, Rangers' F. C.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.—This match was played on the Association ground on the 13th instant, when a good game resulted in a win for the Highlanders by a goal to *nil*. The opening exchanges were very even, then the visitors forced a corner but without result. Williams next saved a fine shot and the Association going down Apear spoiled by shooting wide. Fast play followed but neither side gained any direct advantage and halftime arrived without score. On crossing over the Highlanders began to show better form, and, after the Young Men had lost a couple of chances of scoring, a combined rush took the ball down and Lockhart beat the Y. M. C. A. custodian. The Young Men tried hard to score and a foul against the visitors looked like giving them a chance, but the visiting backs cleared and the whistle going soon after the Highlan' men won as stated. Teams :—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGovan and Mowat, *half-backs*; Pollock, Lockhart, Montgomery, Galbreath and Hogg, *forwards*.

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Baldwin and Yackjee, *backs*; Rosser Butler, and P. Street, *half-backs*; Crow, Apear, Street, Simmons and Cooper, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. J. Greig Dalhousie F. C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* RANGERS.—Played on the Rangers' ground last Saturday and resulted in the defeat of the home team by a goal to *nil*. The Rangers rushed off but were brought up and the visitors going away Sherman got in a shot which went over the bar. Calcutta then put up an attack on the home goal but shots were wild and Sullivan getting possession sent a hard shot in to Buckley in saving which he conceded a corner. The Rangers' half was then invaded but no scoring took place and the teams crossed over with clean sheets. The home team played up but Calcutta were soon in their territory and forced a corner. Maunder placed a fine kick and Cooper sent the ball in and Whelan stopping it inside the net a goal was allowed. Back came the visitors again and several shots were sent in all of which Whelan saved in fine style. Up and down play closed the game, Calcutta winning as stated. Teams:—

CALCUTTA RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Anderson and Templeton, *backs*; Hughes, Lees and O'Laughlin, *half-backs*; O'Sullivan, Hill, Williams, Cuthbert and Russell, *forwards*.

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Galsan, *backs*; Maunder, Crawford and Walker, *half-backs*; V. Cooper, H. Sherman, H. Cooper, V. Sherman and Stewart, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Batho, Calcutta Rangers.

K. O. S. B's. *vs.* 6ITH R.F.A.—These teams met at Dum-Dum last Monday when the home team had an easy win by four goals to *nil*. They had the rest of matters all through, keeping up a continuous attack. After the Artillery had opened the Borderers transferred the ball and kept it in their opponent's territory. Several shots were sent in but were all wide of the mark tillat last Nielson netted the ball. Play started once more and back came the Borderers, Nielson scoring a second time. On crossing over the home team continued to press and Cassidy, who was in good form, put on two more goals giving the K. O. S. B's the victory as stated. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.—O'Neil, *goal*; Allen and MacDonald, *backs*; Tait, Stewart and Campbell, *half-backs*; Byers, Walls, Cassidy, Nielson and Bexton, *forwards*.

64th R. F. A.—Nicol, *goal*; Woods and Quin, *backs*; Lockur, Corby and Donnely, *half-backs*: Shirt, Wratten, Clarke, Dods and Connelly, *forwards*.

Referee.—Sergt. Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

CALCUTTA *vs.* BURN & CO.—Played on the 15th instant on the Calcutta ground which was in a very slippery condition owing to a heavy shower just before the game began. Calcutta started off with a series of rushes which were unsuccessful and then the visitors had a turn. But the home team soon returned and the Engineers backs had a warm time. Calcutta conceded a corner soon after but nothing resulted, and for the rest of the half Calcutta had the best of matters. On changing ends the home teams again began the attack and several shots were sent in without being turned to account. Indiscriminate play followed till Stewart got away, and from a scrimmage in front of goal H. Cooper scored for Calcutta. Burn & Co. tried hard to equalise without success and the home team were left victorious by a goal to *nil*. Teams :—

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd, and Gillespie, *backs*; Maunder, Crawford, and Walker *halves*; V. Cooper, H. Sherman H. Cooper, V. Sherman, and Stewart, *forwards*.

BURN AND CO.'S A. C.—Dods, *goal*; Donnithorne and Ker, *backs*; Russell, Wood, and Cochrane, *halves*: Macfadyen, Todd, Freeman, H. Bonar, and J. Bonar, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Batho, Calcutta Rangers.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If we except the Calcutta *vs.* Y. M. C. A. and the 93rd Highlanders *vs.* Y. M. C. A. matches the past week's football has been somewhat devoid of interest, but the displays in these two games were sufficiently interesting to atone for the general mediocrity which has otherwise been *en evidence*.

In the first of these matches which was played on the Calcutta ground the home team tried yet another experiment by placing Fyffe on the outside right in lieu of Blaning and moving Cooper to Fyffe's position as centre forward. V. Sherman was again brought into the side with most beneficial results as he played a very fine game indeed, especially during the first half.

The Young Men took the field without the younger Street and Baldwin, the latter's place being filled by his brother.

The initial period of the game went all in favour of the premier club whose forwards showed exceptionally good combination and repeatedly broke through their opponents' defence in which Yackjee was especially prominent. The Association front rank were dangerous on one or two occasions and Buckley only just managed to save a shot by Crow at the expense of a corner. Calcutta, however, were not to be denied and the elder Sherman obtaining possession made a fine individual run and passed to Fyffe, who had no difficulty in beating Williams, and this score was added to immediately afterwards by Cooper, who dribbled through all the opponents, only one of whom touched the ball after it had been kicked off. This further reverse seemed to put the Association on their mettle and Apear and Crow had hard lines in not scoring, the latter especially sending in a very fine shot which struck the cross bar, but from the rebound Gillespie fed Stewart, who, after a dodgy run, centred beautifully and Cooper again scored for Calcutta.

The second period of the game was mostly in favour of the visitors, but, despite strenuous efforts, they were unable to get past Buckley, who was well supported by Maunder and Gillespie. A good deal of foul play occurred during the closing stages for which the Young Men were mostly responsible, although the most flagrant breach was committed by Crawford, the Calcutta centre half-back, and which unfortunately the Referee did not notice. This player is repeatedly being penalised for unfair tactics which, although no doubt unintentional, should be checked before they become habitual.

The 93rd Highlanders went very near losing their unbeaten certificate in their match against the Y. M. C. A., as had the Young Men's forwards not shown such desperately poor shooting they would undoubtedly have won. The military team were without their centre forward Quin, for whom Galbraith was not a very efficient substitute, and the Y. M. C. A. played Rosser's younger brother in place of Brown at half-back.

The first half was not productive of any score by either side. The Highlanders although often dangerous never looked like scoring and Williams had no difficulty in keeping his charge intact—their opponents on the other hand continually spoiled most promising efforts through over-eagerness which resulted in their forwards continually over-running the ball. After the restart the 93rd made a vigorous onslaught, and though repeatedly repulsed, Lockhart at last got passed Williams with a shot which grazed the bar—the Young Men were unable to respond and thus the Highlanders maintained their unbeaten record by the narrow margin of 1 goal to 0.

For the winners Lockhart, McGowan and Wallace played well in their respective positions, whilst for the Association the goal-keeper and both backs showed a sound and untiring defence. Mr. Greig of the Dalhousie F. C., was Referee and we would recommend a study of the methods adopted by him to some of the other budding "knights of the Whistle."

While on the subject of Referees we observe that the Council of the I. F. A. have very wisely, for their own peace of mind, refrained from giving the reasons which led them to reject the appeal of the Y.M.C.A. against Mr. Bushby's decision in the Ranger's match, as it is impossible that any satisfactory explanation could be made by the Council, in view of the Referee's own admission of his mistake. However no further action can be taken, but no doubt the Council are aware ere this that they have by this unfair ruling forfeited much of the confidence that was once reposed in them.

The Howrah eleven put up a surprisingly good game against the K. O. S. B. during the initial half of last Saturday's match which was played on the Dalhousie ground, as at the interval the Dum-Dum team were only leading by a goal to nil. For this the Howrah custodian, Bennett, was largely responsible and his goal-keeping was a feature of the match. After the resumption, however, the military added two more goals and thus won by 3—0. What a pity Howrah and Burns did not combine force—they would have been able to put a very strong side in the field, whereas at present they are both easy targets for their opponents.

It is very noticeable that in most matches in Calcutta the various goal-keepers obtain the largest share of praise for their performances. We have repeatedly to record the magnificent defence of these members of the team—is it that Calcutta is at present fortunate in the possession of several high-class custodians, or do they shine by reason of the poor shooting of the forwards opposed to them? We incline to the latter opinion.

THE CHIEL.

Golf.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

BOMBAY SILVER MEDAL.

THE Bombay medal competition, which always shows the Golf Club's long season to be nearing a finish, took place on the maidan on Friday and Saturday last, and resulted in a tie between Mr. T. Drimmie, the Honorary Secretary of the Club, who did a very good scratch round in the circumstances of 84, and Mr. E. A. Woodhouse, who won the St. Andrew's tankard only a fortnight ago, and whose card showed 94—10 =84. Mr. Peterkin was as usual well up, and Mr. Hall returned a fair score, but no one else did much, the stifling weather and the difficulties of the putting being too much for most of the competitors. The tie between Mr. Drimmie and Mr. Woodhouse will be played off at an early date. Score :—

	Ser.	Hcp.	Result.
T Drimmie	84	—ser	=84
E A Woodhouse	94	—10	=84
T B Peterkin	88	— 3	=85
D K Hall	89	— 4	=85
R Lean	94	— 8	=86
B O Roberts	98	—12	=86
J A Robertson	102	—16	=86
J B Strain	102	—16	=86
G Harvey	89	— 2	=87
W T Reid	91	— 4	=87
W R Smith	103	—16	=87
J A Tassie	103	—16	=87
J S Smith	88	—scr	=88
Rev Gillan	90	— 2	=88
G S Hannah	94	— 6	=88
H R D Munn	101	—11	=90

GOLF IN BOMBAY.

BANKERS *vs.* WORLD.—Fifteen couples turned out for the return match between the above sides and an exciting struggle resulted. The sides were all square when fourteen couples had finished, but the last Banker was two down and so the World won by two holes. Score :—

BANKERS.		THE WORLD.	
John Stiven ...	2 up	Osborne Marshall ...	0
F H Greig ...	3 up	P F Fischer ...	0
Jas. Carnegie ...	0	C J I Jones ...	1 up
R A Don ...	0	L Stansfield ...	2 up
R H M Steven ...	0	E E Coombs ...	2 up
D H Brand ...	0	H S Jacob ...	2 up
G C Scott ...	2 up	Major Roger ...	0
J D Johnson ...	0	C St Paul ...	6 up
Robert Fairnie ...	1 up	R Branson ...	0
R Kidd	3 up	Lt. Comdr. Gardner R I M	0
J Lapraik ...	0	J Reed	3 up
A A Legat ...	1 up	H E Hart ...	0
W I K Hegarty ...	0	T C Bayly ...	2 up
S T Hutcheson ...	2 up	W L Shaw ...	0
I Esplin	2 up	C Thomson ...	0
	16 holes		18 holes.

GOLF AT OOTACAMUND.

There were fourteen entries for the Men's Competition on the 6th instant, and in spite of showery and unsettled weather some good scores were made. The winner turned up in Mr A M Urquhart, who got round in 84. Details :—

				Hdcp.	Total.
A M Urquhart	...	...	...	84—13	=71
A J Verini	...	...	...	78— 5	=73
T W Smyth	...	...	...	95—19	=76
W W Phillips	...	...	...	85— 5	=80
N Cayley	...	...	...	85— 4	=81
P Warburton	...	...	...	99—15	=84
C T Mullings	...	...	...	97— 5	=92

No returns from Major G. Forbes, Mr. C. S. Weir, Mr. C. H. Fayne, Colonel C. M. Western, Major G. de H. Smith, and Mr. Silderbeck.

Bowls.

"WE'LL PLAY AT BOWLS."

SO said the lady attending the "good Queen" of King Richard II., when she was asked, "What sport shall we devise here in this garden, to drive away the heavy thought of care?" The scene was the Duke of York's garden at Langley, and the authority is "the thousand-souled Shakespeare." Strange irony of fate it is that of the Plantagenet palace in Hertfordshire not a trace should remain, and that on part of the site of Shakespeare's house at Stratford there should exist to-day a bowling green! Bowls is, indeed, of all outdoor games the most historic, although not so ancient as quoits. It has been played by the citizens of London from time immemorial, and so scandalous were the scenes of riot occasioned by its patrons in the time of the Monarch above mentioned, that bowling alleys within the City walls were forbidden. Even outside—in the then rural retreats of Bermondsey and Blackfriars—the amusement was not approved for the people, since its popularity threatened seriously to interfere with the practice of archery. A hundred years later, in Henry the Eighth's reign, the pursuit of bowls was interdicted as an illegal public pastime; although the "Merry Monarch" added bowling alleys to Whitehall Palace, allowed artificers, servants, etc. to play at Christmas, and granted licences to those worth over one hundred pounds per annum to keep a bowling green for private play only. "Common bowling alleys eat up the credit of idle citizens," says the somewhat severe historian of the time. But the prohibitions of the Tudors had little or no effect upon the vogue of bowls. One of the most famous stories of Elizabethan history is of a game of bowl on the Plymouth Hoe, interrupted by news of the Spanish Armada, when Drake declared that, as he afterwards proved, there was time enough to finish and beat the Spaniards, too. This game was played on 19th July 1588, the fleet having been kept to harbour by adverse winds, and the Admirals seeking diversion on shore after the mid-day dinner. The Stuarts were inclined to favour the sports of the people, and by proclamation in 1618 James I. approved of "lawful recreations and honest exercises upon Sunday" after Divine service. "Archery for men" and "dancing for men and women" were permitted, but not "bear and bull baitings, interludes, and at all times in the meaner sort of people, by law prohibited, bowling." During the commonwealth parishioners combined to secure the suitable observance of Sunday, and people were fined for being present at "any wrestlings, bowlings, rechings, ringerings," etc.

Charles I. was passionately fond of a game at bowls. He made a bowling green at Spring Gardens, but frequently escaped from town to play in seclusion at a lonely house in Essex, belonging to one Shute, a wealthy Turkish merchant, and among the Monarch's most devoted followers. This couple invariably played for high stakes, and it is related that on one occasion the King was beaten by his subject in several games, and declined to play any longer. 'An please your Majesty," quoth Shute. "£1,000 rubber more; perhaps luck may turn." "No, Shute," replied the King, as he gently laid his hand upon his subject's shoulder; 'thou hast won the day, and much good may it do thee; but I must remember that I have a wife and children." Poor Charles played bowls almost to the end. During his confinement at Holmby or Holdenby) House, near Northampton, in 1647, he devoted most of his days to the pursuit, playing either at Lord Vaux's at Harrowden, at Earl Spencer's at Althrop, or at his palace-prison near Naseby, the story being that he was occupied at the game when seized by Cornet Joyce, and taken to meet his tragic fate through the agents of the Parliamentarian Army. Bowls became popular as a country house sport because the ladies could play the game. It was for this reason that Pepys approved of it. When visiting friends at Petersfield, he mentions that they were "very merry, and played with their wives at bowls"; and upon another occasion he relates that he paid a visit to a bowling-alley, and there found "lords and ladies at bowl, in brave condition" Bowls was also dignified by the support of the Church, and Dr. Egerton, while occupying the See of Durham, used frequently to play in public with his guests. Once a visitor happened to cross the lawn while the game was in progress, and one of the chaplains called out, "You must not shake the green, for the Bishop is going to bowl." The poets of the Stuart period also largely favoured the pastime, and one of its most redoubtable champions was Sir John Suckling. In his verses entitled "The Sermons of the Poets," he candidly avers that—

"He loved not the muses so well as his sport:
And prized black eyes or a lucky hit,
At bowls, above all the trophies of wit."

Suckling possessed a passion for bowling, and it is said that one of his sisters went to the fashionable bowling green, situate in Piccadilly, positively "crying for the fear that he should lose all their portions."

The repeated references to bowls in the comedies of the Restoration era attest very fully the popularity of the game among women, who were exceedingly fond of playing it with their lovers. Mountford in his comedy called *Greenwich Park*, causes one of the characters, Violant, by name, when bantering with her gallant, to display a very intimate knowledge of bowls in a metaphor of somewhat elaborate character :—

"I find you are experienced in't, my lord,
And are a bowler in the green of love,
Can lie i' the way or hit the heart at pleasure;
I am a stranger to my bias yet,
Nor is it fit my weakness should be challanged
By one who knows the ground and all its rubs."

From the earliest years of the Eighteenth Century bowls has been *par excellence* the national sport game, and matches between individuals, towns, and counties are to-day of constant occurrence. So are they, to a lesser extent, in the North of England, some of the matches at Blackpool, for instance, drawing as many as 6,000 to 8,000 spectators. Bowls remained a fashionable pursuit in Southern England during the early part of last century, and was played by "the quality" at Tunbridge Wells and Epsom, and on greens considered an indispensable adjunct to every country gentleman's house. Now it appears not improbable that bowls will once again become a popular sport of the people. In London a championship of the public parks has been instituted and other developments are observable in the provinces. Quite recently bowling greens have been provided by the Municipalities of Torquay and Cheltenham. Of existing Bowling Clubs the oldest is stated to be that at Southampton, which dates as far back as 1299. But in such good old English towns as Shrewsbury, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, etc., the game of bowls has probably been continuously played for an almost equally lengthy period. The bowling green at Shrewsbury is in a delightfully sheltered spot on the banks of the Severn, being attached to an ancient hostelry in Wyle Kop; while the dry, smooth shaven green at Tewkesbury has been immortalised in the pages of "John Halifax, Gentleman." Near to London we are ever reminded of the antiquity of the game by the fact that Putney, Enfield, and Chigwell each possess (or did quite recently) a Bowling-green House; while as more central and still older relics of the past we have Bowling-green-lane in Clerkenwell and a Bowling-pin-alley off Chancery-lane. "We'll play at bowls" because it is, indeed, a good old game, and one well worthy of being perpetuated in a sport-loving country. Perfection in the art of bowling is far more difficult to attain than the tyro imagines. "Tis easy to bowl down the hill," says the proverb; but on the green it is as in the affairs of life—one has to allow for the bias which influences the attainment of the object in view. The Jack at bowls is the butt of all the players. But those who play ill will be either "narrow" or "wide," and perhaps may have cause to say with Anne or Bohemia—

"Twill make me think the world is full of rubs,
And that my fortune runs against the bias."

Lawn Tennis.

KASHMIR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS.

THE first of, it is hoped, a series of Kashmir Lawn Tennis Championship Tournaments was, during the past week, brought to a successful termination, and considering this is the initial year of the Tournament and that it is as yet unknown, the numbers of entries and the standard of play may be held to have quite come up to what was expected or hoped for. The events to be decided consisted of—

I. Gentlemen's Single Championship, which produced 8 entries.
II. Gentlemen's Double Championship—5 couples.
III. Ladies' Single Championship—7 entries.
IV. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Double Championship—7couples.

Suitable prizes of local manufacture were provided by the Committee, representing 80 per cent. of the entries, and a very handsome, massive, silver Challenge Cup was presented by Rajah Sir Amar Singh to the Club, to be held by the winner of the Gentlemen's Single Championship for one year and not to be taken out of India.

The results of the play in the finals of each event were as follows :—

Men's Singles.

Capt. Smallwood 6—5, 6—5, 6—4 *vs.* Capt. Powell 6—1, 6—1.

Men's Doubles.

Major Dobbie and Capt Smallwood, 6—1, 6—3, 6—4 ... ... *vs.* Capt. Powell and Mr. Douglas *nil.*

Ladies' Singles.

Miss Waters 6—2, 6—3 *vs.* Mrs. Hutchinson. *nil.*

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. Hutchinson and Capt. Smallwood 6—2, 6—3. *vs.* Miss Waters and Mr. Anderson *nil.*

The 'Men's Singles" was productive of some excellent struggles and some fine play.

Captain Smallwood by playing mainly from the back of the court may be said to have played his adversaries' game, at which Captain Powell is especially good, being certain in his returns and very steady.

Had the winner played his own game from the middle of the court and up to the net, at which he excels, it is thought his victory would have been more decisive.

In the "Ladies' Single," the public were treated to a ding-dong struggle from the backs of the courts, in which the superior strength and condition of Miss Waters was too much for her adversary, who, however, played a good uphill game.

The winner's right-hand strokes, her power of placing the ball from side to side of the court, and her volleying when required, would, if she could strengthen her back-hand play, constitute her a very formidable antagonist in any ladies' tournament.

In the combined contests Captain Smallwood with good partners proved too much for all opponents, and he succeeded in having a share in the winning of 3 out of the 4 events.

The standard of the play all round was distinctly good, and all that is required to make these contests thoroughly successful is larger entries which will come as the tournament becomes better known.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Colvin, after a few appropriate remarks by the Resident.

TENNIS IN CALCUTTA.

The Calcutta Cricket Club played the Saturday Club at Tennis last Saturday, with three pairs a side. Three sets of eleven games each were played by each pair, Calcutta eventually winning by 52 games to 47.

FIRST ROUND.

Saturday Club.		*Calcutta.*
Grimley ...	beat	Preston.
Jackson ...		Hinds.
7—4		
Calcutta		*Saturday Club.*
Hechle ...	beat	Colville.
Allen ...		Quinn.
10—1		
Saturday Club		*Calcutta.*
Bagshawe ...	beat	Harvey.
Hill		Danger.
7—4		

SECOND ROUND.

Calcutta.		*Saturday Club.*
Preston ...	beat	Colville.
Hinds ...		Quinn.
9—2		
Saturday Club.		*Calcutta.*
Grimley ...	beat	Harvey.
Jackson ...		Danger.
9—2		
Saturday Club.		*Calcutta.*
Bagshawe ...	beat	Hechle.
Hill		Allen.
8—3		

THIRD ROUND.

Calcutta.		*Saturday Club.*
Hechle ...	beat	Grimley.
Allen... ...		Jackson.
7—4		
Saturday Club.		*Calcutta.*
Bagshawe ...	beat	Preston.
Hill		Hinds.
7—4		
Saturday Club.		*Calcutta.*
Colville ...	beat	Harvey.
Quinn ...		Danger.
9—3		

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THE PROGRESSIVE MOTOR.

HOLOCAUSTS and shocking fatalities, abuse and denunciation notwithstanding, the motor car pursues the tenour of its way, establishing itself more and more completely as a factor in social and business life at home, and even out here. Since Parliament passed the Bill whereby the Gordon Bennett Cup race might be held in Ireland, many things have happened to exalt the standard of the car and strengthen hands which, it is permissible to think, do not stand in very urgent need of strengthening. It is stated the President of the Local Government Board is to bring in a Bill to sanction a higher rate of speed on the public roads than the statutory twelve miles; and the step is more noteworthy for the principle involved than for the probable consequences of a higher legal speed. We are told by a private correspondent that the twelve-mile maximum is practically a dead-letter over the greater part of England, and it requires no great effort of credulity to believe it, that every mile of highroad, suitable or unsuitable for letting a motor car "have its head," should be watched by police is obviously impossible: and that a skilled, or for that matter unskilled, driver should be satisfied to travel at twelve miles an hour when a vista of level and deserted road tempts him to try what it feels like to travel at thirty-five or forty miles is obviously asking too much of human nature. It has been freely suggested that the motor should be relieved from all restrictions of pace and the driver made responsible for any untoward consequences of excessive speed by the infliction of more stringent penalties. The suggestion would have more to recommend it did practicable suggestion of means to compel drivers to stop or to enable their unfortunate victims to identify them, accompany it. The conduct of motorists who hurt and drive away is the great obstacle in the way of releasing them from the present restrictions, and it is only too certain that the grievance of horse-owners, and in a less degree of stock-owners, whose cattle and sheep must in the natural order of things be driven on the roads, is a very real one. The trouble is that the grievance is essentially a country grievance, and in modern England the town is unfortunately the law-maker. Townspeople suffer little, save in their olfactory organs, from the iniquities of the motorists. In his own interest the chaffeur durst not travel at twelve miles an hour through the streets, the traffic makes such a speed too dangerous to the car and its occupants; on the country roads the position is different.

The "non-stop trials" between Glasgow and London, particulars of which are brought us by recent mail's papers, appear to have set at naught the speed regulations with a light heart. Actual racing, such as is possible to cars of from twelve to twenty-four horse-power, was prevented by dividing the route into sections and penalising the car which arrived at the end of a section before it was due; but, we read, "as a rule a minimum time involving an average pace of about 17 miles an hour was set for each section." The police were on the look out in certain counties where automobilism is unpopular; but motoring sympathisers were at pains to keep these sections of road under surveillance and warn the competitors when they should regulate their speed to statute require-

ments. Of course there were occasions when a car gained immunity by extreme defiance of speed regulations. An eloquent example of this difficulty in controlling hot-headed motorists was provided by Miss Levitt, the only lady competitor. At Hellifield three plain clothes policemen sprang from behind the hedge and tried to stop Miss Levitt's car, "but," she told a newspaper man, "we were going at thirty-seven miles an hour and dashed right by them." They had, indeed, been recklessly courageous policemen who "tried to stop" a twelve horse power car going at the rate of an ordinary passenger train! The main object of this Glasgow-London run was to test the feasibility of making a 400-mile (412 miles to be exact) journey without stopping for repairs or adjustments of gear and machinery. The journey was broken at Leeds, where the competitors spent the night, and as each car arrived it was taken over by officials appointed for the purpose who held it in custody till the moment of starting next day, to the end that no repairs or adjustments should be made during the halt; if anything were considered necessary the chaffeur had to do it while his car was in motion; if he pulled up for the purpose he was penalised at the rate of a mark per minute—save for damaged tyres, when the penalty was a mark for every five minutes. The time allowed for the Glasgow-Leeds run, 212 miles, was 18 hours 10 minutes, or over five minutes to the mile; that for the Leeds-London run of 190 miles was 16 hours 30 minutes, which works out at practically the same rate of about 12 miles an hour; but, as already mentioned, a speed of 17 miles was maintained over some sections of the route. Of the twenty-two cars which left Glasgow, twenty reached Leeds and all those twenty arrived safely in Piccadilly the same evening. Who may be adjudged winner of the trial is a matter of minor importance; the experiment has established a working record for modern motor cars proving that they can be run for 400 miles without needing repairs other than such as can be executed while in motion. Whether this possibility can be held of cardinal importance we may leave it to the expert motorist to decide. We ourselves should be inclined to attach more importance to trials whose object should be the reconciliation of equine and motor interests.

It is a stock argument of the motor man when confronted with the sins of his fraternity to produce historical parallels in defence and point to the diatribes with which horsemen, coachmasters, and farmers assailed the first railways; and to represent that even as time has secured general acquiescence in the railway, so it will eventually bring about acquiescence in the existence of the motor. The parallel is no parallel: it is false on the face of it; for whereas the train is confined to its own lines, and any one living in the neighbourhood of the line learns in a very short time at what hours trains may be expected to pass and be prepared accordingly with timid horses, the motor stands on a totally different footing. It disputes the right of way with the horse on every road possible to wheeled traffic and by force of mechanical strength it carries the day: it appears at any moment of the twenty-four hours and its speed only too frequently is regulated by the driver's opinion as to the immunity he enjoys from police interference; and the last and greatest offence of the motor is the facility with which it can escape from the scene of a disaster without identification. The mask, goggles, and enveloping garments worn by motorists are no doubt essential to their comfort, even to health; but nothing is more certain than the fact that unscrupulous wearers of these comforts take advantage of the disguise so conferred. We repeat that there is no historical parallel for the situation created by the introduction of the motor and its accompaniments: and it behoves those responsible for the well-being and safety of the majority to devise efficacious means for keeping these machines under proper control. The Automobile Club we know has done much to discourage "scorching"; but the club controls only a very small minority of motorists, and were it otherwise, control should not be left to a private association.

THE LONDON ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE Report of the Council on the progress of the Society, presented at the seventy-fourth anniversary, is now to hand, and as usual deals with (1) the general condition of the Society and its finances; (2) the business transacted at the office in Hanover Square, and (3) the state of the gardens and menagerie in Regent's Park. Of course, with regard to the general condition of the Society, the most important event is the retirement of Mr. Sclater; the final appointment of Dr. Mitchell to succeed him does not come within the scope of the present Report, since the Fellows made their decision at the meeting when this was submitted. Everyone must agree that "the very high position occupied at the present day by the Zoological Society of London in the world of science is largely due to the exertions and the personal character of its retiring Secretary" as the vote of thanks passed by the Council puts it. At the same time there is fortunately no possible doubt as to the thorough efficiency, scientific and practical, of his successor.

It is gratifying to note that the number of Fellows on the books last year was greater than in any previous year since 1878, which augurs well for public interest in the Society's work; the total number of new Fellows for the year being 228.

Among the nine new corresponding members elected the names of F. Dixon Bey, Director of the Administration of Ports and Light-houses, Port Said; P. Camidge West, H. B. M. Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile; and Dr. J. D. F. Gilchrist of the Department of Agriculture, Cape Town, strike one as particularly suitable ones for the honour. If was inevitable, one supposes, that a few Museum men should be appointed, although such people are seldom of much service to the Zoological Society, as their interest is generally confined to dead specimens.

It is pleasant to note the presentation of the Gold Medal of the Society to Sir H. H. Johnston, G.C. M. G., K.C.B., F. Z. S., in acknowledgment of his assistance to Zoological discovery, and especially on account of the Okapi; and of the silver one to a late Calcutta resident, Mr. E. W. Harper, F. Z. S., for his very numerous donations of Indian birds, always packed and cared for most sedulously, so that most of them arrived sound and lively.

The Council considers that, although last year's income was not equal to that for the year preceding, there is no reason for dissatisfaction, inasmuch as the decrease is mainly attributable to the falling off of the admissions to the gardens and of riding receipts. The bad weather of last year especially on the Bank Holidays, may be reasonably held responsible for the fewer visitors. With regard to the smaller amount earned by the Society's beasts of burden and entertainment, it is sad to read that both "Jingo" the African elephant, and "Suffeh Kali" the Indian have not risen to their responsibilities, but have displayed infirmities of temper which rendered them unsuitable vehicles for the juvenile frequenters of the gardens.

As "Jingo" has now quitted both the Gardens and the world, there is a vacancy for a steady and reliable elephant of African extraction; "Suffeh Kali" would not be difficult to supersede. The principal item in the expenditure of the Society, which was rather more than in last year's, was the balance of what had to be paid for the new Ape House, amounting to £3,153-1-2. This house has cost a great deal—over £7,000—and might, so an architect of the writer's acquaintance informs him, have been done equally well at a less expense; but it is a good investenent, for after all, no group of animals equals the Anthropoid Apes either in scientific or popular interest. The Silvery Gibbon (*Hylobates leucisens*) exhibited in this house is the greatest favourite in the gardens, and deservedly so, for she is a splendid gymnast, and always showing off her accomplishments. Hay, fruit, and vegetables, were all dearer than usual last year, and so the expenditure on these heads has been increased.

The lectures usually given at the gardens from April to July were on interesting subjects—Flying Reptiles, Horses and Zebras, the Okapi, and Elephants; but nevertheless they appear not to have justified their existence, for they will not be continued. After all, people usually go to the Zoo to look, not to listen. The most important publication during the past year was Professor Lankester's memoir on the Okapi, published in the Society's Transactions. It is to be hoped that we shall some day have an opportunity of examining this remarkable beast at the gardens; the specimen at the British Museum is interesting but unsatisfying to the eye—as set up it recalls a badly-shaped ticca-gharry horse gaudily painted up.

A number of comparatively unimportant repairs have been executed during the past year, but much remains to be done in this direction, as the installation for the animals has been much neglected of late years. This is the more to be regretted, as interesting animals continue to come in; last year was particularly prolific in such. Among those new to the Society's collection may be noted a young male Proboscis Monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*); two of the genuine Wild Horse (*Equus caballus prjevalskii*) from Western Mongolia, now anything but wild and great favourites with children; the beautiful scarlet Sepoy Finch (*Haematospiza sipahi*) of our hills which, by the way, has moulted out yellow; one of the curious Racket-tailed Parrots (*Prioniturus platurus*) of Celebes; nine of our familiar Water-Pheasants or Pheasant-tailed Jaçanas (*Hydrophasianus Chirurgus*); and some specimens of a rare Anaconda (*Eunectes notacus*) from Paraguay.

Other notable animals, but not new to the menagerie, were a Snow-Leopard and a Panda (*Aelurus fulgens*) which latter unfortunately did not live long; a female White-tailed Gnu, a welcome example of an almost extinct species, bred in the gardens; and a pair of young Giraffes, presented by the Governor of Kordofan, and so far in very fine condition.

The general breeding results in mammals were good; in addition to the White-tailed Gnu may be noted one of the Brindled species, an Eland, a Yak, a Leopard, three Red River Hogs, and one Duke of Bedford's deer (*Cervus xanthopygus.*) The number of births among the birds was considerably smaller and none of the accessions gained in this way were of any importance, as the Society has lately paid little attention to keeping the more out-of-the-way species. There is hope now, however of matters being generally managed in a more business-like and scientific way in Regent's Park, and no doubt in a year or two we shall see valuable accessions in feather as well as fur.

Special Telegrams.

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(From our own Correspondent.)

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London, *Thursday, 18th June 1903.*

M J de Bremond's b c MAXIMUM II, by Pythagoras—Miss Allen, 3yrs, Macintyre ... 1
Lord Howard de Walden's b c RISING GLASS, by Isinglass—Hautesse, 4yrs, W Halsey 2
Lord Cadogan's b f ELBA, by Prisoner—Simoom. 4yrs, D Maher 3
Mr H J King's br c Prince Florizel, by Florizel II—Good Hope, 4yrs, H Jones ... 0

(*Winner trained in France.*)

Betting: Evens Rising Glass, 6 to 4 agst Maximum II. 100 to 7 Elba. 100 to 7 Prince Florizel.

Won by six lengths; three lengths between second and third.

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1879 Isonomy 4y 8st 10lb (6)	1891 Morion 4y 9st (5)
1880 Isonomy 5y 9st 3lb (3)	1892 Buccaneer 4y 9st (2)
1881 Robert the Devil 4y 9st (5)	1893 Marcion 3y 7st 7lb (4)
1882 Foxhall 4y 9st (3)	1894 La Flèche 5y 9st 11b (5)
1883 Tristan 5y 9st 4lb (4)	1895 Isinglass 5y 9st 4lb (3)
1884 St Simon 3y 7st 9lb (5)	1896 Love Wisely 3y 7st 7lb (6)
1885 St Gatien 4y 9st (4)	1897 Persimmon 4y 9st (4)
1886 Althorp 4y 9st (3)	1898 Elf II 5y 9st 4lb (8)
1887 Bird of Freedom 5y 9st 4lb (6)	1899 Cyllene 4y 9st (5)
1888 Timothy 4y 9st (5)	1900 Merman a 9st 4lb (6)
1889 Travles 4y 9st (4)	1901 Santoi 4y 9st (6)
1890 Gold 4y 9st (5)	1902 William the Third 4y 9st (11)

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LONDON, *Friday, 19th June, 1903.*

Mr W A Hamar Bass's b f SCEPTRE, by Persimmon—Ornament, F Hardy ... 1
Lord Derby's b c GAY GORDON, by St Frusquin—Broad Corrie 2
Mr Barrow's b c FOWLING PIECE, by Carbine—Galinne 3

(*Winner trained by A Taylor.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 on Sceptre, 6 to 1 agst Gay Gordon, 7 to 1 Fowling Piece.

Won by five lengths; three lengths between second and third.

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Lilly Agness		Bend Or		Perdita II.		St. Simon	
Polly Agnes	Macaroni	Rouge Rose	Doncaster	Heroine	Hampton	St. Angela	Galopin
Miss Agnes	The Cure	Joconde	Sweetmeat	Ellen Horne	Thormanby	Marigold	Stockwell
				La Belle Helene	Y. Melbourne	Lady Langden	Lord Clifden
						Adeline	King Tom
							Flying Duchess	Vedette

WINNERS SINCE 1879

1879 Chippendale 3y 8st 8lb (10)	1891 L Abbesse de Jouarre 5y 9st 9lb (5)
1880 Exeter 4y 9st (4)	1892 St Damien 3y 7st 12lb (4)
1881 Peter 5y 9st 12lb (8)	1893 Watercress 4y 9st 10lb (5)
1882 Tristan 4y 9st 10lb (5)	1894 Ravensbury 4y 9st 10lb (4)
1883 Tristan 5y 9st 12lb (9)	1895 Barbary 4y 9st 10lb (3)
1884 Tristan 6y 9st 12lb (5)	1896 Shaddock 3y 8st 5lb (8)
1885 Bendigo 5y 9st 12lb (7)	1897 Bay Ronald 4y 9st 7lb (6)
1884 Ormonde 3y 8st 8lb (5)	1898 Collar 3y 7st 12lb (7)
1887 Ormonde 4y 9st 10lb (4)	1899 Ninus 4y 9st 10lb (8)
1888 Minting 5y 9st 12lb (2)	1900 Boniface 4y 8st 4lb (7)
1889 Gulliver 3y 8st 5lb (6)	1901 Merry Gal 4y 9st 7lb (5)
1890 Amphion 4y 9st 10lb (5)	1902 Joshua 3y 7st 13lb (11)

THE NORTHUMBERLAND PLATE.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND PLATE—of 900 sovs. 2 miles.

LONDON, *Wednesday, 24th June 1903.*

Mr W R Reid's b c CLIFTON HALL, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4yrs, Dillon 1
Mr F Alexander's b c THROWAWAY, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs, M Cannon ... 2
Mr T Corne's ch c RIGHTFUL, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, Wheatley ... 3
Mr H Lindemere's br f CONGRATULATION, by Matchmaker—Fota, 5yrs ... 0
Mr R C Vyner's ch c SYNEROS, by Marcion—Bonny Lizzie, 5yrs 0
———b g POWDER PUFF, by Carbine—Lady Frivoles, 4yrs 0
R C Thompson's ch c LEVIATHAN, by Isinglass—Galiana, 5yrs 0

(*Winner trained by I'Anson.*)

BETTING:—Two to one against Clifton Hall.

Won by five lengths; two lengths between second and third.

WINNERS SINCE 1875.

1875 Organist 4y 8st 8lbs (10)	1889 Lord Lorne 3y 6st 7lb (12)
1876 Whitebait 5y 7st 4lbs (18)	1890 Lord Lorne 4y 7st 13lb (8)
1877 Chypre 5y 7st 3lb (9)	1891 Houndsditch 5y 7st 9lb (10)
1878 Chesterton 4y 7st 8lb (17)	1892 Billow 4y 6st 7lb (10)
1879 Ridotto 4y 7st 11lb (11)	1893 Enniskillen 5y 8st 7lb (15)
1880 Teviotdale 3y 5st 13lb (7)	1894 Aborigine 4y 7st 12lb (11)
1881 Teviotdale 4y 8st 2lb (10)	1895 Ravensbury 5y 9st 9lb (9)
1882 Retreat 5y 8st 7lb (8)	1896 Arlequin 3y 6st 5lb (8)
1883 Ishmael 5y 7st 10lb (7)	1897 Masque II 3y 7st 9lb (21)
1884 Greenbank 4y 7st 6lb (6)	1898 Herminius 4y 7st 11lb (15)
1885 Althorp 3y 6st 12lb (9)	1899 Tom Cringle 4y 7st 9lb (11)
1886 Belinda 5y 7st 11lb (11)	1900 Baldur 4y 7st 2lb (11)
1887 Eurasian 5y 8st 6lb (7)	1901 Sinopi 5y 8st 2lb (16)
1888 Dan Dancer 4y 6st 7lb (10)	1902 Scullion 4y 6st 12lb (13)

Sporting Notes.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lieutenant Hamar Bass on his first win with Sceptre, who carried off the Hardwicke States last Friday.

We hear that Mr. C. H. Holder has bought Ivanhoe II, the 13-3½ gelding recently imported by Mr. R. Powell.

Mr. Galstaun has bought the black gelding Dulcimer by Harmonist—Barbelle, and expects him up with Mr. Griffiths' shipment now *en route* for Calcutta.

J. Robinson, the Indian jockey, seems to be combining business with pleasure while he is down in Australia; he has been riding in a few races and had the mount on a horse called Sandboy more than once.

The Behar Light Horse have won the Volunteer Tent-pegging Tournament this year with the score of 57. The following is the order in which the other seven corps were placed: Ghazipur Light Horse 42 points, Cawnpore Light Horse 42, Calcutta Light Horse 40, Punjab Light Horse 37, Surma Valley Light Horse 36, Assam Valley Light Horse 35, Allahabad Light Horse 34.

There is a very persistent rumour afloat that General Burnett is to be succeeded by Sir Edward Locke Elliot in the command of the Poona District, writes our Poona correspondent. I had always been under the impression that the appointment was one for officers of the British Army. The appointment would, however, be an immensely popular one with the racing world. Though I do not claim personal knowledge of those days, many a *laudator temporis acti* has assured me that such equine Arab champions as Hermit, Euclid Lannercost and others are not bred, or at any rate brought to India nowadays. It is a big thing to say of any amateur, but trainers and jockeys have declared that in neither department could professionals afford to give away a pound to "Mr. Locke" at his best. But while we must all welcome such a distinguished soldier and horseman to Poona, since "men must come and men must go" and a successor must in the inevitable course be found for General Burnett, one must never forget the almost immeasurable good the latter has done for racing on this side of India.

I am sorry to hear that the well-known Arab importer, Ali bin Talib, has lost his valuable maiden horse Mahkoom, who had already shown more than promising form. That celebrated dealer is, however, accredited with wealth which would make him better fitted to bear such a misfortune than a poorer owner.

Another well respected Arab importer, who has had a slice of Fortune's ill favour, is Syed Raschid, one of whose blood horses in Poona was recently found to be suffering from that curse of horseflesh —glanders—and had to be destroyed. His five other horses valued at Rs. 25,000 (presumably owner's valuation, and if one could invariably induce buyers to unhesitatingly accept owners' computation, how delightfully invigorating to all concerned) naturally came under suspicion, and steps were taken with a view to their injection with *mallein* in order to put suspicion beyond a doubt. Syed Raschid's stable being situated within city limits (luckily enough for the peace of mind of the trainers of the other large stables in the more fashionable training neighbourhood of Ghorpuri and Wanowri) and the civic fathers, their Oriental placidity turned to anxious disquietude at the mere thought of a possible twenty-five thousand rupees compensation, postponed active measures in the matter of *mallein*, referring the case to the District Magistrate who apparently allayed their perturbation. One can only hope that the poor gee gees will pass through the dread ordeal successfully.

The Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds have, I believe, had most excellent cubbing which many keen spirits have enjoyed fully in spite of a 5-30 A. M. meet at the Kennels. There was one very brilliant little burst I am told in which only a few seem to have participated, when hounds blooded themselves by rolling over a jack after a smart quarter of an hour—if correct a most creditable performance which must, one must believe, have rejoiced the gallant Master's heart. The hunt is apparently fortunate in obtaining the services of Major Chesney of the Bengal Lancers, who has kindly consented to give his services as first whip in which onerous duties he will be assisted by Mr. Sidney Armstrong of Dapuri, a well-known and keen supporter of this pack for some years past. I hear the opening meet is fixed at Ganeshkhind for the 25th instant, when a large and fashionable field will presumably make their devoirs to the Master certainly so I am credibly informed, if there is likely to be a photographic artist handy.

The Gymkhana at Simla last Saturday was a great success and was only marred by an accident to Mrs. Walker, who took a bad fall in the pigsticking for ladies. Her pony stepped on the pig, which was represented by a blown mussack, and fell, rolling over its rider. Mrs. Walker escaped with no broken bones. The first event was tent-pegging for gentlemen and was won by Captain H. Turner, with Mr. Cochrane second. The pairs race, in which competitors, ladies and gentlemen in pairs, were to ride to a given spot, dismount, change saddles and animals, mount and finish, was won by Captain H. Turner and Miss Wheeler. Mrs. Buck won the pigsticking for ladies. The Lloyd Lindsay for teams of two ladies and two gentlemen went to Mrs. Buck, Miss Teague, Colonel Kennard and Captain Wigram. The Arithmetic Stakes was carried off by Mr. Mant and Miss Brownhead. The Gretna Green Stakes provided great fun: gentlemen were to gallop to a point where ladies in rickshaws were placed, dismount and pull rickshaw to winning post. Two gentlemen to be nominated by each lady. Captains Wigram and Brooke with Miss Brownhead were first, and Colonel Kennard and Captain Keighly with Mrs. Buck second.

Mussoorie held its seventh Gymkhana on the 18th instant, but it was not a great success. Entries were few, the attendance poor, and there were no enlivening strains of the band. The tent-pegging went to Captain Daunt, with Mr. Forbes second. Eight entered for the Sprinters' Stakes, in which competitors were to walk 25 yards, run 50 yards, and ride 100 yards in the order named. Captain Lindsay was an easy first. The pony race, ½ mile, for ponies 14-1 and under, was won by Mr. Cautley; Mr. Ridgeway second. The arithmetic race was won by Mr. Hope nominated by Miss F. Rendell. There were about ten entries for the musical race, which was won by Miss Woodland. Mrs. Tweedy gave away the prizes.

The subject of cordite rifles and cordite pressure in India was one on which last year we had some correspondence; our shikari readers will, doubtless, read with interest an article we extract from *The Field* on the new cordite rifle cartridge recently introduced by Messrs. Eley Bros.

An interesting Anglo-French shooting match, with clay birds for targets—the first of its kind in the country—was decided on Friday, the 29th ultimo, near Paris, between teams of seven men each, representing the Isle of Wight Gun Club and the French Fusil de Chasse. The conditions were—Two heats, each man to shoot at fifteen birds in each heat, and five birds in succession. The competitors were called by couples, one Englishman and one Frenchman. The contest was exciting from the start, and the greatest interest was manifested throughout the match. After a keen struggle, the Frenchmen won both heats, the first by five points and the second by six. M. A. de Lesse (French) was the highest scorer for the day with 29 kills out of 30 pigeons.

A striking instance of the distance which a dog will travel in order to return to a home in which he has been well treated is related by Mr. Wain, of the Birmingham Home for Stray Dogs. Some time ago a stray collie was brought to the Home, and subsequently sold to a gentleman in Birmingham. As soon as it could escape from its new master, it returned to the Home, and this occurred so repeatedly that the gentleman who had purchased it decided to ask Mr. Wain to find another customer for the dog. The collie was subsequently sold to a commercial traveller, who regularly visits Birmingham, but whose residence is at Liverpool, and Mr. Wain advised him to keep it chained up

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for a fortnight until it settled down. The dog was then taken to Liverpool. The very next day Mr. Wain was surprised to see the dog come trotting up the yard. The dog had never been to Liverpool before, and it is astonishing how he could have found his way back, and more astonishing still, perhaps, that he accomplished the journey in a little over ten hours.

The Rev. George Martin pleaded guilty at Epsom Police Court on Wednesday, the 27th May, to a charge of being on Epsom Downs on Wednesday for the purpose of committing a breach of the peace. A police constable stated that he saw the defendant acting in a violent manner. He was uttering threats and trying to pull down a bookmaker's stand, saying, as he did so, "It is an insult to the Divine Master because of the cross on it." The cross referred to was a Union Jack, said the constable. Further evidence showed that the crowd resented the prisoner's action and had assaulted him, and it was stated that he was arrested as much for his own safety as anything else. The prisoner, addressing the Chairman of the Bench, said: "Sir, already the practice of betting is draining the lifeblood and chivalry of England." He added the constable had made a mistake in speaking of a Union Jack. He only sought to pull down the stand because of the cross, which was an insult to the Divine Master. The defendant, in reply to the Chairman, declined to promise not to return unless the cross was removed. The Chairman said that in these circumstances he must be detained for his own safety until the races were over.

The following list of fast times on the English Turf is worth pasting in one's scrap back:—

			M. S.
One mile	*a* Caiman	...	1 33¼
Rowley Mile (1m 11yds) ...	*b* Galtee More	...	1 40⅖
One mile and a quarter ...	*c* Australian Star	...	2 2⅕
One mile and a half ...	*d* Volodyovski	...	2 40⅖
" ...	*e* Memoir ...	...	2 46⅘
" ...	*f* Bend Or	...	2 40
" ...	*g* Landrail	...	2 34
" ...	*h* Carbiston	...	2 37⅖
" ...	*i* Santoi ...	...	2 31
" ...	*j* Avidity ...	...	2 30⅘
" ...	*k* King's Courier	...	2 31⅘
One mile and three-quarters	*l* Florizel II.	...	2 59⅖
Five furlongs ...	*m* Master Willie	...	0 56⅘
Six furlongs ...	*n* Master Willie	...	1 7⅕
One mile and three fur ...	*o* Fatherless	...	2 19⅘
Five furlongs ...	*p* Blue Diamond	...	0 56⅘
Five furlongs ...	*q* Le Buff	...	0 56⅘

a At Lingfield, July 13, 1900. *b* Two Thousand. Previous fastest, 1 min. 42½sec. by Marco in Payne Stakes, Newmarket, May 16, 1895; 1 min. 42⅗sec. by Kirkconnel and Isinglass, and 1 min. 42⅘sec. by Amphion, who carried 10st. 11lb.; in the March Stakes in 1891. *c* At Alexandra Park, in Coronation Cup, July 5, 1902. *d* The Derby, 1901. *e* The Oaks, 1890. *f* At Epsom in the Gold Cup, 1881. *g* At Doncaster, September 3, 1899. *h* At York, in Duke of York Stakes, August 23, 1899. *i* At Hurst Park, in Great Whitsuntide Handicap, May 27, 1901. *j* At Doncaster, in Alexandra Plate, September 13, 1900. *k* At Hurst Park, in September Handicap, September 22, 1900. *l* At Manchester, in the Cup, June 7, 1895. *m* At Epsom, April 21, 1903. *n* At Epsom, in Royal Stakes, June 6, 1901. *o* At Nottingham, October 1, 1895. *p* At Epsom, May 27, 1903. *q* At Epsom, May 28, 1903.

Suggestions are under consideration for a mammoth canine exhibition at the World's Fair, St. Louis, in 1904, and it would appear that there is a more than favourable chance of the show materializing. And in the event of its becoming a reality no stone will be left unturned to make the event a memorable one in the history of dog shows. Every recognized breed will be provided for, and entries sought from all parts of America, and from Canada and England, making the scope of the show decidedly international.

The Rangoon Race Stewards intend holding a Sky Meeting on the 25th July.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes on 21st June: "They say that there is but a sheet of blotting paper between Jacobabad and the nether regions; we have only had tissue paper this week, I think, here. In the intervals of bathing we have looked at the thermometer, only to be convinced that thermometers were invented by Ananias. Yet on Thursday afternoon some fifteen riders and a goodly number of spectators voluntarily left the comparative coolth of the bungalow to take part in or "assist" at the last of the paperchases of the season. I was also a spectator, a "compulsory volunteer." The course started at the Kukrail Bridge on the Barabanki Road and finished near the Pontoon bridge by La Martiniere College. Mrs. Saunders on Leonora, was the only lady who started, and among the men I saw Captain Dunbar on Victory, Captain Winwood on Wakine, Mr. Russell Carr on a brown, Major Heneage on Dragoon. Mr. Douglas Straight on Ludo, Mr. Symons on Truelove, Mr. Berthoud on Crusadar, Mr. Watson on Doris, Mr. Stott on Great Flyer, Mr. Sheridan on White Stockings, Mr. Shaw on Bitter Beer, Mr. Story on There and Back, and Mr. Frematle on Edna May. It was a distinctly good run and ended in Captain Winwood coming in first, closely followed by Captain Dunbar and Mr. Symons. The officers of the East Surrey Regiment were At Home after the run. Next Thursday is the day fixed for the Paperchase Cup races. I have seen the programme which is distinctly attractive. There is a race for horses, C. W. over 11st. 7lbs., another for ponies W. I., 12st. for 14-2 Walers and 11st. for C.-B.'s and Arabs, a race for ladies' hacks which have never won a race of any description, and a couple of consolation races.

A very enjoyable Gymkhana organized by Mr. A. L. Saunders, the Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Douglas Straight, D. S. P., took place on the Police Parade ground last Saturday (20th.) The weather was slightly more tolerable than has been the case lately. A slight shower which fell cooled the air and did no harm even to the ladies' dresses. The attendance was good. The first event, a steeplechase for Native mounted Police, was won by Sowar Gafoor Khan, with Sowar Madhu Singh second. In the second event, the Polo Ball competition Mr. Symons was first and Captain Winwood second. Mrs. Wallace won the third event, a Wand Race for Ladies, Miss Williams being second. The fourth event, the Skilful Amazon Stakes, fell to Mr. Manson and Mr. Sheridan. In the fifth event, the Obstacle Race, Mr. Last was first. The sixth event, the Board School Stakes, was won by Captain Dunbar nominated by Mrs. Roe, Mr. Stott, nominated by Miss Williams, making a good second. The Band of the 7th Rajputs was in attendance. Mrs. Saunders and Mr. Straight were "At Home" on the ground, Mr. Saunders being unfortunately prevented by indisposition from being present.

BEHAR NOTES.

There is very little news in the district now-a-days, as a large number of people are away in the hills, and the rest of the planters are busy preparing for *mahai*. The indigo is mostly small and stunted from the long drought we have had, but should come on quickly now that we have had general "rains" throughout Behar. By the 25th instant I should think most factories will have commenced manufacturing their *nassi*, or low lying indigo.

The disastrous accident on the Tirhoot State Railway, near Sonepore, a short time ago, when a large number of native passengers were killed and injured can hardly be commented upon, until after the official enquiry has been held; but it shows gross neglect and carelessness on the part of some of the staff in permitting two trains travelling in opposite directions to travel over the single line between the two stations.

It is, however, only fair to state that the B. and N.-W. Railway and T. S. Railway have had very few serious accidents; but the public have other cause to complain against the railway. The *Indian Planters' Gazette* and other papers have, time after time, drawn attention and commented on the way in which the line is managed but with small success, as the Railway authorities apparently take little or no notice of these complaints, which are continually being brought forward in the newspapers.

If the attention of Government is drawn to the working of the line by this accident near Sonepore, it will be the cause of the greatest benefit to the general public in Behar.

There have been a few small "sticks" about the district lately. Messrs. Jim Wilson, W. Marsham, and Frank Rawlins beat out a "grass" on the Behirie *dearas* on the 18th of June. One pig was killed, another one was stuck, but managed to get away into some thick *jowah* and escape. Three or four other boars were put up and chased, but were unfortunately lost, as the undergrowth and jungle around the grass made it extremely difficult to see the pig once he got out of the more open *jowah*.

On the 20th instant Messrs. Marsham and Rawlins were lucky enough to put up a fine boar on the Mhow *dearas*. He gave them a grand run and made an excellent fight when overtaken. He taped 31 inches on the ground; he was measured again for curiosity, when brought into the factory, and was found to go fully 33 inches.

The small pig killed at Sawaisingpur a short time ago, and which I described as being a peculiar shaped brute, had tusks on him which measured 8¾ inches; these are very big tusks for a small 28-inch boar.

It would be interesting if some of your readers could give the measurements of some of the largest tusks they have found on different boars with the size of the animals killed. I notice in the *Indian Planters' Gazette* of the 20th, under a *nom-de-plume*, an insinuation that my account of the pig killed at Sawaisingpur is incorrect and exaggerated. I am quite willing to prove my statement to the hilt by all the witnesses who were out that day, though a cowardly attack under protection of an assumed name needs no reply.

Athletic Notes.

WITH walks and rumours of walks in Calcutta, some of our readers may find matter of interest in the article on "Long Distance Walking" which we reproduce in our issue of date.

The projected visit of the Yale University. Athletes to England has been abandoned owing to the expense it would entail.

The reappearance of Abel in the Surrey team on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at the Oval was greeted by delighted shouts from the spectators. When his time came to bat Abel, who had made 90 on the previous day in a club and ground match, showed that he was still a great batsman, and on a tricky wicket he played one of the best innings of the day, carrying his bat for 28. Everybody will wish that he may now be able to play regularly, and that he will meet with as much success as ever.

At Ilford on Saturday, the 30th ultimo, A. Shrubb of the South London Harriers ran two miles in nine minutes eleven seconds, thus establishing the world's record for the distance.

There was some remarkable scoring in the match between Essex Club and Ground and Tottenham on Friday, the 29th ultimo, at Tottenham. The home team, for whom D. Reese, the New Zealand cricketer, made 98 in fine form, scored 273 for seven wickets, and then declared, apparently leaving the club no possible chance of winning. But E. H. D Sewell, the Ex Indian cricketer, scored at such a rate that when stumps were drawn the score was 238 for three wickets. The first hundred went up in 35 minutes, and Sewell made his hundred in fifty minutes, eventually reaching 148 in an hour and a half.

Yorkshire beat Cambridge University on the 17th instant by 206 runs. Derbyshire beat Surrey by 111 runs. The match between Leicestershire and Warwick was drawn, but the matches between Middlesex and Essex, and Somerset and Hants had to be abandoned owing to the sodden state of the ground.

Worcestershire beat Hampshire by an innings and 77 runs on the 20th instant; Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by seven wickets; Lancashire and London County drew: while the matches between Surrey and Cambridge University, Essex and Warwick, Kent and Gloucestershire, and Sussex and Middlesex were abandoned.

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Harry Elkes, the well-known cyclist, was killed at Boston on the 30th ultimo. He was taking part in a twenty-mile motor-paced race, when at the sixteenth mile he fell and was run over by a motor, his injuries being fatal. He had ridden fifteen miles in 18min. 40sec., creating a world's record.

Although John Gunn's innings of 294 still holds the field against all comers this season, G. L. Jessop's 286, as reported in our London sporting letter to-day, is undoubtedly the more remarkable. It was made in less than three hours and practically with only a single partner, Board, who helped him to increase the score by 320. Jessop hardly made a mistake throughout the innings. His previous highest innings was 233 against Yorkshire.

The following entries have so far been received for the I. F. A. Challenge Shield Competition.—Royal Irish Rifles, from Fyzabad; Prince of Wales's Volunteers (1st Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment), from Jubbulpore; 93rd Highlanders (holders); K. O. S. B.; Calcutta Football Club; Dalhousie Football Club; United Club, Howrah; Calcutta Rangers Club; Sova Bazar F. C.; Hare Sporting, Chinsurah; and Customs F. C.

No fewer than twenty-two teams have entered for the Trades' Challenge Cup. This is four more than last year and a record so far, 20 being the previous best in 1899. The following are the entries:—National Association (holders); Howrah Sporting Club; Aryan Sporting Club; Entally F. C.; Stalwart Sporting Club; Jamalpore Gymkhana; Apprentice Engineers' Recreation Club, Jamalpore; Gaurangdi F. C.; Y. M. C. A.; Chowringhee F. C.; Port Commissioners F. C.; Mahomedan Sporting Club; Dalhousie F. C.; Moslem F. C.; Calcutta Union; Mohan Bagan Sporting Club; St. Xavier's College; Seebpore College; Medical College; Calcutta Boys' School; Bengal-Nagpore Railway, and Sporting Union.

Last Saturday, a boxing entertainment was got up by Mr. Artie Tully and carried through at the Tivoli Theatre when the air was thick with challenges. Tully opened the exhibition with a ball punching display, after which Pybus and Irvine fought six rounds. Pybus is very quick and in spite of his opponent's size, made a draw of it. A bout of four rounds between Brown and White also ended in a draw. Then Fisher met Swan of the Royal Irish Rifles. It was only a four rounds contest, but a good display was given and there was plenty of hard hitting, Swan eventually getting the verdict by a point. Fisher has challenged Swan to fight ten rounds for a purse, the contest being arranged to come off after three weeks. Govia has challenged Fisher to fight twenty rounds with four ounce gloves 10st. 6lbs., give or take two pounds. Lamphier challenged Tully for a purse of Rs. 1,000, the latter immediately accepting. The date, however, has not been fixed.

On dit the Bombay Gymkhana intend, if possible, to send a four to represent them at the big Poona regatta this year.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Association football may now be said to be in full swing in Bombay, and during the past week quite a number of matches have been played, some of which have been in connexion with the Harwood League, which was instituted last year with such success. The idea of starting the League originated with Colonel Harwood, R.A.M.C. after whom it has been called, and the success which attended it last year was of such a character that there was no doubt but that it was destined to become an annual thing. This year practically every local team has entered, and the fixtures comprise over forty matches, so that local followers of the "soccer" code have an excellent season to look forward to, for in addition there is the Rovers' Tournament, which comes on in September, and of course, any number of friendly games. The Rovers and R. G. A. set the ball rolling on Saturday last with a well-contested game, which resulted in a win for the civilians by one goal to nil. In connexion with the League the Rovers, on Monday, met the Telegraph eleven, and ran out winners by one goal to nil. For the winners McLachan and Serafton played a sound game at back, while Chatt was the best of the half-backs, and Tyler and Gawthorne did good work among the forwards. For the losers Game played a good defensive game at back. On Wednesday evening the Telegraph eleven met with their second defeat, being beaten by the "B" team of the North Staffordshire Reg. by four goals to nil. R. G. A. and the R. E. teams met on Friday evening, but the game was of a very one-sided character. The Gunners held the upper hand throughout and eventually won by five goals to nil. On Thursday evening we witnessed a very interesting practice game in connexion with the Gymkhana, and considering the number of men who turned out and the good form shown by many of them, I am of opinion that they have a successful season before them. They play their first league match on 7th July, when they will meet the Rovers.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the series of golf matches which are taking place between the Bankers and the World. In the first two matches the World proved successful, but the Bankers were not satisfied with this and challenged the World to a foursome match, which came off a morning or two since. Eight couples were down to play for each side, but, at the last moment, two of the representatives of the World were unable to turn out, and the match resolved itself into seven couples aside. The result was another defeat for the Bankers, this time by seventeen holes to three. The winners for the World were Messrs. H. W. Meikle and L. Stansfield, who beat Messrs. D. H. Brand and James Carnegie 2 up; Messrs. H. S. Jacob and H. G. Hart, who beat Messrs T. W. McLachlan and Ralph Kidd 5 up; the Rev. J. Cameron and Mr. C. St. Paul, who beat Messrs. G. C. Scott and R. Fairnie 4 up; Messrs. Innes Ker and J. Reed, who beat Messrs. W. J. K. Hegarty and A. A. Legat 4 up; and Messrs. C. Thomson and C. W. Breal, who beat Messrs. J. Lapraik and J. Esplin 2 up. For the Bankers. Messrs. J. Stiven and F. H. Grey beat Messrs. P. F. Fischer and Mr. C. J. J. Jones by 2 up; while Messrs. R. A. Don and R. H. M. Steven beat Major Rogers and Mr. E. E. Coombs by 1 up. No less than ten of the players for the Bankers belong to the National Bank.

The Bombay Gymkhana opened their cricket season yesterday (Saturday), when a match was played between teams of thirteen representing the Civil and United Services. The latter won the toss, and elected to bat, and when they had scored 128 for the loss of eight wickets declared their innings closed. To this total Lieutenant Langhorn contributed 37 before he retired, and in him the Gymkhana have secured a very useful bat. He has a nice crisp style, times his strokes well, and can hit hard. Major Street also played well for his 26, while Lieutenants, Carroll and Scott contributed 21 and 17, respectively. When the Civil commenced their innings only about an hour remained for play, and during that time they scored 76 runs for the loss of two wickets, H. E. Harrington scoring 28 (not out) and F. J. Clark 26. Both batted well, but one or two of the former's strokes were a bit risky. For the Civil Clark bowled well, securing three wickets at a cost of thirteen runs. The Parsee Gymkhana also opened their season yesterday with a match against Ralli Brothers' C. C., but neither side appeared to be in good batting form—the Parsee Gymkhana won by 70 runs to 59.

The next Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta will be held on the 15th August, when the Hoare Cup and Senior Sculls events will be decided. Entries for the former close on the 15th July and for the Sculls on the 8th August.

The cricket match between the Oxford University Authentics and the 'Varsity, which had been

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looked forward to with considerable interest, seems to have proved a regular *fiasco*. With so many county matches on at the same time, and with about half their Indian team not yet home again, the Authentics were apparently unable to put anything like a representative eleven into the field, and indeed K. J. Key himself was the only man on the side who had made the Indian tour. Correspondingly the Oxford University eleven was at nothing like full strength, the majority of the old blues in residence standing down to give a trial to a number of batsmen and bowlers who are in the running for places in this year's team, but even so they proved far too good for the Authentics whom they beat by an innings and 76 after declaring their own innings closed.

In the final tie of the Tollygunge Club Golf Handicap Tournament by match play which took place last Friday, after having been unavoidably postponed owing to Mr. Sutherland's ill-healllh, a most exciting struggle was seen between Captain Peacock (receives 12 strokes) and Mr. G. H. Sutherland, who was conceding one-third. Mr. Sutherland led throughout and stood 4 up and 7, and again 2 up and only 3 holes to play, but Captain Peacock, who appears to have had the best of the luck, pulled him down by dint of some long puts, and eventually won on the last green by cannoning into the hole off Mr. Sutherland's ball.

General Notes.

HIS Excellency the Commander-in-Chief gives a ball at Snowdon, Simla, on Thursday, the 9th July.

Mr. E. Cable, of Messrs. Bird & Co., Calcutta, succeeds Sir Montagu Turner on the Viceroy's Council.

We regret to learn that Lieutenant H. H. B. Prior, of the 43rd Gurkhas, was drowned while boating at Manipur on Sunday, the 21st instant.

Lord Suffolk, A.-D.-C. to H. E. the Viceroy, left Simla for England by last mail. His absence will be greatly felt by his many friends and India will have lost a good sportsman.

During a thunderstorm at Chaibassa on the 12th instant Mrs. Mungavin, wife of the Civil Medical Officer, was struck by lightning while in her bungalow, death being instantaneous.

We regret to hear of an accident to Mr. Foote of Messrs. Wrenn Bennett & Co., Madras. While cycling on the Cooum Road a native ran into him and he was thrown badly, fracturing his right leg.

Another drowning fatality ! At Hyderabad in Sind on the 14th instant offerings were being made to the river god by the people, when a boat containing 130 persons capsized, and thirty are believed to have been drowned. The boatmen on the bunder, as is usual with the native in these cases, rendered no assistance.

At a meeting called last week by Mr. E. W. Orr at D'Anglis Garden, Madras, it was proposed to establish a Trades' Social Club, and a Provisional Committee was appointed to go into the question. Although primarily instituted by the trading community of Madras, it is not proposed to make it exclusively a Trades' Club. It occurs to us to ask what has become of the project for starting a Calcutta Trades' Club ; apparently it died in the preliminary prospectus stage.

The latest additions to the Calcutta Zoological Gardens are three tiger cubs, two of them presented by His Excellency Lord Curzon and the other by Mr. F. A. Slacke, Commissioner of Chota Nagpur. The Viceroy sent down three cubs from his camp at Rewa, but one them has since died. The other two little fellows, aged two months, are going strong and are extremely playful. Mr. Slacke's present-ation is four months old and is caged, the others are in an enclosure, near the Burdwan House. It is as good as a pantomime to see them fed with milk out of a Mahomedan wash pot in the early mornings.

Last Thursday the Old Wellingtonian dinner was held at Simla. General Stuart Beatson was in the chair, and among others present were Colonel Hawkins, R. A. ; Mr. H. S. Harrington, P. W. D. ; Colonel A. Bayley, C. B. ; Major Unwin, Punjab Cavalry ; Rev. G. Nicholls ; Captain Fox Stangways ; J. H. Bill, C. S. ; Lieutenants W. P. Parsons, R. A. ; Caulfield, R. A. ; Crawshay, Welsh Fusiliers ; Lieutenant-Colonel A. Beacher ; Captain Ready, Welsh Regiment ; and Lieutenant R. E. Bate. General Beatson proposed the health of the Old School and telegrams were received from similar gatherings at Lucknow, Murree, Calcutta, Bannu, and Srinagar.

Our Poona correspondent writes :—I see that in one of our local churches last Sunday one of the two patent burners refused to be lighted, while the other flared up in such a terrifying manner that it had to be quenched, the chaplain having regretfully to announce that service could not he held ! It almost makes one wonder if it was not a respectful protest on the part of the Washington burners against the stamp of sermon one is so frequently compelled to listen to out in this country. Imagine the effect on a jury of a barrister who read his speech, unable to look up lest he should "lose his place" and stammering and stuttering in the middle of every alternate sentence. How impressive too it would be to see a commanding officer making his men mark time in the middle of some intricate manœuvre, while he fumbled about in the drill book for the next word of command. What a strange thing therefore it seems that of the men whose profession in life it is to save the souls of their fellow-creatures, and who are paid for doing so, scarcely one in a hundred can stand up and say a few manly earnest words for fifteen minutes without ceaseless references to the manuscript he has so laboriously written or patiently copied. Such incompetency would scarcely be permitted in any other profession, and it is indeed a strange thing that those responsible do not insist on a greater efficiency in what ought to be the most noble and earnest profession in the world.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 5th June 1903.

AT this time of year you are hardly likely to receive in an appreciative spirit laudatory remarks on your climate, but if there be aught of merit in consistency you have at least something to be satisfied with. How grateful should we be for the English summer, three hot days and a thunderstorm ! A hot day and three thunderstorms has been more the rule for the last week. On Wednesday we were lighting fires again and grumbling at the maids for not lighting them before breakfast ; and then to add insult to injury a friend wired me to "hurry up and come down" with my rod because the Mayfly was up. More fool the Mayfly, I draw the line at dryfly fishing in a winter greatcoat, woollen gloves, and comforter in June. To-day it is torrid again.

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The thunderstorm on Saturday afternoon and early on Sunday morning were peculiar. Never have I heard such violent crashes in Europe, and the storm hung lingeringly over the western suburbs. The meteorologists suggest that the western suburbs are thus favoured because of the "enormous development of electrical energy" artificially produced for working the tram-lines; as though the elements were protesting against mankind chaining the lightning and making it work. What gives colour to this theory is that the storm rolled to and fro between Gunnersbury and Twickenham along the tram route. It was bad enough over Kensington, but further west it was alarming, even to a vessel who has been seasoned in the East. A cheering sequel was the dense, white clammy fog which held us empalled for hours after the deluge of rain ceased.

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The G. P. O. announces that a committee of eight has been appointed to consider the best means of providing for the conveyance of the mails to and from the East and Autralasia when the existing contracts with the P. and O. and Orient lines expire. The mere outsider does not see where the Indian mail service can be improved so far as the quick carriage of letters is concerned.

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Marble Hill, better known from afar as the view from Richmond Hill, was opened as a public park on Saturday. One so rarely finds opportunity to pat the L. C. C. on the back that the occasion is gratifying : the view cost £72,000, half of which the L. C. C. found, the balance being contributed by the district authorities, Messrs. Rothschild, and by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who gave his £1,000. It was a fellow-countryman of his who bought up all the echoes he heard of: views seem to be a better investment, particularly views whose preservation checkmate the further expansion of the overgrown village.

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The Court of Arbitration appointed under last year's Metropolitan Water Act sat for the first time last Friday. The eight water companies which are obliged thereby to sell their undertakings to the Metropolitan Water Board handed in claims amounting to 47½ millions within a few thousands. The New River Company, whose history is an industrial roman-e dating from James I.'s time, claims 11½ millions. Charles I. showed an unfortunate lack of foresight and consideration for his descendants when he sold his 36 King's shares then quoted at £100 each for an annuity of £500. A whole "King's share" in the New River Company was sold in 1890 : it brought £94,900.

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I don't know whether you will care to print the following instructive letter from a soldier which appeared in last Monday's *Times*. Following the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the extravagance of officers individually and of regimental messes collectively, this letter is timely and illuminating. It is a pity the writer did not append excerpts from his tailor's bills :—

The improvements in military "modes" here set forth have taken place in my time. Very minor details I have not noted, nor the idiosyncratic requirements of various commanding officers. The dates are only approximate ; also, I have given no account of the separate changes of Indian patterns.

1880.—Tunics—badges of rank moved from collar to shoulder, gold lace shoulder cords introduced ; mess-jackets—roll collar abolished, stand up collar introduced, gold lace shoulder cords introduced.

1881—Facings—changed in many regiments ; forage caps—"cheesecutter" pattern abolished, stiff caps with hanging peak introduced

1886—Field service caps introduced.

1888.—Miniature medals abolished.

1393.—Red serges (Indian pattern) abolished ; English pattern introduced, with sword worn outside.

1895.—Red serges—pattern altered, sword worn inside ; blue serges—Norfolk jacket shape introduced.

1898.—Belts—Sam Browne pattern introduced ; blue cloth patrol jackets abolished ; blue serges—pattern altered ; black leggings abolished ; brown leggings introduced ; mess-jackets—roll collar reintroduced ; all gold lace removed ; gold lace shoulder cords abolished.

1901.—Tunics—collar and sleeve lace altered ; gold lace put on tails ; blue frock coats introduced.

1901.—Blue frock coats altered, buttons 6¼in. apart instead of 4¼in ; sashes—new pattern, to be worn round waist ; full dress trousers—gold lace stripe abolished ; full dress sashes, gold lace abolished ; great-coats (grey) abolished ; great-coats (drab) introduced ; field service caps abolished ; forage caps (naval pattern) introduced ; gold lace belts—pattern altered ; drab serge coats introduced ; buff belts—belts abolished, slings retained ; miniature medals reintroduced.

1903.—Drab serge coats—badges of rank altered.

It will readily be noticed how the authorities have been stimulated, I suppose by the lessons of the war, to urge on important reforms in uniforms. Nor are they content to rest on their laurels ; we are further promised that this year will see the abolition of the frock coat and drab grey coat and the reintroduction of the grey great-coat and of gold lace stripes on our full dress trousers, also the alteration of the badges of rank on our serge coats. When the great minds and energies of the authorities are spending themselves in imagining adornments for him, verily the officer would be ungrateful if he grudged spending part of his liberal emoluments on reforms so well devised for striking terror into his country's foes. And the taxpayer may rest assured that everything possible, at any rate in the way of tailoring, is being done to protect him from alarms and incursions.

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The terrible mishap at Eton has given rise to much criticism of the houses and, so far as some of them are concerned, it is fair enough. Many of them are old, inconvenient, and inflammable ; and "Baldwin's", combined in its picturesque self most of the objections to an old house from the standpoint of safety. Endeavours have been made to work upon public feeling with accounts of young Horne's death : the reality was bad enough ; he was found suffocated where he had fallen at the barred window, and, as in the case of Lawson, the smoke saved him the greater agony. The inquest throws no light on the cause of the fire ; whether it was due to the electric light installation or to the gas there was no evidence to show. We only learn that the house was roused by the roar of flames about four o'clock on Monday morning,

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and that the fire even then was quite beyond control.

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The Queen drove down to Eton on Tuesday to inspect the scene of the fire and personally expressed her sympathy. I am told she was greatly impressed by the circumstance that many of the boys escaped by climbing down the great wisteria which contributed so much to the beauty of the house in summer; and undoubtedly the casualty roll had been much longer in its absence. Messages of condolence have been pouring in ever since the disaster was made known. There was no "Fourth" this week: all arrangements and invitations were cancelled at once; and so for three years in succession now the Eton festival has not been observed in traditional fashion.

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Mr. H. G. J. Lotbinière suggests a solution of the native labour problem in the Rand by getting 20,000 coolies from India yearly for two years—each coolie on a two years' agreement at Rs. 36 per month, Rs. 20 of which to accumulate as deferred pay till his return home. He thinks coolies would jump at it! So do I: only the coolie being a singularly apt man of business would assuredly expect interest on his deferred pay, and I should feel inclined to adopt only that part of the scheme which proposes to pay the man's family five dibs a month during his absence; he can be trusted to take care of his own pice with, of course, the aid of the maistre. Mr. Lotbinière writes of the "Indian" as "very intelligent and highly civilised": he is hardly the latter, perhaps, unless you take the Kaffir as your standard of measurement, but certainly intelligent and a man of affairs. After some sad years of dealings with the Malabar Coast coolie, I am prepared to support the assertion that what he doesn't know is not worthy learning.

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I omitted last week to refer to the dismissal from St. Petersburg of the *Times* correspondent. The gentleman was requested to leave forthwith, but the intervention of the Ambassador secured him three days' grace at the end of which he was politely but firmly escorted out of the Tsar's dominions. Evidently the Russian authorities read the *Times* with critical attention and disapprove of comment upon their policy in Finland and their absence of policy in connection with the Kishnieff affairs. It must be admitted that the Thunderer's attitude towards the Russian Government in these matters has not been sympathetic, it had been passing strange were it otherwise; but for such time as Russia claims to be regarded as a Western Power, for such time must she expect to be considered through Western spectacles, though of course to have a reporter sitting ever on his doorstep making hostile comment on his domestic proceedings would be intolerable to a man not necessarily hypersensitive.

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The agitation against motors grows apace: the race that was stopped at Bordeaux has given it a stimulus. One good suggestion is that some of the old canals which formed so important a feature of the English transport and travelling system in former days should be laid dry and made over to motorists for their own special delectation. Many of the old canals are practically disused and connect large towns by the shortest routes. Travellers on the bottom wouldn't get much in the shape of view therefrom, but they might mote at any pace they pleased. Sir Ralph Payne Gallwey, inspired perhaps by his late study of the mediæval cross bow, suggests legalising the use of the shot gun and cartridges of No. 8. He points out that the shot marks would furnish sure means of identification. So they would: and the language of the peppered motorist would help. But suppose you kill your motorist? How is the car to be stopped in that event? I should be the last to beg even a short close season for scorching motorists, but the picture of cars flying uncontrolled about the roads at 60 miles an hour with nothing but the dead game on board fills me with dismay. Try again Sir Ralph: what about a Maxim used low on the works?

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The Stock Exchange Walk to Brighton has started a "boom" in pedestrianism. I should have thought that the girls in London tea-shops had enough walking exercise in the daily pursuit of their vocation, but evidently it only serves to remind some of them that they must be in good training: wherefore 160 waitresses wearing white aprons assembled at the Royal Exchange at 7-30 A.M. on Whit Monday morning to walk a race to Marble Arch, *viâ* Queen Victoria Street, the Embankment, Grosvenor Place, and Park Lane. Four miles. Annie Grainger took the lead near Cleopatra's needle and going well within herself won. Victoria Bateman 2nd; Emma Stephens 3rd.

Won by thirty yards; six teaspoons between second and third.

Betting: Starting prices not reported.

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The Hippodrome Whitsuntide programme includes a variation of "Looping the Loop" which it calls "Hooping the Hoop", an up-to-date performance, inasmuch as it is accomplished in a motor car which depends not on its engines, but its weight for the velocity necessary to carry it round an iron hoop 20 feet in diameter. A courageous young woman, Miss Mina Alix, sits in the car; her journey occupies about three seconds, but I imagine the sensations of a lifetime are crowded into them. The "Hoop" differs from the "Loop" in being a complete circle; the car enters it by a trap door which is instantly closed automatically and leaves by another which opens by a similar device. Having seen the performance once, one mentally enquires what would happen if the first trap failed to shut or the exit trap to open. Miss Alix, however, appeared to have perfect confidence in the machinery. Her engaging smile must have been the most difficult part of her daring performance.

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The Gordian Knot got itself untied after a week's run (it was only put on for six nights I believe), and on Saturday *Trilby* was produced at His Majesty's. Mr. Tree in his old part of Svengali and Miss Dorothea Baird as Trilby received a regular ovation. They deserved it. Svengali is the part which Mr. Tree has made peculiarly his own; he has got Du Maurier's unattractive creation to the life and Svengali at His Majesty's steps out of the novel on to the stage. Eight years has done a great deal for Miss Baird as an actress; she made her name as Trilby, and good as her reading of the part was her acting now has wonderfully improved. She and Mr. Tree carry the weight of the play and do it easily. The Laird (Mr. Lionel Brough), Taffy (Mr. Edmund Maurice) and Little Billee (Mr. Norman Tharp), are worthy of their leaders.

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Trilby was more than cordially received, but the gods in the gallery made a dead set at an actor who took perhaps an indiscreetly prominent part in the Criterion row of a few months ago. The moment he came on they began yelping. Those of the audience who are not in the confidence of the gallery first-nighter clique could not make head or tail of it; but the natural instincts of the better part of the house prompted them to single out the said actor, whose name I withhold of intention, for special applause.

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The play is only on for a week. On Monday night Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate, gets a show for his *Flodden Field* at which the King has promised to be present, Guy's Hospital benefiting. Alfred is thus sure of an audience for one night at all events. A dramatised version of Kipling's *The Man Who Was* is to follow *Flodden Field*.

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Just Like Callaghan at the Criterion is an adaptation from the French by Cosmo Gordon Lennox and its theme is as old as matrimony. Manderberry (Mr. Fred Kerr) has a taste for mild dissipation and to shield Mrs. M. (Miss Annie Hughes) from pain invents for the pack horse of his misdeeds one Callaghan, who is his very double and is always being mistaken for him. Manderberry works the deception with boldness and skill, writing anonymous letters to Mrs. M. to tell her that he (Manderberry) was dining at the Carlton Hotel or lunching somewhere else with ladies of light character on such a night or day, which reports are obviously untrue because Manderberry dined at home or lunched at home with Mrs. Manderberry on those particular occasions. Mrs. M. therefore has no suspicion and no complaint except that her spotless mate should have such a dissipated double. The fun begins to get fast when Manderberry determines to present himself at his own house in the character of Callaghan to convince his suspicious visitor Mrs. Hare (Miss Fanny Brough). Nemesis overtakes him in the shape of an attack of cramp, but he contrives to smuggle himself as Callaghan out of the house and return in his own proper person. Complications are supplied by Dr. Hare (Mr. O. B. Clarence) and Major Harroway (Mr. F. Volpe), but into these space forbids me to go; it needs no great experience of the theatre to recognise the possibilities of complication in such a device. One has, like the Marchioness, to "make believe very much," as credibility is rather overtaxed; but the piece went well after the first act which dragged a bit and wants brightening up more than a little. Miss Fanny Brough, as the suspicious and prying Mrs. Hare, took the honours.

ONLOOKER.

Shikar.

JOTTINGS FROM JUNGLYPORE

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IN my last I said we would discuss the subject of rifles for use on Indian game. A good deal has been written and said of late concerning cordite rifles, the older big-bores, the newer small-bores and it must be confessed, *bores* of many descriptions! But here goes again!

What we think, here at Junglypore, is that too many men make the mistake of endeavouring to obtain a perfect "all-round" weapon. This apparently is not yet to be had.

Let us re-consider this question of modern weapons. Up to about ten years' ago sportsmen used either the large bore rifle (or ball gun) or the express rifle—both with black powder. About this period it was discovered that the new military small bore rifles possessed wonderful powers with a suitable bullet, and these rifles so deservedly "caught on" with many sportsmen that they emerged triumphantly from all kinds of troubles occasioned by faulty, smokeless "powders" and unsuitable bullets. As was natural, however, these rifles were soon tried beyond their powers, and out of their own particular sphere in some cases they exceeded their admirers' most sanguine hopes—in a good many others they led to very dire accidents, on account of their general lack of knocking-down power. This led to the evolution of the medium-bore cordite rifle, which began to attract the notice of sportsmen about the year 1898. These medium-bore high velocity cordite rifles sprang rapidly into favour, in spite of the failure of those manufactured by certain incautious firms. They are practically magnified ·303's, ·275's, or ·256's. Their effect on game is so wonderful *in most instances*, and so peculiarly so when they are used against really heavy game, that sportsmen generally have been rather led away in consequence into imagining that here at last is the perfect all-round weapon. Further, they have been deceived into placing an extraordinary amount of confidence in these weapons, with which they have faced dangers that they would have avoided in the days of the black powder express. The inevitable result—as in the previous case of the new small-bores—is that a reaction has set in.

It is not difficult to follow the reasons for the few accidents that of late appear to have shaken the faith of men in the medium-bore cordite rifles. These weapons enable one to kill at greater sporting ranges than do the big-bores, and also perhaps the expresses. As a rule, therefore, dangerous game succumbs before it can come to close quarters, and over-confidence is thereby fostered. An animal which has not previously noticed the rifleman is not guided to him by the smoke. In some cases the bullets for use in these new rifles are designed only to give their best results on ponderous game, and, naturally, may and do fail when used against tigers, lions, or panthers, whose bodies offer far less resistance.

Great capital against the ·450 cordite rifle was made out of the lately reported lion shooting accident in East Africa, but most of it was irrational; people seem to expect to obtain perfect results from weapons whose peculiarities they have not troubled to study.

Now to look at the question from the other point of view. We in Junglypore have had, for the last six years, very exceptional opportunities of forming an opinion on the merits of various classes of sporting arms. Among our number are devotees of both old and new systems, and we have had between us practically every kind of sporting weapon that exists. Here is a list to convince the sceptic:—

8-bore rifle, 10-bore and 12-bore "Paradox," 12-bore rifle, ·577 magnum (Sam Baker pattern) rifle, ·500 magnum rifle (440 grain bullet.) ·500 express, ·450 cordite (Rigby's) rifle, ·400 cordite (Jeffery's) rifle, ·303, Mauser 275, and Mannlicher ·256.

Junglypore, moreover, possesses almost unique opportunities for shikar, both great and small; while some of us invariably sally forth further afield each hot weather. Among several men of differing views, different ideas naturally prevail, and even when these are sifted it is difficult to particularise. One point on which there is a consensus of opinion is that no satisfactory truly all-round rifle yet exists. After that, a choice of weapons rests largely with the sportsman himself. Allowing that a smokeless propellant is in all ways superior to black powder, the rest is a question of a man's build and physique. *If he can handle*

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it, the bigger the bore the better for close jungle work. For ponderous game the medium-bore cordite rifle comes in first favourite. For dangerous soft-skinned game, at close ranges, the ball and shot gun of the Paradox type, not smaller than 12-bore. For long range shooting, at hill or plain non-dangerous game, the ·303, as giving rather better killing power than the smaller bores. In these three we have succeeded in reducing to the minimum a long list of favourite weapons.

In our opinion, except for use on ponderous game with the proper bullet, the high velocity rifle appears to have too high a velocity for sporting purposes. Throughout a large experience it has been noted that, although actually conveying far less *damage* to the animal struck, the slower travelling ordinary express bullet and, in still greater degree, the Paradox bullet, *knocks down* an animal, whereas the cordite rifle appears rather to numb its victim with the extraordinary velocity of its projectile, which appears to lose knocking-down power in an impact which is so sudden and penetrative.

There seems to be less chance of an animal eventually getting away when hit by a high velocity rifle, but the slower travelling bullet rolls a beast over, at least temporarily, and enables one to put in more shooting before it can regain its legs. Dynamics are beyond the scope of this weekly scribble, but appear to bear out our argument. It is the knock-down push or blow that is so useful in that short second of time when a man may be reached by a brute thirsting for his blood; and that this is best conveyed by a handy ball and shot gun seems incontestable. What we *do* require now is a reliable *smokeless* powder for use behind the Paradox ball, for the smoke produced by black powder is awful, especially in a damp atmosphere.

Them's our Junglypore sentiments, with the reservation that—"werry little's ce.tain, 'speshully in 'untin'," where, on occasions, all one's practical experience is set at nought by some circumstance of chance.

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To be personal, I have come up into the hills behind Junglypore for a time and have already had a somewhat stirring encounter with a tigress. Of her more in my next.

"Drak."

A VILLAGE TIGER.

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We have all got our little hidden beliefs, which though even to ourselves we pretend to scoff at, yet in reality have more than a half faith in. It is of one of these that I am about to tell you.

Napoleon the First is said to have had so great a dislike to a white rabbit that the sight of one turned him sick. I fancy though the thought of the Iron Duke made him a good deal more so. I know a man now in Calcutta who not only cannot stay in the same room as a cat, but can always tell you when one is near him, though he has neither seen, or heard it or smelled it. In like manner as it has happened so many times to me I have come to a half, a more than half belief, that the direct result of my shooting a snipe while after tiger or panther, is, that either I or some one with me will be mauled that day. Mind the conditions are that I, having received news of one of these felines, start out to shoot him; that on my way I unpremeditatedly and quite accidentally put up a snipe and bowl it over. I will now tell you of the first time it happened. I do not care to give the real name of my companion as he is still alive, nor the date and place, but it's all quite true nevertheless.

For about ten days I had been written to by a small zemindar to come and shoot a tiger that had for some time been a scourge to his ryots by killing their cattle. I was at the time full up with work and it was most inconvenient to leave it, yet I sent round the news to all the Europeans of the little mofusil station. None, however, cared to come, when it was proposed to go out on foot. The zemindar at last got a nuisance, and one day when Smith (that's as good a name as any other for him) happened to be in my office, I wrote to say I would go, provided he had the brute fairly well located, and would provide beaters. Smith, who was told all this, asked to be allowed to come with me. Never in his life, as I heard afterwards, having shot any thing but a few crows and kites. I did not I say know that then and thought the man an expert shikari since he could always talk sport *ad lib*. His rooms being choked up with books on sport, large game and wild fowling, trophies too adorned his place, skins and horns.

Two o'clock in the afternoon saw us at the village and we found the zemindar in a most gorgeous palki. He pointed to a straggling patch of jungle and then to one or two others, casually remarking that the tiger might be there. "But," I asked, "where is he now, you have surely had him marked down?"

"Oh, it is somewhere about" replied the oleaginous baboo, "you finding him looking round." Well a three-mile walk is apt to be heating to the blood, specially if topped up with a disappointment.

"Where are the beaters you promised? Do you mean to tell me that you have not even troubled to mark him down?"

"Honourable Sir you can do anything you please, but how can poor mans be told to enter jungles with biting tigers."

Whereupon, beginning six generations back I gave him a faithful and true history of the characters of all his female relations concluding with the remark that no self-respecting toad would own him for a first cousin and that even his own mother could hardly say if he was a bat or a lizard.

Just then one of the villagers said that he could take us to a kill about four days old, and as there was nothing else to be done, off we started, a few men volunteering to come too. We went through some knee high grass jungle and poked about a bit: it was a silly thing to do, because in grass, even only so high, it was quite possible for a tiger to hide till you tumbled over him. Our two dogs, however, roamed freely, so it was clear that there was no tiger about. Soon we came upon the remains of the old kill, a few dried up broken bones, the men wanted us to push our way through thick scrub jungle and cane brake but I refused to do that. It is inconvenient interviewing tigers on your hands and knees; they do not like it and are apt to resent any such rudeness.

Coming away I spied in the distance a likely looking bit of marsh for snipe. I had all along had my doubts as to our finding a tiger, but thought we might get a chance at a snipe or two, and in consequence we had both brought some snipe cartridges with us. Accordingly we gave up all hopes of getting stripes and went for the long bills. Smith's dog put up the birds in twos and threes, out far out of range. He neither obeyed call or whistle but romped about like a clown in a circus. Smith's shooting too was a revelation. I do believe he fired his gun off in every conceivable position except between his legs. He fired at snipe half a mile off and then audibly "think he'd touched it up that time." After a couple of charges of shot had spattered up the mud almost in my face I thought it time to be going, so I voted a return homeward. On our way back we met the zemindar's *gomasta*, or rent collector. He said he had got together some beaters and there were fresh pug marks into a narrow strip of high land, so perhaps the tiger was there; would we come and help the poor villagers to get rid of this cattle-devouring brute? Going to the place I had a look round. A narrow strip of jungle in length from east to west, four hundred yards or so; a broad drain full of water cut right through it from north to south. Here I thought, was a grand place for the guns. I placed Smith at the north end, I stopped at the south. To get at us stripes would have to cross this ditch and the water would check his rush somewhat, while if he passed between us we would each get a lovely shot as he crossed. The beat began. The men were to beat up from east to west. Not many men were needed as the place was only about a hundred yards broad. After a little the shouts died away, and it seemed as though they had stopped. After waiting some time, and thinking the men had at the last moment funked the beat, I told my man to throw a clod of earth into a tuft of grass across the drain, where a couple of snipe had just pitched. Substituting No. 8 cartridges for the ball ones I had in my gun I made a neat right and left as they soared.

Just as I had bowled over my birds a man came running up to say that the tiger was in a cane brake and would not stir. Quickly reloading with ball I ran down the southern edge of the jungle for about half way to the beaters, then I turned into it getting on to higher ground as I did so. A chorus of shouts told me something was up and I saw a tiger burst through a bush, and make for the ridge I was on. I got off that high ground pretty slippy and back into the open. The direction the animal was taking would bring it past me about fifteen yards to my left. I did not think it would go for me if I stood still and I hoped to get a shot broad side on as it passed. The brute had seen me, however, and with a series of coughing grunts it came for me. It was a beautiful sight. The glaring eyes, the red gaping mouth furnished with ivory white teeth which showed up quite distinctly against their red background, the lovely silver ruff standing out and forming a fitting frame to the whole. I could not help thinking what a magnificent sight it was. I at the same time was inwardly cursing my stupidity for being there at all, not to put too fine a point on it I was in a blue funk. As he altered his direction and swerved for me just at the top of the rise I fired. There was a half rear, then down went his head, the body pitched forward against a sapling which smashed beneath the weight, and turning a complete somersault fell with its tail actually sweeping against my ankles. Well I like my boots brushed as a rule, but there are exceptions and I objected to them being done like that so backed out to a respectable distance. As the animal lay still a crowd of natives, who had seen the whole affair from about five hundred yards off, came running up, probably with a view to the theft of the whiskers. I turned towards them to caution them not to go close as we did not know if it was dead. Just then as I spoke I caught a movement out of the corner of my eyes. There was a convulsive shiver, a heave, and Master Stripes was into the jungle like a flash. I was just at the time taking out the empty cartridge case from my gun and had barely time to snap the breach to and take a hurried shot at him which as we afterwards learned only touched him up on its flank. Smith hearing the firing came round and I told him what had happend and I asked him if he was game to follow up the wounded beast shoulder to shoulder with me. He expressed his willingness so taking two other men to help in tracking, we mounted the higher ground and soon picked out blood tracks. These led us through some rather open tall weeds into scrub jungle, and at last struck a cattle path, following along which, we brought up in front of a large cane brake through which there was a sort of tunnel which ended in a grass patch beyond. We could only get to this grass by crawling on our hands and knees for about three or four yards, but this I would not do. We were getting close to the other side of the jungle and I was certain that a wounded animal would not pass through it to the open cultivation beyond and as the scrub was very thick at the other end of the grass patch I told Smith I felt sure that the tiger was in it and would charge the first to enter the grass.

It was imperative then that we entered it prepared for instant action. We then sent the men back for *daos* to cut away a few branches so as to enable us to walk through erect into the grass. While the men where cutting the jungle from the track I stood over them directing them and keeping my weather eye open as sailors say for any action on the part of Master Stripes and I believed that all this time Smith was just behind us. It appears though that hoping and expecting to come across him more or less *hors de combat* Smith had left me; he had gone back a little, worked round the clump of bushes to our left; there he came across a clear opening into the grasspatch but not daring to enter it himself, yet wanting to stea a march on me he sent his servant on ahead to pry round.

As the last obstruction in front of me was cleared away I looked round for Smith and not seeing him was just about to ask where he had gone when I heard those grunting roars that a tiger gives when charging, and looking forward saw Stripes charging out of the bushes beyond into the grass patch. Smith's servant was in the middle of it and Smith a few yards behind him. The man was running back to his master, then very luckily for himself turned at right angles and dived into a bush. Smith blazed one barrel straight into the air, dropped his gun and turned and ran like a hare. I have heard it said that a charging tiger never turns, but goes straight. I know this one took every turn and twist, Smith did, coursed him like a greyhound, jumping up through the long grass to see its way as one has so often seen dogs do in a hay field.

I was not quite sure at first whether the animal might not swerve on to me and I determined to reserve fire for very close quarters; but as I saw both Smith and Stripes pass by the bush on my left, I ran after them. All I could think of was, I could never show up in the station again unless I got Smith back too and then the rather selfish thought ran through my brain, "Better get at Stripes while his attention is taken up with Smith. "Once Smith is done for," thought I, "the brute will then do for me." I was after them while so thinking and getting a clear shot fired just as Stripes grabbed Smith. They fell together, tiger on top I nearly fell over them in my haste. I spoilt that skin for putting the muzzles of my barrels to the brute's head I fired from my hip and blew it to Jericho so to speak. Smith staggered up his shoulder, an awful sight. I got some whisky into him I always take whisky out when going shooting, one never knows how useful it may be. To show you a Bengalee's idea of gratitude I may remark that there was some little delay in getting water and whisky for Smith which prevented us going for his gun and when we did go (it was on our way back and not twenty or thirty yards off) we could not find it. It had been stolen by the very men whose cattle we had come to save and for whose sakes we had risked our lives. We never got it back. Let any Government official who may read this ponder. This is the race we are placing in positions of trust and responsibility. These are the men whose words in a court of law are considered the equal of or even more to be relied on than an Englishman's.

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AFTER CAVE TIGERS IN CHINA.

Although tigers are found in both North and South China in suitable country, under similar conditions to those obtaining in India, there is a certain stretch of coast along the south-eastern littoral which they frequent, albeit the nature of their surroundings are such as to give one the impression of being a most unlikely district for them to harbour in.

In the neighbourhood of Amoy and along the south east coast generally there is but little cover for large game of any description, and with the exception of a small species of deer—known locally as the hog-deer, but not resembling the Indian deer of that name—it is doubtful if any other of the larger beasts, beyond tigers, are found, to some considerable distance inland.

Tigers, however, exist in some numbers along this coast and their strongholds, from which they issue usually only at night, are the numerous caves and fissures in the rocks which are found along the shore and more especialy along the banks of the rivers that enter the sea at several points.

About a year ago an opportunity offered of visiting Amoy, which is noted as being one of the best places for finding these tigers, for although caves exist in plenty all

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along the sea-board, certain spots seem to be more favoured by the animals, and certain caves are generally a safe find year after year, being usually re-occupied by another beast if the original owner is destroyed.

The banks of the river that enters the sea near Amoy is one of the most favourite locations. Here caves of all sizes abound in the rocky cliffs, but those which the tigers as a rule frequent are not the larger ones, as one would suppose, but, on the contrary, it is more customary to find them in the smaller fissures which are only just big enough to allow of ingress

This being so it requires some little nerve and a considerable amount of keenness in the sportsman to induce him to endeavour to cope with such a dangerous brute under conditions of difficulty, for although attempts have been made to force the tigers to bolt from these caves by smoking them out and by other means, they have never been successful, and therefore there is no other course to be followed if the trophy of a cave tiger's skin is to be won.

Had the above been fully known to me before I was committed to the attempt I doubt if I should have chosen to risk such a dangerous form of sport; for at the time I had never shot a tiger even under more favourable conditions although I had some experience of other dangerous game.

However, some months back I was in the neighbourhood of Amoy and thought I would look up a friend of mine who is employed in the Chinese Customs Service. He was delighted to meet me again after a considerable period of separation, and insisted on keeping me to stay with him for some days. He was, I knew, a keen sportsman, and soon we were discussing some fast trips that we had made together and comparing notes as to sport in general since we last met He told me that he had shot several tigers in his present district, and I saw and admired some of the skins of the same that he exhibited.

I proposed that if he could spare the time he should come out and show me some sport, as I was keen to have a chance at a tiger, and he said he would arrange matters for me, but did not think he would be able to accompany me, as he was particularly busy just at this time. He explained to me that the tigers hereabouts were found in the caves for there was practically little or no jungle to hold them.

The following day he informed me that he had secured the services of a man to accompany me and track up the tigers, who had been out with him previously and whom he had found reliable so it was arranged that on the next day but one I should start for the most likely place, which was some miles off.

My friend duly furnished me with a rifle of his own for I had brought none with me, not anticipating sport in the vicinity. On the morning appointed I started by boat up the river with the tracker, and after an hour or two reached the spot where we were to land. The tracker set off at once, I following him, and moved along the river's banks for some distance. The banks were high and rocky and honeycombed with many caves and openings. Several of these my guide examined but found no tracks for some time. At length on arriving at a rather larger fissure, he pointed out to me some tracks that he declared were those of a tiger. He was not, however, satisfied that they were fresh, but nevertheless he lit a torch and entered the cave. I now to some extent realised the method of procedure of following up this sort of sport and I am bound to say I did not like it. However being committed to the enterprise, and calling to mind that my friend had succeeded in killing several tigers in this way, I reassured myself, and without demur at the guid's sign al, stepped in front of him, having previously seen that my rifle was properly loaded The cave widened inside, and its floor was composed of smooth white sand, wherein the pugs were now clearly visible. The whole extent of the cave was not large however, and soon we had explored it without seeing any further sign of a tiger, so that he must have left it again. My guide, on our emerging again into the open air, extinguished his torch and informed me that this was not the regular haunt of a tiger, but that occasionally they used it, but that now we had better proceed without further delay to another spot where he confidently expected to find one at home.

We consequently set off, and not troubling to examine several caves we passed, finally reached a very small opening. So low was it that I doubted if an animal of the size of a tiger could pass through it and said so, but the guide assured me it was a favourite stronghold and in corroboration pointed out to me several tracks leading to and from the cave, some of which were plainly quite recent I must admit I did not greatly fancy the situation, for the man told me we would have to enter the cave on all fours—I in front and he behind me with the torch.

It was not altogether a pleasant prospect, nor was this mode of pursuing a dangerous beast, the one I would have chosen in calmer moments, but under the circumstances there was nothing for it but to proceed, unless I was to return and say that I was not prepared to accept the risk.

The man too seemed to see nothing out of the way in his proposal, that we, practically grovelling on our stomachs, should thus enter the den of a ferocious beast, to give him battle on his own ground.

So, making the best of it I proceeded to enter, and found the passage quite as difficult as I expected. The tracker came after me with the torch alight just behind my shoulder as I groped my way along my on hands and knees.

I could see fairly well for only two or three yards in my front, but beyond that there was inky blackness. More than once as we slowly proceeded I imagined I saw the tiger's shape in front of me and stopped, but my guide from behind motioned me on.

We must have penetrated some yards in this way, when we found the passage opening and soon saw that it led into a larger cave. I was just about to enter this congratulating myself that here at least it would no longer be necessary to crawl and that one could stand upright, when the tracker seized my arm from behind and then pointed ahead into the darkness. On looking in the direction indicated I could see nothing, but the guide raised the torch somewhat, and then I perceived, at only a few yards in front of me, two burning eyeballs, close apparently to the ground.

Now was the critical moment, and it must be a case of do or die, so slowly I raised my rifle, and with the light of the torch behind me on the sights, I aimed straight between the two points of fire. I pulled the trigger and was almost deafened with the concussion and report in the confined space, and at the same moment the guide jammed his torch into the sand and extinguished it leaving us in total darkness.

Before I knew what was happening, I felt the man seizing me from behind and dragging me backwards through the passage. Somehow or other we backed out in a few seconds and glad indeed was I to find myself again in the open air. I now asked the guide what was to be our next move, for I determined that nothing would induce me to enter that cave again, with a possibly only wounded tiger in it.

However the man was jubilant and declared I had killed the beast. I was by no means sure that I had hit him at all, but after relighting the torch the tracker said that he was now going in to see, and that there was no danger, and that I should stop outside until he returned.

After a wait that appeared interminable, the man came out again, now simply beaming with joy. He said the tiger was stone dead, shot through the brain. I was delighted to hear it, and that my foolhardy experience, as I considered it had fortunately been successful, but I registered a mental vow that never again would I similarly tempt Providence. This vow, however, I may say that later circumstances induced me to modify.

Our business now was to get the dead animal out of the cave, and for this it would be necessary to obtain assistance as we doubted our ability to manage it ourselves. Accordingly the tracker set out for the place we had left the boat in order to summon the two boatmen, while I sat down to congratulate myself on my success and to discuss some refreshment that I had with me, as well as a long drink of brandy and water from my flask, that I felt badly in need of.

The tracker returned in about an hour, bringing with him the two boatmen and a long rope which he proposed to make fast to the tiger's legs and thus drag him out. I was afraid the skin would be injured by this method, but there was no other way possible, so I had to agree; for the entrance of the cave was too low and narrow to let the men bring out the body otherwise. We might of course have removed the skin within the cave, but the tracker asured me the other was the better way, and that on the soft sand the tiger would come to no harm.

We accordingly entered, and there by the light of the torch, I first saw the dead beast, which must have died on the very spot it was crouching. without hardly a struggle.

We fixed the rope on to his two fore legs, and then carried him to the entrance, backing out ourselves and pulling the rope out with u. When we were all out once more, we dragged together on the rope, and with considerable difficulty at length got the beast safely out.

We then proceeded to skin him, but first of all I examined him. I found him to be a male tiger of not very large size, but in good condition. The skin was a good one and beautifully marked, and I was pleased indeed at obtaining such a trophy. It was afternoon before the skinning operation was finally concluded, and we set out once more for the boat and started off down stream.

On nearing our landing place, I saw my friend and another man approaching to meet us. They shouted out as soon as we were within call to ask what luck we had had. I replied I had got a tiger, and on reaching the bank exhibited my skin with no little elation. They both congratulated me heartily, but my friend said to me, "Now confess the truth, weren't you in a deuce of a funk, when you entered the cave." My tracker, who heard the question, before I could reply, declared I was a very brave man and was loud in his evidence to my extreme coolness throughout. However, letting him run on and earn the reward he hoped his flattery would insure him. I frankly admitted that had I known the method of hunting tigers pursued in these parts, nothing on earth would have induced me to undertake the venture. My friend laughed heartily and said he was sure of it and that it was the same with himself with his first tiger, but he assured me that amongst the many expeditions after these cave tigers, he had known or taken part in, there had never been a mischance. For the animals, whether missed or hit never charged but invariably retreated further into the cave, if not entirely disabled at the first shot. He said he believed there was absolutely no danger, for whether it was the sudden extinguishing of the light that confused the beast or what, the fact remained that no accident had ever occurred. He said, however, that few, even if assured of this, would care to take the risk, if the manner in which the shot must be taken was known to them beforehand.

This was the manner of my obtaining my first cave tiger and I may say it was not my last, in spite of my vow, but all things considered I think there is but little sport in this method of pursuing the beasts, and I would sooner see them given a better chance of escape, as when hunted in the ordinary way.

DAHMAH.

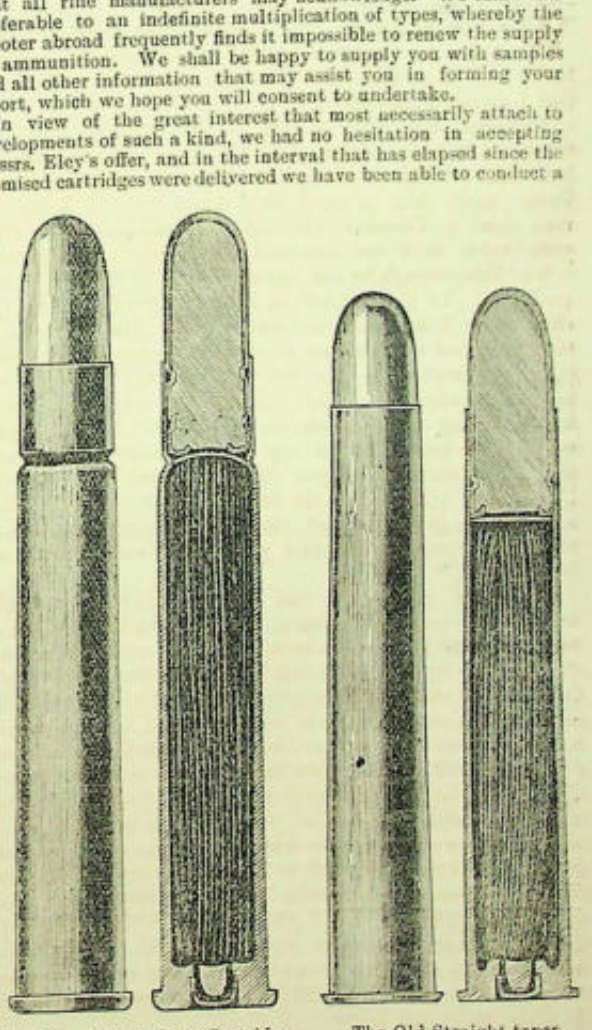
Shooting.

A NEW CORDITE RIFLE CARTRIDGE.

Messrs Eley Bros. recently submitted for our examination and report, writes *The Field*, a new Express rifle cartridge which they have designed during the past few months. We cannot do better than publish their own statement as to the reasons which have made a new cartridge desirable, notwithstanding the varied selection that is already available to meet the requirements of the big game shooter. Under date 5th March 1903, they wrote to us:

You will no doubt remember the controversy that arose in your columns on the subject of cordite rifles in India, the general effects of your expression of opinion being that the present standards of working by which nickel-covered bullets and cordite charges are loaded into solid brass cartridges of the old black powder express sizes gave higher pressures (especially in tropical climates) than is desired. So far as we are aware, this same opinion is held by most of the leading rifle makers, at any rate at the present moment by several of our more prominent customers. For this class of ammunition we are designing an entirely new cordite express cartridge, capable of giving the high ballistics that sportsmen seem to favour, and yet keeping the gas pressure down to a point that leaves an ample margin of safety. So important are the possible developments of this cartridge from the point of view of the rifle manufacturers, that we have decided to submit the same for your consideration and report, in the hope that by so doing the cartridge will have a chance of becoming a standard that all rifle manufacturers may acknowledge. We think this preferable to an indefinite multiplication of types, whereby the shooter abroad frequently finds it impossible to renew the supply of ammunition. We shall be happy to supply you with samples and all other information that may assist you in forming your report, which we hope you will consent to undertake.

In view of the great interest that most necessarily attach to developments of such a kind, we had no hesitation in accepting Messrs. Eley's offer, and in the interval that has elapsed since the promised cartridges were delivered we have been able to conduct a



The New No. 2 Nitro Cartridge ·450 bore. The Old Straight taper ·450 bore Cartridge.

series of very interesting trials. The rifle used for the experiments was a ·450 bore weapon, the chamber of which was reformed so as to take the new cartridge. It is highly probable that when a specially constructed rifle is available—the one we used having a somewhat short barrel—the velocity results will be subject to still further improvements. Meanwhile, with the data already obtained it has been clearly demonstrated that the claims put forward on behalf of the new cartridge have been fully substantiated.

Turning to the cartidge itself, it may be explained that it has been adapted to fire the standard 480gr. nickel-coated bullet of ·450 bore. The general construction of the cartridge case is based on that of the ·450 straight taper cartridge. The case of the latter is 3¼in. long, and it has a length, when the bullet is properly seated, of about 3·9in. The internal capacity of the

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space available for the cordite charge is such that 100grs. weight of water can be inserted therein the test being made by cutting the nose end of the cartridge off at a point corresponding with the position of the jute wad at the base of the bullet. The weight of water necessary to fill the case is then easily measured, the cubic capacity of the powder chamber being thus established. Other things being equal, the maximum gas pressure that is attained in the process of firing is proportionate to the density of loading of the explosive—that is, the number of grains of cordite that are loaded into the case in relation to the weight of water that will fill the same space. With a capacity of 100·3grs. for the ·450 straight taper cartridge, and the standard powder charge of 70grs. of cordite, this proportion obviously works out at ·698, which is the percentage that the weight of powder bears to the weight of water filled in as above. Our own experiments with this cartridge show that with a mean chamber pressure of 17·56 tons per square inch the mean muzzle velocity is 2,131ft. per second.

The new cartridge, whose designation is "·450 No. 2 nitro," displays a markedly different construction. In the accompanying drawings the new and the old cartridges are illustrated side by side. In the first place, the new case has an extra length of ¼in., additional powder space being further provided for by a reduced entry of the bullet and by a slight increase of diameter. The amount of water that can be filled into the new case is as nearly as possible 140grs.; but as it needs more explosive to get the same result on the bullet with an increased size of chamber, the charge for the new cartridge has been fixed at 80grs. of cordite, this representing a loading density of 56, which is to say that the weight of cordite is 56 per cent. of the weight of water that can be got into the same space.

Turning to actual results, the following series of muzzle velocities were obtained, the firing being conducted over the standard distance of 60 yards, the usual formula for converting observed into muzzle velocities being employed: (1) 2163, (2) 2150, (3) 2173, (4) 2163, (5) 2167, (6) 2171, (7) 2173, (8) 2153, (9) 2180, (10) 2162. Average 2160ft. per second, with a highest of 2180 and a lowest of 2150 the mean deviation being 8·9. Bearing in mind the experimental nature of the rifle employed, these results may be considered highly satisfactory, the regularity of action being most marked.

Fifteen shots were next fired for pressure, the velocities being recorded for each shot. It will be seen that they were not quite so high as was experienced when the velocity tests were separately conducted.

Number of Round.	Cartridges at 60° F.		Cartridges at 100° F.		Cartridges at 140° F.	
	Pressure in tons per sq. in.	Muzzle velocity in feet per sec.	Pressure in tons per sq. in.	Muzzle velocity in feet per sec.	Pressure in tons per sq. in.	Muzzle velocity in feet per sec.
(1)	12·87	2078	13·61	2150	15·98	2189
(2)	13·13	2086	14·12	2167	16·43	2263
(3)	12·87	2057	15·30	2195	15·75	2266
(4)	12·87	2089	14·36	2160	15·53	2227
(5)	12·67	2076	13·88	2170	15·98	(lost)
Average	12·87	2077	14·25	2168	15·93	2236

As these cartridges have been put forward as capable of producing the high ballistics demanded by the sportsman, without attaining a level of pressure that is in most quarters regarded as objectionable, we thought it desirable to fire a series of comparative rounds with cartridges at different temperatures. Shooting at ordinary temperatures, the pressures registered gave an average of 12·87 tons per square inch chamber pressure Instead of reaching such high pressures as 20 tons when the cartridges were shot at a temperature of 140 Fahr., the standard reached was 1,593 tons, which is well under the service pressure of several of the ordinary express cartridges which have become popular on account of their high ballistics.

Altogether there seems to be good reason for believing that the problem of harmonising high ballistics and low pressures has been solved by the production of a special nitro cartridge having an extremely low density of loading. The sizes of case that were appropriate for the old black powder cartridges required to be heavily charged with explosive in order to produce the flatness of trajectory that became so popular through the extended use of military types of sporting weapons. Since special rifles must be used for such cartridges, the only argument that can be advanced in favour of adhering to the old black powder sizes is that sportsmen can fall back on the black ammunition should they be unable to replenish their stock of smokeless. Now that cordite has become well nigh universal, it seems reasonable to suppose that a special nitro cartridge that is widely recognised should be obtainable wherever such goods are stocked. If, therefore, gunmakers are prepared to recognise this cartridge in the manner that is outlined in Messrs. Eley's letter, it is likely that the use of special ammunition giving a more reasonable range of pressure than has hitherto ruled, will make considerable headway. This notice may be concluded by giving the leading dimensions of the cartridge, which are: Diameter of rim, ·660in.; size under head, ·565in.; depth of rim, ·080in.; size at shoulder (2·85in. from the base), ·550in.; size at nose ·482in.; length of case, 3·5in.; length of complete cartridge, 4·27in. It should be mentioned that the object of using a capped wad is to insure a perfect fit in the barrel, so making an efficient gas check. Unfortunately it is shown in the drawing with the round side upwards instead of downwards, as it should have been. Finally attention should be drawn to the reduced neck of the case which prevents the bullet from passing too far into the case, and thus avoid a fault that leads to great increases of pressure.

Even at a time when heavy betting was common, the Marquis of Hastings attracted a great deal of attention by his reckless plunging on anything that looked good. Towards the back-end of 1867, the noble owner found his banking account very considerably depleted, and decided that a dash, similar to one successfully landed on Athena in the spring, when the commissioners' orders were to bet as long as the Ring would lay, was necessary.

Naiveté had been very highly tried, and when she was slipped at one of the Newmarket Autumn Meetings an unlimited amount of money was forthcoming to back her. The good thing, however, failed to run up to the trial form, and was beaten by a filly named St. Angela. When setting day came it was found that the marquis had lost nearly fifteen thousand pounds on this race, and the most galling part was when they next met Naiveté gave her former conqueror an easy beating, subsequent form also showing that St. Angela—though afterwards to become famous as the dam of St. Simon—had no pretentions to good class.

On the day following this unexpected defeat, his lordship had his famous plunge on Blinkhoolie for the Cesarewitch, which was, however, won by Julius, who gave Blinkhoolie 14lbs. and an easy beating. At Ascot, the following season, the pair met at even weights, and on this occasion Blinkhoolie won by six lengths, a fact that was not comforting to those who had lost their money over the Newmarket race.

In the hope of getting his own back, the marquis backed Lady Elizabeth for the Middle Park Plate heavily enough to recover his former losses; but again he was disappointed, and the match for £1,000 aside between Lady Elizabeth and Julius, at a difference of 9lbs. for the year, was the *dernier ressort*. After a desperate struggle the filly got home a head, and the greater part of that terrible week's losses was recovered. It was, however, a terribly near squeak, and should assuredly have taught the ill-fated marquis as lesson a regards the evils of "plunging."

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THE KASHMIR SNOW PIGEON.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The following is a short description of the Snow Pigeon:—

Head dark dove colour, almost a slate blue, eyes orange; neck, breast and under parts white; shoulders light brown; large white patch on back; root and end of tail dull black, centre barred with white; legs red. The dark head is particularly noticeable, when the bird is facing you, showing its snow white breast. The wings are dove colour mixed with black and brown. The average weight of four birds was ten and a half ounces. My scales were not sufficiently finely graduated to weigh the birds separately.

I give the above description as these birds seem to differ considerably in marking from two I shot in 1901, near Sirkanda Peak, some twenty-five miles from Mussoorie. Unfortunately I have neither my notes on those birds, nor any work of reference just now at hand to refer to. Perhaps you Mr. Editor will append an enlightening note.

FLEUR-DE-LYS.

[The Pigeon is the white-bellied Pigeon (*Columba leuconota*) It is known to Himalayan travellers as the "snow pigeon" Scully gives the weight as 10oz. so the birds must have been good sized ones Were Fleur-de-lys to enlighten us as to this pigeon's call and nidification, it would be most interesting, as nothing appears known about them, except that Lieutenant Cordeaux says he found them breeding amongst crags in the Ai Nullah, Kashmir, in August.—ED.]

LATE STAY OF THE SHELDRAKE IN TIRHOOT AND ALBINISM IN THE COMMON HERON.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—A fine male sheldrake was brought me by a *mir-shikari* on the 11th of May. It was caught on a large chur in this district. This is very late for this species as most have left India before the middle of April.

I also got on the same date a peculiar form of albinism in *A. Cinerea*. I append a description of the bird. Head, neck, and lower plumage white except crest which is brown, the longer feathers being very dark. There are also some buffy brown feathers on the forehead, the lower foreneck is streaked with buffy brown and dark brown. There is also an interrupted brown collar on the breast; sides of body, axillaries and underwing; coverts pale ashy brown; upper back brownish buff the bases of all the feathers and stips of some white; lower back ashy grey; primaries and secondaries pale buff with broad portion of inner webs tinged with brown, the three innermost primaries, their coverts being dark brown; tertiaries ashy brown; lesser wing coverts white, remaining coverts buffy white; tail buff, brownish at base with exception of the central feathers which have white instead of buff; colours of soft parts same as in ordinary specimens except in the legs which are dirty flesh colour.

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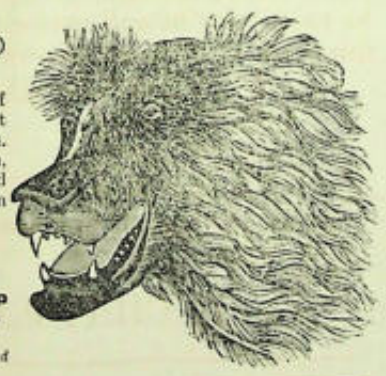

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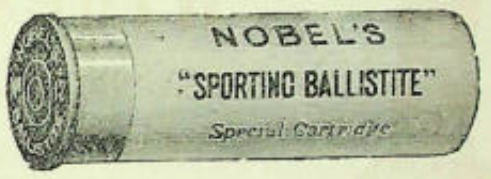

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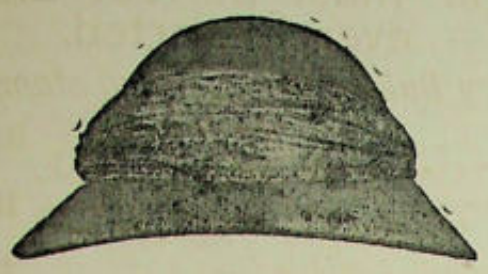

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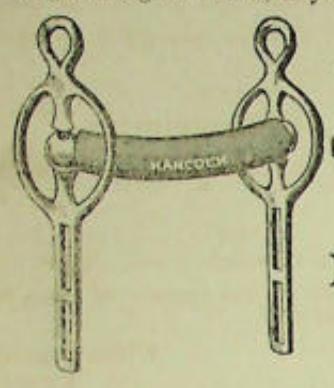

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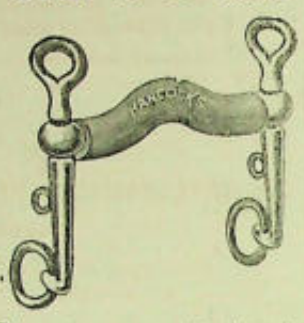

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9. The owner shall be responsible that every first, second-class and third-class carriage when plying, or when on hire, shall have a licensed driver as coachman.

10. Every driver, when giving up service or leaving Calcutta, shall deposit his license and ticket at the Registry Office, to be returned to him on application before resuming work.

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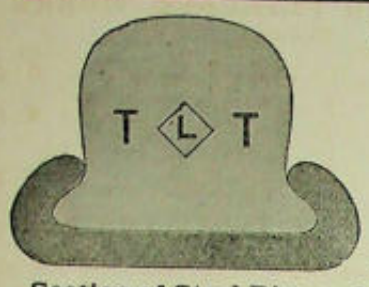

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Name of Races	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Simla Gymkhana ...	June	27	
Ditto ...	July	4	
Bangalore	„	14, 16 & 18	
Rangoon Sky	„	25	
Secunderabad	„	30 & Aug 1	
Poona 1st Extra	„	25	
„ 2nd „	Aug.	1	
„ 3rd „	„	7	
„ 4th „	„	8	
„ 5th „	„	15	
„ 6th „	„	22	
„ 7th „	„	26	
„ 8th „	„	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	Aug.	8	
Second do do	„	15	
Third do do	„	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	„	12	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sep.	23 26 28 30 Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Dehra Autumn Sky ...	Sep.	29 & Oct 1	
Simla Autumn ...	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	„	26	575
Meerut Autumn	„	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	„	24, 26 & 28	
Tezpore	Dec.	1 3 6	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
„ Second Extra ...	„	19	
„ First Meeting ...	„	24 26 29 & 31	
„ Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	„	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	„	30	
„ Fourth „ ...	Feb.	6	
Bombay	Feb.	10 13 15 17 & 20	
Dibrugarh ...	„	2 4 & 6	
Dacca	Jan.	7 9 12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	First ...	...	1st Sept.
	Second ...	...	15th Oct.
Calcutta First Extra ...		...	8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ...		...	15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First ...	...	1st Dec.
	Second ...	...	9th Jan.
	Third ...	...	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases 1st Day	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First ...	...	2nd Nov.
	Second ...	...	2nd Jan.
Poona	First —	...	4th Augst.
	Second ...	...	25th „
	Final ...	...	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup ...	Second ...	...	1st July.
	Third ...	...	16th Sept.
	Fourth ...	...	1st Dec.
	Final ...	...	20th Jan.
Bangalore	Third ...	...	1st July.
Lucknow Autumn ...	First —	...	15th Aug
	Second ...	...	1st Oct.
	Third ...	...	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky ...	First ...	...	10th Aug.
	Second ...	...	10th Sept.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Poona Open Tournament ...	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament ...	24th to 29th August.

CRICKET.

Bombay v Parsees (Bombay) ...	13th 14th & 15th Aug.
Bombay v Parsees (Poona) ...	21st 22nd & 23rd Sep.

THE HORSE.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.

SPORTS.

Ootacamund Skittle Gymkhanas	27th June.

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla ...	14th to 25th Sep.

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ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

July Stakes, Newmarket (5 fur 142 yds) ...	Tuesday, June 30
Eclipse Stakes (1¼ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2¾ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1¼ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1¾ miles) ...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)	Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sep. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)	Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1¾ miles)... ...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles) ...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1mile 1 furlong) ...	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs) ...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles) ...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Oxford *vs.* Cambridge (Lord's) ...	2nd July.
Amateur A. A. Meeting	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords)	6th July.
Henley Regatta	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's)	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval)	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's) ...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	4th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
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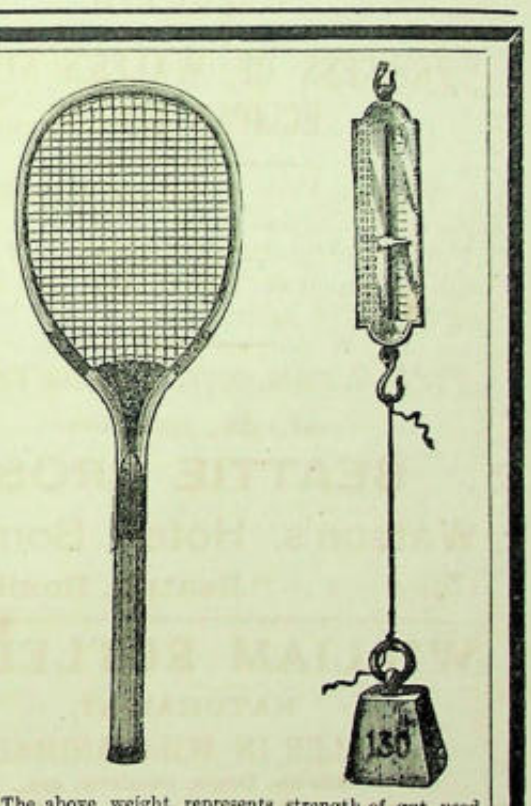

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First Day. Tuesday, 16th June 1903.

The first day of the meeting was a very successful one, the many guests of H. H. the Maharajah swelled the attendance and the going after the recent rains was all that could be desired. There were only three starters for the first race, Minimus, who was a hot favourite after getting an indifferent start, caught Beccles in the turn for the straight and won in a canter. For the Arab Plate, five faced the gate, Chungiz was backed at 3 to 1 on and with Harefoot made the running at a cracking pace, but at the bend for home they were all in a bunch, Chungiz having slightly the best of matters. Rubric came up now and staying out won by two lengths from Chungiz, who was a head in front of Sapphire. For the third race, the MacIntire, Plate, Trenton was favourite, but was unable to pull it off. Oberon led from the start with Gaylad well up. Trenton, who had got off badly, challenged at the bend, but could not come up and was beaten by Oberon by three lengths, Dr. Barnado being third.

In the Farm Stakes there were seven starters: Upstart at the beginning of the betting was favourite, but his place in the betting was eventually taken by Louis whilst Wisdom and Evensong also carried a certain amount of money. It was an excellent start from which Philistine led with the others in a bunch. Coming to the straight Louis, Wisdom and Upstart caught the leader and laced abreast, Louis winning by a head, the third a length behind. In the race for Arabs Sarjamal, Moon and Chester all carried a good deal of money. This was also a good start and there was not much to choose between them at the bend up which Sarjamal and Moon raced with Chester close up, Moon eventually winning by half a length. Details:—

THE MEDIUM STAKES.—Rs. 1,000; Rs. 500 presented by M. Kantharaj Urs, Esq., with Rs. 500 added from the Fund, of which the second horse will receive Rs 100. For ponies 14-2 and under. English and Australasians 14-2 to carry 9st 7lbs.; C.-B.'s 7st 7lbs.; Arabs 7st. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Lt-Col J. Desaraj Urs, b aus g Minimus, 10st 4lbs	Lansdown 1
Mr A Sattar's b aus m Beccles, 8st 8lbs ...	Omarkhan 2
Kumar Raja of Pittapore's b aus g Shield, 8st 8lbs	Gooloo 0

BETTING: 4 to 1 on Minimus, 10 to 1 agst Shield, 6 to 1 Beccles.

Won by one and a half lengths. Time—1min 20⅕secs.

THE ARAB PLATE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and third Rs. 200. For Arabs W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1901, of a race value Rs. 200 or more, once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, three times or oftener 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races, value as above of the agregate value of Rs. 2,000, 3lbs; of Rs. 5,000, 7lbs; in addition to above penalities. 1¼ miles.

Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch a h Rubric, 8st 3lbs (carr 8st 6lbs)	Lansdown 1
Mr Mustapha bin Talib's g a h Chungiz, 8st 3lbs	Heeroo 2
Mr R B S's ch a h Sapphire, 7st 9lbs	Noor Mahomed 3
Lt-Col A Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 8st 3lbs	Nelson 0
Mr W F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 8st 3lbs	Mir Jahan 0

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Chungiz, 6 to 1 each Rubric and Sapphire Harefoot and Baby Boy any price.

Won by a length; a head between second and third. Time—2mins. 23secs.

THE MACINTIRE PLATE.—Rs. 1,000, out of which second receives Rs. 100. For horses which were maidens on the 1st of January 1903. W. A. and C. Penalties—Winners since 1st January 1903, of a race value Rs. 200 or more, once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, three times or oftener 10lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr Spooner Hart's blk aus g Oberon, 9st ...	O'Neil 1
Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton, 9st	Omar Khan 2
Capt J Randall's ch roan eng g Dr Barnado, 8st 13lbs	Penton 3
Major Vans Agnew's blk aus g Gaylad, 8st 11lbs	Gooloo 0
Mr L Robinson's br aus g Star, 9st ...	McQuade 0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Trenton, 5 to 2 agst Oberon, 5 to 1 Dr. Barnado, 10 to 1 the other two.

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 1-19⅘secs.

THE FARM STAKES.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receive, Rs. 100. For C.-B. horses. W. A. reduced 4lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1901, of a race value Rs. 200 or more, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times or oftener 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,000, 3lbs.; of Rs. 5,000, 7lbs.; in addition to above penalties. 5 furlongs.

Mr J D Scott's b cb h Louis, 8st 4lbs ...	Lansdown 1
Mr Potter's b cb g Wisdom, 9st 3lbs ...	Penton 2
Mr W P Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 9st 13lbs	McQuade 3
H H Aga Khan's bru cb m Evensong, 9st 6lbs	Heroo 0
Col J-P Grant's ch cb g Philistine, 8st 4lbs	Gooloo 0
Col J-G Jones' b cb m St Clair, 7st 11lbs...	Omar Khan 0
Mr Liebenrood's br cb g Landwin, 7st 11lbs	O Neil 0

BETTING: Evens Louis, and Upstart, 3 to 1, Evensong, 5 to 1 Wisdom 7 to 1 St. Clair 10 to 1 Philistine, 20 to 1 Landwind.

Won by a head; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 7secs.

THE LILLIPUT PLATE.—Rs. 1,000; Rs. 500 presented by M. Lakshmi Kantharaj Urs, Esq., with Rs. 500 added from the Fund, of which the second pony will Rs. 100. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under 14 hands to carry 9st 10lbs. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 9st ...	Heeroo 1
„ R B S's b a h Surjamal, 7st 4lbs	...Noor Mahomed 2
Aga S Shah's ch a h Chester, 7st 3lbs ...	Dhondi 3
Mr R C C Houston's g a h Dharwar, 9st 3lbs	Capt Wheeler 0
Lt- Col Desaraj Urs' b a h Delight, 9st 3lbs	Omar Khan 0
Mr G Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 8st 11lbs ...	McQuade 0
Capt R M Bell's b a h Essex, 8st 5lbs ...	O'Neil 0

BETTING: 3 to 2 Sarjamal, 5 to 2 Moon, 2 to 1 Chester, 6 to 1 Delight, 10 to 1 Syndic.

Won by a length; third three lengths off. Time—1min. 2⅘secs.

Second Day, Thursday, 18th June 1903.

After the rain on the 17th the going was in excellent condition, and sport was all that could be desired. The attendance was augmented by visitors from Bangalore, but unfortunately His Highness was prevented from coming by indisposition. The fields ruled larger than on the first day, although there were only two starters for the Installation Cup. Minimus carried his big weight home to the satisfaction of backers. After a false start when they carried away the gate, Minimus got the best of it, but Beccles shot ahead and led by some four lengths until the bend for home when he went back to Minimus and they raced up the straight, Minimus eventually winning by a length and a half in the very good time for that weight of 1min 33⅘secs. For the Stable Cup there were ten starters which speaks well for the handicapping. There was a good start after some delay at the post and they raced together in a bunch, with the exception of Blue Blood, who was a long way behind, Tecoota and Harpist raced up the staight, the latter winning by a length, De Wet two lengths behind just beating Corrie Roy and Blue Blood. His Highness The Maharajah's Cup was an upset, an outsider at 15 to 1 winning. From rather the worst of the start Superb made the pace leading by some three lengths from Harefoot with Baby Boy third, Rubric and Moon lying some way behind and Syndic last. They went in this order till four and a half furlongs from home when the favourites, Rubric and Moon, made their effort and caught Superb, but were unable to catch Harefoot who had assumed the lead at the bend. There was a ding dong race up the staight between Rubric and Harefoot, which resulted in the latter winning by half a length; Rubric two lengths behind.

There was a good start for the Dewan's Cup. Louis, who was pulling double, making the running for the remainder who were more or less together. They were all together at the bend five furlongs from home. When coming round the home bend Upstart took the lead and won fairly easily by one and a half lengths from Evensong, Prime being two lengths behind for third place. In the last race Jack O'Lantern had to be scratched, so only seven horses went to the post. From an indifferent start Gaffer made all the running, and the others, with the exception of Viking, who lay a long way behind, ran together. They kept in this order to the five furlong post when Gaffer was caught at the home bend. Promontory took the lead, winning fairly easily from Ayrdale with Wallgrove third. Details:—

THE INSTALLATION CUP.—Rs 2,000, of which second receives Rs. 400, and third Rs. 200. A handicap for ponies. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. the day before the race. Entrance—1st May, Rs. 40; 15th May, Rs. 60; 1st June (when the race will close), Rs. 75, with Rs. 25 more if not struck out before 8 P.M. on Tuesday, 16th June 1903. 7 furlongs.

Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Minimus, 11st 12lbs	Lansdown 1
Mr A Sattar's b aus m Beccles, 7st 10lbs...	O'Neil 2

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Minimus, 3 to 2 Beccles.

Won by one and a half lengths. Time—1min. 33⅘secs.

STABLE CUP.—Rs. 1,000, of which Rs. 100 to second. A handicap for horses. 5 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist, 9st 10lbs ...	Omar Khan 1
„ N R Chowdury's ch aus g Tecoota, 8st 9lbs	Lansdown 2
Major H C S Harrison's br aus g De Wet, 6st 18½lbs	Nelson 3
Mr R R S's blk aus g Dumbbell, 9st 11b	...Noor Mahomed 0
Major J Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy (late Towgong), 8st 8lbs	Meah Jan 0
Mr R Anketell Jones, b aus g Ombree, 7st 12lbs	Brown 0
Major F C Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 7st 10lbs	Heeroo 0
Major J Vans Agnew's blk aus g Gay Lad, 7st 2½lbs	Patcha 0
Mr L Rollinson's br aus g Star, 6st 7lbs ...	Dhondi 0
Capt J Randall's br aus m Blue Blood, 7st 6lbs	O'Neil 0

BETTING: Evens Harpist 3 to 1 Dumbbell, 3 to 2 Tectoot, 4 to 1 Corrie Roy, 5 to 1 Ombree, 4 to 1 Redoubt, 6 to 1 Blue Blood, 8 to 1 each Gayladand Dewet, 20 to 1 Star.

Won by a length, two lengths; between second and third. Time—1min, 4secs.

H. H. THE MAHARAJAH'S CUP.—Rs. 2,500, of which Rs. 400 to second and Rs. 100 to third. A handicap for Arabs. 1 mile 3 furlongs.

Lt-Col A Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 7st 2lbs	Melson 1
Lt-Col J Desaraj Vrs' ch a h Rubric, 8st... 13lbs	Lansdown 2
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 9st ...	Heeroo 3
„ E Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 7st 12lbs	O'Neil 0
Capt R M Bell's g a h Superb, 6st 12lbs ...	Brown 0
Mr W F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 8st 13lbs	McQuade 0

BETTING: 5 to 4 each Moon and Rubric, 6 to 1 Baby Boy, 10 to 1 each Syndic and Superb, 15 to 1 Harefoot.

Won by half a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 42secs.

DEWAN'S CUP.—Rs. 1,500, of which Rs 300 to second and Rs. 200 to third. A handicap for C.-B horses. 1¼ miles.

Mr W P Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 9st 12lbs	Omar Khan 1
„ H H Aga Khan's br cb m Evensong, 9st 7lbs	Heeroo 2
Col J P Grant's b cb h Prime, 8st 8lbs ...	Gooloo 3
Mr J D Scott's b cb h Louis, 9st 3lbs ...	Lansdown 0
„ Liebenrool's br cb g Landwind, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 13lbs)...	Melson 0

BETTING: Evens Evensong, 2 to 1 Upstart, 4 to 1 Louis 5 to 1 Prime, 10 to 1 Landwind.

Won by one and a half lengths; two lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 24⅘secs.

THE BIRTHDAY CUP.—Rs. 2,000, of which Rs. 400 to second and Rs. 200 to third. A handicap for horses. 1¼ miles.

Mr K D Biswas' b aus g Promontory, 8st 12lbs	Penton 1
„ H H Aga Khan's br eng g Ayrdale, 9st 5lbs	Heeroo 2
„ Spooner Hart's b aus g Wallgrove, 9st 9lbs	O'Neil 3
Lt-Col Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton, 8st 8lbs	Melson 0
Capt C G Swan's b aus g Viking, 7st 12lbs	Gooloo 0
Major H C V Harrison's ch aus g Steelpen, 7st 6lbs	Brown 0
Capt E J R Peel's b aus g Gaffer, 6st 7lbs	Dhondi 0

BETTING: 3 to 2 Wallgrove, 5 to 2 Ayrdale, 9 to 4 [illegible] monitor, 6 to 1 Trenton, 6 to 1 Viking 10 to 1 each Steelpen and Gaffer.

Won by four lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 14secs.

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First Meeting, Saturday, 20th June.

THE first Tollygunge Gymkhana of the season was on the whole a very successful little meeting, and the course was in very fair order though if anything a bit on the hard side. It is greatly to be regretted that the straight course is not yet fit for use, as the turns on the old course are not too good, but it is of course out of the question to attempt the other at present. Owing to the number of unknown quantities among the starters, winners were not easy to pick, and many were the rumours of reputed hot things among the new brigade. Those punters, however, were wise in their generation who stuck to old friends and heeded not the voice of the charmer proclaiming a new champion.

In the Pony Hurdles Country Girl was supposed good goods, but though she made the pace hot for three furlongs that appeared to be as much as she wanted. Peeping Tom, who ran a waiting race, challenged Pekin at the last flight, and coming away won comfortably by a length. In the second race Oom Paul on the strength of his running in the cold weather was rightly most fancied; but 2 to 1 on is not a very grand price in a novice event. Sir Humphrey was supposed to be dangerous, but he and his stable companion have apparently mistaken their vocation, having been intended by nature to co-operate with the celebrated Colonel Cody in electrifying the West End of London, rather than to deal wholesale destruction on the race course. Gamester at the fall of the flag elected to give an exhibition of back jumping, in the course of which he cannoned into Corban with the result that both came down. Oom Paul got well away and was never extended, winning with his head in his chest. In the pony half mile First Guide being caught in the right frame of mind disposed of a very moderate lot of ponies with some ease. For the Opening Handicap public favour was divided between Sylvia and French Girl, the latter on her performances up-country some years ago. There is no doubt that had she been anything like the mare she then was, nothing else in this race would have made her gallop, but Anno Domini is no doubt beginning to go against her and her temper, never of the best, has not improved with age. Sylvia led throughout, but Red Pepper coming with a rattle on the post, snatched the verdict by a head. Four ponies turned out for the polo scramble which was won by Starlight. The arrangements on the whole were good, though the proposed admission of the metallicians at the future meetings will be a great improvement. Details:—

PONY HURDLE RACE.—A hurdle race for ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 50 or over. 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Mr W J Bell-Irving's b aus g Peeping Tom, 10st	Owner 1
Mr R G Thomas' ch a h Pekin, 8st 6lbs ...	Mr Evers 2
Capt Peacock's r ch m Country Girl, 10st 7lbs	Mr Pugh 3

Won by a length; ten lengths between the second and third.

HACK RACE.—A flat race for horses that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 40. C. W. over 11st. 3 furlongs.

Mr W O Rees' br aus g Oom Paul, 11st ...	Mr Dudley 1
„ A Birkmyre's br aus g Gauntlet, 11st ...	Owner 2
„ Greig's br aus m Ruby, 11st ...	Mr Dutton 3
„ E W Antram's br aus m Myrene, 11st	Owner 0
„ G A Hilliard's b aus g Svengali, 11st ...	Owner 0
„ N Caley's b aus g Corban, 11st ...	Mr Olphert fell
„ R A C Pugh's br aus m Firefly, 11st ...	Owner 0
„ J G Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 11st ...	Mr Evers 0
„ H T Raban's b aus g Sir Humphrey, 11st	Mr B Irving 0
Mr H T Raban's b aus g Gamester, 11st ...	Owner fell
„ F G Hawkins' ch aus g Bucephalus, 11st	Owner 0

Won anyhow by a length; one and a half lengths between the second and third

PONY FLAT RACE.—A flat race for ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 50 and over. 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs W. I. ¼ mile.

Mr Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 10st 12lbs	Owner 1
„ R G D Thomas' b a h Pekin, 8st 6lbs	Mr Wood 2
„ E T Schilizzi's b a h Sugden, 6lb 13lbs (declared 2st)	Mr Evers 3
Mr R G D Thomas' b aus m Ophelia, 11st 7lbs	Mr Turner 0
Mr E A Woodhouse's gr aus g Moonray, 11st 7lbs...	Mr Dudley 0
Mr R Smyth's ch aus g Tommy, 11st 11b ...	Owner 0
Capt E Peacock's r ch m Country Girl, 10st 7lbs	Mr Pugh 0
Mr J D Marshall's br aus m The Owl, 10st 3lbs	Owner 0

Won easily by a couple of lengths; one length between the second and third.

OPENING HANDICAP.—A flat race for maiden horses. ¼ mile.

Mr J Patterson's ch aus g Red Pepper, 10st 7lbs	Mr Turner 1
Mr T Curtis-Hayward's b aus m Sylvia, 10st 4lbs	Mr Dudley 2
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 10st 7lbs	Mr Pugh 3
Mr A Birkmyre's b aus g Chummy, 11st	Owner 0
„ E L Ralli's b aus g True Blue, 10st ...	Owner 0
„ R A C Pugh's b aus g Dragonfly, 10st 7lbs	Mr Wood 0
Major Baldock's b aus m French Girl, 10st 7lbs	Mr Barrow 0
Mr T G Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 10st ...	Owner 0
Dr W C Hossack's ch aust m Lucy Glitters, 10st	Owner 0
Mr R Westmacott's b aus m Haidee, 9st 4lbs	Owner

Won by a neck; a length between second and third.

POLO SCURRY.—A flat race for *bonâ fide* polo ponies that have been played in Calcutta regularly. Australians 11st 7lbs. Arabs allowed 14lbs, and C.-B.'s 7lbs. 3 furlongs.

Mr A J Maclean's b a h Starlight, 10st 7lbs	Owner
„ Brown's gr a h Grey Friar, 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Dudley 2
„ Kennedy's b a g Petronel, 10st 7lbs ...	3
„ C W Graham's gr a g Imperial Lancer, 10st 7lbs	Mr Barrow

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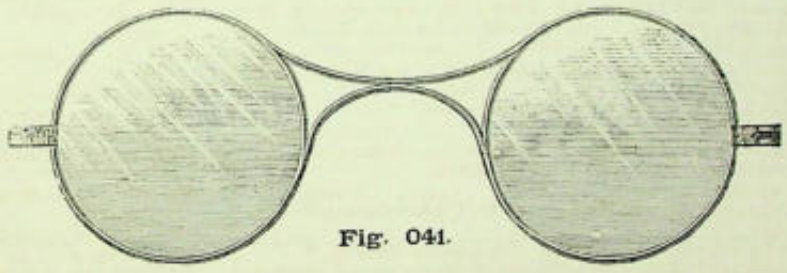

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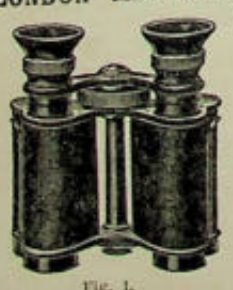

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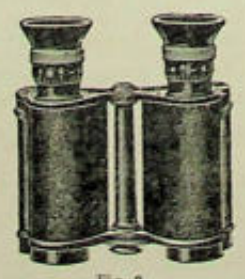

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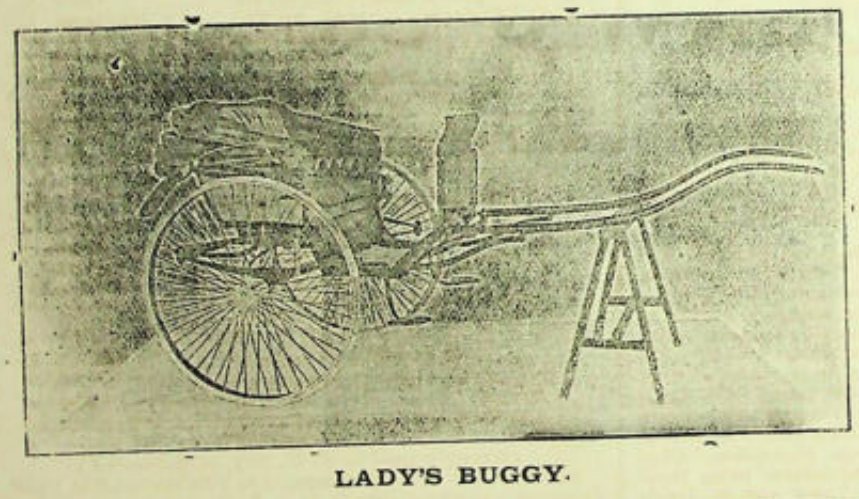

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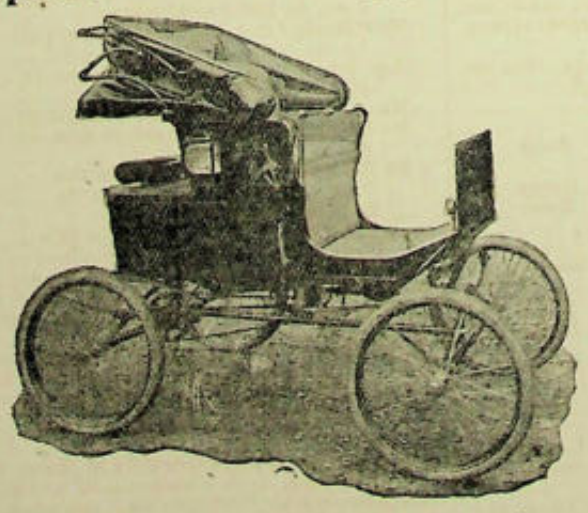

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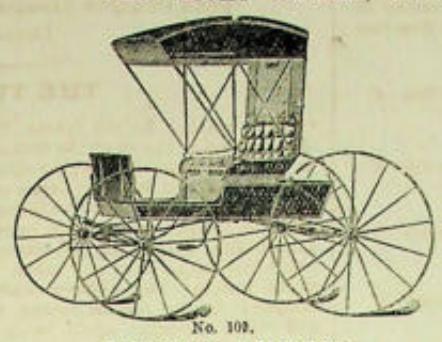

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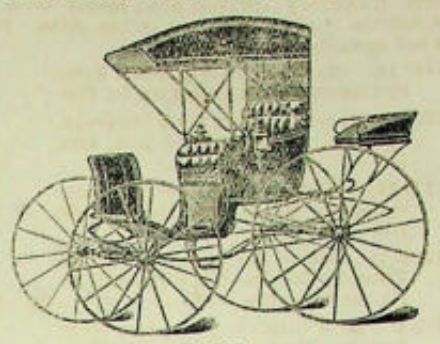

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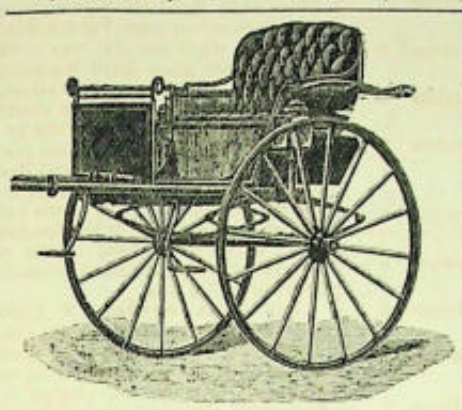

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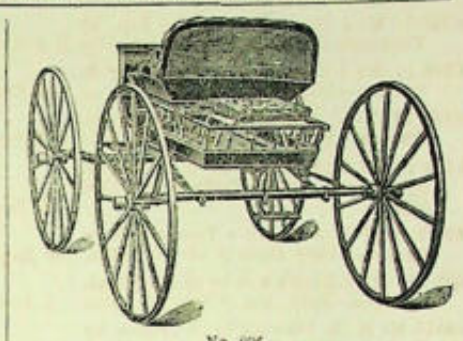

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£228 15/. Mr G Burgess's c h Fortune Teller, by Othello—Idle Girl, aged, 9st 11b, including 2lbs over	R Gough	0
£72 5/. Mr R King's br g Trochon, by St Swithin—Black Rose, aged, 9st 13lbs...	J Owens	0
£466 10/ Mr E Kelly's br g Mairp, by Priam—Happy Bride, aged, 8st 12lbs	E Turner	0
£36 15/ Mr W H Fell's br g Australian, by The Australian Peer—Ophelia, aged, 8st 12lbs	F Bullock	0
£222 10 Mr J Rowen's c m Tip Top, by Thunderbolt—Quality, 5 yrs, 8st 5lbs	H J Morrison	0
£248 15/ Mr J Rowen's c g Florin, by St Swithin—Dime, 6 yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	B Carslake	0
£131 15 Mr J Nicholas's c g Aqua by Niagara—Esperance, aged, 8st 3lbs	R Trewartha	0
£153 10/ Mr N McEachern's b c Chatter, by Carlyon—Small Talk, 3 yrs, 8st 3lbs	W Deveney	0
£22 5/ Mr F W Allen's b c Troubridge, by Carlyon—Lady Doris, 3 yrs, 7st 12lbs	W Hopwood	0
£32 15/ Mr R King's b or br m Fairyland, by Hova—Judy Mo, 5 yrs, 7st 11lbs	A Anderson	0
£9510 Mr H R Dixson's br h Clifton, by Grafton—Loch Ena, 4 yrs, 7st 11lbs	F Dunn	0
£28 15/ Mr C N Kidman's b g Manlock, by Padlock—Menugoru, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs	J O'Brien	0
£131 10 (Mr C Mallen's br m Magda, by Bill of Portland— La Tosca, 4 yrs, 7st 9lbs	P King)	0
£210 Mr W Clark s c c Royal Oak, by Carlyon—Sylvan Queen, 3 yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	E Sutherland	0
£62 15 Mr G A Gibson's b or br f Enigma, by Tastig—Riddle, 3 yrs, 7st 3lbs, including 3 over	T Mathews	0
£180 Mr S J Jacobs's b f Footmark, by Thunderbolt—Footstep, 3 yrs, 6st 11lbs	D J Hall	0
£22 5 Mr C N Kidman's c g Silver, by Broken Hill—Primila, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Butlin	0

Winner trained privately.

Amount in totalizator, £3, 146 10/. Dividend, for £1 tickets. £6 15.

Won by a length from Discussion, with Fairy States half a head off third. Fortune Teller was fourth, Florin fifth, Royal Oak sixth, Manlock seventh, Magda eighth, Tip Top ninth. Australian tenth, and Chatter eleventh, and then came Aqua, Footmark, Clifton, and Silver, the last lot being Enigma, Mairp, Fairyland, Trochon, and Troubridge. Time—1min. 29¼sec.

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

THE following pony was classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on the 16th June 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height*	*Period.*
Ivanhoe II.	b aus g	Mr C H Holder	5	13-3¼	31st March 1904.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

The following ponies, were classed, aged, and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 3rd June, 1903 :—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Blue Blood ...	b eb g ...	Mr. Nowrojee Framjee ...	3	14-0¼	31st Mar. 1904.
Eshton ...	b a h ...	Captain H. Wilson ...	5	14-0	31st Mar. 1904.
Musketeer ...	b a h ...	Aga S. Shah ...	Aged	14-1¼	For life.

The following pony was classed, aged, and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 6th June, 1903 :—

Turn of Luck...	b a h ...	Mr. Abdool Mohsen Mahomed Shamlan ...	4	14-0	31st Mar. 1904.

The following pony was classed, aged, and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 9th June 1903

Surhan ...	gr a h ...	Colonel Anderson	6	13-2¼	For life.

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THE TURF.

THE weather for the fourth "classic" event of the season decided at Epsom on the 28th ultimo, was in pleasant contrast to that which prevailed a year ago. Sceptre won the Oaks in a downpour of rain, but Our Lassie gained her victory in brilliant sunshine, and she did it handsomely, more than making amends for the disappointment she caused her supporters over the Lincolnshire Handicap. Of course, what would have been the result had the accident not taken place during the running remains untold. The glorious weather attracted another great company to the famous downs, the King, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Christian again being present. Ten competed for the principal event, or four less than twelve months ago, and the field was the smallest since 1897 (Limasol's year), but the runners bore very favourable comparison with previous competitors for the ladies' race. Favouritism rested with Hammerkop, who had several good performances as a two-year-old to recommend her. Prince Soltykoff's filly came next in demand, followed by Mr. Joel's representative on the 6 to 1 mark. There was an excellent start, Valve holding the lead for the first quarter of a mile, when she gave way to Skyscraper, and little further change took place until beginning the decent, when St. Hylda assumed command. At Tattenham Corner Dazzling struck into Sun Rose and fell, and shortly afterwards Our Lassie drew out clear and gained the verdict by three lengths. Hammerkop deprived Skyscraper of second place by a head, while Sun Rose, only a neck away, was placed fourth. Lyne, who rode Dazzling, was fortunately uninjured, being able to walk back to the weighing room. Our Lassie had only previously gained one bracket, that being in the Sandown Park Stud Produce Stakes, when she made her *début* on the racecourse last year, but by her two victories she has now credited her owner (who also bred her) with 6,875 sovs.

THE OAKS STAKES—Of 5,000 sovs., by subscription of 50 sovs. each, h ft, or 5 sovs. only if declared by the last Tuesday in March, 1902; for three-year-old fillies; 9st. each; the nominator of the winner to receive 400 sovs. out of the stakes; if not sufficient surplus is obtained from subscriptions to give the second at least 200 sovs., and the third at least 100 sovs., the difference to be made up by the Race Fund. About one mile and a half. (267 subs, 117 of whom pay 5 sovs. ft.)

Mr J B Joel s b Our Lassie, by Ayrshire—Yours	M Cannon	1
Major Eustace Loder's b Hammerkop by Gallinule—Concussion	J H Martin	2
Mr A Raphael's b Skyscraper, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandry	D Maher	3
Prince Soltykoff's Sun Rose, by Sheen—Nina	W Halsey	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Valve, by Velasquez—Gas	O Madden	0
Mr Arthur James's Mrs Gamp, by St. Simon—Lucina	H Jones	0
Mr J R Keene's Dazzling, by St Leonard —Splendour	L Lyne	0
Mr C Russell's Florinda, by Florizel II—Wise Flower	K Kannon	0
Mr W Hall Walker's Ladies' Mile, by Ladas—Serpentine	J E Watts	0
Mr R C Dawson's St Hylda, by St Simon —Darkness	H Randall	0

Switch Cap was struck out at 2-5 P.M. on the day of the race

(*Winner trained by Morton, at Wantage.*)

BETTING :—2 to 1 agst Hammerkop, 4 to 2 Sun Rose, 6 to 1 Our Lassie, 7 to 1 Valve, 10 1 Dazzling, 100 to 7 Skyscraper, 20 to 1 Mrs. Gamp, 25 to 1 Florinda, 33 to 1 Ladies' Mile, 33 to 1 St. Hylda.

Hammerkop was the first to emerge from the paddock, and she was followed in the parade by Valve, Dazzling, Skyscraper, St. Hylda, and Florinda, with Our Lassie whipping in Mrs. Gamp, Sun Rose, and Ladies' Milt being saddled away by permission of the Stewards. They turned and cantered in the same order, and it was seven minutes past three when the hoisting of the white flag denoted that the field were under the starter's orders. The flag fell two minutes later to a capital start, Valve being the first to show in front of Ladies' Mile, Our Lassie, Skyscraper, and Dazzling, with Hammerkop next for a quarter of a mile, when Skyscrper took up the running from Hammekop, Ladies' Mile, Valve, and Sun Rose, their nearest attendants being Dazzling, Florinda, and Mrs. Gamp, with Our Lassie and St. Hylda whipping in. Passing the Mile post Ladies Mile took second palce from Hammerkop, with Sun Rose, Valve, and Our Lassie in front of Dazzling, Florinda, and St. Hylda, Mrs. Gamp being last, but rounding Tattenham Corner Dazzling struck into Sun Rose and fell, and St. Hylde, on the outside, raced up to the two leaders, being followed into the straight by Hammerkop and Our Lassie. When fairly in the line for home Hammerkop took a slight lead of Skyscraper, Sun Rose, and Our Lassie, and the latter, shooting to the front a quarter of a mile from home, clear of Hammerkop and Skyscraper, won easily by three lengths; a head divided the second and third. Sun Rose, a neck behind was placed fourth; Florinda, a long way off, was fifth Valve sixth. St. Hylda seventh, Mrs, Gamp eighth, and Ladies' Mile last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 44⅘secs. Value of the stakes, £4,950.

THE CHIPSTEAD PLATE (Handicap)—Of 187 sovs. The last last mile of the Derby Course.

Mr H T Barclay's b c Owston Wood, by Cherry Ripe—Woodhouse, 3yrs,, 6st 9lbs	Janek	1
Lord Carnarvon's b m Minnie Dee, 5yrs, 8st 9lbs	Halsey	2
Lord Cadogan's b g Viper, 5yrs, 8st 6lbs ...	Maher	3
Mr Murray Griffith's Simon Glover, 5yrs, 8st	Lyne	0
Mr B Bona's Field Rose, 5yrs, 8st ...	Gibson	0
Sir E Vincent's Mustapha Aga, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs	Trigg	0
Lord Alington's You Go Off, 3yrs, 7st 11lbs	Hardy	0
Mr Elphinston's Fancy Free II., 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	Griggs	0
Mr W B Purefoy's Acrostic, 3yrs, 7st 4lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	W Dillon	0
Mr Long's Glen, 3yrs, 7st 4lbs ...	Watts	0

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Viper, 4 to 1 Field Rose, 11 to 2 Owston Wood, 7 to 1 each Simon Glover, You Go Off and Acrostic, 10 to 1 Minnie Dee, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by half a length; four lengths between second and third. Simon Glover was fourth, Mustapha Aga fifth, You Go Off sixth, Fancy Free II. next, and Field Rose last. Time by Benson's Chronograph, 1min, 36⅘secs.

THE ACORN STAKES.—Of 969 sovs. for two year-old fillies 8st 12lbs each; with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Mr R S Sievier's ch f Heronry, by Marco—Dame Heron, 8st 12lbs	Hardy	1
Lord Wolverton's br f by Ladas—Kermesse, 8st 9lbs	H Jones	2
Sir S Scott's br f by Martagon—Ardvourlie 8st 9lbs	Watts	3
Lord Howard de Walden's Flying Footstep, 9st 5lbs	M Cannon	0
Lord Coventry's Hussy, 8st 12lbs ..	Boardman	0
Sir E Cassel's Wise Duchess, 8st 12lbs ...	Hasley	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Pomegranate, 8st 9lbs	K Cannon	0
Lord Derby's f by Ladas—Lock and Key, 8st 9lbs	Maher	0
Duke of Devonshire's Lady Angela, 8st 9lbs	Lyne	0
Mr E Dresden's Fleurette II, 8st 9lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr R W B Jardine's Blackheath, 8st 9lbs	O Madden	0
,, Jersey's Vergia, 8st 9lbs	H Aylin	0
,, W C Whitney's f by Kingston—Ballyhoo, 8st 9lbs	J H Martin	0

(*Winner trained Privately.*)

BETTING : 4 to 1 each agst Wise Duchess, Heronry, and the Kermesse filly. 6 to 1 Fleurette II., 7 to 1 Flying Footstep, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by a length; a length and a half seperated the second and third. Flying Footstep was fourth, Fleurette II fifth, Wise Duchess sixth, Pomegranate seventh, Hussy next, and Blackheath last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 56⅘sec.

The Derby week of Rock Sand's year will long be memorable as having been one of the most glorious on record. The success of such a reunion as Epsom's four-day festival hinges almost entirely upon the elements, and in these variable climes it is a rare experience indeed to be favoured with ideal summer weather for six or seven consecutive days, as has just been the case. Kempton Park claims the privilege of winding up what is perhaps the most important week of the year, and the programme, framed by a liberal and up-to-date executive, was worthy of the occasion. The Coronation Commemoration Stakes which was inaugurated a twelvemonth ago, gave place to a new venture in the shape of the Palace Handicap of 1,000 sovs. and inclusive of a Match, the card extended to seven items. Clad in a wealth of summer foliage, the trees in the Park looked at their very best whilst the brilliant hues of the rhododendron blossom in the shrubberies lent an additional charm to the surroundings. A heavy thunderstorm, which deluged the course just before racing began, cooled the atmosphere if it rendered the turf somewhat soft and spongy, but, with the exception of a similar visitation a couple of hours later, the afternoon was bright and sunny, and a large muster in the rings, stands, and enclosures—not to mention the open space on the far side of the course—testified to the popularity of the Sunbury tryst.

THE KEMPTON PARK TWO YEAR-OLD PLATE—Of 259 sovs; colts 8st 12lbs fillies and geldings 8st 9lb; penalties, etc. Five furlongs, on the Straight Course.

Mr R S Sievier's ch f Heronry, by Marco—Dame Heron, 9st 2lb	Martin	1
Lord Falmouth's b c Esquire, 8st 9lb ...	Randall	2
Mr J L Davies's b g by Black Duck—Theobroma, 8st 12lb	Halsey	3
Sir D Gooch's c by Matchmaker—Rosary, 8st 9lb	W Lane	0
Mr T E Liddiard's Chicory, 8st 9lb ...	Lynham	0
,, C S Newton's Tideway, 8st 9lb ...	Turrill	0
,, T Jenning's St Mindred, 8st 6lb ...	Hardy	0
,, R Sherwood's Burnt Child, 8st 6lb ...	Croft	0
,, D J Pullinger's Coxswain, 8st 9lb ...	Boardman	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING : Evens Heronry, 4 to 1 agst Theobroma gelding, 5 to 1 Esquire, 8 to 1 St Mindred, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a couple of lengths; a length and half between second and third. Chicory was fourth, Coxswain fifth, St Mindred sixth, Rosary colt next, and Tideway last.

THE PALACE HANDICAP PLATE—Of 880 sovs. One mile, on the Jubilee Course.

Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Game Hen, by Gallinule—Cresta, 5 yrs, 6st 11lb ...	Trigg	1
Mr L Neumann's b c His Grace, 3 yrs 6st...	J Jarvis	2
,, J M Bell's b h Candelaria, aged, 7st ...	Griggs	3
Sir J Blundell Maple's Simony, 4 yrs, 7st 9lb	W Lane	0
Mr J Buchanan's Epsom Lad, 6 yrs, 9st ...	Randall	0
Lord Farquhar's Bistonian, 5 yrs, 8st 8lb	Maher	0
Mr W C Whitney's Ballantrae, 4 yrs, 8st ...	Martin	0
,, L Brassey's Porteullis, 5 yrs, 7st 5lb ...	Hardy	0
,, J Gubbins's Belle of Knockany, 4 yrs, 6st 5lb	Janek	0
Mr G A Prentice's Japan, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb ...	McGlynn	0
,, T Southall's Cherokee, 5 yrs, 6st 2lb ...	Knight	0

(*Winner trained by F. W. Day, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING :—7 to 2 agst Simony, 5 to 1 Ballantrae, 6 to 1 each Porteullis and Game Hen, 7 to 1 Bistonian, 8 to 1 Belle of Knockany, 10 to 1 Epsom Lad, 100 to 8 His Grace, and 100 to 7 any other.

Won by three parts of a length; four lengths divided the second and third, Simony was fourth, Bistonian fifth, Japan sixth, Porteullis seventh, Ballantrae eighth, Belle of Knockany ninth, and Epsom Lad, who broke down and was dismounted on the course, last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min 42 ⅖secs

THE WINDSOR CASTLE HANDICAP PLATE—Of 440 sovs. Five furlongs, on the Straight Course.

Mr M Pizzey's b c Wolfshall by Wolfs Crag—Facita, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb (car 6st 9lb)	Trigg	1
Lord Howard de Walden's br f Imperious, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb (inc 10lb ex) ...	McGlynn	2
Mr F Hardy's ch f Wild Night Again, 4 yrs 7st 5lb	W Lane	3
Capt John Ewing's Earl's Seat, 3 yrs, 7st 9lb (inc 7lb ex)	O Madden	0
Major Joicey's Sterling Balm, 4 yrs, 7st 9lb	Watts	0
Mr J S Curtis's Star of Hanover, 6yrs, 7st 8lb	Martin	0
Mr H J King's Mimicry, 4 yrs, 7st 3lb ...	Boardman	0
,, C Ley's La Uruguaya, aged, 6st 7lb ...	Janek	0
,, S P Joel's Biddy, 3yrs, 6st 8lb ...	Griggs	0
,, C Morbey's Carburton, 4yrs, 5st 13lb ...	Jarvis	0

Winner trained by T. Skerwood at Epsom.

BETTING : 9 to 4 agst Wild Night Again 4 to 1 Wolfshall, 5 to 1 Earl's Seat, 6 to1 Star of Hanover, 8 to 1 each Sterling Balm and Imperious, 10 to 1 each La Uruguaya and Carburton, and 100 to 7 any other.

Won easily by three lengths; a head separated the second and third. Earl's Seat was fourth, Mimicry fifth, La Uruguaya sixth, Star of Hanover seventh, Biddy next, and Sterling Balm last.

Since the last important meeting at Hurst Park the electric tramway system from Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush has been extended to Hampton, and the effect of the extension upon the attendance on the 1st instant was very striking. There seemed no diminution in the number of folk who have always been in the habit of utilising the South-Western Railway, and in addition to these regular patrons of racing, a constant

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stream of pleasure-seekers flowed towards the course from across the river, the extra service of ferry boats improvised by the executive being subjected to a heavy strain. Always a favourite tryst with holiday-makers, it was abundantly evident to-day that the popularity of the Hurst Park Whitsuntide fixture is still on the increase, and it is doubtful if a larger crowd was ever present at this spacious riverside resort than that which filled the stands and enclosures to overflowing this afternoon and swarmed in thousands in the open. The morning broke bright and resplendent, and but for a fitful northerly breeze the heat would have been overpowering. Now and again a few clouds brought relief to those who had no shelter from the solar rays, but from start to finish there was never any threat of rain, and the entertainment was replete with interest throughout.

GREAT WHITSUNTIDE PLATE—Of 819 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lb, with penalties and allowances. One mile

Mr L Brassey's b c Wild Oats, by Bay Ronald—Wild Rose, 8st 7lb ...	K Cannon	1
Mr William Rankin's b f Hackler's Pride, 8st 11lb	Halsey	2
Lord Ellesmere's br c Kroonstad, 9st 12lb	H Jones	3
Mr J Gubbin's Caravel, 9st 12lb ...	M Cannon	0
„ Jersey's Smilax, 8st 11lb	Maher	0
„ J Buchanan's Correo, 8st 7lb ...	Randall	0
Sir Geo Farrar's Bestbelle, 8st 4lb ...	Boardman	0

(*Winner trained by H. Sadler at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Hackler's Pride, 3 to 1 Smilax 7 to 2 Caravel, 4 to 1 Wild Oats, 7 to 1 Kroonstad, 100 to 8 Bestbelle (o). 100 to 8 Correo (o).

Won by three lengths; a length and a half divided the second and third Caravel was fourth, Smilax fifth, Bestbelle sixth, and Correo last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 40-⅗sec.

THE HAMPTON COURT STAKES—Of 230 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lb; winners extra. Five furlongs.

Mr C H Newman's ch c Regulus, by Prisoner—Puppet, 9st	M Cannon	1
Mr W C Whitney's ch f by Goldfinch—La Flecha 8st 11lb	J R Martin	2
Mr J A Miller's b g Go Between, 8st 11lb	Hasley	3
Sir E Vincent's Don Paez, 9st 9lb ...	Maher	0
Mr J Best's Nightschool, 9st	F Darling	0
„ R Croker's Rombo, 9st	K Cannon	0
„ G A Prentice's Hong Kong, 9st ...	B Lynham	0
Sir J Thursby's Rose Grove, 9st ...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by Cort, at Whatcombe.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 each agst Regulus and Go Between, 7 to 1 the La Flecha filly, 8 to 1 agst Don Paez, and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won by a length; four lengths between second and third. Rosegrove was fourth, Don Paez fifth, Nightschool sixth, and Hong Kong last.

A repetition of the previous day's stirring scenes was hardly to be expected at Hurst Park on the 2nd instant, the holiday folk who had entered so enthusiastically into the proceedings having for the most part resumed their hum-drum occupations. The regular racegoers did not by any means have things to themselves, however, for the number of pleasure-seekers who found leisure to patronise the concluding stage of the fixture exceeded expectations, and the attendance all round was good. The weather underwent a striking change during the night, a drop of something like twenty degrees in the temperature making matters much pleasanter. It was almost chilly in the morning, in the entire absence of sunshine, and a sombre canopy of storm-clouds boded ill for those about to spend a day in the open. Happily, the threat of a wet afternoon was not fulfilled, and the meeting was brought to a close under bright and enjoyable conditions. The band of H. M. Scots Guards played a tuneful selection of popular music on the members' lawn, and though the fields in many instances cut down to decidedly narrow dimensions, little else was to be expected, seeing that other meetings were in progress in different parts of the country.

THE HURST PARK YEARLING PLATE—Of 829 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lb with penalties and allowances. Six furlongs.

Sir K Cassell's ch c Sermon, by Friar's Balsam—Listen, 9st 10lbs ...	Halsey	1
Sir E Vincent's b c Donatello, 8st 9lbs ...	Maher	2
Mr L Brassey's b c Arabi, 9st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	3
Capt Laing's Padilla, 8st 6lbs ...	Hardy	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lamcton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 5 on Sermon, 100 to 30 agst Donatello, 5 to 1 Padilla, and 10 to 1 Arabi.

Won in a canter by two lengths from Donatello, who took second place inside the distance; three parts of length divided the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 15⅕secs.

THE DURHAM PLATE.—Of 146sovs.; weight for age, etc.; the scour received 35 sovs. and the third 15 sovs. Two miles.

Mr J Barrow's ch c Vandevelde, by Donovan—Maize, 4 yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	Maher	1
Mr J Reiss's ch c Rougham, 4 yrs, 8st 4lbs	Hardy	2
Mr W Nichols's b m by St Leger—Hilda, 5 yrs, 8st 5lbs	Halsey	3
Mr R K Mainwaring's Maresco, 6 yrs, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by J. Dawson, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst the Hilda mare, 5 to 2 Vandevelde and 4 to 1 each Rougham and Maresco.

Won by a short head; three lengths between second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3min 31⅘ secs.

It is not often that the first week in June is reached without trainers having had to complain of hard going, but this year so consistently favourable have the conditions been that racing has been conducted under exceptionally high pressure ever since Lincoln without the semblance of a "check." The upshot is that a large percentage of the equine performers are sorely in need of a rest, and there is a momentary threat of the supply proving unequal to the demand. This was especially noticeable at Manchester on the 3rd instant, even the overnight races failing to meet with much support, and the shortage of combatants looks like extending throughout the meeting, the very Cup itself not being exempt from its withering influences. Sport reached a fair standard nevertheless, and if the numerical strength of the fields left something to be desired, there was no lack of "go" about the proceedings. The morning broke dull and chilly and the outlook was far from reassuring, but the sun worked its way through the sombre canopy of clouds in due course, and blazed down with the fervour of midsummer throughout the afternoon. The conditions could hardly have been more delightful, and the local folk turning out in their thousands, revelled in the warmth. The attendance was good in all departments, but, notwithstanding the recent copious rains and the luxurian herbage, the horses raised clouds of dust as they galloped.

THE TRIAL HANDICAP—Of 437 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr J Collins' b g Decave, by Buckingham, dam by Kendal—Dissipation, 4 yrs, 8st 1lb	Trigg	1
Mr W G Steven's br c Kano, 3yrs, 7st 3lb (inc 10lb ex)	Murray	2
Mr G Thursby's b h Victor Don, aged, 8st 10lb	Maddocks	3
Lord Ellesmere's Pax, aged, 9st ...	Halsey	0
Mr H E Randall's Genius, 5yrs, 8st 6lb	Randall	0
„ C Trimmer's Wistaria, 3 yrs, 6st 11lb	Young	0
„ W Sanderson's Grey Leaf, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Crombie	0

(*Winner trained by Hornsby at Wantage*).

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Kano, 2 to 1 Decave, 8 to 1 Pax, 10 to 1 Genius, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by three parts of a length: a length and a half between second and third. Genius was fourth, Pax fifth and Grey Leaf last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 34 ⅘secs.

THE CASTLE IRWELL HANDICAP—Of 330 sovs Six furlongs

Mr J B Joel's ch h Kilcheran, by Kilwarlin Emila, 5 yrs, 9st	M Cannon	1
Mr A Day's b c Brownist, 3yrs, 7st 9lb ...	Boardman	2
„ A Stedall's ch c Rayleigh, 4yrs, 7st 8lb	Murray	3
„ A Knowles's Vive le Roi, 4yrs, 8st 5lbs	Randall	0
„ W H Schwind's Kilteel, 4 yrs, 8st 5lb	Watts	0
„ T Southall's Energetic, 5yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	W Lane	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Loch Leven, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs	Croft	0
Mr T Pilkington's Burnie 3yrs 8st 3lbs (inc 5lb ex)	O Madden	0
„ Horsman's Goldrush, 4yrs, 7st 13lb ...	G McCall	0
„ J C Dyer's Corunna, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs ...	Griggs	0
„ C Perkins's Triplands, 5yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
„ J Best's Bonanza, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	J H Martin	0
„ J Thompson's Photius, 6st 12lbs ...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by C Morton, at Wantage*).

BETTING:— 5 to 2 agst Bonanza, 9 to 2 Brownist, 7 to 1 Kilcheran, 9 to 1 Energetic, 10 to 1 Burnie, 100 to 9 Loch Leven, 100 to 8 each agst Vive le Roi, Kilteel, Corunna, and Photius, and 100 to 7 agst any other.

Won easily by three lengths; half a length separated the second and third, Kilteel was fourth, Loch Leven fifth, Energetic sixth, Corunna seventh, Photius eighth, Bonanza ninth, Vive le Roi next, and Triplands last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 12 1-5secs.

Of the numerous sporting centres visited by racegoers during the course of the year there is not one at which the environments are more consistently gloomy and depressing than Manchester. It was quite exhilarating, therefore, for visitors to find the murky city bathed in sunshine on their arrival and experiences on the 4th instant were even more delightful. The wind had veered round into the south-west during the night, the change being followed by a material increase in the temperature, backed up by brilliant sunshine. The conditions proved warm and summerlike, and were vastly to the liking of the big crowd of spectators. It appears that, owing to trade depression and a shortage of cotton, nearly all the local mills closed for the whole of Whitsun week, and thousands of operatives thus found themselves with plenty of time on their hands. This may in some measure have accounted for another huge attendance at Castle Irwell to-day, the muster being very large in all departments. Hitherto, owing to some friction between the Corporations of Manchester and Salford, the electric tramway system has not been worked to the best advantage, but they have now arranged things to their mutual satisfaction, and holiday-makers were well catered for by a complete and expeditious service to the new estate. Sport was much brisker to-day, and, notwithstanding that the ground is geting harder hourly, good fields tried conclusions for most of the events on the card.

THE CROMWELL HANDICAP.—Of 437 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr M Fitzgerald's b c Blue Streak, by Blairfinde—Babette, 4yrs, 7st 12lb ...	Triggs	1
Mr E H Barnes's b h Kentshole, aged, 7st 9lb	Janck	2
Mr L Brassey's br c San Terenzo, 3yrs, 7st 6lbs	Miller	3
Lord Ellesmere's Joshua, 4yrs, 8st 12lbs ...	Halsey	0
Lord Derby's Outsider, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	Maher	0
Mr Dyhall's Parramatta, aged, 8st 2lbs ...	G McCall	0
Mr C H Hannam's Raven's Flight, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Dunraven's Morganatic, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs (car 7st 13lb)	Croft	0
Mr C J F Fawcett's Carpet Knight, 5yrs, 7st 11lbs	O Madden	0
Mr J Thompson's Suezath, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	Murray	0

(*Winner trained by C. Morton, at Wantage.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Blue Streak, 7 to 2 Raven's Flight, 5 to 1 Carpet Knight, 8 to 1 San Terenzo, 10 to 1 Joshua, and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won in a canter by six lengths; three lengths separated the second and third, Raven's Flight was fourth, Carpet Knight fifth, Outsider sixth, Suezath seventh, Joshua next, and Morganatic last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 4 ⅖secs.

THE JOHN O'GAUNT PLATE.—Of 265 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 13lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 10lbs; winners extra. Five furlongs.

Sir J Blundell Maple's b f Queen's Holiday, by Royal Hampton—Oimiez, 9st 6lbs	W Lane	1
Mr G Edwardes's b g Kalmia, 8st 10lb ...	Randall	2
Sir E Vincent's b c Midshipman, 8st 13lb	O Madden	3
Mr F F Cartwright's Masterful, 8st 10lb	F Leader	0
„ H Hardy's Rompaway, 8st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	0
„ R Marsh's f by Wolf's Crag—Saint's Day, 8st 10lbs	H Jones	0
„ T Phillips's White Berry, 8st 10lbs ...	S Loates	0
„ W C Whitney's f by Meddler—Poetess, 8st 10lbs	J H Martin	0
„ R Sherwood's f by St Angelo—Luffness, 8st 10lbs...	Croft	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 13 to 8 each agst Pootess filly and Queen's Holiday, 8 to 1 Midshipman, and 100 to 8 any other, (o.)

Won by a length and a half; three lengths divided the second and third. Peetess filly was fourth, Saint's Day filly fifth, Masterful next, and Rompaway last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 1⅘sec.

I have kept this letter open for the result of the Manchester Cup which I append:—

THE MANCHESTER CUP—Of 3000 sovs (200 soves in plate, the rest in specie), added to a Handicap Sweepstakes of 25 sovs. each. 10 ft; winners (selling races excepted) after 7th May at noon. 10lbs extra; second to receive 300 sovs., and the third 100 sovs.; entrance 5 sovs, the only forfeit if declared. Cup Course (one mile and a half). Fifty-two subs., 27 of whom declared.

Lord Howard de Walden's Zinfandel, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs ..	T L Miller	1
Mr C Perkins's Cliftonhall, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	C Trigg	2
Mr S B Joel's Bachelor's Button, by Winkfield—Milady, 4yrs, 8st 11lbs ...	D Maher	3
Mr J B Joel's Our Lassie, 3yrs 7st 8lbs (in 10lbs ex)	B Dillon	0
Duke of Portland's Friar Tuck, 4yrs, 9st ...	M Cannon	0
Mr W Goodchild's Scullion 5yrs, 8st 5lbs (7lbs ex)	W Lane	0
Mr Vyner's Syneros, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs (3lbs ex)	J Murray	0
Mr T Corns's Rightful, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Valve, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs	G McCall	0
Mr Sydney Platt's Monitress, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs	O Madden	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Venus, 4yrs, 7st 11lb	J E Watts	0

(*Winner trained by Captain Beatty.*)

BETTING: 8 to 1 agst Zinfandel, 7 to 2 Cliftonhall, 20 to 1 Batchelor's Button.

CRICKET.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at Brighton on 1st 2nd and 3rd June Drawn. Anything is possible when once G. L. Jessop gets going, and it does not for a moment imply that when he makes a great score the side opposed to him is weak in bowling. On Monday he was seen at his best. He went in third wicket down, and a short time afterwards half the side were out for 129. Then he was joined by Board, and the bowling was absolutely collared. Jessop made his first fifty in half an hour, his first hundred in an hour and ten minutes, his second hundred in two hours, and his 286 in a few minutes less than three hours. His innings, which is quite beyond the powers of description, included forty-one 4's. Meanwhile Board had been steadily keeping up his wicket and was still going strong when his partner went. The two men had increased the score by 320 When stumps were drawn the total was 480 for nine wickets. Sussex had a bad time on Tuesday, for rain stopped play until one o'clock, and although Fry played a brilliant innings, and with Vine put up 120 in an hour and a-half, the Gloucestershire men were always masters of the situation, and when stumps were drawn only 202 runs had been scored for nine wickets. Yesterday the last two men made a most determined stand, but they could not save the follow on. Marlow's innings was worthy of the highest praise When Sussex went in again they met at once with two very serious disasters, for in the first over Fry was bowled by a ball at which he did not play, and in the next over Vine was l-b-w. Fortunately for Sussex it was one of Ranjitsinhji's days, and with Killick to help him, he very soon put a better appearance on the game. Killick stayed for an hour and a quarter, and Relf came in to carry on the good work. Time went on, and still Ranjitsinhji played beautiful cricket, and found a most valuable partner in Relf. Eventually Ranjitsinhji carried his bat, and the match was saved.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

S A P Kitcat, b Cox ...	36	Huggins, c Butt, b Killick	9
Wrathall, c Butt, b Relf ...	0	Nott, c Tate, b Cox ...	8
Hale, c Marlow, b Vine ...	42	Dennett, lbw, b Killick ..	1
Langdon, c and b Cox ...	13	Roberts, not not ...	0
G L Jessop, c Ranjitsinji, b Killick ...	286	B 1, lb 10, w 5 ...	16
L D Brownlee, b Cox ...	0	Total ...	482
Board, b Killick ...	71		

SUSSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C B Fry, c Jessop, b Dennett	83	b Roberts ...	9
Vine, b Huggins ...	29	lbw, b Dennett ...	4
Killick, c Hale, b Dennett	10	c Dennett, b Brownlee ...	33
K S Ranjitsinhji, b Huggins	0	not out	162
Relf, c Board, b Huggins...	7	b Kitcat	50
C L A Smith c Jessop, b Dennett ...	34	not out	54
Butt, c Hale, b Dennett ...	4		
Cox, b Huggins ...	0		
Marlow, c Roberts, b Jessop	46		
Bland, c Dennett, b Roberts	4		
Tate, not out	29		
Extras ...	20	Extras ...	16
Total ...	226	Total (4 wkts) ...	325

NOTTS *vs.* SURREY.—Played at Trent Bridge on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June Drawn. The Notts men were seen to very great advantage on the first day of this match, for the bowling and fielding of the opposing side was always good, they succeeded in putting up 420 runs for the loss of six wickets. During the day there were two long partnerships—W. Gunn and Iremonger putting on 191 runs and John Gunn and Anthony 146 runs. At close of play John Gunn was not out with 127 to his credit. This he increased by 34 on Tuesday morning, his entire innings having lasted for three hours. The last four wickets were soon disposed of. Lees bowled uncommonly well and had an excellent analysis for such a long innings. With Abel and Hayward Surrey made an excellent commencement, both playing in quite their best form and scoring quickly. At lunch time the total was 105 for the loss of Hayward. With Hays as a partner, Abel took things more leisurely, and the two men seemed to have a complete command over the bowling when at last Abel was dismissed for a fine 61. Hayes did not survive him for long and things began to look bad for Surrey. But there was no need for anxiety, for every man did his duty. The crowd objected to the slow play of Lockwood, who was lame, but this passed off. By the time that stumps were drawn there was a strong probability that the match would not be played out, for Surrey had scored 331 for the loss of only five wickets. Although this record was not kept up yesterday, Surrey were only 65 runs behind when the innings ended. Notts declared in their second innings, but Surrey had not the slightest difficulty in playing out time.

NOTTS.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A O Jones, c Strudwick, b Richardson	12	not out ...	44
Iremonger, c Nice, b Lees ...	93	c Strudwick b Richardson ...	25
Gunn (W), c Hayes, b Lees ...	112	lbw, b Lees ...	12
Gunn (J), not out	161	c Strudwick, b Lees ...	0
J A Dixon, c Hayes, b Lees ...	7	not out	26
Gunn (G), c Hayes, b Lees ...	22	b Richardson ...	59
Anthony, run out	39		
Oates, lbw, b Lees	6		
Hallam, b Lees	2		
Wass, c Baker, b Lockwood ...	9		
Pennington, lbw, b Lockwood ...	4		
Byes	8	Extras ...	1
Total ...	475	Total (4 wkts)*	167

* Innings declared closed.

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SURREY.

Abel, c Oates, b Hallam	...	61	
Hayward, b Anthony	...	48	
Hayes, c Gunn (J.), b Dixon	...	95	
Baker, lbw, b Pennington	...	19	
Holland, c Jones, b Anthony	...	32	
Lockwood b Pennington	...	46	
Walker, b Pennington	...	22	
Nice, c Oates, b Hallam	...	25	
Lees, c Gunn (J.), b Pennington	...	38	
Strudwick, b Pennington	...	12	
Richardson, not out		4	
Extras	...	8	
Total	...	410	

Second innings: Abel, c Oates, b Hallam, 6; Hayward, st Oates, b Dixon, 23; Hayes, not out, 52; Baker, not out, 20; Leg-bye, 1.—Total (2 wkts), 102.

MIDDLESEX *vs.* SOMERSETSHIRE.—Played at Lord's on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June. Middlesex won by 112 runs. Attewell was fortunate in the weather on Monday, and a big crowd came to see his benefit match. No one could have complained of the quality of the batting, for although there were only three scores over 50, every man who went in made double figures, and made them in good style, and generally very quickly. The most important innings of the day was the 135 by Warner, who was at the wickets for three hours, during which he showed a mastery over the bowling. A very good innings indeed was the vigorous 57 of J. H. Hunt, which was put together in 40 minutes. But undoubtedly the most attractive batting of the day was seen when L. C. H. Palairet and Braund went in for Somerset; they both made the bowling look very easy indeed. Just before stumps were drawn Palairet was beautifully caught in the slips with the total at 96. The good beginning was hardly kept up on Tuesday. Braund who was not out 35 overnight, increased his score to 73, but with the exception of Phillips and Robson, the rest of the Somerset team failed to rise to the occasion. Middlesex began their second innings with a lead of 143, and did not do half as well as in the first innings, although W. P. Robertson played a great game. Still, owing to their long lead in the first innings, they were able to set Somerset the heavy task of making 317, and at the close of the day Somerset had lost three good wickets, and had only knocked off 50 of these. Yesterday Phillips and Hedley raised hopes among Somersetmen that the match might be pulled out of the fire, but after Hedley was dismissed there was never much doubt as to the result

MIDDLESEX.

First innings.			Second innings.	
P F Warner, b Cranfield	...	135	c Hedley, b Lewis	18
L J Moon, c Martyn, b Robson		36	c Newton, b Robson	22
G W Beldam, C Newton, b Palairet	...	38	lbw, b Cranfield	13
W P Robertson, lbw, b Braund		16	b Cranfield	77
B J T Bosanquet, c Newton, b Braund	...	29	b Hedley	21
R W Nicholls, c Lewis, b Palairet	...	36	c Newton, b Hedley	3
C P Foley, c Braund, b Cranfield	...	11	c Phillips, b Cranfield	0
Trott (A E), b Cranfield	...	11	c Braund, b Cranfield	0
G S F Griffin, c Robson, b Cranfield	...	37	not out	0
J H Hunt, c Palairet, b Lewis		57	run out	10
Hearne (J T) not out	...	24	b Robson	0
B 6, lb 2, w 3	...	11	B 6, w 1	7
Total	...	441	Total	173

SOMERSET.

First innings.			Second innings.	
L C H Palairet, c Beldam, b Hearne	...	56	b Trott	4
Braund, lbw, b Trott	...	73	c Beldam, b Trott	0
Lewis, lbw, b Hearne	...	0	lbw, b Beldam	1
F A Phillips, b Trott	...	44	b Hunt	61
S M J Woods, c Beldam, b Trott		11	b Trott	35
Major W C Hedley, lbw, b Trott		1	run out	26
Robson, st Robertson, b Beldam		49	c Trott, b Hearne	18
H Martyn, c Griffin, b Beldam	...	18	c Hunt, b Hearne	26
F M Lee, c Trott, b Beldam	...	0	b Hearne	4
A E Newton, b Trott	...	20	not out	7
Cranfield, not out	...	8	b Beldam	1
B 14, lb 4, w 2	...	18	Extras	21
Total	...	298	Total	204

LANCASHIRE *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June. Drawn.

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
Brown (J T), sen, b Steel	...	46	b Brearley	7
Tunnicliffe, c Spooner, b Barnes		33	c Findley, b Barnes	4
Denton, c Brearley, b Steel	...	98	c Eccles, b Brearley	84
Hirst, st Findlay, b Steel	...	20	c and b Barnes	8
F S Jackson, b Brearley	...	7	c Findlay, b Steel	48
Rhodes, c Maclaren, b Brearley		8	b Brearley	18
Haigh, c Findlay, b Barnes	...	5	not out	28
Wainwright b Barnes	...	1	c Steel, b Brearley	4
Lord Hawke, c Brearley, b Steel		79	c Eccles, b Brearley	0
Higgins, c Garnett, b Steel	...	2	c Barnes, b Brearley	4
Whitehead, not out	...	45	run out	3
B 8, lb 3, w 4, nb 1	...	16	Extras	7
Total	...	360	Total	215

LANCASHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
H G Garnett, c Tunnicliffe, b Jackson	...	23	c Hirst, b Whitehead	122
R H Spooner, b Rhodes	...	31	run out	36
W Findlay, c Denton, b Haigh	...	5	c Higgins, b Whitehead	52
Tyldesley, b Rhodes	...	73		
A C Maclaren, c Tunnicliffe, b Jackson	...	53		
A H Hornby, c Higgins, b Jackson	...	3		
Sharp, c Higgins, b Jackson	...	0	not out	32
A E Eccles, not out	...	8	not out	13
E E Steel, c Tunnicliffe, b Jackson	...	0		
Barnes, b Jackson	...	0		
Brearley, c Denton, b Jackson	...	22		
B 10, lb 2	...	12	Extras	9
Total	...	230	Total (3 wkts)	254

M. C. C. AND GROUND *vs.* KENT.—Played at Lord's on 28th May and 29th May. Kent won by three wickets.

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

First innings.			Second innings.	
W G Grace, b Fairservice	...	11	b Fairservice	31
Thompson, c Bradley, b Fielder	...	14	b Fielder	2
J Gilman, b Fairservice	...	19	c Hearne, b Blythe	9
T A D Bevington, b Bradley	...	17	c Humphreys, b Bradley	15
Trott (A E), c Phillips, b Bradley		1	b Fairservice	31
E I M Barrett, c and b Fairservice		4	c Seymour, b Bradley	15
Relf, c Phillips, b Hearne	...	42	b Fairservice	4
C C T Doll, b Fairservice	...	58	b Bradley	2
Sir A Conan Doyle, c Huish, b Hearne	...	3	not out	16
Butt, b Hearne	...	2	c Seymour, b Humphreys	2
Hearne (J T), not out	...	1	b Blythe	15
B 4, lb 1	...	5	Byes	3
Total		177	Total	145

KENT.

First innings.			Second innings.	
C J Burnup, c Gilman, b Trott	...	72	c Barrett, b Trott	47
E W Dillon, c & b Hearne	...	0	c Barrett, b Hearne	0
Huish, b Trott	...	6	b Hearne	56
Seymour, c Butt, b Trott	...	0	lbw, b Trott	17
Humphreys, st Butt, b Hearne	...	12	b Thompson	9
Hearne (A), b Thompson	...	16	b Hearne	8
W Phillips, b Hearne	...	2	b Thompson	1
Fairservice, b Hearne	...	1	not out	19
Blythe, c Grace, b Hearne	...	11	not out	5
W M Bradley, b Trott	...	9		
Fielder, not out	...	2		
B 12, lb 4	...	16	B 13, lb 1	14
Total	...	147	Total (7 wkts)	176

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

First innings.	O	M	R	W	Second innings.	O	M	R	W
Fielder	16	1	7	1		7	1	24	1
Bradley	6	1	7	2		14	3	32	3
Fairservice	18	6	40	4		16	3	56	3
Blythe	10	4	36	0		42	0	16	2
Hearne (A)	9	1	22	3		1	0	4	0
					Humphreys	6	1	10	1

KENT.

First innings.	O	M	R	W	Second innings.	O	M	R	W
Hearne	21	6	59	5		20	4	54	3
Trott	14·2	3	54	4		19	2	66	2
Thompson	6	1	18	1		15	5	25	2
					Bevington	4	0	8	0
					Relf	4	2	9	0

SURREY *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at the Oval, 28th May and 29th May. Surrey won by four wickets.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
S A P Kitcat, c Strudwick, b Clode	...	7	b Clode	2
Wrathall, run out	...	18	c Strudwick, b Lockwood	19
G L Jessop, c Brockwell, b Clode	...	69	st Strudwick, b Clode	0
Hale, c Hayes, b Richardson	...	17	c Strudwick, b Lockwood	7
Board, b Richardson	...	21	c Strudwick, b Clode	13
Langdon, b Richardson	...	12	c Hayes, b Clode	19
T H Fowler, lbw, b Clode	...	2	c Hayes, b Lockwood	1
Huggins, c Abel b Clode	...	10	b Lockwood	0
Spry, c Hayward, b Richardson		0	not out	22
Dennett, run out	...	4	b Lockwood	0
Roberts, not out	...	0	c and b Lockwood	8
Extras	...	0	B 1, w 1, nb 1	3
Total	...	155	Total	94

SURREY.

First innings.			Second innings.	
Hayward, b Roberts	...	3	c Kitcat, b Huggins	1
Abel, b Roberts	...	34	c Board, b Roberts	15
Hayes, c Jessop, b Roberts	...	24	c Kitcat b Roberts	26
Capt. H S Bush, c Jessop, b Roberts		16	b Roberts	0
Brockwell, c and b Jessop	...	0	c Kitcat, b Huggins	3
Lockwood, b Jessop		15	c Hale, b Huggins	8
L Walker, c Hale, b Huggins	...	22	not out	16
E Wiltshire, c Kitcat, b Huggins		6	not out	16
Clode, c Hale, b Huggins	...	6		
Strudwick, not out	...	13		
Richardson, b Roberts	...	5		
B 14, lb 1, w 1	...	16	B 4, lb 3	7
Total	...	160	Total (6 wkts)	92

OTHER MATCHES.

WARWICKSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd June. Worcester won by 3 wickets. For Warwickshire, Lilley 44 and 32, Quaife 8 and 51, Charlesworth 14 and 55 were most prominent, while Arnold 11 and 57, R. E. Foster 46 and 16, and H. K. Foster 41 and 18 were best for Worcester

LONDON COUNTY *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Leicester on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd June, Leicestershire won by 165 runs. Knight 95 and 37, V. F. S. Crawford 63 and 33, and Gill 67 and 20 were the winners' best scores. W. L. Murdock 57 and 31 was the highest scorer for London County.

ESSEX *vs.* KENT.—Played at Leyton on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June. Essex won by 4 wickets.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Cambridge on 28th, 29th, and 30th May. Yorkshire won by 5 wickets. E. M. Dowson 66 and 39 and F. B. Wilson 42 and 18 did best for the Varsity. For Yorkshire, Denton 101 and 18, Wainwright 28 and 50, not out and Lord Hawke 52 not out and 22 not out were the highest scorers.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Oxford on 28th, 29th and 30th May and abandoned.

FIRST CLASS AVERAGES.

BATTING AVERAGES (5 innings).

	No. of Inns.	Times not Out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver.
Fry, C. B. ...	7	1	447	181	74·50
Gunn (J.) ...	9	0	565	294	62·77
Foster, H. K. ...	10	2	429	120	53·62
Dowson, E. M. ...	6	0	308	116	51·33
Quaife (W. G.) ...	6	1	240	130	48·00
Hawke, Lord ...	9	3	279	76	46·50
McGahey, C. ...	6	1	213	110*	42·60
Wheldon ...	7	0	284	71	40·57
Gunn (W.) ...	7	0	283	139	40·42
Brown (J. T., sen)	9	0	361	125	40·11
Wilson, F. B. ...	6	1	199	72*	39·80
Maclaren, A. C. ...	9	1	298	143	37·25
Rhodes ...	9	1	291	98*	36·37
Knight ...	8	1	246	144*	35·14
Buckenham ...	6	3	104	40*	34·66
Sharp (J.) ...	8	0	273	120	34·12
Hayes ...	16	1	509	102	33·93
Ranjitsinhji, K. S.	8	1	235	105	33.57
Arnold ...	9	1	268	83	33.50
Hirst ...	7	0	229	123	32·71
Eccles, A. ...	6	2	127	39*	31·75
Perrin, P. ...	6	0	190	46	31·66
Hayward ...	15	0	471	107	31·40
Wainwright (W.)	7	1	183	50*	30·50
Trott (A. E.) ...	7	0	210	103	30·00
Smith, C. L. A. ...	5	0	146	46	29·20
Jessop, G. L. ...	7	0	203	77	29·00
Grace, W. G. ...	7	0	201	81	28·71
Jones, A. O. ...	9	1	228	66	28·50
Findlay, W. ...	7	1	171	70	28·50
Tunnicliffe ...	5	0	142	62	28·40
Kinneir ...	7	1	164	90	27·33
Hearne (J. T.) ...	7	5	54	20*	27·00
Lilley ...	7	1	160	44	26·66
Killick ...	9	1	211	54	26·37
Hollins, F. H. ...	6	0	157	114	26·16
Sewell, (E. H. D.)	10	1	232	90	25·77
Iremonger ...	9	0	228	94	25·33
Crawford, V. F. S.	7	0	175	73	25·00
Whitehead (H.) ...	8	0	199	62	24·87
Burnup, C. J. ...	9	1	196	72	24·50
Llewellyn ...	7	2	121	53	24·20
Braund ...	9	1	192	47	24·00
Strudwick ...	7	3	94	50	23·50
Charlesworth ...	7	0	162	64	23·14
Anthony (G.) ...	8	2	137	52*	22·83
De Trafford, C. E.	7	0	167	70	22·42
Vine ...	11	0	236	63	21·45
Gill (G.) ...	7	0	149	100	21·28
Dexter ...	7	3	84	38*	21·00

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BOWLING AVERAGES (10 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hargreave ..	187·1	60	315	41	7·68
Hirst ...	77	19	175	21	8·33
Hulme ...	69·2	17	157	16	9·81
Bradley, W. M. ...	101·5	29	216	20	10·80
Evans, W. H. B.	89·1	20	252	23	10·95
Hearne (J. T.) ...	125·2	41	298	27	11·03
Robson (E.) (Somst.)	51	13	132	11	12·00
Young (Essex) ...	87·2	27	145	12	12·08
Buckenham ...	80·4	15	201	16	12·56
Llewellyn ...	56	9	189	15	12·60
Trott (A. E) ...	117·3	28	319	25	12·76
Barnes (S) ...	194·2	67	438	34	12·88
Mead ...	166·5	56	338	26	13·00
Moorhouse (Warwick).	64·5	24	134	10	13·40
Cranfield ...	96	27	234	17	13·76
Richardson (T.) ...	85·2	23	195	14	13·92
Rhodes ...	243·4	81	516	37	13·94
Lockwood ...	162·3	36	421	30	14·03
Martin, E. G. ...	136	50	295	21	14·04
Thompson ...	49·4	10	149	10	14·90
Gunn, (J.) ...	171	75	284	19	14·94
Roberts (Gloucester)	111·2	34	311	20	15·55
Bland ...	180·1	46	455	29	15·68
Bosanquet, B. J. T.	67·3	11	191	12	15·91
Santall ...	132	35	339	21	16·14
Brearley, W. ...	93·5	18	280	17	16·47
Burn, R. C. W. ...	92·3	18	248	15	16·53
Braund ...	124·4	21	334	20	16·70
Hallam ...	112·5	35	240	14	17·14
Relf ...	188.	65	443	25	17·72
Jackson (Surrey)	173·2	37	410	23	17·82
Montgomery (Surrey)	89·4	25	189	19	18·90
Webb (S) ...	147	44	336	17	19·76
Clode ...	125·3	31	318	16	19·87
Tate, (F. W.)	200·2	56	517	26	19·88
Wainwright (W.)	86·2	23	203	10	20·30
King ...	129	24	388	19	20·42
Haigh ...	168	52	471	22	21·40
Arnold ...	185	3 62	420	19	22·10
Bird ...	194·2	44	539	24	22·45
Odell, W. W. ...	195·5	41	588	26	22·61
Wass ...	192·1	40	553	24	23·64
Huggins ...	105	34	297	12	24·75
Dowson, E. M. ...	90·4	20	292	11	26·54
Wilson (Worcestershire	157·1	29	467	14	33·35

ATHLETICS.

RACING CLUB DE FRANCE *vs.* SOUTH LONDON H.—A return match between the South London H. and Racing Club de France took place in Paris on the 1st instant, when the visitors again proved successful by four events to three. The weather was fine, and some 2,000 spectators surrounded the turf track. Shrubb was again in fine form, and won the three-mile race in the French record time of 14min. 53⅘secs. the previous best being 15mins. 1⅘secs. by H. Deloge. Details:

1,500 Metres Race.—Won by A. Shrubb, South London H. Time, 4mins. 17secs.

100 Metres Race.—Won by M. Tessier. Time, 12secs.

1,200 Metres Steeple chase.—Won by M Salomez. Time, 3mins. 26secs.

100 Metres Hurdle.—Won by M. Klingelhoefer. Time, 17secs.

400 Metres Race.—Won by J. B. Densham, South London H. Time, 51⅘secs.

Three mile Race.—Won by A. Shrubb, South London H Time, 14mins. 53⅘secs.

800 Metres Race.—Won by P. B. Dodd, South London H. Time, 2mins, 8⅘secs.

2,000 Metres Invitation Handicap.—M. Dupino, Racing Club de France, 90 metres start, 1; H. E. Martin, South London H 130 2. Won by a foot. Time, 5mins. 50secs. S. W Fowler Dixon, London A. C, 65 metres start, was at virtual scratch but ran unplaced.

L. A. C. SECOND SPRING MEETING.

The Blackheath Harriers had a field day at Stamford Bridge Grounds on Saturday the 30th ultimo, where the L. A. C decided the second spring meeting under conditions of the most unfavourable character. Previous to the start thunder rolled ominously in the distance, and dark clouds soon began to come up against the wind. The sport, however, had been in progress for the best part of an hour before a storm of great severity broke over the ground. This was just after the final heat of the 120 yards had been run. From here to almost the end it was a very strong mixture of thunder, lightning, and rain with an occasional dose of hail thrown in. The path quickly became flooded; in fact, in some parts it was under water the entire width, and so heavy was the downpour that it looked a matter of impossibility to run through the card. The competitors, however, signified a desire to go on, and with the officials in the same mind all the events, with the exception of the long jump handicap, were finished, the card being completed in half an hour or so after the advertised time. Previous to the storm, too, fine performances were accomplished. In the race for the 220 yards challenge cup, C. H. Jupp, the holder, spreadeagled his field, and, running with much power, his fine raking stride enabled him to beat by one-fifth of a second the previous best performance—his own of 22 2-5sec—for this event. Another "best for the event" followed when J. H. Bessell took the 1,000 yards challenge cup in 2min 18 4-5sec, beating the 2min. 19 3-5sec. made by A. G Butler in 1896. The 120 fell, after a fine finish, to B. Macmin, Blackheath Harriers, 7 yards start, and then the storm upset altogether the form in the remaining events The veteran J. E. Fowler-Dixon struggled manfully and with all the pluck for which he is noted in the three-mile walking race against the scratch man and holder, R. H Watson, who won the yacht handicap rather easily, and E. F. Judson, Blackheath Harriers, secured the mile and a half handicap in creditable time. All the four open events, the 120, 880, 309, and one mile and a half, fell to the Blackheath Harriers. At the close the prizes were presented by Miss Shearman. The chief officials were: Referee, Mr. M. Shearman, K. C.; judges —Messrs S. K. Holman, E. H. Pelling, J. H. A. Reay, and J. Shearman; referee for walking,—Mr. H. Venmi; starter,—Mr. C. L. Lockton; timekeepers, Messrs C. V. Hunter and J. E. Fowler-Dixon; handicapper, Mr. F. W. Parker. Details:

220 Yards Challenge Cup (best previous performance, 22 2-5sec. by C. H. Jupp 1902).—C. H. Jupp (holder), 1; L. F. Tremeer, 2; G. P. Constantine, 0; C. W. Fox, 0. Fox and Constantine only went a few yards, and Jupp, having the foot of his solitary opponent, won as he liked by six yards' Time, 22 1-5sec., which beat his previous best by one-fifth of a second.

1,000 Yards Challenge Cup (best previous performance, 2min. 19 3-5sec. by A. G. Butler 1896) (holder, Lieut. H. C. Hawtrey, abroad).—J. H. Bessell, 1; D. C. Cowan, 2; E. S. Ward, 3; A. S. D. Smith, 4. Ward led, followed by Bessell, Cowan, and Smith in the order named. At "the bell" the positions were the same, but coming down the straight Bessell got in front and won, after a hard finish, by three yards; half a yard between second and third. Time, 2min. 18 4-5sec. beating previous best by four-fifths of a second.

120 Yards Handicap (handicap represents A. F. Duffy, 100 yards amateur champion, at scratch) (first in each heat to start in final).—Heat 1: C. D. Comrie, L. A. C. and S. L. H. 4½ yards start, 1; H. Watson, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 3½, 2; E. B. Harman, Blackheath H., 8, 0; H. Norrey, L. A. C., 10½, 0; W. J. Basan, Blackheath H., 11, 0. The virtual scratch man failed to get up by half a yard. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Heat 2: A. J. Court, Herne Hill H., 8 yards start, 1; J. A. Miller, L. A. C., 4, 2; R. E. Wright, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 9, 3; E. T. Wall, Blackheath H., 5½, 0; J. E. Perrett, S. L. H., 10½, 0. Won by half a yard. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Heat 3: L. F. Tremeer, L. A. C. 1½ yards start, 1; A. Goodall, L. A. C., 5½, 2; F. J. C. Shepherd, L. A. C., 7½, 3; W. Davidson, Herne Hill H., 4, 0; H. F. Pash, L. A. C., 12, 0. Won by half a yard. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Heat 4: B. Macmin, Blackheath H., 7 yards start, 1; G. P. Constantie, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 2½, 2; W. H. Orton, L. A. C., 4½, 3; Lieut. A. Marsden, R. N., 5, 0; O Groenings, Polytechnic H., 8, 0. A good finish, won by a foot. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Heat 5: E. H. Coopman, University College Old Boys' F. C., 7½ yards start, 1; E. Cope, Finchley H., 5, 2; C. W., Fox, L. A. C., 3½, 3; E. H. Flatt, L. A. C., 10½, 0. Won by a foot Time, 12 2-5sec.

FINAL HEAT.

B. Macmin, Blackheath H., 7 yards start ...	...	1
C. D Comrie, L. A. C., 4½ ...	...	2
L. F. Tremeer, L. A. C., 1½ ...	...	3
A. J. Court, Herne Hill H., 8 ...	...	0
E. H. Coopman, University College, 7½ ...	...	0

Macmin soon passed Coopman, and catching Court at the half distance, he won a hard race by half a yard, rather more dividing the next two. Time, 12 1-5sec.

880 Yards Handicap (representing A. B. Manning, amateur champion, at scratch).—B J. Blunden, Blackheath H., 22 yards start, 1; A. Davies, Herne Hill H., 49, 2; P. C. Crump Blackheath H., 62, 3; E. H. Orton, L. A. C., 48, ½; S. F. Lunnies, L. A. C., 55, 5. Also ran: J. Raymond Cleave O. U. A. C. and L. A. C., scratch; A. S. D. Smith, C. U. A. C. and L. A. C., 22; J. B. Densham, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 25; T. Hampson, Herne Hill H., 38; G. W. Jones, L. A. C., 40; R. R. Fowler, L. A. C., 43; A. R Green, S. L. H., 43; G H. Hogsflesh, S L. H., 45; S. W. Fowler-Dixon, L. A. C., 45; C. S. White, L. A. C., 48; H. F. Pesh, L. A. C., 48; N. Nightingale, Ranelagh H., 55; C. S. Mills, (Polytechnic H., 60; C. Roffey, Ranelagh H., 75; R. E. Wright, L. A C. and S. L. H., 80; and C. H. Spendlove, Ranelagh H., 130 Cleave was almost level with Smith at the quarter, but half-way down the straight he retried. Towards the finish half a dozen of the competitors took close order, and after a grand struggle the placings were given as above. Time. 1 min. 56 1-5sec.

Three-mile Walking Challenge Cup and Yacht Handicap (best previous performance, 23min. 4 1-5sec. by G. P. Beckley, 1881).—R. H. Watson (holder), scratch, 1; J. E. Fowler-Dixon, 4min. 15sec. start, 2; C. M. Callow, 4min. 40sec, 0. Contested in a deluge of rain. Callow, not caring for the downpour, retired after going a little over a quarter of a mile. Dixon, though beaten for pace, hung on in plucky fashion, and was, like the winner, loudly cheered at the finish. Times: Watson, 23min. 44 1-5sec.; Dixon, 29min. 34 3-5 sec., leaving Watson a winner by over a minute and a half.

300 Yards Handicap (first two in each heat to start in flanal).—Heat 1: C. H. Jupp, L. A. C., scratch, 1; H. Watson, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 10 yards start, 2; B. Macmin, Blackheath H., 18, 3; G. W. Jones, L. A. C., 15, 0; R. E. Wright, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 20, 0; F. J. C. Shepherd, L. A. C., 22, 0. Won in fine style by a yard.

Heat 2: H. F. Pash, L. A. C., 24 yards start, 1; G. P. Constantine, L. A. C. and S. L. H., 7, 2; J. A. Miller, L. A. C., 15, 3; E. H Montague, S. L H., 10, 0; C. Mc-Lachlan, Herne Hill H., 12, 0; E. B. Harman, Blackheath H., 19, 0; P. C. Crump, Blackheath H., 22, 0. Won rather cleverly by two yards.

Heat 3: J. B. Densham, L. A. C. and S. L. H, 12 yards start, 1; Lieut. A. Marsden, R. N., 12, 2; E. H. Flatt, L. A.C, 28, 3; C. W. Fox, L. A C., 9, 0; W. H. Orton L. A. C, 15, 0; A J Burn, S. L. H. 19, 0; F. S. Lloyd, L. A. C. 22, 0; W. B. Lowe. Lotus A. C., 24, 0; W. J. Basan, Blackheath H., 26, 0. Won by a yard and a half.

Heat 4: C D. Comrie, L. A. C and S. L. H., 12 yards start, 1; A A. Mansell. Polytechnic H., 8, 2; Herbert O. Whibley, S.L. H., 13, 0; C. D. Rees. Blackheath H., 15, 0; E. H. Coopman, University College Old Boes' F. C., 20, 0; B. J. Blunden, Blackheath H., 20 0; A. Goodall, L. A C., 23, 0., A fine race between the back markers. Mansell who failed to get through for a while, came with a rush down the straight, and was only beaten by half a yard.

FINAL HEAT.

H F Pash, Blackheath H, 24 yards start ...	...	1
J B Densham, L. A. C., 12 ...	...	2
C H Jupp, L. A. C., scratch ...	...	3
H Watson, L A C., 10... ...	...	0
G P Constantine, L A C. 7 ...	...	0
Lieut. A. Marsden, R N. 12 ...	...	0
C D Comrie, L A C, 12 ...	...	0
A A Mansell, Polytechnic H. 8 ...	...	0

The scratch man ran finely, but he failed to get up, and was beaten a yard for second place, Pash taking the worsteda little more than this in front of Densham Time. 32 1-5sec.

One mile and a half Handicap (amateur record, 4min. 51sec. by C. Bennett, at Stamford Bridge, June 24, 1899).—E. F. Judson, Blackheath H, 145 yards start, 1; E. S. Ward, L A. C. 115, 2; G. Still, Highgate H., 100. 3; A. S. D. Smith, C. U. A. C. and L. A. C., 60, 0; H. G. Lloyd, L. A. C., 110, 0; W. J, Hunt, Hern, Hill H., 110, 0; A. Davies, Herne Hill H. 120, 0; E Gavine, S. L. H., 160, 0; E. R. Small, Blackheath H., 165, 0; E. B. Thompson, L. A. C. and Ranelagh H., 180, 0; C. Otway, Herne Hill H., 260. 0. Otway led for a little over a lap, when he gave way to Thompson. Soon after completing the mile, however, Judson took the lead, and when the bell rang he was ten yards, ahead of Thompson, with Ward third. Half-way round the last lap Ward looked dangerous, but at the top Judson increased his pace, and finally he won handsomely by twenty yards; a like distance divided second and third. Time, 7min. 2 -35sec

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION AT ENFIELD.

A glorious summer's day—rather trying for competitors, but pleasant for spectators—was associated with the opening play at Enfield on the 29th ultimo in the professional tournament for handsome prizes given by the Enfield Golf Club. A 36-hole qualifying stroke competition was decided, and J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey), the open champion of 1894 1895, and 1900, who has been showing such fine form of late, gave another brilliant display. With rounds of 74 and 73, and a total of 174, he was an easy first, and his 73 should remain as the record for the course for a long time. Harry Vardon (South Herts), 77 and 74—151, was second; James Kinnell (Norwich), 79 and 74—153, third; and J. Braid (Romford), 75 and 79—154, fourth. Thus two Englishmen, Taylor and Vardon, and two Scotsmen, Kinnell and Braid, qualified to compete in the semi-final on Saturday morning. The present champion, Alexander Herd (Huddersfield), never got thoroughly going, and with 80 and 77—157 he could only finish fifth. Jack White (Sunningdale) was completely off his game in the morning, and with 88 and 74—162, he tied with C. R. Smith (West Middlesex), 80 and 82—162, for sixth place. The remaining player, E. Hooker, the Enfield professional, was last with 85 and 89—174.

In the morning Taylor took 7 for the third hole mainly through topping his second shot into the burn. After that he missed one or two short puts, but coming home, and in the whole of the second round his golf was faultless. Details of his score are appended:

First round.—Out: 4 4 7 4 4 4 4 4 4—39
Home: 4 4 5 4 3 4 4 3—35—74
Second round.—Out: 5 3 5 3 4 2 5 5 5—37
Home: 3 5 5 5 3 4 4 4 3—36—37
Total, 147.

Harry Vardon drove grandly, being nearly always dead on the line. He had no luck on the greens, quite half a dozen puts which ought to have gone down stopping on the lip of the hole. His figures were—

First round.—Out: 4 5 5 3 4 3 5 4 4—37
Home: 3 4 6 5 4 5 4 4 5—40—77
Second round.—Out: 3 4 5 3 5 3 5 3 5—36
Home: 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 5 4—38 74
Total, 151.

OPEN TOURNAMENT AT MUSSELBURGH.

Following the custom established in 1892, when the championship was taken away from Musselburgh, the townspeople prefaced an open championship with a Scottish venue by holding an open competition for money prizes of £15, £8, £5 £4, £3, and £2 and four of £1, for professional, and a silver cup and gold medal for amateurs, play taking place on the 4th instant over the famous old nine-hole course. The entry of sixty-four included a number of second class amateurs and the pick of the professional, save Harry Vardon. The event attracted a lot of attention locally and there was a big crowd throughout the day. Play began at nine in the morning and ran late into the evening, a new method of starting intensifying the delays incident to a big field on a short course, while the baked condition of the greens, which made the short game most uncertain, did not tend to expedition at the beginning of the day. The crowd singled out J. H. Taylor and Jas. Braid for first attention, but any hopes that might have been entertained of Braid equalling his great feat of two years ago, when he made a new record for the course with an aggregate of 140 were soon dashed. He bunkered off his first tee shot, and, taking a 7 for the hole, made so poor a return that with 41 he was six strokes behind the leader, the other public favourite J. H. Taylor. The latter's round of 35 represented practically faultless golf, the Richmond man dropping only one stroke in the round. His details were 4 5 4 3 3 4 4 4 4. In his second round Taylor took two strokes more—excusable, looking to the growing keenness of the putting greens—and at the middle of the contest he held first position with 72, second place being held by C. R. Smith, the Scottish International player, with rounds of 38 and 35, total 73.

The other leaders were Tom Williamson (74, 36, and 38), Jack White (75, 39, and 3) and G. Caldwell Daikeith (75, 38, and 37). Taylor was the centre of attraction in the afternoon, but with two 38's he hardly kept up the standard of the morning, and he finished in 148, eight strokes over Braid's winning register of 1901, a capital performance considering the state of the course and the putting-greens. The feature, however, of the early afternoon was the fourth round of A. Herd, the champion redeeming his comparative failure of the forenoon with a brilliant round of 33, a return unequalled in competition golf, for many years at all events, and equal with Bob Ferguson's and Willie Park jun's record rounds of the green. Herd had a long putt for a 3 on the home green and a round of 32, but his ball ran round the disc and jumped out. His details were 4 3 4 3 4 4 3 4 4. Good third rounds by Massey and Williamson gave each an aggregate of 1·2 for their rounds and and a chance, with a fourth round of 36, of catching up the leader, the play being full of interest till the very end of the day. The final results were: Taylor, 148; Braid, Smith, and Williamson, equal, 150; Jones, 151; Herd and Massey, equal, 152.

The excitement caused by Herd's great round had hardly died down ere Braid came in with 34—a grand round being spoiled by a missed drive off the fifth tee. Here the Romford man was put off his drive by some one moving in the crowd, Braid bunkering, and taking 6 at a 4 hole. With an aggregate of 150 he joined Smith and Williamson two strokes behind the leader. Massey was now the only man who could beat Taylor, but the Frenchman began badly with a 6, and, with 40 he receded to sixth place. The prize-list was as follows: J. H. Taylor 148, £15; J. Braid, C. R. Smith, and T. Williamson, 150, divided £17; R. Jones, 151, £3; A. Herd and A. Massey, 152, divided £3; J. Kay, J. Kinnell, T. Vardon, and E. Foord, 154, divided £3.

Messrs. Gordon Stewart, Musselburgh, and D. Leitch, Musselburgh, 156, tied for the Amateur Cup.

CROQUET.

The Annual Championship Meeting was brought to a successful conclusion at Wimbledon on Saturday.

In the open Championship Mr. C. Corbally defeated Miss Gower.

In the Ladies' Open Championship Miss Coote beat Miss Preston two games to one.

In the Mixed Doubles' Open Championship, C. Corbally and Miss Gower beat C E. Willis and Miss Coote two to one.

In the Handicap Singles Miss Cowie beat the Hon. S. Coleridge.

In the International Scotland (W. W. Bruce and Miss Berens) beat England (C. E. Willis and Miss Bramwell) two to one.

Wales (T. Williams and Miss Gower) beat Ireland (C. Corbally and Miss Preston) two to one. In the final round Wales beat Scotland by two to one.

ROWING.

The Annual Race between the training ships, Worcester and Conway, was rowed on the Mersey on Saturday. The Conway crew showed superior rowing all along the two miles' course and won by fully ten lengths.

It is stated that two German scullers, Carl Erst, who last year won the German Championship, and Conrad Haffner have entered for the Diamond Sculls at Henley.

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Pigsticking.

PIGSTICKING ANECDOTES.

THE following account, strictly speaking, has little to do with pigsticking; but as it was an extraordinary occurrence, and should be of interest to your readers, I will relate what happened.

Some three or four years' ago, at Begum Serai Factory, a pig had been speared on the *dearas*, and its body was brought into the factory by some of the coolies, after the stick, and put down in front of the bungalow. Now it happened that there was an old gray horse grazing in the garden at the time; he had long been past work, and was a kind of pensioner, being allowed to roam about wherever he liked. When he saw the boar lying on the ground, he suddenly made a rush for it, and at once began savagely attacking it with his teeth. The whole animal was changed; a few minutes before he was a broken down old crock, now he was a furious maddened animal, every now and then making a peculiar screaming sound, and even sinking on to his knees to mouth and tear at the carcass. M—, and some of the pigsticking party who had come out of the bungalow to examine the dead boar, were so astonished at first that they did nothing; but eventually the horse was dragged off the pig and with some difficulty led away. The coolies then lifted the boar's body up and were taking it away, when the old nag broke away from M—, who was holding him, and made for the dead animal again which, after some trouble, he was persuaded to leave.

This story, which can be vouched for by some three or four witnesses, is the only case I have heard of a horse attacking a pig's carcass; and it would be interesting to hear if any of your readers have ever experienced such a thing. The old horse I have no doubt in his young days had seen ridden to pig; perhaps he may have been badly cut, and as horses are known to have marvellous memories, the sight of his old enemy and the recollection of his wound may have induced him to take the revenge he did.

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Every kind of country has to be ridden over when after pig; it may be the hard sun-dried mud of the Gangetic *dearas*, split up all over the surface by a dangerous network of deep, broad cracks; it may be through thick, high grass filled with holes and blind ditches, or merely in the open; but, wherever it is there can be no holding back if the pig is to be killed; so spills are common and frequent in the merry chase after the wily boar.

I will now describe two bad accidents while after pig. The first one is a distinct warning against the use of too big stirrup irons; and it also points to the danger of not thoroughly inspecting one's riding gear. In the present case if the safety clips on the saddle had been left open, or properly oiled, the stirrup leather would have been easily released, and a man's life wouldn't have been seriously endangered; as it was the safety clips were found thick in rust, and fixed so firmly into the leather of the saddle that they couldn't be moved. I will now relate what occurred.

There was a "stick" at a grass near Belsundie, not far from Samastipore, some twelve years' ago, the following planters were out C. R—, J. R—, N—, S—, J. W—, and G—, from the Dowlutpore concern; G. and E. M—, two brothers from Jeetwarpore; and the Hon'ble F—, A—, and some others.

A pig broke out from the grass, and G— and W—, while galloping after it, both came down in a blind ditch G— escaped all right, but W— was not so lucky; for as the horse lay for a minute partly stunned with the unfortunate rider's left leg pinned under the animal, W— discovered that his right foot had been completely knocked through the stirrup iron, and was *firmly fixed round the ankle*. The horse scrambled to his feet, and as he did so the rider's left leg was released, and he tried to pull himself into the saddle by the help of the reins. He failed in doing so; and as the horse bolted off, he was violently jerked back, and the next minute was being dragged by the right leg. G— and E. M— rode as hard as they could to try and get the reins and stop the animal, but were unsuccessful; and the horse, half mad with fright, increased his pace to a gallop. Escape seemed hopeless, as every now and then the beast would lash out at W——'s body.

After going some distance the horse tried to jump a bank and ditch that surrounded a tope of mango trees; here he fell again, and in falling, the jerk took the rider's boot completely off leaving him bleeding and stunned on the ground; while the animal galloped away through the trees, with the boot still hanging in the stirrup iron. W— was lucky enough to escape without a bone being broken, but he was badly shaken and cut about, and it was some weeks before he could leave his bed. Several ladies, who were out at the stick, and all the men of the party, were witnesses of this rather ghastly accident. The pig that broke was afterwards killed, and he turned out a miserable little beggar; he would make no fight, and died like a cur in a half-dried tank.

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The other spill occurred some years back at a grass called Bowarah, not very far from Domath Factory. A large party were out, amongst others being Sir W. H.—, R. H—, N—, D—, and C—.

A pig was put up, and was being hotly pressed by N—. The boar was just in front of him, when there was a crash, and the pig with N— and his horse disappeared out of sight. They had fallen some twenty feet into an old well. Everybody rode up expecting to find them all killed, but, marvellous to relate, N—, barring being knocked out in time for a bit, was quite unhurt; and his horse escaped also, though he bled a little from the nose.

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I will try and picture some of the fascinations of pigsticking for those of your readers, who have never carried a spear or seen a stick.

A long "grass" thick and broad, in which are seen several hundred coolies all armed with sticks and *lathies*, while here and there are a few elephants scattered along the line advancing slowly, but surely, through the grass, under the supervision of two or three *Sahibs*. Outside, and also riding about in the grass, are some more pigstickers. Suddenly there is a cry; the line of coolies are seen to stop, and a white-coated rider, far away on the right, is seen to gallop. A pig has sneaked out without being seen, though now he can be distinguished like a black ball rolling away in the distance.

You and the rest of the party are tearing your way through the grass; you see "white coat" far ahead, when his horse is seen to turn "turtle" in a cloud of dust. He has lost his reins and is hopelessly out of the run, for his nag, with head and tail up, is cantering away in the direction of his stables, three miles away. With a bound that clears the ditch at the edge of the grass, you are in the open, and now with a singing noise in your ears, as you rush through the air, you watch the dark spot ahead getting bigger and bigger, the powerful strides of the horse under you, the increased pace, as half unconsciously your spurs meet in his side, makes you even keener than before for the excitement of meeting the pig. You are almost up to him; you see him, hardpressed, as he is, turn savagely out of his way to charge amongst some grazing cattle. He is badly blown now, and is undoubtedly collecting himself for the fight that is to come. You steady your horse and bring your spear point more to the front in readiness. His ears prick forward, he suddenly turns, and with an increased pace and a short "O-ough", "O—ough" of rage and fury, he charges you and your horse with all his superb strength.

You feel your spear go in deep into muscles and flesh, while your horse passes on. You are round again in a minute, but the pig is already meeting another rider with a brave charge. You then see him badly wounded and dying; and unable to move totter and fall over, though still proudly facing his enemies to the last.

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There are very few pigstickers, if any, I should imagine, who have ever had an experience like the following that happened to a Tirhoot planter. That was to have a full grown boar on the *top of his horse, behind him and his saddle.*

A few years ago, M— and R— and some other "spears" were out after pig on the Gangetic *dearas*, not far from Khan Mizapore Factory. A boar was put up and after a gallop he was brought to a stand-still. The place where he had taken up his position was on the top of a steep *nassi*; M—, who was in the *nassi* below, rode up to attack him, and as he received the pig's charge he had to hold his spear high in the air to stick him. The spear entered the animal's body all right, though he was only wounded; but the force of the pig's charge carried him completely over the side of the *nassi*, and he partly fell and partly sprang on to M—'s horse, landing behind the saddle, from which place, after a scramble, he fell to the ground and was speared. He was found to be a full-grown boar and measured 33 inches.

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An amusing thing that occurred at a "stick" near Sitamarhi about three years' ago, is worth relating, though it might have ended seriously.

W—a planter, J—, and one or two others were out pigsticking. A boar broke out of a grass and after a hard gallop, W— succeeded in getting up to him; the pig turned and charged, and though the spear went into him, he seemed to feel no pain in his savage lust for revenge, but forced himself up the shaft, impaling himself until the spear head and shaft was well through his body, by which means he was able to get close enough to W—'s horse to cut it very badly.

W—had to dismount at once, and he called to J—to ride up and finish off the pig, which was standing badly wounded with the spear still in him alongside a high *aree* (a partition made of earth, dividing the different fields). J—, who was plucky enough, had at that time very little experience of pigsticking; the *aree* was between him and the pig which seemed very badly hurt, and he was just about to stick the animal, when it suddenly revived, and much to J—'s surprise sprung on to the mound, and in a moment had the toe of his boot in his mouth. J—struck at him with his spear, but the pig held on, and before he fell over and died had completely bitten the end of the boot off.

The whole party were afraid J—was badly hurt, or at least had lost his toes; and were greatly relieved when he replied that he wasn't hurt in the slightest, adding that he always wore his top boots made big, and stuffed at the end with cotton wool!

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One 'Xmas, now some seven or eight years' ago, a large party went out to look for pig in the grasses around Chuckia Factory. In Sarun they failed to find pig, but they put up a full-grown Blue Bull, and as they had such an excellent run and killed it in the end, I will give a short description of it. Amongst others the following were out:—Major G—, a Gunner, C. G—, a Subaltern—in a Native Cavalry Regiment, J.—, a planter from Tirhoot, J. A. W.—, J. W.—, and several others.

The Blue Bull started off across country at a rattling pace, though from the look of its clumsy gallop it appeared to be hardly going at all. The country was broken up with tanks and ditches, and it was a regular steeplechase from start to finish. Most of the horses were quite blown when the Blue Bull took refuge in a small grass. Coolies were then got to drive him out, and in the meanwhile the horses managed to get a bit of a rest. Out he came again, and after a hard gallop, he dashed through a grass without stopping. J—had a spill here, as he and his pony took a header into a dried-up tank in the grass. Major G—who was beautifully mounted began to press the Blue Bull, while J. A. W—rode just behind him.

Several miles had been covered, most of the horses were dead beat, and nearly everybody had had a spill, except Major G— and W——, as the horses were too pumped out to rise at the jumps.

The Blue Bull who was getting tired, would now and then lie up in a grass, but was always easily driven out, and at last he slowed down. Major G—then got up alongside; both the deer and his horse were quite done up, and the pace was hardly a canter. He tried to spear the Blue Bull, but couldn't get the spear through the hide; and at every attempt the animal would lash out at him with his heels. At last W—, who was behind, shouted out to him to get in front of the animal, and spear him like that; G—then managed to get his horse a bit ahead of the Blue Bull, who plunged on to the spear and was killed at once as the spear entered his heart.

Nobody got back to the factory before two in the afternoon, and the run from start to finish must have been about ten miles.

It was not far from this factory ten years' ago that J. A. W.—on his horse Sweet Briar rode down and speared a wolf after a very long run.

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I will now relate how *a 15-2 horse was cut above the tail by a pig* in the north of the Chupra District, as such a jump by a pig is unique, when cutting at a horse. A pig will generally jump when he is cutting, but the marvellous spring this pig gave is well worthy of record.

It happened like this: Domath Factory and the country all around there is infested with pig, and N.—, who was at that factory some years ago, used to often get his two and three pig a week by himself.

One day a punkah-wallah on his way to the bungalow from his village saw a large boar enter some *ikeree* grass; he marked him down carefully, and at once went to the factory and gave the information to N—, who ordered up his horse (which stood 15·2), mounted it, and cantered out to the place with a spear.

It was only a small patch of grass, and N—, ordered some coolies to drive some cattle that were grazing along side into the grass. The cattle were driven in, and shortly after a very fine boar made his appearance and went across country. N—after a gallop, succeeded in getting up to him, and giving him a very good spear; and as he thought he had badly wounded the pig, he partly pulled his horse up after he had passed him and looked back; as he did so, the pig charged, and making an immense spring, cut the horse badly over the tail. The pig was killed very shortly after and was found to measure 34 inches.

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A pig, or a drove of pigs, will very often upset the pigstickers while they are having a comfortable lunch in the middle of the day, and send them flying in every direction for their horses.

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the centre line. The game was well through the first half when Lockhart drew first blood for the visitors. They continued to attack and forced a couple of corners, but nothing resulted. Just before the interval Hill got away for the home team, but lost a good chance by shooting wide. The second moiety showed improvement in the Rangers and a better display was given. The Highlanders continued to attack, but Templeton and Anderson offered a strong defence, and the visitors lost several openings by erratic shooting. Then a *melée* took place in front of the home goal and the ball was put through. Shortly after another goal was put on by the Highlanders from a penalty kick and the match ended in a win for them as stated. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal;* Anderson and Templeton, *backs;* Hughes, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *half-backs;* Brown, Hill, Williams, White, and Clerici, *forwards.*

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace and Silcock, *backs;* Mulholland, Maclean, and Mowatt, *half-backs;* Pollock, Lockhart, Quinn, Montgomery, and Hogg, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Greig, D. F. C.

64TH R. T. A. *vs.* HOWRAH.—Played at Howrah on the 23rd instant, the home team winning after a hard struggle by two goals to one. Howrah started the play and for the first part the game was in their favour. Then Dodds got possession and running down passed to Lieutenant Shaw who scored. Howrah played hard and the ball was transferred to the gunners' half. Here a foul by Lockins gave them a penalty kick from which Jackson put the ball through. On resuming, the Gunners attacked the visitors' goal and Howrah had a busy time. At last W. Smith got away and running down sent in two shots, the second of which proved successful. The Barrackpore men were unable to equalise, and Howrah thus won by two goals to one. Teams :—

HOWRAH.—A. Bennet, *goal;* F. Bennet and H. Bennet, *backs;* Morrow, H. Osborne, and E. Osborne, *half-backs;* J. Smith, Curtis, W. Smith, Jackson and Burns, *forwards.*

64TH R. F. A.—Hutchinson, *goal;* Woods and Prince, *backs;* Corby, Lockins and Donalley, *half-backs;* Goodwin, Wratten, Lieutenant Shaw. Nicol and Dodds, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Wood, Burns' A. C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS.—These teams met on the Highlanders' ground on Tuesday, when the home team was victorious by three goals to one. They forced the pace from the start and after a hard attack Lockhart drew first blood. The Highlanders continued to press but nothing resulted and then the visitors attacked and Coventry was called upon to save some difficult shots. On crossing over a foul by the Highlanders gave the Calcutta men their chance and Cooper equalised. The Highlanders put on a great spurt and Quin soon put them ahead, Calcutta tried hard to get level again, but were unable to score and the 93rd playing the wet ball in fine style, added a third goal, Hogg converting a long pass by Pollock. Teams :—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace and Silcock, *backs;* McLean, McGowan and Mowat, *halves;* Hogg, Montgomery, Quin, Lockhart and Pollock, *forwards.*

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal;* Gahan and Todd, *backs;* Walker, Maunder and Crawford *halves* Fyfe, H. Sherman, Cooper, V Sherman and Stewart, *forwards.*

Referee.—N. G. Pritchard, Esq.

POSITION OF CLUBS TO TUESDAY, THE 23RD JUNE.

(*inclusive.*)

Name of Club.	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For.	Agst.
93rd H'landers ...	11	10	0	1	21	32	4
Calcutta ...	12	8	2	2	18	17	7
Dalhousie ...	11	5	2	4	14	18	10
K O S B ...	10	6	4	0	12	27	11
Y M C A ...	11	4	5	2	10	10	12
Howrah ...	11	3	5	3	9	8	21
Rangers ...	11	2	7	2	6	9	21
64th R. F. A. ...	10	2	7	1	5	8	21
Burn's A. C. ...	11	1	9	1	3	2	24

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE much regret the clerical error in our last week's notes whereby we referred to the council of the I. F. A. as being the body who rejected the appeal of the Y M. C. A.,—as of course the matter was dealt with by the Committee of the League and it was to them that I intended my remarks to refer. We trust the council of the I. F. A. will accept this explanation and "The Chiel's" apologies.

All those who are interested in football, both as players and spectators, will, we feel sure, be grievously disappointed to hear that the newly-formed Referees' Association is not meeting with the support that such a long-felt want so richly deserves—and why? Simply and solely we believe because men who are willing to officiate are unwilling to submit themselves for the necessary examination as to their efficiency. Can anything be more childish! At home men whose thorough knowledge of the game is unquestionable do not consider it *infra dig* to have to submit themselves for a qualifying examination—surely therefore this precaution is still more necessary out here where one is to a certain extent out of touch with the constant alterations in the rules. So bury your false pride ye would-be referees and assist in making the association the boon it would surely prove to all soccer enthusiasts.

The Rangers are improving daily and their draw of 2 goals all against Dalhousie was one of the best performances they have given this season. Certainly Dalhousie were without Stimson and Wallace, but the substitutes both filled the vacancies satisfactorily and they were otherwise at full strength. The game was very even and at times exciting, especially during the closing period, but Dalhousie were perhaps slightly the better team and should have just won. All the scoring was done during the second half, the first point being credited to the Rangers by Russell, who rushed the ball past Peake, after the latter custodian had thrice repulsed the attack. Soon after came an equalising, and somewhat lucky, goal from Rosser as the result of a pretty piece of combined play with Echlin. Then the game became fast and exciting and after some desultory play Emery placed the ball nicely for his forwards who dribbled up and Affleck put his side ahead with a fine shot which completely beat Whelan. Only a few minutes remained for play, but this sufficed for the Rangers to equalise, as from a beautifully placed corner White headed through and thus made the score 2 all. Anderson, Templeton, Lees and O'Laughlin were principally responsible for the good show given by the Rangers—they form the nucleus of a fine defence, but the forwards, with the exception of Russell, are slow and ponderous and were no match for their speedy opponents. For Dalhousie, Peake was not at his best—what a pity his kicking is so weak—and Watts though clever and untiring in mid field work, invariably missed opportunities in front of goal. Rosser and Echlin were fast and resourceful as usual, but how very much more dangerous they would be with a little less impetuosity and more generalship.

The Y. M. C. A. encountered Howrah on the ground of the latter club, and after a vigorous game in which combination was conspicuous by its absence the match ended in a draw of one goal all. Neither team was at full strength, the visitors being without Baldwin, Butler and P. Street and Howrah were minus the services of Ferrier and Hart. On the day's play the Association were undoubtedly the better side, but the defence of the trans-Hughli team, especially Bennett in goal proved very sound. The first point was scored for the Association by Simmons, who tried a long shot from his position at half-back which just sailed under the bar and into the net. This player was, however, responsible for the goal which was scored against his side during the second half as he handled in trying to save and from the penalty kick Jackson beat William with a fine hard shot.

The meeting of the 93rd Highlanders and the 64th R. F. A. proved nothing but an exercise canter for the present holders of the shield, as after taking matters very easily throughout, they eventually won by 5 goals to nil. The Barrackpore team were very poorly represented, as neither Shaw, Woods nor Hutchinson were playing and they seldom penetrated the Highlanders' twenty-five line The game was too one-sided to admit of description, but Quin, who returned to his place at centre forward, scored two of the goals, the other three coming from Hogg, Lockhart, and Montgomery.

The return match between the K. O. S. Bs. and Calcutta was looked forward to with intense interest by both players and spectators alike, and it was a great disappointment to several of the latter that they were precluded from seeing the encounter in consequence of the game being played at Dum-Dum. In the first match the premier club proved victorious and it was known that the Borderers would strain every nerve to avenge their previous defeat, and such proved to be the case, but luck in the shape of a superb display on the part of Buckley was against them and Calcutta were again victorious by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1.

The premier club were without the services of Gillespie whose place was taken by Gahan, but they were otherwise at full strength, whereas the homesters had several new men playing. From the kick off the military went away with a rush and looked like scoring when one of their forwards was pulled up for offside, which penalty was again repeated shortly afterwards, the ball finding touch near the K. O. S. B.s goal line. Some indiscriminate kicking followed the throw out from which the ball came to the elder Sherman, who headed it into the net and thus drew first blood for his side. The game had hardly been restarted when Cooper obtained possession from his half-backs, and making one of his well-known individual efforts dribbled finely through the opposing defence and added the second goal. Nothing daunted the military played with increased dash and Todd and Walker on several occasions saved finely, the latter on one occasion cleverly deprived Byers and passed to Fyfe, who put in a hard shot which O'Neil saved with difficulty. Bexon then got away and made tracks for the Calcutta goal, and Todd, although depriving him of the ball, failed to clear, but Neilson missed a fine opportunity by shooting wide, and shortly after this the K. O. S. B. obtained a corner which was well placed and Neilson headed through thus bringing the score to 2—1.

During the second half there was only one team in it and that was not Calcutta. The homesters had all the best of the argument and pressing continuously maintained an incessant bombardment on the visitors' goal, but without success and consequently they retired defeated by the half-time score.

All praise for Calcutta's victory is due to Buckley and in a much lesser degree to Todd, as it was only the fine defence of these two men that saved the Red-Shirts from a crushing defeat. Buckley was magnificent and his display is one of the finest we have ever seen. Todd played his usual robust game and his long kicking was continually in evidence. His confrère, Gahan, was quite outclassed and gave a poor exhibition which threw extra work on his fellow back. The forwards were spasmodic and showed little or no combination; they all did good things at times, but their efforts were of the individual type. We have seen all the half-backs play better. Cassidy, Byers, and Watts were very clever and effective for the Dum-Dum team and Stewart fed his front rank with discrimination, while Allan got through a lot of work but was not too sound in his defence.

The Dalhousie *vs.* Y. M. C. A. match, which was played on the ground of the former club, was productive of a good struggle and ended in a pointless draw. In the first game between these two teams the Young Men won by 2 goals, but since then Dalhousie have shown such consistent improvement that their chances of success in the return match were thought to be very rosy. During the first half the home team had the better of the game and shots by Rosser and Watts were well saved by Williams, whereas Peake had little or nothing to do. This state of affairs continued after the interval when the pace at which the game had been played made itself felt and the play was desultory and uninteresting. Towards the close Watts scored for Dalhousie, but the point was disallowed and the match thus ended in a pointless draw. Watts, Rosser, Simmons, and Williams were conspicuous for their respective sides.

We understand that Dalhousie intend appealing against the Referee's decision in regard to the goal scored by Watts. It appears that the goal judge said the ball had passed the line before Williams saved, whereas the Referee who considered himself in a position to judge decided that it had not and consequently overruled the goal judge's opinion and disallowed the goal, a nice point for the Committee of the League, with odds on the Referee's verdict being upheld.

The Rangers put up a very poor show against the 93rd Highlanders on Saturday and the latter without exerting themselves unnecessarily won by 3 goals to nil. The Rangers' backs fed their forwards well throughout, but innumerable opportunities were lost by the attacking division through hesitation. The Fort men on the other hand were quick to take advantage of an opening that offered, and although they only scored once in the first half they subsequently augmented this by two more goals during the latter stages—it was an uninteresting game.

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Lawn Tennis.

CALCUTTA C. C. *vs.* SATURDAY CLUB.—A return match was played on the Saturday Club courts on 20th instant between the Saturday Club and the Calcutta Cricket Club, the teams being the same as those which met on the previous Saturday on the C.C.C. courts. The match was a most exciting one, the C.C.C. eventually winning by one game. The score was as follows :—

Saturday Club		*vs.*	*Cricket Club.*	
Colville and Quin	7		Harvey and Danger	4
Ditto	5		Hechle and Allen	4
Ditto	7		Preston and Hinds	6
Jackson and Grimley	8		Harvey and Danger	3
Ditto	3		Hechle and Allen	8
Ditto	6		Preston and Hinds	5
Bagshawe and Hill	5		Harvey and Danger	6
Ditto	2		Hechle and Allen	9
Ditto	6		Preston and Hinds	5
Total ...	49		Total ...	50

Walking.

LONG DISTANCE WALKING.

IN this age of hurry, when one jumps on tram, or takes train or motor when going the shortest of journeys, it is gratifying to find that our standard of physical ability is not degenerating. The latest craze is long distance walking, overdone it may be, but yet useful as a guide to the strength and stamina of the young men of our day. Certainly the most remarkable feature of the remarkable Stock Exchange walk to Brighton was the fact that no fewer than seventy-six out of eighty-four starters completed the journey, and not that one man finished in nine and a half hours. It was a revelation to old-time athletes, many of whom would have staked all they possessed against even half the men who left Westminster Bridge on May-day morning ever completing the journey, and would have called one mad had he suggested that ten of them would finish inside ten hours, forty five inside eleven, and seventy-two inside twelve hours. Yet those facts are now on record, and serve as a fitting denial to those who assert that we are a dwindling race, and that there is a general deterioration in the national health and strength.

It was a long and trying walk, yet some remarkably good performances were accomplished, and the men finished very fresh indeed Here and there a man came in done up, but insufficient or injudicious training was probably the cause, and the stories which were published as to the collapse of many of the competitors were all nonsense, probably emanating from brains as fertile as those of the reporters who so extensively boomed the affair, and whose quotations of bets were, as Mr. Vandervell remarked after finishing, as faulty as the market prices in the City columns of certain newspapers. This gentleman, who is far from young, set himself the task of walking the fifty-two and-a-quarter miles in thirteen hours, and after covering the distance in about eleven and-a-half, sat down and wrote a two-column humorous article on the race for a financial paper. That showed at any rate no sign of a mental collapse. The only complaint he makes is that the milestones went backwards a mile or two before reaching Brighton; but a small bottle of the best, after walking forty-eight miles without liquid refreshment came as the nectar of the gods, and he finished strong, though somewhat stiff and foot-sore. All the men seemed to be possessed of the same pluck and determination as Mr. Vandervell.

They had laid themselves out to get there and get there they would and did. As they trudged along one was struck with their varying styles. Here and there was a suggestion of "a mix," and one noticed that these men were generally accompanied by professional trainers, but taken collectively a more fairer walk was never held. One early picked out Mr. E. F. Broad as likely to be troublesome at the finish He walked upright, with a fair heel-and-toe action head held well back, and the arms swinging naturally, and not in the high-stilted fashion so common among short distance path walkers. His judgment of pace was excellent, and when he at last took the lead he had a lot of reserve power left, while Mr. G. D. Nicholas, who had made the pace for nearly three parts of the journey, was only able to force himself along through sheer pluck. At Croydon the latter had showed the signs that the pace was telling, the cheeks being flushed, but he went on in really remarkable fashion, and I look upon his performance, after an ill-judged rush to the front at the start, as one of the best in the race. He recovered wonderfully in the last few miles and finished even fresher than the winner, but the next three or four showed signs of distress, especially Mr. Russell Davies and Mr. N. Varley. The former is an old member of the Ranelagh Harriers and has had plenty of training across country He walked well and once forced himself into second place, but in the effort to gain this position he had just overtaxed himself, and had to give way to Mr. T. E. Hammond in the last half mile, and thus lost third place in the scratch race. Yet he finished within six minutes of the winner.

Though the young men proved speedier the older men in the race did some extraordinary and very commendable work. When in 1868 the brothers Chinnery (one of whom was a judge in the recent walk) made the journey and set up first record, they took 11hrs. and 35mins.; yet Mr. G. S. Pawle, who is forty-seven years of age, only took 10hrs. 19mins. 57secs. on May Day, when the weather was so bad that one would have thought such a record by a veteran was impossible. Mr. R. P. Farrell, the old London Rowing Club man, who only took 10hrs. 15mins. 22secs., is also well over thirty-five. In 1878 Mr. P. J. Burt lowered the Chinnery record to 10hrs. 52mins., and this stood till 1884, when Mr. C L O'Malley, of the London Athletic Club, a fine steeplechaser, skater, boxer, and swimmer, beat Mr. B. Nickels, jun., in a match in 9hrs. 48mins. Those were the days of genuine sporting matches, and no such athletic event has since been decided over the course except the Stock Exchange Walk, though several amateur clubs have held open races. The first of these was by the Ealing Harriers in 1884, when the late Mr. J. A. McIntosh won in 9hrs. 25mins. 8secs In that race very little discretion was shown by the walkers, one of whom, Mr. J. Miles, walked the first seven miles in a little over an hour—an absurd pace for so long a journey The second man on that occasion was the veteran Civil Service athlete, Mr. C. M. Callow, who took 10hrs. 14mins. 6secs. In 1891 Mr. E. H Cuthbertson, a member of the Lea Harriers and one of the Committee of the Stock Exchange Walk, went from Hatchett's, Piccadilly, to the Old Ship at Brighton—the old coaching course—in 10hrs. 6mins 18secs., his time from Westminster being 9hrs. 55mins. 34secs.; but all previous performances were eclipsed in 1896, when a well-known professional named S. Franks, then forty-five year of age, walked over in 9hrs. 7mins. 7secs. This professional was one of the first men to fairly walk eight miles in one hour

In 1897 the open walk of the Polytechnic Harriers brought out thirty-seven starters. In that race Mr. J. Butler, the present amateur champion as well as London to Brighton record holder, made exactly the same mistake as did Mr. G. D. Nicholas on May Day. He showed the way at a great pace and

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Pigsticking.

PIGSTICKING ANECDOTES.

THE following account, strictly speaking, has little to do with pigsticking; but as it was an extraordinary occurrence, and should be of interest to your readers, I will relate what happened.

Some three or four years' ago, at Begum Serai Factory, a pig had been speared on the *dearas*, and its body was brought into the factory by some of the coolies, after the stick, and put down in front of the bungalow. Now it happened that there was an old gray horse grazing in the garden at the time; he had long been past work, and was a kind of pensioner, being allowed to roam about wherever he liked. When he saw the boar lying on the ground, he suddenly made a rush for it, and at once began savagely attacking it with his teeth. The whole animal was changed; a few minutes before he was a broken down old crock, now he was a furious maddened animal, every now and then making a peculiar screaming sound, and even sinking on to his knees to mouth and tear at the carcass. M—, and some of the pigsticking party who had come out of the bungalow to examine the dead boar, were so astonished at first that they did nothing; but eventually the horse was dragged off the pig and with some difficulty led away. The coolies then lifted the boar's body up and were taking it away, when the old nag broke away from M—, who was holding him, and made for the dead animal again which, after some trouble, he was persuaded to leave.

This story, which can be vouched for by some three or four witnesses, is the only case I have heard of a horse attacking a pig's carcass; and it would be interesting to hear if any of your readers have ever experienced such a thing. The old horse I have no doubt in his young days had been ridden to pig; perhaps he may have been badly cut, and as horses are known to have marvellous memories, the sight of his old enemy and the recollection of his wound may have induced him to take the revenge he did.

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Every kind of country has to be ridden over when after pig; it may be the hard sun-dried mud of the Gangetic *dearas*, split up all over the surface by a dangerous network of deep, broad cracks; it may be through thick, high grass filled with holes and blind ditches, or merely in the open; but, wherever it is there can be no holding back if the pig is to be killed; so spills are common and frequent in the merry chase after the wily boar.

I will now describe two bad accidents while after pig. The first one is a distinct warning against the use of too big stirrup irons; and it also points to the danger of not thoroughly inspecting one's riding gear. In the present case if the safety clips on the saddle had been left open, or properly oiled, the stirrup leather would have been easily released, and a man's life wouldn't have been seriously endangered; as it was the safety clips were found thick in rust, and fixed so firmly into the leather of the saddle that they couldn't be moved. I will now relate what occurred.

There was a "stick" at a grass near Belsundie, not far from Samastipore, some twelve years' ago, the following planters were out C. R—, J. R—, N—, S—, J. W—, and G—, from the Dowlutpore concern; G. and E. M—, two brothers from Jeetwarpore; and the Hon'ble F—, A—, and some others.

A pig broke out from the grass, and G— and W—, while galloping after it, both came down in a blind ditch G— escaped all right, but W— was not so lucky; for as the horse lay for a minute partly stunned with the unfortunate rider's left leg pinned under the animal, W— discovered that his right foot had been completely knocked through the stirrup iron, and was *firmly fixed round the ankle*. The horse scrambled to his feet, and as he did so the rider's left leg was released, and he tried to pull himself into the saddle by the help of the reins. He failed in doing so; and as the horse bolted off, he was violently jerked back, and the next minute was being dragged by the right leg. G— and E. M— rode as hard as they could to try and get the reins and stop the animal, but were unsuccessful; and the horse, half mad with fright, increased his pace to a gallop. Escape seemed hopeless, as every now and then the beast would lash out at W——'s body.

After going some distance the horse tried to jump a bank and ditch that surrounded a tope of mango trees; here he fell again, and in falling, the jerk took the rider's boot completely off leaving him bleeding and stunned on the ground; while the animal galloped away through the trees, with the boot still hanging in the stirrup iron. W— was lucky enough to escape without a bone being broken, but he was badly shaken and cut about, and it was some weeks before he could leave his bed. Several ladies, who were out at the stick, and all the men of the party, were witnesses of this rather ghastly accident. The pig that broke was afterwards killed, and he turned out a miserable little beggar; he would make no fight, and died like a cur in a half-dried tank.

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The other spill occurred some years back at a grass called Bowarah, not very far from Domath Factory. A large party were out, amongst others being Sir W. H.—, R. H—, N—, D—, and C—.

A pig was put up, and was being hotly pressed by N—. The boar was just in front of him, when there was a crash, and the pig with N— and his horse disappeared out of sight. They had fallen some twenty feet into an old well. Everybody rode up expecting to find them all killed, but, marvellous to relate, N—, barring being knocked out in time for a bit, was quite unhurt; and his horse escaped also, though he bled a little from the nose.

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I will try and picture some of the fascinations of pigsticking for those of your readers, who have never carried a spear or seen a stick.

A long "grass" thick and broad, in which are seen several hundred coolies all armed with sticks and *lathies*, while here and there are a few elephants scattered along the line advancing slowly, but surely, through the grass, under the supervision of two or three *Sahibs*. Outside, and also riding about in the grass, are some more pigstickers. Suddenly there is a cry; the line of coolies are seen to stop, and a white-coated rider, far away on the right, is seen to gallop. A pig has sneaked out without being seen, though now he can be distinguished like a black ball rolling away in the distance.

You and the rest of the party are tearing your way through the grass; you see "white coat" far ahead, when his horse is seen to turn "turtle" in a cloud of dust. He has lost his reins and is hopelessly out of the run, for his nag, with head and tail up, is cantering away in the direction of his stables, three miles away. With a bound that clears the ditch at the edge of the grass, you are in the open, and now with a singing noise in your ears, as you rush through the air, you watch the dark spot ahead getting bigger and bigger, the powerful strides of the horse under you, the increased pace, as half unconsciously your spurs meet in his side, makes you even keener than before for the excitement of meeting the pig. You are almost up to him; you see him, hardpressed, as he is, turn savagely out of his way to charge amongst some grazing cattle. He is badly blown now, and is undoubtedly collecting himself for the fight that is to come. You steady your horse and bring your spear point more to the front in readiness. His ears prick forward, he suddenly turns, and with an increased pace and a short "O-ough", "O—ough" of rage and fury, he charges you and your horse with all his superb strength.

You feel your spear go in deep into muscles and flesh, while your horse passes on. You are round again in a minute, but the pig is already meeting another rider with a brave charge. You then see him badly wounded and dying; and unable to move totter and fall over, though still proudly facing his enemies to the last.

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There are very few pigstickers, if any, I should imagine, who have ever had an experience like the following that happened to a Tirhoot planter. That was to have a full grown boar on the *top of his horse, behind him and his saddle.*

A few years ago, M— and R— and some other "spears" were out after pig on the Gangetic *dearas*, not far from Khan Mirzpore Factory. A boar was put up and after a gallop he was brought to a stand-still. The place where he had taken up his position was on the top of a steep *nassi*; M—, who was in the *nassi* below, rode up to attack him, and as he received the pig's charge he had to hold his spear high in the air to stick him. The spear entered the animal's body all right, though he was only wounded; but the force of the pig's charge carried him completely over the side of the *nassi*, and he partly fell and partly sprang on to M—'s horse, landing behind the saddle, from which place, after a scramble, he fell to the ground and was speared. He was found to be a full-grown boar and measured 33 inches.

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An amusing thing that occurred at a "stick" near Sitamarhi, about three years' ago, is worth relating, though it might have ended seriously.

W—a planter, J—, and one or two others were out pigsticking. A boar broke out of a grass and after a hard gallop, W— succeeded in getting up to him; the pig turned and charged, and though the spear went into him, he seemed to feel no pain in his savage lust for revenge, but forced himself up the shaft, impaling himself until the spear head and shaft was well through his body, by which means he was able to get close enough to W—'s horse to cut it very badly.

W—had to dismount at once, and he called to J—to ride up and finish off the pig, which was standing badly wounded with the spear still in him alongside a high *arre* (a partition made of earth, dividing the different fields). J—, who was plucky enough, had at that time very little experience of pigsticking; the *arre* was between him and the pig which seemed very badly hurt, and he was just about to stick the animal, when it suddenly revived, and much to J—'s surprise sprung on to the mound, and in a moment had the toe of his boot in his mouth. J—struck at him with his spear, but the pig held on, and before he fell over and died had completely bitten the end of the boot off.

The whole party were afraid J—was badly hurt, or at least had lost his toes; and were greatly relieved when he replied that he wasn't hurt in the slightest, adding that he always wore his top boots made big, and stuffed at the end with cotton wool!

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One 'Xmas, now some seven or eight years' ago, a large party went out to look for pig in the grasses around Chuckia Factory. In Sarun they failed to find pig, but they put up a full-grown Blue Bull, and as they had such an excellent run and killed it in the end, I will give a short description of it. Amongst others the following were out:—Major G—, a Gunner, C. G—, a Subaltern—in a Native Cavalry Regiment, J.—, a planter from Tirhoot, J. A. W.—, J. W.—, and several others.

The Blue Bull started off across country at a rattling pace, though from the look of its clumsy gallop it appeared to be hardly going at all. The country was broken up with banks and ditches, and it was a regular steeplechase from start to finish. Most of the horses were quite blown when the Blue Bull took refuge in a small grass. Coolies were then got to drive him out, and in the meanwhile the horses managed to get a bit of a rest. Out he came again, and after a hard gallop, he dashed through a grass without stopping. J—had a spill here, as he and his pony took a header into a dried-up tank in the grass. Major G—who was beautifully mounted began to press the Blue Bull, while J. A. W—rode just behind him.

Several miles had been covered, most of the horses were dead beat, and nearly everybody had had a spill, except Major G— and W——, as the horses were too pumped out to rise at the jumps.

The Blue Bull who was getting tired, would now and then lie up in a grass, but was always easily driven out, and at last he slowed down. Major G—then got up alongside; both the deer and his horse were quite done up, and the pace was hardly a canter. He tried to spear the Blue Bull, but couldn't get the spear through the hide; and at every attempt the animal would lash out at him with his heels. At last W—, who was behind, shouted out to him to get in front of the animal, and spear him like that; G—then managed to get his horse a bit ahead of the Blue Bull, who plunged on to the spear and was killed at once as the spear entered his heart.

Nobody got back to the factory before two in the afternoon, and the run from start to finish must have been about ten miles.

It was not far from this factory ten years' ago that J. A. W.—on his horse Sweet Briar rode down and speared a wolf after a very long run.

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I will now relate how *a 15-2 horse was cut above the tail by a pig* in the north of the Chupra District, as such a jump by a pig is unique, when cutting at a horse. A pig will generally jump when he is cutting, but the marvellous spring this pig gave is well worthy of record.

It happened like this: Domath Factory and the country all around there is infested with pig, and N.—, who was at that factory some years ago, used to often get his two and three pig a week by himself.

One day a punkah-wallah on his way to the bungalow from his village saw a large boar enter some *ikerve* grass; he marked him down carefully, and at once went to the factory and gave the information to N—, who ordered up his horse (which stood 15-2), mounted it, and cantered out to the place with a spear.

It was only a small patch of grass, and N—, ordered some coolies to drive some cattle that were grazing along side into the grass. The cattle were driven in, and shortly after a very fine boar made his appearance and went across country. N—after a gallop, succeeded in getting up to him, and giving him a very good spear; and as he thought he had badly wounded the pig, he partly pulled his horse up after he had passed him and looked back; as he did so, the pig charged, and making an immense spring, cut the horse badly over the tail. The pig was killed very shortly after and was found to measure 34 inches.

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A pig, or a drove of pigs, will very often upset the pigstickers while they are having a comfortable lunch in the middle of the day, and send them flying in every direction for their horses.

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At a "stick" in the Chupra District, once, the party had just settled down to refreshments, and drinks were being handed round, when there was a sudden shout of *soor, soor;* and the next minute several pig and a lot of *butchas* were into the party.

The confusion was awful and everybody made for safety; two stout, burly planters made a spring into a bullock cart, —but, alas! the frail bamboos gave, and there they stuck, with their legs on the ground, while the drove of pig tore past.

Another time at a "stick" not far from Bettiah, the whole party including several ladies were all having lunch, when a pig suddenly appeared from a grass not far away and charged down on them.

Luckily C—, N—, and D—, had their horses standing alongside, and they were on them at once, and after heading the pig away from the lunch party, C—got up to him and speared him.

If this pig had got amongst the others, he would have done a great deal of damage, as nobody had anything more deadly in their hands than a few hard-boiled eggs!

BEHARI.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HOUNDS.

Monday, 15th June.—A cold, windy, and cloudy, but fair morning. We moved off from Sandy Nullah Toll Bar at 7 A. M for Barber's Shop, thence to the Dartmoor Vale. Here a brace of jacks were viewed which caused complications for a few moments, but hounds soon settled to the line of one of them, which ran up to Briar Shola, and it looked ominously liked Staircase Hill; while we regretfully watched the other taking the better line, and making in the direction of Wapshare's Hare Shola. Hounds hunted in covert for some time where scent was good; they started several jacks who went away, but stuck obstinately to the hunted one, and at last bustled him out with a rush over the adjacent hill where he ran to ground in a small covert. The Master next drew down the Yemakal Valley; this constitutes a fine hunting country, with good scenting ground but there are some very steep hills, and the crossings are difficult to get down to, so that if hounds are going at any pace, it is not very easy to live with them. We had not gone far, when hounds were again on a line, and settled to their work at once. Those who got a good start were with them the first couple of hills, but the pace at which they were going began to tell on the horses, who, however, held steadily on, though hounds were a bit "forrarder" carrying the line out straight up the valley for about two miles to Karumuda Shola, skirting which they swept round to the left. The jack was now heading in the direction of Nadunkod Mund, running through several Sholas on the way, where he could not take refuge as the hounds were pressing him close. He then ran below the Mund straight on to Zemakal Shola, which he did not enter, but turned left-handed for Chemund Shola. Here hounds seemed rather at a loss; the scent was failing, as it generally does with a sinking jack running down wind. The Master stopped hounds and collected the pack to take them home, as they had had quite enough. It was a splendid run lasting for about 35 minutes, in very good country barring one or two hills. It was altogether a most enjoyable day for sport.

Thursday, 18th June.—Saw hounds at Golf Corner. At Jackal Shola, the first draw, they got on a line, but didn't make anything of it. Finding again on top of Newmarket they ran truefully to "Bluequens," through this and out the other side to Porlock Shola. They were here stopped and taken along Newmarket. Near the double crossing a jack was viewed; hounds were already on the line, and running at a tremendous pace took us over the Lawley's Course across the Pykhara road and on to the Dunsandle road, along this for about half a mile, till taking to the country again they brested the opposing hill and ran down thus skirting a Shola just near Waterfall, over the road again and into a covert in the side of the road, when they lost their jack; this was a short but thoroughly enjoyable burst. The Master just waited to give horses a rest, then went on again towards the Old Pykhara road. After jogging quietly along for a few minutes, the hounds suddenly went away, the cause being a jack had jumped up close to them. They ran him over the hill and on to the Pykhara road off it into a covert close by from where, being hard, pressed, he turned and facing the open was pulled down. Though scent was still good, it being a rainy morning, the Master thought it best to take hounds back to the Kennels, as horses had had enough, and it was a satisfactory day for hounds.

Saturday, 20th June.—This morning at the early hour of 5-30 A. M., the hounds met at the Kennels. Captain Fife (Master), Captain Dick-Cunnynham (Whip), and Captain Packard were the only ones out. It was really a trial morning for the new draught of hounds which came out from Home about the end of March. On Bagman's Hill the hounds got on two lines and the pack divided, one lot running down the Nungenard Valley and the other heading for Staircase. Nothing much happened; they were soon after collected and taken back to Kennels.

"PYKHARA"

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 5th June* 1903.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in Wales to establish a series of inter-town contests on the cycle race path. The promoters of the scheme gain confidence in their venture by the keen rivalry which exists between the inhabitants of Welsh towns; they attribute the sole success of the Welsh football clubs to this town rivalry, and anticipate similar large gates should they institute team racing on the cycle track between competitors from different towns. Cycle racing has undoubtedly boomed in the Principality, and meetings are always better attended than in any other part of Great Britain, so the introduction of inter-town contests should prove a grand success. The venture will be watched with interest, since there are great possibilities in the idea.

A new method of carrying a passenger in connection with a motor bicycle has recently made its appearance on the roads. Instead of the usual trailer car or forecarriage as used in the ordinary way, a basket carriage has been devised which can be attached to the side of the motor bicycle in such a way that driver and passenger are side by side. At present, if the motorcyclist wishes for company, he has the choice of pulling a trailer or having a front basket chair fixed to his machine. Both of these have their disadvantages, and in neither case can two riders converse with comfort. The new attachment appears to be safe, sociable, and comfortable, and does away with the danger of side-slip by converting the bicycle into a three-wheeler.

Now that cycling has spread to such a large extent, it is not surprising that many road surveyors should be numbered amongst the devotees of the wheel. It is certainly fortunate for wheelmen when the road surveyor of their district is a cyclist, for it stands to reason that he must be more keenly alive to the wants of cyclists, and be ready to do all he can to provide the best cycling roads. For instance, it used to be a common practice when, at the beginning of the winter season, new metal was laid upon the roads, to cover the whole surface from one side to the other; but now it is particularly noticeable that in almost every case a small passage is left at either side, which enables the cyclists to pass with but little inconvenience. The thoughtfulness in all cases might not be specially for the cyclists' welfare, but one has very good reason to suppose that the wheelman is chiefly responsible.

It is doubtful whether many people know of the practical experiments which were made some years ago, and which showed that no less than 45 per cent. of the wear and tear of roads was due to horses' hoofs. Atmospheric variations were responsible for 20 per cent., while the wheels of vehicles accounted for the remaining 35 per cent. In regard to the last item, of course, iron-shod wheels were taken into consideration, and when we bear in mind the wonderful difference in the wear upon the road surface by iron-shod wheels as compared with rubber-shod wheels, it is seen how very slender indeed are the grounds upon which many local councils and similar bodies suggest the taxation of cycles, especially when such suggestions are made on the plea that they wear out the roads.

Some changes have been made in the programme of the Gordon-Bennett race in Ireland. In the first place it has been decided to start the cars at a minimum of seven minutes' intervals, so that, unlike the Paris-Madrid contest, it will be practically a time race. Secondly, arrangements have been made to draft another large body of police to help keep the course. Thirdly, extra controls have been arranged for at dangerous corners and narrow places along the course. Finally, no spectators will be allowed within a hundred yards of the course, except where banks or stone walls exist. Further precautionary measures are under consideration, but, nevertheless, the element of danger connected with this contest far outweighs the commercial potentialities. It is generally understood that the various counties through which the course lies, will only permit the race to proceed under very vigorous precautions for the public safety.

A kilometre has been run by motor at a rate of over 80 miles an hour, and a mile has been accomplished on a circular track in sixty-two seconds. The King has travelled frequently at twenty miles an hour, and the speeds for which the Prime Minister has been three times fined have varied from twenty-three to thirty-three miles an hour. No Prime Minster in the world before ever travelled by road at a rate of nearly a mile in just over two minutes, and though Mr. Balfour has broken the law by doing so, he has helped by his "active resistance," to hasten the day when the motor must be accepted as the readiest and quickest means of travel over short distances, and over long ones. It is not ten years' since the winning motor in a great race attained a speed of only thirteen miles an hour. It took the steam engine fifteen years to increase its speed four times; it has taken the motor only seven years to do the same. The winning speed was thirteen miles an hour in 1894; in 1895 it had risen to fifteen; in 1898 it was twenty-three; and in 1899 the fastest speed was thirty miles. But in two years the speed of the motor was all but doubled, and in 1901 M. Fournier astounded the motor world by travelling 327 miles in less than six hours. It was a record speed of over fifty-three miles an hour, and M. Fournier's motor, running between Paris and Bordeaux, beat the Sud Express, the fastest long-distance train in the world, by more than an hour. In the last event from Paris to Madrid, the first stage to Bordeaux was accomplished at the rate of eighty miles an hour.

The well-known Continental racing man Lesna, always seems to be in trouble, the latest accident falling in his way being in the Paris-Madrid race, in which he started as a competitor in the motor cycle section. The smash up occurred about midway between Paris and Bordeaux, and resulted in Lesna sustaining a fractured knee. Recovery will be long and tedious, and Lesna may rely upon the good wishes of his many friends.

With the extension of motoring, the speed question comes in for a lot of discussion; but it is satisfactory to cyclists that, while the police authorities and automobilists are at loggerheads, the long-suffering wheelman at the hands of the country police, are left more alone. What was considered furious cycling, sinks into insignificance, when compared with the speed of some of the modern motors. Besides, the police consider it a higher honour to haul up an automobilist than a cyclist.

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Football.

THE CALCUTTA LEAGUE.

HOWRAH *vs.* Y. M. C. A.—These teams met on the Howrah ground on the 17th instant when after an exciting struggle the game ended in a draw of one goal each. The visitors kicked off and running down Crow just missed scoring. They continued to press till H. Osborne got away and play was transferred to the Association half, but they were unable to get past Yackjee. After a couple of rushes the Young Men gave the home team plenty to do and play ruled fast to the interval. Just before the whistle, Simmons put the ball through for the visitors. On resuming, the Howrah men appeared in better form and from a penalty kick, for hands against Simmons, Jackson equalised. Play was very exciting for a time then the home forwards began to tire. The Association pressed, but could not get through, the game ending one goal all. Teams:—

HOWRAH.—A. Bennett, *goal;* F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs;* Morrow, H. Osborne, and E. Osborne, *halves;* Smith, Curtis, Grieff, Jackson and Burns, *forwards.*

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal;* Rosser and Yackjee, *backs;* Power, Simmons and Cooper, *halves;* Crow, H. Street, Apcar Gordon and Schaumburgh, *forwards.*

Referee—Sergeant Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* RANGERS.—Played on the Dalhousie ground on the 17th. The visitors opened operations, but the home team soon got possession and kept up a continuous attack on the Rangers' goal. They were unable to score, and half time arrived pointless. On changing ends the Rangers attacked the home goal and sent in some difficult shots, all of which Peake saved, then the Dals had a turn, but without success. The Rangers nexting rushed down and Russell scored. The home team play up hard, Rosser sent in a fine shot, in trying to save which, one of the Rangers' men put the ball through his own goal. The home team continued to attack and Affleck put on a second goal. At this the Rangers played up and Peake had to save several hard shots. At last Whittie equalised from a *melee* and no further scoring taking place the game ended in a draw. Teams:—

DALHOUSIE F. C.—Peak, *goal;* Margrett and Bushby, *backs;* Emmery, Phelps, and Dalling, *half-backs;* Echlin, Rosser, Watts, Affleck, and Williams, *forwards.*

RANGERS' F. C.—Whelan, *goal;* Templeton and Anderson, *backs;* O'Laughlin, Lees and Hughes, *half-backs;* Russell, Johnson, Williams, Whittie, and Pell, *forwards.*

A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* 64TH R. F. A.—This match was played on the Highlanders' ground last Thursday, the home team having an easy victory by five goals to *nil*. They went away at the start and after a couple of minutes Quin scored, which was followed by Hogg netting a second goal. They continued to press throughout the half, but put on no further score. After half-time the Highlanders resumed the attack, and towards the end they put on three goals, Lockhart, Quin and Montgomery being responsible. Then the Artillery forced a corner, but nothing resulted, and the Highlanders won, as stated, by five goals to *nil*. Teams:—

93rd HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace and Silcock, *backs;* McLean, McGowan and Mowat, *half-backs;* Roberts, Lockhart, Quin, Montgomery and Hogg, *forwards.*

64th R. F. A.—Nicol, *goal;* Prince and Quin, *backs;* Corby, Lockins and Donally, *half-backs;* Shirt, Wratten, Clarke, Harrison and Dods, *forwards.*

Referee—Sergeant Fuller, K. O. S. B.

BURN AND CO. *vs.* HOWRAH.—These teams met on Burn and Co.'s ground on the 20th instant when a very even match ended in a pointless draw. Donnithorne, Freeman, and Wood were most conspicuous for the Engineers, while of the Howrah men the Bennetts and the Osbornes showed up in good form. Teams:—

HOWRAH.—A Bennett, *goal;* F Bennett and H Bennett, *backs;* Morrow, H. Osborne, and E. Osborne, *half-backs;* Watts, Jackson, Grieff, Smith, and Curtis, *forwards.*

BURN'S AND A. C.—Dodds, *goal;* MacFadyen and Donnithorne, *backs;* Cochrane, Wood, and Russell, *half-backs;* Kerr, J Bonner, H. Bonner, Taylor, and Freeman, *forwards.*

Referee.—Sergt. Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* Y. M. C. A.—Played on the Dalhousie ground last Saturday and ended in a draw. Both teams played up, but were unable to score. Just before time Watts sent in a shot and claimed a goal. The Referee did not allow it, though the goal line judge affirmed the ball was thrown out from within the net. An appeal by the home team is pending. Teams:—

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal;* Margrett and Bushby, *backs;* Affleck, Phelps, and Dalling, *half-backs;* Rosser, Echlin, Watts, Williams, and Stimson, *forwards.*

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal;* Baldwin and Rosser, *backs;* Cooper, Butler, and Street (junr.), *half-backs;* Simmons, Yackjee, Apcar, Street (sen.), and Crow, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Henry, Rangers.

K. O. S. B.'s *vs.* CALCUTTA.—Played at Dum-Dum on Saturday when a good game resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one. The Borderers commenced operations, and going down Eyers missed a good chance by a wild shot. They continued to press and Buckley had to save two or three hard shots. V. Sherman then got possession and ran down, but back came the soldiers and Cassidy sent in several shots. The visitors next rushed down and Fyfe passing to V. Sherman the latter headed the ball in. They returned to the attack and Cooper put on a second goal easily getting past O'Neil. The Borderers played hard and showed splendid combination, and fast play followed. Buckley was tested on several occasions, but saved in grand style. At last Neilson scored from a corner and half time arrived with Calcutta leading. On changing ends the soldiers had the best of the game and kept up an attack on the visitors' goal, but were unable to get past Buckley who saved in marvellous fashion, the game ending as stated in a win for the Calcutta. Teams:—

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal;* Todd and Gahan, *backs;* Maunder, Crawford, and Walker, *half-backs;* Fyfe, H. Sherman, Cooper, V. Sherman, and Stuart, *forwards.*

K. O. S. B.'s.—O'Neil, *goal;* MacDonald and Allen, *backs;* Campbell, Stewart, and Tait, *half-backs;* Byers, Walls, Cassedy, Neilson, and Bexton, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Rope, Rangers.

RANGERS *vs.* A. & S. HIGHLANDERS.—This match, played on the Rangers' ground on the 20th instant, resulted in a win for the Highlanders by three goals to *nil*. The first half was all in favour of the visitors, their opponents hardly ever crossing

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the centre line. The game was well through the first half when Lockhart drew first blood for the visitors. They continued to attack and forced a couple of corners, but nothing resulted. Just before the interval Hill got away for the home team, but lost a good chance by shooting wide. The second moiety showed improvement in the Rangers and a better display was given. The Highlanders continued to attack, but Templeton and Anderson offered a strong defence, and the visitors lost several openings by erratic shooting. Then a *melée* took place in front of the home goal and the ball was put through. Shortly after another goal was put on by the Highlanders from a penalty kick and the match ended in a win for them as stated. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal;* Anderson and Templeton, *backs;* Hughes, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *half-backs;* Brown, Hill, Williams, White, and Clerici, *forwards.*

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace and Silcock, *backs;* Mulholland, Maclean, and Mowatt, *half-backs;* Pollock, Lockhart, Quinn, Montgomery, and Hogg, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Greig, D. F. C.

64TH R. T. A. *vs.* HOWRAH.—Played at Howrah on the 23rd instant, the home team winning after a hard struggle by two goals to one. Howrah started the play and for the first part the game was in their favour. Then Dodds got possession and running down passed to Lieutenant Shaw who scored. Howrah played hard and the ball was transferred to the gunners' half. Here a foul by Lockins gave them a penalty kick from which Jackson put the ball through. On resuming, the Gunners attacked the visitors' goal and Howrah had a busy time. At last W. Smith got away and running down sent in two shots, the second of which proved successful. The Barrackpore men were unable to equalise, and Howrah thus won by two goals to one. Teams :—

HOWRAH.—A. Bennet, *goal*; F. Bennet and H. Bennet, *backs*; Morrow, H. Osborne, and E. Osborne, *half-backs*; J. Smith, Curtis, W. Smith, Jackson and Burns, *forwards.*

64TH R. F. A.—Hutchinson, *goal*; Woods and Prince, *backs*; Corby, Lockins and Donalley, *half-backs*; Goodwin, Wratten, Lieutenant Shaw. Nicol and Dodds, *forwards.*

Referee.—Mr. Wood, Burns' A. C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS.—These teams met on the Highlanders' ground on Tuesday, when the home team was victorious by three goals to one. They forced the pace from the start and after a hard attack Lockhart drew first blood. The Highlanders continued to press but nothing resulted and then the visitors attacked and Coventry was called upon to save some difficult shots. On crossing over a foul by the Highlanders gave the Calcutta men their chance and Cooper equalised. The Highlanders put on a great spurt and Quin soon put them ahead. Calcutta tried hard to get level again, but were unable to score and the 93rd playing the wet ball in fine style, added a third goal, Hogg converting a long pass by Pollock. Teams :—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal;* Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan and Mowat, *halves*; Hogg, Montgomery, Quin, Lockhart and Pollock, *forwards.*

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal*; Gahan and Todd, *backs*; Walker, Maunder and Crawford *halves* Fyfe, H. Sherman, Cooper, V Sherman and Stewart, *forwards.*

Referee.—N. G. Pritchard, Esq.

POSITION OF CLUBS TO TUESDAY, THE 23RD JUNE.

(*inclusive.*)

Name of Club.	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For.	Agst.
93rd H'landers ...	11	10	0	1	21	32	4
Calcutta ...	12	8	2	2	18	17	7
Dalhousie ...	11	5	2	4	14	18	10
K O S B ...	10	6	4	0	12	27	11
Y M C A ...	11	4	5	2	10	10	12
Howrah ...	11	3	5	3	9	8	21
Rangers ...	11	2	7	2	6	9	21
64th R. F. A. ...	10	2	7	1	5	8	21
Burn's A. C. ..	11	1	9	1	3	2	24

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE much regret the clerical error in our last week's notes whereby we referred to the council of the I. F. A. as being the body who rejected the appeal of the Y M. C. A.,—as of course the matter was dealt with by the Committee of the League and it was to them that I intended my remarks to refer. We trust the council of the I. F. A. will accept this explanation and "The Chiel's" apologies.

All those who are interested in football, both as players and spectators, will, we feel sure, be grievously disappointed to hear that the newly-formed Referees' Association is not meeting with the support that such a long-felt want so richly deserves—and why? Simply and solely we believe because men who are willing to officiate are unwilling to submit themselves for the necessary examination as to their efficiency. Can anything be more childish? At home men whose thorough knowledge of the game is unquestionable do not consider it *infra dig* to have to submit themselves for a qualifying examination—surely therefore this precaution is still more necessary out here where one is to a certain extent out of touch with the constant alterations in the rules. So bury your false pride ye would-be referees and assist in making the association the boon it would surely prove to all soccer enthusiasts.

The Rangers are improving daily and their draw of 2 goals all against Dalhousie was one of the best performances they have given this season. Certainly Dalhousie were without Stimson and Wallace, but the substitutes both filled the vacancies satisfactorily and they were otherwise at full strength. The game was very even and at times exciting, especially during the closing period, but Dalhousie were perhaps slightly the better team and should have just won. All the scoring was done during the second half, the first point being credited to the Rangers by Russell, who rushed the ball past Peake, after the latter custodian had thrice repulsed the attack. Soon after came an equalising, and somewhat lucky, goal from Rosser as the result of a pretty piece of combined play with Echlin. Then the game became fast and exciting and after some desultory play Emery placed the ball nicely for his forwards who dribbled up and Affleck put his side ahead with a fine shot which completely beat Whelan. Only a few minutes remained for play, but this sufficed for the Rangers to equalise, as from a beautifully placed corner White headed through and thus made the score 2 all. Anderson, Templeton, Lees and O'Laughlin were principally responsible for the good show given by the Rangers—they formr the nucleus of a fine defence, but the forwards, with the exception of Russell, are slow and ponderous and were no match for their speedy opponents. For Dalhousie, Peake was not at his best—what a pity his kicking is so weak—and Watts though clever and untiring in mid field work, invariably missed opportunities in front of goal. Rosser and Echlin were fast and resourceful as usual, but how very much more dangerous they would be with a little less impetuosity and more generalship.

The Y. M. C. A. encountered Howrah on the ground of the latter club, and after a vigorous game in which combination was conspicuous by its absence the match ended in a draw of one goal all. Neither team was at full strength, the visitors being without Baldwin, Butler and P. Street and Howrah were minus the services of Ferrier and Hart. On the day's play the Association were undoubtedly the better side, but the defence of the trans-Hughli team, especially Bennett in goal proved very sound. The first point was scored for the Association by Simmons, who tried a long shot from his position at half-back which just sailed under the bar and into the net. This player was, however, responsible for the goal which was scored against his side during the second half as he handled in trying to save and from the penalty kick Jackson beat William with a fine hard shot.

The meeting of the 93rd Highlanders and the 64th R. F. A. proved nothing but an exercise canter for the present holders of the shield, as after taking matters very easily throughout, they eventually won by 5 goals to nil. The Barrackpore team were very poorly represented, as neither Shaw, Woods nor Hutchinson were playing and they seldom penetrated the Highlanders' twenty-five line The game was too one-sided to admit of description, but Quin, who returned to his place at centre forward, scored two of the goals, the other three coming from Hogg, Lockhart, and Montgomery.

The return match between the K. O. S. Bs. and Calcutta was looked forward to with intense interest by both players and spectators alike, and it was a great disappointment to several of the latter that they were precluded from seeing the encounter in consequence of the game being played at Dum-Dum. In the first match the premier club proved victorious and it was known that the Borderers would strain every nerve to avenge their previous defeat, and such proved to be the case, but luck in the shape of a superb display on the part of Buckley was against them and Calcutta were again victorious by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1.

The premier club were without the services of Gillespie whose place was taken by Gahan, but they were otherwise at full strength, whereas the homesters had several new men playing. From the kick off the military went away with a rush and looked like scoring when one of their forwards was pulled up for offside, which penalty was again repeated shortly afterwards, the ball finding touch near the K. O. S. B.s goal line. Some indiscriminate kicking followed the throw out from which the ball came to the elder Sherman, who headed it into the net and thus drew first blood for his side. The game had hardly been restarted when Cooper obtained possession from his half-backs, and making one of his well-known individual efforts dribbled finely through the opposing defence and added the second goal. Nothing daunted the military played with increased dash and Todd and Walker on several occasions saved finely, the latter on one occasion cleverly deprived Byers and passed to Fyfe, who put in a hard shot which O'Neil saved with difficulty. Bexon then got away and made tracks for the Calcutta goal, and Todd, although depriving him of the ball, failed to clear, but Neilson missed a fine opportunity by shooting wide, and shortly after this the K. O. S. B. obtained a corner which was well placed and Neilson headed through thus bringing the score to 2—1.

During the second half there was only one team in it and that was not Calcutta. The homesters had all the best of the argument and pressing continuously maintained an incessant bombardment on the visitors' goal, but without success and consequently they retired defeated by the half-time score.

All praise for Calcutta's victory is due to Buckley and in a much lesser degree to Todd, as it was only the fine defence of these two men that saved the Red-Shirts from a crushing defeat. Buckley was magnificent and his display is one of the finest we have ever seen. Todd played his usual robust game and his long kicking was continually in evidence. His confrére, Gahan, was quite outclassed and gave a poor exhibition which threw extra work on his fellow back. The forwards were spasmodic and showed little or no combination; they all did good things at times, but their efforts were of the individual type. We have seen all the half-backs play better. Cassidy, Byers, and Watts were very clever and effective for the Dum-Dum team and Stewart fed his front rank with discrimination, while Allan got through a lot of work but was not too sound in his defence.

The Dalhousie *vs.* Y. M. C. A. match, which was played on the ground of the former club, was productive of a good struggle and ended in a pointless draw. In the first game between these two teams the Young Men won by 2 goals, but since then Dalhousie have shown such consistent improvement that their chances of success in the return match were thought to be very rosy. During the first half the home team had the better of the game and shots by Rosser and Watts were well saved by Williams, whereas Peake had little or nothing to do. This state of affairs continued after the interval when the pace at which the game had been played made itself felt and the play was desultory and uninteresting. Towards the close Watts scored for Dalhousie, but the point was disallowed and the match thus ended in a pointless draw. Watts, Rosser, Simmons, and Williams were conspicuous for their respective sides.

We understand that Dalhousie intend appealing against the Referee's decision in regard to the goal scored by Watts. It appears that the goal judge said the ball had passed the line before Williams saved, whereas the Referee who considered himself in a position to judge decided that it had not and consequently overruled the goal judge's opinion and disallowed the goal, a nice point for the Committee of the League, with odds on the Referee's verdict being upheld.

The Rangers put up a very poor show against the 93rd Highlanders on Saturday and the latter without exerting themselves unnecessarily won by 3 goals to nil. The Rangers' backs fed their forwards well throughout, but innumerable opportunities were lost by the attacking division through hesitation. The Fort men on the other hand were quick to take advantage of an opening that offered, and although they only scored once in the first half they subsequently augmented this by two more goals during the latter stages—it was an uninteresting game.

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Lawn Tennis.

CALCUTTA C. C. *vs.* SATURDAY CLUB.—A return match was played on the Saturday Club courts on 20th instant between the Saturday Club and the Calcutta Cricket Club, the teams being the same as those which met on the previous Saturday on the C.C.C. courts. The match was a most exciting one, the C.C.C. eventually winning by one game. The score was as follows :—

Saturday Club		*vs.*	*Cricket Club.*	
Colville and Quin	7		Harvey and Danger	4
Ditto	5		Hechle and Allen	4
Ditto	7		Preston and Hinds	6
Jackson and Grimley	8		Harvey and Danger	3
Ditto	3		Hechle and Allen	8
Ditto	6		Preston and Hinds	5
Bagshawe and Hill	5		Harvey and Danger	6
Ditto	2		Hechle and Allen	9
Ditto	6		Preston and Hinds	5
Total ...	49		Total ...	59

Walking.

LONG DISTANCE WALKING.

IN this age of hurry, when one jumps on tram, or takes train or motor when going the shortest of journeys, it is gratifying to find that our standard of physical ability is not degenerating. The latest craze is long distance walking, overdone it may be, but yet useful as a guide to the strength and stamina of the young men of our day. Certainly the most remarkable feature of the remarkable Stock Exchange walk to Brighton was the fact that no fewer than seventy-six out of eighty-four starters completed the journey, and not that one man finished in nine and a half hours. It was a revelation to old-time athletes, many of whom would have staked all they possessed against even half the men who left Westminster Bridge on May-day morning ever completing the journey, and would have called one mad had he suggested that ten of them would finish inside ten hours, forty five inside eleven, and seventy-two inside twelve hours. Yet those facts are now on record, and serve as a fitting denial to those who assert that we are a dwindling race, and that there is a general deterioration in the national health and strength.

It was a long and trying walk, yet some remarkably good performances were accomplished, and the men finished very fresh indeed Here and there a man came in done up, but insufficient or injudicious training was probably the cause, and the stories which were published as to the collapse of many of the competitors were all nonsense, probably emanating from brains as fertile as those of the reporters who so extensively boomed the affair, and whose quotations of bets were, as Mr. Vandervell remarked after finishing, as faulty as the market prices in the City columns of certain newspapers. This gentleman, who is far from young, set himself the task of walking the fifty-two and-a-quarter miles in thirteen hours, and after covering the distance in about eleven and-a-half, sat down and wrote a two-column humorous article on the race for a financial paper. That showed at any rate no sign of a mental collapse. The only complaint he makes is that the milestones went backwards a mile or two before reaching Brighton: but a small bottle of the best, after walking forty-eight miles without liquid refreshment came as the nectar of the gods, and he finished strong, though somewhat stiff and foot-sore. All the men seemed to be possessed of the same pluck and determination as Mr. Vandervell.

They had laid themselves out to get there and get there they would and did. As they trudged along one was struck with their varying styles. Here and there was a suggestion of "a mix," and one noticed that these men were generally accompanied by professional trainers, but taken collectively a more fairer walk was never held. One early picked out Mr. E. F. Broad as likely to be troublesome at the finish He walked upright, with a fair heel-and-toe action head held well back, and the arms swinging naturally, and not in the high-stilted fashion so common among short distance path walkers. His judgment of pace was excellent, and when he at last took the lead he had a lot of reserve power left, while Mr. G. D. Nicholas, who had made the pace for nearly three parts of the journey, was only able to force himself along through sheer pluck. At Croydon the latter had showed the signs that the pace was telling, the cheeks being flushed, but he went on in really remarkable fashion, and I look upon his performance, after an ill-judged rush to the front at the start, as one of the best in the race. He recovered wonderfully in the last few miles and finished even fresher than the winner, but the next three or four showed signs of distress, especially Mr. Russell Davies and Mr. N. Varley. The former is an old member of the Ranelagh Harriers and has had plenty of training across country He walked well and once forced himself into second place, but in the effort to gain this position he had just overtaxed himself, and had to give way to Mr. T. E. Hammond in the last half mile, and thus lost third place in the scratch race. Yet he finished within six minutes of the winner.

Though the young men proved speedier the older men in the race did some extraordinary and very commendable work. When in 1868 the brothers Chinnery (one of whom was a judge in the recent walk) made the journey and set up first record, they took 11hrs. and 35mins.; yet Mr. G. S. Pawle, who is forty-seven years of age, only took 10hrs. 19mins. 57secs. on May Day, when the weather was so bad that one would have thought such a record by a veteran was impossible. Mr. R. P. Farrell, the old London Rowing Club man, who only took 10hrs. 15mins. 22secs., is also well over thirty-five. In 1878 Mr. P. J. Burt lowered the Chinnery record to 10hrs. 52mins., and this stood till 1884, when Mr. C L O'Malley, of the London Athletic Club, a fine steeplechaser, skater, boxer, and swimmer, beat Mr. B. Nickels, jun., in a match in 9hrs. 48mins. Those were the days of genuine sporting matches, and no such athletic event has since been decided over the course except the Stock Exchange Walk, though several amateur clubs have held open races. The first of these was by the Ealing Harriers in 1884, when the late Mr. J. A. McIntosh won in 9hrs. 25mins. 8secs In that race very little discretion was shown by the walkers, one of whom, Mr. J. Miles, walked the first seven miles in a little over an hour—an absurd pace for so long a journey The second man on that occasion was the veteran Civil Service athlete, Mr. C. M. Callow, who took 10hrs. 14mins. 6secs. In 1891 Mr. E. H Cuthbertson, a member of the Lea Harriers and one of the Committee of the Stock Exchange Walk, went from Hatchett's, Piccadilly, to the Old Ship at Brighton—the old coaching course—in 10hrs. 6mins 18secs, his time from Westminster being 9hrs. 55mins. 31secs.; but all previous performances were eclipsed in 1896, when an well-known professional named S. Franks, then forty-five year of age, walked over in 9hrs. 7mins. 7secs. This professional was one of the first men to fairly walk eight miles in one hour

In 1897 the open walk of the Polytechnic Harriers brought out thirty-seven starters. In that race Mr. J. Butler, the present amateur champion as well as London to Brighton record holder, made exactly the same mistake as did Mr. G. D. Nicholas on May Day. He showed the way at a great pace and

simply beat himself, as did also Mr. W. Endean, who had to give way to Mr E. Knott of the South London Harriers. This fine runner, swimmer, walker, and boxer won in 8hrs. 56mins. 44secs., and might have done even better had the walk not been started from the Polytechnic Institute, Regent Street, from which point his time was 9hrs. 10mins. 14secs. Two years later there was an open run over the road, this being won by Mr. F. D. Randall, the Finchley Harriers, in 6hrs. 58mins. 18secs.; and then this year Mr. J. Butler, profiting by his earlier experiences, was able to beat all records, he completing the journey in 8hrs. 43mins. 16secs. In that event a Mr B. Bray, who is forty-four years of age and whose occupation is such that one would hardly imagine he had time to train, came in second in 9hrs. 6mins. 5secs. An interesting race prior to that of the Stock Exchange was the one among members of the Ranelagh Harriers in March. Then Mr. P. L. Fisher, one of the Stock Exchange judges, walked second in 9hrs. 47mins. 3⅘secs.; Mr. J. H. Childs, of the "House," fourth in 10hrs. 30mins. 59⅘secs.; and Mr. F. D. Carr, also of the "House," sixth in 10hrs. 57mins. 35secs. On May Day Mr. Childs was able to reduce his time to 9hrs. 59mins. 28secs., he gaining tenth position; and Mr. F. D. Carr brought his down to 10hrs. 48mins. 7⅘secs., he finishing thirty sixth.

Looking through the Stock Exchange figures one notes that sixty-six men beat the time of the brothers Chinnery, thirty-seven that of the late Mr. P. J. Burt, whose recent death from the effects of a fall from his horse in Hyde Park was deeply regretted by all sportsmen, and six that of Mr. C. L. O'Malley. By figures you can prove anything, but here we have actual facts, not mere statistics, and no one possessing common sense can argue that, as far as walking is concerned, we have degenerated. And walking be it noted is a natural exercise, not an invented one. It will be long before the infantry will be relegated to the past, and in encouraging walking the Stock Exchange and other kindred bodies are doing good service to the community. The tendency nowadays is to depend too much on artificial physical recreation By artificial physical recreation I mean the weight-lifting and muscle binding work which is now so common in our schools of arms and schools of physical culture. The fact that the circumference of a certain muscle has been added to does not and cannot imply that a man's stamina has been increased. Our old systems of training were bad because the sole idea was to sweat down and then try to build up again before the day of the race or contest. Nowadays, however, every attention is paid to the development of muscle, and enthusiasts spend all spare cash and time in this so-called pastime. Rather would I have a real hard day across the stubble or a long walk on the road with some manual labour as my training power. For example, your best arm work is driving a restive pair, climbing a tree, or carrying and using your gun during a long day's rough shooting. You get some exercise then which while being enjoyable is also beneficial, and the best of all is that you get out in the open air, the best exercise of all for those engaged in crowded cities. That it is useful to you is proved by the position Mr. George Hoare obtained in the Brighton race. He is an old Blackheath Harrier who had seen service at the front. Running across country and walking had always been his pleasures. He proved himself a good soldier, and despite the hardships he had undergone was still fit enough to walk from London to Brighton in a little over ten hours. That the performance so far as our records go is a good one I am prepared to admit, but still there are thousands who did they but put their mind to it could accomplish even better time. The sportsman who plods field to field and heather to hill does a rare lot of walking in a day and so does the agricultural labourer who troubles little about a ten-mile walk to the scene of his labours, a long day in the field, and a walk home. Outside the big cities, where mechanical means of travelling are either cheap or convenient for saving time, the ordinary man walks twenty or thirty miles a day, and it is only by the overgrowth of cities that performances such as those in the Stock Exchange walk cause us any surprise, In fact it proves what we ought to have known all along that the average man can walk well over four miles an hour for a long stretch, but the walk should also be a guide to our military men as to the pace in long marches. It is far better to walk to a scheduled time than to force the pace. Far better get your men fresh up at the finish than have them blown. That is the mistake we make in our volunteers and regulars competitions when we force a company along to beat the time of some other company over a long course before reaching the shooting point. They are set out to get there in London to Brighton record time without thought of after-work, and though their shooting at the moment of finish may be good, they are not so well handicapped for after-work as the company who reach the firing point with physical resources fairly husbanded, *i. e.*, staying power still unexhausted. Man is after all a mere machine, and can but go the limit of his oiling. To define that limit would be absurd, for the walking records quoted in this article were each and every one at the time of making considered little short of marvellous. Yet even the latest will be beaten in the time to come, for there is no limit to improvement in man's pluck and endurance. But the mere beating of record is no proof of stamina, what is wanted is a race of men capable of undergoing long marches in good time and yet being fairly fresh for further work at the end. A set pace off a mile in so many minutes without increase at intermediate miles is the ideal thing for a long journey, and our infantry officers should study this matter carefully. They will get far better results than by mere brutal forced marches which simply exhaust the men for no purpose and take all the go out of them at the finish. The sport and pastime of long-distance walking has been too much neglected since the introduction of railways, and though the men may have the stamina they have not had the opportunity of practice or taken anvantage of it. One therefore welcomes the revival of long-distance contests, which are fine tests of power and endurance, and as in road walking doubtful movers are conspicuous by their absence we are now likely to see some fast and genuinely fair walking in England. I have found long distance walking one of the finest things to keep one in condition, but for the enjoyment of walking one must understand how to walk in comfort. A suit of flannels, jacket and cap, and a well-made pair of walking boots will be found the best outfit. Above all things, see that the boots are well fitting and have them made to measure by a man who understands walking. They must not be racing boots or shoes, but wide, comfortable treading boots, with stout soles, squire-built-toes, and uppers not too heavy. Once get a decent pair built, never forsake the lasts, but always get your boots built of them. Then you will understand and realise the real comforts and pleasures of walking. Once you become fond of walking you take a new lease of life, for you cannot help becoming a real lover of nature. In the study of nature you learn things hitherto undreamt of, and appreciate the things you have hitherto only heard of, but above all you find health, the greatest treasure of the universe.—*Daily's Magazine.*

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 19th June 1903.

THE preliminary heats in the Four Lengths Handicap were put through this evenning. Only nine competitors faced the starter and they were divided into two heats. Results were as follows:—

FIRST HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time. Mins. Secs.
1	H. G. Remfry ...	27 secs.	2 10⅘
2	W. Govan ...	25 „	2 12
3	J. Chaplin ...	32 „	not taken.
4	A. E. B. Siddons ...	20 „	did not finish.

Siddons, who ought to have won this, swallowed a mouthful in the last length and had to retire. Remfry won comfortably with Govan and Chaplin fairly close up.

SECOND HEAT.

		Start.	Nett Time. Mins. Secs.
1	K. M. Kennedy ...	20 secs.	1 59⅘
2	H. L. Harvey ...	32 „	2 13⅘
3	G. Brown ...	9 „	1 53
4	J. Knox-Ord ...	25 „	not taken
5	F. T. Blockley ...	30 „	not taken

Kennedy romped in an easy first in unexpectedly good time. Harvey was fairly close and the rest nowhere. The final heat will be contested on Friday, 26th current.

WATER POLO.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB *vs.* 93RD HIGHLANDERS.—This match, which came off at the Baths on Tuesday, resulted in an easy victory for the home team by eight goals to *nil*. In the first half four goals were put on, Batho scoring two and Kennedy and Brown one each. On resuming Batho scored another goal, Kennedy added two and Miller contributed a fourth. The Highlanders were completely outplayed, their opponents showing their superiority all through. Teams:—

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.—*Goal*, G. Harnack; *backs*, A. Cox and A. Stacey; *half-backs*, A. R. C. Miller; *forwards*, K. M. Kennedy, G. Brown, and G. W. H. Batho.

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—*Goal*, Morrison; *backs*, Black and Kay; *half-backs*, Wright; *forwards*, Seton, Morrison, and Cridland.

Referee and Judge.—Mr. H. L. Harvey.

Sir Joseph Hawley during his short but extremely successful career on the Turf, did not make many mistakes, but once—when the Leybourne baronet went down to Benham (the seat of Mr. Sutton) to try Merry Wife with Gardevisure for the Cambridgeshire of 1865—the pride of property led him astray.

There were four in the trial altogether, the two mares probably running at the 11lbs. the handicapper had placed between them, and at the finish half a length only separated them; but that half length was against Gardevisure, who had lost three lengths at the start, and who had afterwards obtained possession of the lead, but failed to quite stay home.

Colonel Pearson thereupon ventured to remark that she ought by rights to be credited at the end with the three lengths she had lost at the beginning, more especially as she had made up her ground in the first quarter of a mile, when the pace was a real ripper—which sounds rather like common sense.

"D—your excuses!" replied Sir Joseph—"where your mare is, mine will be;" but he was all wrong, for Gardevisure won and Merry Wife was no where.

After this trial Gardevisure went back in the betting from 14 to 40 to 1. Undoubtedly she could not stay, but her terrific turn of speed pulled her through; for she was going well within herself when they began to collar the stiffest part of the ascent, and she would have had it all her own way had it not been for Nu, who was popularly supposed to have been "readied" for this event.

The most remarkable feature of the whole transaction is that the Ilsley party, if such a thing had been possible, would have gladly substituted Lord Lyon, two years, for the mare, three years; for as far back as 17th August of that year he had been tried with her three-quarters of a mile at 10lbs. (8st. 7lbs. and 9st. 3lbs.), and he had beaten her in such a canter that they thought him her equal at even weights, and they knew he stayed better; more especially did they scoff at the possibility of Gladiateur, then first favourite for the Cambridgeshire, with 9st. 12lbs., giving *him* 3st. 10lbs. The effect of the race, had they needed any further evidence, was to make the Ilsley stable confident they had got the Derby winner of 1866.

At about four o'clock on the Thursday afternoon preceding Easter week in 1869 Captain Matchell tried a three-year-old for the City and Suburban which had been little thought of by the outside public in connection with that event. The trial horse was that best of milers, Vespasian, and the youngster Alpenstock, successfuly accomplished such a difficult task as not only to leave the City and Suburban at his mercy, but to give him good chance for the Derby. It had not been taken into consideration that the following day was Good Friday, on which there would not be any "club," and the consequence was it was well known all over England the next day what had been done, and bookmakers who were not on the *qui vive* were surprised at friends dropping in to see them at their private residences, and finishing off by backing Alpenstock, against whom, of course, they were desirous to lay, so that, to the disgust of those connected with the stable, they had to take something like 5 to 1.

The commencement of the betting prosecutions may be dated from this race. Alpenstock ran in the name of Mr. Bevill, but it was fairly well known that he belonged to the Earl of Hardwicke, then Lord Royston. His lordship did not desire his name mentioned in connection with the horse, and he sent a civil message to the members of the Press through one of their number asking them not to mention his name in the matter. Umbrage was taken in certain quarters that Lord Royston did not send his message through them, and not only was his name published as being the real owner of the horse but exaggerated accounts were given of what he had won, and the fine present he had made his jockey.

In the betting-rooms at Newmarket the following week Lord Royston spoke in bitter terms of the way in which he had been treated, and of the manner in which he believed his commission had been spoiled by the List-men, although the unfortunate time selected for it was the real cause. Mr. Billy Wright, who was then the chief list-keeper, thought right to chaff Lord Royston, who turned on him and said—

"Do you know that your business is illegal, and that I, a magistrate, could issue a warrant and search your premises?"

The answer to this was ironical laughter. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Beaumont, a wealthy coal-owner, asked a question in the House, and in a few days there were no more advertising betting list-keepers in England.

Chess.

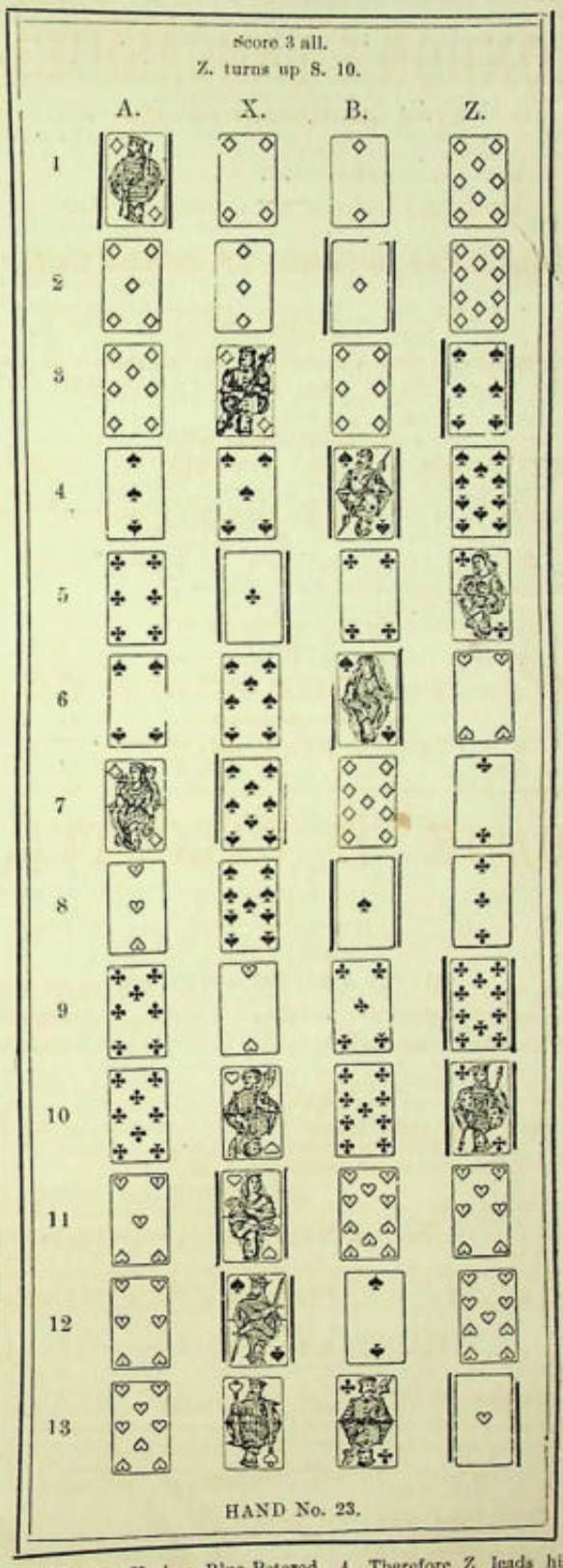
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 20.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R to Q 5 (ch)	1. K to K 5
2. K to B 4	2. P moves
3. B mates	

WHIST.

WHIST HAND NO. 11.

A and B play X and Z. A leads. The card with the double rim wins, and the card below the rimmed card is the next one led.



HAND No. 23.

Notes—3. X. has Blue Petered. 4. Therefore Z leads his trump. 5. B. does not know for certain that Z has not another trump, and he therefore dare not lead the D. again. 6. It would be bad play to pass the 7. 10. Z. makes his Kg. of Clubs, because he knows his partner cannot give him the lead in that suit; and he knows B. had 4 originally. 11. Z. leads the small Heart, knowing that B. must have the 8. 2; and if X. cannot win the H. and draw the S. 2, he cannot win the game.

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THURSDAY, 2nd JULY 1903.

PROTECTIVE RESEMBLANCE.

THERE is no more fascinating and instructive branch of nature study, nor one that deserves more attention on the part of sportsmen than that on which Professor Poulton recently addressed a youthful audience at the Society of Arts in London. As Wallace somewhere remarks, on a phase of this subject, "to the older school of naturalists colour was a trivial character, eminently unstable and untrustworthy in the determination of species; and it appeared to have, in most cases, no use or meaning to the objects which displayed it." We have got beyond the stage when colours were regarded as merely decorative inutilities, offered to gratify the eye of man, but we have by no means fathomed the depths of the subject yet; and as we progress we realise that colour, shape, motion, and life-habit are matters that must be observed and studied together if we are to arrive at a true understanding of the whole subject. Within late years much attention has been devoted to this phase of natural history in America, and the theories advanced in connection with colour, or rather with colour distribution, have received very general acceptance. It has been shown, for example, that there is definite and valuable purpose in the natural scheme of colour that endows practically all dark-coated animals which haunt the open with a white or light-hued underside and frequently with a white or pale throat at the angle of head and neck. A fawn coat with a white belly is, comparatively speaking, inconspicuous; but to what degree he who is unversed in colour mysteries would never imagine until he had seen the white belly dyed to the colour of the flanks to exhibit the result of the self-cast shade of the animal. Some years ago there stood in a retired corner of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, a curious and ingenious model, made to exemplify the protective importance of a light underside; it consisted of a couple of ducks made in dark grey felt set on a sheet of glass to represent water. One model was painted pale grey below; the other remained "whole coloured," and the superior conspicuousness of the latter arrested the least observant eye by reason of the darkness of the shadow. The light underside of animals in a word is a set off against the darkness which would otherwise result from shade.

Though jungle hunting animals wear coats usually calculated to harmonise well with their surroundings, they seem conscious that protective resemblance ceases to be serviceable the moment they make any movement. Every shikari knows that a deer or antelope alarmed remains stock still until it takes flight at the top of its speed; and we all know and have often learned to our cost how extremely difficult it is to pick up with the eye an animal which is standing, it may be, only a few paces distant from us. Practice and use do much to help the eye in this respect, but when the animal is seen, it is curiously difficult sometimes to form an exact idea of the intervening distance; there is a something impalpable in the beast when it stands merged in harmonising surroundings, and it has often occurred to us that this impalpability, baffling to the human eye, may be of real service to the animal when stalked by tiger or leopard. This of course assumes that beasts of prey under such conditions are not better able to judge the distance for crawl and spring than the human enemy. It may be observed in this connection that the apprentice in jungle craft cannot employ himself more profitably, so far as his eyes are concerned, than by setting out with a good caller in the evening when animals begin to move. It goes without saying

that a deer in motion is easy enough to see and to cover with the rifle; but when the animal, suspicious or alarmed, stops and stands, as an animal whose suspicions are awakened does stand still as though stuffed without the flick of ear or tail, it seems to vanish into air. The novice will do himself a better turn under these circumstances to sacrifice his trophy, or dinner it may be, and use the animal before him as an object lesson, closing his eyes for a moment or two while the game is moving and opening them when his caller, by a touch, tells him it has stopped. A few long range interviews with deer on these lines form an education in protective resemblance which will prove invaluable to the sportsman.

It is curious to see that so well-informed a naturalist as Professor Poulton should repeat so old a tale as that the stripes of the tiger harmonise with "the reeds of the jungle" and make for invisibility. The more so when he had but a moment before truly remarked on the fact that the stripes of the zebra—identical with those of the tiger, we may say for practical purposes—merge into a uniform dull grey at night. If the tiger were always hunted by day, and if he invariably made reedy or heavy grass land his dwelling and hunting place, there might be some reason for perpetuating the old-fashioned theory that the stripes, as stripes, form a protective coat. But as we all know, tigers affect jungles of very different character and most of their sport is obtained at the approach of dark or after dark. We do not say that it is always the case; on the contrary there is ample evidence to the contrary, but we are dealing with the tiger under natural conditions where he is the hunter and not the hunted, and under such conditions he is more active after dark. It is wise to be cautious in drawing inferences in these matters, and Professor Poulton did not venture to draw the inference that if the striped zebra looked grey at night, the striped tiger would appear the same colour. He might have done so without fear of error or contradiction, for as it happens the tiger in misty moonlight looks a dingy uniform grey, and the eye, even at a few yards' distance, fails absolutely to pick out the striping. It is reasonable to suppose that the tiger appears to those most nearly concerned to wear a coat of invisible grey at night; it would be of small service to him were the human eye the only one so constituted as to make alternate black and yellow a "self-colour," and that grey; and we may therefore suppose that the eyes of deer and other victims of the tiger resemble our own in so far as their sensitiveness to colour is concerned, and herein we find the protective value of the tiger's coat at the time it is of most importance to himself that it should not advertise his presence. We think that by day the tiger *moving* through long grass or jungle would prove more noticeable by reason of his stripes than would an animal of equal size and shape wearing an all yellow or all black coat. A coat striped or self-coloured *at rest* would be about equally baffling to the vision if we may compare recollections; for obvious reasons opportunities for such comparison side by side do not offer themselves. Certain it is that the leopard gains in daylight by his spots when he takes up his position on the limb of a tree, and the value of this protective scheme of colour is accepted as a representative case. Is it in reality of such high utility? It is notorious to all who have sat out in a *machan* that, always provided stillness and quiet be observed, game of all kinds will pass and repass without raising their heads. They seek danger on the ground level, not from above; and this being the case it appears to us that the leopard in the tree, as a model of repose when there is prospect of business, owes less to his spots than is commonly supposed.

We are on safer ground when we come to examine imitative or warning and protective colouration in the insect would; also protective formations in the same kingdom. No part of the world, perhaps, is richer in object lessons of this kind than India. Butterflies and moths, protectively coloured to match their food plants, are numerous, and the "stick" and "leaf" insects which offer such striking evidence of protective shape are at hand in every compound. A curious feature of colour adoption in butterflies was demonstrated long since by Professor Poulton. He proved by a long series of experiments that the prevailing colour which surrounded a caterpillar influences the creature's hue during the period of quiescence to be reckoned by hours which immediately precedes transformation into the pupic state. By employing boxes suitably coloured within, Professor Poulton succeeded in procuring marked modifications of colour in pupa of the English tortoiseshell butterfly: he obtained variations from nearly black to pale or brilliant gold; and he also proved that the sight of the caterpillar had nothing to do with the adoption of a modified colour scheme.

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* ———VERGIA,———Martin ... 2
Lord Roseberry's b f CHELYS, by Sir Visto—Chelandry, Watts 3
His Majesty's b c ORTOLAN, by Orme—Leveret 0
Lord Derby's b c by AYRSHIRE—Pace—egger 0
Lord Harewood's b c ALMSCLIFF, by Wolf's Crag—Lighthead 0
Lord Penrhyn's b c PERORATION, by Persimmon—Pennoma 0
Mr. Douglas Baird's b f LEUCADIA, by Martagon—Santa Maura 0

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*Unnamed at time of entry.

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1868 Ryshworth (9)
1869 Sunshine (13)
1870 Hannah (13)
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1874 Camballo (5)
1875 Levant (10)
1876 Warren Hastings (7)
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1878 Ruperra (8)
1879 Mask (10)
1880 Bal Gal (11)
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1882 Macbeath (8)
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1886 Enterprise (7)
1887 Friar's Balsam (4)
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1891 Flyaway (8)
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1893 Speed (4)
1894 Kirkconnel (5)
1895 Labrador (9)
1896 Velasquez (2)
1897 Mousme (4)
1898 Desmond (4)
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1901 Sceptre (7)
1902 Hammerkop (9)

Sporting Notes.

THE Tollygunge Club are advertising the following programme for their second Gymkhana fixed for Saturday, 11th July:—

1. A Handicap Steeplechase, for Paperchase horses. Distance—about 1½ miles.
2. A Handicap Hurdle Race, for ponies 14-1 and under, that have never won a race of any description, value Rs. 50 or over. Distance—1 mile over five flights.
3. A Handicap Flat Race, for maiden horses. Distance—5 furlongs.
4. A Handicap Flat Race, for ponies, 14-1 and under, that have never won a race of any description, value Rs. 50 or over. Distance—5 furlongs.
5. A Handicap Flat Race, for horses, that have never won a race of any description, value Rs. 40 or over. Distance—¾ mile.

Entries close to the Honorary Secretary, 8, Clive Row, on Monday, 6th July, at 5 P.M.

This prospectus is a decided improvement upon the last, and all events should, with ordinary luck, fill well. We hear that eight intend going for the steeplechase for horses, of whom the best is Sylvia. It is early days yet to indulge in anticipations, but provided the handicapper's part of the business is satisfactorily accomplished, there is every prospect of a real good afternoon's sport. The six furlong for horses, so framed as to cut out the previous gymkhana winners, is a good idea, as giving the crocks a chance; in this way, a good field is assured. Several of the gymkhana division have been putting in some useful six-anna work, but we have not yet seen anything in the shape of a gallop. French Girl has been working regularly and is looking very much improved; if she gets back to anything like her old form she will prove a hard nut to crack, and it must not be imagined that her performance at the last gymkhana is to be taken as anything like a fair sample of what she can do.

As yet not much is doing in the way of preparation for the Calcutta Monsoon Meetings, though the improved going has tempted some owners to do a little schooling. The new hurdles have at least the merit of being visible to the naked equine eye, and as they are practically unbreakable, and driven well into the ground, besides each panel being about 15 feet long, it will be bad business running anything but thoroughly schooled horses over them. The oft-ventilated grievance that monsoon hurdle racing is practically flat racing will now at any rate be groundless.

A recent purchase of Mr. Galstaun went a short school on Tuesday morning with Jack Spillain up, jumping in very good form, after which two of Mr. Cowper's—Bushey and First Guide—went over a couple of flights at half speed. The going appeared to be slippery and more cinders are wanted on the take-off side of the hurdles. Autocrat and another from the same stable subsequently went a three parts speed school over two flights, the former jumping in rare good style.

Flat race horses are doing little as yet, six annas being the limit speed of the work.

So far the attempts made at providing a crossing place over our old friend the nullah in the hurdle course, have merely resulted in forming a quagmire into which a horse sinks almost hock deep. We trust that something more satisfactory will be evolved before the racing commences; but, like the proverbial Scotchman, we "hae oor doots." So long as the matter is left entirely in the hands of a possibly well-meaning Bengali whose knowledge of engineering is as vague as his grasp of the requirements of a galloping track, there seems little chance of any permanent solution of the difficulty being arrived at. We do not know whether the custom of giving nicknames pertains to our Aryan brethren of Bengal, or what the Bengali translation of "Ethelred the Unready" would be, but we feel that some such sobriquet would not be inequitable.

We now hear that the statement that Mr. Beaty was to officiate as starter during the monsoons was premature, and that in all probability his place is to be taken by an amateur. Personally we hope that this is not the case and that the gate will be in the hands of its cold weather manipulator.

It was decided, at a meeting held on the 24th ultimo at the Poona Gymkhana Club, to bring off the Poona Horse Show some time in September.

The following classes were agreed upon:—Class 1, tandems; Class 2, infantry chargers 13-3 to 14-2; Class 3, Arabs and C.-B. chargers; Class 4, light weight Arab and C.-B. polo ponies; Class 5, heavy weight Arabs and C.-B. polo ponies 13 stone and over; Class 6, English and Colonial chargers; Class 7, pairs of horses in harness; Class 8, ladies' horses; Class 9, jumping competition for ponies 14-2 and under; Class 10, ponies 14-2 and under in single harness, (*a*) English and Colonials, (*b*) Arabs and C.-B.'s; Class 11, English and Colonial polo ponies; Class 12, hunters 14-2 and under; Class 13, light weight hunters; Class 14, hacks over 14-2; Class 15, hacks 14-2 and under, (*a*) English and Colonials, (*b*) Arabs and C.-B.'s; Class 16, teams; Class 17, heavy weight hunters 13 stone and over; Class 18, horses in single harness; Class 19, ladies' ponies 14-2 and under, (*a*) English and Colonials, (*b*) Arabs, (*c*) C-B.'s; Class 20, jumping competition for horses; Class 21, best horse in the Show; Class 22, best pony in the Show; Class 23, children's ponies; Class 24, best hunter in the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds; Class 25, best polo pony in the Show.

The date of the Rangoon Sky Meeting has been changed from the 25th to the 18th July. The Autumn meeting will be held on the 3rd, 5th, and 7th November.

The prospectus of the Dehra Autumn Sky Meeting, which has been fixed for the 29th September and 1st October, is advertised in our issue of date. The card for each day is a very full one of seven events, and includes a hurdle race and half a dozen well framed races for Arab and C.-B. ponies. Entries close on the 10th August and 10th September.

We have much pleasure in printing further on, *in extenso*, the first report of the Indian Branch of the Society for the Protection of Birds, of which that indefatigable ornithologist and good sportsman, Mr. W. Jesse, of Lucknow, is the Honorary Secretary. We earnestly commend this report to the careful consideration of our readers, and we

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trust the perusal of what is therein set out will result in a large accession to the members' list, for, be it noted, none of its objects in any way clash with those of the true sportsman, rather, we should say, do they operate directly in his interests.

We are sorry to hear of an accident to Mr. Stiffe, Officiating Collector of Moradabad. While out pig-sticking on the 21st ultimo he had rather a nasty fall, breaking his collar-bone.

The second entries for the Bangalore Races will be found in our Turf columns.

The dates appropriated for the Quetta Autumn Races are the 22nd, 24th and 26th September.

The following "business" communication reached a friend of ours the other day: he wants to know if we can help him to discover what is being offered him. Perhaps some of our readers might come to the rescue:—

DEAR SIR,—If your honour will be good enough to give the rate of following at, an earlish date, then I will be able to send you the artical as soon as possible and will pay dew commision on them.

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3 Wax pure.
4 Tiger hide.
5 Do. Comple with pause and mouth, with teath, face hairs, &c.
6 Chipmunk (living).
7 Caster.

I beg to remain, Sir, yours faithfully, M-A-H.

Recent disclosures in connection with spurious antiques has led to some curious revelations as to how these are manufactured. It appears that the appearance of great age can be given to new coins by compelling geese to swallow them. The gastric juice acts on the face of the coins, and, it is said, produces the exact semblance of all the characteristics of very old age—so much so, that even experts are deceived. Should the coins be ejected before the process is complete, they have to be re-swallowed. We are not told how long it takes to produce an antique coin, but presume that a coin of the period of the Pharaohs would require considerably more digesting than one of the time of Julius Cæsar.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal has announced that, owing to the scarcity of game in the Transvaal, no shooting permits will be granted during the current season for the following varieties of game:—Eland, elephant, giraffe, hartebeeste (red), hippopotamus, koodoo, ostrich, rhinoceros, wildebeeste (black), and zebra. Shooting permits for buffalo, crested crane, hartebeeste (Lichenstein), roan antelope, sable antelope, sassaby, and wildebeeste (blue) are being issued on the condition that no more than two specimens of each variety are killed or captured.

Dr. A. P. Knight, Professor of Animal Biology in Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., as the result of a series of experiments with dynamite explosions in water and their effect upon fish, has demonstrated that such explosions are more destructive in deep water than in shallow water, where the pressure resulting from the explosion is not sufficiently great to rupture the swim bladder. The most significant fact brought out was that, when dynamite cartridges are used for fishing, in addition to the fish which come to the surface and float, a much larger number may be merely stunned or be killed outright and sink to the bottom. Among those which come to the surface are the small fish and fry and absolutely worthless. Dynamiting is, therefore, one of the most destructive of all modes of poaching.

"Tod" Sloan has brought an action against the Stewards of the Societe d' Encouragement with regard to the Rose de Mai case. The Stewards hold that, having been a jockey, he must be aware that no one was allowed to use the training ground without permission of the Stewards. Sloan's case is that he galloped the filly at the request of a member of the Jockey Club and a trainer, and that he should not be held responsible for their failure to obtain permission. He consequently claims 100,000 francs damages from the Stewards, and 25,000 francs from their organ, the *Bulletin des Courses* for publishing their decision. The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

Captain Casson, A.-D.-C. to the General Officer Commanding Poona, met with a bad accident while playing polo at Mysore. His pony fell, rolling over him and putting out the Captain's shoulder. He is reported to be progressing favourably.

The Gymkhana at Simla on the 27th instant produced large entries, but there was only a moderate attendance. Captain Wigram won the first event, picking up discs with a hogspear. The next event, for ladies to trot 3 furlongs, walk 1 furlong, and go as you please 2 furlongs was won by Miss Harman in the horse division, and by Miss Buck in the pony class. The Affinity Stakes was won easily by Captain Wigram and Mrs. Buck, with Major Gough and Miss Teague second. Fifteen turned out for the tilting for ladies won by Mrs. Buck; Mrs. Teague second. The Cigarette Scurry for which there were 18 couples went to Captain Wigram and Mrs. Atkinson. Mrs. Buck and Miss Wheeler ran off the pigsticking for ladies held over from last week, Miss Wheeler proving successful. The last event was a Pony Scurry—600 yards; second pony to get the prize. Ten ponies competed and Captain Capper won. Mrs. Buck is now at the top of the scoring for the Cup, given by the Viceroy's Staff, with 19 marks, Mrs. Atkinson is next with 13, followed by Miss Teague and Miss Wheeler with 11 points each.

Lieutenant W. A. Hamar Bass, 10th Hussars, the owner of Sceptre and Carabine, was married on the 9th ultimo at Windsor to Lady Wilmot Ida Noreen Hastings, daughter of the late Earl of Huntingdon.

Regarding the death of Record Reign the *Times* to hand by this mail has the following notices:—

"The Auteuil steeplechases were marked by two accidents, which caused the death of Lord Sefton's Haphazard and the Maharajah of Patiala's (sic) Record Reign, the jockeys of these two horses being severely injured. Both these accidents occurred in the Prix des Orags, a steeplechase of £1,000, which was the principal race of the day. Record Reign fell at the water jump opposite the stand and broke his shoulder, while soon after Haphazard fell at the second water jump and broke one of his forelegs. A van which is always kept in readiness at Auteuil in case of accident was sent for to take the injured animals away, and they were destroyed without delay. There was something pathetic about the death of Record Reign, for never before had a horse from India come to run in France. He was bred in Australia, where he won races, and was purchased on behalf of the Maharajah of Patiala, who was anxious to buy a horse that could win the Viceroy's Cup. He was shipped for India, where he secured several races for his owner, who then determined to send him over to France to run for the Grand Steeplechase at Auteuil, which is the richest cross-country race in the world. Record Reign arrived in France a few weeks ago attended by three Indian natives, whose dress attracted much notice on the French racecourses, and he won two minor races before running at Auteuil last Sunday. The Indian attendants of Record Reign wept bitterly when their charge, who could hardly stand, was being assisted into the van which was to carry him off to his death. The death of Haphzard was also a great blow to Lord Sefton, who had bought him a fortnight or so ago with the view of winning one or other of the big prizes at Auteuil."

Our Poona correspondent writes:—Government House are determined to show that (as is indeed meet) Their Excellencies are not going to be backward in providing for the amusement of the Poona public and have already published a programme of enagagements extending from the end of June to the end of September, and including a Levee, a Reception, a Ball, a Garden Party (when the latest "creations" in millinery are displayed to a bewildered male and jealous female assemblage) a Fancy Dress Ball, a Gymkhana, and another Ball. Truly an attractive card of events for the youngest and giddiest. Of last year's staff so far as I know, Captain Greville alone remains, and the present members have a high standard to live up to, but will, I have no doubt, prove worthy of the trust.

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It will be most interesting to see if Private Smith of the Lincoln really means business in his desire to again meet that wonderful little man Corporal Smith of the 10th Hussars. *The Indian Field's* account of the Poona Boxing Tournament was, by the way, I believe the only one in which the latter great fighter was given his correct and not brevet rank. Private Smith "not satisfied with his late defeat" has declared his anxiety to meet his namesake again and the Lincoln giant cannot complain that there was any tardiness on the part of the Hussar in accepting his kind invitation, and the Tenth have guaranteed Rs. 200, to which useful sum the public will I feel sure be ready to add a purse if assured of a really genuine encounter. Fine and gallant fighter though Private Smith undoubtedly is he struck me as just a trifle deficient in his understandings to carry his magnificent frame through a prolonged fight, and while I confess to being no admirer of the Corporal's style of *boxing* I am very fully impressed with his pluck, his marvellous physique and quite terrific power of hitting. I have in my own mind little doubt as to which is the better man, but if there still lurks any doubt in the mind of the Lincoln champion and his admirers, it would seem a thousand pities that all further doubt should not be dispelled by the only practical means. But Poona originated the puzzle and to Poona belongs the right of being the scene of its solution and the meeting of the two champions of the illustrious name they both bear would ensure a bumper gate and may I be there to see!

A sporting *confrère* in Bombay writes to me that he was fortunate enough to get a long inspection of Mr. Apcar's new champion "Great Scot" and declares him to be the most fascinating horse, in his opinion, yet landed in India. Thanks to an unusually placid disposition he bore the voyage with equanimity and has in consequence landed in wonderful condition. Altogether he appears to be a most worthy candidate for the great honours he is intended for.

The Poona race course is the scene of wonderful bustle and work from the cold grey of the morning; indeed from, I hear, long before dawn some of the native contingent of so-called trainers see wisdom in rousing their gee-gees in the middle of the night in order to shove into them the stereotyped number of *chukkers*. And yet such is the marvellous dispensation of Providence in tempering the wind to the shorn lamb, that these horses on rare occasions actually win races. In my meek humility I fear I cannot lay claim to the astuteness of some sporting writers who with courage worthy of a greater cause spot dead certainties during the half speed period of work. But several trainers are apparently beginning to "shove 'em along" and I have an astute and knowledgeable tame native tout whose brains I hope to be able to make use of for the benefit of a confiding public.

The popular light weight jockey Hoyt has, I hear, returned from Australia and must have been satisfied with his reception in the gorgeous grilling East since he has, I believe, induced a younger brother to return with him. The latter cannot, however, come to scale at the same useful weight and will, it is believed, confine his efforts to "up in the air" performances over the big fences. He comes with the reputation of being a fine horseman over "leps" and should, with his connection, get plenty of work.

On Sunday last a field of quite twenty-five met Colonel Sheringham and his pack on the Cavalry race course, for a morning's cub hunting. The Master with a strong pack of some twenty-eight couple of hounds first drew a fig garden which I am told in former years held many a jack. This morning, however, it was drawn blank. Then skirting the Railway, hounds drew a jowari *khet* and in a very few moments a burst of music gladdened the hearts of the field. The jack broke away and made over the race course and railway and the road which leads to Mundwa. I am informed that great anxiety was caused by the sound of an approaching train; however luckily the jack slipped over before the train came along and the hounds followed after the train had passed; a narrow squeak. A slight check occurred, but after a run of about 10 minutes in all the quarry was pulled down a few fields before he could get to the river. A nice little gallop and from all accounts all enjoyed themselves.

The English Jockey Club, at the annual general meeting held on the 8th ultimo, discussed, among other things, the starting gate and the means whereby it could be more efficiently worked. A report will be found further on.

Our Lucknow correspondent writes:—Another very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Mahomed Bagh on Saturday, when Colonel Humphrey and the Gloucesters were "At Home" at a Gymkhana. The following were the results: First Event, Victoria Cross Race over Hurdles. Mr. Stott won, with Mr. Gage second. Second Event, Afternoon Tea Race. Mrs. Saunders and Mr. Douglas Straight, D. S. P., nominated by Mrs. Ross, won. Third Event, Whistling Stakes. Mr. Storey, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence, won. Fourth Event, Wand Race with Polo Balls. Major Eustace won. Fifth Event. Which would you rather Stakes. Mr. Symons, nominated by Mrs. Saunders, won. Sixth Event, Tilting at Ring for Ladies, won by Miss Williams.

A delightful innovation was inaugurated yesterday when a Water Polo Tournament took place at the Chutter Munzil Swimming Bath. Four teams competed, each game consisting of three chukkers of two minutes each. The first round was won by the Gloucesters, who defeated the East Surreys by five goals to two; in the second Lucknow Gymkhana beat the 5th Dragoon Guards by three goals to one; and in the final the Gloucesters won from Lucknow Gymkhana by three goals to two. Mr. Douglas Straight is to be congratulated on the success of his new idea. I understand that there is to be a Water Gymkhana next Sunday morning.

Athletic Notes.

THE Leander Rowing Club's eight for the "Grand" this year has now commenced training, seated thus:—H. A. Steward (bow), T. S. Drysdale, B. C. Cox, J. E. Payne, R. B. Etherington-Smith, F. W. Warre, E. J. Escombe, G. M. Maitland (str.), and H. L. Etherington-Smith (cox).

For the "Stewards," the Leander crew will be:—B. C. Cox (bow), T. Drysdale, F. J. Escombe, F. W. Warre (str.)—three Cambridge Old Blues and one Oxford.

Captain Wigram put up a fine innings of 107 in the return match between the Simla C. C. and the local Volunteers, which ended in a draw. Simla made 245 for seven wickets, and their opponents 74 for three, when rain stopped the play.

Tom James, the Welsh professional cyclist, won the quarter-mile and the five miles National Cyclists' Union Championships of Wales. At Glasgow, he defeated the crack European sprinter, H. Meyer, in a half-mile race. James rode a Dunlop tyred machine.

That the success which attended the Stock Exchange Walk would lead to a "boom" in road pedestrianism, remarks a home contemporary, was the view taken by most people in a position to form an opinion, and we had a second edition of that famous tramp last Saturday, when the members of the Central Meat Market decided to see what they could do in this direction. In one respect, at any rate, the butchers may be said to have justified their action, seeing that one of their body, H. F. Otway, succeeded in covering the distance in 9 hours 21 minutes, or, roughly speaking, ten minutes less than the time occupied by Broad a month earlier. On behalf of the last-named it will probably be claimed that the weather on Saturday was much more favourable for such an enterprise than when he made the attempt, and there is doubtless something in the contention, albeit Otway's performance as it stands was a very fine one. Perhaps before the athletic season is over we shall hear of a match between the pair.

We regret to hear of the death from cholera of Mr. G. E. Coles, Superintending Engineer, Lower Ganges Canael. He was educated at Brackenbury and Cooper's Hill and in his younger days was well-known on the football and cricket fields. He was captain of his college cricket eleven and had been invited to play for Kent, and the Gentlemen of England. Mr. Coles died at Naini Tal on the 21st ultimo after twelve hours' illness.

Lancashire beat Surrey by seven wickets on the 27th ultimo; Derbyshire defeated Leicestershire by 35 runs; and the match between Yorkshire and Notts ended in favour of the former by an innings and 63 runs.

Somerset beat Gloucester on the 26th ultimo by an innings and 72 runs.

Mr. Monty Holbein has expressed his intention of trying again this year to swim the Channel. He proposes starting from Dover in July or August and is training for the swim. Holbein seems determined to accomplish the feat and declares he will try every year till he succeeds.

We remind local oarsmen that entries for the Hoare Cup should be sent in forthwith, as the intention is to give entrants some preliminary practice ere the crews are finally selected on the 15th instant.

The Annual General Meeting of the Calcutta Rowing Club will be held at the Strand Road boat house on Thursday, 16th instant, at 6-15 P.M.

We are progressing. Motor cars are now being turned out in India; not merely the parts imported and put together here; but the whole machines from A. to Z. made in an Indian workshop and the result a most creditable production. This enterprise has been started by Messrs. Simpson and Co., the well-known carriage builders of Madras and this is what the *Madras Mail* says about it:—

"The firm have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. S. J. Green, a motor engineer, who has had considerable experience with the leading manufacturers at Home. Under his direction the firm have put down special machinery and plant to build cars complete in every detail on a large scale. The first car thus built has just been through its trial, and has proved most satisfactory. It is another example of what the Indian artisan is capable of doing under competent European supervision. The whole of the car, including the engines, boilers, pumps, gearing, etc., has been built at Messrs. Simpson's factory, from the raw material to Mr. Green's own design and specifications; and on him it certainly reflects great credit. The only parts imported were the "burner," which is of the Clarkson type and some of the minor fittings. We believe it is the first motor car that has been built *throughout* in India. The car is of the latest "tonneau" pattern, having the boiler placed in front under a bonnet, which arrangement has the advantage of being easy of access for small adjustments. The boiler is of special and original construction, and is capable of maintaining an even pressure of steam under varying conditions, the cost of fuel being greatly reduced. The "feed" water is heated by a special arrangement, by which it enters the boiler at nearly boiling point, the exhaust steam being utilised for this purpose. The engines are vertical double cylinder, fitted with reverse and variable cut off, and are capable of driving the car at speeds varying from 4 to 16 miles per hour. The driving is direct to the main axle, which is self-contained, running on ball bearings and absolutely dustproof. Both automatic and hand steam and air pumps are fitted. The wheels are ball-bearing tangent steel with solid rubber tyres, these being far more durable and possessing advantages over pneumatic tyres for the ordinary Indian roads. The steering is of a special type by which the car is most easily controlled, and the starting and reversing levers, etc., are most conveniently arranged so that the driver can adopt a natural position. The car throughout is built much stronger than usual, and is made specially to suit local conditions. The only fuel required is ordinary kerosine oil, and this, with water for the boiler, can be procured anywhere in India.

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It looks as though double centuries in county cricket matches, up to quite recently the rarest of achievements, will soon be hardly more uncommon than a single three-figure innings was say five and twenty years ago, for even in the wretched weather which has marked the present year of grace at home, this week's mail news brings us an account of two such performances. Mr. P. Perrin for Essex against Notts scored 170 and 102 not out, and Arnold, the splendid all-round Worcestershire professional hit up 101 not out and 128 for his county against Cambridge University. This latter feat was rivalled in the same match by Mr. E. M. Dowson, the Light Blue Captain, who is in grand form this season, especially with the bat, and who scored 94 and 122 not out. Given a chance first-class batsmen do seem to enjoy themselves now-a-days.

According to *Golf Illustrated* it is definitely decided that an Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society team will leave Liverpool on 6th August for a tour in the United States. It will include twelve players in all, and the following nine names are mentioned as certainties: Messrs. John L. Low (Cambridge and Royal and Ancient G. C.), T. Mansfield Hunter (Oxford and Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers), Norman F. Hunter (Cambridge and Honourable Company), J. A. T. Bramston (Oxford and Royal North Devon G. C.), A. C. M. Croome (Oxford and Royal North Devon), H. C. Ellis (Oxford and Alnmouth G. C.), H. G. B. Ellis (Oxford and Alnmouth), H. W. Beveridge (Oxford and Ashford Manor G. C.), and D. F. Ranson (Cambridge and Tooting Bec G. C.), while it is hoped that Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson (Oxford) may also be able to make the trip. This with say Messrs. H. W. de Zoete (Cambridge), J. W. B. Pease (Oxford) or B. Darwin (Cambridge) would just about put the Society at full match strength, and we fancy that, however much the Yankees may have improved they would be overpowered by this team even on their own links: that is taking a line through Mr. W. J. Travis, who is certainly the leading American amateur golfer, but who was not considered more than an ordinary good player on the home links in 1901, and not strong enough to be able to reckon with any degree of certainty on beating any one of the golfers enumerated above. But there is many a slip, and if Mr. Low gets together before he sails half the men specified he will do brawly, and he will find plenty more thoroughly sound players in the Society's ranks to fill up from.

This year's Open Golf Championship may be said to have given us the first thorough test of the rubber-cored ball as compared with its rivals, and taking a line right through the competition it looks as if a couple of strokes' advantage in the round is about the most that can be claimed for it over the "guttie." This, however, is of course amongst absolutely first-class golfers, to those of more moderate prowess the value of the "Rubbacor" is infinitely higher.

Jack M'Cauliffe met Carpenter at Mussoorie on the 27th ultimo, for the light weight boxing championship. It was a good fight, but Carpenter was outclassed, and after eleven rounds was knocked out.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Of recent years very little interest has been taken in Rugby football in Bombay. It is true that big crowds have turned out for the Tournament matches, but the other game played during the season attracts but a sparse attendance of spectators. Four or five years ago this was not the case, for then people used to turn up in their hundreds and it was no uncommon thing to see the ground lined three and four deep. But what a difference now! Then there were quite a number of Rugby teams in the city, whereas at the present time there are only two—the Bombay Gymkhana and the Royal Garrison Artillery, (Colaba). All the other clubs have become extinct, or have taken up "soccer," and, of course, people become a little tired of always seeing the same two teams playing against each other—the R. G. A. against the Gymkhana one night, and the Gymkhana against the R. G. A. the next. I was in hopes that we should have some other Rugby teams in the field this season, but up to the present I have not heard of any, and consequently I am afraid there is very little chance of reviving interest in the handling code this year. Cannot the North Staffords raise a team? They already run two or three Association elevens, and I understand that there are several Rugby enthusiasts in the regiment. Then it is also suggested that we might have a fifteen composed of the British Officers of the Native regiments and the Colaba Garrison. The Gymkhana Rugby football annual meeting only was held this week, and was fairly well attended. Mr. P. J. Arnot was again elected Captain and Honorary Secretary, and no better choice could have been made, for he is a rattling good player, and one who can be relied upon to do his best in promoting the success of the team. The only other business to be transacted was the election of the Selection Committee, on which Lieutenant Scott, Mr. Marshall Reid, Mr. T. W. Moore, and H. P. Hebblethwaite will act. It was pointed out that, as last year, there would only be the Royal Garrison Artillery to play against, so far as Bombay was concerned. It was decided, however, to endeavour to arrange a couple of matches with the Buffs—one at Poona and the other in Bombay. The fixing of the date for the annual tournament was postponed until later so as to make sure of not clashing with any of the other annual fixtures which come on in the months of September and October.

Play in connection with the Harwood Association Football League has been continued during the past week, and one or two interesting games have been witnessed. In the match between the Bombay Rovers and the North Staffordshire Regiment, "B" team, on Tuesday, the soldiers had a good deal the best of the exchanges, the Rovers' forward line being far from a good one. In the first half the soldiers twice shot into the net, while after changing over they scored a third goal, and eventually ran out winners by 3 goals to *nil*. Playing on Thursday evening, the Government Telegraph Club scored their first victory in the League defeating the Royal Engineers by 3 goals to *nil*. Neither side showed anything like good combination, and I don't expect to find either of them very far up in the League table at the end of the season. On Friday the Royal Garrison Artillery met the North Staffords' "B" team, and a large number of spectators put in an appearance in anticipation of witnessing a good game. And they were not disappointed. Both teams were fairly evenly matched, and both goals were frequently bombarded. The Staffords were leading by 2 goals to 1 up to within ten minutes of the call of time, when the Artillery men made a final effort to win the match. And in this they were successful, for they put on a couple more goals, and left the field winners by 3 goals to 2. This victory places them at the top of the League table, the North Staffords' "B" team being second with the Rovers third, and the Telegraph Club fourth. By the way, what has become of the B. V. A. Club this year? I haven't noticed them participating in either Rugby or Association Football, and they don't even appear to have a cricket eleven.

Another interesting golf match was played off on Thursday morning, in connection with the Royal Bombay Golf Club, one side being composed of players over, and the other of players under, a certain age. Despite the fact that very short notice was given, 22 players turned up, but the younger men were beaten all along the line, only three of them managing to tie in their matches, while the others were all defeated, the match resulting in a victory for the older players by 17 holes to *nil*. Playing for "age" Mr. Ralph Kidd beat Mr. G. C. Scott by no less than seven holes, while Mr. C. St. Paul, the Rev. J. Cameron, and Mr. W. L. Shaw won their matches by two holes, the other winners being Messrs. J. Stiven, L. Stansfield H. S. Jacob, and H. E. Hart by one hole each. The ties were between Messrs. Osborne, Marshall, and F. H. Greigh, Messrs. E. Ferrers Nicholson and R. A. Don, and Major Rogers and Mr. R. H. M. Steven. The recent rain has considerably improved the course, and a large number of men are turning out of a morning. I understand that some other matches are being arranged and that the younger men are determined to have their revenge out of the "aged" ones.

The Committee who have in hand the arrangements for sending the Indian Cricket Team to England next year have just held a meeting, at which satisfactory progress was reported. The Honorary Secretaries intimated that all the players who had been communicated with had notified their willingness to join the team, so that when the time came to make a final selection there will be no danger of the side not being thoroughly representative of native Indian cricket, and it was further pointed out that there was not the slightest doubt that the trip, in addition to proving highly beneficial to the cricket of the participants, would be a success from a financial point of view. Up to date guarantees of £100 each have been received from Yorkshire and the M. C. C. as the team's share of the gate proceeds, and it is felt that this example will almost certainly be followed by Surrey, Lancashire, and most of the other counties. For my own part I don't think the first-class counties at home need have much hesitation in giving guarantees of this kind, for the matches participated in by the native cricketers are certain to draw big "gates." Letters were also read from the various princes, noblemen, and gentlemen, who have either subscribed, or promised to do so, to the fund that is being raised to meet the expenses of the tour, and it was estimated that up to date something over Rs. 18,000 would be realised when all the sums that had been promised were paid. Mr. D. J. Tata and Mr. A. H. S. Aston, the Honorary Secretaries of the Bombay Gymkhana C. C., than whom it would be difficult to find one who takes a keener interest in the game, were appointed Honorary Treasurers to the fund, and become members of the sub-committee. On the motion of Mr. A. C. Rumboll, seconded by Mr. F. J. Clarke, it was decided to open a subscription list in addition to the guarantee fund, and a sub-committee consisting of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Russell and Mr. A. Sidney Galtrey was formed to arrange details. In my opinion the opening of such a fund is a decidedly good idea, for it will enable men of comparatively small means to contribute, who, perhaps, would not otherwise have done so.

General Notes.

THE Metropolitan left Shillong on the 26th ultimo on tour.

Sir Francis Maclean, Chief Justice of Bengal, returned from Darjeeling last Sunday.

A large and brilliant gathering attended the State ball at Simla on the 26th ultimo and the proceedings were a great success.

With regret we hear of the death of Lieut.-Col. Showers, Commandant of the Assam Valley Light Horse, who died suddenly on the 26th ultimo. He was one of the oldest planters in Assam and will be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

The "Mosquisto" pen offered to the Indian public by Messrs. Trail, & Co., seems to us to possess all the good qualities such an implement ought to have. It is extremely strong, does not catch the paper nor spoil the ink, is very flexible and an ideal aid to rapid and legible handwriting.

The Calcutta Amateur Dramatic Society have nearly got through the drudgery of preparing their new piece "The Dandy Fifth" for presentation to the public, and announce the dress rehearsal for the 9th instant and the first night for Saturday the 11th. From all accounts we are in for an agreeable surprise in connection with the mounting and dressing of the piece, while it ought not to suffer in other respects with that clever and tireless stage manager Mr. Zimmermann at the head of affairs.

The Royal Artillery Dinner was held at the United Service Club, Simla on the 25th ultimo, the following officers being present:—Generals Sirs E. Elles, G. Scott, L. Parsons, Sir J. Wolfe-Murray; Colonels Saunders, Hawkin, Smith, Rainsford, Mahon, and C. Hamilton; Majors Rundle Durcot, Short, Bertie Clay and Malleson; Captains Tancred, Knapp, Beynon, Easton, Ollivant, and Tyrrell; Lieutenants W. F. Parsons, W. W. Parsons, Loveday, Bennett, Rathbone, Caulfield, Edmundson, Spencer Hutton-Squire, Crawshay-Williams and Gregory. Sir E. Law, General A. Hunter, and Captain J. Home, late R. A., also attended the dinner.

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London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 12th June 1903.

THE wild excitement that Mr. Ritchie's utterances produced in the early part of the week has calmed down with significant rapidity. The country, it would seem, sees no objection to the Cabinet which directs its affairs having two or three minds on such a trifling matter as its whole fiscal policy, and the patient curiosity to see what is going to happen next, which followed the first outburst, has been assuaged by the growing certainty that nothing will happen. It would be a good thing if there were an upheaval; the week has shown even the bindest that we are trying to group new schools of thought under old names, and the sooner leaders step out of the crowd and pick sides for a new game the better. It does not matter what they call themselves, the party in power is the Liberal party, both parties take much the same line on the Treasury Benches.

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This morning's papers contain various versions of the tragedy at Belgrade. The only really incredible variant is that labelled "official" which informs a credulous world that while the King and Queen with their relatives were sitting in the verandah after dinner, King Alexander told the Queen she must leave the country; Queen Draga refusing, the relatives took sides and there was a faction fight in which Their Majesties and some of their partisans lost their lives. News of the murders does not affect the British Court's arrangements, and there will be no Court mourning; but we are curious to know what position diplomacy will take up, whether our Ambassador at Belgrade will pay his respects to Prince Peter, who has been placed on the throne.

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One doesn't expect much of the *Times* in these days, but it was something of a shock this morning to find the Belgrade murders employed as the text for a flaring new advertisement of the *Encyclopædia*: there it was, half a sheet of it in immediate juxtaposition with the foreign telegram page, half of which is occupied by the telegrams from Belgrade. It strikes the mere average reader as in bad taste, but since the *Times* has been dragged at the tail of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* we are surprised at nothing.

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The Court which has been sitting at Wellington Barracks to try the young officers mixed up with the Cape "ragging" case has finished taking the evidence of Mr. Stanford, the victim, yesterday and was adjourned to make up its mind whether it should delay to enable the prosecution to summon certain apparently unwilling witnesses, to wit a Mr. Barclay, who was present at Mr. Stanford's "trial" and the doctor who examined him "from the Cape." The Court as you doubtless know is trying Captains H. B. O. Williams and J. H. Hayes, 3rd Dragoon Guards; Captain C. Fane, D.S.O., and Lieutenant C. M. Truman, 12th Lancers; Second-Lieutenant C. L. Prior, 17th Lancers; Lieutenant R. H. Hermon-Hodge, 3rd Grenadier Guards; and Lieutenant (Honorary Captain) W. Judkins, 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade—on a charge of having behaved in a scandalous manner, unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman, in that at the Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, on 25th December 1901, they stripped, exposed, and subjected to indecent treatment one Hardwicke Stanford, a Civilian.

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What they did do according to Mr. Stanford's evidence was to wind up a Christmas eve ball by putting him (Stanford) into the hotel fountain, then stripping him, photographing him in a state of nudity, putting him into the fountain again clad in a dressing gown and clipping patches of hair off his head and moustache. The sinners have already been mulcted £1,500 by a Civil Court; and though the practice of stripping civilians and putting them in fountains is not to be encouraged—even at five in the morning after a Christmas ball when a cold tub might be advantageous to all parties—the matter would, no doubt, have been allowed to rest there but for the indecencies committed on young Stanford. Horse-play is not necessarily unbecoming the character of officers and gentlemen, provided they don't let outsiders into the fun; but if the very well-defined boundaries between practical joking and impropriety are crossed, then the soldiers have themselves to thank if their chiefs take the matter up. There would have been a sweet row—and rightly—if half a dozen civilians had taken similar liberties with the person of an obnoxious young man who held His Majesty's Commission.

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The ball in aid of the London Hospital on Tuesday night at the Albert Hall was one of the biggest things of the kind ever carried to a successful conclusion. The hall was really well decorated for the occasion—no easy matter when you consider the enormous height of the place—and they who regard a dance as means to a supper were loud in their praise of the idea of turning private boxes into private supper-rooms. You see a fellow could go to as many suppers as he was asked to without the carking subconsciousness that he was unduly conspicuous at the table. The floor had been well done, but most of the night the crowd was too great for dancing in comfort, and there were many lookers on who preferred a place on high in a friend's box to look down on a really beautiful show. The International Quadrilles by people in fancy dress were *the* spectacle of the night. It was a late ball—or an early, whichever applies to an exodus at its height about 4 A. M. I see that four thousand tickets were sold; the charge was a guinea including supper, but the profuse people paid, I believe, up to ten guineas in the sacred name of hospital charity, and the trustees of the London Hospital must have gone singing to bed on Wednesday morning.

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If has been quite a hospital week in one sense. On Sunday afternoon the King and Queen went to St. Paul's to foster in advance the interests of the "Hospital Sunday" collection; not in State. They went by the embankment with a small escort of mounted police, were received near Temple Pier by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, a ceremony occupying about 40 seconds and drove rapidly on to the city. There was no display of any kind in the shape of State uniforms; the common councilmen's gowns were about the only touch of colour. Yesterday Their Majesties visited the city again to open the new Outpatient Department of the London Hospital and the new rooms for the Finsen treatment of lupus; their progress was conducted on much the same lines of simplicity as on Sunday. His worship the Lord Mayor seized the opportunity to publish in Wednesday's paper, an appeal to his "richer fellow citizens" to send him a thousand apiece to endow beds; he wanted those thousands at once. "They should reach me by noon on Thursday at the latest." I have no doubt he got all he asked. Catch the B. P. in the right mood, warmed with the smiles of royalty and whirl of riotous living, and its cheques for thousands are to be had for a wave of the little finger, if the little finger be upon the hand of a somebody.

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Ranelagh broke out with a Ladies' Gymkhana on Saturday. It brought a big crowd and was productive of some fun, the Aunt Sally race appealing most to the discriminating throng. Mrs. Stroyan (a daughter of Sir Walter Gilbey) carried off most of the prizes. Mrs. Stroyan is one of the best horsewomen in Essex, and on Saturday she won the Bending Race, the Sortiga (you know the game? carrying rings and streamers off posts, at a gallop) and the race round a post and home; and was second in the Aunt Sally smashing competition. I hear that the Rochamption Gymkhana on the same day was a great success. Your correspondent ought to be Sir Boyle Roche's bird on Saturdays, there is so much going on; and even that capable fowl would often be at a loss to decide on which two places he would bestow his patronage.

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The cheap but exhausting walking race is becoming "fashionable" says a ha'penny evening paper in its preliminary eulogy of a walk to Brighton undertaken last Saturday by the butchers of Smithfield Market. Now the butchers have confirmed the example of the Stock Exchange and we may expect the example to be followed by the Bachelors' Club and the Ancient and Honourable Buffaloes; Officers of the Brigade of Guards; Officers of the Clapham Vestry, and so on. I am not quite sure that such high matters as pedestrianism come within the scope of these frivolous notes, but the First Butcher, Otway by name, beat Mr. Broad's record by just under nine minutes; his time being 9hrs. 21mins. 1½secs. In justice to Mr. Broad be it added, however, that the day was cooler and the roads were dryer on Saturday than when the Stock Exchange walk came off.

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I hope Editorjee you are careful about the shaving paper you use. For days I have been suffering in the morning from depression, and as my liver is sound and other influential organs are well behaved I was puzzled to find a cause, till in a moment of alert consciousness I traced it to my shaving paper—an old store list. I had worked my way through it to the Mourning section and every morning my waking eye lighted on something like this:—*An elm shell, covered white serge, finished white flannel and satin*", "*Attendants and coachmen in mourning with gloves* (extra)" "*Outer Coffin of Oak*," &c., &c. Enough to upset anybody when it jumps to the eyes at 8-45, particularly if he was dining out the night before; but it shows I want a holiday, don't you think? I have torn out the rest of the Mourning pages and am now shaving with "Mantles and Robes" which are often quite interesting; but I do not expect to recover tone until I have been away for a while.

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Alfred Austin had a brilliant house for his Flodden Field on Monday night; but most of the brilliancy was all on one side of the footlights. Sir Walter Scott in *Ivanhoe* showed that a battle could be vividly described by a lady looking on from a window, but they are few who can work with the tools of Sir Walter Scott and our Poet Laureate is not one of them. Lady Heron takes the place of Rebecca; Sir William Heron is a prisoner in the hands of King James, but this is no matter because Lady Heron is in love with the Earl of Surrey, Commanding Officer of the English forces. The Earl of Surrey and King James leave a good deal to their respective chiefs of staff, it would seem as they come in alternately to be made love to by Lady Heron. Surrey has a merciless taste for blank verse and spreads himself at every opportunity. Lady Heron's wiles are thrown away on this speechful warrior: might as well try and flirt with Lord Kitchener. King James is a more responsive vessel; but Lady Heron only flirts with him to keep him off the battle field (though truly he strikes one as a leader who "never would be missed"). Presently, within about quarter of an hour of curtain-fall, she tells him why she trifles with him, and James goes off to cast himself on Surrey's sword. Enter Surrey to be congratulated on his victory. With regrettable want of tact Lady Heron tells him *she* did it all by detaining James at her side. Surrey, naturally enraged at this slur on his generalship, calls her a traitress and other bad names. Lady Heron goes home to Ford Castle, whither Surrey causes James' body to be delivered at once (by equivalent of Carter Paterson apparently); this is to punish Lady Heron. Why she should cozen James so lightly in life and mourn him so bitterly dead is not clear, but when an elderly gentleman (Sir William) turns up unexpectedly he finds his flirtatious spouse embracing the royal clay preparatory to taking her own life.

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Flodden Field is not a shining example of the modern or any other drama. The last quarter of an hour was full of action and strong feeling and during the other two hours the business rippled along smoothly as chalk stream. Miss Constance Collier did what she might with Lady Heron, but Lady Heron's manufacturer seems to lack courage: he is afraid to let his characters go; and Lady Heron showed us what a wealth of possibilities had been missed; one was sorry for her. Mr. Kinsey Lisle has "improved" Kipling's story of the "Man Who was" by introducing four ladies into it. This was a mistake and a bad one. Limmason's sister has nothing to do with the action and the other three women have less. The only result of the innovation is to compel tedious explanations to account for the presence or absence of Limmason's sister with whom Dirkovitch is in love; the story is essentially one of masculine interest and that thread of interest is only frayed by trying to wind a love story round it. Get thee to a nunnery, girls! It is not often we do not want you; but here you are distinctly, decidedly, and emphatically in the way. Had you any part in the story, Kipling would have given you chairs in the front row; having none he did not even let you peep through the crack of the door.

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There are two French companies in town just now. Mdme Jeanne Granier has opened her season at the Garrick with *Les Deux Ecoles*, and Mdme Jeanne

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Hading is at the Coronet, Notting Hill, with *Sapho*. Capus' Comedy is an old favourite in London and was as well received as ever, thanks muchly to Mdme Granier's delightful rendering of the character of Henriette Maukun. Mdme. Granier is a great actress, but her wonderful merits do not seem to have impressed the B. P. so deeply as those of other French actresses in the first rank. *Sapho*, of course, is also an old familiar friend of Londoners: one they are glad to meet again as witness the crowded little house that greeted her on Monday night. Later on shall we have Sara Bernhardt and eke the divine Rejane.

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JOTTINGS FROM JUNGLYPORE

LAST week I wrote that we had had a little adventure with a tigress. Although nothing much out of the ordinary, it exemplifies the element of chance which surrounds the experiences of *Shikaris*, and makes it impossible to regulate their movements to absolute safety.

"Once bit, twice shy" is sufficiently truthful an adage, but to imagine that the personal experience of one "regrettable incident" will safeguard one against repetition is quite misguided. All that the most cautious individual can do is to "leave nothing to chance": and then chance sometimes comes in an easy winner!

The other day H. and I. descended from this pretty little mountain colony to investigate certain rumours that we had heard as to the presence of a *Bagh* in the Ambadop ravine. Ambadop, the "pool by the mango tree," is a delightful little spot about fifteen hundred feet below and three miles north of here, and its extremely picturesque glen goes twisting and winding down between steep hillsides to join a large tributary of the distant Tapti. These jungles are at present very bare, and the white and shrivelled grass exceedingly hot and choking: but here and there a pipal or banyan raises its grateful shade, and, in combination with certain charmingly secluded pools, serves to offer sufficient cover to wandering felines.

H. and I. passed the mango pool and went about a couple of miles downstream, slowly and quickly pottering along dry stretches of boulders, and examining sand and dust for the necessary tracks. At a spot where a considerable tributary nala joins the main ravine lies a narrow bay of level soil, rather raised above the level of the floods: and here grows much long "burroo" grass, shaded by a few small new-leaved mhowa trees. Not far from the border of this little "strath" rises a spreading banyan: in the river bed below lie some delectable pools. Soothed by the sylvan beauties of this spot, H. and I. repaired to the water's edge, and, reclining in the shade, masticated a biscuit and raised aloft the pleasantly-gurgling water-bottle.

Anon, refreshed, we prowled on, and, about fifty yards on, regarded with pleasure what we had come to seek—the pugs of a small tiger: but we failed to mark the prints of some smaller pads, or passed them by as those of hyæna, or other lesser beast of the forest.

Up to this point we had been accompanied by four korkus, whom we had met on their way to cut bamboos, and had persuaded to come so far with us. These people now desired to be excused, in order to attend to their work and we having casually inquired in which direction they would now proceed, they had indicated a course uphill and away from the river, leading past the aforesaid banyan tree and "burroo" grass. So we left them drinking water and squatting on the laterite rocks. Half an hour later H. and I. accompanied by two of my own men had explored about half a mile down-stream, up a stale pug marked branch nala, and down again, when I remarked a suddenly thoughtful look on my old orderly's face—but the incident passed.

Not finding any more tracks down stream, we had turned and were retracing our steps, when we became aware of the four korkus hurrying down the far bank of the riverbed. Surprised at this sudden departure from their original bamboo-cutting expedition, we stopped and called to them, but in a preoccupied kind of way they continued their course, one of them signalling that this was their path. Now had my old fellow mentioned to me the cause of this previous pause and thought, subsequent events might have turned out very differently, but he did not. "Chance" was creeping in.

N. B. for future use—"Suspicion should rest on every departure from the normal."

It was becoming hot in the deep-sunk ravine, and up we ploddered over pebble and sand, past the pug-marked pool (erasing the pugs), past almost the level bay and banyan tree, H. going along the further bank. By the pool-side I stooped, and scooping up a little water patted it refreshingly over my scanty locks. Then I ascended a little bank on to the higher ground to settle on a spot for our bait that evening.

"Baurrgh-ha-waurrgh-ha-harrgh-a-waugh! the deafening noise burst all around me in the vibrating air, stunning and confusing for a couple of seconds, until, elongated and flattened, the form of a tigress grew clear under the banyan tree close to my right front, as she rushed towards me, bellowing and scattering the dried leaves. Behind her two little brutes of cubs: they also in full song! My 12-bore ball gun flew to my shoulder: the roaring comet came to a sudden halt. Finger on trigger, I took a few steps backward, then more: reached the edge of the bank: darted down it: and, pursued by the same disgusting outcry, made nimblest time across a mass of boulders, in some queer manner managing to watch my rear as I skipped along. Slowing down, I perceived H. making a flank movement in my direction, and joined him on the far bank behind another splendid old *dur* tree. The two men were not far off in a similar position. The roaring having ceased, we ascended our tree, handed up rifles, and reconnoitred.

The tree from which the tigress had made her demonstration was now about one hundred and ten yards away, and when I peered through the forked trunk of our refuge, there lay the tigress—like a big pussy-cat by the fire. She had gone back and was lying in the shade close to the gnarled trunk of the banyan, in full view. As the shot was not altogether an easy one we agreed to wait a little, at least until a steadier hand would give us a better chance: and so continued to watch the tigress, who every now and then turned her head to look behind her, or to her left, in the direction of our tree. Her cubs she had no doubt sent on before her into the grass. At last, feeling steady, we had almost prepared to fire, when the brute slowly rose to her feet and paced gently forward. Even then the sights were aligned on her shoulder, when she turned, and presenting a back view, glided into the long "burroo." About half an hour was now spent in trying to discover her new position, but the difficulties of the ground and cover defeated us, and we turned homewards leaving her to another day, mistress of the situation.

On my next visit, when I approached the spot from a different point and examined it with great care, I left a buffalo calf as bait. Finding the tigress had left the immediate neighbourhood, it was interesting to go over the scene of the previous day's excitement, and it was now seen that, when so suddenly stopped, I had arrived within about twenty-five yards of the family tree, from which the tigress had charged out for about ten yards. So it is probably fortunate that instinct warned me *not* to fire on that occasion. As it was, the tigress gained her point and was content with having covered the retirement of her cubs. As is usual in such very sudden encounters, I carried away only a fleeting glimpse of a tawny stretched-out form, and a memory of a peculiarly dark-red flank.

The experience of another occasion, on which almost the same tactics had been pursued by another family tigress, leads me to believe that it was extremely unlikely that the tigress would have followed me up or made good her charge. Had she done so, I should have been forced to turn and shoot her or try to do so, and it is difficult to say what would have then ensued. My orderlies, who were also armed, retired straight across the river-bed, and from their position could have aided me had the beast come on, but as a most trustworthy man of this class once very nearly shot me when following up a wounded tiger, it is possible that I should have had more to fear from this direction than from the wild beast.

It remains to note that the four korkus, though of course they deny it, came on the tigress after we left them, and were driven off just as I was. The thoughtful look on my orderly's face was due to the roaring which she had then indulged in; only it was too distant and indistinct, he says, to distinguish at the time: and so he said nothing about it!

The behaviour of the jungle men in not letting us know that the tigress was there was quite in keeping with their general behaviour, but it might have resulted in a melancholy incident—for me; the tigress having been already excited was much more likely to go for one on being disturbed a second time at such very close quarters.

We have not done with this brute yet, and in my next I hope to be able to relate how we have turned the tables on her.

"DRAK."

Fishing.

THE MASCALONGE.

AFTER a hearty luncheon the mascalonge was dozing in a restful lounging place—the bit of shallow water where overhanging trees and patches of foam mitigated the fierce rays of the August sun.

The morning hours had been spent in a thorough examination of the spacious pool, the very existence of which had been unsuspected on the preceding day, and the results were satisfying. The swift river, hurrying down from above, spread out into a broad expanse of still water, deep and long, before gathering again for an onward rush to the sea, and the mascalonge had found the pool fairly alive with fishes smaller than itself, delicious bass and suckers and eels. Well might it congratulate itself on the roving spirit which had impelled it to a journey of exploration, if the peaceful possession of this well-stocked pool were to be the reward.

The Ottawa had been the home of its earlier years, along the shores of the large forest-covered island which obstructs the flow of the river just below Les Chutes des Chats. At first, in the quiet channel to the east of the island, and afterwards, on the other side in the turbulent waters at the foot of the falls, it had grown gradually in strength and courage until it feared no other one of its kind. But those terrible creatures, men, which moved overhead in boats on the surface of the river must be avoided at whatever cost.

One of them, in particular, a veritable giant in size seemed to be afloat all of the time—very likely he lived in that large house upon the river bank—and always on the lookout for fish. And so it was fear of man, as well as a desire to see more of world, that impelled the mascalonge one day to make its way up the eastern shore of the river to that outlet of the Mississippi, which is called the timber snye and up the timber snye to this pool of plenty.

The foam-covered shallow was an admirable lurking place for the mascalonge. As it lay there with its head pointing up the stream neither victim nor foe could hope to enter unobserved the pool from above, and the lower stretches were easily covered by a backward glance of its right eye. Even now an almost imperceptible pulsation of the water disturbed its rest and roused it to instant activity. What could that small bright object be which moved slowly along the surface of the pool with a revolving motion, which was rather disconcerting to a newly awakened sleeper? A rare fish, possibly, a tidbit acceptable to a satiated appetite. Or, more likely, a dangerous foe to be destroyed or put to flight. In either case there was nothing to be gained by delay, and so the mascalonge shot forward and seized the intruder, intending to crunch its life out. Instead of doing so, however, it felt a sharp stinging pain at the angle of its jaw, and something seemed to be trying to draw it toward the shore. Turning, it dashed outward and downward to the depths of the pool shaking its head and trying in vain to escape from the clutches of what, too late, it knew to be a spoon hook—one of those devilish contrivances by which ignoble man strives unfairly to get the better of high-spirited fish.

As it was drawn again to the surface, it was a man standing on the shore with a rod in his hands and a line extending from the tip of the rod to the spoon hook in its mouth. Near the man stood another creature, dressed in a different fashion, which the mascalonge knew to be a woman. She had a square black box in her hands, with an eye at one end of it, which she pointed toward the mascalonge, at the same time pressing a spring. But the man kept on turning a small crank on the butt of the rod and drawing the mascalonge nearer to the shore. Repeatedly it dashed away in vain search for freedom and as often, the hook still clinging to its jaw, the line drew it back again until, with its strength almost spent, it lay in the shallow water at the feet of the man. With the rod held high in his right hand, he reached down with his left as if to seize it by the gills and lift it from the water, but he was deterred by the sharp teeth in its jaw. Instead he took a fly-book from his pocket and asked the woman to pick out the largest hook she could find, a long blued-steel one, and to lash it with a piece of her trout line to a short stick that was lying on the shore.

Taking this improvised gaff in his left hand the man tried to gaff the mascalonge under the jaw, but its weight was too much for the slender hook, which straightened out like a piece of iron wire, and once more it reached the bottom of the river.

This time the man did not attempt to bring it back at once, but merely kept a taut line, while he found a key ring in one pocket and a package of larger, stronger ringed hooks in another, one of which the woman put on the key ring, slipping the latter on the middle finger of his left hand. Then the reel revolved and the line came slowly in.

When mascalonge had been drawn to the surface of the water, not more than ten feet from the river bank, a sudden strain broke the spoon hook's hold and, almost lifeless, it felt itself sinking to safety. No—not yet—for the man let the spoon hook sink, too, and then, drawing it up suddenly, caught the mascalonge, in the side. Once more he began to reel in the line feeling sure that the prize was now almost within his grasp. But the mascalonge, lying out in the river, perceived that resistance was easier than before, that while lying broadside to the shore it could not be drawn in and that slight exertion was required to maintain that position. Gradually strength and courage returned and with them the hope of ultimate escape. After a time the hook tore loose again, and the mascalonge, without waiting to give the man another opportunity, disappeared from his sight forever.

On the shore there were vain regrets and lamentations as the story was told to other men and women who appeared on the scene shortly afterwards but deep down under the rocky cliff the mascalonge rejoiced and was thankful, and the smaller fish began to realize that their future was to be a sad one.—*Shooting and Fishing.*

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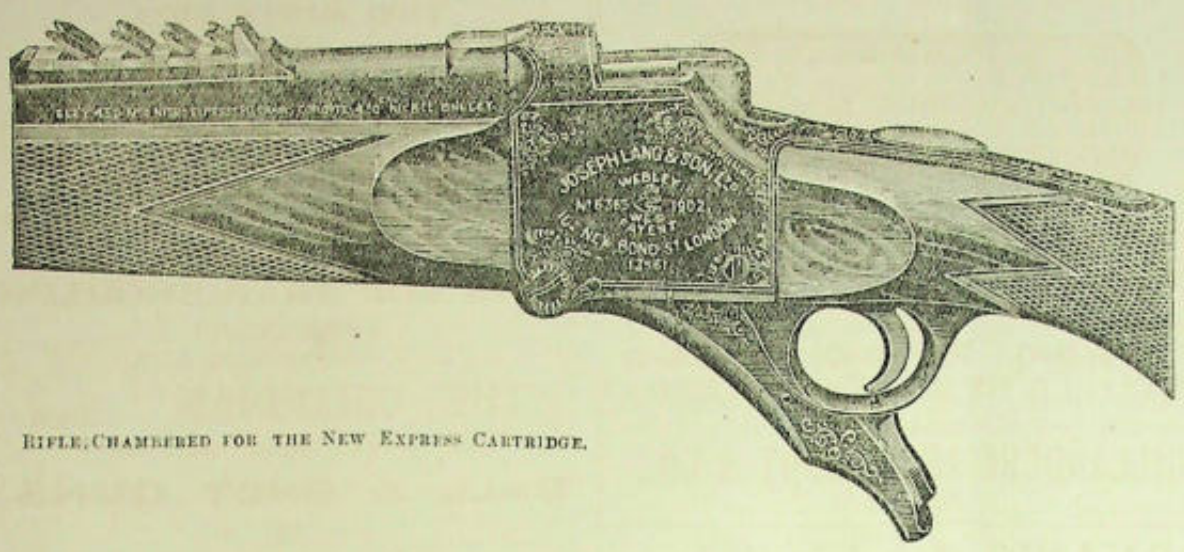
Shooting.

A RIFLE FOR THE NEW EXPRESS CARTRIDGE.

MESSRS. JOSEPH LANG AND SON, LTD., have been very prompt in submitting for our notice, writes *The Field*, a rifle which has been chambered and regulated for firing the new No. 2 nitro cartridge, which was reported upon at length in our issue of 18th April and which seems to have created a great deal of interest among sportsmen and others interested in big game rifles of one kind or another. The rifle is constructed according to the new Webley system of falling block, a specimen of which action is at the present time in our hands for the purpose of a detailed notice. It is sufficient, therefore, to say that the general system of action is one that has been elaborated in a number of ways in order to afford a maximum of strength and ease of extraction Needless to say, our recent experiments with the new cartridge could not be considered as final until an opportunity was available for testing its accuracy as fired from a sporting weapon, our experiments having been conducted with an experimental barrel specially chambered for the purpose in view. It was, therefore, very opportune that our article on the new cartridge should be closely followed by an offer from Messrs. Lang to submit a rifle capable of firing it.

The barrel of the gun submitted is 27in. long, and, in order to test whether the velocity results were in agreement with those



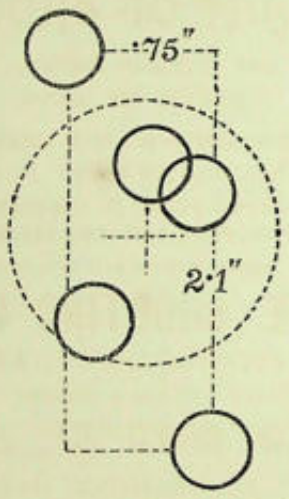
RIFLE, CHAMBERED FOR THE NEW EXPRESS CARTRIDGE.

obtained in our experimental weapon, a series of records at 60 yards was at once taken, and the following are the values as corrected for velocity for the muzzle :—

(1)	2166ft. per second.	(6)	2176ft per second.
(2)	2169ft. ,,	(7)	2185ft. ,,
(3)	2157ft. ,,	(8)	2176ft. ,,
(4)	2169ft. ,,	(9)	2195ft. ,,
(5)	2160ft. ,,	(10)	2157ft. ,,

Average, 2171ft. per second.

These records compare very satisfactorily with those previously obtained, there being a rise of about 100ft., probably due in a measure to the absence of loss of gas due to the pressure piston



Five shots at 100 yards with the new No. 2 Nitro Cartridge, fired in a Lang Rifle. Centres of shot holes fell within 2·1in. by ·75in. Average deviation from point of mean impact, ·7in.

in the gun used for the earlier experiments, it being impossible, for certain reasons, to obtain an absolutely perfect gas check. To the extra length of barrel must also be ascribed a great part of the improved results obtained. In fact, we can now state with confidence that in rifles with barrels 30in. long there would be no difficulty in obtaining the full 2200ft. per second, which represents the high velocities that are sometimes considered a *desideratum*. However, the figures obtained from the rifle under consideration show it to give very high velocities, which come exceedingly close to this nominal value. In fact, it is a question whether the extra 3in. of barrel is desirable, in view of the handiness of the shorter length and the results obtained with it. In looking through the above records of velocity it will be clear at once that there was a most marvellous run of uniformity. In fact, it would be extremely difficult to find an instance where equally well-authenticated experiments have shown such satisfactory readings as are met with in the first five shots of the series, which have been recorded in the true order of firing.

With accuracy in velocity one naturally expects accuracy in shooting, and it is therefore, unfortunate that we were not able to give Messrs. Lang the opportunity they would have liked for selecting favourable conditions suitable for obtaining shooting of the very high character that the rifle has in private trials shown itself able to accomplish. A target made at 100 yards, which is in our possession, contains a group of five shots, with a distance of 1in. between the centres of the highest and lowest perforations, and 13-16ths of an inch between those on the extreme right and left. As Messrs. Lang were particularly anxious that the rifle should be fired at 500 yards as well as at the shorter distance, the time available made it impossible to visit two grounds on the same day, so that our own 100 yards range, which is well fitted with the needful appliances, was not used, and an extemporised bench was fitted up. Even then the conditions were very severe on the shooter who conducted the firing. Three diagrams were fired at each distance, making, with additional shots, a total of some sixty shots in the day, to which was added such nerve disturbance as might be arrived at from a 100-mile journey beforehand.

Under these circumstances it would not have been surprising if the diagrams made had resulted in disappointment; but this was not the case, as the accompanying reproductions of the best in each series will go to show. The 100-yards diagram occupies an exceedingly small area and the height measurment would have been less had the precaution been taken of firing a warmer beforehand. This was not done, so that the first shot of the five fired fell about an inch below the group formed by those that followed. It is, however, necessary to abide strictly by the conditions laid down, and we accordingly decided that an extra shot to take the place of the first one should not be allowed. Still, there is no need to apologise for such a fine piece of shooting as that here reproduced. In fact, nothing would have been said about it had we not received full particulars of the even better shooting that had been carried out a day or so before at the private ranges of the maker of the rifle. As regards the general construction of the rifle submitted to our notice, we were able to state, after a careful examination, that it is a thoroughly sound and well turned-out piece of work, reflecting great credit on the manufacturing ability which has been exercised in its produc ion. Its weight is 10lbs. 2oz., which may be reduced a little in the finish processes.

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CARD QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Can you give me a decision on the following point that recently arose at whist :—

A and *B* partners against *Y* and *Z*. It's *A's* lead, but *A* and *B* lead simultaneously. Can the penalty for *B's* lead out of turn be exacted that round, or must *Y* and *Z* wait till *A* or *B* next get the lead before a lead may be called.

C. B.

["*A*" has led in turn, so there is no penalty on his account, and the only penalty left is that "*B's*" exposed card can be called at any time.—ED.]

ANIMAL CANNIBALISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Could you or any of your readers enlighten me as to whether—

(*a*) The female members of the *Filidæ* destroy the young of other females of their species should they 'knock up' against them ?

(*b*) I am informed in a still more startling fashion regarding reptiles, *viz*., that the females, though prolific, invariably keep hanging about near their eggs, and when these hatch they set to eating up their own young !

In this manner, my informant maintained, such undesirable species as snakes, muggars and the like kept within reasonable bounds as regards numbers, for only a small minority of the hatched young escaped the jaws of their unnatural mothers to grow up.

H. R.

KORBA, *25th June 1903.*

IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I shall be grateful if, by means of the enclosed sketch, you could give me the correct name of the cat I have attempted to depict. I got her as a kitten some time ago in what was thought to be a leopard's den in a mass of rocks some seven miles from here—altitude about 5,000 feet. The kitten was quite intractable for the first two or three weeks, but is now, though I have had to cage her, absolutely tame with me. She will not allow strangers or servants to touch her. Her fur is the exact tint of a leopard's pelt with the exception of the richer markings on the face. Her legs, feet, and belly are marked exactly in the same way as the ordinary leopard. I should say that she promises to be about the size of a large English tabby, but might have developed more in her native jungles. I fancy she is too small for *Felis Viverrina*, but is more handsomely marked than any specimen of *Felis Bengalensis* I have ever seen. Her mew is a grating call quite unlike the domestic cats, as also are her expressions of ill-temper, when bullied. I have done everything for her and handled her myself since she was caught, and she is now almost annoyingly tame; her chief enjoyment is a romp round the rooms with an old tennis ball, but she will allow no one to touch her except myself. I should be very glad to know her real and scientific name. Her tail is *tapering*, obscurely spotted and barred, black tip, and reaches to the *shoulders* when turned over her back, and this is different to most descriptions of the leopard cats.

J. H. L. W.

KASAULI, *20th June 1903.*

[It is always risky attempting to identify specimens from written descriptions, and in no species does this remark apply with greater force than when the numerous small cats are concerned. The sketch which accompanies our correspondent's description, however, helps us a good deal and leaves no doubt in our mind that this annoyingly tame feline is a kitten of *Felis Bengalensis* (The Leopard Cat). The white band running up to the forehead from the inside of each eye, as shown, is very distinctive, while the colouration and markings are those of *F. Bengalensis*, even allowing for the great variation in colour this species exhibits.—ED.]

HIMALAYAN FOREST FIRES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—During the greater part of the month of May, whilst touring about in the Kumaon District of the Himalayas, in the neighbourhood of Naini Tal, Ranikhet, Almora, etc., I have been much grieved to observe that forest fires were of almost daily occurrence. Nor are they of spontaneous origin; for, upon making careful enquiries from natives on the spot, I find that the fires are wilfully lighted, the chief culprits being the owners of grazing cattle. The existing impression is that by burning up the dry grass and undergrowth before the annual rains commence, a more luxurious and rapid growth of green grass is the result. Be this as it may, for no one doubts the efficiency of carbon as a fertilizing agent, it is doubtful if the growth of the new crop can be accelerated before the appearance of the monsoon. It is not, however, with the object of discussing the growth of grass that this letter is written; but to point out the gross cruelty and alarming loss of life to wild animals in general, and birds in particular, which such fires must cause. May is the month when most birds have either eggs or young; and the destruction of a nest by fire, which burns night and day, must often result in the death of the parent birds with their offspring. After having carefully examined parts of the forest where fire has raged, I can safely say that to a height of at least six feet above the ground all vegetation is consumed. And although large, full-sized trees are not absolutely destroyed, any one with the most elementary knowledge of structural Botany knows that the severe scorching of the trunk which the tree undergoes must seriously injure them (I am referring to exogenous trees.) At frequent intervals, along the forest pathways, the following notice is posted up: "Hunting, shooting, and fishing in this forest is (are?) prohibited until 25th July." I should like to ask the responsible authorities: "Which causes the greater destruction to game: the combined sports enumerated on the notice-board, or forest fires?"

At one dâk bungalow in the district enumerated above, where I spent the night, in the immediate vicinity of which I had not observed any fire? I was awakened very early in the morning by the most glorious concert of bird-voices which I had ever listened to. The day had not yet dawned, and the whole hill-side seemed alive with music; in which the notes of the Yellow-billed Whistling Thrush (*M. Temmincki*) and the Grey-winged Ouzel (*M. Boulboul*) were most prominent. It is too late this year for anything to be done in the matter; but I trust the forest authorities will take steps to prevent such appalling destruction to bird-life being continued in the future.

E. W. HARPER.

An agreement has been entered into between the American Audubon Society of Bird Lovers and the Millinery Merchant's Protective Association, by which the former society agree to protect the latter against legislative or legal aggression in consideration of the association using its utmost efforts to discourage the use of the plumage of gulls, terns, grebes, humming birds, egrets, herons, American pelicans, and song birds of any country from the beginning of 1904; but the importation and use of domestic or foreign feathers of domestic fowls or other species than those named is to be encouraged. This is a hint which our British Bird Protection Association might act upon.

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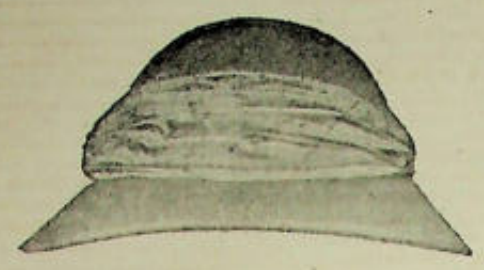

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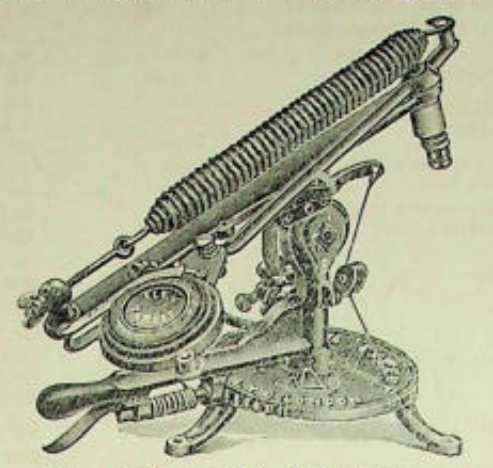

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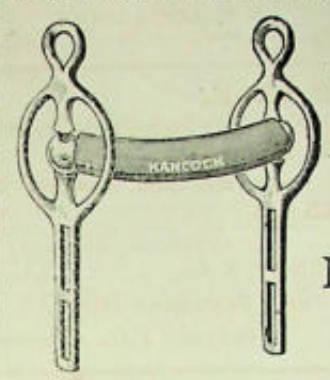

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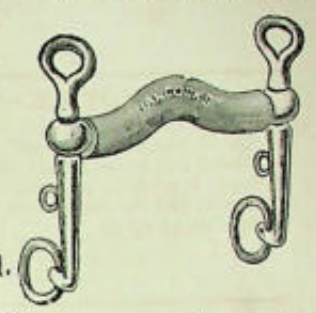

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Simla Gymkhana ...	July	4	
Tollygunge Second Gymkhana	"	11	
Bangalore	"	14, 16 & 18	
Rangoon Sky	"	18	
Secunderabad	"	30 & Aug 1	
Poona 1st Extra	"	25	
" 2nd "	Aug.	1	
" 3rd "	"	7	
" 4th "	"	8	
" 5th "	"	15	
" 6th "	"	22	
" 7th "	"	26	
" 8th "	"	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	Aug.	8	
Second do do	"	15	
Third do do	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	Sep.	23 26 28 30	
		Oct. 3 5 & 10	574
Dehra Autumn Sky ...	Sep.	29 & Oct 1	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Lucknow Autumn Sky ...	Oct.	22, and 24	
Umballa Autumn ...	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Rangoon Autumn ...	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	575
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ...	"	24, 26 & 28	
Tezpore	Dec.	1 3 6	
Calcutta First Extra ...	Dec.	12	
" Second Extra ...	"	19	
" First Meeting ...	"	24 26 29 & 31	
" Second Meeting ...	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ...	"	2 & 9	
Calcutta Third Extra ...	"	30	
" Fourth " ...	Feb.	6	
Bombay	Feb.	10 13 15 17 & 20	
Dibrugarh ...	"	2 4 & 6	
Dacca	Jan.	7 9 12	
Quetta Autumn	Sept.	22, 24 & 26	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY ...	First	...	... 1st Sept.
	Second	...	... 15th Oct
CALCUTTA FIRST EXTRA ...		...	... 8th Dec.
CALCUTTA SECOND EXTRA ...		...	... 15th Dec
CALCUTTA RACES FIRST MEETING	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 1st Dec.
CALCUTTA RACES SECOND MEETING	First	...	... 1st Dec.
	Second	...	... 9th Jan.
	Third	...	... 16th Jan.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES 1ST DAY	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 1st Dec.
TOLLYGUNGE STEEPLECHASES SECOND DAY	First	...	... 2nd Nov.
	Second	...	... 2nd Jan.
POONA	First	...	... 4th Augst.
	Second	...	... 25th "
	Final	...	... 8th Sept.
CIVIL SERVICE CUP ...	Second	...	... 1st July.
	Third	...	... 16th Sept.
	Fourth	...	... 1st Dec.
	Final	...	... 20th Jan.
BANGALORE	Third	...	... 1st July.
LUCKNOW AUTUMN ...	First	..	... 15th Aug
	Second	...	... 1st Oct.
	Third	...	... 14th Nov.
DEHRA AUTUMN SKY ...	First	...	... 10th Aug.
	Second	...	... 10th Sept.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT ...	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
GULMARG POLO TOURNAMENT ...	24th to 29th August.
CRICKET.	
BOMBAY v PARSEES (Bombay) ...	13th 14th & 15th Aug.
BOMBAY v PARSEES (Poona) ...	21st 22nd & 23rd Sep.
THE HORSE.	
TOLLYGUNGE HORSE AND DOG SHOW	1st January 1904.
POONA HORSE SHOW ...	In September.
FOOTBALL.	
DURAND TOURNAMENT, SIMLA ...	14th to 25th Sept.
HOCKEY.	
MADRAS TOURNAMENT ...	Begins 20th July.
GOLF.	
GULMARG TOURNAMENT ...	17th to 22nd August.
CALCUTTA G. C. COLOMBO MEDAL	3rd and 4th July.
SWIMMING.	
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FINAL HEAT FOUR LENGTHS HCP.	26th June.
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CALCUTTA R. C. HOARE CUP AND SENIOR SCULLS	15th August

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles) ...	...	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	...	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs)	...	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles) ...	...	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles) ...	...	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles) ...	...	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)		Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs) ...	...	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1 m 6 f 132 yds)		Tuesday, Sep. 8
Champagne Stakes ...	...	Tuesday, Sep 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yds.)		Wednesday, Sep. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	...	Friday, Sep. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Sep. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)...	...	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles)	...	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	...	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	...	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	...	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	...	Tuesday, Nov. 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)		Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ mile)		Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Amateur A. A. Meeting ...	...	4th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Lords) ...	...	6th July.
Henley Regatta	...	7th July.
Eton *vs.* Harrow (Lord's) ...	...	10th July.
Gents *vs.* Players (Oval) ...	...	10th July.
Rugby *vs.* Marlborough (Lord's)	...	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regatta	...	4th August.
America Cup First Race ...	...	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show ...	...	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show ...	...	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall) ...	...	7th December.

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LUCKNOW PAPERCHASE RACES.

Thursday, 25th June 1903.

THE Paperchase Cup races were brought off to-day under favourable circumstances and there was a large attendance. The Ladies' Hack Race, ½ mile, fell through, and a Polo Scurry was substituted which filled well. Captain Winwood had two wins, steering his own pony, After Dark, to victory in the Polo Scurry and securing the verdict in the Horse Chase on Capt Dunbar's Eldorado. Details:—

THE POLO SCURRY.—Prize, a Silver Cup.—For all *bonâ fide* Polo Ponies. Australians to carry 12st., Arabs to carry 11st., C.-B.'s to carry 11st. W. I. 3 furlongs.

Capt Winwood's bl a h After Dark, 11st — Capt Winwood 1
Capt Dunbar's br s g afr g Shannon II, 10st 10lbs ... ... — Capt Dunbar 2
Mr Richmond's dn aus g Dairyman, 12st ... ... — Owner 3
Capt Dunbar's br s g afr g Veloce, 11st 2lbs — Mr Craigie 0
Mr Sheridan's b aus g Luckylad, 11st 2lbs — Mr Symons 0
„ Gage's b ch g Fish, 11st 11b ... — Owner 0
Major Eustace's b a h Active, 10st 2lbs ... — Mr Salmon 0
Mr Saunders' g a h Shah, 9st 13lbs ... — Capt Lane 0
„ Parkhurst's g a h Reaper, 9st 7lbs ... — Owner 0

After Dark soon took the lead and held it throughout, closely followed by Shannon II, who came with a rush at the post and took second place from Dairyman.

PONY CHASE.—Prize, a Silver Cup. Second prize, a Silver Cup presented by G. T. Spankie, Esq. Open to ponies that have run in two chases at Lucknow during the present season. Walers 12st., Arabs and C.-B's, 11st. W. I. Prize a Cup.

Mrs Ryves' b aus m Windsor Belle, 9st 12lbs ... ... — Capt Lane 1
Mr Stott's g a s Shamrock, 8st 12lbs ... — Mr Stott 2
„ Symons' b aus m Chaffinch, 10st 13lbs — Mr Symons 3
Capt Dunbar's g a s Rifleman ... — Capt Winwood 0
Mr Close Brook's c aus m Darling, 11st 2lbs ... ... — Capt Dunbar 0
Mrs Ryves's b ch s Truelove, 8st 6lbs ... — Mr Cox 0

Won easily.

HORSE CHASE.—Prize, a Silver Cup. Second prize, a Silver Cup presented by Col. Humphery. Open to horses that have run in two chases at Lucknow during the present season. Catch weights 11st 7lbs. Prize a Cup.

Capt Dunbar's c aus s Eldorado, 11st 7lbs, — Capt Winwood 1
Mr Douglas Straight's br aus Ludo, 11st 7lbs ... ... — Mr Symons 2
Mrs Ryves' c aus Perfection, 11st 7lbs ... — Capt Lane 3
Mr Gage's c b s Harry, 11st 7lbs ... — Owner 0
„ Sheridan's vk aus m Bers, 11st 7lbs ... — Mr Salmon 0
„ Stott's ch aus Bill Shaw, 11st 7lbs ... — Owner 0

Eldorado soon took the lead, followed by Ludo and Perfection, kept it throughout, and won easily.

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Time-keeper.—CURSETJEE DHUNJEE SHAW, ESQ.
Secy. and Clerk of the Course.—H. DONNE, ESQ.

Third Day, Saturday, 20th June 1903.

A BIG card of eight races was carried through on the concluding day when a large and brilliant gathering was present. Lieut.-Col. Desaraj Urs had two wins, making a total of five for the meeting. In the Arab Handicap an objection was lodged against Harefoot on the ground of bumping and upheld, the race being awarded to Baby Boy. Lieut.-Col. Sprot, the owner, has appealed to the Calcutta Turf Club against the decision of the Stewards, but nothing has so far been heard. An objection was also raised against. Evensong for bumping in the C.-B. Handicap but was disallowed. Bookmakers on the whole had a good meeting and the totalisator was not much patronised. Details:—

MATCH.—Rs. 500 aside. ½ mile.

Capt R M Bell's g a h Essex, 8st ... — Gooloo 1
Mr Houston's g a h Dharwar, 9st ... — Capt Wheeler 2

BETTING: At first 6 to 4 on Dharwar and evens Essex. At the start, 6 to 4 agst either pony.

Won by a length. Time—56secs.

THE ROYAL PURSE.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. A handicap for ponies. ¼ mile.

Mr A Sattar's b aus m Beecles, 7st 3lbs ... — O'Neil 1
Lieut-Col. J Desaraj Urs' br aus m Acme, 9st 12lbs ... ... — Lansdown 2
Mr A P Symond's bk aus m Cleopatra II, 10st 2lbs ... ... — Col Armstrong 3

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Cleopatra II, 6 to 4 Beecles, and 3 to 1 Acme.

Won by six lengths; one length in front of Mr. Symond's mare. Time—1min. 48⅘sec.

THE CHAMUNDI STAKES.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. For Arabs 14 hands and under. 1 mile.

Mr Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental, 9st 5lbs — Penton 1
Capt R M Bell's g a h Superb 7st 2lbs... — O'Neil 2
Mr R R S's b a h Sirjamal, 7st 6lbs ... — Noor Mahomed 3

Also ran: Moon, 9-6 Delight, 8 12 and Syndic, 8-3.

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Oriental and Sirjamal, 3 to 1 Moon, 6 to 1 Delight, and 8 to 1 Superb.

Won by half a length; a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 54⅘ secs.

THE PALACE CUP.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. A handicap for horses. 1 mile.

Lieut-Col J. Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton, 8st 11lbs ... ... — Melson 1
H H Aga Khan's br c h Ayrdale, 10st ... — Penton 2
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy 8st 7lbs ... ... — Meah Jan 3

Also ran: Harpist, 10-0 Wallgrove, 9-13, Tecoota, 8-10; Leonidas, 8-8; Best Shot, 7-4, and Latch Key, 6-4

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Trenton and Harpist, 3 to 1 each Ayrdale and Wallgrove, 6 to 1 Tecoota, 8 to 1 each Leonidas and Corrie Roy, 10 to 1 Best Shot and 20 to 1 Latch Key.

Won by a short head; half a length dividing Ayrdale from Corrie Roy. Time—1min. 46secs

THE ARAB HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. 9 furlongs.

Mr W F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 7st 3lbs ... ... — O'Neil 1
Lieut.-Col. J. Desaraj Urs' ch a h Rubric, 9st 5lbs ... ... — Lansdown 2
Lieut.-Col. Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 8st 11b ... ... — Melson disqfid *

Also ran: Chungiz, 8-7; and Sapphire, 7-5.

BETTING: Evens Chungiz, 5 to 2 Sapphire, 4 to 1 each Rubric and Baby Boy, and 5 to 1 Harefoot.

Harefoot caught the Judges's eye first by a short head; half a length between second and third. Time—2mins. 10 secs.

*An objection against Harefoot on the ground of bumping was upheld and the race awarded to Baby Boy, Rubric being placed second.

THE COUNTRY-BRED HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,000, of which second receives Rs. 100. A handicap for country-bred horses. 1 mile.

H H Aga Khan's br c b m Evensong, 9st 6lbs ... ... — Heeroo 1
Mr W. P Allardice's b c-b g Upstart, 10st 6lbs ... ... — Oomer Khan 2
Col. J P Grant's b-c b h Prime, 7st 7lbs — Gooloo 3

Also ran: Louis, 9-5; Wisdom, 9-4; and Landwind, 6-0.

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Upstart, 3 to 1 each Evensong and Wisdom, 4 to 1 Prime, 5 to 1 Louis and 6 to 1 Landwind.

Won a fine race by half a length, with Prime three lengths away third. Time—1min. 49secs.

An objection to the winner on the ground of bumping was disallowed.

THE EXTRA HORSE HANDICAP—Rs. 350, of which the winner will receive Rs. 200, the second Rs. 100, and the third Rs. 50. A handicap for horses. Winner to be put up to auction at Rs. 1,200. 5 furlongs.

Capt Peel's b aus g The Gaffer, 7st 8lbs ... — O'Neil 1
„ J. Randall's br aus m Blue Blood, 9st 4lbs ... ... — Fenton 2
Major Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 9-7lbs ... ... — Meah Jan 3

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Blue Blood, and 3 to 1 agst the other two.

Won by four lengths; five lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 5⅖secs.

THE EXTRA PONY HANDICAP.—Rs. 350, of which the winner will receive Rs. 200, the second Rs. 100, and the third Rs. 50. A handicap for ponies. Winner to be put up to auction at Rs. 1,000 ¼ mile.

Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch aus g Lancer, 8st 8lbs ... ... — Lansdown 1
Kumara Raja of Pittapore's br aus g Shield, 10st 9lbs ... ... — Alford 2
Mr W P Allardice's g aus g Sardine, 8st 11lbs ... ... — Oomer Khan 3

Also ran: Defendant, 6 4.

BETING: 2 to 1 on Sardine, 2 to 1 agst Lancer, 5 to 1 Shield, and 6 to 1 Defendant.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third. Time—52⅖secs.

Entries for Races,

BANGALORE RACES, 1903.

Entrances for 20th June.

1st Day, Tuesday, 14th July.

THE PONY TRIALS.—5 furlongs.

1 Mr R Moss-King's ... b a h ... King Cobweb

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—5 furlongs.

1 Major H C V Harrison's... — Hampton Court
2 Capt Roome's ... br e m ... Chemisette

THE ARAB PLATE.—1 mile.

1 Mr R R S's ... ... ch a h ... Sapphire

2nd Day, Thursday, 16th July.

CLOISTER CUP.—1⅛ miles over S. C.

1 Mr R Dockray-Waterhouse's b aus m ... Flight

THE LEONIDAS PURSE.—7 furlongs.

1 Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g ... Minimus
2 Capt Roome's ... br e m ... Chemisette

THE EASTERN PLATE.—¾ mile.

1 Mr Moss-King's ... b a h ... King Cobweb

THE HORSE SCURRY.—5 furlongs.

1 Mr N R Chowdhury's ... ch aus g ... Tecoota

H. H. THE MYSORE MAHARAJA'S CUP.—R. C. and 200 yad.

1 Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch aus g ... Leonidas

THE HEBBAL STAKES.—¼ mile.

1 Mr D William's ... b aus g ... None Such

3rd Day, Saturday, 18th July.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE—1 mile.

1 Mr R Moss-King's ... b a h ... King Cobweb

THE ALL-HORSE HANDICAP.—5 furlongs.

1 Mr N R Chowdhury's ... ch aus g ... Tecoota
2 „ „ ... br e m ... Bouquet

THE EXCELSIOR STAKES.—5 furlongs.

1 Capt Roome's ... br e m ... Chemisette

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—1¼ miles.

1 Mr R R S's ... ch a h ... Sapphire
2 „ Q Sydenham's ... b a h ... Syndic

THE DEWAN'S PURSE.—¾ mile.

1 Mr W P Allardice's ... b ch g ... Upstart

BANGALORE, 21st June 1903.

H. DONNE, *Secretary.*

There is at Port Logan, in the South of Scotland, a fishpond holding tame salt-water fish that come half out of the water to be fed. An interesting account of a visit paid to the pond appears in the June "Windsor." At the pondside the guide "waved his basket and whistled," and "never came trout to May fly so readily as a score of unmistakable sea-fish came from all parts of the pool, scrambling and jostling against one another as though they had been playing football under Association rules. They came to the edge of the step, and there they rested until their guardian took some of the nasty delicacies and offered them. Straightway certain of the cod-fish put their heads out of the water to within half an inch or less of their gills, and took the food with a joyful but ill-bred gulp. They were cod-fish, haddock, and other rovers of the sea, all thriving, fat, and happy." On one side of the pond in which the fish are kept there is access for the rising tide, and, as the outlet is cross-barred, the fish cannot escape. "The taming of the fish is not an easy matter. For more than a year the captives are wild and sullen; some do not thrive at all. However, time works wonders, and, as visitors must be few and far between, it is hardly surprising to learn that the example of the tame fish is slowly followed, and the wild ones learn to respond to the whistle of the fisherman when he comes down the stone steps carrying provisions." That the fish should come to the edge of the pool is not surprising; but, until one has seen them, it is hard to believe that they raise themselves right out of the water and snap at the food like half-trained dogs.

Races to Come.

Programme of the Dehra Autumn Sky Meeting, 1903.

(*Under C. T. C. Rules of Racing.*)

STEWARDS:

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Honorary Secretary.—MAJOR R. W. FULLER, R. G. A.

First Day, Tuesday, 29th September.

THE MAIDEN HURDLES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A hurdle race for Maiden Arabs and C.-B. Ponies, 14-2 and under, and other Maiden Ponies 14-1 and under. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carryl 1st 10lbs; C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 11st 7lbs; Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 10st 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 5lbs, twice 8lbs, three times or oftener 12lbs. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a Hurdle Race value Rs 50 or over allowed 7lbs. 1½ miles over 6 flights. Entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab and C. B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other ponies 13-3½ and under, that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. English and Australasian Ponies 13-3½ to carry 11st; C-B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 10st 10lbs; Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 9st 7lb W. I. Allowances.—Ponies that have never started for a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. ½ mile. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

RAJPUR PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other Maiden Ponies 13-3½ and under. English and Australasian Ponies 13-3½ to carry 11st; C.-B. Ponies 14-1 10st 10lbs; Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 9st 7lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners once 4lbs twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. 1,000 yards. Entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

MUSSOORIE PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. Arab Ponies 14 1 to carry 10st, 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. Allowances.—Ponies, that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. ½ mile entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

DESERT STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000 or over. Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 10st 7lbs; C.-B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners of races value Rs 200 and over, once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 12lbs. Winners of races value Rs. 500 or over amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,000, 7lbs.; to Rs. 2,000, 12lbs, in addition to other penalties. Allowances.—Maidens allowed 3lbs and ponies that have never won a flat race, value Rs. 50 or over, allowed 3lbs in addition. 5 furlongs. Entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

DEHRA STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third For Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Maiden Ponies 14-1 and under that are *bona fide* the property of Members of H. M. Civil and Military Services on full pay and that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 1,000 or over. C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 10st 10lbs; Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 9st 7lbs. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Penalties.—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 12lbs. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs., 1000 yards. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For *bona fide* polo ponies in regular play up to the date of entry. Gentlemen riders only. Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st. Allowances—C.-B. Ponies allowed 14lbs., Arabs allowed 21lbs. W. I., 2½ furlongs. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

Second Day, Thursday, 1st October.

HURDLE HANDICAP.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for starters in the hurdle race on first day. 1½ miles over 6 flights. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race

HIMALAYA STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other Ponies 13-3½ and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. 1,000 yards. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

LANDOUR PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high weight handicap for Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other Ponies 13-3½ and under. 5 furlongs. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

HURDWAR STAKES.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, 1,000 yards. Entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs, 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

CHARLEVILLE STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high weight handicap for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other ponies 14-1 and under that are *bona fide* the property of Members of H. M. Civil and Military Services on full pay and that have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000 or over. 6 furlongs. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5, 10th September, Rs. 15; with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race

STEWARDS CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs. Entrance.—10th August, Rs. 5;

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10th September, Rs. 15, with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

POLO HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for polo ponies that started on the first day in the Polo Scurry. Gentlemen riders only. 2½ furlongs. Entrance—10th August, Rs. 5; 10th September, Rs 15, with with an extra payment of Rs. 10 for ponies not struck out by 12 noon the day before the race.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. All entrances and acceptances to go to the Fund (subject to Rule 139).
2. In the case of a Walk Over, only half the added money will be given under Rule 140.
3. Subscription for running horses (covering admission to the Stand) one horse or pony Rs. 5; two or more Rs. 10.
4. A course-fee of Rs. 10 will be charged for each horse trained on the course after 1st August 1903.
5. Entrance money must be paid at the time of entry, otherwise the entry will be refused.
6. In all entries for pony races, the height of the pony must be quoted. C. T. C. and W. I. T. C certificates of height only accepted. Ponies not in possession of the above can be measured for the meeting only under Rule 39.
7. Starting declaration to be in the Honorary Secretary's box at his office by 12 noon on the day before the race on forms which can be had on application to the Honorary Secretary.
8. In all races, other than selling races and handicaps, a landing allowance of 6lbs will be given to every English and Australasian horse or pony landed in India direct from the country of foaling on or after 1st July 1903. The allowance to be reduced to 3lbs, on a horse winning one race, and to cease on his winning two races
9. Should the entrance money in any race advertised at Rs. 200 to the winner exceed all advertised prizes, the surplus will be divided between second and third horses in the proportion of 2 and 1. In no case will the winner receive more than Rs. 199.
10. The losing fee of a jockey shall be paid to the Honorary Secretary at the time when the horse which he is to ride is declared to start.
11. If there are not eight entries for a flat race or six entries for a hurdle race, the race may be declared void.
12. Handicaps will be published by 10 A. M. the day before the race.
13. For polo pony races certificates from Polo Club Secretaries must be sent with entry. These certificates to show that the pony has been regularly played at polo to date of entry.

R. W. FULLER, MAJOR, R. G. A.
Honorary Secretary, Dehra Races.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 12th June 1903.*

THE TURF.

THE Friday of Whitsun week is invariably the occasion for a monster Catholic procession, which takes hours winding its way through all the main thoroughfares of Cottonopolis, and this ceremony nearly always synchronises with Manchester Cup day. All the traffic was disarranged from breakfast time until noon on the 5th instant by the progress of thousands of school children attired for the most part in white dresses with coloured sashes and bearing banners, the scholars being accompanied by bands playing a lively selection of secular music. The whole town was *en fete*, and the day being, as usual, celebrated as a general holiday, the electric tram service to Castle Irwell was strained to its utmost capacity as soon as the cars could be got to work in anything like systematic rotation. It was manifest long before a start was made at two o'clock that the muster would be of unusual strength, and by the time the turnstiles had stopped clicking a huge concourse of spectators had gathered in the various enclosures, which were black with an unbroken array of humanity. They were rewarded by witnessing some good racing, as apart from the Cup, which resulted in the unexpected victory of Zinfandel, capital sport was provided. A chilly, threatening morning gave place to a bright afternoon, but the light began to fail early, and it was in semi-darkness that the proceedings were brought to a termination. The ground, which has been getting drier every day, was very hard, and the horses kicked up clouds of dust as they galloped down the straight, but fields ruled of average strength, though one or two intended competitors were not allowed to carry silk.

THE MANCHESTER CUP.—Of 3,122 sovs. Cup Course (one mile and-a-half).

Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Zinfandel, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs	T L Miller	1
Mr C Perkins's b c Cliftonhall, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs	C Trigg	2
Mr S B Joel's ch c Bachelor's Button, by Winkfield—Milady, 4yrs, 8st 11lbs ...	D Maher	3
Mr J B Joel's Our Lassie, by Ayrshire—Yours, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs (inc 10lbs ex) ...	B Dillon	0
Duke of Portland's Friar Tuck, by Friar's Balsam—Galopin m, 4yrs, 9st ...	M Cannon	0
Mr W Goodchild's Scullion, by St Florian—Cinder, 5yrs 8st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex) ...	W Lane	0
Mr R C Vyner's Syneros, by Marcion—Bonnie Lizzie, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	J Murray	0
Mr T Cowns's Rightful, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Valve, by Velasquez—Gas, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	G McCall	0
Mr Sydney Platt's Monitress, by Trenton—Lady Detective, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	O Madden	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Venus, by St Simon—Lady Love Rule, 4yrs, 7st 11lb ...	J E Watts	0

St. Brendan was struck out at 9-15 A. M. on the day of the race.

(*Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 13 to 8 agst. Our Lassie, 7 to 2 Cliftonhall, 11 to 2 Friar Tuck, 8 to 1 Zinfandel, 100 to 7 Rightful, 100 to 6 Scullion, 100 to 6 Syneros, 100 to 6 Venus, 20 to 1 Bachelor's Button, 20 to 1 Monitress, 50 to 1 Valve (o).

The first to leave the paddock was Bachelor's Button, and he was followed in the parade by Scullion, Syneros, Our Lassie, Cliftonhall, Rightful, Valve, Monitress, and Venus, the last pair being Zinfandel and Friar Tuck. They turned and cantered in the same order, except that Syneros remained behind and walked to the post. It was 3 22 when the white flag was hoisted, but the start was delayed for four minutes by Friar Tuck, Monitress, and Syneros, and when the barrier was raised the latter whipped round and was left at the post. Our Lassie was quickest away, but Valve settled down with a slight lead of Rightful. Our Lassie, and Zinfandel, with Scullion and Bachelor's Button next in advance of Venus and Cliftonhall, the whipper-in being Friar Tuck, to the mile post, where Zinfandel and Our Lassie changed places, Cliftonhall being in close attendance, followed by Bachelor's Button and Scullion. So they ran to the straight, where Cliftonhall took up the running, on the rails, with a slight lead of Zinfandel, Rightful, and Bachelor's Button, these being clear of Our Lassie and Scullion till below the distance, where Zinfandel challenged Cliftonhall, and the pair, drawing right away from ther opponents, fought out a tremendous finish, which resulted in favour of Zinfandel by a length; a bad third. Our Lassie was fourth, Scullion fifth, Friar Tuck sixth, Valve seventh, Rightful eighth, Monitress ninth, and Venus last. Syneros took no part in the contest. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 28⅕secs.

In the year that has elapsed since the new race-course at Castle Irwell was inaugurated for sport under Jockey Club Rules, the management have effected many improvements, and it is clear that they have no intention of lagging behind the times. The number-board in the Club enclosure, which obstructed the view of those situated in the Press and trainers' stand, has been removed bodily to a more convenient site over the weighing-room, and the bare open spaces surrounding the offices have been laid out as gardens and ornamental shrubberies. The result of the draw for places has in every instance been hoisted in the frame in juxtaposition with the jockeys' names, and it is satisfactory to note that this practice, which is vastly appreciated by the spectators, is gradually being adopted at all the principal meetings. It has been contended over and over again that the public in the cheap rings here are so far removed from the winning-post that they can see practically nothing of the finishes. This concerns no one but the occupants of the enclosures themselves, and, inasmuch as they continue to flock thither in their tens of thousands at every available opportunity, it is only reasonable to infer that they are satisfied with their lot. They assembled in overwhelming numbers to witness the concluding stage of the fixture on the 6th instant and had no reason to be dissatisfied with the entertainment, though the last two races cut down to a very narrow compass. The going, which had been uncommonly hard from the commencement of the meeting, derived some benefit from a thunder shower which swept across the valley shortly after the conclusion of yesterday's sport, but it was still firm and unyielding, the herbage, though verdant, being too rank to afford adequate covering for the sun-baked ground.

THE SALFORD BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Of 930 sovs.—6 furlongs.

Sir E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, by Matchmaker—Miss Speculum, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs	W Lane	1
Mr J B Joel's b c His Lordship, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	O Madden	2
Mr J Musker's ch c Gilbert Handley, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 10lbs)	Trigg	3
Mr J R Keene's Chacornac, 6yrs, 8st 11lbs	Lyne	0
Mr H H Schwind's Castle Wise, 6yrs, 7st 9lbs	Watts	0
,, G G Tod's Melete, 6yrs, 7st 4lbs ...	Murray	0
,, W M G Singer's Torrent, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs	Janek	0
Mr L Robinson's Niphetos, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	A Young	0
,, R Dagleish's Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 9lbs	Miller	0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3yrs, 5st 12lbs (inc 3lbs ex)	Crickmere	0
Sir E Vincent's Jacquelin, 3yrs, 6st (car 6st 11lb)	Flint	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 15 to 8 agst His Lordship, 4 to 1 Torrent, 6 to 1 Speculator, 8 to 1 Gilbert Handley, 10 to 1 each Chacornac and Melete, 100 to 7 Pitch Dark, and 100 to 6 each other (offered).

Won by a short head; three lengths divided the second and third, Pitch Dark was placed fourth Chacornac was fifth, Torrent sixth, Salute seventh, Castlewise eighth, and Melete last, except Niphetos, who took no part in the contest. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 2⅘secs.

THE WHITSUNTIDE PLATE—Of 888 sovs. for two-years olds; colts 8st 13lbs, fillies 8st 10lbs; winners extra.—5 furlongs.

Mr A Stedall's b g Marsden, by Orvieto—Virtus, 8st 13lbs	O Madden	1
,, L Pilkington's b c Wayfarer, 9st 13lbs	Maher	2
Lord Savile's br C by Rightaway—Santa, 8st 13lbs	C Leader	3
Mr J Buchanan's Wild Willow, 8st 13lbs...	Randall	0
,, J L Dugdale's Helter Skelter, 8st 13lbs	M Cannon	0
,, L E B Homan's c by Rightaway—Repletion, 8st 13lbs	Watts	0
,, Russel's Orme Shore, 8st 13lbs ...	Miller	0
,, R Sherwood's Mitrahineh, 8st 10lbs ...	Braithwaite	0

(*Winner trained by A. Sadler, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 on Marsden, 6 to 1 agst Helter Skelter, and 10 to 1 any other.

Won by three-parts of a length; a length separated the second and third. Helter Skelter was fourth, Wild Willow fifth, Mitrahineh sixth, and Orme Shore last.

Mr. Fowler is proverbially lucky as regards weather for his meetings, and the Fates came to his rescue once more on the 9th instant. The barometer was falling ominously yesterday evening in London, portending a climatic disturbance of some kind, and it came sure enough during the early hours in the shape of a violent storm of wind and rain. The morning broke dull and gloomy, but the threat of a wet jacket has no terrors for the habitual race-goer, and a large muster of members and their womenfolk was supplemented by a flattering attendance in the public enclosures. The wind veered round into a mild quarter during the forenoon, and the sun blazed down with welcome fervour. The park was seen at its best, and as usual fields reached large proportions, no fewer than 68 runners going to the post for the half-dozen events of which the programme was composed. Up till yesterday the course was very hard, having been backed up by the recent drought, but the torrential downpour during the night had refreshed nature exceedingly, and going was in capital order, and looks like remaining so for the final stage of the gathering.

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THE LINGFIELD SPRING TWO-YEAR OLD PLATE.—Of 417 sovs: colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs; penalties, etc.—Five furlongs.

Mr. F. B. Savill's ch c Avebury by Lactantius—Clever Girl, 8st 11lbs ...	B. Dillon	1
Mr. Russel's ch c Pennacook, 8st 11lb (£100)	Griggs	2
Mr. A. M. Singer's br C by Matchmaker—Lottie Hampton, 8st 11lbs ...	Boardman	3
Mr. C. J. Horton's Strongbar, 8st 11lb (£100)	Janek	0
Mr. J. B. Leigh's The Ripper, 8st 11lbs ..	Miller	0
Mr. T. Pilkington's Juno, 8st 11lbs ...	M. Cannon	0
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Equity, 8st 8lbs ...	K. Cannon	0
Mr. W. M. G. Singer's c by Llanthony—Molly Shipton, 3st 11lbs ...	Walkington	0
Mr. A. Taylor's Nebula, 8st 8lbs ...	R. Moss	0
Mr. W. C. Whitney's f by Meddler—Poetess, 8st 8lbs	J. H. Martin	0
Mr. C. S. Newton's Tideway, 8st 4lbs (£10.)	C. Escott	0
Mr. J. Musker's Ardent, 7st 12lbs (£100)...	O. Madden	0

(*Winner trained by C. Randell at Avebury.*)

BETTING: 4 to 1 agst Juno, 9 to 2 The Poetess filly, 6 to 1 Pennacook, 7 to 1 each Equity and Ardent, 8 to 1 The Ripper, and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by a neck: a length and-a half separated the second and third. Poetess filly was fourth, Strongbar fifth, Juno sixth, Nebula seventh, Molly Shipton colt eighth, Ardent ninth, and Equity (who broke a fetlock and was subsequently destroyed) last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 60⅘secs.

The weather underwent a radical change after the cessation of sport on the 10th and the concluding stage of the gathering was ushered in under most depressing conditions. A sombre and oppressive pall of fog brooded over London, and the rain dripped monotonously as though it had come to stay. Unfortunately, such proved to be the case, for on arriving at the scene of action rain was found to be descending steadily, and it continued almost without cessation throughout the afternoon. In spite of the damp surroundings the flower-beds in the members' enclosure (where the band of the East Surrey Regiment played a delightful selection of cheery airs) were looking at their brightest. The rhododendrons were a blaze of roseate blossom, and a wealth of pansies and giant poppies contributed to brilliancy of the scene. Notwithstanding the damp surroundings the attendance showed no falling off whatever, and even the ladies were present in their accustomed numbers. The course freshened by several hours' soaking, yielded grand galloping, and the field, if less numerous than twenty-four hours previously, were far in excess of the average. A couple of exciting finishes added a zest to the proceedings, but backers of first favourites only twice succeeded in hitting the mark and honours rested with the Ring.

THE FIFTH IMPERIAL PLATE.—Of 975 sovs, for three-year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs, with penalties and allowances One mile and-a-quarter.

Sir J Blundell Maple's ch f Kittywick by Childwick—Kate Miller, 9st ...	W Lane	1
,, E Vincent's ch c Countermark, 9st 3lbs	O Madden	2
Mr J H Houblsworth's b c Prestwick, 8st	Watts	3
,, W C Whitney's Uncle Reggie, 8st 11lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Gallymawfry, 8st 6lbs	Miller	0
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's Asterisk, 8st ...	B Dillon	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Countermark, 5 to 2 Prestwick, 5 to 1 Gallymawfry, 7 to 1 each Kittywick and Asterisk, and 100 to 8 Uncle Reggie (offered).

Won by two lengths; three parts of a length separated the second and third. Gallymawfry was fourth and Uncle Reggie last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 19⅘secs.

CRICKET.

THE PHILADELPHIANS' TOUR.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MATCH.—Played at Cambridge on 8th, 9th and 10th June Cambridge won by six wickets. Although they were naturally very short of practice, the Philadelphians played very good cricket on Monday, but when play ceased for the day they had much the worst of matters. The chief feature of the day's cricket was the really fine batting of J. A. Lester, who did so well when he was in England with the Haverford team. He was at the wickets for two hours and-a-half, during which he made many beautiful drives, and placed the ball well to leg. Everybody was disappointed when he failed to reach his hundred by only four runs; he was ninth out and his innings included fourteen 4's. Bohlen played a very graceful innings, and helped Lester to put on 96 runs in about an hour With the exception of Brown the other men were unable to judge the pace of the turf. When the 'Varsity went in King bowled well, with a strong wind behind him, but the wind against which McDonell had bowled with considerable effect, did not seem to help the American, whose well-known swerve was not greatly in evidence. Ebden and Godsell scored 86 for the first wicket, and when stumps were drawn the total was 111 for one wicket. The innings, which began so well, seemed likely to come to an end on Tuesday sooner than was anticipated. Godsell was out almost at once; Mann and Dowson both played pretty cricket, but after they were separated only small scores were made until eight wickets were down, when Roberts and McDonell gained a mastery over the bowling, the former hitting finely The Philadelphians began well in their second innings with Bohlen and Wood, and when stumps were drawn they were only 69 runs behind with eight wickets in hand. Yesterday King and Lester both played fine cricket, and things seemed to be going particularly well for the visitors. But the tail did nothing and Cambridge only had to make 55 to win a task which they had some difficulty in performing.

PHILADELPHIANS.

	First innings.		Second innings.	
F H Bohlen, b Robert's		54	b Dowson ...	63
J B King, c Dowson, b H. Smith	...	6	c Buckston, b Roberts	53
J A Lester, b McDonell ..		96	c Mann, b Roberts	40
A M Wood, lbw, b McDonell		6	b McDonell...	29
N Z Graves, lbw, b McDonell		4	c Buckston, b Dowson	5
F A Bate, b McDonell ...		2	b Roberts ...	3
R D Brown, b McDonell		22	b Roberts ...	4
P N Le Roy, b Dowson ...		0	c Buckston, b Dowson	6
E M Cregar, b Dowson ...		0	b Dowson ...	0
P H Clark not out ...		2	not out ...	2
J H Scattergood, lbw, b McDonell		5	c Godsell, b Dowson	1
B 2 lb 4, w 2, nb 4 ...		12	Extras ...	17
Total		209	Total...	224

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C H M Ebden b King ...	13	b King	0
E T Godsell c King, b Clark	49	b King ...	6
E W Mann, c Scattergood, b King	24	c Wood, b King	31
E M Dowson c Scattergood, b King	71	c Lester, b King	0
L V Harper, b Clark ...	22	not out ...	9
R P Keigwin c Wood, b Clark	22		
H C McDonell, not out ...	41		
F B Wilson, c Scattergood, b King	30	not out ...	7
G M Buckston, c Scattergood, b King	1		
F B Roberts, st Scattergood, b Cregar	59		
G Howard-Smith, absent, hurt	0		
B 9, lb 5, w 3 ...	17	Extras ...	2
Total ...	379	Tosal (4 wkts)	55

YORKSHIRE *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at Bradford on 8th 9th and 10th June. Sussex won by an innings and 180 runs. Yorkshire again had to do without the services of Hirst, although Hunter was able to return to the team. Early in the day Tunnicliffe, in catching Vine, reopened the wound in his finger, and had to retire. Sussex were seen to great advantage on the first day, for after Vine had been dismissed, Fry and Killick put on 105 in two hours and-a-quarter, and Fry and Ranjitsinhji 174 in a couple of hours. During the latter part of the day the batting was infinitely superior to the bowling, both Fry and Ranjitsinhji making the most masterful strokes, although Fry, to a great extent, discarded the risky pull. Fry was batting all day—five hours and twenty minutes—and during by far the greater part of this time he played almost a defensive game, never making a mistake. When stumps were drawn, with the total at 337 for three wickets, he was not out 160. On Tuesday morning Fry continued to play splendid cricket, and had the satisfaction of passing the second hundred—a great feat against the Yorkshire bowling. He was batting, altogether, for about seven hours, and hit twenty-four 4's. Newham and Cox both played excellent cricket and at lunch time Sussex declared, with the pleasing knowledge, that they could not be beaten. Tired with their long period of fielding, and out of luck, the Yorkshiremen, as a whole, failed to come up to their reputation; but Lord Hawke once more did his level best to stem the tide, and Wainwright and Haigh made useful scores. But when the innings ended the Champions were no fewer than 428 runs behind. Before stumps were drawn Brown and Jackson steadily batted for an hour, when the latter was bowled. Hunter came in and played out time. The Yorkshiremen made a plucky attempt to bring about a draw but although nearly every man did a little towards this end, and although Lord Hawke once more played a great game, the task was too great, and for the third time this season the Champions were defeated.

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, lbw, b Jackson ...	234	C L A Smith, c Jackson, b Rhodes ...	11
Vine, c Tunnicliffe b Haigh	13	W Newham, c and b Wainwright ...	59
Killick, c Hunter, b Jackson	58	Cox, b Wainwright ...	55
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Hunter, b Denton	93	Butt, not out ...	4
Relf, c Jackson, b Rhodes ...	19	B 8, lb 4 ...	12
		Total (8 wkts)	*558

Tate and Bland did not bat.

*Innings declared closed.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hon F S Jackson, c Ranjitsinhji, b Relf ...	7	b Cox	20
Brown, c Tate, b Relf ...	0	b Relf	20
Denton, b Relf ...	15	b Tate	51
E Smith, b Cox ...	6	c Tate, b Relf ...	22
Whitehead, b Cox ...	13	c Tate, b Relf ...	12
Lord Hawke, c Tate, b Cox	26	not out	61
Rhodes, b Cox... ...	0	lbw, b Tate	2
Haigh, c Fry, b Killick ...	17	b Tate	1
Wainwright, c Fry, b Killick	24	c Butt, b Cox ...	26
Hunter, not out ...	2	c Butt, b Bland ...	20
Tunnicliffe, absent, hurt ...	0	absent, hurt	0
B 5, lb 1, nb 3, w 1 ...	10	Extras	23
Total ...	120	Total ...	258

LANCASHIRE *vs.* KENT.—Played at Old Trafford on 4th 5th and 6th June. Kent won by 177 runs. Times seem to be changing, and the Southern counties are beginning to come out on top again. In this match Kent from the end of the first day had the match in hand, quite outplaying their formidable opponents. When stumps were drawn on the first day, they had scored 321, and had dismissed three good men for 20. The chief feature of the day's cricket was the fine innings of 127, made in three hours and-a-half by Seymour, and the good innings of 63 by Humphreys, who helped Seymour to put on 123 in an hour and-a-half for the fifth wicket, and the stand made for the eighth and ninth wickets, which between them added 101 runs to the total. On the next day the wicket was not in such good condition as it had been on the previous day, and Lancashire failed to distinguish themselves, the only man who seemed quite comfortable being Tyldesley. With a lead of 163 Kent preferred to go in again and when stumps were drawn had scored 147 for six wickets, so that they were now 313 runs on with four wickets in hand. On Saturday they were able to put Lancashire in to make 334 in the fourth innings of the match, and with the wicket not in very good condition this task proved far too formidable. Garnett played a splendid innings.

KENT

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J Burnup, c Maclaren, b Cuttell ...	19	c Cuttell, b Barnes ...	0
E W Dillon, c Hornby, b Cuttell ...	28	c Radcliffe, b Steel ...	34
C H B Marsham, c Steel, b Cuttell ...	10	b Barnes	19
Seymour b Cuttell ...	127	c Radcliffe, b Brearley	36
J R Mason, c Garnett, b Steel	5	c Cuttell, b Steel ...	25
Humphreys, c Cuttell, b Steel	63	lbw, b Steel ...	6
R N R Blaker, c Hornby, b Steel	5	b Cuttell	21
Huish, b Steel	0	lbw, b Cuttell ...	9
Fairservice, b Brearley ...	23	c Barnett, b Barnes ...	2
Blythe, c Sharp b Barnes ...	11	not out	10
Fielder, not out	6	c Hornby, b Barnes ...	5
B 21, lb 2, nb 1 ...	24	Byes	8
Total	321	Total ...	170

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Cuttell, bt wkt, b Fielder ...	8	c Marsham, b Blythe	0
Ward b Blythe	0	c Marsham, b Blythe	17
E E Steel, b Blythe ...	10	c Blythe, b Fielder ...	3
A H Hornby, c and b Mason	19	c Fairservice, b Blythe	9
H G Garnett, c Huish, b Fielder	6	b Mason	64
Tyldesley, c Huish, b Blythe	56	st Huish, b Blythe ...	35
A C Maclaren, b Mason ...	13	c Seymour, b Fielder	3
Sharp, b Blythe	26	c Mason, b Blythe ...	18
Barnes, c Fielder b Blythe ..	0	run out	0
Radcliffe, c Blaker, b Blythe	7	not out	0
W Brearley, not out ...	2	c Huish, b Fielder ...	0
B 7 lb 4	11	B 3, lb 2, nb 2 ...	7
Total... ...	158	Total ...	156

SUSSEX *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Hastings on 4th and 5th June. Sussex won by 8 wickets. Much of the interest in this match was lost when it was found that L. C. H. Palairet, F. A. Phillips, and Captain Hedley could not play for Somerset, but the county has such a reputation for making a good fight, even under the most disheartening circumstances, that it was never safe to prophesy a victory for Sussex. For the first time this season S. M. J. Woods won the toss, but possibly it might have been better if he had lost it, for his side did very little in the first innings. For Sussex, who, when stumps were drawn, were 98 to the good with half their wickets in hand, Fry played well, and Killick and Ranjitsinhji put on 99 runs in partnership in an hour. On the next day Somerset were again outplayed, but Martyn and Newton made a desperate attempt to save the game.

SOMERSET.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
O M Samson, c and b Bland	11	c Relf, b Cox ...	8
Braund, c sub, b Bland ...	0	c Ranjitsinhji, b Relf	0
P R Johnson, b Relf ...	12	c Tate, b Relf ...	17
Lewis, c Butt, b Relf ...	15	c Fry, b Relf ...	25
S M J Woods, lbw, b Relf..	1	c Fry, b Cox ...	0
Robson, lbw, b Relf ...	31	run out	3
Lee, b Relf	17	b Relf	13
H Martyn, b Bland ...	10	b Vine	79
A E Newton, b Cox ...	7	c Butt, b Killick ...	36
H Major, c Vine, b Relf ...	6	c Relf, b Cox ...	11
Cranfield, not out ..	13	not out	4
B 12, lb 5, nb 1 ...	18	B 20, lb 7 ...	27
Total ...	141	Total ...	223

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, b Woods ...	42	Cox, st Martyn, b Cranfield	22
Vine, c Cranfield, b Braund	12	Butt, b Cranfield ...	11
Killick, c Samson, b Cranfield	77	Tate, c sub, b Woods ...	4
K S Ranjitsinhji, lbw, b Braund	57	Bland, not out ...	4
Relf, b Braund	15	B 13, lb 7, w 1 ...	21
J Heygate, b Cranfield ...	26	Total ...	306
W Newham, lbw, b Braund...	15		

Second innings.—C. B. Fry, not out, 43; Vine, c Samson, b Major, 5; J Heygate, b Johnson, 0: Butt, not out, 4; lb 7, w 1; total (2 wkts) 60.

M. C. C. & GROUND *vs.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—Played at Oxfordon. June 4 to, 5 to, and 6 to, M. C. C. won by 24 runs. The M. C. C. took an exceedingly weak team to Oxford, much weaker than the sides which they are often able to send against schools and ordinary clubs, but with the luck which has so often attended weak teams sent out by the famous club, a victory was gained after a most exciting finish.

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

1st Innings.		Second Innings.	
C D Fisher, c Ernsthausen, b Evans	0	b Burn	24
Llewellyn, c Carlisle, b Martin	20	c Findlay, b Martin ...	16
Coleman, b Evans ...	6	c Brownlee, b Martin	9
G J V Weigall, c McIver, b Evans	11	b Ernsthausen ...	21
A Eccles, c Findlay, b Martin	28	c Burn, b Ernsthausen	13
A R Hoare, c Peel, b Evans ...	4	b Darling ...	41
F H E Cunliffe, b Burn ...	56	c Burn, b Darling ...	46
A M Miller, b Burn ...	5	lbw, b Carlisle ...	13
H A Arkwright, c Findlay, b Evans	19	c Carlisle, b Martin...	25
J C Hartley, not out ...	14	c sub., b Evans ...	15
A G Archer, c Burn b Evans	1	not out	9
C Headlam, b Evans ...	4	run out	6
B 2, lb 2, w 1 ...	5	B 14, lb 1, w 1 ...	10
Total ...	173	Total ...	248

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R S Darling, b Coleman ...	0	run out...	10
H J Wyld, b Coleman ...	0	c Hoare, b Arkwright	20
C D Melver, b Coleman ...	99	b Arkwright	34
K M Carlisle, b Arkwright ...	31	c Llewellyn, b Miller	65
C Pawson, b Llewellyn ...	17	b Coleman	55
L Peel, c Eccles, b Llewellyn	0	b Arkwright	6
W H B Evans, b Llewellyn...	14	c Headlam, b Arkwright	3
L D Brownlee, st Headlam, b Llewellyn	7	b Arkwright	0
W Findlay, b Coleman ...	0	c Headlam, b Arkwright	0
E G Martin, b Coleman ..	0	c Hoare, b Arkwright	1
A C von Ernsthausen, b Coleman	4	b Arkwright	0
R C W Burn, not out ...	5	not out...	11
B 12, lb 1...	18	B 8, lb 5	13
Total	190	Total	207

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NOTTS *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at Trent Bridge on 4th, 5th and 6th June Drawn.

ESSEX.

First Innings.		second Innings.	
F L Fane, c Oates, b Hallam	35	b J Gunn... ...	23
Sewell, st Oates, b Hallam ...	72	c and b Hallam ...	45
P Perrin, b J Gunn ...	170	not out ...	102
C McGahey, c Taylor, b J Gunn	0	c Iremonger, b Hallam	44
Buckenham, c and b Taylor	15	c and b Hallam ...	0
A P Lucas, b J Gunn ...	49	c Oates, b Hallam ...	8
C J Kortright, b J Gunn ...	9	c G Gunn, b Hallam...	5
Russell (E) b J Gunn ...	26	not out ...	0
Tremlin, not out ...	10		
Young, b Taylor ...	14		
Mead, b J Gunn ...	0		
No-ball	1	B 1, lb 1 ...	2
Total ...	401	Total (6 wkts) ...	*229

* Innings declared closed.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, c Sewell, b McGahey	77	Dexter, c Russell, b Young	12
Iremonger, c Kortright, b Buckenham... ...	35	Taylor, c Young, b Mead ...	34
Gunn (W), b Kortright ...	1	Oates, c Sewell, b Tremlin ...	7
Gunn (J), c Young, b Buckenham... ...	25	Hallam, c Kortright, b Buckenham	52
Gunn (G), c Kortright, b Young	52	Pennington, not out ...	1
Anthony, c Kortright, b Young	2	Byes	5
		Total	303

Second innings: Gunn (G.), not out, 15; Dexter, not out, 13; bye, 1.—Total (no wicket) 29.

LEICESTERSHIRE *vs.* SURREY.—Played at Leicester on 4th 5th and 6th June Surrey won by 28 runs.

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Abel, c King, b Gill ...	0	b Gill	36
Hayward, c King, b Jayes ...	41	c Davis, b Gill ...	30
Hayes, c Coe, b King ...	34	c Davis, b Gill ...	4
Lockwood, b Jayes ...	8	c Whitehead, b Gill ...	53
Holland, c King, c Jayes ...	10	c Davis, b Jayes ...	5
D H Butcher, c Whitehead, b Coe	5	c Davis, b Jayes ...	11
L Walker, c R Crawford, b Gill	18	c and b Gill ...	34
Nice, c Whitehead, b Gill ...	1	b Gill	20
Lees, c V Crawford, b Odell...	61	not out	75
Strudwick, run out ...	0	b Jayes	1
Richardson, not out ...	20	c Coe, b Jayes ...	5
Byes 1, lb 3, nb 6 ...	10	B 1, lb 2, nb 12 ...	15
Total	208	Total ...	289

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood c Richardson, b Lockwood	29	c Strudwick, b Lees ...	1
Whitehead, b Lockwood ...	12	b Richardson ...	26
Knight, b Hayes... ...	25	not out	131
King, c Lockwood, b Richardson	64	c sub., b Nice ...	19
B T Crawford, st Strudwick, b Hayes	2	c & b Richardson ...	1
Coe, c Strudwick, b Hayes ...	1	c Lockwood, b Richardson	18
V F S Crawford, b Richardson	5	b Nice	24
A E Davis, not out ...	25	c sub, b Richardson ...	29
Gill, c Nice, b Richardson ...	9	lbw, b Richardson ...	3
W W Odell, b Lockwood ...	16	c Walker, b Richardson	7
Jayes c Walker, b Lees ...	1	b Richardson ...	0
B 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 3 ...	12	B 4, lb 2, nb 3 ...	9
Total	201	Total ...	268

MIDDLESEX *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Lord's on 4th, 5th and 6th June. Middlesex won by nine wickets.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown, sen., b Hearne ...	50	c Trott, b Bosanquet...	55
Tunnicliffe, c Nicholls, b Trott	16	c Hunt, b Hearne ...	0
Denton, c Trott, b Hearne ...	38	c Nicholls, b Trott ...	9
Hon. F. S. Jackson, c and b Trott... ...	32	c Bosanquet, b Hearne	12
Smith (F), b Trott ...	8	c Robertson, b Hunt ...	11
Rhodes, lbw, b Hearne ...	4	b Hunt	8
Haigh, c Robertson, b Hearne	2	c Bosanquet, b Hunt ..	12
Wainwright, c Trott, b Hearne	0	b Hearne ...	9
Lord Hawke, c Trott, b Hearn	1	lbw, b Bosanquet ...	25
Whitehead (Lees), run out ...	1	c Foley, b Hearne ...	60
Higgins, not out ...	0	not out	4
B 3, lb 1, w 1 ...	5	B 21, lb 13, w 1 ...	35
Total ...	157	Total ...	240

MIDDLESEX.

P F Warner, c Higgins, b Whitehead	39	C P Foley, b Haigh ...	38
L J Moon, c Brown, b Wainwright	45	Trott (A E), c Smith, b Jackson ...	17
G W Beldam, c Whitehead, b Wainwright ...	3	J H Hunt, b Haigh	31
W P Robertson, c Higgins, b Whitehead	3	Rawlin, c Tunnicliffe, b Jackson ...	29
B J T Bosanquet, b Jackson	52	Hearne (J T), not out	31
R W Nicholls, run out ...	43	B 7, lb 7, w 1 ...	15
		Total ...	349

Second innings:—P. F. Warner, c Tunnicliffe, b Haigh, 3; L J Moon, not out, 24; G. W. Beldam, not out, 18; Byes 4.—Total (one wkt), 49.

LONDON COUNTY *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at the Crystal Palace on 4th 5th and 6th June London County won by seven wickets.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
T H Flower, st Brooke, b Grace	114	b Kermode ...	5
Wrathall, c Rouse, b Pritchard	160	c sub, b Pritchard	9
Board, c Murdoch, b Grace	2	b Kermode ...	0
Langdon, run out ...	1	c Lawton, b Pritchard	3
G L Jessop, c and b Grace	6	absent ill ...	0
Huggins, c Douglas, b Grace	47	c Lawton, b Pritchard	12
Murch, c Lawton, b Grace	11	b Kermode ...	1
Spry, c Brooks, b Kermode	14	b Pritchard ...	14
Nott, c Reese, b Grace ...	15	b Kermode ...	0
Mills, not out	2	c Douglas, b Pritchard	8
Parker, b Kermode ...	0	not out ...	6
B 13, lb 12 ...	25	Leg-byes ...	3
Total ...	397	Total ...	61

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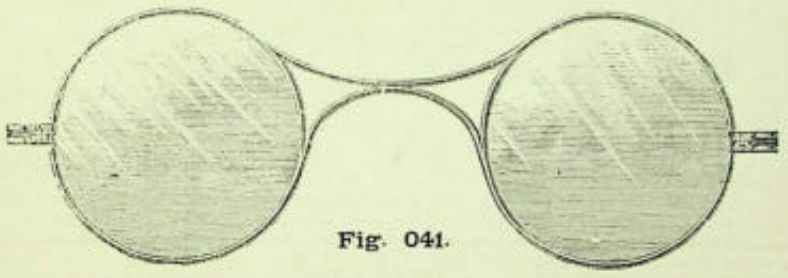

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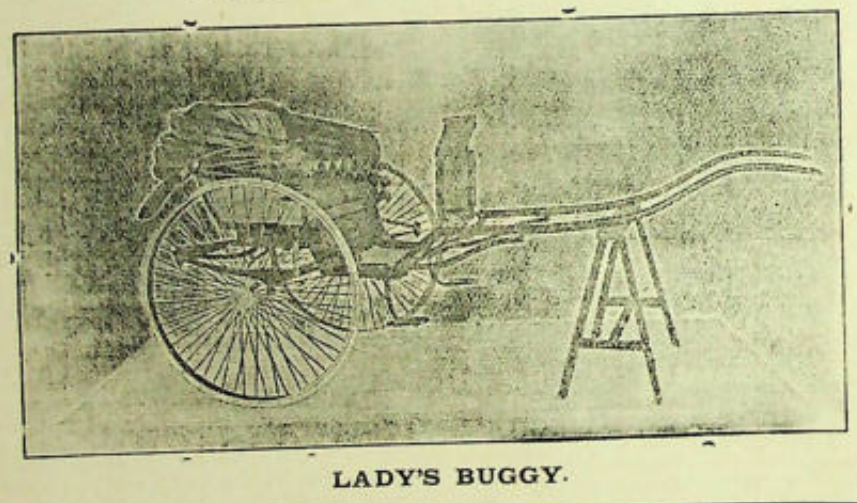

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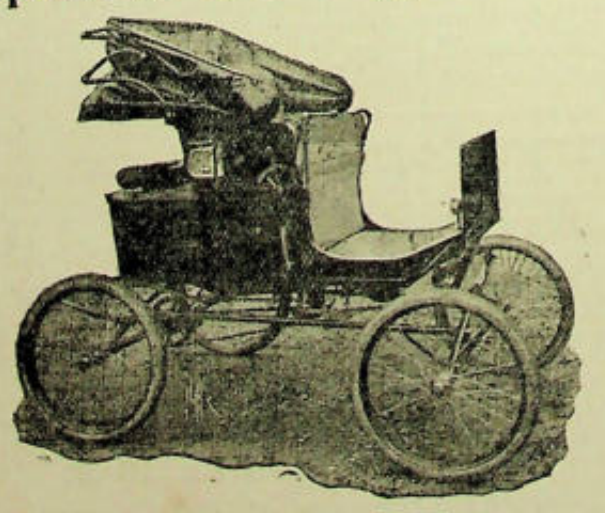

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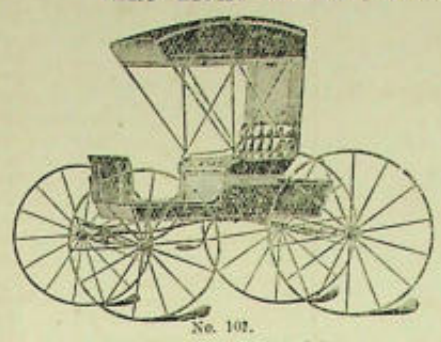

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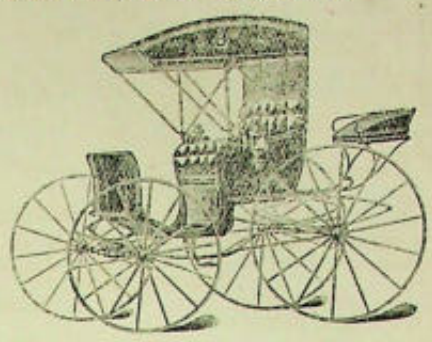

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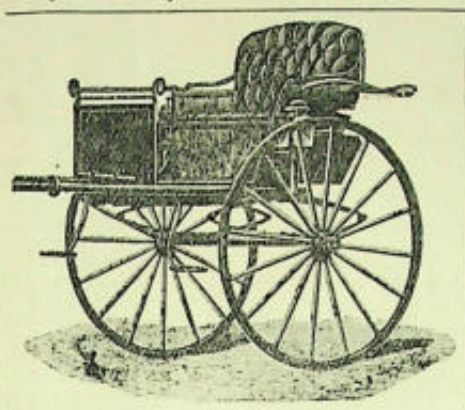

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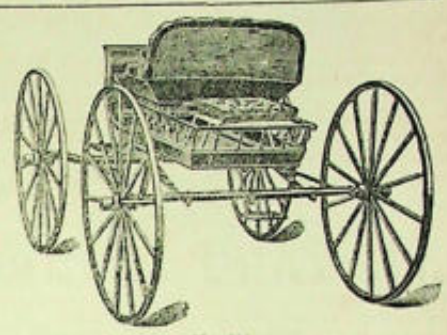

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J Gillman, b Huggins ...	0	c Flower, b Mills	24
R B Brooks, c Mills, b Huggins	14		
D Reese, st Nott, b Spry ...	9	b Langdon ...	27
W G Grace, c and b Spry	150		
W L Murdoch, c Nott, b Huggins	3	not out ...	35
J O S Poidevin, c not b Spray	61		
A E Lawton, c Mills, b Huggins	1	not out ...	12
J H Daughlas b Spry ...	37	st Nott, b Langdon	54
C J Posthums, c Board, b Spry	0		
Keemode, b Huggins ...	16		
Hesketh-Prichard not— out	0		
B 23, lb 1, w 1, nb 8 ...	27	B 7, lb 3 ...	10
Total	311	Total (3 wkts)	150

WORCESTERSHIRE *vs.* SURREY.—Played at the Oval on 8th, 9th and 10th June. Surrey won by an innings and 60 runs.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H K Foster, c Strudwick, b Nice	44	c Holland, b Clode ...	1
Wheldon, b Richardson ...	1	c Hayward, b Richardson	0
Arnold, c Strudwick, b Richardson	75	c Strudwick, b Clode	1
Bowley, b Lees... ...	11	c & b Richardson ...	16
Pearson, b Richardson ...	27	c Strudwick, b Richardson	3
Gaukrodger, b Richardson ...	8	c Walker, b Richardson	0
A W Isaac, c Strudwick, b Richardson	16	c & b Richardson ...	26
Nicolls, c Strudwick, b Lees	3	c Montgomery, b Clode	5
Bird, not out	22	st Strudwick, b Clode	0
Burrows, b Richardson ...	4	c Walker, b Richardson	13
Wilson (H), c Clode, b Richardson	12	not out	2
B 5, w 3, nb 2 ...	10	B 1, lb 2, w 1 ...	4
Total ...	233	Total ...	71

SURREY.

Hayward, b Arnold ...	10	Nice, c Nicholls, b Wilson	24
Abel, b Wilson ...	43	Montgomery, c Bird, b Wilson	5
Holland, c Pearson, b Bird	24	Strudwick, c & b Wilson...	5
D H Butcher, st Gaukrodger, b Wilson	13	Richardson, not out ...	0
Lees, c Arnold, b Wilson ...	58	B 8, lb 1, w 2, nb 2 ...	12
L Walker, c Foster, b Arnold ...	25	Total ...	364
Clode, c Foster, b Bird ...	25		

OTHER MATCHES.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Cambridge on 4th, 5th and 6th June and drawn. For Worcestershire Arnold was in splendid form putting up 101 not out and 128; Bowley 4 and 149, and H. K. Foster 8 and 119, also contributed largely. For the University Dowson and Ebden were the chief scorers.

The match between Gloucestershire and Lancashire was abandoned. Gloucestershire made 451 in their first innings; Jessop 168, Thomas 116 and Langdon 91 were the highest scorers.

The match between M.C.C. and Ground *vs.* Leicestershire was also abandoned.

Essex *vs.* Derbyshire played at Leyton on 8th, 9th and 10th June ended in a draw.

BATTING AVERAGES (6 innings).

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver
Dowson, E M ...	8	1	524	122*	74·85
Fry, C B ...	11	2	621	181	69·00
Gunn, (J) ...	12	1	751	294	68·27
Jessop, G L ...	9	0	495	285	55·00
Perrin, P ...	10	1	487	170	54·11
Knight ...	12	2	534	144*	53·40
Arnold ...	13	2	565	128	51·36
Foster, H K ...	14	2	610	120	50·83
Ranjitsinhji, K S...	11	2	454	162*	50·44
Bosanquet, B J T	7	0	307	108	43·85
Quaife (W G) ...	8	1	290	130	42·71
Tyldesley ...	8	0	327	73	40·87
Gunn (W) ...	10	0	408	139	40·80
Brown (J T sen) ...	13	0	519	125	39·92
Wilson, F B ...	6	1	199	72*	39·80
Wheldon ...	11	0	437	71	39·72
Smith, C L A ...	7	1	234	54*	39·00
Hawke, Lord ...	13	3	388	79	38·80
Hayes ...	20	2	694	102	38·55
McGahey, C ...	10	2	306	110*	38·37
Llewellyn ...	11	3	307	148	38·37
Hearne (J T) ...	10	7	112	34*	37·33
Grace, W G ...	10	0	363	150	36·30
Jones, A O ...	12	2	361	77	36·10
Martyn, H ...	6	0	206	79	34·33
Maclaren, A C ...	12	1	367	143	33·36
Lees (Surrey) ...	7	1	194	75*	32·33
Hayward ...	19	0	613	107	32·26
Denton ...	13	0	417	101	32·07
Ironmonger ...	12	0	381	94	31·75
Sharp (J) ...	12	1	349	120	31·72
Killick ...	12	1	331	77	30·09
Sewell (E H D) ...	14	1	391	90	30·07
Eccles, A ...	10	4	170	39*	29·83
Gunn (G) ...	12	5	207	59	29·57
Lilley ...	9	1	236	44	29·50
Wrathall ...	13	0	372	160	28·61
Hirst ...	9	0	257	123	28·55
Seymour ...	8	0	226	127	28·25
Rhodes ...	13	1	329	98*	27·41
Crawford, V F S ...	11	0	300	73	27·27
Carlisle, K M ...	9	0	242	65	26·88
McIver, C D ...	8	0	214	99	26·75
Mann, E W ...	8	1	185	69*	26·57
Whitehead (Lees) ...	6	1	132	60	26·40
Hollins, F H ...	6	0	157	114	26·16
Buckenham ...	10	3	183	58	26·14
Charlesworth ...	9	0	231	64	25·66
Abel ...	6	0	152	61	25·33
Kinneir ...	9	1	198	90	24·75

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BOWLING AVERAGES (12 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hirst ...	80	19	183	21	8·71
Hargreave ...	241·1	77	443	47	9·42
Evans, W H B ...	129·5	32	353	31	11·38
Hearne (J T) ..	205·1	72	518	42	12·33
Hesketh Pritchard, H ...	77·2	20	233	18	12·94
Blythe ...	150·2	56	312	24	13·00
Bradley, W M ...	120·5	33	284	21	13·52
Mead ...	239·5	90	464	32	14·50
Hulme ...	128	28	353	20	14·70
Martin, B G ...	187	72	384	26	14·76
Trott (A E) ...	191·1	48	569	37	15·37
Santall ...	167·5	47	411	26	15·80
Young (Essex) ...	123·2	36	255	16	15·93
Bland ...	214·1	58	529	32	16·53
Buckenham ...	138·3	22	384	23	16·69
Lockwood ...	222·1	48	592	35	16·91
Barnes (S) ...	309·3	97	748	44	17·00
Roberts (Gloucester) ...	148·2	45	376	22	17·09
Fairservice ...	78·5	18	244	14	17·42
Jackson (Surrey) ...	173·2	37	410	23	17·82
Keene ...	72·5	17	215	12	17·9
Cranfield ...	177·5	47	521	29	17·96
Relf ...	253·5	86	648	36	18·00
Robson (E) (Somat ...	78·3	14	254	14	18·14
Bosanquet, B J T ...	88·3	17	255	14	18·4
Burn, R C W ...	124·3	23	3·5	18	19·21
Steel, E E ...	76·3	12	249	13	18·61
Beldam, G W ...	114·5	36	275	14	19·14
Richardson (T) ...	178·1	34	512	26	19·69
Webb (S) ...	147	44	3·6	17	19·76
Clode ...	125·3	31	318	16	19·87
Rhodes ...	366·4	116	776	39	19·89
Arnold ...	278·3	83	614	32	20·12
Field (Warwickshire) ...	98·5	29	243	12	20·25
Cuan (J) ...	266·5	108	560	27	20·37
Tremlin ...	167·4	23	286	14	20·42
Brearley, W ...	174·5	31	567	27	21·00
Jackson, Hon F S ...	111·1	14	299	14	21·35
Llewellyn ...	161	29	498	23	21·65
Bird ...	210·2	45	583	27	21·77
Hallam ...	241·5	81	5 1	23	21·78
Odell, W W ...	231·2	48	685	30	22·83
Wainwright (W) ...	114·2	27	281	12	23·41
Braund ...	197·4	33	614	26	23·61
Huggins ...	187·5	65	497	21	23·66
King (J H) ...	178	31	569	23	24·30
Haigh ...	235	69	633	26	24·34
Tate (F W) ...	229·2	58	637	26	24·50
Gill (G) ...	129	25	374	15	24·93
Dowson, E M ...	130·1	26	406	16	25·37

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	Plyd	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Centage.
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Sussex ...	6	3	0	3	3	100·00
Notts ...	7	2	0	5	2	100·00
Hampshire ...	1	1	0	0	1	100·00
Essex ...	5	3	1	1	2	50·00
Warwickshire ...	5	2	1	2	1	33·33
Lancashire ...	7	3	2	2	1	20·00
Yorkshire ...	6	2	2	2	—	—
Surrey ...	8	2	3	3	—1	—20·00
Worcestershire ...	5	1	2	2	—1	—33·33
Somerset ...	3	1	2	0	—1	—33·33
Kent ...	3	1	2	0	—1	—33·33
Leicestershire ...	5	0	3	2	—3	—100·00
Gloucestershire ...	5	0	3	2	—3	—100·00
Derbyshire... ...	3	0	3	0	—3	—100·00

The match between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May was abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and is therefore not included in the above table

POLO.

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB, FULHAM.—The assemblage at Hurlingham on Saturday, the 6th, was the most numerous and brilliant since the International matches of last year. In the initial encounter a team representing Hurlingham was pitted against a Ranelagh quartette, the sides being:—Ranelagh: Mr. M. de Las Casas, Mr J. C. de Las Casas, Mr. A. Rawlinson, and Mr. A. de Las Casas (back); Hurlingham: Mr. F. Grenfell, Mr. R. Grenfell, Mr. C. Greenfell and Mr. J. Lawson (back). Umpire: Mr. T. B. Drybrough. The turf afforded capital going for the ponies, and the match was fought out at a good pace. Too much importance must not be attached to the scores registered by the respective contingents for they were by no means indicative of the play, of which the home side had considerably more than appears therefrom. They ought to have secured several more points, as on occasions they had the opposition hopelessly beaten in front of goal and literally threw chances away through inaccurate hitting. As it was, Ranelagh won by seven goals to one. The final tie of the Handicap Tournament was then proceeded with, the sides being:—F. Team: Capt. L. C. Jenner, Capt Greatbed, Major H E. Schofield and Mr. Foxhall Keene (back); E. Team: Lord Ingestre, Mr. C. T. Garland, Major F. Egerton Green, and Mr. T. B. Drybrough (back). Capt. F. Blacker umpired. At the mid-way interval F. Team had scored three goals to love, and they ultimately won by seven to two. The band of the Royal Horse Guards played during the afternoon.

RANELAGH CLUB, BARN ELMS.—What with the polo matches, the ladies' sports, and a night ascent by the Aero Club, there was sufficient diversity in the Ranelagh programme on Saturday the 6th, to satisfy the most exacting. The London season being now at his height, the gathering was far and away the most brilliant yet seen this summer. During the afternoon a visit was paid to the charming grounds by the Princesses Patricia and Margaret of Connaught and Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein, who were interested spectators of the proceedings. A commencement was made with the match between the Magpies and the Freebooters, which was productive of an exceptionally keen and close game. The sides were:—Magpies: Capt Drage, Col. H. R. de Lisle, Capt. J. Lloyd, and Mr. U. O. Thynne (back); Freebooters: Mr. N. Baring, Mr. E. B. Sheppard, Mr. Foxhall Keene, and Mr. J. Watson (back). Umpires: Major Morris and Mr. F. A. Gill. The opening exchanges ruled in favour of the Freebooters, for whom Mr. Baring and Mr. Sheppard scored, but these reverses only served to arouse the opposition, who infused so much dash and determination into their play that they had placed themselves on terms before the bout ended, goals resulting from strokes by Col. de Lisle and Capt. Drage. From now to the end it was anyone's game, the Magpies winning a hotly-contested match by six to five. Goals were also somewhat plentiful in the match between the Royal Artillery—Capt. Rowell, Major Cameron, Capt Stanley, Major Ferrar (back)—and Ranelagh—Mr. J B. Dale, Major R. Hoare Capt G. J. Fitzgerald, and Mr. J. Gouldsmith (back). At the outset Ranelagh did best, but the final record was a draw at eight goals all. The proceedings were enlivened by the band of the 1st Life Guards.

GOLF.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT PRESTWICK.—The Prestwick links are known throughout the world as providing the finest golf courses anywhere. Here, indeed, so far back as forty-three years ago was instituted the first open premier contest, which was then, and for a number of years, won by Scottish players until English cracks wrested the honours, and for some seven or eight years the prizes were taken south of the Border. Alec Herd, for Scotland, regained the honours in time, and since then the Championship has been held by Fernie, Simpson, Martin, Brown, Park, Burns, Ball, Kirkcaldy, Hilton, Auchterlonie, Taylor, Vardon, and Braid. Among the leading and best known experts entered for the present year's contests are the winners of the past five years' matches—Vardon, Taylor, Braid, and Herd—The event of the first day's play was the newly-instituted International match between players of England and Scotland, and no matter what the result, it is to be hoped that a continued interest will attach itself to the game by the perpetuation of the new fixture. Of the Prestwick golf course little need be said further than to mention that several important improvements have lately been made—two new tees for the third or cardinal hole, one on each side of the second green, and so, instead of driving a mashie as in times past, they are sufficiently far back to allow of a drive tee shot, while a new tee has been made for the sixth clipean fields nearly in line with the tenth field. The weather was ideal, and the play was satisfactory. The efforts of both sides in the International were very earnest. On the returns arriving Scotland had a lead; then matters became equal. Then England had first 1 up, then 2 up, but the arrival of Coburn and Kay made the scores equal, and the countries were square, six matches each. In the foursome, which created enormous interest and attracted a big crowd, the first four to start were Vardon, Taylor, Braid, and Herd. The first and second holes were halved; Braid scored the next point, Herd followed with a fortunate putt, and the Scotland men stood 2 up. Scotland led by 3 when Taylor added 1, and Braid with beautiful play kept his side in front. Great driving by each followed, and perhaps the greatest putt of the day was made by Vardon at thirteenth hole, and England was within one of Scotland. All the other tees were of more than ordinary interest and the excitement was intense. Details:—

SINGLES.

J Braid beat H Vardon by 5 up and 4 to play.
W Park beat Rowland Jones by 6 and 5.
J H Taylor beat A Herd by 2 and 1
F Bainford beat W Fernie by 1 up.
Tom Vardon beat J White by 3 and 2.
J Kinnell beat A Kay by 2 and 1.
F Collins beat C B Smith by 2 up.
B Sayers beat J. Sherlock by 2 and 2.
T G Renouf beat R Thomson by 2 and 2
A Tingey beat J Hepburn by 3 and 2.
G Coburn beat W Toogood by 3 and 2.
J Kay beat J Rowe by 3 and 2.

FOURSOMES.

Braid and Herd beat Vardon and Taylor by 1 hole.
White and Kinnell beat Kay and Vardon by 2 up and 1 to play.
Park and Fernie beat Jones and Bainford by 3 and 2.
Toogood and Rowe (England) and Coburn and Kay (Scotland) halved their tie
Sherlock and Collins beat Sayers and Smith by 2 and 1.
Tingey and Renouf beat Thomson and Hepburn by 1 hole.
Scotland thus won by 1 hole.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Open Championship concluded on the 11th instant at Prestwick in a win for Harry Vardon with Tom Vardon second. Excitement was very high, fifty-eight players being left in for the premier honour. Full score:—

	1st & 2nd rnd.	3rd rnd.	4th rnd.	Tl.
Harry Vardon, South Hert's ...	150	72	78	—300
Tom Vardon, St George's ...	157	75	74	—306
Jack White, Sunningdale ...	155	74	79	—308
Alexander Herd, Huddersfield ...	156	76	77	—309
James Braid, Romford ...	156	79	75	—310
A H Scott, Elie	154	83	77	—314
R Thomson, North Berwick ...	161	77	76	—314
W J Leaver, Royal St David's ...	158	77	80	—315
G H Cawsey, Malvern ...	158	76	82	—316
J H Taylor, Mid-Surrey ...	162	78	76	—316
Tom Williamson, Nottingham ...	156	79	82	—317
A Kirkaldy, St Andrews ...	161	78	78	—317
W Hunter, Richmond ...	155	79	84	—318
Mr Robert Maxwell, Tantallon ...	166	76	76	—318
Ernest Gray, Littlehampton ...	160	79	80	—319
Willie Park, jun, Huntercombe ...	164	80	75	—319
J Kinnell, Norwich ...	164	76	79	—319
D Kinnell, Prestwick St Nchls ...	160	80	80	—320
A H Toogood, Headingley ...	163	80	77	—320
G Pulford, Hoylake	165	79	76	—320
A Bellwrithy, Prince's... ...	166	77	77	—320
J Hunter, Prestwick ...	156	84	81	—321
Ben Sayers, North Berwick ...	163	80	78	—321
E Kay, Ganton	168	80	75	—323
Rowland Jones, Wimbledon Park	164	81	79	—324
Willie Fernie, Troon	159	76	89	—324
J Hepburn, Home Park, Surbiton	160	87	77	—324
Mr H H Hilton, Royal Liverpool	160	83	81	—324
J Milne Neasden	167	79	78	—324
J H Oke Mid-Surrey	161	81	83	—325
G Coburn, Portmarnock ...	163	75	87	—325
Archie Simpson, Aberdeen ...	164	80	81	—325
Mr R Andrew, Prestwick St Nchls	163	79	84	—326
E Foord, Burnham, Somerset ...	164	81	82	—327
P Bainford, Harpenden ...	165	78	84	—327
J Kay, Seaton Carew	168	80	79	—327
Mr J E Laidlay, Hon Co ...	169	81	78	—328
J W Taylor, Redcar	162	86	81	—328
F. Larke, Mid-Norfolk ...	159	78	81	—328
A Massey, Biarritz	165	77	86	—328
T Yeoman, Seaford	167	83	78	—328
Mr J S Donaldson, Bon Accord ...	167	81	80	—328
A Lewis, Moseley	162	81	85	—328
H Cawsey, Ashford Manor ...	168	80	81	—329
J Parr, West Lancashire ...	165	80	85	—330
Fred Collins, Llandudno ...	166	85	79	—330
W Auchterlonie, St Andrews ...	167	79	84	—330
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Mr J Rolb, Prestwick St Nicholas...	163	85	85	—333

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L Sowlay, Kettering ...	167	83	84—334
C Neaves, Lossiemouth ...	167	79	89—335
W E Reid, Paris	167	84	84—335
A Beck, Filey	168	89	86—343
J Hill, Warlingham	169	88	87—344
G A Cassidy, Didsbury ...	169	86	90—345
G Sargent Mirfield, Yorks ...	164	83	retired
J Hughes, Hunstanton ...	163	87	retired

ROWING.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SUMMER RACES.

The commencement of these races attracted a very large number of spectators on the 10th and Ditton Paddock presented a gay appearance. The weather had been very threatening during the forenoon, but a bright evening prevailed. The head boats do not appear so good as last year, but a decided improvement in the lower boats is apparent. Third Trinity, the head of the river crew, were well away from the Hall, who were hotly pursued all through by First Trinity, the latter getting within a few feet of them just past the railway bridge. As was anticipated, Lady Margaret quickly overhauled the Jesus crew, and some fine racing should be witnessed between the first four boats Christ's crew brought down Emmanuel and Caius also defeated Pembroke. The latter boat was expected to improve their position. Selwyn were much faster than First Trinity 2, and defeated them at the Red Grind. Lady Margaret 2, after a fine race with Peterhouse, caught them in the Reach. The officiating judges were Messrs. L. H. K. Bushe-Fox (Lady Margret) and R. A. Nelson (Peterhouse). Details :—

The Second Division were started on their journey at 5-35 in the following order, the brackets denoting the bumps :—

Trinity Hall 2	Corpus	Queens'
Pembroke 2	Jesus 2	Clare 2
Sidney	Third Trinity 2	Magdalene
Emmanuel 2	Trinity Hall 3	Downing
Caius 2	St. Catharine's	
Clare 1	First Trinity 3	

Trinity Hall 2 were well away, but Sidney lowered the colours of Pembroke 2 at Ditton Corner; Emmanuel 2 fell to Caius 2 at the same place, and Jesus 2 conquered Corpus at the Willows. First Trinity 3 were victorious over St. Catharine's at the Gut, and Clare 2 wrought the downfall of Queens' at Grassy. Downing rowed a plucky race after Magdalene, but just failed to effect a bump.

The company had greatly increased when the First Division were started at 6-35. Five bumps were recorded, *viz* :—

Third Trinity	1	Emmanuel ...	1	First Trinity	2
Trinity Hall	1	Christ's		Selwyn	
First Trinity	1	King's		Peterhouse	
Jesus ...	1	Pembroke ...	1	Lady Margaret	2
Lady Margaret	1	Caius ...	1	Trinity Hall	2

Third Trinity were never in danger, and finished the course more than their starting distance ahead. A fine struggle ensued between the Hall boat and First Trinity. At the Railway Bridge Trinity were overlapping, but the Hall crew just managed to avert disaster. The Lady Margaret boat got off quickly, and brought about the downfall of Jesus at the Gut. Christ's got the better of Emmanuel at Ditton Plough, whilst Pembroke were also vanquished by Caius at the same place. Selwyn, who have improved a lot, caught First Tinity 2 at the Red Grind, and, although Peterhouse made a good race of it, they had to give in to Lady Margaret 2 in the Long Reach.

The weather on the second day was not so favourable as on the opening day. A north-easterly wind did not add to the comfort of the spectators. Nevertheless, there was an increased attendance, both sides of the river being densely packed. Although not so many bumps were registered as on the previous evening, the racing proved most interesting. Third Trinity kept more than their distance ahead and the crew rowed a more livelier stroke. The greatest interest was centred in the next two boats, and a desperate struggle was witnessed from the start. First Trinity got to within a few feet, but the Hall managed to get home without being bumped. The Christ's crew registered their second bump by defeating the Jesus men. King's strove hard to avert defeat from Caius, but the last-named crew just caught them before reaching the finish. Selwyn quickly overtook Pembroke, who are not rowing up to form. In the lower division the Hall second boat had to row hard to keep clear from Sidney, as in the reach Sidney overlapped them, but they failed to register a bump. Although 6 in Caius second boat caught a crab at Grassy, they soon got together again and overcame Pembroke 2 just past the Willows. First Trinity 3 gained the mastery over Hall 3, and Clare 2 defeated St. Catharine's at First Post Corner. Messrs L. H. K. Bushe-Fox (Lady Margaret) and R. A. Nelson again acted as judges.

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Sidney	Corpus	Clare 2
Pembroke 2	Third Trinity 2	Queens'
Caius 2	Trinity Hall 3	Magdalene
Emmanuel 2	First Trinity 3	Downing
Clare 1		

Sidney made a fine effort to catch Hall 2, but the latter stayed the best. Caius 2 registered their second bump by vanquishing Pembroke 2 just upon entering the reach. Clare first boat just missed bumping Emmanuel 2 at the Willows. Trinity Hall 3 had to acknowledge defeat to First Trinity 3 at Grassy Corner, and St. Catharine's succumbed to Clare 2 at First Post Corner.

The First Division were sent on their journey at 6-35 in the following order, the brackets denoting the bumps :

Third Trinity 1	Emmanuel 1	
Trinity Hall 1	King's	First Trinity 2
First Trinity 1	Caius 1	Lady Margaret 2
Lady Margaret 1	Pembroke 1	Peterhouse
Jesus 1	Selwyn	Trinity Hall 2
Christ's		

The head boat was never in danger, and finished more than their distance away, but a great race took place between the Hall and First. Although the latter missed catching, Hall had to row for all they were worth to keep clear, eventually reaching home by a few yards. The Christ's crew continued their upward career by lowering the colours of Jesus at Grassy. Another keen race took place between King's and Caius, the former being defeated when only a short distance from the winning post. Selwyn effected their second victory by overtaking Pembroke at the Gut. The Sandwich boat got close up to Peterhouse, but nothing resulted.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

OPENING DAY.

THE main gate of Government House, Ganeshkhind, was appropriately selected as the venue for the opening meet of the above distinguished pack, and in spite of many half-muttered growlings at 5-30 A. M. instead of 6 as in, I believe, former years a large field was present within a few minutes of time to do the Master honour. But from all I gather the few minutes' "law" granted by the gallant Master on this occasion is not likely to be similarly extended in future mornings and those who trust to a like indulgence are likely to be left behind. One of the first things which strikes a man lately arrived from an English hunting field is the needlessly disreputable manner in which we most of us turn ourselves out for a morning's hunting. It would be an insult to a respectable rat-catcher to use the simile of costume often adopted regarding the turn-out which is considered a poor compliment to a Master of Hounds in England. Many men hold that the clothes of a country are good enough for the country one's in, but surely such extravagant untidiness and inappropriateness of vesture as is affected by so many in Indian hunting fields is unnecessary.

However to cut the cackle and come to the hunting; a trifle late Colonel Sheringham moved off to a hillock near the quarters of His Excellency's staff, and at the signal hounds threw themselves gaily up the slope, and after a little doubt settled steadily on what seemed a somewhat stale line and worked it with most commendable perseverance since scent was clearly very bad towards the Railway line. A cast forrard had no satisfactory result and the Master after one more futile effort to pick up the line called hounds off and moved on the Botanical Garden for what was I fancy the feature of the day to some at least—the annual photograph. For which among one's loved ones at home can guess that the prominent position assumed before Mr. Stewart's camera is not invariably the pride of place we affect at the end of a fast 25 miuntes over Deccan's rocks and nullahs? Reputations have at times to be dearly won. If then we can on rare occasions capture them at a considerably reduced rate how foolish to miss the golden opportunity. Having accordingly struck attitudes as near like the pictures in Captain Hayes' books as we can accomplish in the short time at our disposal, a relentless Master jogged on to a sugarcane patch near Aundh. A merry burst of music soon proclaimed a fine and the picture book seat was quickly exchanged for the one which the cruel exigencies of the moment necessitated—not always a completely satisfactory one or sufficient for present requirements. Over the plains towards Pashan hounds raced at a rare pace and reaching the big nullah swung right handed through thick cover and a guava plantation enabled the pack to rather give the field the slip for the nonce as it took a deal of doing. Running with a fine determination hounds tumbled their jack over close to the banks of the Mooia river. Times varied from 15 to 20 minutes, but whatever the accurate period it was a very enjoyable gallop and sent every one home in a good humour.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

POLO AT BANGALORE.

A HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.—Mr. Irvine, R. E., Honorary Secretary of the Bangalore Polo Club, has been successful in organising a handicap polo tournament amongst players in the station, which opened on the 26th instant, and although handicapping in a polo tournament may seem somewhat of an innovation, the present competition will no doubt not only make for the good of the game generally, but will cause Bangalore players to give a better account of themselves at the forthcoming tournament for the Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore. Seven teams entered, the 4th Madras Pioneers drawing a bye and some fast although not very high-class play resulted. Nevertheless there is good material in Bangalore, and the representatives of the "City O' Brans" will not disgrace themselves in the big competitions. The following are briefly the details of play up to date. In each case four chuckers were contested, twenty minutes' clear play being allowed. The officers of the "Carabiniers" were "At Home" to their friends on Saturday, the 27th, when the third tie was played.

FIRST TIE.

"The Carabiniers," "A" Team (scratch) *vs.* "The Carabiniers," "C" Team (+7 goals).

First Chucker.—The scratch team were all over their opponents, penning them throught the chucker and scoring four times, through the agency of Dormer and Swifte "C" Team scored a subsidiary. *Score* :—"A" Team, 4 goals 1 subsidiary; "C" Team, 7 goals 1 subsidiary.

Second Chucker.—"C" Team defended pluckily, but did not seem to have any attacking power in them and "A" Team out-galloping the receivers of points repeatedly added, two more goals. *Score* :—"A" Team, 6 goals 1 subsidiary; "C" Team, 7 goals 1 subsidiary.

Third Chucker.—Play was slow on both sides, and a strong wind down the ground made it difficult to steer the ball. Towards the end of the chucker Swifte scored for the scratch side, and two subsidiaries were also added, placing "A" Team ahead. *Score* :—"A" Team, 7 goals 3 subsidiaries "C" Team 7 goals 1 subsidiary.

Fourth Chucker.—Only a couple of minutes remained for play, out the game was over barring accidents. Dormer scored a goal, and another subsidiary shortly afterwards accrued to the givers of points who won without trouble.

Final score :—"A" Team, 8 goals 4 subsidiaries; "C" Team 7 goals 1 subsidiary. Sides :—

"A" TEAM.		"C" TEAM.	
Lieut Dormer	... 1	Lieut Kidd	... 1
Capt Kirby	... 2	Capt Moncrieff	... 2
Capt Swifte	... 3	Lieut Knight	... 3
Back Lieut Ker.		*Back* Lieut Ridpath	

SECOND TIE.

Q. O Sappers and Miners (+ 1 goal) *vs.* Essex Regiment Team (+ 6 goals).

First Chucker.—The Essex Regiment started with a good deal of dash, Strickland doing well at back, and Captain Churchill travelling fast in front. A subsidiary to each side was all that was scored, although the Sappers were dangerous more than once. *Score* :—Essex Regiment 6 goals 1 subsidiary; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 1 goal 1 subsidiary.

Second Chucker.—Shortly after start Loch had the Essex goal at his mercy and easily scored. The play became fast, but nothing more accrued to either side. The superiority of the Sappers was nevertheless apparent. *Score* :—Essex Regiment 6 goals 1 subsidiary, Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 2 goals 1 subsidiay.

Third Chucker —The pace of the Essex team slackened, and their opponents began to make rings round them. Coming right down the ground at a great pace Marshall scored a good goal, his example being shortly afterwards followed by Wagstaffe. A subsidiary just before the chucker ended, left the game in an interesting state. *Score* :—Essex Regiment, 6 goals 1 subsidiary; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 4 goals 2 subsidiaries.

Fourth Chucker.—With two goals to win, the Sappers played for all they were worth, and it was not long before good work between Loch and Marshall resulted in the latter scoring. Two subsidiaries rapidly followed, but time was short and it seemed as though the Essex team would just save the game. A fine run and shot by Loch, however, caused the black flag to be waved, and the Sappers just won by 1 goal and 3 subsidiaries. *Final Score* :—Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 6 goals 4 subsidiaries; Essex Regiment, 6 goals 1 susidiary. Sides :—

Q. O. SAPPERS AND MINERS.		THE ESSEX REGIMENT.	
1	Lieut Loch	1	Capt Churchill
2	Capt Marshall	2	Lieut Raymond
3	" Johnson	3	Captain Tufnell
Back	Lieutenant Wagstaffe	*Back*	Lieut Strickland

THIRD TIE.

Captain Peel's Team (+5 goals) *vs.* "The Carabiniers," "B" Team (+4 goals)

First Chucker.—Captain Peel's team pressed and Captain Peel himself quickly scored a goal, followed by a second from the same stick. Play then quickened and amongst other good efforts a fine run by Anketell Jones for the "Carabiniers'" team was noticeable but nothing further was scored. *Score* :—Captain Peel's Team, 7 goals; "B" Team "Carabiniers," 4 goals.

Second Chucker.—The "Carabiniers" continued to have the worst of it and their opponents added to their already long lead. Captain Peel and Lieutenant Grieve were conspicuous. *Score* :—Captain Peel's Team, 9 goals 2 subsidiaries; "B Team" "Carabiniers," 4 goals.

Third Chucker.—Play was uninteresting and nothing was added to the score.

Fourth Chucker.—There was only 2¼ minutes for play and nothing worthy of remark was done. The play of the "Carabiners" as a whole was disappointing. Sides :—

CAPT. PEEL'S TEAM.		"B" TEAM, "CARABINIERS."	
1	Lieut Saunders, 3rd M. L.	Capt Cole	... 1
2	Capt Peel R. H. A	Col Butler	... 2
3	Lieut Grieve, R. F. A.	Col Sprot	... 3
Back	Lieut. West, R. H. A.	*Back* Lieut. Anketell Jones.	

B. A.

Racing.

THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE STARTING GATE.

AMONG the important items of business brought up for discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the Jockey Club, held in London on the 8th June, was a proposed new rule relating to the Starting Gate.

The Stewards proposed that New Rule 36 should read as follows :—

"Should the starter consider that through any faulty action of the starting-gate a fair start has been effected, he shall declare it 'no start,' and order the jockeys, by means of a recall flag, to return to the post. The starter's decision on this point shall be final."

(Present Rule 36 to be included in Rule 38.)

The Club would remember that at their last meeting a discussion arose with respect to the starting-gate. No proposal was then brought before the Club to abolish the starting-gate, although it appeared that certain members of the Club had no very exalted opinion of that method of starting, nor had he received any notice that a motion to abolish the starting-gate was to be brought before the Club. At that moment the Rules of Racing distinctly said that all races should be started by a starting-gate and, therefore, he took it that it was the duty of the Stewards to see that this method of starting was made as perfect as possible. The discussion which arose at the last meeting was of great use to the Stewards, and very valuable suggestions were then put forward. It would be noticed that in the new Rule, which the Stewards proposed, the chief point was to throw the responsibility upon the starter of deciding whether the start was a fair one or the reverse. The starter was obviously, he thought, the person in the best position to judge as to the fairness of the start. To assist the starter, there would be a recall flagman, who would be entirely under the direction of the starter, and by means of the recall flag the starter would be able to stop jockeys should he think a fair start had not been effected. It would be made, however, clear to starters that they had no power to declare a start to be no start, except when, owing to the faulty action of the gate, any of the horses were interfered with. The starters would also be requested to make a practice of personally testing the gate at least once before each start. With those precautions he had considerable confidence in saying that the chance of a fiasco, such as they had in the One Thousand Guineas, was extremely remote. He would add that the recall flag had been in practice in the North of England, used by Mr. Willoughby, and he had never had any difficulty. He would move that the new Rule be embodied in the Rules of Racing.

Lord Londonderry inquired where the recall flag was to be.

Mr. Brassey replied that the recall flag was to be entirely different from the old white flag; it was a new institution altogether, and the flagman would be entirely under the direction of the starter, who could put him 100 yards or 200 yards, or as far as he thought necessary in front of the starting-post, so that if the gate should go wrong, and the horses become entangled in the tapes, the starter would raise a little flag and the recall flagman would know that he was to hoist his recall flag, and then in all probability the jockeys would see it, and would be able to return to the post without having run the course.

Mr. Lowther thought that the recall flag ought to be more than 100 yards in front, and asked: Did they mean to confine the operation of the Rule solely to accidents to the gate itself? They did not give discretion to the starter if from any other cause he wished to recall.

Mr. Brassey replied that it was only in the case of faulty action of the gate, and the starter would have no right to say that as tart was not a start if he had himself made a mistake, or for any other cause.

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Mr. Lowther said that, as regards the flagman's position, he supposed it would receive consideration.

Mr. Brassey said the object was to leave it entirely to the discretion of the starter, and to put the responsibility entirely upon him. On some courses he might not be able to put it quite so far in front as at others.

Mr. Rose said that at the Wokingham Stakes last year the jockeys jumped forward into the net before the starter had actually pulled the handle, and it was not the fault of the gate. At the time, the gate was in perfect order, and it was the fault of the jockeys jumping into it and interfering with it.

Mr. Brassey stated that the Wokingham Stakes incident last year would come under the new Rule.

Mr. Fitzwilliam inquired if the Stewards had considered the question as to whether the horses ought to be started quite close up to the tapes or a little distance off.

Mr. Brassey replied that the Stewards had discussed that with the starters, and there was a great deal to be said in favour of it possibly, but he thought the general feeling of the Stewards and of the starters was that if the horses were put back a few yards, they were so much more inclined to fidget and the jockeys to try to get the best of each other. He believed this system acted very well in India ; but in America, and also in Australia, the horses had to get up as close as they could to the tapes. The Stewards did not propose at that time to make any alteration in the existing Rules. He would move that New Rule 36, as printed on the paper, be embodied in the Rules of Racing

The motion was put to the meeting, and carried.

Cricket.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* COLABA GARRISON.—These teams met on the 26th ultimo but rain delayed the match till the afternoon when the Gymkhana began batting and put up 111. Burns was in splendid form and gave a good exhibition making 66. The Garrison only made 59, Private Davis and Captain Bond being the highest scorers and the only ones to get into double figures. Score :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr H S G Scott, c Bond, b Munt ...	...	7
,, H E Harrington, c and b Munt ...	...	0
,, O L Burns, c Bond, b Munt ...	...	66
,, H O Carroll, c Bookham, b Hinde ...	...	2
,, F P West, c Munt, b Taylor ...	...	11
,, A H Aston, b Langhorn	...	0
,, S A Powell, not out	...	9
,, A C Rumboll, b Munt	...	0
,, W H Scott, did not bat	...	0
Major Rogers, b Bookham	...	5
Mr E E Coombs, c Bookham, b Munt ...	...	1
Extras ...	...	10
Total	...	111

COLABA GARRISON.

Lieut Langhorn, c Powell b West ...	...	9
Captain Bond, b Rumboll	...	11
Private Davis, c Rumboll, b Rogers ...	...	12
Major Hindie, b Rumboll ...	...	0
Lieut Locker, b Rumboll	...	2
Gunner Munt, c and b Rumboll ...	...	0
Lieut Armes, c Coombs, b Rogers ...	...	4
Captain Stiffe, c Powell, b Rogers ...	...	1
Gunner Bookham, b Coombs	...	6
Gunner Taylor, b Rogers	...	7
Lieut Bean, not out	...	5
Extras ...	...	2
Total	...	59

GYMKHANA RESERVES *vs.* P. W. D.—Played on the 26th ultimo, the Reserves winning by 46 runs. Harrington played well being top scorer for his side and taking six wickets. Score :—

GYMKHANA RESERVES.

Captain McDonald, lbw, b Oliver ...	...	6
Mr Ward, b Oliver	...	8
,, Harrington, b Oliver ...	...	25
,, Waite, c Alimo, b Stanley ...	...	7
,, Lees, b Stanley... ...	...	9
,, McCausland, b Oliver ...	...	5
,, Dewson, c Theodore, b Oliver ...	...	12
,, Cook, b Hogan	...	6
McDonald, not out	...	4
Jones, lbw, b Oliver ...	...	4
Extras ...	...	10
Total	...	96

P. W. D.

Mr E Stanley, c Jones, b Ward... ..	...	0
,, R Oliver, c Harrington, b McDonald ...	...	1
,, W Hogan, c Dawson, b Harrington ...	...	25
,, F Smithers, b Ward	...	13
,, F Theodore, c White, b Harrington ...	...	3
,, Valadans, b Harrington	...	0
,, J Pinto, b Harrington	...	4
,, W Pinto, not out...	...	1
,, C Paits, c and b Harrington... ...	...	0
,, Alimo, c and b Harrington	...	0
Extras ...	...	3
Total	...	50

OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON *vs.* 21ST BOMBAY INFANTRY.—Played on the 25th instant and resulted in a draw. Lieut. Langhorne played a fine innings of 60, while Col.-Hav. Sherkhan put up a good performance being not out 53. Score :—

OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON.

Capt Bond, st Scott, b Sherkhan ...	...	12
Lieut Langhorne, c Govind, b Sherkhan ...	...	60
Lieut Lockyer, b Sonnoo	...	26
Major Rogers, b Sonnoo	...	8
Lieut Armes, not out	...	37
Lieut Carroll, b Govind	...	1
Capt Stiffe, b Govind	...	0
Lieut Lyon, b Govind	...	32
Lieut Bean, c and b Govind	...	0
Lieut Greville, b Govind	...	1
Lieut Wells, b Govind	...	0
Extras ...	...	6
Total ...	...	183

21ST BOMBAY INFANTRY.

Lieut Scott, c Carroll, b Langhorne ...	...	28
Pte Kanmehter, b Carroll	...	18
Col-Hav. Pandu, c Bean, b Rogers ...	...	21
Col-Hav. Sherkhan, not out	...	53
Capt Creagh, st Stiffe, b Rogers... ...	...	15
Pte Govind, c and b Rogers	...	0
Lieut Cooper, b Rogers	...	5
Pte Sonnoo, not out	...	3
Pte Saknak ... ... } Did not bat.		
Pte Nur Mahomed ... ... }		
Pte Babnak .. ... }		
Extras ...	...	9
Total (6 wkts)	...	152

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA XI *vs.* XV.—The season opened with this match on the 25th ultimo when the XV won by 21 runs. Kirwan and Forsyth played well for their respective sides. Score.—

FIFTEEN.

Captain Gresson, b Sergeant Chick ...	...	0
Mr F Young, b Cameron	...	11
,, Willinger, c Frith, b Fariell... ...	...	12
,, Kirwan, c Fariell, b Forsyth... ...	...	42
,, Thomas lbw, b Hawley	...	5
Captain Tregear, c and b Hawley ...	...	2
Major Chitty, c Frith, b Forsyth ...	...	16
,, Mosse, b Weatherby	...	13
Mr Truman, c Sub., b Cameron... ...	...	7
,, Hardy, c and b Weatherby	...	11
,, Airy, not out	...	20
,, Browne, b Cameron	...	5
,, Usher, b Cameron	...	8
Captain Knight ... ... } did not bat		
Mr Ponsonby ... ... }		
Extras ...	...	22
Total	...	174

ELEVEN.

Mr Weatherby, c and b Wallinger ...	...	11
,, Fariell, c Mosse, b Gresson	...	9
Major Cheyne, c Wallinger, b Usher ...	...	29
Mr Hawley, b Gresson	...	0
,, Frith, st Young, b Wallinger ...	...	3
,, Forsyth, b Wallinger	...	46
,, Cameron, run out	...	3
,, Grant, c Young, b Mosse	...	0
Captain Newsom, run out	...	13
Mr Sargent, not out...	...	11
Colonel Hazelton, b Wallinger	...	0
Extras ...	...	28
Total	...	152

CRICKET AT DARJEELING.

COMBINED SCHOOLS *vs.* STATION.—A combined eleven from St. Joseph's College and St. Paul's School played the Station last week and beat them by 40 runs. Bryan. Hutchinson, and Martini played well for the boys while Major Colvin was top scorer for the Station. Stubbs bowled very well taking 5 wickets for 17 runs—a fine performance. Score :

THE COMBINED SCHOOLS.

F. Martini (St. Joseph's), c Colvin, b McDonald ...	29
L. Bryan (St. Joseph's), c Colvin, b Dudley ...	38
A. Price (St. Paul's) c Murray, b McDonald ...	5
L. Hutchinson (St. Paul's), not out	32
R. Paterson (St. Joseph's), b Umfreville	3
G. Badham (St. Paul's), b Umfreville	2
C. Stubbs (St. Joseph's), c Colvin, b McDonald ...	0
F. August (St. Paul's), c Harrington, b Umfreville ...	4
W. Jones (St. Joseph's), c Dudley, b Umfreville ...	3
A. Sharling (St. Paul's), b Hammond	7
C. Rayneau (St. Joseph's), c Turner, b McDonald ...	3
Extras	21
Total ...	138

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets
Cap. Umfreville	16	19	4
Lieut. McDonald	11	36	4
Lieut. Dudley	12	23	1
Mr. E. L. Hammond	13	30	1
Capt. Travers	3	9	0

THE DARJEELING STATION.

Capt. Umfreville, b Rayneau	1
Mr. E. L. Hammond, b August	21
Lieut. G. Hartley, c and b Sharling ...	20
Mr. D. S. Murray, b Stubbs	7
Capt Turner, c Jones, b Stubbs	3
Mr. L. Harrington b August	8
Lieut. L. G. Dudley, c August, b Stubbs ...	0
Major Colvin, c Price, b August... ...	23
Capt. Travers, b Stubbs	10
Lieut. C. McDonald, c August, b Stubbs ...	0
Mr. McLeod, not out...	1
Extras	4
Total ...	98

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.
C. Stubbs	6	17	5
F. August	13	35	3
A. Sharling	6	10	1
C. Rayneau...	8	32	1

ENGLISH CRICKET CHAT.

THERE seems no end to the bad luck that Yorkshire are experiencing at the present time. In addition to the great blow they received through Hirst being injured, Tunnicliffe badly hurt his hand in stopping a ball and will be unable to rejoin the team for at least a week.

That, however, is not the end of their misfortunes. Wanting bowlers as badly as they do it is surely the hardest of hard luck that Jackson should be compelled to stand down owing to an abscess on the foot.

But the crowning misfortune is the indisposition of Lord Hawke. So much depends upon the captain of a side, especially when things are going badly with them, that Yorkshire are to be greatly commiserated with on the latest and greatest of their misfortunes.

Although the season is less than a month old the champions have already suffered three defeats, Sussex being the latest county to cut their comb. All hopes of retaining the lead must now have left them, and while not wishing to be unkind we cannot but say that we are very pleased at the prospect.

The continued superiority of one county over all the others while very gratifying to the supporters of the team in question, cannot fail to have a bad effect on the game generally. A change is absolutely necessary in county cricket as in everything else, and on that ground, therefore, we look complacently on while disaster overtakes the Tykes.

At the present time Middlesex and Sussex stand at the head of affairs, and therefore their meeting at Brighton next week will be looked upon with great interest. In one way it is rather a pity that their first meeting takes place at the seaside town, as with both teams in fine batting trim a definite finish is distinctly problematical.

Fry and Ranji are now batting at the top of their form, and Sussex will be one of the hardest teams to get rid of that any team can possibly encounter.

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They still suffer, however, from want of a really good bowler, and although Cox and Relf managed to overthrow the Yorkshire eleven, we doubt their capacity to get rid of a good team for much less than 400 runs on a hard true wicket. Given a good man with the ball we should plump for the seasiders as the coming champions.

Essex have been doing so well of late that the failure to beat Derbyshire owing to rain must have been very aggravating. They had only got 33 runs to get to win, and thanks to a very late start, five minutes was all the time they had to knock them up.

Sewell and the Rev. Gillingham certainly had a try, but in the course of two overs all they could muster was 11 runs, and a draw was the result.

The Peak men are certainly the most unequal lot of fielders we have seen during the present season. They made some terrible mistakes, missing catches that came straight into their hands, but at the same time two members of the team brought off a couple of very difficult catches.

Warren had one on the boundary, which he secured with one hand high up, falling over the ropes in the attempt, while Lawton was responsible for the other—a difficult swerving ball which he had to follow up to secure.

The best man in the team when they occupied the field, however, was Humphries, the wicket-keeper. He stood right up to Bestwick when the latter was bowling some very fast stuff, and in a total of 360 he only allowed two balls to go by him. By the way, I hear there is a chance of him coming south next season.

One of the most pleasing things in connection with Surrey cricket is the return to form shown by Richardson during the past week. His performance against Worcestershire—thirteen wickets for 135 runs—stands out as a great feat, and the large-hearted, hard-working bowler cannot fail to be pleased with himself.

He has worked very hard all the winter through to reduce his bulk, but only with partial success. The fact of the matter is that Richardson is one of those men who actually put on weight by means of hard work.

However, so long as he can get wickets at a no greater cost than ten runs he need not fear anything about his increase in weight. His success, it is hardly necessary to state, is highly popular with the rest of the team.

The appointment of Mr. Walker to the captaincy of the Surrey team is one of the most popular that could possibly be made. He handles his men with care and judgment, and is likely to get the fullest value possible out of them without an effort.

J. T. Hearne is the first bowler of the season to capture his half hundred victims, and, judging by the way in which he is at present performing, he looks like coming out very near the top of the list.

He took twelve wickets in the Leicestershire match for 124 runs, and proved that be the wicket what it may he is still one of the most deadly bowlers in England to face. His length is as good as ever, and he has a way of sending down a ball which it is almost impossible to resist hitting—with fatal results.

He is splendidly backed up in the field by Trott, and it is owing in great measure to the latter's fine work in the slips that Jack Hearne's analysis is as good as it is.

Lancashire's new trundler, Walter Brearley, is said in certain quarters to be a bit of a genius in the way of a fast bowler, but his latest exploits do not make him out to be anything out of the ordinary. We shall have a better opportunity of judging when he comes south.

The death of Robert Thoms at the advanced age of seventy-three removes one of the few remaining links connected with the cricket of a generation ago. Although never a great player he was yet a fine all-round cricketer in his day, but it was as an umpire that he was chiefly known to fame.

He officiated in all the chief matches during his time, and with H. H. Stephenson umpired the first England and Australia match in this country (at the Oval in September, 1880).

Football.

THE CALCUTTA LEAGUE.

RANGERS *vs.* BURN AND CO.—These teams met at Howrah on the 25th ultimo and after rather an uninteresting game the Rangers won by 3 goals to 1. They got going at once and after some passing Whelan headed the ball in. The Engineers were not together and Wood and Kerr each missed shots. Then the visitors ran down once more and Whitie scored with an easy shot. The Rangers' goal was next besieged and a great struggle took place till the interval. On resuming Wood got away for the home team and nearly scored, Templeton saving. The Engineers were playing in better form and Behrends was tested once or twice. After the game had been carried on in midfield for a while the visitors forced a corner, but nothing resulted. A foul by the Howrah men gave the Rangers their third goal, Williams putting the ball through from the penalty kick. The last few minutes of the game the Engineers played hard and H. Bonar succeeded in finding the net. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Behrends, *goal*; Templeton and Jones, *backs*; Bollard, O'Laughlin, and Hughes, *halves*; Pell, Whitie, Whelan, Williams, and Russell, *forwards*.

BURN'S A. C.—Jarrey, *goal*; Donnithorne and McFadyen, *backs*; Cochrane, Wood, and Morris, *halves*; J. Bonar, H. Bonar, Sinclair, Freeman, and Kerr, *forwards*.

Referee.—Sergeant Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* K. O. S. B.'s—Played on the Dalhousie ground last Thursday, the home team putting up a feeble display and being beaten by 2 goals to *nil*. The visitors scored shortly after the start from a penalty kick Some rushes by the Dalhousie men proved fruitless and the Military again got possession and forced a corner. Peake saved, but Byers got the ball and put it through. Just before half time, Byers went lame and had to leave the field. In the second moiety the home team played up but lost many chances owing to poor shooting. Neither team scored and the game ended as above in a win for the Borderers by 2 goals to *nil*. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.'s—Brocklehurst, *goal*; Goldie and McDonnell *backs*; Campbell, Tait, and Bradley, *halves*; Byers, Kennedy Cassidy, Nelson, and Bruce, *forwards*

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Bushby and Margrett, *backs*; Alexander, Phelps, and Dalling, *halves*; Echlin, Watts, Williams, Rosser, and Stimson, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. H. Bemfry, C. F. C.

A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* HOWRAH UNITED.—The Highlanders' ground was the venue of this match last Friday, and the visitors were defeated by 3 goals to 1. The home team got the ball at the start and play was confined to the Howrah half; Pollock scored their first goal and two more were added by Montgomery and Lockhart, the Highlander; keeping up an incessant bombardment. In the second has Howrah had to play a man short, Hart having put his elbow out But they played up well and just before time Curtis put on their only goal. Teams :—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Auchinvole and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan, and Mowatt, *half-backs*; Miller, Montgomery, Quinn, Lockhart, and Pollock, *forwards*.

HOWRAH UNITED.—A. Bennett, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, H. Osborne, and E. Osborne, *half-backs*; Ferrier, Curtis, W. Smith, Jackson, and Hart, *forwards*.

CALCUTTA *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—On their own ground last Saturday Calcutta beat Dalhousie by 3 goals to 2. The home team had a strong combination out and went away pressing hard. Cooper got through after a short time but they had not the lead long, for the visitors rushed down and Watts equalised. No further scoring took place during the first half, but on resuming Calcutta at once assumed the offensive but were met with a strong defence. Then the visitors got going once more and Johnson scored a second goal. Excitement was very high, and the Calcutta halves playing with judgment gave their forwards every opportunity. Fyfe at last finding the net. They continued their attack and Fyfe scored once more. The Dalhousie men put on a spurt and were pressing hard when time was called but were unable to score. Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal*; Dennis and Todd, *backs*; Walker, Crawford, and Maunder, *half-backs*; Cooper, H. Sherman, Fyfe, V. Sherman, and Stewart, *forwards*.

DALHOUSIE.—Piper, *goal*; Wade and Bushby, *backs*; Williams, Phelps, and Balling, *half-backs*; Echlin Rosser, Watts, Johnson, and Stimson, *forwards*.

Referee.—R. Rope, C. F. C.

A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* K. O. S. B.'s—Played on the Highlanders' ground on the 27th ultimo, the home team proving victorious by 3 goals to *nil*. The visitors were without Byers and felt his loss keenly. The Highlanders opened and play ruled very even throughout the first half, the interval arriving pointless. But on crossing over the home team had the best of matters and doing all the attacking scored three goals, Quinn, McLean, and McGowan being credited with the points.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* BURN AND CO.—These teams met on the Association ground and the game resulted in a win for the home team by 2 goals to *nil*. The Young Men were the first to get going and a neat bit of passing between Yackjee, Simmons, and Apcar, resulted in Apcar scoring. Burns tried hard but could not score and half time arrived with the Young Men leading. In the second half J. Bonar and Rosser were ordered off the field for mistaking the game for a free fight—a disgraceful performance. The home team attacked and Simmons, who played a good game throughout, scored a second goal. Burn and Co. were playing hard but could not break the Association defence. Teams :—

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Baldwin and Rosser, *backs*; Cooper, Butler, and Power, *half-backs*; Yackjee, Simmons, Brown, Apcar, and Crow, *forwards*.

BURN AND Co.—Taylor, *goal*; Donnithorne and McKerron, *backs*; Morris, Sinclair, and Cochrane, *half-backs*; Freeman, Wood, Kerr, J. Bonar, and H Bonar, *forwards*.

Referee—Mr A. O. Henry.

HOWRAH *vs.* RANGERS.—The Rangers gained another victory at Howrah last Saturday beating the home team by 2 goals to *nil*. Howrah were without E. Osborne and McLeod, while the visitors played Clerici instead of Anderson. The Rangers had all the best of the first half and scored two goals in great style, Whitie and Whelan being responsible. In the second half Howrah did all the attacking but in spite of many attempts were unable to score. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Behrend, *goal*; Templeton and Clerici, *backs*; Boilard, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *half-backs*; McKenna, Whitie, Whelan, Williams, and Russell, *forwards*.

HOWRAH.—A Bennett, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, H. Osborne, and Curtis, *half-backs*; J. Smith, Grieff, W. Smith, Jackson, and Ferrier, *forwards*.

Y. M. C. A *vs* K. O. S. B's.—These teams met on the Association ground on Monday, the Borderers winning by three goals to *nil*. Both teams played very hard during the first half but neither could score and the interval arrived nothing having been recorded. On resuming the Young Men went to pieces and, despite the efforts of Crow and Cooper the Borderers put on three goals. Kennedy drew first blood taking advantage of a chance given him by Baldwin: they forced matters and Walls found the net after a nice piece of passing by Cassidy and Kennedy. Williams made some clever saves but was beaten a third time, Walls again scoring. Teams :—

Y. M. C. A.—Williams, *goal*; Baldwin and Yackjee, *backs*; Cooper, Rosser and Power, *half-backs*; Crow, Simmons, Apcar, Browne and Crow, *forwards*.

K. O. S. B.—Brocklehurst, *goal*; McDonald and Gouldie, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart and Bradley, *half-backs*; Cassedy, Kennedy, Walls, Bruce and Nielson, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Flatnauer, Dalhousie.

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—A huge crowd assembled to witness the return match between these teams played on the Dalhousie ground on Tuesday. In the first match Dalhousie had checked the victorious career of the Highlanders and Tuesday's match was looked forward to with great interest. The home team were without three good men and were ultimately beaten by two goals to one. The 93rd were the first to attack and after a few minutes' play Lockhart headed in. They continued to press and bombarded the home goal, but Peake was in great form and saved in fine style. Watts got away once or twice but to do purpose and just before half time Montgomery scored for the Highlanders. On changing ends the Dalhousie men played hard and even play followed till the 93rd forced a corner. Rosser got possession from the kick and running down beat Coventry. The Highlanders were pressing when time was called, but no further scoring had taken place.

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; Mowat, McGovan, McLean, *half-backs*; Hogg, Montgomery, Quin, Pollock, Lockhart, *forwards*.

DALHOUSIE F. C.—Peake, *goal*; Wade and Bushby, *backs*; Dalling, Wallace, Phelps, *half-backs*; Smith, Rosser, Watts, Johnson, Echlin, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Percy Willder.

BURN & Co. *vs.* 64TH B. F. A.—This match played at Howrah on the 30th instant resulted in a draw of three goals all. The Engineers got away and Kerr drew first blood, but the Gunners came down and forced a corner from which Wratten equalised. Burn and Co. got going again and Wood put on a second goal. The 64th were not to be beaten and Shirt equalised matters. On resuming after half time the military reurned to the attack and Shirt scored a third goal. Burn and Co. played hard till they had drawn level, Sinclair finding the net. No further scoring took place, the game ending in a draw. Teams :—

BURN'S A. C.—Taylor, *goal*; Donnithorne and McKerron, *backs*; McFadyen, Sinclair and Cochrone, *halves*; Freeman, H. Bonar, Wood, J. Bonar and Kerr, *forwards*.

64TH R. F. A.—Quin, *goal*; Prince and Donnelly, *backs*; Lockens, Corby and Harrison, *halves*; Wratten, Shirt, Lieutenant Shaw, Nicoll and Dodds, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Ribbins, Howrah United.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

I. F. A. CHALLENGE SHIELD.—The results of the drawings are as follows :—

1ST ROUND.

A.—Sova Bazaar *vs.* Rangers.
B.—Chinsura *vs.* Calcutta F. C.
C.—Hare Sporting *vs.* Howrah United.

The following drew byes :—Royal Irish Rifles, K. O .S. B.'s Dalhousie, Customs, and 93rd Highlanders.

(*To be played by the 18th July.*)

2ND ROUND.

D.—93rd Highlanders *vs.* R. I. Rifles.
E.—Dalhousie *vs.* Winners of C.
F.—Customs *vs.* Winners of B.
G.—K. O. S. B.'s *vs.* Winners of A.

(*To be played by the 25th July.*)

SEMI-FINALS.

X.—Winners of F. *vs.* Winners of D.
Y.—Winners of E. *vs.* Winners of G.

(*To be played by 30th July.*)

FINAL.

X. *vs.* Y

(*To be played on the 1st August.*)

THE TRADES CUP.—The following are the drawings for the above competition :

1ST ROUND.

1.—Mohan Bagan *vs.* E. B. S. Railway.
2.—Calcutta Boys' School *vs.* Aryan F. C.
3.—National Associations *vs.* Medical College.
4.—Moslem F. C. *vs.* Y. M. C. A.
5.—Seebpore *vs.* Sporting Union.
6.—Entally *vs.* Mahomedan Sporting.
7.—Calcutta United *vs.* Stalwart Sporting.
8.—Bengal-Nagpore Ry. *vs.* St. Joseph's.
9.—Howrah Sporting *vs.* Dalhousie (B. Team).
10.—Port Commissioners *vs.* St. Xavier's College.

The following drew byes : Calcutta Union, Chowringhee, Jamalpore Gymkhana, Jamalpore Apprentice Engineers, and Gaurangdi.

2ND ROUND.

A.—Winners of 9 *vs.* Winners of 1.
B.—Winners of 8 *vs.* Winners of 3.
C.—Winners of 4 *vs.* Calcutta Union.
D.—Winners of 7 *vs.* Winners of 10.
E.—Winners of 6 *vs.* Chowringhee
F.—Winners of 2 *vs.* Winners of 5.
G.—Jamalpore Gymkhana *vs.* Gaurangdi.

(*To be played at Jamalpore.*)

Jamalpore A. E. Bye.

3RD ROUND.

H.—Winners of C. *vs.* Winners of A.
K.—Winners of D. *vs.* Winners of B.
L.—Winners of E *vs.* Winners of F.
M.—Winners of G. *vs.* Jamalpore A. E.

(*To be played at Jamalpore.*)

SEMI-FINALS.

X.—Winners of H. *vs.* Winners of K.
Y.—Winners of L. *vs.* Winners of M.

FINAL.

X. *vs.* Y.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE defeat of Calcutta by the 93rd Highlanders in the return match between the two teams extinguished any chances the premier Civilian Club may have possessed of heading the League table at the close of the competition and now that the first and second positions are assured public interest in the League matches shows unmistakeable signs of being on the wane. This is, however, only temporary, as when the struggle for the Shield commences there will be no lack of keenness on the part of players or spectators.

An incessant drizzling rain, a slippery ground and a wet heavy ball were the depressing conditions under which the Calcutta and 93rd Highlanders' match was played, but, despite these drawbacks, there was a solid phalanx of spectators all round the ground testifying to the interest taken in the meeting of these two teams With the exception that Gahan again filled Gillespie's place the Calcutta eleven was at full strength as was the case also with their opponents whose splendid condition stood them in good stead on the heavy going. The play during the first half was very even, each side in turn attacking, but the shooting in consequence of the wet ball was very erratic, and the efforts of the Calcutta forwards were repeatedly frustrated by the sound defence of the home backs. Cooper, Fyfe, and the younger Sherman worked hard and continuously, the latter especially being noticeable on several occasions for clever foot work and some well-placed centres. Eventually from a throw in by Wallace, the military forwards dribbled down and from some scrambling play on the left wing Montgomery sent in a cross shot which Buckley should have had no difficulty in saving, but he endeavoured to fist out, instead of handling, and missed, and as no further score took place before the interval the Fort team led by 1 goal to nil.

Shortly after the restart Cooper obtained possession from Crawford and running down passed to Fyfe, who was badly fouled and from the ensuing penalty Cooper brought the scores level. Immediately afterwards, however, the Highlanders' forwards ran down in a body and after a very feeble resistance on the part of the visitors' backs Quin beat Buckley and put his side a goal ahead. Calcutta then pulled themselves together and it was with difficulty that Coventry successfully dealt with shots from Maunder and Stewart, the latter a particularly good one from the touch line. Hereabouts the "Red Shirts" were having rather the better of the game, but the Fort custodian was in fine form and repulsed a lovely shot by the younger Sherman in great style. Another score was shortly forthcoming as the 93rd left wing combined prettily and Hogg, with a hard shot, put the third and last goal to the credit of his side.

The winners were undoubtedly greatly assisted in their victory by the conditions under which the game was played, but at the same time there is no question as to their being the better team. Their defence in which Wallace, Coventry and especially Mowatt were very conspicuous, was noticeable for its soundness and for the accuracy with which the backs fed their front rank. Pollock and Quin were the pick of the forwards, and these two men combined very prettily and with great effect. For Calcutta Buckley was not at his best and the forwards were disappointing.

Cooper worked hard, but was too well watched, and Fyfe made several mistakes. Stewart showed pace, but was outweighted. Of the half backs Walker played better than we have yet seen him, but Maunder showed a falling off, and Crawford was rather too slow. Todd as usual was very sound and Gahan improved on his display at Dum-Dum.

A more dispiriting display than that between Dalhousie and the K.O.S.B. it would be difficult to imagine, and the sultriness of the weather cannot be held entirely accountable for the absolute lack of energy shown by the Trades' team. For some unaccountable reason the entire formation of the side was altered and as a reshuffling of position took place on more than one occasion during the progress of the game it was not surprising that the team was at sixes and sevens. Four fouls in the first five minutes of the game from the third of which Byers scored was a rather tame beginning. Rosser and Watts, however, made desperate efforts to equalise, but these were repeatedly spoilt by

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Echlin, who was playing a wretchedly poor game. Before the end of the first half Cassidy scored the second goal and he should have added to this shortly afterwards but for his weakness for playing to the gallery. After the interval the Dum-Dum team simply made rings round their opponents, but thanks to the excellent goal-keeping of Peake and the untiring defence of Bushby they were unable to score and so left the field victors by 2 goals to love.

Peake, Bushby and Rosser appeared to be the only members of the Dalhousie eleven who were capable of "raising a gallop" and it was difficult to account for the inclusion of Alexander, who was useless throughout. Byers was playing well for the winners before he was injured and Bruce was conspicuous on one or two occasions, but the whole side took matters far too easily.

The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Burn's, which took place on the ground of the first-named club, was unfortunately marred by a most regrettable exhibition of temper on the part of two of the players which the Referee considered sufficiently serious to necessitate his ordering them both off the field and the matter is to be reported to the authorities. Foul play is undoubtedly very prevalent at the present time and it therefore behoves all Referees to deal with the evil with a strong hand. Penalty kicks are not sufficient punishment for deliberate and repeated foul play and therefore when a player is known, as are several of them, to persistently indulge in these tactics the football arena should be cleared of his presence.

To return to the game between the Y M. C. A. and Burn's the most noticeable absentee was Dodds, the Burns custodian, for whom Taylor was but a poor substitute. The Young Men were the better team, but they were only able to win by 2—0, a result which was largely due to the fine defence of Sinclair and Donnithorne. Apcar and Simmons, who scored the points, were very prominent for the winners as also was Yackjee, while Wood, the Burn's centre forward, was responsible for several tricky individual runs.

The return match between the League Champions of 1902 and the holders of the Shield drew an enormous crowd to the Highlanders' ground on Saturday last and a very even game was witnessed during the initial half, but after the resumption a somewhat lucky goal from McGovan appeared to dishearten the Borderers and infuse energy into their opponents with the result that the Fort team added two more goals during this period and so ran out winners by 3—0. Mowatt and McGovan played an exceptionally fine game for the 93rd, and it was due to their vigilance that Cassidy and his *confréres* got such few chances of scoring. On the other hand several promising efforts by the Highlanders' front rank were spoilt by Lockhart, who was penalised on three occasions for offside. Quin played a pretty game and scored two of the goals and Hogg and Montgomery proved useful, but the latter is inclined to be slow and is too fond of "tricks." Cassidy worked hard for the King's Own as did Kennedy, but the forwards all indulge in far too much passing without gaining ground.

Calcutta had a very near shave of being beaten by Dalhousie on Saturday last, as after a really good exhibition of football and a most exciting game, the premier club only just scored the winning point a few minutes before the call of time. Dalhousie were without Peake, which was a severe loss, and Dennis played back in place of Gahan on the Calcutta side It was a fast game from the start and each side pressed in turn, but it fell to the lot of the younger Sherman, who fully maintained his previous good form, to draw first blood for the "Red Shirts" as he headed through from a centre by Stewart. Dalhousie, however, equalised shortly afterwards from a *mêlée* in front of the Calcutta goal and thus the score stood at one goal all at half time. After the restart the next point went to Dalhousie and matters looked ominous for the home team, but the elder Sherman, after having played considerably under his form, came out with one of his brilliant shots and scored a beautiful goal from near the 25 line. This was shortly added to by a hard shot from Cooper, which gave his side the victory although a draw would have more truly represented the trend of the game. Dennis was a distinct improvement on Gahan at back, but the reshuffling of the forwards is I think a mistake.

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FOOTBALL IN RANGOON.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE CUP.—The following are the drawings in the first round of the Senior League Cup :—

Burma Social Club *vs* 70th Coy. R. G.
61st Coy., R. G. A. *vs* Collgte. Sch. F. C. A.
Rangoon Club *vs.* Gym. Club, A. A.
King's Regiment, A. *vs.* Gn. Offrs. F. C.

THE JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP.—The drawings in this competition resulted as follows :—

1ST ROUND.

1 Collgte Sch. F.C., B. *vs.* Cantmut. Club.
2. St. John's College *vs.* King's Regt., C.
3. Rangoon College *vs.* Burma Untd. F.C.
4. Gymkhana Club, B. *vs.* Govt. Sch. of Eng.
5. Diocesan School *vs.* King's Regt., B.
6. St. Paul's School, A. *vs.* Y.M. C. A.

Byes :—Baptist College, St. Paul's School, B.

2ND ROUND.

7. Baptist College. *vs* Winners of 1.
8. Winners of 2. *vs.* Winners of 3.
9. Winners of 4. *vs.* Winners of 5.
10. Wnineis of 6. *vs.* St. Paul's School, B.

SEMI-FINALS.

11. Winners of 7 *vs.* Winners of 8.
12. Winners of 9 *vs.* Winners of 10.

FINALS.

13. Winners of 11 *vs.* Winners of 12.

Golf.

NOTES ON THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THIS week's mail papers bring us full details of this competition at Prestwick, and it is clear that the meeting was no less brilliantly successful throughout than the Amateur event at Muirfield a month previously. It opened with the professional Golfing Association's match between England and Scotland in which contrary to all expectation the latter proved successful halving the singles in which James Braid inflicted a severe defeat upon Harry Vardon, and winning the foursome by a single point after a great struggle; considering that Scotland lacked the services of such representative golfers as Andrew Kirkaldy, Archie Simpson, Willie Auchterlonie and A. H. Scott, her success against the very powerful English team must have come as a welcome surprise to north country golfers. Next came the contest for the blue riband itself, Harry Vardon starting favourite in spite of his recent defeat at the hands of Braid, with Taylor, Herd, Braid and in a less degree Tom Vardon and Jack White most fancied of the other professionals, and Messrs Maxwell and Hilton alone among the amateurs being regarded as having any chance in the lamented absence of Mr. John Ball. To cut a long story short it once more proved to be a case of Vardon first and the rest no where or rather of Vardons first and second. Harry Vardon won his fourth championship by six strokes with rounds of 73, 77, 72, and 78; he led by four strokes at the end of the first day's play, and after adding a 72—a fresh record—to his total of 150 contented himself with a steady 78 for his final round When the Championship was last held at Prestwick in 1898 Harry Vardon won by a single stroke from Willie Park on an aggregate score of 307, and it was Considered and rightly that the form shown had never been surpassed in a championship contest: this year he does 300, and could almost certainly have improved on his figures in the last round if necessary, while his second was debited with three unnecessary strokes by real bad luck at the seventeenth hole. Haskell balls no doubt make some difference—but what of the man himself—"not a man at a' just a d—d "automaton" as Andrew Kirkaldy once called him—but, even with all due reverence to young Tom Morris, without a doubt the finest golfer of all time. Tom Vardon's success in running second to his brother will have been very popular too, and to none more welcome than to one who can look back on many a good game with the present Sandwich professor when he was working under George Low at St. Ann's some ten or twelve years ago. His particular rival Jack White of North Berwick, Seaford and Sanningdale came out third, a proud position and one which he has occupied before, and then we have, two more of the famous quartette in Herd and Braid, and then three more places down, Taylor. It is a wonderful thing when one thinks what a small thing a stroke at golf may be to see how the cracks all of them and almost without exception come out on top. The Amateur contingent did not show up at all well. Mr. Maxwell leading off with 82 and 84, very poor rounds for him: he pulled himself together on the second day with two splendid serves of 74, but it was too late, and he could not get nearer than 14th Mr. Hilton finished up 27th with an aggregate of 324, 15 strokes worse than in 1898 when he was third to Vardon and Park: and the rest were literally nowhere. Like or even more than several others 1903 will have every claim to be known as Vardon's year.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE BOMBAY MEDAL.—The annual competition for this medal ended on the 20th instant in a win for Major Waller. Entries were few but play was of a better standard than that of last year.

The conditions were two rounds of the Guindy Links, handicap, against Colonel Bogey. Results :—

	Handicap.	
Major E Waller, I A	5	3 up
Lieut C M Hare	5	1 down
F M Robinson	5	3 "
D Annan	4	4 "
Comdr W Mitchell	5	4 "

GOLF IN RANGOON.

CALCUTTA SILVER MEDAL.—Twenty-four competitors turned out in the rain on the 20th and 21st ultimo; Mr. A. T. Watt won doing a very good round.

Mr A T Watt	87—3	=	84
" H Keene	99—12	=	87
" L G Dunbar, ...	89—0	=	89
Major G B Crawley, ...	91—0	=	91
Mr W G Binning, ...	97—6	=	91
Capt W Donnan, ...	106—15	=	91

GOLF AT KARACHI.

OVER 40 *vs.* UNDER 40.—Played on the 20th instant, and after some interesting play resulted in a win for the younger men by 5 holes. Results :—

OVER 40	HOLES.	UNDER 40	HOLES.
Col McCloghry ...	—	Revd A Cant	6
Mr Brice	1	Mr Harrison	—
Mr Jacob	0	Mr Taylor	0
Mr Cameron ...	0	Mr Miller	0
Major Duhan ...	—	Mr Tod	3
Dr Summers ...	—	Mr McConaghy ...	3
Col Cubitt	6	Mr Corbett	—
Total ...	7	Total	— 12

GOLF AT POONA.

The following is the result of the Ladies' Monthly Medal, played on Yerrowda Links on Wednesday, 24th June :—

Miss Low	55—15=40	winner
Mrs Cadel	51—10=41	
Miss Martin	55—10=45	
Mrs Bagshawe	67—20=47	
Mrs R. Anderson	44+ 4=48	
Mrs Fawcett	58—10=48	
Mrs Carter	49—Scr=49	
Mrs Bayard	59—10=49	
Miss Clements	71—20=51	

Racquets.

POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT.

THE following are the entries representing various branches of the service :—

1. BRITISH CAVALRY.

Capt Bayford, 15th Hussars
Lieut Wilson, 10th Hussars

2. ROYAL ARTILLERY—(FIRST PAIR).

Br.-Gen Bingham, R. A.
Col Carter, R. A.

3. ROYAL ARTILLERY—(SECOND PAIR).

Capt Parry, R. A.
Lieut Forsyth, R. A.

4. BRITISH INFANTRY—(FIRST PAIR).

Capt Barker, The Buff
Capt Hood, The Buffs

5. BRITISH INFANTRY—(SECOND PAIR).

Capt Frith, Oxford L. I.
Lieut Weatherby, Oxford L. I

6. BRITISH INFANTRY—(THIRD PAIR)]

Capt Knight, The Buffs
Lieut Oakes, The Buffs

7. THE FOURTH ARM.

Major Chitty, Mounted Infantry.
Capt Gresson, Mounted Infantry.

8. BENGAL CAVALRY.

Major Young, 6th Bengal Cavalry.
Major Cheyne, 8th Bengal Cavalry.

9. ARMY VETY. DEPARTMENT.

Lt.-Col Hazleton, A.V.D.
Capt Jocelyn, A.V.D.

The ties have been drawn as follows.

FIRST TIME.

No 3.....Plays.....No 4

SECOND TIMES.

A.	Winner 1st Tie Plays	...		No. 2
B.	No. 1	...	Plays ...	No. 5
C.	No. 6	...	Plays ...	No. 7
D.	No. 8	...	Plays ...	No 9

THIRD TIES.

Winner A	Plays	Winner B
Do C	Plays	Do D

The first and second ties to be played off before Tuesday, 22nd June.

The best of three games in each match. Finals best of five games.

Boxing.

SOUTH INDIA A. A. COMPETITION.

First Day, Thursday, 25th June 1903.

BOXING has been added to the public sports given by the South India Athletic Association and a competition opened on the 25th ultimo, the first night's proceedings proving a great success. The entries are restricted to British Troops and Volunteers. The competitors comprise men from the Leicestershire Regiment and the Durhams and a couple of Artillerymen. The auxiliary forces are represented by only one man, C. D'Costa, who proved himself very fit. Some competitors entered too late to be included in the tournament, but the Association was offered a special prize of Rs. 50 for which they will compete. There was a good attendance and proceedings were under the patronage of Major General Sir Norman Stewart, Bart., C.B. Commanding Madras District. Lieutenant R. St. C. Houston, A. V. D., acted as Referee, Lieutenants J. H. O Groves, R. G. A., and C. T. M. Hare, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, as Judges, Mr. J. Duggan as Time-keeper, and Sergeant-Major Gates, of the 52nd Co., R. G. A., as Master of Ceremonies. Details:—

FEATHER WEIGHTS UP TO 9ST.

Vol. C. D'Costa M. V. G., beat Drummer Walker, 1st Leicester Regiment.

The volunteer was very quick and in spite of being lighter than his opponent was not to be beaten. The first round was very even but D'Costa had the best of the second and third bouts and was declared winner on points.—

LIGHT WEIGHTS UP TO 10ST.

Pte. Murphy beat Pte. Wilks, 1st Leicestershire Regt.

Murphy was heavier than Wilks and rushed his man, having the best of matters. Both fought well, but at the end of the three rounds Murphy was declared the winner.

Pte. Hayward beat Pte. Bown, 1st Leicestershire Regt.

This proved a very even and interesting fight. Hayward tried to rush his opponent but without much success The first two rounds were very level and at the end of the third the issue was still doubtful, so an extra round was fought in which Hayward obtained the verdict.

Sergt. Bown beat Pte. Bennett., 1st Leicestershire Regt.

Bown had the best of it all through quite outclassing Bennett, and displaying good training and science. Bennett got in some hard blows but Bown always got in a good return and leading throughout was declared winner.

Second Day, Friday, 26th June 1903.

The proceedings on the second day were interesting as the following results will show :—

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Pte. Murphy beat Pte. Hayward, 1st Leicestershire Regt.

Hayward had the best of the first round, but in the second round he lost his head and Murphy sent in a hard one which knocked his opponent out.

Lce.-Corpl. Cunningham beat Sergt. Bown, 1st Leicestershire Regt.

Bown got the better of the opening exchanges, but a heavy left hander from Cunningham floored him, but he was soon up again. In the second round Cunningham got in a couple of hard ones. Bown got to close quarters in the last round, but Cunningham was not to be beaten and got the verdict.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Pte. Bailey beat Pte. Geary. 1st Leicestershire Regt. Wild and furious fighting took place, clinching being frequent. Very little science was displayed, Bailey's weight helping him to win.

Dr. Thomson, 35th Batter, R. T. A., beat Bmbdr. Gibson, 12th Batter, R. T. A.

Hard fighting took place Gibson being quick, but Thomson having the advantage of weight. The second round was mostly in favour of Thomson, but Gibson got in a hard one at the close of the round. At the end of the third round each man had 12 points. The verdict was given to Thomson.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 26th June 1903.

THE Final Heat of the Four Lengths Handicap was contested this evening. In the absence of Mr. H. S. Harvey Mr. G. Brown was permitted to swim in the Final by virtue of his right as fastest loser in the preliminary heats. The race was well fought out, Kennedy securing first honours by 2 secs. from Govan, with Brown, who swam splendidly, a good third and Remfry only an inch behind. The following were the times :—

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	K. M. Kennedy ...	20 secs.	1 min. 58 sec.
2	W. Govan ...	25 "	2 min. 5 "
3	G. Brown ...	9 "	1 min. 50½ "
4	H. G. Remfry ...	27 "	2 min. 9 "

Mr. Batbo acted as Judge and Mr Henderson as starter.

The next event will be a six lengths handicap on Friday, 10th July.

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The Naturalist.

INDIAN BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

REPORT—1ST MAY 1903.

THE Society for the Protection of Birds has been called into existence by the pitiless destruction which has for long past been carried on over the whole world. Hundreds of thousands of birds have been sacrificed in the interests of fashion and commerce, under circumstances that must arouse the sympathy of the most hard-hearted and unsentimental. The actual wearing of birds' feathers, or the skins of animals, would be a matter of comparatively small moment, were the fashion kept within reasonable limits, and were the trade carried on with some conception of the laws of humanity. Unfortunately from the desire for gain on the one hand, and for birds' plumes on the other, many creatures not only beautiful, but of vast importance from the agriculturists' point of view, have been ruthlessly slaughtered—in only too many cases under circumstances of revolting cruelty.

The Indian branch was started on 1st March 1901, by the present Honorary Secretary, at the pressing request of the parent society. As was pointed out at the time, it is impossible for the ordinary Englishman in India to give anything like sufficient leisure to secretarint work of this kind. The Honorary Secretary begs therefore that the various subscribers and others will read this Report with lenient eyes, dwelling rather on what has been accomplished, than on what has been left undone.

Before recounting the details of the Society's efforts, the Honorary Secretary wishes to record most gratefully the immense help given him by Mr. E Comber and Mr. Spence of Bombay, not only since the inception of the "Branch," but during his year's furlough. Without their ungrudging aid, the movement must have collapsed.

Thanks are also due to the Editors of the *Indian Field*, the *Indian Sporting Times*, the *Asian*, and the *Indian Daily Telegraph*, for the support they have always rendered by lending their columns to the publication of the views of the Society, and for their kindness in obtaining and forwarding information on important questions.

As regards the work of the branch during the past two years, it may be briefly stated to have been satisfactory. First and foremost, a "Bill" has been passed by the Supreme Government, prohibiting the export of birds' skins and feathers, save for, and by, scientific collectors and naturalists.

In November, 1900, the Honorary Secretary, with the aid of numerous members of the Society, drew up a Report at the instance of the Government of the United Provinces, who wished to collect facts for the Legislative Council to work upon, in which this particular manner of meeting the depredations of plume-hunters was advocated.

The Hon Sir Allan Arthur, moreover, kindly received a letter, drawn up by the Honorary Secretary and signed by over sixty Lucknow residents. In it was pointed out the destruction of game and birds in Lucknow.

On H. E. the Victory's visit to Burma strong representations were made by those in Rangoon interested in the matter, and there seems but little doubt that it is the combined efforts of the various Societies for the protection of game and birds that have caused the authorities to examine the question so closely

That matters are not quite in the parlous state that they were some years ago, is proved by the flourishing existence of several energetic Societies. Of these the *Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association* has done wonders, not only in improving the conditions that existed in the hills of Southern India, but in stirring up public opinion generally on the subject. That their sympathies are not merely confined to game is evident from the most generous donation of Rs. 50 which was voted to the *Indian Branch Society for the Protection of Birds.*

Mr. Hadfield, the Honorary Secretary, has kindly forwarded copies of the "Rules" of the Association, and of the Madras Act of 1879. It is to be regretted that section 4 of this Act does not apparently include animal, bird, or fish, other than those "useful for food," and we would draw the attention of the Association to the fact in view of its being remedied. *Mysore* also is fortunate in having a *Game and Fish Preservation Association.* Through the kindness of the Honourary Secretary, Mr. Thos Hunt, we have received "Regulation No. 11 of 1901 of the Mysore Government. Though too long to quote, it is "a Regulation to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of wild animals and birds and to provide for the protection of Game and Fish in Mysore."

The statistics of the Association's effort are excellent and show at once the need for such agencies and the usefulness of their work. At the same time it is to be feared that not only in Mysore, but in Hyderabad where most excellent and stringent (on paper) protection laws has been passed, they are administered almost entirely with regard to the European sportman. The native *shikari* and meat-hunter are, as often as not, entirely unmolested, more particularly if a little *bakshish* can be squeezed out of them by the forest guard or police. While it is perfectly right that any European—should he trangress the game laws—be promptly brought to account, it is useless to legislate, unless some restriction is placed upon the professional hunter.

In Kashmir the careful preservation of game has prevented that country from being shot out as was quickly being done. It is a difficult matter, however, to stop "snow driving" in the winter. All those who know the "hills" in winter, realise the terribly destructive waste caused by these drives.

Numerous Municipalities have passed local bye-laws to protect the fauna—more especially during the breeding season—but it is to be feared that they are in most cases a dead letter. In the lower Himalayas in and around the various cantonments, shooting is prohibited between 15th March and 10th September Nevertheless, throughout the summer, pheasants and partridges are shot *on their nests* by the natives, and sold in the barracks.

The native offender is rarely caught. He is far too careful. If he is detected, the result in nine cases out of ten is a hopelessly inadequate fine. The difficulty of imposing a suitable punishment is admitted. When only an occasional delinquent is caught it means that numbers are escaping detection. Were several offenders detected and punished by a sharp fine or imprisonment it might do good, but nothing that can be inflicted in an occasional instance will be sufficient to deter others from running the (practically non-existent) risk.

The Calcutta sporting papers have called attention to the "Traffic in Trophies," and "Personally-Conducted Sport." Into the ethics of the latter we not enter, but as regards the former, there is only too much reason to fear that certain Europeans, probably cold weather tourists, furnish the market for these goods. The subject is one that demands more space than can be allotted to it here, beyond remarking that it is one that undoubtedly calls for registration.

The authorities of the Bombay Presidency have also begun to do their share towards protection, and with a Viceroy who has shown so much practical sympathy as Lord Curzon, it is not without hope that we continue to press forward our petition for still more restriction to be imposed on ignorant and wanton slaughter.

In so doing we are not animated by any desire to prevent the native from enjoying his rights. Rather, on the other hand, will a careful protection of many insectivorous birds prove a blessing to the agriculturist. Fortunately the average Indian—other than the professional hunter and certain wandering tribes—molests birds but little. To this has been due the comparative immunity enjoyed by our fauna. But, though the higher castes are true vegetarians, the lower classes, and of course Mahomedans and Christians will all eat meat if they can get it. Thus a demand for game (birds and animals) is created, which has been met in places with a zeal totally oblivious of the harm that wanton destruction causes.

Quite apart from mere sentiment, and from a desire on the part of the sportsman to preserve game for his own enjoyment, it is absolutely essential that destruction should not proceed beyond reasonable bounds.

A certain gentleman, well known throughout India as a naturalist and "great game" shot, informed the Honorary Secretary some time ago that, while before the late famine in the Central Provinces, he had knowledge of two man-eating tigers in his district, towards the end of the distress the number had increased to no less than *seven*. This he attributed to the terrible destruction by every *shikari* of deer, antelope, and pig, the natural prey of the great felidae. Water was so scarce that any small pool was safe to attract the thirsty animals where they were immediately shot irrespective of age or sex. The leopards and tigers being without their usual food took to man-eating. This may be an exceptional locality, but we think it shows at any rate one risk attendent on excessive slaughter.

In the *Field* of the 14th February, 1903, notice was given to an issue of the Khedivial Agricultural Society in which attention was called apparently none too soon, to the great diminution in the number of useful birds in the neighbourhood of Cairo. The writer (Dr. Innes) tells of the almost total extermination of the buff-backed heron (*Ardea bubulcus*) which is more commonly known as the cattle egret from its habit of attending the herds that wander over the plains. In this connection it may be mentioned that the only asuthenticated British-killed specimen was "shot (in 1805) while following some cowe and picking up insects."

Birds of this species follow the plough and pick up mole-crickets and larvæ. Capt. Shelley says that they cause "great havoc among the locusts and other insects."

They were so common in the past, and did so much good, that many travellers confounded them with the sacred ibis. Dr. Innes attributes the reduction in the numbers of this useful bird to "so-called sportsmen, who kill for the sake of killing." He also points out that, unless a stop be put to reckless shooting, so as to allow the birds to increase, it will be necessary to take steps involving considerable expense, for the destruction of injurious insects.

Many more instances could be given of the benefit of certain birds and animals, and of the injurious effects likely to result from their destruction.

The Government has appointed a special entomologist to watch over the interests of the agriculturist and the planter and doubtless he will be able shortly to give much valuable information as to the action of birds in keeping down destructive insect plagues.

A glance at the balance sheet will show a considerable amount in hand. The reason for this is that, during the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the expenses were very small, while on the other hand, the donation from the Nilgiri Association considerably swelled the funds.

The Honorary Secretary proposes to publish pamphlets during the year dealing with the protection of birds and game. Furthermore he is making arrangements to supply gratis, "Bird Notes and News" to all annual subscribers of Rs. 2 and upwards, and to all Life members.

The Honorary Secretary wishes to point out that to do this will entail considerable outlay, and he appeals to those who take an interest in the Fauna of India, to aid by sending their subscriptions, however small, and by inducing their friends to become members. Furthermore, numerous subscribers have not sent their subscription for the past year, in some cases for the past two years.

It is doubtless not the amount that is the cause, but the little trouble that must be incurred in sending it. Will those who have so kindly supported the Society's efforts in the past, continue their aid? An appeal is especially made to the native nobility and gentry. Their feelings and religious predilections are in favour of the protection of animal life. Yet but few of their names appear on the list. Money is wanted for publishing advertising, postage, and for the usual expenses attendant on carrying on a work of this kind. It was found that a large number of persons were deterred by the idea that the Society looked askance at followers of Sport and Natural History, and it has been no easy matter to eradicate this impression.

The only rules that are binding on members are :—

(i) That they shall discourage the *wanton* destruction of birds (and animals) and interest themselves generally in their protection.

(ii) That they shall refrain from wearing the feathers of any bird not killed for food, the Ostrich only excepted.

(iii) That they shall endeavour to recognise fully the breeding seasons of the various species and refrain from sport at those times. (This is not intended to prohibit naturalists from indulging in their several pursuits, but it is taken for granted that their innate sense of what is right and proper will cause them to act with moderation.)

(iv) That they shall endeavour to act as becomes true sportsmen and lovers of nature and to induce others to do the same.

MEMBERS.

Any person may become a member of the Society, on paying the sum of two annas as registration fee and agreeing to the object of the Society as stated in the rules.

ASSOCIATES.

Members may become Associates of the Society on agreeing to pay one rupee or more annually, and Life Associates, a donation of one gold mohur.

Associates who subscribe five rupees and upwards annually and donors of five gold mohurs, will receive a copy of each new publication as issued.

Subscribers of one gold mohur annually will be designated Fellows.

It is to be hoped that all sportsmen, naturalists, and lovers of birds and animal life, will be induced to lend their influence and financial aid—the smallest subscription and donation—to enable the Society to defray the few necessary expenses.

The number of letters and communications that have to be written, before individuals make up their minds to join, is very great, and numbers of circulars and letters have to be despatched to which no answer is vouchsafed. Such work should really be carried out by a clerk, but until further funds are forthcoming, it is impossible to employ one. In the meanwhile every advantage possible must be taken of the means at our disposal.

It is to be hoped that those who had supported the Society this year will not only not withdraw their aid, but will endeavour to further its aims and objects by inducing others to join. The Society for the Protection of Birds, which in India also includes wild animals generally, does not propagate the views of a few faddists, but endeavours to prevent by reasonable means the extermination or undue diminution of our Indian fauna.

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THURSDAY, 9th JULY 1903.

"LAWN TENNIS AT HOME AND ABROAD."

THE appearance of a book bearing this comprehensive title reminds us that the most popular of outdoor games has lived down competition that more than once threatened to submerge it or drive it into obscurity. At the height of its popularity came the sudden discovery that the bicycle was a means of progression of which men of the better classes might make use equally with city clerks and shop boys; and lawn tennis lost the full devotion of some faithful adherents who had, theretofore, known no other love: then ladies took to the bicycle and lawn tennis suffered still more. The spread of golf affected the game not a little, but it has survived the rivalry of golf; the croquet revival, though not of so temporary a character as some ventured to predict, drew away some of the less ardent, or less successful, tennis players; but on the whole the position of lawn tennis is to-day stronger than ever. Its robust constitution is proved by the readiness with which it has lent itself to transplantation; football and cricket have been taken up by the select few in large towns in France and Germany: polo has caught on a necessarily more select few in France, Spain, and the United States; but no game has found such catholic acceptance among foreigners of active habit as lawn tennis. We frankly admit that until we read the book so ably edited by Mr. Wallis Myers we did not know how widely lawn tennis had been taken up by continental peoples or how strong the hold it has taken upon their affections. The tournament held at Homburg during the height of the season of that popular resort is perhaps the most eloquent proof of the cosmopolitan nature of the game to-day; the British visitor may have to face a French player in the first round, a Dutchman in the second and an Italian in the third. The King of Portugal is an enthusiastic player and many of his subjects are keen about the game. Mr G. W. Hillyard speaks with enthusiasm of the courts at the Cascacs Club near Lisbon; his visit thereto makes him deplore the backwardness of players at home in this respect. In Sweden the game flourishes under the patronage of the Crown Prince, and it is equally strong in Switzerland: indeed the Open Swiss Championships bring together as various an assemblage of nationalities as the Homburg tournament: Mr. R. B. Hough, who has won this championship on four different occasions, says that in 1898 he had to play, at Chateau d'Oex near Balle an American, a Frenchman, a Swiss, an Italian and an Austrian one after the other in successive rounds!

American players have come much to the front during comparatively recent years: a fact which may in some measure be due to the establishment of the Interscholastic Association in 1891, whereby recruits to the lawn tennis ground are "caught young" and rising talent is fostered, but in still greater degree, we imagine, to that scrupulous attention to minutiæ which distingusshes the American enthusiast in any game to which he devotes his attention. As proof of this we remember Mr. Dwight Davis on his visit to Wimbledon, resorting to one of the corner courts with a friend to practice the peculiar stroke for which he was so famous. For fully twenty minutes the friend "served" balls which Mr. Dwight Davis returned with that stroke and none other. Messrs. Davis and Holcombe Ward, it may be noted, held the Doubles Championship of the United States for the three years, 1899-1901, until beaten by the brothers Doherty in 1902 at Newport. They take their tennis very seriously in the States, every year the United States National Lawn Tennis Association appoints a committee of three to draw

up what is called the "Rank List:" this list contains the names of thirty or forty players in order of merit as adjudged by the committee and a place among the first ten is held a great distinction. Naturally, in a country where feeling runs so high on the game, a place on that committee is not a bed of roses; and the three, we gather, have abundant opportunity to learn the fullness of the truth concerning the impossibility of pleasing everybody. The keenness of the best American players is best shown perhaps by the fact that men travel from Chicago, 1,000 miles, and even from California, 3,000 miles to take part in the Western Championship Tournament in New York.

Reference to the American Interscholastic Association for Lawn Tennis suggests a curious point in connection with the game as played in England. At few, very few, of our public schools, and large schools other than public schools, is lawn tennis encouraged: few indeed offer any facilities in the shape of grounds. At small private schools we do find tennis courts, but these exist as the alternative to the cricket grounds which would be of little use to a school numbering fifteen or twenty boys; but by no stretch of meaning can the term "school game" be applied to it. The young tennis player serves his apprenticeship on the courts at home; it is essentially a holiday game for him, and he has seldom those opportunities for regular practice throughout the summer which make for expertness until he go to the University or starts life in business: in which latter case, if his tastes point tennis-ward he takes care to establish himself in "diggings" within reach of a club ground where he can get his game regularly in the evening. If it be desirable that Englishmen should hold their own in International Lawn Tennis, and success in Open Championships becomes more difficult of attainment and therefore more envaible every year, by reason of the increasing popularity of the game, then surely it were wise to take measures whereby it should be encouraged among school-boys. We hear much about the value of games and athletics and there is a strong faction in favour of compulsory games at school. While conceding that a love of cricket or football or both is a good thing in youth, it may be suggested that tastes in boys, as in men, differ and that a lad to whom cricket does not appeal is not *de facto* a loafer by preference: and that were opportunity offered he might prove a shining ornamen on the tennis court. Preference for rackets or fives over cricket has never, we think, been regarded as a defect of character so conspicuous as to call for correction, and ina much as the same qualities of activity, quickness of eye, alertness and coolness are brought into play by lawn tennis, there is no reason that we can perceive why lawn tennis should be as it were placed under a scholastic ban. In the earlier years of the game when the Britisher had it all to himself all started from pretty much the same plane and had equal chances one against another; but now the game has gained such wide acceptance and the best players of all nations meet regularly every year at one place or another the position is radically changed. Mr. H. S. Mahoney, who contributes an informing and thoughtful chapter to the work before us, observes that it appears to him to be only a matter of time before the Championship passes into the hands of American or continental players: he gives preference to the American for the reason we have been discussing, to wit that while the game is encouraged in the schools of the United States, it is barred to boys in British schools. He thinks that unless this is altered and soon altered we must look forward to taking "a back seat" in the early future. This is a contingency that must be deplored for many reasons: the most obvious being that lawn tennis is the only game of activity and skill which is played under the same rules and under the same conditions by all nations the world over: a circumstance which renders international play peculiarly easy; and peculiarly desirable because players of different nationalities are not handicapped by the necessity for conforming to new and strange rules when they visit new courts. We do not forget that they play on grass in England and America, on sand on many continental courts (wonderfully good and true the best of the sand courts are) on wood in some places and on cement or asphalte as we often do: in this country: these are the only differences and they are not wide enough to create distinctions or to baffle any player who has the least adaptability and the chance of a few days' practice before taking his place in a tournament. If lawn tennis is worth playing it is worth our while as a nation of athletes to try and keep our place at the top: this is a proposition we think none will deny.

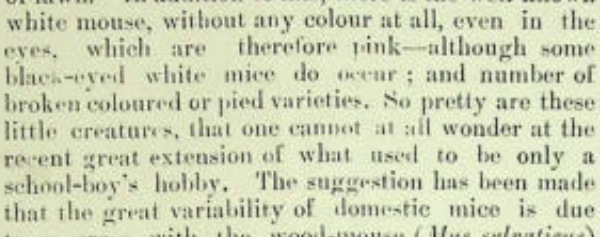
MICE AND MEN AT THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

AT the last scientific meeting of the London Zoological Society, on Tuesday, 26th May, most of the proceedings consisted in a most interesting discussion, chiefly conducted by Professors Weldon of Oxford and Bateson of Cambridge, of the principle known as Mendel's law of heredity, in its application to fancy mice and rats. A good series of these interesting little animals were on exhibit, mostly alive and the mice contributed an olfactory evidence of their presence in a most characteristic way. The varieties shown were extremely interesting; few people would not be astonished at the remarkable differences in colour shown by the common mouse which is now elevated to the rank of a fancy animal, and regularly shown. In the wild mouse (*Mus musculus*), and in the domestic variety known as "golden agouti," which for all practical purposes is identical in it, the familiar "mouse-colour" is produced by three-colour pigments, black, brown, and yellow. In the varietal forms anyone of these may predominate to the exclusion of the others, and thus we get black, chocolate, and fawn-coloured mice. Again, one pigment only may be represented but in a weak degree; in this case we get blue or slate colour corresponding to black; silver-fawn, to chocolate; and cream, a faint form of yellow or fawn. In addition to this, there is the well-known white mouse, without any colour at all, even in the eyes, which are therefore pink—although some black-eyed white mice do occur; and number of broken coloured or pied varieties. So pretty are these little creatures, that one cannot at all wonder at the recent great extension of what used to be only a school-boy's hobby. The suggestion has been made that the great variability of domestic mice is due to a cross with the wood-mouse (*Mus sylvaticus*) which is light brown above and white beneath, and is known to have been sometimes crossed with the house species in captivity, but from the known great variability of other domestic animals where there is no reason to suspect a cross, such an explanation seems unnecessary.

The rat in domestication varies far less than the mouse, only black, grey, and white colours usually appearing together with pied forms, the markings of which are far more definite than in mice. The theory of Mendel, an Austrian monk, whose work was published about the middle of the last century, has a distinct bearing on all questions of variation where the inheritance is one sided or alternative in respect of any particular character. He used peas as subjects for experiment, but other plants and animals also have been found to obey the same rules. Mendel's law states that when two individuals of a species possessing different characters are crossed, one character may disappear altogether in the offspring. This is therefore called the "recessive" character, the character which remains being the "dominant" Now, if these offspring, showing only the dominant character, be crossed *inter se*, the result will be, not uniform, like their parents, but different, like their grandparents, but those having the dominant character will preponderate; on the average there will be three dominants to one recessive.

These "recessives," if allowed to breed between themselves, will truly propagate the recessive character; but their "dominant" brothers and sisters, bred together, will not produce similar results. They will all look alike, but one-third of them, if crossed, will produce pure dominants again, while the other two-thirds will again produce a mixture of dominants and recessives, and this, as in the former case, will be in the proportion of three dominants to one recessive.

Thus the whole pedigree will come out as follows:—



To apply this to a concrete case: Cuenot, who has been experimenting on mice, found that when he crossed a grey wild mouse with a white tame mouse, the results were all grey. Grey, therefore, was here the dominant character, and white the recessive. When the grey mice thus bred were crossed together, 198 grey mice and 72 white ones were obtained. This comes very near the Mendelian proportion, which, out of the above number, should have shown 202·5 grey to 67·5 white.

Of course, no one who knows anything about breeding would expect a principle like this to work out absolutely exactly, and it is not surprising that there was a very lively and not altogether dignified debate on the subject. But there certainly seems reason to believe that Mendel's law is a principle of great importance, even if of only partial application. It is especially worthy of consideration by breeders, to whom it ought, when fully worked out experimentally, to be of the greatest assistance. In some cases it would seem to be unworkable from the start. Thus, pheasants, like mice, show dominant and recessive characters when crossed: an ordinary pheasant and a white one will produce ordinary birds, with rarely a few white specimens; but geese, when white and grey are crossed, come out pied, both character being well represented.

One or two points in the procedure of experimenters seem to need criticism. One is their custom of calling the result of crossing two-colour varieties "hybrids:" a quite incorrect term, as "hybrid" has for centuries been accepted as the name of a creature resulting from the union of two species existing distinct in a state of nature. The proper term would of course be "mongrel," that usually used to denote the offspring of varieties of the same species.

Secondly, in investigating matters of this kind, it would seem to be best to start with new varieties, not with creatures which have already been handled by breeders. A white mouse, known to be the offspring of wild grey parents, would be worth a dozen from some tame strain; and the white or cinnamon sparrows which occasionally crop up would be more valuable breeding-subjects than any domestic bird. In these cases one would, so to speak, start fair; while after an animal has been selectively bred for generations its power of transmitting its qualities to its offspring is positively known to be increased, which obviously introduces a new factor into the problem.

However, in whatever way these experiments are conducted, some valuable results are certain to be obtained, and it is highly satisfactory to find that some naturalists at any rate are seriously taking up the study of live animals as opposed to theorizing from their mortal remains.

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Mr T Simpson Jay's ch c FLORIFORM, by Florizel II, Maid of Athol, 5yrs ... 0
Sir R Waldie Griffiths' ch c VELES, by Isinglass—Velieda, 5yrs 0
Mr Wallace Johnstone's b c FOWLING PIECE, by Carbine—Galinne, 4yrs ... 0
Mr Foxhall Keene's ch c CONROY II, by St Leonards—Lady Invercauld, 5yrs ... 0
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LONDON, *Monday 6th, July 1903.*

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BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—10secs. by Wharton, 1886, Bradley 1893, Downer 1895, Wadsley and Cooper 1898, C. R. Thomas 1899 and A. F. Duffey since 1900.

1. A. F. Duffey, Georgetown University, America.

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BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—21⅘secs by C. G. Wood 1887.

1. A. G. F. Brewill, Loughborough Corinthians.

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BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—48⅖secs. by Tindall 1889, Bredin 1895 Standard time 52secs

1. A. McLachlan, Halifax.

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BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—1min. 53⅖secs. by Cross 1888. Standard time 2mins. 2secs.

1. B. J. Blunden, Blackheath Harriers.

1 MILE FLAT RACE.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—4mins. 17secs. by Bacon, 1895. Standard time 4mins. 30secs.

1. A. A. Shrubb, South London Harriers.

4 MILES FLAT RACE.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—19mins. 31⅗secs. A. A. Shrubb, 1902. Standard time 21mins.

1. A. A. Shrubb, South London Harriers.

120 YARDS HURDLES RACE.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—15⅘secs. Shaw 1895 on grass. Standard time 17secs.

1. G. R. Garnier, Oxford University.

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BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—13mins. 24⅖secs. W. J. Sturgess 1897. Standard time 14mins. 50secs.

1. E. J. Negus, Northampton Rodley Harriers.

HIGH JUMP.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—6ft. 4½ins. Leahy 1898. Standard 5ft. 7ins.

1. P. O'Connor, Waterford, Ireland.

LONG JUMP.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—24ft. 9ins. O'Connor 1901. Standard 20ft. 1

1. P. O'Conner, Waterford, Ireland.

POLE JUMP.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—11ft. 9ins. Dickinson 1891 Standard 10ft.

1. W. Morris.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—10lbs from 7ft. square

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—48ft. 2ins. by Horgan, 1897. Standard 36ft.

1. T. R. Nicholson, West of Scotland Harriers.

THROWING THE HAMMER.—16lbs. from 9ft. circle.

BRITISH AMATEUR RECORD.—163ft. 4ins. by Flanagan. 1900. Standard 110ft.

1. T. R. Nicholson, West of Scotland Harriers.

WINNERS SINCE 1893.

100 YARDS.

1893	C A Bradley	10	1898	F W Cooper	10
1894	C A Bradley	10⅕	1899	R W Wadsley	10⅕
1895	C A Bradley	10	1900	A F Duffey	10
1896	N D Morgan	10⅕	1901	A F Duffey	10
1897	H F Palmer	10⅕	1902	A F Duffey	10

¼ MILE.

1893	E C Bredin	49⅗	1898	W Fitzherbert	50
1894	E C Bredin	50	1899	R W Wadsley	51⅖
1895	W Fitzherbert	49⅗	1900	M W Long	49⅘
1896	J C Meredith	52	1901	R W Wadsley	49⅘
1897	S Elliott	53⅖	1902	G W White	50⅕

½ MILE.

1893	E C Bredin	1	55⅕	1898	A E Relf	1	56⅕
1894	E C Bredin	1	56⅘	1899	A E Tysoe	1	58⅗
1895	E C Bredin	1	55⅘	1900	A E Tysoe	1	57⅘
1896	A W de C King	2	1⅖	1901	J R Cleave	1	59⅘
1897	A E Relf	2	0⅖	1902	A B Manning	1	59⅘

1 MILE.

1893	F E Bacon	4	22⅕	1898	H Welsh	4	17⅕
1894	F E Bacon	4	25⅘	1899	H Welsh	4	26
1895	F E Bacon	4	17	1900	C Bennett	4	28⅕
1896	B Lawford	4	31⅗	1901	F G Cockshott	4	21⅗
1897	A E Tysoe	4	27	1902	J Binks	4	16⅘

4 MILES.

1893	C Pearce	20	12⅗	1898	C Bennett	20	14⅕
1894	F E Bacon	19	18⅕	1899	C Bennett	20	49⅖
1895	H A Munro	19	49⅘	1900	J T Rimmer	20	11
1896	H Harrison	20	27⅖	1901	A Shrubb	20	1⅘
1897	C Bennett	20	52⅘	1902	A Shrubb	20	1⅖

120 YARDS HURDLES.

1893	G B Shaw	16⅖	1898	H E Parkes	16⅖
1894	G B Shaw	16⅖	1899	W E Paget Tomlinson	16⅖
1895	G B Shaw	15⅘	1900	A C Kraenzlein	15⅖
1896	G B Shaw	15⅗	1901	A C Kraenzlein	15⅗
1897	A Trafford	17⅖	1902	G W Smith	16

TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE.

1893	G Martin	1898	G W Orton
1894	A B George	1899	W Stokes
1895	C J Wilkins	1900	S J Robinson
1896	S J Robinson	1901	S J Robinson
1897	G H Lee	1902	G Martin

TWO MILES WALK.

1901	G Deyermond	14mins 17secs.
1902	W J Sturgess	14mins 46⅘secs

LONG JUMP.

		ft.	ins.			ft.	ins
1893	T M Donovan	21	11	1898	W J M Newburn	23	7
1894	P M Donovan	20	8	1899	W J M Newburn	22	2
1895	W J Oakley	21	6½	1900	A C Kraenzlein	22	10¼
1896	C E H Leggatt	23	0¾	1901	P O'Connor	23	8½
1897	C E H Leggatt	21	4	1902	P O'Connor	23	7½

HIGH JUMP.

		ft.	ins.			ft.	ins.
1893	J M Ryan	6	2½	1898	P Leahy	5	10
1894	R Williams	5	9¾	1899	P Leahy	5	10
1895	J M Ryan	5	11¼	1900	I K Baxter	6	2
1896	M O'Brien	5	11	1901	I K Baxter	6	1
1897	C E H Leggatt	5	9	1902	S S Jones	6	3

POLO JUMP.

		ft.	ins.			ft.	st.
1893	R D Dickinson	11	2	1898	J Poole	10	3
1894	R D Dickinson	10	10	1899	E C Pritchard	9	1
1895	R D Dickinson	10	0	1900	B Johnson	11	4
1896	R E Forshaw	10	0	1901	I K Baxter	9	10
1897	J Poole	9	10¼	1902	F J Kauser	10	8

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

		ft.	ins.			ft.	ins.
1893	D Horgan	42	9	1898	D Horgan	45	1
1894	D Horgan	42	4	1899	D Horgan	46	0½
1895	D Horgan	44	3½	1900	R Sheldon	45	10½
1896	D Horgan	43	5½	1901	W W Cole	45	5½
1897	D Horgan	45	4	1902	W W Cole	42	10½

THROWING THE HAMMER

		ft.	ins.			ft.	ins.
1893	D Carey	123	4½	1898	T F Kiely	140	1
1894	W J M Barry	126	3½	1899	T F Kiely	136	4½
1895	M J M Barry	132	11½	1900	J Flanagan	163	1
1896	J Flanagan	131	11	1901	T F Kiely	148	6½
1897	T F Kiely	142	5	1902	T F Kiely	142	9

Sporting Notes.

SATURDAY morning was the occasion of much schooling over the hurdles on the Calcutta course. The first to go were a pair of Mr. Galstaun's, Mulwala, and a recent purchase, a chestnut gelding, the former jumping in rare style, and the latter, though a bit raw, showing great promise. Yuletide, Moonray, and First Guide then went a school, the last named jumping very "crabbed," as they say in Ireland, at the first flight and firmly declining to have anything to say to the second. Moonray jumps in good form and should make them hurry a bit at Tollygunge on Saturday.

Autocrat and a brown from Wishart's string then went round, Jack Spillain having the leg up on the former and Bloss on the brown. Autocrat has apparently no love for the game and was fencing in very slipshod style. The brown seemed to be a great lepper, and if he gallops as well as he jumps, should prove useful. The Captain (Smallman up) and a grey Arab ridden by a native boy also went a school. The Captain is a real good type of hurdler as he stands well off them and "lands going." He will take a lot of beating in the Monsoons.

Old Loch Arden went a nice half speed gallop with Spillain up. The old horse is looking as well as possible and like all Mr. Galstaun's string, reflects great credit on Hard.

We hear that old Marwari also went out over the sticks, but did not witness the performance. He is looking a bit of a rag just now, however, and will have to improve a lot before he is likely to do much good.

On Sunday morning a recent purchase of Mr. Orr's, a gray mare with a wonderful pedigree, was given a rough up over about 3 furlongs with the Arab Starlight. She failed to justify her breeding, however, as she was never in the hunt with the Arab.

The going is already beginning to be a bit hard, and the heat during the present break precludes anything but the slowest of slow work. Now is the time for all interested in the preparation of the noble animal to clap on the prayer for rain, and like the importunate widow of biblical fame, keep it going till answered.

Since Saturday practically nothing has been doing on the course so far as horses are concerned, with the exception of Pekin, who went a full school on Tuesday morning, Mr Evers up, along with a brown horse steered by Mr. Budley. Pekin was jumping very sticky, and seemed to find the absence of anything in the shape of cinders on the take-off side of the hurdles a distinct disadvantage, as he slid a length and a half before taking off at each flight. It would be conducive to better jumping if the Aryan gentleman who is erroneously supposed to exercise a fatherly care over the well-being of the course and those who use it, could be persuaded to expend a few much-needed cinders in front of the "leps." A fact which may be news to him is that it is a waste of time putting down cinders for a space only of three feet from the timber, as that is not where a horse collects himself for his jump!

If training work has been slack lately, the digging game has been going merrily and the open sepulchre extending across the galloping track at the half mile post is now large enough to form a family vault for the interment of all the trainers, jockeys and race horses in Calcutta. Considering that the course has done very fairly well for the last seven or eight years without having its bowels exposed in this ruthless manner, one might almost have thought that the matter might have been allowed to rest in peace till the end of the racing season, which would also, a mere layman would think, have been a more seasonable time for digging, but people on awakening from a prolonged slumber, are always as we know in a cast-iron hurry to get up and do something.

Mr. G. B. Deakin has returned from England looking remarkably fit.

William Opie, the jockey was found dead on Sunday morning in a house in a Calcutta back lane. On Saturday he seems to have fallen off some steps on to a paved courtyard below, was carried up to a room, complained of a pain at the base of his skull, and died during the night. Poor Opie, he was a rare good man over a country and twice won the Indian Grand National—on the late Mr. Acton Straw's Kimbolton in 1898 and on the same owner's Moss Trooper the following year.

The Ahmednagar Horse Show will be held on the 5th, 6th, and 7th November.

The following are the weights in the Maharajah's cup to be run at the forthcoming Bangalore meeting:—Promontory 9-12, Wallgrove 9-7, Harpist 9-6 Goldsmith 9-2, Knight Templar 9-0, Trenton 8-13, Milburn 8-8, Bouquet 8-5, Leonidas 8-1, Glenfield 7-9, The Gaffer 6-10, Strule 6-0. Top weight for those not accepting weights will be raised 4lbs. Harpist has been scratched for all his engagements. Trenton and Milburn are strong favourites.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a complimentary copy of Volume XV of the Calcutta Turf Club *Racing Calendar*, the only really authoritative publication of its kind on this side of India. It as well turned out and as carefully compiled as ever.

Lord Suffolk will rejoin His Excellency the Viceroy's Staff in October at Calcutta.

We regret to hear of the death of Lieutenant Cunliffe, 1st Battalion, the Queen's. He succumbed to enteric fever at Cherat on the 2nd instant.

The Lucknow Spring Meeting has been fixed for the 2nd, 4th, and 6th February.

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The second entries for the Civil Service Cup will be found in our Turf News to-day : they include English Rose, Ivanhoe II, belonging to that well-known Assam sporting gentleman Mr. C. H. Holder, Lady Cheltenham, Namuna and Bellmetal. We may remind our readers that third entries close on the 16th September.

The entries for the Army Cup now number thirty-three, the second entries, which closed on the 1st instant, having brought in an accession of ten—Dul-Dul, Toofan, Mudke, Mac, Euphrates, Eshton, Regret, Naseri, Better Luck II, and Young Prince. Third entries close on the 1st October.

We have to draw the attention of our readers to an error in the conditions of the Dehra Stakes as published last week in the prospectus of the Dehra Autumn Sky Meeting. As will be seen from an advertisement in our Turf columns, the word "maiden," wherever it occurs in the conditions of this race, is to be erased.

Mr. J. MacJohn, an Armenian gentleman resident in Calcutta, is among the latest recruits to the Indian Turf. He has lately purchased Mr. Arthur James's Bundook, a three-year-old bay colt by Persimmon—Bunduica, and we believe the animal will shortly be seen in Calcutta.

The thirty-sixth annual exhibition of the Simla Fine Arts Society will be opened by their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, at the Town Hall, Simla, on Monday, 13th July. The exhibition this year is expected to be of a very high standard.

A large and fashionable gathering was present at the last gymkhana at Simla on the 4th instant. The first event was tent-pegging for gentlemen and was won by Colonel Birdwood and Colonel Cookson. The Affinity Wand Race went to Mr. Mant and Miss Wheler. Colonel Kennard and Mrs. Muspratt Williams secured the third event in which ladies and gentlemen were to start in pairs, ride to a given point and dismount. Ladies to fire 5 rounds at a target 50 yards off. Gentlemen allowed to assist in loading and unloading. Mount and finish past a post over two flights of hurdles. First pair past the post with best score wins. Time allowed 4 minutes.

The fourth event was for ladies. To pick five polo balls off posts one by one and place them separately in one bucket. No dismounting or picking up balls from the ground allowed. Whoever has most balls in bucket wins. Mrs. Atkinson won after a dead heat with Miss Wheler.

Seven entered for the Wand Race for gentlemen which was won by Major Maxwell. The last race caused great excitement. Ladies to gallop past their partners and throw balls for them to catch. Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Buck tied, the first named eventually winning. The prize given by the Viceroy's Staff for the lady with most points gained in the gymkhanas was won by Mrs. Atkinson with 21 marks, Mrs. Buck being second with 19.

An Ootacamund correspondent writes:—I have already sent you copy of Dental Surgeon Bischoff's appeal to the Committee of the Nilgiri Game Association and circulated as well to all license holders, in consequence of his game license, as well as that of Mr. Van Ingen our local taxidermist and also a Committee member of the Assosiation, having been cancelled by Mr. Mullaly, the Collector and as such the President of the Association. It is alleged that these two shot ibex in the Nilgiri district notwithstanding that the Committee had decided to close ibex shooting for a further period.

At the last meeting of the Committee Dr. Bischoff's appeal was discussed and eventually decided by a majority of votes not to rescuid Mr. Mullaly's order cancelling the licenses of both these gentlemen. Of course an appeal to the Madras Government will in due course be made.

It is of interest to note in this connection, that before the Government sanctioned the shooting of jungle sheep with shot Mr. Mullally with two other shooters did go out to the downs and did shoot jungle sheep with shot. Their offence was duly reported and it was compounded by the payment by a *condoning fee* of Rs 50 each.

Dr. Bischoff in his appeal emphatically denies having shot ibex in the Nilgiri district, and asserts that Mr. Van Ingen shot them in the Malabar district. Dr. Bischoff has not been granted a hearing and the President's decision was *ex parte* and of course the Committee, or the majority of them had not the pluck to overrule this as they ought to have done and save a great scandal. The Press were excluded from the meeting room!

The following is the list of the principal winning Jockeys on the flat at home, compiled up to the 12th June :—

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W ...	231	183	48
Madden, O ...	235	196	40
Halsey, W ...	197	160	37
Trigg, C ...	193	161	32
Watts, J E ...	206	176	30
Maher, D ...	138	109	29
Cannon, M ...	129	107	22
Cannon, K ...	149	128	21
Miller, T L ...	113	94	19
Murrary, J ...	102	85	17
Dillon, B ...	108	92	16
Randall, H ...	108	93	15
Hardy, F W ...	169	154	15
Martin J H ...	187	173	14
McCall, G ...	116	103	13
Dalton, J ...	55	43	12
Boardman, J E ...	98	86	12
Griggs, W ...	112	100	12
Wheatley, E ...	113	102	11

Our Poona correspondent writes :—The chief incident of the past week has of course been the detestable tragedy in one of the Native Infantry Regiments now stationed here and the crime was all the more despicable, in that the motive was of the most trivial description. Here was no sudden, uncontrollable act committed on the spur of the moment; no love passion; no injured honour to be avenged. Were it not that equally insignificant causes to our knowledge give rise to equally grim tragedies it would be hard to grasp that a reprimand for carelessness on parade, insubordinate acceptance of the reprimand and the lenient notice of half an hour's extra drill therefor tells the whole story. Over this triviality the vile young hound brooded for five days, and having been on guard duty from before dawn, while leaving his rifle at the guard room, took away the cartridges, took a fellow sepoy's rifle and going to his jemadar, a caste fellow's room, deliberately shot him in the mouth, firing again—and missing him as he fell backwards—dead. A still greater tragedy was apparently prevented by the dispensation of Providence, for presumably flurried at his fell deed the foul young fiend got hustled in the simple motions necessary with the result which will be readily understood by any soldier that the third cartridge got jammed and the murderer in his guilty terror flung it down and bolted. This horrible crime was committed about 4-40 A.M., and it is greatly to be regretted and scarcely creditable, that the young miscreant has up to the present eluded capture. There are rumours of a sepoy in *khaki* with a *mufti pugree* on taking a ticket by a train leaving Poona within half an hour of the murder. The surrounding wells have, needless to say, been searched, but neither alive nor dead has the loathsome young fiend been captured. That it will be early effected must be the earnest desire of the least vindictive and few punishments could be too degrading for so vile and cowardly a crime.

There has been a certain amount of curiosity as to the object of the tickets of admission to His Excellency the Governor's Levee. From all accounts the "weeding out" process could not have been of a very drastic or searching description and people tell me that a good few were there whose claim to admission to such functions left a good deal to imagination. Apart from this the dust and the ever-increasing antiquity of the top hats seem to have been the chief objects of note and "gorgeous function" was as appropriate a description as of old, and how often those time-honoured words have done service in print who can tell?

Poona cricket up to now scarcely calls for any special comment and the practice matches are not calculated to interest the general public. Nor can I hear, I regret to say, of any unknown coming champions, that the loss of such as that little marvel Captain Greig (at present busy capturing the Mullah instead of Parsee wickets and presidental centuries) Captain Wood and others on that height of platform can scarcely be exaggerated. There is generally in this world some one who "rises to the occasion," who he or they may be in this connection I must honestly admit I do not yet know.

One knows of lady doctors and lady lawyers and indeed lady most things nowadays, but a casual glance at a list of jockeys licensed by that august body the Western India Turf Club fairly made one gasp. For never outside the sporting novelette have I yet met the lady jockey! Is the "gay Paree" indeed going to supply this startling novelty? And will it be a case of side saddle or bloomers? or—but surely Mr. Gray and the highly respectable body of Stewards will draw the line *there*. All these qualms are caused in my anxious mind by seeing that among the artists qualified to ride races is one Marie II. Who she (or he?) is I know not, nor why "II," for Marie I. I wot not of.

My special race course tout assures me that there is nothing worthy of chronicling in connection with racing gee gees just yet. Several animals are buzzing along a bit in view of the first day's extra racing on the 25th instant, but the discreet are naturally averse to any insane effort to get their champions "cherry ripe" too early in the season with nearly a score of days' racing before them. The next fortnight should, however, find several candidates for early honours "humming", and trainers must be praying for a little rain to take the sting out of the track since so many seem to prefer the inner sand track with its metal foundation to the outer litter track which seems excellent, but may possibly be a trifle too deep to allow them to stride along without shortening the stride. We all have our fantasies.

A home paper writes:—In our issue of the 4th November we pointed out that Major-General Tyler, then Inspector-General of Artillery in India, had stated in his Annual Report of that branch of the Service that he hoped in the near future that the remounts supplied to the horse and field batteries would be of the compact, short-legged type, which is more in accordance with modern ideas of what the artillery draught-horse should be. Of course it is possible to go to an extreme in this direction, which may lead to unsatisfactory results. It must be borne in mind that not so many years ago several batteries of field artillery in India were horsed entirely by Arabs, but it was found that, however sturdy and compact Arabs from 14 hands to 14-2 might be, they had not sufficient weight for draught purposes, especially when guns were moving on soft or sandy soil. The same objection holds good against the Indian country-bred horse. That both the country-bred and the Arab are hardier and not so dainty about their forage as the Australian horse is undeniable, but they both lack in power and weight as draught animals when compared with the waler. No doubt in time the new scheme of the Indian Government for breeding horses for military purposes will turn out a success, but in the meantime the Government has acted wisely in not discouraging the Australian breeders who, there is every reason to believe, will endeavour to produce the horse required if any guarantee of regularity and continuity of supply is likely to be held out for a reasonable time. Acting in a fair spirit, the Indian Government has decided that until breeders in Australia have had time to breed the standard of remount required, the limits adopted for purchase during 1903-4 and the following seasons will be for horse artillery 15·3 to 15-1, for field batteries 15-3 to 14-3, and for howitzer batteries from 15-3 to 15-1. This is a decided all-round reduction in height, seeing that for many years past the average height of field battery horses has been at least 15-2½.

The Bangalore Handicap Polo Tournament was won by Captain Peel's team who defeated the Q. O. Sappers and Miners' team by 5 goals and 1 subsidiary to 4 goals and 1 subsidiary.

"Bridge Topics," by our old friend "Lynx," return to us between the dainty covers of a charmingly turned out booklet for which Messrs. W. Newman and Co., are responsible. Many of the chapters appeared in the columns of *The Indian Field* last year, and as they have attracted considerable attention, we should say Bridge players will re-read them and the additions the author has made with pleasure, while those who make the acquaintance of "Lynx" and his pithy observations for the first time will profit by an attentive study and a calm digestion of "Bridge Topics."

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—The ancient capital of Mysore has been having some quite lively little Gymkhanas lately in which H. H. the Maharajah, the Yuvaraja, Mr. Bowring

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and other well-known personalities have been running and riding their own horses. In view of the fact that His Highness the Maharajah was unfortunately unable to be present on the last two days of the big meeting owing to indisposition, it is pleasant to see him so much himself again as to be able to ride in several races, and even to steer his own horse Southern Cross to victory.

The Bangalore season may be considered to be in full swing just now, and amongst other signs of the fact are the weekly paperchases, which are most successful, producing fields of fifty or sixty riders. On Wednesday last a good many ladies were out, and the course was between five and six miles in all, with one check. It is also worthy of notice that a lady—Mrs. Bernard Hawkins was easily first home, riding a beautiful thoroughbred mare. Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, came second, and had led up to an awkward drop-fence where Mrs. Hawkins passed him.

The second and third entries for the big meeting are poor, and five races in all have failed to fill. Substitution races have been framed to take their places, and it is to be hoped that entries will come in. It is significant that the Banglore entries have been worse than Mysore, although good money is offered at the former meeting, and I think that one reason amongst several is that country-breds and Arabs have not been kept severely separate as was the case in the Mysore prospectus—rumour has it at the direct request of H. H. the Maharajah. Still the Bangalore meeting will probably be a fairly good one.

Balasore is a place we recommend to any Calcutta man wanting a holiday. It has not yet aspired to the distinction of challenging Waltair for the title of "the Brighton of India"; but it may do so by and bye. Meanwhile it is progressing and offering attractions that the week-end tripper and short-holiday makers may find it worth while considering. Leaving Howrah by the train that starts about 10 P.M., Balasore station is reached next morning at 4 o'clock—a six hours' journey. Two hours in the waiting room, with *chota hazri* to help fill in the interval, and one starts for the "Sea-Face Bungalow" at which mine host Steans offers a cordial welcome and supplements it by the ability to make one really comfortable. The bungalow is built on the sand hills close to the beach, and it is reached by a fine, *pucca* road, nine miles from the railway station, an ideal biking stretch: indeed a bike is an accessory to the trip that must not be left out. There are some fine roads and, when the tide is out, the beach gets almost as hard as cement and as smooth as a track, rendering a spin along the shore an exhilarating and novel experience to the Calcutta wheelman thoroughly sick of the eternal *maidan* and suburban lanes.

Then there is the sea bathing when the rollers come in at high tide, what need to enlarge on this? Likewise the shooting which is excellent. Snipe, quail, partridge and small game abound in season; bear, tiger, leopard, deer and even elephant can be had without extraordinary trouble by one who makes Balasore his head-quarters and sees that his *bundobast* is good. Altogether Balasore is well worth a visit.

A Brisbane paper records the fact that the value of the bottle tree as fodder for stock during time of drought has been brought under the notice of the Agricultural Department. A Mr. Bowman was cutting down a tree for the leaves, when the sheep began to run after the chips, and so the tree was opened up with the result, he says, that every head of stock "went mad over it." Mr. Bowman, although he has no grass, has bought 900 merino ewes on the strength of the discovery. Lambs eat it as well as the old sheep. An instance is given of a 15 years old pet wether without a tooth growing fat since eating the tree. Any kind of stock will eat the wood after a little use of it. Mr. Bowman considers that it will soon be carried on the railway at fodder rates. He stated that cows which were almost dry from want of condition are now not only fat and strong, but are giving a good yield of milk. Bottle trees often contain from 50 to 100 tons of fodder. There are plenty of bottle trees within easy reach of the railways. Mr. Bowman believes that hundreds of stock can be saved with it. The trees will keep for months in the log with the bark on.

There is a marked inclination among German hunters of big game to abandon the rifles of extremely high velocities. In place of the rifles with a velocity of 2,000 feet a second or thereabout, the calls are for rifles of about 1,700 feet velocity; in fact it may be said that in Europe there is a feeling that sportsmen have gone beyond the desirable point in velocities for rifles, and that those of less velocity are more desirable for hunting.

We regret to hear that Mr. Murray Hammick, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, was seriously hurt while out with the Ooty hounds on the 6th instant.

The dress rehearsal of The Dandy Fifth comes off at the Calcutta Opera House to-night. Mr. Zimmermann and his coadjutors, we believe, will add to their laurels and enhance the popularity of the A. D. S. with his tuneful, cheery piece which to a greater degree than in some of their previous successes gives principals and chorus many and big chances of scoring. The music is bright and distinctly martial and inspiriting, seeing which we may confidently expect Mr. Marks to lead his band on to fresh triumphs. It is whispered that the chorus dance in the third act, somewhat after the famous "Tell me pretty maiden" in *Floradora*, will be good enough to fill the house every week end: and this reminds us to say that the booking is encouragingly big.

The Tollygunge Gymkhana, for which we publish the weights, has filled well as regards entries, but we hear rumours that fields will dwindle considerably, as several owners are, not perhaps unnaturally, dissatisfied with the somewhat erratic nature of the handicapping. As an exercise in thought reading in order to determine by what possible train of reasoning some of the relative burdens could have been arrived at, the card is distinctly interesting, but owners can hardly be expected to derive any pleasure from such psychological problems. As regards anticipations and selections for the first race Sylvia with 11-4 should be good goods, as she is known to be a sticker, and we hear that her lepping is unimpeachable. The Pony Hurdles should, if he is in the right frame of mind, fall to First Guide, but should he decline the business, there can be nothing else in it but Moonray, as Peeping Tom has been crushed out with 10-2, and Pekin is jumping so stickily that we cannot fancy him even with only 8-9 on his back. For the Maiden Horse Stakes Oom Paul with 10-7 will hardly need to canter, but *should he not start*, French Girl at 9-11 has been very confidingly dealt with, and may quite possibly give Mr. the Handicapper, a bad shock. For the Pony Flat race, First Guide must win, provided he can be induced to try. In the Hack Stakes, Sunshine would appear to have been turned loose with 10-4, though should Sylvia elect to go for this in preference to the chase, the other may have to hurry a bit.

BEHAR NOTES.

Our Behar correspondent writes:—There was a small "stick" at Begum Serai on the 29th June. Several pig were seen, but as the grass was both large and thick, it was extremely difficult to get them out. One pig, however, broke out into the open, and after a gallop was speared by "Bill" Rawlins.

I described a pig that was extremely difficult to kill at Sawaisingpur some weeks ago, one or two of the party who were out that day firmly believing that the animal died more from exhaustion than from the wounds given him, as the spears couldn't be got to pierce his hide properly. I believe this is most uncommon, but there have been cases like this in Behar before.

Mr. J. A. M. Wilson and two other men some fifteen years ago in the Sarun District, brought a big boar to bay, and his hide was found to be so tough that it was with the greatest difficulty he was killed.

Mr. H. E. Abbott and Sir William Hudson, also many years ago at Koolpooreh, put up a solitary

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boar with regular scales on his shoulders, and a skin hardened like leather, which prevented their spears from penetrating, and it was only after a hard fight he was killed.

The rain in Behar has been most unevenly distributed this year; around and about Dalsingh Serai the country is perfectly dry and very little rain has fallen; while Sitamarhi, some fifty and odd miles further north, is getting an average of nearly an inch a day.

There have been several breaches on the Khanwa Ghât branch of the Tirhoot State Railway from floods and the line is also closed from Sitarmarhi to Bairagnia, on account of a diversion having been washed away; this is hardly a hopeful outlook, considering the monsoons have only just commenced.

On the 2nd and 3rd of July, large flights of locusts passed over south Tirhoot, travelling from east to west and doing the greatest damage. Mucktapore factory, near Samastipore, had nearly 800 bighas of excellent indigo completely stripped of leaf and other factories have also reported great damage to their crop. I was out at the time, and I noticed what I thought was smoke in the sky to the east; this coming nearer was seen to have a light brown tinge and very shortly had completely spread out, and hung overhead like a cloud. Then down came the locusts; not like rain, but slowly and quietly like snow, and very shortly the indigo fields turned from a bright green to a dull red; the white roads were a reddy brown, the tops of houses and the whole of the surrounding country had changed its colour in a few minutes. The transformation was so complete and sudden, that the only way to realize it is to picture an artist suddenly picking up a brush covered with light brown paint and dabbing it over a bright smiling painting of a landscape. The natives were busy on every side dancing and rushing about with kerosine tin and every other possible kind of thing they could get a noise out of, but with poor success; for though the locusts would rise in front of them in myriads, they only returned again in greater numbers. Suddenly the whole flight rose, and before one hardly grasped it, they had passed on to the west, followed by hundreds of birds, and were very soon far away in the distance.

Reports have also come in of locusts to the north of Mozufferpur, so apparently they are all over Tirhoot.

Cholera is raging in different parts of Behar, and Miss Gray's sad death came as a great shock to the district, as she was supposed to be recovering. The greatest sympathy is felt for her brother and sister throughout the whole of Tirhoot.

The Bishop of Calcutta shortly visits the district. He will go to Mozufferpur, Sitarmarhi, Samastipore, and Durbhanga, holding a service at each place.

Athletic Notes.

SURREY beat Yorkshire by 145 runs on the 1st instant. Essex beat Sussex by six wickets; Warwickshire was defeated by Lancashire by eight wickets and Hampshire succumbed to Worcestershire by 91 runs; the match between Notts and Leicestershire was drawn.

Somerset beat Gloucester by ten wickets on the 3rd instant. Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 280 runs.

In the match between Sussex and Surrey on the 3rd instant Mr. C. B. Fry made 200 runs.

The Henley committee this year refused to accept the entry of Titus for the Diamond Sculls, his amateur status not being considered satisfactory.

The Gordon-Bennett Motor Race—that senseless rush over three hundred miles of Irish roads—was won by a foreigner named Tenatzy in 6hrs. 3mins. 9secs. Jarrott, an Englishman, smashed his car, broke his collar-bone and injured his wretched chauffeur, whereat the motorphobes will probably rejoice. But, *mirabile dictu*, no unfortunate spectator, harmless peasant or innocent child was killed. In the words of our only Bertram, "isn't it marvellous." Which reminds us that Charlie Bertram was married last month to Clara Palmer, the harpist. We wish him all good luck.

There was a very successful regatta at Naini Tal on the 29th ultimo. Five events were carried through and some good racing witnessed. The Mixed Fours resulted in a fine struggle. Capt. McCarthy's boat beat Capt. Nicholson's boat by a length. The crews were Miss Elliott, Miss Adams, Capt. Tillard, Capt. McCarthy (str.) and Mrs. Porteous, Miss D. Sykes, Capt. Porteous and Capt. Nicholson (str). The Scratch Fours was won easily by Mr. Courthope, Capt. McCarthy, Capt. Porteous and Mr. W. M. Smith. Mrs. Porteous and Capt. Tillard carried off the canoe race by the narrow margin of a foot, and the Mixed Double Sculls went to Miss Elliott and Capt. Tillard, who won by a quarter of a length after a fine race. The warrant and N. C.O.'s race was won by the Depôt, but owing to a misunderstanding there was a foul and the race will probably be rowed off at the next regatta.

The immense value to a side of a batsman who can hit with great power has seldom been better exemplified than in Essex *vs.* Sussex, reported in our London Sporting letter this week, when after the Sussex men had been scratching about for runs, Sewell took charge of the bowling in the manner of Lyons and Brann in the old days, and placed his side in the course of an hour in the most flattering position. That his fine effort was thrown away (only as far as points in the Championship table are concerned) was due to the rain on Saturday. It speaks well for the foresight and good judgment of the Essex committee that they persevered with Sewell with such determination last year when, a novice to first-class cricket, he so often failed. On Monday last he was eighteenth in the batting averages with 31·60, having scored 474 runs in fifteen completed innings. He has thus already exceeded his total of 445 made last year in twenty-five completed innings, when his average was 17·80.

The Corinthian Football Club left London for their tour in South Africa on the 13th of June. They can scarcely hope to repeat—to surpass would be well nigh impossible—the achievements of the previous Corinthian combination which left England in 1897, and out of twenty-three engagements won twenty-one and drew the other couple—one at Johannesburg, the other at Durban—with a goal record of 113 against 15. Such players as the Corbetts, S. H. Day, L. J. Moon, and C. B. Fry are all unable to make the journey, but a pretty powerful side has been got together, largely drawn from the two 'Varsity teams. Not one of the party except Taylor made the journey six years ago, and he can scarcely be described as making a second trip, seeing that he is already settled in South Africa—to wit, at Johannesburg. All told, the players number seventeen, but of these only eleven took their departure on the 12th, so that, even making allowance for Taylor's assistance, the party will not be numerically over strong for the first few fixtures, although they would doubtless be able, if it came to the worst, to press one or more capable substitutes into service. Messrs. Norris, Braithwite, and Curwen followed on 27th June and C. D. McIver and another—whom we heard on Saturday would probably be M. Morgan Owen, the Welsh International—will leave England early in July. The full party will, therefore, be composed of:—

T. S. Rowlandson (Cambridge University) (goal),
W. U. Timmis (Old Carthusians),
P. L. Hollins (Cambridge University), and
O. T. Norris (Old Carthusians and Oxford (University) (backs),
C. Wreford Brown (capt) (Old Carthusians),
M. Morgan-Owen (Old Salopians and Oxford University),
J. G. Birch (Old Carthusians),
A. F. Leach-Lewis (Cambridge University),
P. P. Braithwaite (Cambridge University), and
W. J. H. Curwen (Old Carthusians) (half-backs),
H. S. Snell (Cambridge University),
F. H. Bryant (Old Reptonians),
J. E. Balfour-Melville (Oxford University),
J. S. D. Rider (Old Salopians),
G. L. Mellin (Old Malvernians),
S. S. Taylor (Cambridge University), and
C. D. McIver (Old Foresters (forwards).

While the public interest is centred just now on walking and walkers it may not be generally known that in 1890 a fine performance was put up by one of the fair sex. Miss Zoe Gayton walked from San Francisco to New York, 3,400 miles, in 215 days. Her average rate was about 16 miles a day, though on one occasion she covered 40 miles.

Details of the walking match between representatives of Messrs. Birkmyre & Co. and Messrs. J. Thomas & Co. will be found further on. It was for a Cup value Rs. 250, five a side, from the Barrackpore Golf Club to the Calcutta Golf Club, almost 17 miles, and the course was down the Trunk Road, through Circular Road, and Park Street and up the Ladies' Walk to the winning post. Messrs. Birkmyre & Co., thanks chiefly to the good performances of Messrs. R. B. Wilson and Archy. Birkmyre, who came in first and second, won by 33 points to 22, the winner's time being three hours five minutes. It was a real good sporting match, well carried out, and the time put up by Mr. Wilson was most creditable, taking the surrounding circumstances into consideration.

A great deal of interest was taken in the race and the enthusiasm of the big crowd which lined the streets from Sealdah to the Calcutta Golf Club was most refreshing to behold, showing, as it did, that we poor "Ditchers" can appreciate a good thing when we see it.

At the same time we should try and be correct when we write about it. To describe the event as "the pioneer walk" from Barrackpore to Calcutta, or to refer to it as the "first competition of the kind ever held in Calcutta" is hardly accurate. But then our memories are proverbially short, and "Bengal Head" is a condition as common now as ever it was. We have a vivid recollection of a match over practically the same course, the start being at the 14-mile stone, just this side of the Park Gates, and the finish opposite St. James's Church in Lower Circular Road—13 miles 6 furlongs. It was on a blazing hot day in June 1877, and of the quartette who started only three finished, the winner being the late Mr. C. E. Willcox of the E. B. S. R. Coy., it was a Company in those days—and his time 2 hours 27 minutes. Then there was the Naval Volunteers' walk from the Barrackpore Railway Station to the Shambazar Tramway Terminus. This was some years ago (more than we care to remember) and about a dozen of us chiefly members of the old C. N. V. Athletic Club covered the 13 miles in smart time as the preliminary to a more ambitious affair which never came off. This calls to mind the famous Naval Volunteers' March to Diamond Harbour on the 6th December 1890, when 62 of our Amateur tars, accompanied by 16 members of "F". Coy. C. V. R., did the 30 miles in the net time of nine hours fifteen minutes (deducting one hour ten minutes for halts) the rate working out at three and a half miles an hour which, as each man was in full marching order, with arms and accoutrements and carried 20 rounds of ammunution, was not too bad. It was a pitch dark night, and the road was from indifferent to very bad most of the journey, while the heavy dew added some pounds to each man's load.

The Boxing competition held by the South India Athletic Association came to a conclusion on the 29th ultimo. The competition was a great success throughout and reflects great credit on the Association. Details of the finals will be found further on.

The Calcutta Golf Club advertises a Cleek Match for the 17th and 18th instant: the conditions may be learned on reference to the advertisement further on.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Very considerable interest is being evinced in the Harwood Association Football League, and the various games which have been played off during the past week have been witnessed by large crowds of spectators. In both matches I have witnessed this week, however, play has been of a somewhat one-sided nature. In one, the Rovers were opposed to the Royal Engineers. The latter have by no means a good eleven, but they have very sportingly entered for the League. In the match under notice, which, by the way, was interfered with by rain, the Rovers had all the best of matters, and ran out winners by three goals to *nil*. The North Staffordshire Regiment have two teams entered, and on Thursday evening their "A" team played their first match in the League, and once more the Royal Engineers, who were their opponents, had to submit to defeat. The game was not a particularly attractive one from a spectator's point of view, but there were occasional periods of bright play. From start to finish the North Staffords had all the best of matters, but the Engineers maintained a very sturdy defence. Time after time Colaba players

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seemed almost bound to score, but the custodian kept out many good shots. Before half-time arrived, however, the Staffords scored a couple of goals, and during the second moiety added another, eventually leaving the field victorious by three goals to *nil*. Up to the present the Engineers have had fourteen goals scored against them, without having been able to place one to their own credit. In my notes, a week or two ago, I referred to the fact that there was every promise of the Gymkhana being able to put a very good eleven in the field this season—now I have no doubt about it. They played their first match (not in connexion with the League) one evening this week, their opponents being the Telegraph Recreation Club, and won by ten goals to *nil*. From start to finish they simply made rings round their opponents, and there is no doubt but that they could have won by a much larger margin of goals. The whole team combined excellently, every man was in his place, and there was no wild kicking, whilst the passing was most accurate. They play their first League match on Tuesday, when they will meet the Rovers.

During the past week a couple more matches have been played in connexion with the Royal Bombay Golf Club. One was arranged between seniors and juniors of the National Bank of India (five aside). The play was over one round of nine holes, and the result was an easy win for the juniors by twelve holes to three. The winning players for the juniors were Mr. F. H. Greig, who beat Mr. J. Carnegie by three holes, Mr. D. H. Brand, who beat Mr. Ralph Kidd by five holes, and Mr. J. D. Johnston, who accounted for Mr. W. J. K. Hegarty to the tune of four holes. For the seniors Mr. T. W. McLachlan beat Mr. G. C. Scott by two holes, while Mr. A. A. Legat beat Mr. J. Esplin by one. Another interesting match was that players over and under 35 years of age. The original entry totalled 28, but four were unable to play, and twelve couples turned out. The result was an easy win for the older players by twenty-two holes to nine for the winner. Mr. Osbore Marshall beat Mr. L. Stansfield 2 up, Mr. C. J. I. Jones beat Mr. R. H. M. Steven 4 up, Mr. G. Ferrer Nicholson beat Mr D. H. Brand 4 up, Major Rogers beat Mr. M. Innes Ker 2 up, Mr. C. St. Paul beat Mr. A. A. Legat 3 up, Mr. H. R. Greaves beat Mr. E. E. Coombs 1 up, Mr. J. C. Kiddle beat Mr. E. A. Miller 3 up, Mr. H. E. Hart beat Mr. S. C. Bayley 1 up, and Mr. I. Reed beat Mr. J. Kerr 2 up. For the players under 35 the only ones to win were Mr. J. D. Johnston, who beat the Rev. John Cameron3 up, Mr. R. Fairnie, who beat Mr. W. L. Shaw 5 up, and Mr. C. Thomson, who beat Mr. E. R. Jardine 1 up.

Subscriptions continue to come to hand almost every day in connexion with the fund for sending a team of Indian Cricketers to England next year. Among the latest subscriber's is His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, who wrote saying he would subscribe Rs. 3,500 to the fund. This donation is the largest so far received to the fund. In addition to this Rs. 3,500, the following subscriptions have been paid or promised up to date :—H. H. the Aga Khan, Rs. 3,300; Mr. J. N. Tata, anything between Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 5,000, H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala, Rs. 1,500 ; H. H. the Maharajah of Bikaneer, Rs. 1,000 ; H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, Rs. 500 ; H. H. the Raja of Kupurthala, Rs. 500; H. H. the Maharajah of Bhavnagar, Rs. 500 ; H. E. the Viceroy, Rs. 200; H. E. Lord Northcote, Rs. 150 ; and H. E. Lord Ampthill, Rs. 150. In addition to these substantial subscriptions have been promised by Sir Dinshaw Petit, Bart., Mr. Bomanjee Dinshaw Petit, Mr. B. Baliah Naidu Garu, and Mr. M. Buchi Babu. It will thus be seen that the scheme is being well supported in India, and of course a considerable sum has been already guaranteed by a number of the English clubs.

Despite the gloomy outlook of a couple or three months ago, the present cricket season promises to be one of the most successful in the annals of the Bombay Gymkhana. In past years it has been somewhat difficult to raise a couple of elevens to play on the same day, but at the present time there are no less than between fifty and sixty men wanting to play, and yesterday (Saturday) afternoon the Gymkhana put three elevens in the field, two of which were successful. The first XI, which is a decidedly strong batting side this year, accounted for the 21st Bombay Infantry by nearly a hundred runs, thanks, principally, to good batting by Lieutenant Langhorn and Mr. E. L. Sale while useful scores were made by several other members of the team. For the soldiers Sher Khan was top scorer with 47 (not out), and was really the only one to make anything like a stand against the Gymkhana's bowling. Another Gymkhana XI, encountered Ralli Bros' C. C., and the less said of this match the better. Ralli Bros. batted first and ran up a total of 175, of which Mr. B. D. Gagarat scored 98 (not out), the Gymkhana replying with the miserable total of 24, no less than seven men failing to trouble the scorer. After the second wicket had fallen it was a regular procession to and from the wicket, and I don't think Captain McDonald and the members of his team will forget their experience in a hurry. The third match was between a team of Reserves, run by Mr. F. St. George Gratwicke and the second XI of the 21st Bombay Infantry, which resulted in a win for the Gymkhana by eleven runs. Mr. R. F. R. Cooke greatly distinguished himself in this match—he was top scorer, took seven wickets at very small cost, and threw an eighth man out.

The subscription list which has been opened in Bangalore in connection with the forthcoming cycle races has reached a total of about Rs. 900, the subscribers including Sir Donald Robertson, British Resident in Mysore, Brigadier-General J. E. Nixon, C. B. Colonel Sprot of the Carabiniers, Colonel Daniell of the R. F. A., and many other well-known residents. The Essex Regiment subscribed Rs. 100, the Carabiniers Rs. 50, and the Indian Cycle and General Engineering Company Rs. 100. This interest taken in cycle racing after a prolonged period of apathy is most encouraging, and an excellent meeting is now a foregone conclusion.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 19th June 1903.

THERE has been really only one topic of general interest since I wrote last : to wit the weather. It was wet enough last week, but on Saturday it began to rain in earnest and kept on steadily until Monday night, nearly 60 hours : with consequences. The low-lying parts of London were under water on Monday : the streets, in Battersea, Stepney, and other regions were navigable by boat only ; not otherwise. On Saturday night the Underground Railway out in the Hammersmith direction was under water and, I am told, tickets were not issued to any station more remote than Earl's Court; and even there the flood was over the lines. On Sunday and Monday the town stayed at home unanimously. I had to be in Bond Street, Regent Street, and the St. James's region on Monday afternoon and the streets were literally empty but clean. Never have I seen London so clean : well may it look so, for the meteorological records say it has not had such a tubbing for nearly forty years : 4·68 inches in a week is not bad for any place not Cherrapoonjee nor in Lower Burma.

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I might proceed for a column or two to describe everything that has not happened owing to the rain. There was to have been a motor gymkhana at Ranelagh on Saturday and the King was to have been there : of course there was no gymkhana and no Majesty. If rumour be an honest woman of her word one wet man turned up in a motor car at Ranelagh and went home again. If there are many more wet Saturdays and Wednesdays this season I fear me the balance sheets of resorts like Hurlingham and its rivals will be subjects for tears. It is a glorious climate this of the British Isles : while London and the Eastern counties are aflood, they have had snow storms in Perthshire and in the Border districts grouse are dying in thousands—of drought !

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The present scribe is not often lured from his own hearthrug after dinner by "At Home" cards ; but temptation in the shape of Miss Marie Hall beset him one evening during the last week, and he fell. Marie Hall, as you know, is the violin phenomenon. Aged nineteen : fee £500 a night : genius. Romance hangs over her. She is the daughter of a man who played the harp in the orchestra of a Newcastle theatre, and her father losing his berth, Marie and others of the family played in the streets for a living. Somebody heard her (Sir Charles Tennant's and other names are mentioned, but who shall probe to the truth !) and had her educated after Kubelik had pronounced her a marvel. And here is she ; the rage and likely to remain the rage as she deserves. She plays with her whole body: I have heard and seen some swell violinists, but never such an extraordinary executionist as this girl : she seems able to make the fiddle say anything she likes, and she did, what one very, very rarely sees done, roused a big drawing-room audience to honest and demonstrative enthusiasm.

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She is a strange looking little girl. Slight, pale, darkish hair, piercing dark eyes under heavy eyebrows, the right heavier than the left apparently ; half pathetic, half frightened expression, when not playing—*then* her face works freely. She does not know how to smile, as somebody remarked ; she took the most vociferous encores as gravely as possible acknowledging them with a quaint little bow, like a bird pecking. Her immobility of feature under applause made a lady observe that "she looks at us as if we were dirt."

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The ball at the Albert Hall in aid of the London Hospital is reported not to have been a tremendous financial success, but one hears so many different accounts of the resulting balance that it is permissible to doubt whether the sum realised fell below the hopes of the organisers, at any rate it was good enough to justify another venture in the same direction, for we are being invited to take tickets for another hop in the Albert Hall on 9th July in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital, H. R. H. Princess Louise, Her Grace of Argyll heading the list of patronisers. Mention of this projected ball suggests reference to the exceptional number of charitable entertainnments, bazaars, meetings and so on which are going on this season. What the papers call "Society," and what is "Society," have been and continue in convulsions of philanthropy.

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Every day has brought new accounts of the Belgrade tragedy, each differing from the last. More than one says the unfortunate King fled for his life offering to abdicate, to quit Servia, to part from the Queen if his life were spared. *She* kept a brave face to the last evidently : not a word has been said against her demeanour when the assassins ran them to ground, on the roof, in her bedroom or wherever the murder was committed. It is stated by more than one chronicler that the bodies of the pair were flung out of the window : a lady who spent some years in Belgrade, who knows the Servian character and has friends in the Servian capital told me she was "afraid it might be true : they are so excitable and when they get excited they are savages and worse." King Peter's seat on the throne will be an uneasy one—unless he has the strength of mind and other necessary moral qualities to begin by dealing with the men who put him on the throne as murderers. One may doubt if he will do this : the Continent, as judged by its newspapers, has taken the affair with a calm that is callous. Spain and Italy, particularly the former, are most disturbed over it. A mild sensation was caused on Tuesday by a letter in the *Times* from Don Jaime de Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, pleading for sympathetic judgment on the career of the murdered king.

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A fine Ascot was more than the most sanguine dared hope to see, but by Tuesday the rain had about rained itself out and after one or two futile attempts to spoil the fun the clouds dried up and even allowed the sun an occasional innings. The Lawn was deeply disappointed over the Royal Procession planned on a larger scale than we knew in our late Queen's reign, and reinforced at the eleventh hour by a few unexpected distinguished foreigners, it did not take the usual route up the course to the Royal Stand. The King had to choose between cutting up the course—and half-a-dozen State carriages and teams would have left their mark after the deluges of rain—and disappointing the crowd by taking the main road to the rear of the stand. In my humble judgment His Majesty, as usual, did the right thing : racing was the business of the day and he elected to avoid doing anything that would injure a course which is never one of the best in England. The crowd was quick to recognise the reason of the change and the appearance of Their Majesties on their balcony produced a splendid ovation, which was repeated

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with a will when Mead romped in for the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

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The prospect of the royal visit to Ireland has prompted a suggestion that a Royal Bodyguard should be formed in Dublin on the lines of the Corps of Gentlemen at Arms in London and the Archers in Scotland. Why not resuscitate the old Guard of Halberdiers which adorned the Viceregal Court for a few years in Stewart days?

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There is a very pretty quarrel in the papers among scientific men. One afternoon last week Professor Fleming gave a demonstration of wireless telegraphy in the rooms of the Royal Institution, receiving messages from Poldhu in Cornwall. Dr. Horace Manders with Mr. Maskelyne of the Egyptian Hall, conducted a little experiment on their own little hooks to prove to their own satisfaction that Marconi messages could be intercepted, and they claim to have intercepted the Poldhu-Albemarle Street messages. Their investigations disturbed the freedom of intercourse there between and Professor Fleming was naturally angry; he wrote to the papers denouncing those who interfered as "scientific hooligans" who deliberately tried to wreck his demonstrations. Mr. Maskelyne writes back to say this is a falsehood, the demonstration only succeeded by courtesy of those who, having the power to wreck it, yet refrained from doing so. What finished courtesy! How grateful for and how touched by the Manders-Maskelyne consideration Professor Fleming ought to be! If this be scientific courtesy may I never encounter scientific rudeness.

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Short is the British memory. At the annual meeting of the South African Graves Fund last Friday Miss Frere announced that the subscriptions so far this year amounted to a beggarly £80. Last year £1,350 was subscribed and used to erect memorials over graves of men who fell in South Africa. The idea was—I say was—to put up these memorials and maintain them out of the Fund: it does not look as though their maintenance would long continue, does it? 'Twas ever thus: we must have "some new thing" even for our charity and the war is passing into history: short our memory I say again.

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Sarah Bernhardt opened her season on Monday at the Adelphi (where the Very Best Penny Dreadful Drama is short lived) with our old familiar friend Fédora. Madame is brilliant and fascinating as ever; she grows no older, loses not a hair's weight of her wonderful powers. The wonderful voice is there, stronger, clearer, more stirring if possible than it was ten years ago and more. At the Coronet Mdme. Jane Hading produced on Monday a French rendering of the *Second Mrs. Tanqueray*. Mr. Pinero and Mrs. Pat Campbell were in the house which, despite the horribly wet night, was full. Paula is not a part in which Jane Hading is at her best. It lacks the subtlety in which the French actress excels and she made Paula rather too extravagant: a loud and violent Paula. How much of a French play—or an English play Frenched—does a London audience understand? The query is prompted by an incident that occurred in the first act on Monday. Tanqueray (M. Duquesne) had the stage to himself at one point and at this point a candle shade took the opportunity to fall blazing on the table cloth and set fire to it. A dozen people in the audience shouted warning to M. Tanqueray in their very best French, but the flames had attained to quite respectable proportions before M. Tanqueray discovered what his anxious admirers were driving at.

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A "Cake Walk Dance" has been added to the negro entertainment at the Shaftesbury and promises to catch on; it is weird and yet graceful while the music is tuneful and haunting. It has originality so far as London is concerned and the audience enjoys it hugely.

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Undoubtedly Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, who wrought *Mrs. Gorringe's Necklace* is the rising star in the dramatic sky. Close upon the success of the necklace play comes *Cousin Kate* at the Haymarket, a neat, clearly contrived comedy, bright and often witty in dialogue and a capital study of character to boot. The whole business of the play hinges on a not improbable coincidence. Kate Curtis (Miss Elles Jeffreys) is summoned by Mrs. Spencer to decide what is to be done in the matter of Heath Desmond (Mrs. Cyril Maude) who at the last moment has thrown over her daughter Amy. Kate comes down by train and shares the carriage with a fascinating stranger to whom she loses her heart and who loses his to her: the stranger proves to be the straying Desmond, who has been driven away by Amy's pious or let us say, churchical pigheadness. She is young, emotional, and silly, but she yields to Kate's arguments, eats her humble pie and writes begging Desmond to return and promising he shall have his own way about Sunday observances and other matters. Desmond returns (Act II) and finds Kate alone in the house: a delightful dialogue follows: the best and least sentimental piece of love-making I can remember. Then enter Amy, who reveals Desmond's identity heretofore unknown to Kate. The strength of the play lies in Desmond's and Kate's obvious fitness one for the other: and the third act shows the silly Amy made happy with the Rev. Bartlett, a lovely example of the pompous clerical prig played by Mr. Rudge Harding, who very nearly proposed to her before Desmond put in his word. It is a play that will run, Mr. Davies' skill in character drawing is his strong suit, his humour is another and a natural dramatic instinct completes his equipment. The Elizabethan Stage Society is "coming out strong" if I may be permitted the flippancy. It produced *Twelfth Night* at the Court Theatre on Tuesday and remarkably well it succeeded, surmounting the difficulties of acting the play as Shakespeare wrote it with conspicuous success. Mr. William Poel (whose other name is Pole: he is a son of the late famous Whist authority), took the part of Malvolis and was roundly and deservedly applauded. Among the ladies Miss Douglas Reynolds' Olivia was the best. 'Tis a far cry from Shakespeare to Howard Talbot and George Dance; but it is worth noticing the fact that their *Chinese Honeymoon* was played for the 700th time on that Tuesday evening. Miss Louie Freear remains the backbone of the piece, though there is no actress on the stage concerning whose abilities more diverse opinions are expressed.

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Dan Leno's breakdown is now admitted to be serious. He is at an institution for cases of mental disturbance suffering from brain exhaustion induced by over work. It was clear months ago that he was over doing it: when a charity entertainment wanted a lift he could not say "no," and charity organisers exploited him freely and traded profitably on his enormous popularity. The doctors have pronounced a month's absolute seclusion necessary and even Mrs. Leno is not to be allowed to see her husband during that term.

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What should be done with Patrick Knowles, age variously given as eight or ten years, who stands committed for trial at Stockton-on-Tees charged on his own confession with the wilful murder of a baby of eighteen months? The little monster lured the infant to a sand pit and buried it alive, piling stones on it to keep it in the grave he prepared for it; and was caught taking another baby away to the same fate. This boy murderer is not a normal child on the face of it; and as it seems wildly improbable that he should ever outgrow his homicidal propensities, his fate is life long restraint. One cannot help feeling that a painless death would be the most merciful portion to meet out to him. It is impossible to treat him as a subject for industrial school or reformatory; and, to my mind, five minutes in a lethal chamber were an alternative preferable to perhaps 70 years in a criminal lunatic asylum.

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The Underground Railway indulged in its second accident on Tuesday; quite a number of people were seriously injured by the collision at King's Cross and one or two may not recover. The extraordinary thing is that none of the men in the rear carriages were killed on the spot: the carriages were smashed to pieces and it was over an hour before a few of the victims could be relaesed by the saw. Yesterday the town was horrified by news of the Lyddite explosion at Woolwich: sixteen dead; some of the unfortunate men were blown to pieces and their relatives had the gruesome duty of identifying the severed limbs by tallow marks and so on. It is the worst accident that Woolwich has known for half a century.

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A good lady called on a doctor with her youngest olive branch, and on explaining his symptoms was told to go home and give him a black draught. When the doctor called next day he found young hopeful writhing on the ground in agony.

"What," he said, "didn't you give him the black draught?"

"Well," replied the woman, "I couldn't find a draught, so I gave him a domino instead—double sixes!"

Shikar.

WINDING UP THE SEASON.

BOLAGUNGE is not an inviting place of residence, being, except when washed out by one of the periodical floods, anything but cleanly. What between husks of *supari* nuts, skins of jack fruit, rejected oranges, piles of imperfectly sundried fish, pigs, goats, pariah dogs, mangy cats, and swampy surroundings, it seems wonderful the place should continue to be occupied. Being close under the steep cliff-like hills, however, the view from it is pretty enough and the clear sparkling stream is a redeeming feature. Small fish up to a couple of pounds rise readily to the fly, while the voracious bashar can be had with either spoon or minnow, though you have to look out for that gorging abomination the big *gar* whose scissor-like teeth will cut through the stoutest gut trace. Spread of cultivation and sinking of the ground between this place and the foot of the mountains in June 1897, have driven both deer and buffalo away, so beyond a solitary boar or sounder the eka around contains nothing. At the same time the village pigs roam so far afield that great circumspection is requisite in letting fly at anything in the pork line anywhere around. Goats being plentiful encourage the leopard to lurk about, and though seldom seen in the day time his pugs appear on paths, sand banks, and about the fenced-in compounds of a morning, without exciting much attention. A good many are trapped, but as skins, from the wearers being lammed to death with *lathis* or *daos* and the whiskers burnt off, they are not worth having. By poling a couple of miles up stream you can have good sport in April, and in fact all through the rains, there being a small though deep pool where the river twists round to the south; masheer here running up to 20 and 40lbs. Having business further on we did not sojourn here long but made for a place marked on the map as Jebunopore (why, I can't say) as the people of the *bustee* call it Subansora. It may be as well to mention that many names on our topographical maps are incorrectly given, the same applying to the streams. A path from this place leads up the hill to Nongjuri and so on to Shillong, but unless one is accustomed to the hands and knees mode of progression he had better go round by the old road or a newly-opened track *viâ* Whalang. A good pleasant-enough camping ground is had in a cluster of small huts at the base of the hill and about two miles to the left (west) on the path to Terriah over some low spurs covered with brushwood lies the entrance to the Brahmin Cave.

Three days sufficed for what business I had to do here, and as the weather appeared settled we went in for some fishing in the stream that forms the Terriah as also the Companygunge river issuing from the hills through an imposing gap with short rapids *ad lib*, the common reservoir being fully a couple of acres in extent and never without a ripple. Except at noonday you can always find shade under cliffs from which to operate, and there being little umbrageous timber about there is splendid ground for casting, while, either in the feeding or empting rapid, you can troll to your heart's content. In April common trout gear is sufficient, but in September, perhaps, the best month for whipping this place, you need a stout salmon rod and the strongest tackle for the huge monsters that come bounding up run over 70lbs., while even the smaller fish seem in that month to be imbued with extraordinary vigour. The precipitous sides of the ravine are too steep for any animals, so that camping *all fresco* can be indulged in without fear of prowlers and a week can be passed in this quiet secluded spot without encountering a human being or anything more dangerous than an otter. The scenery, though rugged, is grand, while at all seasons of the year there is a cool breeze flowing down the ravine Bare as the Um Lam Lam gorge seems to be of vegetation, it is remarkable for the numerous hives of bees which are mostly fixed in the fissures of the rocks under shelter of overhanging boulders which latter look as if the slightest motion would topple them down. The ravine is an ideal asylum for the insects as it is safe from bruin as also from the red ant, and, unless by the aid of uncommonly flimsy ladders, from the h man marauder also.

On our return my attention was drawn to fresh droppings which at first I took merely as those of the lungoor which are plentiful enough about here, but closer inspection showed to be those of bear, but it was too late to follow up. The take when weighed in camp came up to 120lbs, of fish, averaging 7lbs. a piece, all caught with the gray fly. The men being anxious for bruin flesh we procured a tyke from Lakat starting early next morning to take up the trail; otters that had been scampering over the ground the night before rather bothered the scent until we got up into the first range when we hit it off pretty quick, soon finding one of the little black chaps gazing up at a swarm of bees out of his reach. Off he went among the rocks, dodging in and out in fine style, till we lost him suddenly on the edge of a deep rift in the limestone, across which he must have jumped. We had to hunt about for a crossing as the gap was exceedingly deep and the take off and landing too fragile to trust to. At last a wythe hanging from an acacia tree was found, so unwinding it we swung ourselves over: doggy would not

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try it, and after running to and fro for some time quietly trotted homeward leaving us to our own devices. Small as the bear are here they are uncommonly active and following up may result in an unpleasantly sudden encounter. Toiling up a spur clearer than usual we sighted our friend leisurely walking up the centre; a shot from a No. 12 hit him in the flank and with an angry growl down he came, but a second ball broke his back, and ere we got up to him all was over. My chum began to pull the dead creature about till warned of the consequences, for early in the season the shaggy covering abounds with ticks in all stages of development. We slung the quarry on a long bamboo, the bearers taking the precaution to smear the pole between them and the carcase with some sticky milk like juice afforded by a creeper. On examining the hide in camp I said I didn't care for the skin, so that it was forthwith singed and then taken off. Bear steaks are uncommonly good eating and the news of our success getting wind little was left of bruin by the next morning.

We paid a visit to the cave, but it has been so often described before that details are unnecessary. The entrance does not seem to have been affected by the big earthquake, and the only noticeable thing inside is a huge stalactite detached from the roof lying in three pieces across the path to the pool. The sight of this and the number of others hanging over head I must confess had something to do with determining us from remaining long inside in case of a repetiton of subterranean convulsions. Trying a fresh way back home rewarded us by getting a ravine deer, also a tola the latter being much appreciated by our men. I attended the bazaar at Lakat on hât day and gained a good deal of information as to the game in the huge bheel. South of it little alteration has taken place here and the old shikari, now, poor old chap past work from partial blindness, informed me that there were quite as many buffalo and bheelwah in the place as before, the decline in the trade of the hât keeping people away. There is a small herd of elephants knocking about between Lakat and the Jafflong tea garden, but no notable animal among them, though a big rogue tusker is in possession of the Oomla meit ravine to the eastward. The Bengalee *bustee wallahs* say the beast is a rogue, but no damage has been credited to him that I could glean, so I suppose he is one of those solitary males on a prospecting matrimonial turo. From its isolated position the country, both terai and bheel between Bolagunge and Jaintiapore, remains pretty well stocked with game, but as the latter is without timber, elephants would be needed to beat it properly. The village of Darrung is the best place to hang out in as it affords access to the bheel, the low teelahs at the foot of the hills proper, as also the debouchere of the Mantang river well up which the valley opens out affording refuge to numbers of the pretty little agile mouse deer, with now and then such sambhur families as recess away from the low country.

NO. 4 REFUGE HOUSE.

DURING the X'mas holidays, 1901, the year of the big cyclone in November, we paid our second visit to No. 4 Refuge House in the Sunderbunds. Our fleet consisted of a big house-boat the "Curlew," occupied by ourselves, a smaller one the "Seamew" filled with stores and serving as kitchen, and a fine big launch, the "Kittiwake," who towed the lot, and several dinghies besides. We believe in doing things comfortably when we trip to Sunderbunds. The following notes are taken from my diary dated 20th December, Mutla: "All day coaling and watering; at 8 P. M. started with favourable tide and fine moon. Held on to mouth of Hoogildee; laid up for night. 21st, started 6 A. M., made Seerfulla gang 10-30 A. M. Held on down Kai Khall Maree and Dalhousie River, etc., till made gang leading to Refuge House No. 4 Creek, with shoal at mouth. Tide full, so had no difficulty in crossing the bar. Held on by moonlight, till we were within quarter of a mile of the mouth of khall and the sea. Anchored for night. Lovely calm night. Day somewhat blowy; sea trifle lumpy in places." Next morning we rowed down to the mouth of the khall, and it being low water we were much struck by the changes apparent in our surroundings. On the Refuge House side, instead of hard black mud cut up by little channels of water and thickly interspersed with the jagged remains of trees we landed on a spread of smooth white and golden sand, reaching far out into the sea and extending right up to the Refuge House. Here again a great change had been effected, for the sand was heaped up so high that we could almost touch the floor of the shelter without climbing the ladder at all. Everywhere was drifted shining white sand. Quantities had been carried a long way into the jungle, quite overwhelming the lower growth in places. Only one set of tiger pugs did we see here—a fact which struck us as remarkable; as in former times the walk along the sea face and round and round the Refuge House seemed to be the fashionable promenade for the tiger community of the island. The poor old house looked dilapidated and much the worse for its buffeting by the cyclone, and no longer a safe or desirable haven for the distressed. In the afternoon we landed on the opposite side and discovered still greater changes had taken place there. About a mile of heavy jungle, at the end of the island, consisting of well raised ground and old salt pans, a regular stronghold for tigers had been completely swept away, only a small bank of hard black mud and the stumps of a few trees being left to mark the spot. We wondered what had happened to the tigers. Truly those must have been days of terror to the inhabitants of the island. From what we saw, it seemed as though nearly the whole place was under water at one period of the storm. Another splendid stretch of sand bordered with good jungle, a favourite play-ground for deer, had also completely disappeared into the sea. There were no pugs about, but we met a pig or two routing around in the jungle and saw a couple of deer scamper off, but too far for a shot. I forgot to mention that as we rowed to the mouth of the khall, we saw our old friends, the pair of muggars, lying basking in the sun close to the water's edge, almost exactly in the same spot as they frequented two years' ago; evidently a trifle such as a cyclone disturbed not the even tenor of their lives. The following morning we took a long walk over the sands for about three miles along the sea face. We passed by the old salt licks and found them filled up with sand, but the deer had already scooped out a fresh hole for themselves, while mingled with their tracks all round the place were the ominous pugs of other gentry. On our way home as we were skirting the edge of the waves, the tide having run out, we noticed some queer scratchy-looking marks in the moist sand, and found that they formed a regular path leading from the sea towards the dry sand and jungle. At first we attributed them to a muggar's proceedings, but on following them up found they terminated in a series of scrapings round a small space of sand and finally led away to the sea again. I was stamping about the place where the marks were when suddenly my foot sank in over the instep. In great excitement we fetched bits of drift wood and commenced to dig and in a few seconds were rewarded by the sight of a nice round little leathery shelled egg, which was quickly followed by several more. Finally, when all the dry sand was cleared away, a neat cavity was exposed to view, filled with newly-laid rows of pinky white, perfectly round, turtles' eggs, all moist and shining in the wet sand. We lifted them out and piled them like cannon balls in a heap, and on counting found that the "clutch" contained no less than a hundred and fifty-seven eggs. We also photographed them, but, alas! the plate got spoiled. Our boatmen, Calcutta manjis, said they knew they were "good to eat," but their caste forbade them to do so. As we had no caste scruples, we had them taken home in triumph and partook of them for several days with gusto. This is the way to serve turtles' eggs: Boil gently for about 15 minutes, bring to table hot, tear the leathery shell open, separate the jelly-like white from the yolk, and spread latter on toast or bread and butter; add plenty of pepper and salt. This was the only turtle's nest we found with eggs in it, but later on discovered others which had been robbed of their contents. The thief we traced to a big boar whom we occasionally saw running about the sands in eager search after something we could not make out what, but put down as crabs. One day with the aid of the glasses we made out he was gobbling up huge mouthfuls out of the sand, and we wondered; but our discovery of the turtle's nest and several holes along the shore shewed us how the beggar had been feasting.

Our great occupation when the tides suited was fishing. One method by which we made several good hauls was to stretch a long deep net across the mouth of a small khall from bank to bank, staking it down firmly to the mud at the bottom. This was done at high tide, just before the water turned to run down; and when at low water we re-visited the net, the result was usually a nice little catch of "pisces," edible, also non-edible, amongst them a few beetis, crabs galore, and a selection of very toothsome little fish in shape like a bream, with formidable spines on their humped backs, beautifully marked with purple and bronze blotches on back and sides. Fried in butter with artistically scattered bread crumbs, they made a most poetic dish. Our men were particularly rejoiced when a horrid looking monster, with flat head, boot buttons for eyes, and long feelers pendant from its enormous gargoyle-like mouth was included in the catch, as they reckoned it a great delicacy. The brutes squeaked when they were handled and very often contained big yellow-brown oval eggs, resembling large cod liver oil capsules in appearance and shape. I've no doubt they were equally tasty, but we declined to be tempted into sampling their quality though our men brought us a lot nicely fried in oil, and were much disappointed at our refusal of their dainty dish. But our most sporting fishing was when we visited a big mud and sand flat, a sort of blind khall left dry by the receded tide. Then we took as many men as could be mustered, and all the nets, scoops, and baskets handy, and made a day of it. The great thing was to venture out as far as possible over the yielding sands, sometimes up to the knees in slush—most exhausting walking—in order to meet the first rush of the incoming tide as it raced with turgid, sandy waters into the little channels bearing on its waves multitudes of struggling shrimps and tiny fish, who were hurried along; *noless roleus* with leaves and other rubbish. This was the time for using scoop nets and baskets; even a waistcloth came in handy, but soon the water deepened and larger fish came sailing up the stream in hot pursuit of their small brethren, who jumped out of the water in shoals to avoid their jaws. A most wonderful sight. Now the cast net came into requisition, the *pheng do jhall* as one of our party christened it, and many a fine young beeti was captured by its means; various other fish a sea snake or two, and some little sharks. One day a small porpoise followed the crowd into quite shallow water, but we did not get a cast. Its colour was remarkable, being a light flush pink; we put it down as an albino freak. A saw fish about three feet in length was amongst the catch made by the cast net. He was a most agile and slippery customer and gave us great trouble to haul out of the water. On land he was more lively than ever, flapping about to such an extent that his saw got hopelessly entangled in the net, and several meshes had to be cut before we could get him free. It was anything but a pleasant job as his saw was so sharp that the operators received some nasty scratches before he was released. Our men called this fish "rhattak," and were most anxious to get possession of the saw which is used as a charm, but we preferred to keep the trophy for ourselves. We were particularly struck by the absence of the great armies of blood-red crabs that used to run over the sea-face and sand dunes during the day on the occasion of our first trip. They made a most wonderful splash of colour on the white sands, and when they paraded at the edge of the sea the effect of their vivid red against the deep blue of the water was most picturesque. It was evident the cyclone was answerable for the diminution in their ranks, as fresh sand to the depth of several feet had been swept up over some of their special haunts, and water was standing in other places. We only saw a few small companies of them. Coming home one evening along the sands at dead low water we were much amused watching their little ways. The sun had just set, and the evening was very calm, the sea sliding up the smooth white sands in absurdly tiny waves. A company of frivolous young crabs ran down to the water's edge and there played a game that was quite human in its way. They all ranged themselves in a line, and as a wavelet came coursing up the sand, the great joke seemed to be to push your neighbour in and skip out of the way yourself. Further up the bank, about high water mark, the older crabs were walking slowly around, cleaning up their holes, or sitting demurely at their doors, while the little ones played close by.

The alteration made by the cyclone to our usual landing place on the Refuge House side was rather a nuisance. The banks at the mouth of the small khall had been washed away and the channel deepened considerably, obliging us to row further up the khall when the tide was high and step off the boat right into the jungle. As at this part it was much blocked with piled-up drift wood, mounds of sand and matted bushes, we rather fought shy of excursioning on that side, unless the tide was running out enough to allow of our alighting on the *chur* that had been formed beside the channel. One day we organised a big fishing, and wind and tide being favourable, landed on the said *chur* and proceeded gaily along the sand to our destination,—the big flats, little dreaming of the surprise party the elements had in store for us poor innocents. The sport was good, and laden with spoils we tramped back along the sands rather astonished to find the water so far in; also we noted a tumbling line of breakers out to sea, but before we reached the corner by the Refuge House we found the tide had come in with a rush, bringing a strong breeze with it; that big rollers were racing up towards the khall, breaking in showers of white spray over the submerged sand banks, seething right in amongst the jungle, while even our ghât a little way up the khall was a commotion of turbulent waters. Our dinghies were nowhere to be found. We shouted and shouted, but hearing no answer through the noise of the waves and the wind, retraced our steps some way back into the jungle in the endeavour to find a road leading further up the khall. However there was nothing in that line to be discovered. So following the pugs of a tiger we forced our slow and painful way through the debris left by the cyclone, climbing over huge fallen trees, "wrastling" with sticky creepers, prodded by thorns, or sinking into deep beds of sand, filled with colossal oyster shells, when we were not paddling through water. These acrobatic feats were somewhat fatiguing, loaded as we were with heavy rifles and photographic "apparatus," our men being already over-burdened with the fish and net they carried. The leading pugs were suggestively fresh too, and when presently we found larger ones close alongside, somewhat fresher if possible, trending the same way, quite a healthy excitement was added to our endeavours to reach the open as speedily as might be. At last, wading up to the ankles in water, we won through only to find the dinghies swaying about on the other side of the khall, the men holding on for dear life to the jungle to prevent their being swept out to sea or dashed against the trees, while a strong sea boiled around them instead of the usual placid waters. The prospect was anything but cheering. As it was not yet the top of the tide, there was nothing to be done but to wait till it turned to run out again, and hope that the wind and sea would then calm down. In about half an hour we made a start wading out to the dinghies which were still bobbing about like corks in a stream, and scrambled into them in a manner not wholly dignified. Our dinghie, the largest and heaviest laden, went first

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We had two natives rowing and one to steer. J. & R. also took oars, while I sat in the bows and warned the rowers when a big wave was approaching. The swell was very heavy but our sharp-nosed dinghie shot up and down over them most actively. When we reached the bar at the mouth, however, the real fun commenced. Here the rollers were not only huge in size, but followep close upon each other, leaving the old boat hardly time to rise from the hollow of the one passed, before the next was upon her. It was anxious work navigating that sand bank. Just as we thought we were well over the worst, three enormous waves came swelling up upon us; in their immediate wake two smaller ones. We had just time to sit tight, when they were upon us. The brave old dinghie rose to them and slipped over the first two in a wonderful manner, but as her nose was still in the air after the third, in rushed the smaller ones, giving her no time to recover. Down she came with an awful smack and a shock that sent us all out of our seats, while the spray flew out on either side, and the waters seemed as if they must rush in and overwhelm us. But such was her buoyancy that though she shipped some water over her bows, the waves seemed to slip apart from beneath her rounded keel, and she showed not the slightest sign of upsetting. The men now strained lustily at their oars, and before another succession of rollers could reach us we were over the bar and into comparatively smooth waters. The other dinghie, being shorter, managed the passage easier than we did,but every one was extremely thankful fo find themselves out of the hurly-burly. If we had been upset, how very unpleasant it would have been. Apart from losing all our rifles, etc., and even if we could have struggled to shore, the water on the bar being pretty shallow, the chances were our friends the muggars would have played "Undertaker" to some of the party. No doubt they were ready watching for a catastrophe the whole time. That same evening about 5 o'clock a tiger roared in the jungle quite close to the house-boat, and it was a remarkable thing how many pugs we found during our rambles after we had been in the place for a few days; whereas on our first explorations we thought there was hardly a tiger left on the island. On our return voyage we took a new route, steaming north and west through various khalls We started at 2-30 P. M. and by 5-30 P.M. had reached the sea, but as there was a formidable bar guarding the mouth of the khall, we had to lie inside for the night. Very early next morning we rowed the "Seamew" and "Curlew" over the bar, the launch following as soon as the tide made sufficiently to allow of her getting over with a scrape. At 8-30 A. M. the fleet started, and after a lovely smooth run up the Bidda River, arrived at Musjid Bari, 2-30 P. M., dropping anchor at our old moorings there. We passed on the way splendid stretches of sand and inviting-looking jungle, and marked down a likely spot or two for future exploration. The cyclone seemed to have played great havoc in places, the trees being totally destroyed, and the sand heaped up and carried far into the jungles, while in other cases khalls had been formed, quite changing the character of the land

FRANCES MAXWELL.

Shooting.

TRAP SHOOTING AT OOTACAMUND.

FOUR competitions were held at the Boat House on the morning of the 1st instant, five competitors taking parts. The shooting was good. Mr. Wapshire was in fine form winning three of the events. Details :—

SWEEPSTAKES.—Five Buds Walking up. Handicap.

	H'cp.	
Capt Andersen	6	2 2 0 0 2=12 wins
Mr Verini	6	0 0 2 0 2=10
Capt Packard	2	0 2 2 2 2=10
Mr Wapshare	1	0 2 2 2 2= 9
Mr Hodgson	3	0 2 0 2 2= 9

SWEEPSTAKES.—Five Double Rises. A Distance Handicap.

	H'cp yds.	
Mr Wapshare ...	19½	1 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 1 2=8 wins
Mr Hodgson ...	17	1 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0=6
Capt Packard ...	18	0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 retires
Capt Anderson ...	10	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ,,
Mr Verini ...	13	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 ,,

HOT CORNER STAKES.—Five birds pulled in succession, at intervals of 7 seconds for ejector guns, 8 for hammerless non-ejector, and 9 for hammer guns. A Distance Handicap.

	H'cp. yds.	
Mr Wapshare ...	18	1 1 1 1 1=5 wins
Capt Packard ...	21	1 0 1 1 1=4
Capt Anderson ...	12	0 0 1 0 0=1

MARK OVER STAKES.—Five birds thrown over head from back of shooter. No Handicap.

Mr Wapshare ...	...	1 1 1 1 1=5 wins
Capt Packard ...	...	1 0 1 0 1=3
Capt Anderson ...	...	0 0 0 0 1=1
Mr Wapshare ...	19½ yds	1-0 ; 1-0 ; 1-2 ; 0 0 ; 1-2
Mr H P Hodgson ...	17 ,,	1-2 ; 1-0 ; 1-0 ; 0 0 ; 1-0

The chequered public career of Tom Oliver was wound up about 1865 by a sale of his effects under an execution. Among the live-stock offered for sale at the public auction was an animal which might have been anything, but was described in the catalogue as a mare. She had been left to graze for some time—while the bailiffs were in possession—in a field where there was a pool. In this she had bathed to her heart's content, and as she was never groomed she got very dirty and ragged. She, as a matter of course, filled her stomach with grass till it distended to such an extent as to destroy all her original symmetry.

Her racing career had, from accident to a leg, been brief and untriumphant, so that her merits were only known to her owner, who—when her appearance had created much derision, and she failed to elicit a bid—asked the auctioneer if he might be allowed to repossess her. The united shout of approval which followed such a modest request induced the auctioneer to hand the mare over to the bankrupt Thomas, and he, knowing what a diamond was concealed in the rough exterior, took her with him to his new location, which was as private trainer to Mr. W. S. Cartwright.

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EARLY SNIPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The subjoined table shows the dates on which the first couple of snipe were shot each year in the districts of Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts. These birds, from their poor condition, were evidently new arrivals :—

1878	At Rangamati, C. H. T., by T. J. on			15th	August.
1879	Ditto	ditto	ditto	15th	,,
1880	Ditto	ditto	ditto	14th	,,
1881	Ditto	ditto	ditto	16th	,,
1882	Agonea Garden, Chittagong, by T. J. on			18th	,,
1883	...	...	...		...
1884	At Kodala Garden, Chittagong, by A. F. D. on			16th	,,
1885	Ditto	ditto	ditto	15th	,,
1886	Ditto	ditto	ditto	10th	,,
1891	At Rangamati, C. H. T., by T. J. on			13th	,,
1892	Ditto	by C. S. M. on		6th	,,
1893	At Kodala Tea Garden, Chittagong		A. F. D.	19th	,,
1894				16th	
1895				15th	
1896				16th	
1897	At Yenwah Tea Garden, Chittagong, by A. W. on			19th	,,
1900	At Rangamati on			16th	,,

It is a pity there are gaps in the years, but here is the record of a whole district and it may be of use to naturalists. Note how early the first couple was got in 1892. Was it an early year in other districts I wonder.

POLITYE.

A POOL QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—In a game of pool can a striker have any ball removed from the table when it is possible to hit the object ball on one side or the other, paying no attention to the fact of his having the best possible chance of pocketing the object ball ?

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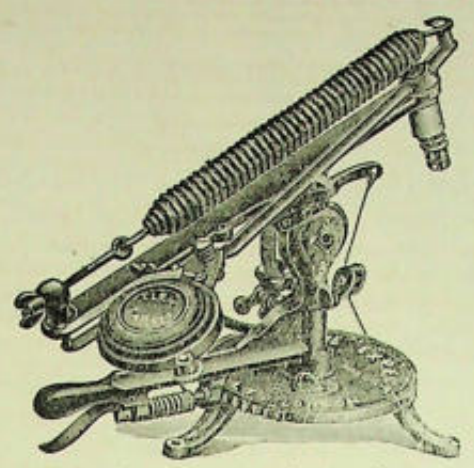

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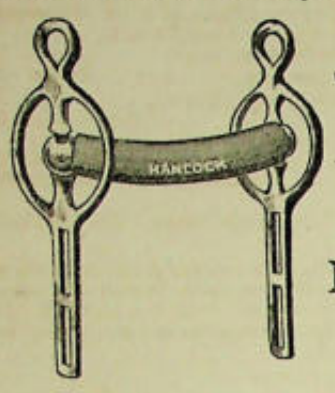

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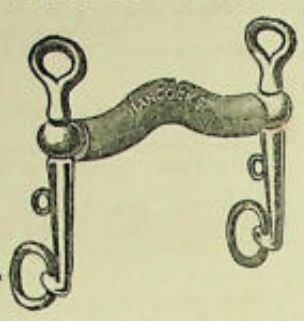

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Name of Races.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Tollygunge Second Gymkhana	July	11	
Bangalore	"	14, 16 & 18	
Rangoon Sky	"	18	
Secunderabad	"	30 & Aug. 1	
Poona 1-4 Extra	"	25	
" 2nd "	Aug.	1	
" 3rd "	"	7	
" 4th "	"	8	
" 5th "	"	15	
" 6th "	"	22	
" 7th "	"	24	
" 8th "	"	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	"	8	
Second do do	"	15	
Third do do	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Quetta Autumn	"	12, 24 & 26	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	23, 26,28 & 30	
		Oct. 3 & 5 & 10	574
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	210
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	522
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	573
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	21, 23 & 28	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	25, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb.	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	First		1st Sept.
	Second		15th Oct.
Calcutta First Extra			8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra			15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First		1st Dec.
	Second		9th Jan.
	Third		16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		2nd Jan.
Poona	First		4th August.
	Second		25th "
	Final		8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third		16th Sept.
	Fourth		1st Dec.
	Final		20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First		11th Aug.
	Second		1st Oct.
	Third		14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	First		10th Aug.
	Second		10th Sept.
Tezpore	First		1st Nov.
	Second		Day before Races.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.	
Poona Open Tournament	18th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	24th to 29th August.
CRICKET.	
Bombay vs. Parsees (Bombay)	13th, 14th & 15th August.
Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.
THE HORSE.	
Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November.
FOOTBALL.	
Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
HOCKEY.	
Madras Tournament	Begins 20th July.
GOLF.	
Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August.
Calcutta G. C. Cleek Match	17th and 18th July
SWIMMING.	
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Six Lengths Handicap	10th July.
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Final Heat, Ditto	1st August.
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ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Eclipse Stakes (1½ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs)	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Sept 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Eton vs. Harrow (Lord's)	10th July.
Gents vs. Players (Oval)	16th July.
Rugby vs. Marlborough (Lord's)	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regata	6th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	10th November.
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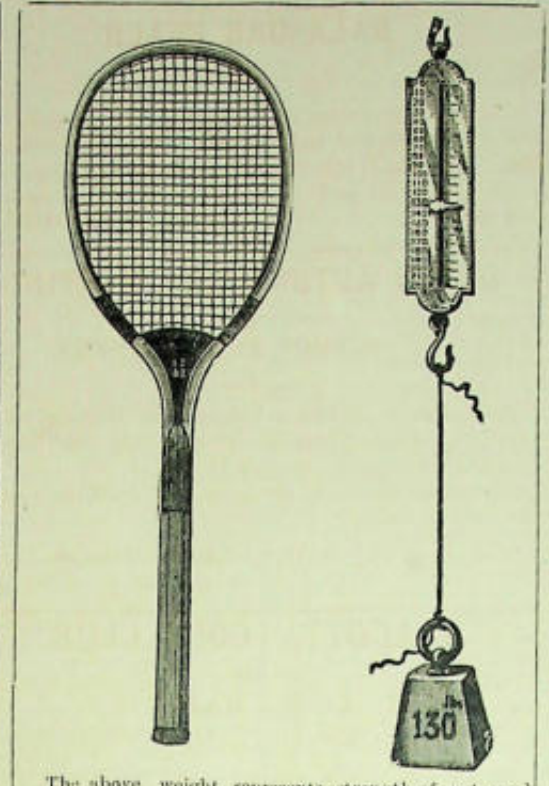

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Saturday, 27th June 1903.

A fair attendance, including Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill, was present at the gymkhana this afternoon. Proceedings were most successful, the six races on the card being closely contested. Captain Packard acted as Starter, Major Fowler as Judge, and Captain Brown as Clerk of the Scales. Details:—

THE ARAB SCURRY.—For Arab and C.-B. Ponies. Heats of 2 furlongs without dismounting W. I. 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs. Penalties—Winners of Rs. 50 once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs; thrice 10lbs.

Capt Caldbeck's b a g Fareed, 11st 9lbs ... Capt Roome 1
Also ran: Gentle James, 11-3; Little John, 11 6; Gladstone, 10-3½; Lease of Life, 11-6; and Dandy 12-7.

Fareed winning very nicely in both heats. John broke away before each start and ran the whole course before he could be stopped. In the first heat Fareed took the lead from the start and was never troubled. Gentle James just beating Gladstone for second place. In the second heat Gladstone made a great race with Fareed, but was beaten. The totalisator paid Rs. 7.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—For horses that have never won a race of any kind, Gymkhana or otherwise. 5 furlongs.

Major Logan-Home's b c m Dodo, 12st 7lbs	Capt Fife	Dead heat.
Capt Dick Cunyngham's b aus g Belgrave, 10st	Owner	Dead heat.
H E the Governor's b aus g Abbot, 12st 7lbs	Major Campbell	2

Also ran: Baronet, 12-7; and Troubador, 12-0.

A dead heat. The stakes were divided and the totalisator paid Rs. 3 to each. Time—1min 13secs.

THE PONY PLATE.—A handicap for ponies. Ladies' Nomination. A Bracelet presented by the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. Forbes to lady nominating winner. 6 furlongs.

Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 12st 7lbs	Owner 1
Capt Unthank's b aus m Meg II nominated by Miss Russell, 12st	Owner 2

Also ran: Rocket, 9-3.

Won comfortably by three lengths. Time—1min 31secs. The totalisator paid Rs 3.

THE UBIQUE PLATE.—A handicap for horses. Ladies' Nomination. A prize presented by the Officers R. A. in Ootacamund to the lady nominating the winning horse. 1 mile.

Capt Swan's ch aus g The Cardinal nominated by Mrs Swan, 12st 7lbs	Owner 1
Major W M Campbell's br aus g Pennant, 11st 11lb	Capt Roome 2
Major Logan-Home's br aus g Harkaway, 11st 8lbs	Capt Fife 3

Also ran: Kylemore, 10-7½; Blackmore, 10-0; declared 3-0; and Buzz 12-2.

Won by two lenght. Time—1min. 55secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 7.

THE LADIES' PURSE.—For all horses and ponies *bonâ fide* the property of ladies that have been regularly hunted this season by ladies. Rs. 40 to first horse, Rs. 40 to first pony. If there are sufficient entries there will be two races and the horses and ponies separated. 5 furlongs.

PONIES.

Mrs Hay's b aus g The Snip, 12st	Captain Dick Cunyngham	1
Mrs Horne's bl a g Blackcock 10st 11lb	Captain Swan	2
Mrs Earle's br aus m C B, 12st	Major Campbell	3

Also ran: Lady, 12-0.

Won as he liked, causing some surprise. Time—1min. 16secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 3.

HORSES.

Miss Hay's ch aus g Awaking, 12st	Major Campbell	1
Mrs Hay's br aus g Mr Brown, 12st	Major Vigne	2
Lady Ampthill's br aus g Atlar, 12st	Captain Dick Cunyngham	3

Also ran: Pierrett, 12-0.

Won by four lengths. Time—1min. 12⅘secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 3.

KARACHI GYMKHANA MEETING.

STEWARDS.

COL. R.C.G. MAYNE, C.B, A.D.C. | R. P. BARROW, ESQ, I. C. S.
LT.-COL. J. A. BELL, A. A. G. | S. W. ANDERSON, ESQ.
LT.-COL. A. C. CURRITT, | MAJOR F. POTTS, R. F. A.
„ F. R. THACKERAY, C. R. A. | C. W. GARRAWAY, MAJOR, *Honorary Secretary.*

Judge.—COL. F. R. THACKERAY, C. R. A.
Starter.—CAPT. V. D. SHERER, R. A.
Clerk of Scales.—T. DALYELL, ESQ.

Saturday, 27th June, 1903.

ALMOST enjoyable afternoon's sport was got through to-day, the meeting being a great success for which thanks are due to Major Garraway. There were six races on the card and, considering that at this time the year Karachi is not particularly rich in horse flesh, fair fields turned out. Mr. S. W. Anderson and Mr. Hamer divided winning honours. Details:—

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 23 to the winner, Rs. 10 to the second. For maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies, 14-1 and under. Others maidens, 13-3 and under. Above heights to carry 12-0. W. I. 4 furlongs.

Mr S W Anderson's b aus m, Grace, 12st 11lb	Owner	1
„ G E Xydis', ch a h, Ghizri, 11st 4lbs	Mr Demetriadi	2
„ McConaghy's b c b g, Lioncel, 11st 6lbs	Hamer	3
„ H Mahon's b a p, Thomas, 9st 10lbs	Owner	0

From start to finish Time—58 seconds. The Totalisator paid Rs. 8. In the Lottery, Rs. 150: Grace sold for Rs. 40, Lioncel for Rs. 11, Ghizri Rs. 30, Thomas Rs. 20.

THE TUM-TUM STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner, Rs. 10 to the second. For *bonâ fide* trappers 14-2 and under. Arabs and C. B's C. W. over 11-7, other C W. over 12-7. 3 furlongs.

Major A E Hatch's b c b m Trilby, 11st 7lbs	Mr Hamer	1
Mr Thatcher's Ajib, 11st 7lbs	Mr Paul	2
„ A White's, g a g The Joke, 11st 7lbs	Mr S W Anderson	3
„ D Miller's b a g Hamish, 11st 7lbs,	Mr Breslauer	0
„ Nichola b cb g Bunkie, 11st 7lbs	Mr C S Anderson	0
„ R G Shuttleworth's g a h Grey Knight, 11st 7lbs,	Owner	0

Won by two lengths; half a length between second and third. Time—45 seconds.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 3. In the Lottery, Rs. 200; Grey Knight sold for Rs. 15, Trilby Rs. 31, The Joke Rs. 34, Ajib Rs. 25, Bunkie Rs. 5, Hamish Rs. 12.

THE HORSE PLATE. Rs. 32 to the winner, Rs. 10 to the second. A handicap for horses. Distance 1 mile.

Mr Thatcher's br aust g Commissioner, 11st	Mr Paul	1
„ Breslauer's, b aus g Fife and Drum, 11st	Owner	2
„ A C Demetriadi's, ch aus g, Laddie, 11st	Owner	3

Won by two lengths. Time 2mins. 2secs.—

The Totalisator paid Rs. 6. In the Lottery, Rs. 150: Fife and Drum sold for Rs 32, Commissioner Rs 37, Laddie Rs 24.

THE POLO SCURRY.—Rs 32 to the winner. Rs 10 to the second. For *bonâ fide* polo ponies. Arabs and C Bs C W over 11 7. Others C W. over 120. ½ mile without dismounting.

Mr C S Anderson's, ch cb g, Misto, 11st 7lbs	Mr S W Anderson	1
„ V F Currey's, b a g, Turin, 11st 7lbs	Owner	2
„ C E Borton's g a h, Orford, 11st 7lbs	Mr Brander	3
Captain Cochrane's ch cb g, Orchard, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0

Misti won both heats in 28 and 29 seconds respectively.

The Totalisator paid Rs 3. In the Lottery, Rs 100: Misti sold for Rs. 16, Turin Rs 90, Orford Rs. 10, Orchard Rs. 5.

THE EVERLASTING STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner, Rs. 10 to the second. For Arabs and C B ponies, 14-1 and under, 141 to carry 11-7, W. I. About three miles.

Mrs Tate nominates Mr Murat's b a p, Dandy, 9st 2lbs	Mr Hamer	1
Miss Jackson nominates Mr A White's g a g, The Joke, 8st 13lbs	Joda	2
Miss Taylor nominates Mr H Mahon's b a p Thomas, 8st 10lbs	Owner	3
Miss Mayne nominates Mr Brander's, b c b m, Witchcraft, 10st 9lbs	Mr Brander	0
Mrs Mackenzie nominates Mr Hempe Vincent's b b c g, Old Nick, 9st 8lbs	Mr Currey	0

Won by three lengths. Time, 7-min. 5secs.

The Totalistor paid Rs. 4. In the Lottery Rs. 150: The Joke sold for Rs. 25, Dandy Rs. 37, Witchcraft Rs. 15, Thomas Rs. 14, Old Nick Rs. 3.

THE HAPHAZARD Stakes.—A prize value Rs. 32 (presented by A Cumine, Esq. Commissionern in Sind) to the winner, Rs. 10 to the second. A distance handicap for all ponies. Approximate weight of rider to be sent in with entry. 1 mile.

Mrs Garraway nominates Mr G E Xydi's, ch a h Ghizri, 11st 10lb yds.	...Mr Demetriadi	1
Miss O Bell nominates Mr S W Anderson's b cb g True Blue, 11st Scratch ..	Owner	2
Miss Currie nominates Mr H N Kilarney's b cb m, Phyllis, 12st 12lb yds,	...Mr C Anderson	3

Time—2 mins. 3secs. In the Lottery, Rs. 00 : Ghizri sold for Rs. 14. True Blue Rs 95, Phyllis Rs 9, Orchard, Rs. 13.
The Totalisator paid Rs. 10.

GYMKAHNA AT MYSORE.

A very sporting little gymkhana was held at Mysore last week, when a card of five events was got through, good fields starting in each of the races. Colonel Desaraj Urs and the Maharajah of Mysore divided the wins, the former securing three and the Maharajah two. riding Southern Cross to victory himself in the Kuranji Purse. Details :—

THE GRAND STAND PURSE.—Rs. 20 to winner, and Rs. 5 to third. ¼ mile.

Col Desaraj Urs's bl aus p Duke, 12st ...	Mr Bowring	1
Mr Narayana Iyengar's gr aus g Rajah, 12st 2lbs	Owner	2
H H the Maharajah's b a p Kalundoss, 12st 2lbs	Owner	3

Seven started.
No betting.
Won by two lengths one length between second and third. Time—42secs.

THE LILLIPUT PURSE.—Rs. 20 to winner, and Rs. 5 to second. 3 furlongs.

H H the Maharaja's d aus p Frolic, 11st 3lbs	the Yuvaraja	1
Mr Bowring's b a p Clishidoss, 11st 12lbs	Owner	2
„ Lakshi Kantaraj Urs's g a p Limerick, 12st 4lbs	Subramiaraj Urs	3

Eight ran.
BETTING : 2 to 1 each on Frolic and Clishidoss, and 10 to 1 the rest.
Won by a length and half ; same between second and third. Time—42secs.

KURANJI PURSE.—Rs. 20 to winner, Rs. 10 to second and Rs. 5 to third. For hacks and chargers, *bonâ fide* the property of Officers. (The race course).

H H the Maharajah's b aus g Southern Cross, 12st 5lbs	Owner	1
Mr Lakshi Kantaraj Urs's br aus g Baron, 12st	Owner	2
Mr Maconochie's bl aus g Blackbird, 12st 11b	Owner	3

Fourteen started.
BETTING : 3 to 1 each Politician, Blackbird and Southern Cross, and 10 to 1 the rest.
Won by a length and a half ; two lengths between second and third Time—2mins. 34secs.

THE CHAMUNDI PURSE,—Rs. 20 to winner, and Rs. 5 to second. ¼ mile.

Col Desaraj Urs's b aus m Countess, 12st ...	Narainswamy	1
Mr Bowring's ch c b g Benmore, 12st ...	Owner	2
H H the Maharajah's g a p Bijli, 12st ...	the Yuvaraja	3

Seven started.
BETTING : 2 to 1 each Countess and Benmore, 4 to 1 Bijli and any odds the others.
Won after a good race by a head ; two lengths between second and third. Time—53secs.

THE RACE COURSE PURSE.—Rs. 20 to winner, and Rs. 5 to second. 3 furlongs.

Col Desaraj Urs's br aus g Duke, 11st ...	Narainswamy	1
H H the Maharajah's d aus g Frolic, 12st 2lbs	Owner	2
H H the Maharajah's g a g Tutor, 11st 11b	the Yuvaraja	3

Eight started.
BETTING : Evens Duke, and 2 to 1 Tutor and Frolic.
Won by half length ; a length and a half between second and third. Time—43secs.

LUCKNOW 4TH OPEN GYMKHANA.

STEWARDS :

G T SPANKIE, ESQ | CAPT L M DUNBAR, 5TH D G
MAJ EUSTACE, 5TH DG | „ W Q WINDWOOD, 5TH D G

Judge.—MAJ. EUSTACE, 5TH D.G.
Clerk of the Scales.—C. LANG, ESQ., 5TH. D G.
Starter.—F. BEATY, ESQ.

First Day, Thusday, 2nd July 1903.

Lucknow has this week again had cause to be grateful to the energy of the Stewards generally and to the Honorary Secretary Captain Dunbar, in particular, an energy which not even the ghastly weather we are having now seems to have any effect upon. On Thursday and Saturday at any rate they have had the gratification of seeing that their efforts were fully appreciated. The attendance was good on both days, especially on Saturday ; the fields were also for the most part good, and the sport was undeniable. Captain Dunbar had a bit of bad luck on Thursday when one of his horses, Priest, came to grief; on the other hand he won three races on that day, with Eldorado, Victory, and Rowena. On Saturday Major Eustace, who undertook the task of judging, had a couple of wins. On Thursday the Officers of the R. A. were "At Home," and on Saturday our thirsts—and they were neither few nor small—were looked after by the 6th Bengal Cavalry. The Band of the VII in Rajputs was in attendance on both days. The following are the full result of this most successful meeting. Details :—

THE STICK STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A Flat Race for *bonâ fide* Paperchasers and Hunters that have regularly attended the Paperchase Meets this season. C. W. over 10st 7lbs. Gentleman riders only. 1 mile.

Capt Dunbar's ch aus g Eldorado, 10st 7lbs...	Capt Winwood	1
Mr F Warren's b aus g Barney, 11st ...	Mr Salmon	2

Eldorado waited on Barney till the distance, when he came away and won easily by two lengths. Totalizator (Rs. 2 tickets) paid Rs. 2.

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THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C. B. Ponies 14-1 and under, that have not won a race value Rs. 50 or over. C. B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. Arabs 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Penalties.—Winners of a Flat Race of any description once 4lbs, twice 6lbs., oftener 10lbs. Allowances.—Ponies never won a Flat Race of any description allowed 6lbs. 3 furlongs.

Captain Forrest's ch cb m Rachael, 9st 12lbs	Garrard	1
Captain Koe's b a h Gibraltar, 9st 10lbs ...	Native	2
Mr M L Oake's ch cb m Why Not, 9st 11lbs	Mr Ward	3
Mr J B Cautley's b cb g Hireling, 10st 9lbs	Native	0
„ Salmon's g a h Syria, 11st	Owner	0
Captain Dunbar's g a g Rifleman, 10st 2lbs	Capt Winwood	0
Mr Ryves' b cb g True Love 10st 3lbs ...	Mr Symon	0
„ Wood's g a h Beanfeast, 9st 7lbs ...	Rahim	0

A good race resulted in Rachael securing the verdict by half a length ; three lengths between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

THE PONY HURDLES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Ponies 14-1 and under. C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 12st, English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs., Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 11st. W. I. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a Hurdle Race of any description allowed 7lbs. Penalties.—Winners of a Hurdle Race of any description once 6lbs., twice 10lbs., and oftener 14lbs. 1½ miles over 6 flights.

Captain Dunbar's g a h Victory, 10st 5lbs,	Capt Winwood	1
Captain Greer's ch aus g Whenan, 10st 4lbs,	Garran	2
Mr Harper's b aus m Rezia, 11st 3lbs ...	Mr Salmon	3

Victory as usual came right away wrom his field and won easily by four lengths. Time—3mins. 22secs. Totalizator paid Rs. 3.

THE CHABBAGH STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other Ponies 13-3½ and under that have not won a race value Rs. 100 since 31st March 1903. C.-B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs, English and Australasian Ponies 13-2½ to carry 11st 7lbs., Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 5lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. ½ mile.

Major Berrymans's sk aus g Quilt, 10st 8lbs	Native	1
Captain Home's ch a h Sadoon, 9st ...	hahim	2
Nawab Hussein Ali Khan's b aus m Maureen, 10st 13lbs	Native	3
Mr R A Whyme's ch cb g Howitzer, 11st 4lbs	Mr Sitwell	0
Mr Dudley C Gilroy's b s am m Eileen, 11st 11b	Capt Winwood	0
Mr Salmon's d s afr g Active Service, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0
Nawab Asgar Ali Khan's g aus m Birdie, 9st 12lbs	Carr	0
Thakur Sripal Singh's br e g Sentry, 10st 7lbs	Taylor	0
Mr Munrowd's g a h Farewell 8st 11lbs ...	Garrard	0

The best race of the day quilt just managed to get home by a head, Sadoon beating Maureen for second place by a length, Totalizator pair Rs. 19.

THE LUCKNOW STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Ponies 14-1 and under. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 11st 4lbs., Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 10st W. I. R. C. about 2 miles.

Mr Saunder's g a h Young Shah, 7st 3lbs...	Native	1
„ Dudley C Gilroy's br afr m Chinorah, 11st. 5lbs.	Garrard	2
„ A U John's ch a h Raja, 6st 8lbs ...	Native	3
Capt Dunbar's br afr h Priest, 10st ...	Native	0
Nawab Hussain Ali Khan's ch aus m ... Ursula 10st 3lbs	Rahim	0

Won by a length, with half that distance separating second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 36.

THE POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Polo Ponies. Australasian Ponies 14-1 1 to carry 12st 7lbs, Arab and C. B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. Gentlemen riders. 2 furlongs.

Capt Dunbar's ru aus m Rowena, 10st 11lbs	Salmon	1
Mr M L Oake's ch cb m Why Not, 10st 4lbs	Taylor	2
Captain G A S Home's bk afr g Dasher, 12st 7lbs	Mr Craigre	3
Captain Winwood's bk a h After Dark, 12st	Owner	0
Captain Dunbar's g a h Silver, 10st 4lbs ...	Mr Symon	0
Major Eustace's b a h Naseri, 10st 4lbs ...	Native	0
Captain Forrest's ch cb m Rachael, 10st 4lbs	Native	0
Captain Derbyshire's ch a h Prince, 10st 4lbs	Mr Glott	0

Won by a length; the same between second and third. Time—28secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 5.

Second Day, Saturday, 4th July, 1903.

THE POLO STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs 10 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Polo Ponies 14-1 and under, belonging to the members of United Service and Mahomed Bagh Clubs. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs, Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14 1 to carry 12st. W. I. 3 furlongs G. Rs. only.

Major Eustace's b a g Naseri, 10st 4lbs ...	Mr Lance	1
Mr Salmon's dn s afr g Active Service, 11st 3lbs	Owner	2
Capt G A S Home's bk afr g Dasher, 12st 7lbs	Mr Craigie	3
Capt Dunbar's b a h Ponto, 12st	Capt Winwood	0
„ Dunbar's g a g Rifleman, 11st 6lbs ..	Mr Haggin	0
„ Winwood's Welshford, 10st 6lbs ...	Mr Wood	0
Mr Wood's g a h Beanfeast, 9st 8lbs ...	Mr Ward	0

Won by two lengths ; same distance between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 5.

THE ARAB HANDICAP.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A Handicap for Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. 1 mile.

Major Eustace's b a h Active, 10st 7lbs ...	Garrard	1
Mr D C Gilroy's b a g Grumpy, 9st ...	Native	2
Capt Koe's b a h Gibraltar, 9st 5lbs ...	Mr Lance	3
Mr M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 10st 4lbs	Native	0
„ Saunders' g a h Young Shah, 8st 6lbs	Native	0
„ Salmon's g a h Syria, 7st 7lbs ...	Native	0
Capt Dunbar's ch a h Tich, 7st 5lbs ...	Native	0
Mr A U John's ch a h Raja, 6st 9lbs ...	Native	0

Won easily by four lengths ; three lengths between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 4.

THE MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A Handicap for Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other maiden Ponies 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Munrowd's g a h Farewell, 8st 10lbs ...	Garrard	1
„ D C Gilroy's b arg m Eileen, 10st 4lbs..	Native	2
Nawab Husain Ali Khan's b aus m Maureen, 10st 5lbs	Mr Lance	3
Mr Wynn's ch cb g Howitzer, 10st 11b ...	Mr Sitwell	0
Nawab Husain Ali Khan's ch aus m Ursula, 8st 10lbs	Garrard	0

After a good finish Farewell beat Eileen by half a length, with Maureen four lengths behind. Totalizator paid Rs. 5.

THE DUFFEA STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second For Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other Ponies 13-3½ and under that have not won a race of any description since 1st May 1903. Above heights to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. Arabs allowed 2llbs. ½ mile.

Nawab Asgar Ali Khan's g aus m Birdie, 9st 5lbs	Mr Lance	1
Captain G A S Home's ch a h Sadoon, 9st 7lbs	Rahim	2
Major Berryman's sk aus g Quilt, 10st 8lbs	Native	3
Mr Salmon's d s afr g Active, Service, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0
Mr Dudley C Gilroy's b a g Grumpy, 9st 12lbs	Native	0
Mr Craigie's b a h Caliph, 9st 11lbs ..	Native	0
Captain Forrest's ch cb m Rachel, 10st 4lbs	Garrard	0

Won by a length ; same between second and third. Totaligator paid Rs. 16.

THE HANDICAP HURDLES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A Handicap Hurdle Race for Arab and C.-B Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Ponies 14-1 and under. 1½ miles over 6 flights.

Captain Dunbar's g a h Victory, 10st 6lbs	Capt Winwood	1
Mr Harper's b aus m Rezia, 10st 11lbs ...	Garrard	2
Mr D C Gilroy's br afr m Chinorah, 10st 11lbs	Mr Salmon	3

Victory lead the whole way and won easily by four lengths ; ten lengths between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 4.

THE SCURRY—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For all Ponies. English and Australian Ponies 14st 11b to carry 12st Arabs 14st 2lbs to carry 14st 7lbs and C Bred's 14st 2lb to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. 2 furlongs.

Mr D C Gilroy's b arg m Eileen, 10st 4lbs	Garrard	1
Nawab Husain Ali Khan & Chowdri Ghansham Sing's ch cb m Chumpa, 7st 11lbs	Native	2
Mr Harper's ch aus m Western Queen, 10st 13lbs	Capt Wimood	3
Mr Craigie's b a h Caliph, 10st 13lbs ...	Owner	0
Major Berryman's b aus m Canary, 10st 12lbs	Native	0
Mr J B Cautley's b cb g Hireling, 10st 2lbs	Native	0
Mr Wynn's ch cb g Howitzer, 10st ...	Mr Sitwell	0
Mr Oake's ch cb m Why Not 9st 3lbs ...	Mr Lance	0

The best race of the day. Eileen just got home by a neck ; half a length between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 19.

THE AUCTION STAKES.—Rs 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A Selling Race for Arab and C. B. Ponies 14-1 and under and other Ponies 13-3½ and under. C. B. Ponies 14-1 entered to be sold for Rs. 800 to carry 12st, English and Australian Ponies 13-3½ entered to be sold for Rs. 800 to carry 12st. 7lbs, Arab Ponies 14-1 entered to be sold for Rs. 800 to carry 11st. W. I. Allowances.— In the reduction of selling price for every Rs. 100, allowed 4lbs. Down to Rs. 300. ½ mile.

Nawab Husain Ali Khan's ch aus m Ursula 12st 11b	...Capt Winwood	1
Mr M L Oake's ch cb m Why Not, 9st 10lbs	Mr Lancer	2
Mr J B Cautley's bk aus m Dash 11st 6lbs	Mr Salmon	3

Urusla won by eight lengths ; three lengths between second and third. Totalizator paid Rs. 5.

Entries for Races.

TOLLYGUNGE GYMKHANA.

Saturday, 11th July 1903.

HANDICAPS.

TOLLY'S NALLAH STEEPLECHASE.

Beeswing	...	12	0	Topsail	...	10	2
Sylvia	...	11	4	Firefly	...	10	2
Chummy	...	11	2	Lucy Glitters	...	10	0
Bacchus	...	10	12	Bijli	...	9	7

PONY HURDLE RACE.

First Guide, 14-0½	...	11	2	Peeping Tom, 13-3½	...	10	2
Maud, 14-1	...	10	9	Pekin, 13-3½	...	8	9
Moonray, 14-1	...	10	2				

JULY STAKES.

Oom Paul	...	10	7	Bushey	...	9	11
Actress	...	10	0	French Girl	...	9	11
Lady Bird	...	10	0	True Blue	...	9	11
Red Pepper	...	10	0	Corban	...	9	0

PONY FLAT RACE.

First Guide, 14-0½	...	11	0	Tommy, 14-0½	...	9	0
Moonray, 14-1	...	10	0	The Owl, 133-½	...	8	7
Flush, 13-3½	...	9	8	Sugden, 13-2	...	8	0

NEW HORSE STAKES.

Sylvia ...	...	11	7	Munshine ...	...	0	14
Warrigal ...	...	11	7	Gamester ...	...	10	4
Bushey ...	...	11	7	Myrene ...	...	10	0
Gauntlet ...	...	11	5	Corban ...	...	10	0
Firefly ..	..	11	4	Maree ...	...	9	10
Sir Humphry	...	11	4	Energy ...	...	9	7

LUCKNOW AUTUMN MEETING, 1903.

THE ARMY CUP.—7 furlongs.

2ND ENTRIS CLOSED 1ST JULY.

24	Mr. G. F. Cooper's	... b a h	..	Dul Dul,	13-2½
25	Capt B. P. Ready's	... ch a g	...	Toofan,	14-0
26	Mr. J. A. B. McGowan's	... b a h	...	Mudke,	13-3½
27	Br. Genl. G. Richardson's	... b a g	...	Mac,	
		... g a h	...	Euphrates,	13-2½
28	Mr. Locke's ...	... br a h	...	Eshton,	14-0
29	Capt. Wilson's ...	... g a h	...	Regret,	13-3½
30	Capt. Benn and Alexander's...	... b a g	...	Nasera,	13-3
31	Major Eustace's ...	... b a g	...	Better Luck II	13-3½
32	Mr. Courage's ...				
33	Lieut-Col Brazier Creagh and Lieut Melvill's	... ch a h	...	Young Prince,	13-3

3rd Entries will close on 1st October 1903.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE CUP.—6 furlongs.

2ND ENTRIES CLOSED 1ST JULY 1903.

15 Khejah Attickollah's ... b aus m ... English Rose, 13-2-½
16 Mr. C. H. Holder's... ... b aus g ... Ivanhoe II, 13-3½ (late Robin by Predominant—Rebecca)
17 Mr. S. J. S's ... ... br aus m ... Bell Metal, 13-3½
81 Mr. W. Bass's ... ... b e m ... Lady Cheltenham (Pedigree unknown)
19 Mr. C.D.'s ... ... b cb m ... Namuna 132½

3rd Entries will close on 16th September 1903.

L. M. DUNBAR, Capt.,
Hony. Secy. Lucknow Races.

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on the 30th June 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Name.	Description.	Owner's Name.	Age.	Height.	Period.
Hercules II	wh a h	Mr A N Das	Aged	14-0	For life.
Maud II ...	b aus m	Mr A H Froom	Aged	14-1	For life.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. C. Club, at Poona, on the 24th June, 1903 :—

Name.	Description.	Owner's Name.	Age.	Height.	Period.
Bridlemere	b aus m	Mr J S Fisher	Aged	14-2½	
Marseilles	ch aus m	Capt H Meynell	6	13-3½	For life.
Nancy ...	b aus m	Major Rogers	6	14-1½	For life.
Selim ...	ch a h	Mr Bennie	Aged	13-2½	For life. (Re-measured under Rule 7 Appendix B).
Talisman	b a h ...	Mr Percy Fischer	Aged	14-1½	For life.
Yahyah ...	c a h ...	Mr Faraj bin Sanad	6	13-2	For life.

THE following horse was classed and aged, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 24th June, 1903.

Vermouth	b cb g	Vety Lt-Col E H Hazelton ...	3	31st	Dec. 1903.

THE following pony was classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 24th June, 1903.

Diamyo ... b a g ... Major F M Edwards Aged 14-0 For life.

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(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON *Friday, 19th June, 1903.*

THE TURF.

THE programme at Hurst Park on the 13th instant was framed on broad and liberal lines, and at no other meeting of the many held here during the season is prize-money distributed with such prodigality. The value of the stakes amounted to an aggregate of well over 5,000 sovs., and, with three such attractive items as the Victoria Cup, Hurst Park Foal Plate, and Duchess of York Plate following each other in quick succession the entertainment could not fail to reach a high standard of excellence. Unfortunately the hostility of the elements effectively marred the enjoyment of what should have been a most pleasant reunion. Shortly before midday the lowering clouds began to discharge their contents, and a drenching downpour continued without cessation throughout the whole of the afternoon.

The conditions could hardly have been more dismal or cheerless, and a large section of those who go racing for pleasure were deterred from participating in their favourite pastime in consequence. The upshot was that the muster all round was far below the average, and much of the interest in the proceedings evaporated. Sodden to begin with, the turf began to cut up badly before the curtain was rung down upon a high-class day's sport, and many of the rising generation who figured under silk failed to show their true form in the mud.

An interesting feature was the installation of a new electric clock for the timing of races which was first used to-day. The dial occupied a prominent position opposite the judge's box, and though the contrivance was only used experimentally this afternoon and was not seen to the best advantage, it must be voted an unqualified success

THE DUCHESS OF YORK PLATE—Of 979 sovs., for three-year-olds : colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs ; with penalties and allowances. One mile and a half.

Mr J Musker's ch c William Rufus, by Melton—Simena, 9st	O Madden	1
Lord Cadogan's br c Basson, 8st 9lbs ...	Maher	2
Sir E. Vincent's b c Donatello, 8st 9lbs ...	W Lane	3
Mr L Brassey's San Terenzo, 9st 5lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	K Cannon	0
Lord Derby's Chaucer, 9st	H Aylin	0
Capt Laing's Ronaldshay, 8st 9lbs ...	F Hardy	0
Duke of Westminster's Fairfield, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon	0

(Winner trained by Gilbert, at Newmarket.)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Chaucer, 5 to 2 William Rufus, 5 to 1 Fairfield, 6 to 1 Donatello, and 10 to 1 any other.

Won in a canter by three lengths ; a length between second and third, Chaucer was fourth, Fairfield fifth, and Ronaldshay last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 4⅘secs.

THE VICTORIA CUP (a handicap)—Of 2 000 sovs., being a Gold Cup value 500 sovs., with 1,000 sovs., in specie to the winner, 350 sovs., to the second, and 150 sovs., to the third. One mile and a quarter.

Capt Forester's ch f Lady Drake, by Gallinule—Two of Diamonds, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs (car 7st)	B Dillon	1
Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 8st 7lbs	H Randall	2
Lord Farquhar's b h Bistonian, by Carbine—St Bees, 5 yrs, 8st 6lbs... ...	H Aylin	3
Mr J S Crawford's Captain Kettle, by Buccaneer—Comette, 6yrs, 6st 13lbs	C Escott	0
Sir J Miller's Pharisee, by The Sailor Prince—Perception, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs (inc 14lbs ex)	Maher	0
Duke of Devonshire's Cheers, by Persimmon—Applause II, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Sir E Vincent's Pistol, by Carbine—Wenonah, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs	W Lane	0
Mr J A Miller's Muriel II. by St Simonmimi—Miss Preston, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs ...	Griggs	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Lady Drake, 3 to 1 Wavelet's Pride 7 to 1 Captain Kettle, 3 to 1 Pistol, 9 to 1 Bistonian, 100 to 9 Pharisee, 100 to 7 any other.

Pistol made play from Lady Drake and Muriel II., with Cheers and Captain Kettle next and Wavelet's Pride a long way last, till a quarter of a mile from home, where Pistol dropped back beaten and Lady Drake took up the running from Cheers, Bistonian, and Captain Kettle, with Wavelet's Pride rapidly making up lost ground, and though the latter took second position close home he failed to get on terms with Lady Drake, who won easily by a length ; three lengths between second and third, Captain Kettle was fourth, Cheers fifth, Pharisee sixth, and Pistol last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 14⅘secs. Value of the stakes, £1,470.

THE HURST PARK FOAL PLATE—Of 1,135 sovs., for two-year-olds ; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs ; with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Mr S B Joel's ch c Week End by Rightaway—Samedi, 9st	Halsey	1
Lord Derby's ch f by St Frusquin—Bridget, 8st 5lbs	Maher	2
Mr J Musker's br c Henry the First, 8st 9lbs	O Madden	3
Mr Russell's Pennacook, 8st 7lbs ...	J Boardman	0
„ R Croker's Herbert Vincent, 8st 9lbs ...	Lyne	0
Sir E Vincent's Troesa, 8st 9lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr J Buchanan's Wild Willow, 8st 9lbs ...	Randall	0
„ E Hobson's Gallant Blue, 8st 9lbs ...	Watts	0
Capt Laing's Antonio, 8st 9lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr J Buchanan's Frusquinade, 8st 9lbs ...	Moss	0
„ W C Whitney's Armoea, 8st 5lbs ...	Martin	0
Duke of Portland's Bolsover, 8st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr J Wallace's Grey Goblin, 8st 5lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Sir R W Griffith's Queen Beauty, 8st 2lbs	Griggs	0
Mr R S Sievier's Mystic Shade, 8st 2lbs ...	H. Aylin	0

(Winner trained by C. Peck, at Ilsley.)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Henry the First, 9 to 2 Bridget filly, 11 to 2 Bolsover, 7 to 1 Herbert Vincent, 100 to 12 Week End, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a head ; three lengths separated the second and third, Bolsover was fourth, Frusquinade fifth, Pennacook sixth, Queen Beauty seventh, Wild Willow eighth, and Armoea last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 5⅘secs.

It was a notable Ascot, notwithstanding the weather, and the attendance was fairly large. Their Majesties the King and Queen, who arrived just prior to the first race, had a most enthusiastic reception, Her Majesty looking beautiful as ever in white bonnet and heavily trimmed cloak. His Majesty was the picture of health and good spirits ; in his buttonhole there was a scarlet geranium. The Royal party arrived in eight four-horsed landaus. It was, of course, a day for cloaks and wraps, with unfortunately but little interval except when the sun came out brilliantly and did its best to make amends, just after the chief race of the day, which Genius won. Then some amount of honour was done to the resplendent scene, the stands offering a brilliant picture, while the field for this race as it flashed by was a sight more than worth seeing.

THE GOLD VASE—Value 200 sovs, given by His Majesty, with 200 sovs in specie for the winner, and 100 sovs for the second added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each ; weight for age, etc. Two miles.

Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Zinfandel, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, 8st 4lbs	Cannon	1
Mr C Russell's b f Florinda, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	Watts	2
Major J D Edward's b h Wavelet's Pride, 6yrs, 9st 8lbs	Mr G Thursby	3
Mr H E Beddington's D'Orsay, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs	O Madden	0

(Winner trained by Major Beatty, at Newmarket).

BETTING : 11 to 10 agst Zinfandel, 2 to 1 Wavelet's Pride, 4 to 1 Florinda, and 20 to 1 D'Orsay (offered).

Won easily by four lengths from Florinda, who secured second place by a neck. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3mins. 37secs. Value of the stakes, £680

THE COVENTRY STAKES—Of £1,953 10s., for two-year-olds ; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs. T. Y. C. (last five furlongs and 114 yards of the Hunt Cup Course).

Mr L de Rothschild's b c St Amant, by St Frusquin—Lady Loverule, 9st ...	K Cannon	1
Mr L K Keene's b c Lancashire, 9st ...	L Lyne	2
„ F Alexander's br f Bitters, 8st 11lbs...	M Cannon	3
His Majesty's Ortolan 9st ...	H Jones	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Mousqueton, 9st ...	Halsey	0
„ R Croker's Herbert Vincent, 9st ...	J H Martin	0
„ J H Houldsworth's Lochryan, 9st ...	Watts	0
„ H de la Rue's c by Rightaway—Luscious, 9st...	Miller	0
Sir J Thursby's John o' Gaunt, 9st ...	Mr G Thursby	0
Lord Wolverton's Golden Touch, 9st ...	Maher	0
Mr A Cohen's Scuttler, 9st	Boardman	0
„ Jersey's Vergia, 8st 11lbs ...	W Lane	0
„ W C Whitney's Armoea, 8st 11lbs ...	Randall	0

(Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Bitters, 9 to 1 John o' Gaunt, 5 to 1 St. Amant, 100 to 8 Mousqueton, 100 to 7 Vergia, 20 to 1 any other offered.

Mousqueton, in the centre, was the quickest away, followed by Vergia on the left, Bitters on the right Lancashire and John Gaunt, with Luscious next and St. Amant last, till below the distance, where Mousqueton gave way and St. Amant, shooting to the front clear of Lancashire and Bitters, won easily by a couple of lengths ; three lengths between second and third, John o' Gaunt was placed fourth, Mousqueton was fifth, Scuttler sixth, Vergia seventh, Golden Touch eighth, Herbert Vincent ninth, and Ortolan last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 16secs.

THE ASCOT STAKES (handicap). Of 29 sovs. each, 10ft. and only 5 sovs. if declared, with 2,000 sovs. added, the second received 500 sovs, and the third 200 sovs ; winners extra. Once round, starting at the distance post (two miles). (41 subs., 18 of whom declared).

Mr H E Randall's br g Genius, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs, 7st	E Wheatley	1
Mr W Goodchild's b m Scullion, by St Florian—Cinder, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	W Halsey	2
Mr T Corn's ch c Rightful, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	O Madden	3
Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, by Sir Visto—Gagoul, 3yrs, 8st 11lbs ...	J Murray	4
Mr F Alexander's Throwaway, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs, 8st 9lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr W B Purefoy's Capa White, by Buckingham—Eivir, 4yrs, 18st... ...	B Dillon	0
Lord Cadogan's Elba, by Prisoner—Simoom, 4yrs, 8st (car 8st 11lb) ...	D Maher	0
Mr F Oppenheim's Surprenant, by Best Man—Simoom, 4 yrs, 8st	A Carter	0
Mr R Croker's Rodrigue II., by Lutin—Rose of York, 4 yrs, 8st	J H Martin	0
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel, by Florizel II.—Good Hope, 4 yrs, 7st 12lbs ...	F Hardy	0
Mr G Thursby's Victor Don, by Donovan—Capucine, aged, 7st 12lbs ...	C Trigg	0
Lord Carnarvon's Preen, by Sheen—Coquette, 4 yrs, 7st 6lbs	W Lane	0
Prince Soltykoff's Coal Sack, by Gold—Black Star, 4 yrs, 6st 11lbs ...	G Janck	0
Mr J F Appleyards, Lord Brand, by Autocrat—Miss Brand, 4 yrs, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 11lbs)	T L Miller	0
Mr J Reiss's Intaglio, by Childwick—Cameo, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs	J Jarvis	0
Mr L Brassey's Alderman, by Isinglass—Butterfly, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs	W Griggs	0
Mr W M G Singer's c by Trenton—Great Dame, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	T Heppell	0
Mr E Courage's Blithesome, by Ravensbury—Careside, 3 yrs, 6st	J Plant	0

(Winner trained by A. Sadler, Jun, at Newmarket).

BETTING : 11 to 2 agst Cappa White, 7 to 1 Gourgaud, 10 to 1 Throwaway, 10 to 1 Scullion, 10 to 1 Elba, 10 to 1 Prince Florizel, 10 to 1 Preen, 100 to 9 Rightful, 100 to 8 Suprenant, 100 to 8 Victor Don, 100 to 7 Alderman, 100 to 6 Lord Brand, 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Rightful led from Scullion to the stands, where he settled down with a slight lead of Gourgaud, Great Dame colt, and Intaglio, with Alderman and Surprenant next, in advance of Scullion, Prince Florizel, Blithesome, and Victor Don, Genius being the whipper-in to the Brick Kilns, where Scullion took third position, closely followed by Victor Don, Alderman, Surprenant, Lord Brand, and Throwaway. So they ran to the bend for home, where Rightful was still leading from Gourgaud, Scullion, and Genius and the last-named, drawing to the front below the distance, followed by Scullion and Rightful, won by two lengths ; four lengths separated the second and third. Gourgaud was fourth, Coal Sack fifth, Preen sixth, Throwaway seventh, Prince Florizel eighth, Alderman ninth, Lord Brand tenth, Victor Don eleventh, Great Dame colt next, and Blithesome and Rodrigue II. the last pair. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3mins. 35⅘secs. Value of stakes, £1785.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' STAKES.—Of 1850 sovs, for three-year-olds ; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies 8st 5lbs ; penalties, etc. New Course (about one mile and five furlongs).

His Majesty's ch c Mead, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, 8st 13lbs ...	H Jones	1
Prince Soltykoff b or br c Jason, 8st 3lbs	Halsey	2
Mr Douglas Baird's b c Martinet, 8st 13lbs	O Madden	3
„ L Brassey's Saltpetre, 8st 3lbs ...	K Cannon	0
„ G Faber's Playbill, 8st 3lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Lord Farquhar's St Evremonde, 8st 3lbs	H Aylin	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Eoscene, 8st 3lbs	Hardy	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Merry Saint, 8st 3lbs	W Lane	0
Lord Rosebery's Ladurlad, 8st 3lbs ...	Maher	0

(Winner trained by R. Marsh, at Newmarket.)

BETTING : 5 to 4 agst Mead, 6 to 1 St. Evremonde, 7 to 1 each Merry Saint and Ladurlad, 100 to 14 Martinet, 100 to 12 Playbill, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won in a canter amidst uproarious applause by six lengths ; a neck between second and third. Ladurlad was fourth, Eoscene fifth, St. Evremonde sixth, Merry Saint seventh, and Saltpetre last, except Playbill, who was dismounted five furlongs from home. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 59secs.

Very unsettled and dubious was the outlook on the morning of the 17th, and it was not until long after breakfast that favourable weather could be looked forward to with any degree of confidence. Happily, the conditions improved hour by hour, and it was to the accompaniment of a balmy atmosphere and brilliant sunshine that a resumption was made. Furthermore, the afternoon remained fine to the close, though a severe thunderstorm passed over the course soon after the conclusion of hostilities.

The presence of the King is indispensable to the success of an Ascot gathering, and the knowledge that his Majesty would again grace the proceedings went a long way towards attracting an illustrious and fashionable assemblage to the famous Heath. In every department the muster showed a decided improvement on that of twenty-four hours previously, and the scene was in every way more brilliant, though doubts on the score of the weather were reflected in the feminine toilettes, dark and substantial materials being worn in many instances in place of the dainty diaphanous fabrics usually exclusively associated with the function. There was a wonderful show of costumes nevertheless, the Royal enclosure in particular having the appearance of a flower garden. The going had improved materially during the night, and large fields were once more the order of the day, but the "talent" fared badly, and the ring must have spent an enjoyable afternoon.

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sovs each, h ft winner extra; the second received 300 sovs and the third 100 sovs. Seven furlongs anh 166 yards (62 subs.)

Mr L de Rothschild's ch h Kunstler, by Juggler—Dorcas, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	J B Watts	1
Lord Howard de Walden's br f Imperious, by Tarperly—Inporialism 3yrs, 6st 10lbs	T L Miller	2
Sir E Cassel's br h Handicapper, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs, 8st 2lbs	W Halsey	3
Mr N Blaskovitz's Hazafi, by Orwell—Ollyannines, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	W Lane	0
Mr G Faber's Duke of Westminster, by Orme—Gantlet, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr J Daly's St Brendan, by Hackler—Court Card, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs... ...	J Jarvis	0
Lord Carnarvon's The Solicitor, by Winkfield—Elisan, 5yrs, 8st 3lbs	M McNaughton	0
Mr S B Joel's Bachelor's Button, by Winkfield—Milady 4yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	D Maher	0
W C Whitney's Ballantrae, by Ayrshire—Abeyance, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs... ...	J H Martin	0
Mr J B Joel's Kilcheran, by Kilwarlin—Emita, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs	O Madden	0
Mr R S Sievier's Levengro, by Ladas—Avillon 4yrs, 7st 9lbs (car 7st 10lbs) ...	H Aylin	0
Sir J Miller's Rondeau, by Bay Ronald—Doremi, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs	F Maidmant	0
Mr G Parrott's Cerillo by Orvieto—Careza 4 yrs, 7st 3lb (inc 5lb ex)... ...	F Hardy	0
Mr J Hammond's Burses by Childwick—Bend—let, 4 yrs, 7st	Trigg	0
Lord Carnarvon's Minnie Dee, by Fitz-Simon—King's Daughter, 5 yrs, 6st 13lb	T Heppell	0
Mr J R Keene's Kearsage, by Kingston—Flying Squadron, 4yrs 6st 13lb, ...	J Lane	0
Mr A M Singer's O'Donovan Rossa, by Donnovan dam by Barcaldine—Symmetry, 6 yrs, 6st 12 lbs ...	W Griggs	0
Mr R W B Jardine's Tar Brush, by Tarporby—Bruyere, 4yrs 6st 7lbs ..	G Janeck	0
Mr H B Duryea's Acefull, by Mirthfull—Myrtle Harkness, 3 yrs 6 st 7 lbs. (car 6st 9lb	H Compton	0
Lord Derby's Chaucer, by St Simon—Canterbury Pilgrim, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs ...	Rollason	0
Capt Lewick's General Cronje, by 6st 4lb	C Escott	0
Mr F W Phillips' Swooper, by Endurance—Eagle, 5yrs 6st 5lb	J W East	0
Mr P P Gilpin's Roe O'Neill by Sweetheart Troublesome, 3 yrs, 5st 11lbs ...	J Murry	0
Mr A Stedall's Hartfield, by Sir Visto—Mutina, 3yrs, 5st 9lbs	H Hughes	0
Mr H Waring's Wapentake, by Chittabob—Dame Quickly, 3 yrs, 6st ...	J Plant	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 2 agst St. Brendan, 9 to 1 Roe O'Neil, 9 to 1 Hazafi, 10 to 1 Duke of Westminster, 100 to 8 Kilcheran, 100 to 8 General Cronje 100 to 6 Burses, 100 to 6 Imperious, 100 to 6 Kearsage, 20 to 1 Handicapper, 25 to 1 Minnie Dee, 25 to 1 Cerillo 25 to 1 Swooper, 33 to 1 Kunstler, 33 to 1 Rondeau, 33 to 1 O'Donovan Rossa, 40 to 1 Tar Brush, 40 to 1 Bacheor's Button, 50 to 1 Bailantrae, 50 to 1 the Solicitor, 52 to 1 Lavengro, 66 to 1 Chaucer, 66 to 1 Acefull, 66 to 1 Hartfield, 66 to 1 Wapentake.

The white flag was hoisted at five minutes past three, but it was 3-26 before the barrier was raised to an irregular start, in which the worst sufferers were Burses, who whipped round, Kilcheran, Bachelor's Button, Cerillo, and The Solicitor. The first to show in front was Swooper in the centre, from Hazafi, on the upper ground, Minnie Dee in the centre, and Chaucer, with St. Brendan on the right, Kearsage and Duke of Westminster next and Imperious, Handicaper, O'Donovan Rossa, and Kunstler heading the middle division, for half the journey when Swooper lost his place, and Hazafi showed the way to Handicapper, Imperious, Kunstler, O'Donovan Rossa, and Duke of Westminster. So they ran till approaching the distance, where Kunstler, in the centre, and Imperious, on the stand side, singled themselves out clear of Handicapper, Hazafi, Duke of Westminster, and O'Donovan Rossa, and a fine set-to resulted in favour of Kunstler by a neck; two lengths separated the second and third. Hazafi, close up, was placed fourth: Duke of Westminster was fifth O'Donovan Rossa sixth, Chaucer seventh, Swooper eighth Kearsage ninth, Minnie Dee tenth, St. Brendan eleventh, and General Cronje twelfth, the next lot comprising Tar Brush, Lavengro, Wapentake, Cerillo, Bachelor's Button, and Burses. Kilcheran was last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 45½secs. Value of the stakes, £2,450.

THE ASCOT DERBY STAKES—Of 1,200 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 6lbs; penalties, etc Swinley Course (one mile and a half).

Lord Rilesmere's br c Kroonstad, by Kilwarlin—Sabra, 8st 10lbs ...	Halsey	1
Duke of Portland's b c De Witt, 8st 3lbs (car 8st 4lb) ...	M. Cannon	2
Mr J Musker's ch c William Rufus, 8st 10lbs	O Madden	3
His Majesty's Persistence, 8st 3lbs ..	H Jones	0
Duke of Westminster's Mailed Fist, 7st 13lb	Hardy	0

(*Winner trained by J. Dawson, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst William Rufus, 9 to 4 Kroonstad, 11 to 4 Persistence, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by a neck; a like distance separated the second and third. Persistence a long way off, was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 42secs

THE CORONATION STAKES—Of 3,100 sovs, for three-year-old fillies; 8st 10lb each; penalties, etc. Old Mile.

Lord Rosebery's br f Oriole, by Ladas—Orle, 8st 3lbs	Maher	1
Prince Soltykoff's b f Sun Rose 8st 10lbs	Halsey	2
Mr W Raphael's ch f Skyscraper, 8st 10lbs	O Madden	3
Major E Loder's Hammerkop, 8st 10lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr L Brassey's Red Lily, 8st 3lbs ...	Lyne	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Lavello, 8st 3lbs	Watts	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Chiffon, 8st 3lbs (car 8st 4lbs)	M Canon	0
Sir J B Maple's Girlie, 8st 3lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr. W. Hall Walker's Ladies' Mile, 8st 3lb	K Cannon	0
His Majesty's Lady Car, 8st 3lb ...	H Jones	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Hammerkop, 4 to 1 Chiffon, 2 to 2 Sun Rose, 5 to 1 Skyscraper, 10 to 1 Ladies' Mile, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won in a canter by four lengths; three lengths divided the second and third. Red Lily was fourth, Ladies' Mile fifth, Hammerkop sixth, Chiffon seventh, Lady Car eighth Lavello next, and Girlie last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 52 ⅘secs.

Fine weather and fair sport were the features of the third day of Ascot. I append details of the principal races.

THE GOLD CUP—Value 1,000 sovs, with 3,000 sovs in specie in addition, out of which the second received 700 sovs, and the third 300 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, h ft; weight for age, mares allowed 3lbs. To start at the Cup post and go once round (two miles and a half)

M J de Bremond's b c Maximum II, by Chalet—Urgence, 4yrs, 9st (cap) ...	A MacIntyre	1
Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Rising Glass, by Isinglass—Hautesse, 4yrs, 9st	W Halsey	2
Lord Cadogan's b f Elba, by Prisoner—Simoom, 4yrs, 8st 11lbs ..	D Maher	3
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel by Florizel II.—Good Hope, 4yrs, 9st ...	H Jones	0

(*Winner trained by R. Count in France.*)

BETTING: Evens Rising Glass, 6 to 4 agst Maximum II, 100 to 7 Elba, 100 to 7 Prince Florizel.

Prince Florizel was the first to leave the paddock, being followed in the parade by Rising Glass, with Elba whipping in. The same order was preserved in the canter. It was ten minutes after time when the white flag was hoisted, but only a minute elapsed before the barrier rose to a capital start, Prince Florizel showing the way to Maximum II, and Elba, to the stand, where Elba took up the running clear of Prince Florizel, with Rising Glass bringing up the rear. There was no change whatever until passing the Brick Kilns, when Prince Florizel closed with Elba and the pair came on two or three lengths clear of Maximum II. to the straight, where the last-named gradually assumed the command from Rising Glass, upon whom Halsey was hard at work, and, making the remainder, of the running, the French candidate won in a canter by six length; three lengths separated the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 4 mins 4⅘secs. Value of the stakes, £3,390.

THE NEW STAKES—Of 1,996 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 8st. 10lbs. fillies 8st 7lbs; winners extra T. Y. C. (5 furlongs and 144 yards).

Lord Wolverton's br f Montem, by Ladas—Kermesse, 5st 7lbs	Halsey	1
Lord Carnarvon's br c Santry, 8st 10lbs ...	W Lane	2
Mr J B Keene's b c Lancashire, 8st 10lbs	Lyne	3
,, Douglas Baird's Leucadia, 8st 7lbs ...	K Cannon	3
,, A Bailey's Amour, 8st 10lbs ...	O Madden	0
,, R Croker's Herbert Vincent, 8st 10lbs	Randall	0
,, J L Dugdale's Helter Skelter, 8st 10lbs	Trigg	0
,, T Jennings's Merry, 8st 10lbs ..	Hardy	6
,, C H Newmman's Regulus, 8st 10lbs ...	Miller	0
Lord Rosebery's Jolly Beggar 8st 10lbs ...	Maher	0
Duke of Westminster's Rydal Head, 8st 10lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Castello, 8st 10lbs	Watts	0
,, W C Whitney's f by Goldfinch—La Fleche, 8st 7lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Derby's f by St Frusquin—Bridget, 8st 7lbs	H Aylin	0

(*Winner trained by R. Marsh, at Newmarket*).

BETTING: 7 to 2 agst Rydal Head, 7 to 2 Lancashire, 9 to 2 Leucadia, 5 to 1 Montem (Kermesse f), 8 to 1 Jolly Beggar, 100 to 8 Castello, 100 to 7 any other.

Santry, on the top ground made play from Montem (Kermesse filly). Rydal Head, and La Fleche filly, with Leucadia next, in advance of Castello, Herbert Vincent, and Lancashire, till a quarter of a mile fromm home, when Leucadia and Rydal Head joined Santry, but Montem, shooting to the front inside the distance, clear of Santry and Lancashire, won cleverly by two lengths; a head divided the second and third. Leucadia was fourth, Rydle Head fifth, Herbert Vincent sixth, Helter Skelter seventh, Bridget filly eighth, La Fleche filly next, and Castello last. Time by Benson's chronograph. 1min. 15secs.

THE ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES—Of 2,400 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs; maidens allowed 7lbs. One mile.

Sir J Miller's br c Rock Sand, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, 9st ...	Maher	1
Sir E Cassel's br c Exchequer, 8st 7lbs ...	Halsey	2
Mr Fairie's b c Ronaldo, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	3
Lord Cadogan's Basson, 8st 7lbs ...	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 100 to 7 on Rock Sand and 20 to 1 agst any other (offered).

Bassoon and Exchequer made joint running from Rock Sand to the distance where the favourite pulled his way to the front and won easily by a length and a half; half a length divided the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 50⅖secs.

CRICKET.

THE PHILADELPHIANS' TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—Played at Oxford on 11th 12th and 13th June abandoned.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C C Morris, c Evans b Whately	50	c and b Burn ...	1
F H Bohlen, b Evans ...	7	b Whately ...	
J B King, c Brownlee b Whateley	47	c Bomford, b Burn ...	20
N Z Graves, c Carlisle, b Burn	24	c Melver, b Whately...	0
J A Lester, c Evans, b Whately	25	not out	15
P H Clark, c Brownlee, b Whately	1	b Burn ...	24
A M Wood, c Wyld, b Burn	16	c Wyld, b Burn ...	0
R D Brown, c Melver, b Burn	16	b Ernsthausen ...	9
F H Fates, c Bomford, b Burn	7	not out	8
H A Haines, not out ...	20	c and b Whately ...	0
T C Jordan, lbw, b Burn ...	1		
Byes 8, lb 2... ...	10	Byes 2, wl 1 ...	3
Total	214	Total (8 wkts)	86

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

W H B Evans, c Clarke, b King ...	9	E G Whately, b Lester ...	8
C D Melver, b King ...	22	A C von Ernsthausen, c Morris, b Lester ...	2
H J Wyld, c Brown, b King	0	H Bomford, not out ...	4
K M Carlisle, b King ...	0	R C W Burn, c and b King	1
L D Brownlee, b King ...	0	Byes 2, lb 1, nb 1 ...	4
A C Pawson, c Morris, b King	2	Total ...	87
B L Peel, c and b King ...	35		

MATCH *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Cheltenham on 15th, 16th and 17th June. The Philadelphians won by an innings and 26 runs. Owing to continuous rain the ground at Cheltenham was partly flooded at the time fixed for play on Monday, and although it was decided to wait until four o'clock on the chance of some cricket, a heavy shower at one o'clock necessitated a postponement until the morrow. The Gloucestershire team, when they batted on Tuesday, were without Jessop, who was called away owing to the illness of his wife, and against the bowling of Lester, King and Clark they could do very little on a slow wicket. On the other hand the Gentlemen of Philadelphia, thanks chiefly to bold batting by King and Cregan, did much better. As the ball travelled very slowly, some of King's best hits only produced three runs. When stumps were drawn, the total was 131 for seven wickets, or 45 runs on. Yesterday the innings ended with a lead of 69, and as when Gloucestershire went in again they could do next to nothing against the bowling of Clark and Lester, they were beaten by an innings. Lester met with remarkable success with the ball, his six wickets only costing 13 runs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

First Innings.		Second Innings	
T H Fowler, b Clark ...	0	st Scattergood, b Lester ...	4
Wrathall, c Scattergood, b Clark	10	b Lester ...	10
Langdon, st Scattergood, b Lester	25	b Clark	5
E Barnett, b Lester ...	10	c Graves, b Clark ...	1
Board, b Lester	0	c Graves, b Lester ...	1
H Manners, b Clark ...	4	b Clark	4
Huggins, c King, b Lester	9	st Scattergood, b Lester	3
Nott, b King	5	c King, b Clark ...	0
Spry, Morris, b Lester ...	11	c King b Lester ...	4
Cranfield, b King ...	2	not out	3
Mill, not out	4	st Scattergood, b Lester	5
B 3, lb 2, nb	6	Extras ...	5
Total	86	Total ...	43

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

J B King, b Huggins ...	57	R B Brown, b Cranfield	0
A M Wood, b Cranfield ...	15	P H Clark, not out ...	16
C Morris, c Langdon, b Cranfield	18	H Haines, b Cranfield	0
N Graves, b Huggins ...	2	J H Scattergood, b Langdon ..	0
J A Lester, c Beard, b Huggins	1	Extras ...	3
F H Bates, b Cranfield ...	8	...	-
E R Cregar, c Fowler, b Huggins	35	Total	155

YORKSHIRE *vs.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Yorkshire won by 206 runs. For this match Yorkshire could only put a very weak team in the field, Lord Hawke, F. S Jackson, J. T. Brown, sen., and J. T. Brown, jun., Tunnicliffe, and Hirst, who are all more or less *hors de combat*, being unable to play. In the absence of Lord Hawke, the team was captained by R. W. Frank. On the Cambridge side E. M Dowson, Howard-Smith, and C. H. M. Ebden were away. In cold and cheerless weather it was possible to play for most of the first day, although stumps had to be drawn at six o'clock while there was an interruption after lunch on account of rain. The wicket was fairly easy, and Denton enjoyed himself upon it, playing a very sound innings which lasted for an hour and three-quarters. No one else greatly distinguished himself. When stumps were drawn Cambridge had lost a wicket for 16 runs. Rhodes and Haigh on Tuesday showed that on a difficult wicket they are as difficult as ever to deal with, and except for a scort stand by Harris and Mann, they had almost an uninterrupted run of success. Yorkshire, in their second innings, found scoring far from easy against the bowling of Keigwin, but they made enough runs to be able to beat Cambridge with the utmost ease, their bowlers once more having the upper hand.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Wilkinson, c McDonell, b May	29	c May, b Keigwin ...	22
Rhodes, c Mann, b Keigwin ...	7	b Roberts ...	7
Denton, b Roberts ..	85	c Marsh, b Keigwin ..	36
Newstead, c McDonell, b Keigwin	24	c and b May ...	0
Whitehead, c Harper, b Roberts	1	b Roberts ...	13
Smith, c Harper, b Roberts ...	5	c Godsell, b Keigwin	2
Wainwright, c Harris, b McDonell	24	c Mann b Keigwin ...	1
Haigh, c Marsh, b McDonell ...	12	c Godsell, b Keigwin	1
R W Frank, c Harper b Roberts	9	c McDonell, b Keigwin	9
Hunter, c Roberts, b May ...	0	lbw, b McDonell ..	9
Ringrose, not out	0	not out	1
B 11, lb 1, nb 2 ...	14	B 5, lb 1, nb 3 ...	9
Total ...	210	Total ...	110

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R T Godsell, b Rhodes ...	0	b Haigh	7
S S Harris, b Haigh ...	24	b Haigh	0
E W Mann, c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	17	c Hunter, b Rhodes ...	0
L V Harper, lbw, b Haigh ...	10	b Haigh	3
K R B Fry, b Rhodes ...	8	b Haigh	1
F R Wilson, lbw, b Haigh _	5	c Frank, b Rhodes ...	1
R P Keigwin, b Rhodes ...	0	c and b Haigh ...	0
H C McDonell, b Haigh ...	0	run out	8
F R Roberts, not out ...	5	not out	10
J W Marsh, b Haigh ...	0	b Haigh	4
P R May, c Whitehead, b Haigh	1	st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	3
B 2, lb 3	5	Lb	2
Total ...	75	Total ...	39

SURREY *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Chesterfield on 15, 16th and 17th June. Derbyshire won by 111 runs. Although the weather at Chesterfield was most unpromising in the morning, it was possible to begin play on Monday after lunch. For the greater part of the day the players were inconvenienced by a continuous drizzle, and for an hour play ceased, while at a quarter past six rain again fell heavily, and play ended for the day. The patient batting of L. G. Wright was the chief feature of the cricket, and Needham played a good innings. When stumps were drawn, Derbyshire had scored 125 for eight wickets. A good innings by Warren, who was not out 13 over night, helped materially to increase the Derbyshire total on the next morning, and the total of the whole innings was reasonably good, as Surrey soon found out. For on the damaged wicket Bestwick was nearly irresistile, and Holland and Hayes alone could play him. With a lead of 108, Derbyshire succeeded in putting together 152 for the loss of eight wickets before stumps were drawn, and were

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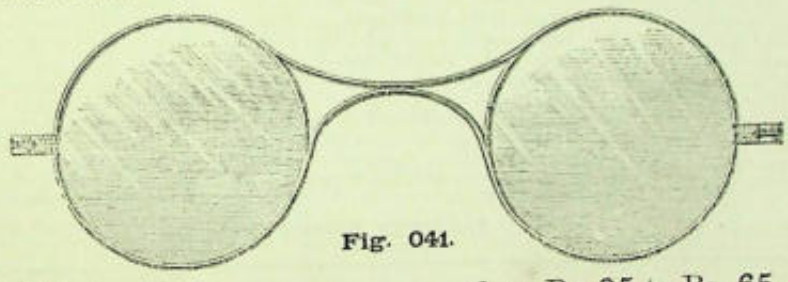

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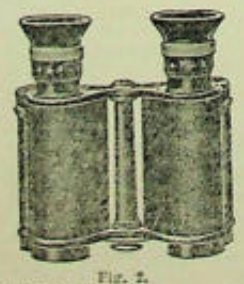

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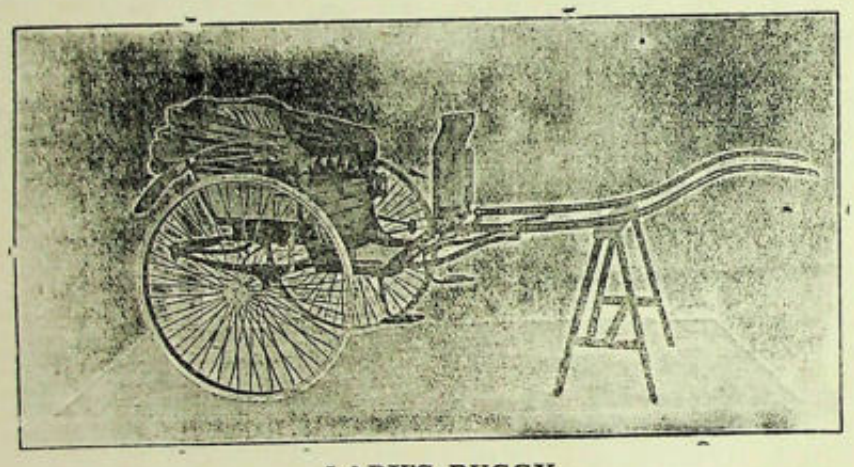

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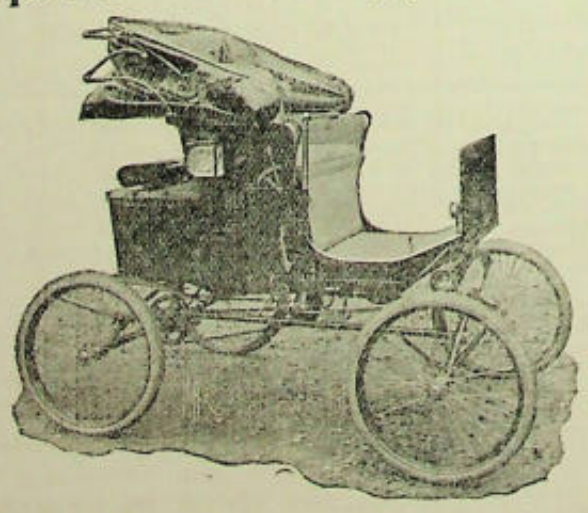

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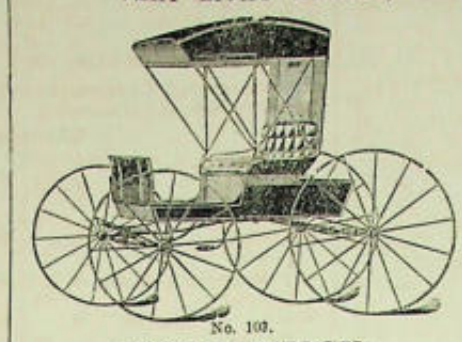

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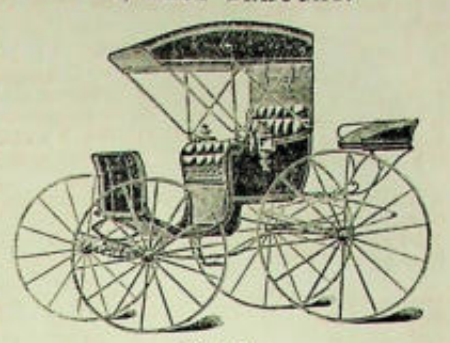

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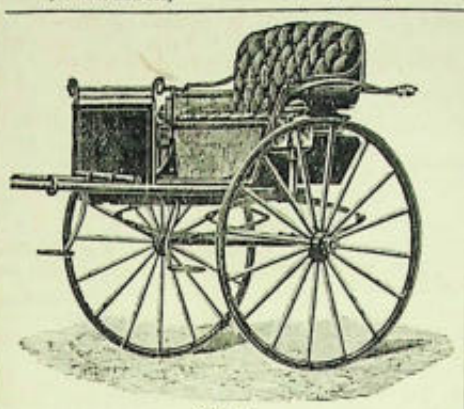

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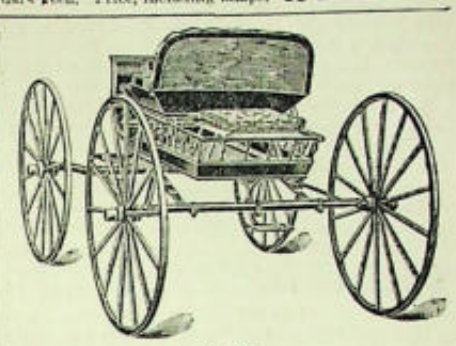

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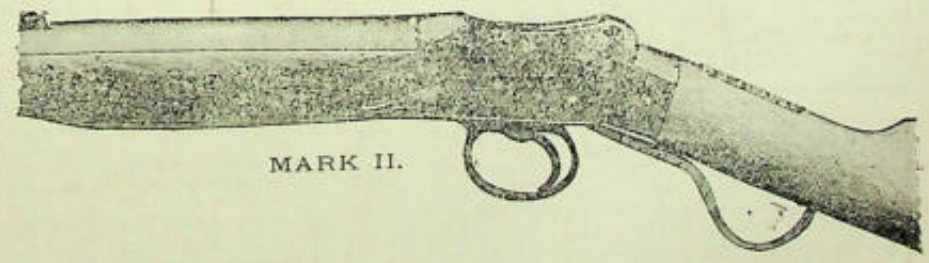

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thus 260 runs on a position which looked extremely favourable for them. Yesterday when Surrey went in for the fourth innings of the match they had to make 265 runs, an almost impossible task on a difficult wicket. For the second time in the match Abel was out for nothing, but Hayward and Hayes played steadily and well, and later Walker did his best to save the game. But the task was hopeless, more especially as the light was so far bad that play had to be stopped three times on its account.

DERBYSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
T Forester, b Lees	0	c Hayes, b Lees	9
L G Wright, b Nice	56	c Richardson, b Nice	41
Storer, b Lees	11	lbw, b Richardson	0
C A Ollivierre, b Lees	4	c Strudwick, b Richardson	21
A E Lawton, c Lees, b Clode	1	b Richardson	7
Cadman, c and b Clode	11	c Wiltshire, b Clode	28
Needham, c Hayward, b Nice	20	b Clode	34
Humphries, b Nice	3	c Strudwick, b Richardson	0
Warren, c Lees, b Clode	54	b Richardson	7
Hulme, b Nice	10	not out	4
Bestwick, not out	1	c Abel, b Clode	0
B 4, nb 1	5	Extras	5
Total	176	Total	156

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Abel, b Bestwick	0	c Wright, b Hulme	0
Hayward, b Hulme	8	b Warren	30
Hayes, b Bestwick	22	c Needham, b Bestwick	31
Holland, lbw, b Bestwick	26	b Warren	15
L Walker, b Bestwick	0	b Hulme	37
Lees, c Ollivierre, b Hulme	0	b Warren	5
E Wiltshire, b Bestwick	1	b Warren	2
Nice, b Bestwick	0	c Cadman, b Bestwick	22
Clode, b Hulme	0	run out	0
Strudwick, b Bestwick	2	not out	0
Richardson, not out	3	b Bestwick	4
B 4, nb 2	6	Extras	7
Total	68	Total	153

SURREY vs. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Played at Cambridge on 11th and 12th June. Surrey won by ten wickets. By the time that stumps were drawn on the first day of this match Surrey were in an excellent position, for against a total of 183 they had scored 148 for the loss of three wickets. For a time Cambridge did very well indeed, Ebden, Mann and Dowson all batting finely. But when Lees went on to bowl the situation changed, and after lunch he took six wickets for 11 runs in eleven overs, six of which were maidens. Keigwin, who showed plenty of confidence, was the only man who could look at him. After Walker had been dismissed, with the total at 7 Hayward and Holland batted finely, but carefully, for Surrey, and raised the total to 124 in about an hour and three-quarters. When stumps were drawn the total was 148 for three wickets, Holland being not out 45. On the next morning Holland increased his score by 21, and when he was dismissed he had been batting for three hours for a most useful 76. Afterwards, Wiltshire, Baker and Lees all made very useful scores, and Surrey had a lead of 84. Before these runs were knocked off Cambridge lost eight wickets, Lees being in great form with the ball. But Roberts and Marsh then played bold cricket, and increased the total by 61 runs, so that Surrey had to go in again.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R T Godsell, b Richardson	4	b Lees	11
C H M Ebden, c Walker, b Clode	30	b Lees	9
E W Mann, c Wiltshire, b Hadfield	56	c Hadfield, b Lees	12
E M Dowson, lbw, b Lees	26	c Holland, b Lees	2
L V Harper, c Hayward, b Lees	3	b Richardson	5
F B Wilson, b Lees	7	b Lees	1
R P Keigwin, not out	11	b Richardson	5
H C McDonell, c Stedman, b Lees	0	c Stedman, b Lees	11
F B Roberts, c Hayward, b Lees	0	not out	44
J W Marsh, at Stedman, b Lees	7	b Hadfield	13
T H Watson, b Lees	0	c Baker, b Clode	0
B 5, lb 4	9	B 8, lb 1	2
Total	183	Total	122

SURREY.

L Walker, lbw, b Dowson	6	G H Hadfield, c and b Keigwin	4
Hayward, c McDonel, b Roberts	74	Clode, b Roberts	10
Holland, c Wilson, b Keigwin	76	Stedman, not out	2
Moulder, b Roberts	2	Richardson, c and b Keigwin	3
E Wiltshire, b Roberts	21	B 3, lb 1, w 2, nb 2	8
Baker, c Marsh, b McDonell	27	Total	267
Lees, c Roberts, b Keigwin	34		

Second innings: E. Wiltshire, not out, 23; Baker, not, 18.—Total (no wicket) 41.

HAMPSHIRE vs. LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Southampton on 11th, 12th and 13th June. Abandoned.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, c Barrett, b Pritchard	10	1 b w, b Webb	54
Whitehead, c Steele, b Pritchard	30	b Pritchard	39
Knight, c Stone, b Llewellyn	11	not out	35
King, c Webb, b Pritchard	69	not out	2
A E Davis, c Jephson, b Llewellyn	9		
R T Crawford, l b w, b Pritchard	18		
V F S Crawford, c Bowell, b Pritchard	28		
Gill, st Stone, b Llewellyn	35		
Coe, c Chignell, b Pritchard	6		
W W Odell, c Stone, b Pritchard	3	b Llewellyn	18
Allsop, not out	3		
B 8, lb 1	9	B 8, w-1, nb 1	10
Total	231	Total (3 wkts)	158

HAMPSHIRE.

Stone, b King	17	Rev W V Jephson, c Whitehead, b Coe	0
D A Steele, V Crawford, b King	28	Webb, run out	8
Llewellyn, c Whitehead, b Odell	6	T A Chignell, not out	4
A J L Hill b Coe	100	H Hesketh-Pritchard, c V Crawford, b Coe	0
E M Sprot, b Odell	11	B 10, lb 1, nb 2	13
Bowell, run out	0	Total	211
E I M Barrett, c and b Coe,	24		

SOMERSET vs. LANCASHIRE.—Played at Bath on 11th, 12th and 13th June and abandoned.

LANCASHIRE.

H G Garnett, c Granfield b Lewis	42	F H Hollins, b Robson	5
R H Spooner, c Woods, b Cranfield	1	Cuttell, c Lewis, b Braund	10
Tyldesley, c Woods, b Lewis	31	W Brearley, c Martyn, b Robson	0
A C Malaren, c Lewis, b Cranfield	61	Webb, st Martyn, b Braund	5
Sharp, c Martyn, b Braund	10	Radcliffe, not out	6
A H Hornby, st Martyn, b Braund	3	Leg-byes	2
		Total	176

Second innings.—H. G. Garnett, not out, 6; R. H. Spooner not out, 2; b 3, lb 4. Total (no wkt) 15.

SOMERSET.

L C H Palairet, c Maclaren, b Webb	0	Lewis, b Cuttell	3
Braund, c Spooner, b Cuttell	6	O M Samson, c Webb, b Brearley	0
P R Johnson, c and b Cuttell	13	F M Lee, b Brearley	4
Robson, b Brearley	23	Cranfield, not out	14
S M J Woods, c Tyldesley, b Brearley	24	A E Newton, c Radcliffe, b Brearley	12
H Martyn, c Cuttell, b Brearley	2	Byes	6
		Total	107

YORKSHIRE vs. WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Edgbaston on 11th, 12th and 13th June and abandoned.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown, b Hargreave	0	b Hargreave	12
Denton, c Santall, b Moorhouse	44	c Lilley, b Field	19
Smith, b Hargreave	13	c Lilley, b Hargreave	0
Myers, c Byrne, b Moorhouse	25	c Lilley, b Field	10
Whitehead, c Lilley, b Santall	0	not out	15
Wilkinson, c Kinneir, b Field	42	not out	8
Rhodes, c Charlesworth, b Moorhouse	46		
Haigh, b Field	34		
Wainwright, not out	32		
Hunter, c Kinneir, b Field	4		
Ringrose, b Field	0		
B 10, lb 7, w 4	21	Lb 1, w 2	3
Total	261	Total (4 wkts)	67

WARWICKSHIRE.

Kinneir, c Ringrose, b Rhodes	32	Charlesworth, c and b Whitehead	0
Moorhouse, c Hunter, b Rhodes	13	Devey, c Rhodes, b Ringrose	13
J F Byrne, c Haigh, b Rhodes	57	Santall, not out	6
Quaife, c Hunter, b Haigh	44	Hargreave, c Hunter, b Ringrose	0
A C S Glover, c Brown, b Rhodes	0	Field, c Brown, b Ringrose	0
Lilley, c Denton, b Whitehead	29	B 1, lb 2, w 1	4
		Total	198

ESSEX vs. SUSSEX.—Played at Leyton on 11th, 12th and 13th June and abandoned.

SUSSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C. B. Fry, c Russell, b Young	8	b Young	48
Vine, b Mead	10	c Fane, b Young	21
Killick, c sub, b Young	6	not out	10
K. S. Ranjitsinhji, st Russell, b Mead	6	not out	0
Relf, c Perrin, b Young	2		
C. L. A. Smith, b Mead	5		
W. Newham, c Russell, b Mead	8		
Cox, c and b Mead	9		
Butt c Kortright, b Mead	12		
Tate, not out	1		
Bland, c Buckenham, b Mead	3		
Byes	7	B 4, lb 2	6
Total	77	Total (2 wkts	85

ESSEX.

F L Fane, c Tate, b Killick	25	C J Kortright, c Smith, b Killick	0
Sewell, lbw, Tate	70	Russell (T. M.) not out	11
P Perrin, c Butt, b Tate	19	Tremlin, b Killick	14
C McGahey, b Killick	9	Young, c Vine, b Killick	0
Buckenham, c Butt, b Killick	0	Mead, c Tate, b Cox	0
A P Lucas, c Killick, b Tate	5	B 12, nb 1	13
		Total	166

WORCESTERSHIRE vs. KENT.—Played at Worcester on 11th, 12th and 13th June and abandoned.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Wheldon, c Hearne, b Blythe	19	c Marsham, b Blythe	2
Bowley, b Fielder	90	c and b Hearne	13
Arnold, st Hulsh, b Blythe	18	b Blythe	11
H K Foster, c Seymour, b Blythe	4	run out	5
Gaukrodger, b Blythe	0	lbw, b Blythe	25
E B Jobson, c Fairservice, b Fielder	25	absent hurt	0
A W Isaac, lbw, b Blythe	39	c Blaker b Blythe	16
Hunt, lbw b Blythe	4	c Humphries, b Blythe	13
Bird, c Fairservice, b Fielder	11	not out	7
Wilson (G), b Blythe	18	b Hearne	14
Wilson (H), not out	0	b Blythe	0
B 4, lb 7, nb 2	13	B 4, nb 1	5
Total	241	Total	111

KENT.

C J Burnup, c Gaukrodger b Wilson (H)	63	Humphreys, b Bird	2
E W Dillon, c Gaukrodger, b Bird	27	Huish, b Bird	6
C H B Marsham, b Bird	0	Fairservice, b Bird	6
R N R Blaker, b Bird	20	Blythe, c Foster, b Wilson (H)	0
Hearne (A.), b Wilson (H)	6	Fielder, lbw, b Wilson (H.)	2
Seymour, not out	28	B 3, lb 1	4
		Total	167

Second innings.—C. J. Burnup, lbw, b Wilson (G.), 11; E. W. Dillon, not out, 13. Total (1 wkt) 24.

BATTING AVERAGES (7 innings).

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	14	2	911	234	75·91
Jessop, G L	10	0	663	288	66·30
Gunn, (J)	13	1	756	294	63·00
Perrin, P	12	2	608	170	60·80
Dowson, E M	12	1	623	122*	56.63
Knight	16	3	656	144*	50·46
Ranjitsinhji, K S	14	3	553	162*	50·27
Garnett, H G	8	1	322	122	46·00
Arnold	17	2	670	128	44·66
Bosanquet, B J T	7	0	307	108	43·85
Hawke, Lord	15	4	475	79	43·18
Quaife (W G)	9	1	343	130	42·87
Foster, H K	18	2	364	120	41·50
Gunn (W)	10	0	408	139	40 80
McGahey, C	12	2	402	110*	40·20
Hayward	21	0	817	130	38·99
Hayes	20	2	694	102	38 55
Maclaren, A C	15	2	486	143	37·38
Grace, W G	10	0	363	150	36·30
Tyldesley	11	0	395	73	35·90
Lees (Surrey)	9	1	286	75*	35·75
Llewellyn	12	3	313	148	34·77
Brown (J T sen)	17	0	551	125	32·41
Denton	17	0	546	101	32·11
Seymour (Kent)	9	1	254	127	31·75
Sewell (E H D)	17	2	474	90	31·60
Smith, C L A	9	1	250	54*	31.25
Killick	15	2	405	77	31·15
Ironmonger	13	0	399	94	30·69
Sharp (J)	14	1	399	120	30·69
Wheldon	15	0	459	71	30·60
Wilson, F B	10	2	244	72*	30·50
Eccles, A	10	4	179	39*	29·83
Martyn, H	7	0	208	79	29·71
Lilley	10	1	265	44	29·44
Fane, F L	10	0	286	90	28·60
Hirst	9	0	257	123	28·55
Hearne (J T)	11	7	113	34*	28·25
Mann, E W	12	1	309	69*	28·09
Abel	7	0	195	61	27·85
Wrathall	14	0	375	160	26·78
Wright, L G	10	1	238	72	26·44
Melver, C D	9	0	236	99	26·22
Gunn (G)	13	5	207	59	25·87
Crawford, V F S	14	0	362	73	25·85
Kinneir	10	1	230	90	25·55
Rhodes	16	1	377	98*	25·13
Hollins, F H	8	0	197	114	24·6
Trott (A E)	12	0	295	103	24·58

BOWLING AVERAGES (12 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hirst	80	19	183	21	8·71
Killick	69	20	154	16	9·62
Hargreave	297·1	102	569	51	10·98
Blythe	208·5	72	432	37	11·67
Hearne (J T)	262·5	87	670	57	11·75
King (J B)	74·4	23	208	17	11·91
Coe	62·4	19	187	15	12·46
Bradley, W M	120·5	33	284	21	13·52
Evans, W H B	151·5	37	434	32	13·56
Mead	343	129	642	47	13·64
Young (Essex)	169·3	53	362	25	14·48
Martin, B. G.	187	72	384	26	14·76
Burn, R. C. W.	155·5	31	399	27	14·77
Hesketh-Prichard, H.	130·5	31	385	26	14·80
McDonell (H C)	90·1	14	249	16	15·56
Trott (A E)	224·1	55	664	41	16·21
Buckenham	184·3	36	516	31	16·64
Lockwood	222·1	48	592	35	16·91
Field	127·4	36	310	18	17·22
Hulme	165	36	466	27	17·25
Santall	197·5	56	471	27	17·44
Richardson (T)	258·1	57	743	42	17·69
Jackson (Surrey)	173·2	37	410	23	17.82
Bland	243·1	63	594	33	18·00
Relf	316·5	108	763	42	18·16
Bosanquet B J T	89·3	17	256	14	18·28
Cranfield	191·5	48	574	31	18·51
Barnes (S)	344·3	106	873	47	18·57
Robson (E) (Somst)	96·3	20	301	16	18·81
Beldam, G W	123·5	38	303	16	18·93
Roberts (F G)	187·2	58	461	24	19·20
Lees	262·5	66	636	33	19·27
Fairservice	96·5	22	282	14	20·14
Clode	165	38	446	22	20·27
Gunn (J)	285·6	108	550	27	20·37
Webb (S)	160	47	371	18	20·61
Brearley, W	216·1	35	728	35	20·80
Bird	265·2	53	729	35	20·82
Huggins	234·4	80	588	28	20·92
Rhodes	468·4	149	973	45	21·62
Hallam	241·5	81	501	23	21·78
Odell, W W	291·1	69	854	39	21·89
Dowson, E M	193·1	46	537	24	22·37
Braund	257	48	758	33	22·96
Tate, F W	276·2	72	758	32	23·68
Arnold	344·3	100	805	34	23·70
Llewellyn	215	46	646	27	23·82
Tremlin	129·4	25	338	14	42·14
Cox	209·1	58	511	22	25·95
Wainwright (W)	155·2	34	357	14	28·21

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Hampshire	2	1	0	1	1	100·00
Essex ...	7	3	1	3	2	50·00
Warwickshire	7	2	1	4	1	33·33
Lancashire	9	3	2	4	1	20·00
Surrey ...	10	3	4	3	—1	—14·28
Yorkshire ...	8	2	3	3	—1	—20·00
Somerset ...	4	1	2	1	—1	—33·33
Kent ...	4	1	2	1	—1	—33·33
Worcestershire	7	1	3	3	—2	—50·00
Derbyshire...	5	1	3	1	—2	—50·00
Leicestershire	7	0	3	4	—3	—100·00
Gloucestershire	6	0	3	3	—3	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May, Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on. June etc., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's, 15th, June etc., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire, at Bath, 15th, June etc., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

GOLF.

THE ST. GEORGES' VASE.—The annual thirty-six hole open amateur competition for the St. George's Challenge Vase was played yesterday on the links of the Royal St. George's Club at Sandwich. Despite a very heavy rain in the morning, the course was in good order. There were thirty-three competitors, including the holder, Horace Castle.

In addition to those who made full returns M. W. Mossop, Sunningdale; J. F. Abercromby, Royal St. George's; R. J. Robertson, Ashford Manor; the Earl of Darnley, Royal St. George's; C. Lake, Royal St. George's; Dr. Bruce Goff, Brighton and Hove; A. E. R. Kennedy, Royal St. George's; S. A. Peto Royal St. George's; the Hon. H. H. Finch-Hatton, Royal St. David's Harlech; Capt G. O. Bigge, Royal Engineers; H. McNill, Royal Sydney N. S. W. C. Burns, Royal Ashdown Forest; W. P. Mathews, Royal St George's the Hon. J. B. Lubbock, Royal St. George's; J. Robertsen Walker, Royal St. George's Major C. F. Baxter, Royal North Devon; P. C. Thornton, Royal Wimbledon; J. Markets Lt. Wimbledon; H. Underdown, Prince's; and J Tomkinson, Royal Cromer, competed. The non-starters were: Mr. S. Mure-Fergus son, capt. of the Royal St. George's Club; A. D. Blyth, Royal St. George's, and J. S. Worthington, Mid-Surrey

Mr. Hutchison's golf was sound all through. Playing a good long ball, he was rarely in difficulty from the tee, but he might have saved a couple of strokes on the greens in the morning, when he missed two short puts. Playing to the home green in the second round his tee shot found the rough to the left of the line, and the ball was lost. However, laying his approach dead he was down in a perfect fonr after going back to the tee, and took the hole in five. The details of his score were as follow.

FIRST ROUND.

Out: 5 4 4 4 4 3 5 4 5—38.
Home: 4 4 4 5 5 5 4 5 5—41
Total. 79.

SECOND ROUND.

Out: 5 5 4 4 4 3 5 5 3—38.
Home: 8 4 5 5 5 5 4 4 5—41
Total, 79.

The regularity of his play is shown by his card which was the only one for two rounds which contained nothing higher than a 5. Mr Fry, who was putting in his best form, spoilt his score at the seventh hole in the morning, where he required a 7 to get down. He lost his ball from his second shot, going to the seventh, and should have lost stroke and distance. Both he and his partner amagined that the ball should be treated as out of bounds, and so only distance was sacrificed. The error was not corrected until after the card had been handed in, and the question which has to be settled is whether, the competition not then being over, the card should be disqualified. Mr. Fry's score was as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Out: 5 5 3 4 4 3 7 5 4—38
Home: 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 5 5—42
Total, 80.

SECOND ROUND.

Out: 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 3—39.
Home: 4 4 5 4 5 5 4 5 3—39.
Total, 78.

Mr. Norman Hunter lost his ball from the last tee in the morning, and required 7 to hole out, but in the afternoon had the best round of the day, the details being: Out: 4 4 4 4 3 7 5 3 5—35; home: 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 5 4—14. Total, 76. Mr. Mansfield Hunter commenced splendidly, getting to the sixth hole in the morning in 4 under 4's, but his score after that included four 6's, and he took 82 for the round. The holder, Mr. Castle, played a steady game, whilst a splendid score would have been returned by Mr. Beveridge but for a 7 at the fourth and a 9 at the fifteenth hole in the morning, when he got into unplayable position in the first bunker, and for a 7 at the fourteenth in the afternoon, when he missed his tee shot. Considering his bad luck at the fifteenth hole, his 41 home, in the morning round was remarkably good. Mr. Castle's figures were :—

FIRST ROUD.

Out: 5 5 3 4 4 4 5 4 5—39.
Home: 4 4 4 5 6 5 4 5 5—42
Total. 81.

SECOND ROUND.

Out: 4 4 3 5 4 2 7 4 5..38
dome: 4 4 5 5 7 4 5 4 4—42.
Total. 80.

Mr. Beveridge's card was as follows: First round—Out 5 4 5 7 4 3 5 3 6—42; home: 4 4 4 4 5 9 4 3 4—41. Total, 83. Second round—Out: 5 4 5 5 3 2 5 3 3—36: home: 4 5 4 6 7 4 5 3 4—42 Total, 77. Mr C. E. Dick frequently found the rough, but a fine 78 in the afternoon enabled him to tie with Mr. Beveridge for third place. The details of Mr. Dick's rounds were: First round—Out: 4 4 4 5 5 3 6 3 5—39; home: 6 4 4 5 6 5 5 4 4—48. Total, 82. Second round—Out: 5 4 4 4 4 3 5 3 5—38; home 4 4 3 5 7 4 4 4 5—40 Total, 78. Results:

C. K. Huntchson, Royal St. George's, 79 and 79— 158.
S. H. Fry, Mid-Surrey, 80 and 78—158.
H. W Beveridge, Ashford Manor, 88 and 72—160.
C. E. Dick, Royal Liverpool, 82 and 78—160.
Horace Castle, Chiswick, 80 and 81—101.
N. F. Hunter, Royal St. George's, 85 and 76—161.
Capt. Prideaux Bruce, Royal North Devon, 80 and 82—162.
H. E. Taylor, Richmond, 82 and 82—164.
O. C. Bevan, Dist estone, 84 and 82—166.
F. Castle, Chiswick, 86 and 80—166.
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ROWING.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SUMMER EIGHTS.—The weather on the 12th instant was more favourable for these races than on the previous evening, and there was a very large company again present which included Capt. Percy Scott, R. N., C. B., C. V. O., and Col. Dowse, commanding the Home district, besides several old Blues. Only five bumps were registered, three in the Lower Division and two in the First Division. Fewer bumps have not been known for several years past. Notwithstanding this the racing last evening was of an exceptional character, and proved most exciting, most of the crews having to row through. they were fairly exhausted at the finish. Third Trinity have had no difficulty in maintaining their position at the head, and have improved considerably during the racing. The Hall crew, although again hotly pursued by First Trinity 1 finished with a little more in hand than on other occasions. A finer struggle than that which took place between Jesus 1, Emmanuel 1, and Caius 1 from the commencement of the course could not be wished for. All up the Reach only a few feet separated the boats, and it was a question who would bump first. Caius gained the verdict just after shooting the railway bridge. Selwyn gained their third victory by defeating King's. Another keen struggle was witnessed between Pembroke 1, First Trinity 2, and Lady Margaret 2. No bumps were made, but at the finish First Trinity 2 were overlapping Pembroke, and only a few feet separated Lady Margaret from First. In the Lower Division Sidney again made a plucky effort to overhaul the Hall second boat, but just failed to bring off the bump. Caius 2 were only a few feet from Sidney at the winning post Emmanuel overtook Pembroke 2, Third Trinity 2 were defeated by First Trinity 3 and Clare 2 registered their third bump by lowering the colours of Trinity Hall 3. Messrs L. H. K. Bushe-Fox and R. A. Nelson again acted as Judges.

The Second Division were sent off at 5-30 in the following order :—

Trinity Hall 2	Jesus 2	St. Catharine's
Sidney	Caius	Queens'
Caius 2	Third Trinity 2	Magdalene
Pembroke 2	First Trinity 3	Downing,
Emmanuel 2	Trinity Hall 3	
Clare 1	Clare 2	

A good race between the first three boats resulted in close finishes. Emmanuel 2 brought about the downfall of Pembroke 2 just after passing the Willows, First Trinity 3 gained the mastery over Third Trinity 2 at Ditton corner, whilst Clare 2 triumphed over Trinity Hall 3 in the Post Reach.

The First Division started at 6-35 in the following orders :—

Third Trinity 1	Jesus 1	Pembroke 1
Trinity Hall 1	Emmanuel 1	First Trinity 2
First Trinity 1	Caius 1	Lady Margaret 2
Lady Margaret 1	King's	Peterhouse
Christ's	Selwyn	Trinity Hall 2

Although only two bumps were effec ed, some grand racing ensued. Third Trinity were well away, and the Hall again kept their position, although chased by First Trinity. Caius 1 bumped Emmanuel 1 when the latter were close on Jesus crew just by the railway bridge, and Selwyn captured King's upon entering the Reach.

These races were brought to a conclusion on Saturday the 13th Heavy rain fell throughout, consequently the attendance was very poor indeed as compared with the previous evening. The racing has not been so productive of bumps as in past years, only 27 being recorded during the four evenings. This proves the general average of the crews. Third Trinity (although they lost the services of that sterling oarsman, J. Edwards-Moss) have easily maintained their position at the "head." During the week they have come on a deal, and always finished more than their distance to the good. The most exciting racing has been between the next two boats. Both are to be congratulated on their plucky efforts. The Hall have been severely pressed each time, but have never lost their form and have stayed the better. First Trinity made a desperate effort on the last day to lower the Hall colours but the cox missed his shot in the Long Reach. Selwyn, for a small college, are to be heartily congratulated on making four bumps in the First Division. They have been under the supervision of the Rev. W. L. E. Parsons. Pembroke 1, of whom much was expected, have shown indifferent form, and have gone down three places. The most successful crews are Caius 1, Selwyn, First Trinity 3, and Clare 2. These have ascended each evening and consequently have gained their oars. Christ's and Caius 2 come next with two bumps each to their credit. The judges were: Messrs L. H. K. Bushe-Fox (Lady Margaret) and C. W. H. Taylor (Third Trinity).

The Second Division crews were started in the following order: Trinity Hall 2, Sidney, Caius 2, Emmanuel 2, Pembroke 2, Clare, 1, Jesus 2, Corpus, First Trinity 3, Third Trinity, 2, Clare 1, Jesus 2, Corpus, First Trinity 3, Third Trinity, 2, Clare 2, Trinity Hall 3, St. Catharine's, Queens', Magdalene, and Downing. Three bumps were made in this series. Trinity Hall 2 kept well ahead of Sidney, whilst the latter were hard pressed by Caius 2, who overlapped at the Railway Bridge, but failed to effect the bump. Emmanuel 2 were at the time well up with Caius. The Clare first boat made their fourth ascent by catching Pembroke 2 at the commencement of Stourbridge Common. First Trinity 3 lowered the colours of Corpus at Ditton Corner, and thus made their fourth bump. Clare 2 likewise accomplished a similar performance by defeating Third Trinity 2 in Post Reach. The five lower boats caused no excitement.

The First Division crews were started in the following order: Third Trinity 1, Trinity Hall 1, First Trinity 1, Lady Margaret 1, Christ's, Jesus 1, Caius 1, Emmanuel 1, Selwyn, Kings', Pembroke 1, First Trinity 2, Lady Margaret 2, Peterhouse, and Trinity Hall 2. Three victories were achieved in this string. Third Trinity had little difficulty in keeping their place at the "head of the river." There was, however, another exciting race between the next two crews, First Trinity shooting for Trinity Hall in the upper part of Long Reach, but their plucky spurt was not successful, as the Hall men got away a few feet and finished with some yards in hand. Lady Margaret were more than their distance away from First Trinity; and Christ's caused no serious trouble to the Johnians. Caius 1 wrought the downfall of Jesus 1 in Long Reach, and thus won their oars; a feat also accomplished by Selwyn, who caught Emmanuel 1 just before reaching Grassy Corner. The only other bump in the series was effected by First Trinity 2 on Pembroke 1 just before reaching the Railway Bridge. The other three crews created little interest. It is noteworthy, however, that Trinity Hall 2 have not been shifted from their position as "sandwich boat" throughout the contests.

Following are the names of the leading crews :—

Third Trinity 1: C. H. L. H. Chalmers (bow), 9st 12½lb; 2. J. G. Gorden, 11st 7lb; 3. W. H Champman, 11st 4lb; 4. V. P. Powell, 11st 13lb; 5. B. R. Winthrop-Smith, 12st 2lb; 6. P. H. Tohomas, 12st 6lb; 7. J. B. Wharton, 10st 7½lb; R. H. Neson (stroke), 11st 4lb; C. Kent (cox), 8st 10lb.

Trinity Hall 1: C. W. Grieve (bow), 10st 5lb; 2. M. W. Ashby, 11st 10lb; 3. C. C. Mason, 11st 11lb; 4. A. Horn, 11st 10lb; 5. D. Horn, 11st 11lb; 6. J R. K. Warneford, 11st 11lb; 7. A. C. C. Hutchinson, 11st 11lb; M. V. Smith (stroke), 10st 7lb; B. G. A. Scott (cox), 8st 5lb.

First Trinity 1: R. W. S. Walker (bow), 10st 6lb; 2. J. F S Lloyd, 11st 7lb; 3. A. L. Lawrence, 12st 9lb; 4. D. Spicer, 12st 9lb; 5. J. Eaden, 11st 10lb; 6. H. B. Grylls, 12st 10lb; 7 S. R. Beale, 11st 5lb; B. B. Wainwright (stroke), 10st 5lb; B A. O. A. Jamieson (cox), 9st 8lb.

L.M.B.C. 1: T. Parnell (bow), 10st 9lb; 2. G. C E. Simpson; 11st 8lb; 3. M. Henderson, 11st 5lb; 4. H. G. Frean, 12st 8½lb. 5. S. R. Brown, 12st 4½lb; 6. T. S. Collins, 12st 6lb; 7. H. Senger, 10st 3½lb; R. R. Walker (stroke), 9st 13½lb; A. G. L. Hunt (cox), 7st 7½lb.

Christ's: J. G. L. Swann (bow), 9st 12lb; 2. P. D Scott-Moncrieff, 11st 6lb; 3. S. Wood, 12st 8lb; 4 J. R. C. Canny, 12st 11b; 5 N. W. Jenkin, 12st 12lb; 6. C. L. Fortescue 12st 6lb; 7. H. W. Gregson, 10st 4lb; T. N. Wardley (stroke), 10st 5lb; S. F. P. Blyth (cox), 7st 7½lb.

HEADS OF THE RIVER SINCE 1883.

1863. Third Trinity	1875-85. Jesus
1864. Trinity Hall	1886 88. Trinity Hall
1865. Third Trinity	1889 Third Trinity
1866.71. First Trinity	1893-97. Trinity Hall
1872 Lady Margaret	1898-00. First Trinity
1873-First rinity	1901-93. Third Trinity

ATHLETICS.

LONDON A. C. EVENING MEETING.—A further edition of the recent deluges seemed likely to cause a second postponement of the three members' handicaps which should have been brought off last week, but were put back to the 17th instant through the regrettable accident to the club handicapper, Mr. F. W. Parker, who is, we are glad to learn, progressing steadily. At the time fixed for the start—half-past six—rain was falling in torrents at the Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham, which were dotted with miniature lakes. Shortly after, however, the downpour ceased, and it was resolved to proceed with the programme, which was entered upon shortly after 7 P. M. and expeditiously worked off, although the water lay in a big pool where the runners enter the straight for home. Considering the conditions, there was some capital sport, witnessed by a handful of enthusiasts. It presented three features, one being the success of J. B. Densham, who secured the sprint and was second in the 300 yards; another the promising running of a new member in F. Heyes, who took the 1,000 yards from the limit mark; the third the unfortunate breakdown of C. H. Jupp, which is the more to be regretted as he has recently expressed himself as feeling remarkably fit. His leg troubled him the previous evening, and he resolved not to turn out for the sprint, but formed one of the eight who faced the starter for the 300 yards race. Though he began to close up the gap, it was soon seen that he was going lame, and on entering the straight he broke down completely and retired. Heyes, who is not yet, we understand, 18 years of age, and a Wimbledon schoolboy, could have increased his advantage, and though easing up, won by nearly twenty yards. He is possessed of a taking style, and should prove a valuable recruit to the ranks of the L. A. C. The officials were:—Judges: Messrs S. K. Holman and E H. Pelling; timekeeper, Mr. C. Val Hunter; stewards, Messrs E. Ion Pool and F. L. Fisher; and starter, C. Perry. Details:—

100 YARDS HANDICAP.—Heat 1: W. H. Orton, 4½ yards start, 1; W. F. Owsley, 8, 2; A. Quibampton 6½, 3. Won by three-quarters of a yard. Time—10⅖secs. Heat 2: J. B. Densham, 5 yards start, 1; A. Goodall, 6½, 2; L. F. Turner, scratch, 3. Won by a yard. Time—10⅖secs. Heat 3: E. P. Constantine, 1 yard start, 1; E. S. Ward, 8½, 2; F. E. Dickinson, 7½, 3. Won by half a yard. Time—10⅖secs. Heat 4: F. J. C. Shepherd, 6½ yards start, 1; C. W. Fox, 1½, 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time—10⅖secs.

FINAL HEAT.

J. B. Densham, 5 yards start	...	...	1
W. H. Orton, 4½	...	...	2
E. P. Constantine. 1	...	...	3
F. J. C. Shepherd, 6½	...	...	4

A capital finish. Densham winning by a foot, twice as much dividing second and third. Time—10⅖secs.

1,000 YARDS HANDICAP.—F. Heyes, 68 yards start, 1; S. Lunviss, 60, 2; C. S. White, 48, 3; E. S. Ward, scratch, 4; A. S. D. Smith, scratch, 5; R. R Fowler, 40. 0; E. R. Small, 5-, 0; F. E. Dickinson, 60, 0. The limit man went off at a hot pace and substantially increased his lead of his nearest opponents. The issue was never in doubt, and he eventually won, easing up, by about eighteen yards. It was a good race for places, White being only a couple of yards behind the second man, while the two scratch runners were close at his heels. Time—2mins. 18⅖secs.

300 YARDS HANDICAP.—A. Quibampton, 20 yards start, 1; J. B. Densham, 11, 2; A. Goodall, 23, 3; C. H. Jupp, scratch, 0; L. F. Tremeer, 4, 0; C. W. Fox, 9, 0; W. H. Orton, 16, 0; F. J. C. Shepherd 23, 0. This was run in one heat instead of two and produced a capital race. Densham looked like beating Quibampton on the post, but the latter came again and finished a few inches in front. A foot divided second and third, and Jupp, as already mentioned, broke down. Time—32⅖secs.

THE WEASEL.

When Fitzsimmons and Sharkey fought at Coney Island some time after their battle at San Francisco, the Sailor, who had improved a great deal in the meantime, rushed at "Fitz," swinging both hands. His left caught "Fitz." high on the jaw and shook him up pretty well.

"That's a good one, Tom!" Fitz. exclaimed.

"Yes, and here comes another one," said Sharkey. "I'm not as easy as you think."

Tom had the best of the round, and kept "Fitz." on the defensive. As they started back to their corners at the close of the round, Fitzsimmons turned and winked and grinned.

"Just wait till you see me sink the ship," he prophesied. The "ship," of course, was the fine, big full-rigged three-master that Tom had tattooed on his enormous chest. In the next round Fitzsimmons suddenly exclaimed, "'Ere now, Tom, 'ere goes for your face." Unthinkingly, the Sailor threw up his guard to protect his jaw, and just then Fitzsimmons' right, in a fierce upper-cut, landed on the keel of that big blue ship like a torpedo. The keel is just about on Sharkey's solar plexus.

The ship reeled, quivered, and slowly sank to the floor with all on board. Tom was a great rallier, however, and in a few seconds he was up and fighting again. Once more Fitzsimmons told him—"'Ere's one for your face," and as Tom threw his arms up, "Fitz's" fist landed under the ship again, and this time poor Tom went down and out.

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IT is not often in this great empire that the views of the all-conquering Aryan and the poor oppressed white man coincide or that the desire of all sects and creeds are unanimous, but this almost incredible reality exists in the pent-up longing for a timely rainfall. What a thousand pities they seem that with all the marvels of modern science our wise men cannot learn how to direct the course of the watery element and turn on the water tap at appropriate moments. Among others I venture to say Colonel Sheringham would have turned on the hose and sprayed the surrounding hunting country and many keen spirits would have lent a willing hand. Dry as the proverbial stick I am told was the ground when hounds met at the Slaughter Yard and a more than usually large field was thereby deprived of a gallop. Meeting at 5-30 no one could grumble that any of the day was wasted, and although a jack was viewed away from a hillock hard by and the Master lost no time of getting his hounds on the line there was obviously to even Macaulay's priggish school-boy (if he had been in such good company, which the detestable young brute certainly wouldn't have been) not a vestige of that sport producing aroma known to the talent as "scent" and try as hounds would they could make nothing of it and in abject despair the Master had to jog along to a cover, where, it was hoped, another bold Reynard of the country might be found. Jogging along over some very strong ground a quarter of an hour or so was sufficient to reach the desired spot. What a pity it seems to be that the covers out here are not named, as from all I can gather they are not. It makes it hard for the poor scribe to describe the line to those who like himself are unhappily able to share in the pleasures of the glorious chase. However an enclosed garden by the side of a stream sounds a likely lie for a jack in this sultry weather and so it proved, for no sooner were hounds thrown in than a merry burst of music set hearts aflutter, only to be disappointed by the unmistakable sound—pleasant enough after a fast 40 minutes, but a doleful dirge in cover, and a faint-hearted jack who preferred sudden death to a dash for liberty was chopped. The natural gloom was, I believe, slightly dispelled by a saltatory effort on the part of one of the field who had left his supply of bees'-wax at home. If it wasn't for these trifles, however, life would be dull. Hounds' heads were turned homewards, and it was hoped that even a sprightly little grey fox might be generous enough to enliven proceedings; but the homeward line was drawn blank and so ended a somewhat disappointing day from a galloping point of view, though I would be sorry to believe many of those out did not derive benefit and pleasure from accompanying and watching hounds

It is on such days as this that the keen sportsman has the time and opportunity of getting to know the hounds and imp the elements of hunting from the wisdom of such experts as our present Master. One has the time to accumulate information on such occasions. When hounds find quickly and gallop fast most of us are too "busy riding" to think of anything else!

Yeroda Jail was the *cause* for the following meet and it speaks well for the keenness of the members of this now justly celebrated Hunt that in spite of Their Excellencies' reception at Ganeshkaind on the previous night the grey dawn of 5-30 found a most flattering attendance to meet the Master several "habits" I am told gracing the occasion. Hope of a truth springs eternal in the human breast and another stifling morning with ground unblest with dew must have afforded but little encouragement to the most sanguine. However seldom it may occur in real life, on this occasion at any rate virtue met with its suitable reward. Skirting the pretty little house of the Superintendent situated close to the grim prison walls, the Master "hoicked" hounds into the home cover, and a whimper proclaiming the honoured tenant at home was soon confirmed by the pack and doubly confirmed by one of the whips. After a slight doubt hounds simply raced, I am assured, straight as the crows fly over fields without an obstacle of any sort to check horse or hound and fleet flat racers must have had all the best of it for the nonce. Of an intellectual turn must have been this varmint, for he made straight for the Deccan College at the outskirts of which he must have been headed and twisting sharply right handed found the tenour of his way hindered by the broad flowing river whose watery volume were not to his liking. Meanwhile hounds seem to have carried on and by the time the Master cast back could make nothing of the line and it looked like a magic disappearance till news was brought that the jack had taken refuge in one of a collection of native huts close by. From all I can gather there seems to be a general idea that after so short, if speedy, a burst, full law might have been given to this hapless fugitive and such would have given very general satisfaction I infer. However Masters no doubt have the blooding of their hounds to consider, and in the Master's hands alone must lie the sentence. Scant start was I believe given and still apparently thirsting for wisdom since other wiles had played him false the jack headed once more straight for the college building. All chance of becoming a B. A. was, however, frustrated and hounds rolled him over in the middle of the scholars' quarter, while warlike Brahman youths fled screeching in an agony of fright. It was a very fast little burst at the beginning, but the last five minutes scarcely afforded unalloyed pleasure to many.

Hounds were then taken along a large and very likely looking *nullah* (whose name, if it has one, my informant did not know) a jack was viewed sneaking away from a babool cover near a large tank and hounds I am assured worked a somewhat uncertain scent with admirable perseverence. The ground was very broken and in many places stoney and had the pace been hotter a thinning out would doubtless have ensued. Slow but pretty hunting was the order of the day for over 15 minutes, when a doe *chinkara* tempted hounds cruelly, two couple or so failing to resist and giving the whips all they could do to stop them. Meanwhile the Master with the greater part of the pack was worrying out the line with a skill and determination creditable to all and a pretty object lesson it must have been I gather. The jack was evidently having none too cheery a time and from a rise was viewed down a *nullah* with little left in him, but still with a useful lead over hill and rocky dell hounds worked the weak scent in a most patient way until reaching a stream crossing the road to Ahmednagar at a point near the seventh mile stone, when bearing in mind the earliness of the season and the great heat of the day the Master, with reluctance, I make no doubt, but with a wise discretion which none can gainsay, determined to stop hounds. Time from find to stopping full thirty-five minutes, so it was clocked over good sporting country, and though the pace was nothing great it seems to have been a very enjoyble hunt and everyone I have met has been more than satisfied. Looking to the absolute dryness of the ground it seems to have been a most creditable performance on the part of Master and hounds.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

THE BANGALORE HANDICAP POLO TOURNAMENT.

THE SEMI-FINALS.

THE Bangalore handicap polo tournament was proceeded with on Monday, the 29th June, and Wednesday, the 1st July. The British Resident in Mysore was present on both days, and many ladies watched the play, which was vigorous and fast, especially in Wednesday's match. The riding off was good, and here and there pretty bits of passing occurred, although, as a whole, the play could not be described as really scientific. Mr. Irvine, R. E., who handicapped the teams, is to be congratulated on the result, for very close games have been the order of the day. It may be added that there are some very handy ponies in the station now, and it is to be hoped that outside teams will enter for the Bangalore tournament, and make it an unqualified success, for there are plenty of keen players here at present. The following are the details of the play:—

Q. O. Sappers and Miners (+ 1 goal) *vs.* 4th Madras Pioneers (+ 3 goals).

First Chukker.—The Pioneers went off at a good pace, but when the teams had got fairly to work the Sappers began to press, Loch and Marshall playing well together. The Pioneers were gradually forced back to their line, and a couple of subsidiaries were scored by the Sappers just before the chukker ended.

Score:—4th Madras Pioneers, 3 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 1 goal 2 subsidiaries.

Second Chukker.—The givers of points set to work with determination, and after one or two good runs by Loch, Johnson backing him up, put the ball through. Three subsidiaries followed, after which Marshall added another goal and then the Pioneers made an effort and kept play in midfield for the rest of the chukker.

Score:—4th Madras Pioneers, 3 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners 3 goals 3 subsidiaries.

Third Chukker.—The Pioneers appeared to be tiring slightly, and the Sappers evidently playing a winning game pressed them hard. Hart broke away with a good run, travelling three parts down the ground on the right side, and for a moment the Pioneers looked dangerous. But Wagstaffe stopped the rush and initiated a forward movement on the part of his side, which ended in Loch scoring a good goal. The bugle soon afterwards sounded.

Score:—4th Madras Pioneers 3 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 4 goals 3 subsidiaries.

Fourth Chukker.—Not much time remained for play, but the Pioneers made a plucky effort and for a brief space invaded the Sappers' fortress. Their hitting was inaccurate, however, and Marshall and Loch coming down together, the former got a fairly easy chance, scored the last goal of the match, and the Sappers won handsomely.

Final Score:—4th Madras Pioneers, 3 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 5 goals 3 subsidiaries.

TEAMS.

Q. O. SAPPERS AND MINERS.	4TH MADRAS PIONEERS.
1. Lieut. Loch	1. Lieut. Watson
2. Capt. Marshall	2. „ Hart
3. „ Johnson	3. „ Malet
Back, Lieutenant Wagstaffe	*Back*, Lieutenant Marsden.

Umpires.—Captain Peel, R. H. A., and Captain Swifte, "The Carabiniers."

The Carabiniers "A" Team (scratch) *vs.* Captain Peel's Team (+ 5 goals).

First Chukker.—Both teams went off pretty fast, but Captain Peel's side had the best of the earlier exchanges, and Saunders backing his captain well up, cored a goal after about a minute's play. This seemed to put the Carabiniers on their metal and Kirby and Swifte became very prominent, the latter scoring just before an excellent chukker ended.

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 6 goals 0 subsidiaries; The Carabinier's "A" Team, 1 goal 0 subsidiaries.

Second Chukker.—The superiority of the Dragoons now showed itself, and they began to pen their opponents who for nearly the whole of the chukker were in a state of siege. The ball repeatedly went behind, and then two subsidiaries were added to the Dragoon's score. Then Kirby scored a goal for them amidst applause and play ceased with the Carabiniers still pressing hard.

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 6 goals 0 subsidiaries; The Carabiniers "A" Team, 2 goals 2 subsidiaries.

Third Chukker.—The Carabiniers set to work with much energy, and Swifte scored for them with a good long shot. Not long afterwards the same player added another goal, and notwithstanding their heavy handicap the Carabiniers' chances began to brighten. Captain Peel headed his team in one or two good efforts, but Ker was the safest of backs and the attacks were repelled.

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 6 goals 0 subsidiaries; The Carabiniers "A" Team, 4 goals 2 subsidiaries.

Fourth Chukker.—With two minutes and 50 seconds left for play, the Carabiniers worked hard for the game, but although they pressed almost throughout the residue of the play, their shooting was faulty—possibly from over-eagerness to score, and 2 subsidiaries were all that accrued to them before the inexorable bugle sounded the "Cease fire" and Captain Peel's teem had won by 2 goals.

Final Score:—Captain Peel's Teem, 6 goals 0 subsidiaries; The Carabiniers "A" Team, 4 goals 4 subsidiaries. Teams:—

CAPT. PEEL'S TEAM.	THE CARABINERS "A" TEAM.
1. Lieut. Grieve, R. F. A.	1. Lieut. Darmer.
2. Capt. Peel, R. H. A.	2. Capt. Kirby.
3. Lieut. Saunders, 3rd M. D.	3. Lieut. Swifte.
Back, Lieut. West, R. H. A.	*Back*, Lieut. Ker.

Umpires:—Captain Marshall, R. E. and Lieutenant Irvine R.E.

THE FINAL.

The Q. O. Sappers and Miners (+ 1 goal) *vs.* Captain Peal's Team (+ 5 goals).

The final took place on Friday, the 3rd instant, the British Resident again being present, besides a numerous company. Mr. Irvine, R. E., played instead of Mr. Wagstaffe for the Sappers, but otherwise the teams were the same as had played in the preliminary ties.

First Chukker.—Captain Peel's team pressed and the ball went behind the Sappers' line, but then a good combined movement initiated by Irvine took the ball to the other end of the ground, where it went behind. Some rather rushing play near the scratch team's goal was followed by the ball going out and then Irvine got in a good run for the Sappers. Loch shot for goal, but the ball went behind and the chukker ended without any. Scoring

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 5 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 1 goal 0 subsidiaries.

Second Chukker.—Irvine hit behind the line and Loch did the same thing directly afterwards. The Sappers pressed hard, and Johnson at last scored a goal for them amidst applause. Changing ends, Irvine got away and a subsidiary resulted, but a miss by Johnson gave the scratch team a chance. Grieve, however, also missed, and then Peel getting clean away looked like scoring, but the ball went behind.

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 5 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 2 goals 1 subsidiary.

Third Chukker.—Loch and Marshall took the ball from the Sappers' line to mid-field, and some fast give-and-take play followed, of which the scratch team had none the worst. Then the Sappers pressed again, Marshall and Loch being very prominent, but nothing was scored, and the game looked a good thing for Captain Peel's team.

Score:—Captain Peel's Team, 5 goals 0 subsidiaries; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 2 goals 1 subsidiary.

Fourth Chukker.—There were 3½ minutes left, but three goals was a long lead in favour of the scratch team. Nevertheless the Sappers set resolutely to work and Loch put the ball through the posts almost at once. After the re-start the Sappers came down at once. A good shot by Loch almost scored, and then he added a goal with a fine back-hand stroke amidst applause. Peel, however, relieved the pressure with a good run and a subsidiary was added to the scratch team's score. Marshall was just looking dangerous when the chukker ended and Captain Peel's team just won by a goal.

Final score:—Captain Peel's Team, 5 goals 1 subsidiary; Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 4 goals 1 subsidiary. Teams:—

CAPT. PEEL'S TEAM.	Q. O. SAPPERS AND MINERS.
1. Lieut. Grieve, R. F. A.	1. Lieut. Loch.
2. Capt. Peel, R. H. A.	2. Capt. Marshall.
3. Lieut. Saunders, 3rd M. L.	3. Lieut. Irvine.
Back, Lieut. West, R. H. A.	*Back*, Capt. Johnson.

Umpires:—General Nixon C. B., and Capt. Kirby, "The Carabiniers."

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Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 19th June 1903.*

LAST month we referred in this column to the special motor racing track which was shortly to be constructed at Purley, and spoke of the possibility of cycle road races being held there without fear of interruption from the police. The promoters of the track have since intimated, that any suggestion which might be made by road-racing cyclists, and which would make no radical alterations in the existing plans, would receive the most careful consideration. The proposed track, which will be about seven miles in circumference, lays between hills and downs just off the Brighton road at Purley, and to all intent and purposes will be an ordinary roadway, with, however, an exceptionally good surface, and free from pedestrians, equestrians and vehicular traffic. Road racing clubs should take the matter up without delay, for there are great possibilities in the suggestion.

The question of inn-keepers' and refreshment contractors' responsibility with regard to cycles left in their charge whilst wheelmen are taking refreshments at their establishments, is one that magistrates are frequently called upon to settle, and invariably to give judgment in favour of the cyclist. A refreshment house-keeper of Morpeth, was recently sued by a cyclist at the Morpeth County Court, for compensation for the loss of a lamp stolen from his machine whilst left in defendant's charge. The case was all against the refreshment house-keeper, he having accepted a fee of twopence from the plaintiff, and although the solicitor for the defence contended that his client was not responsible, since the lamp was detachable from the machine, his honour gave judgment for the amount claimed, with costs.

The Headingley sports committee has offered a prize to any member of the Leeds Police Force who will ride a mile on the local track in 2mins. 45secs. This offer has been made in view of the evidence of a police constable in a furious driving case. The constable alleged that he travelled at a rate of a mile in 2mins. 45secs. in order to catch up a motorist who was driving beyond the legal limit, and the members of the Sports Committee, doubting the speed capabilites of the constable in question, have made the above offer to the chief constable of Leeds. It is doubtful whether the challenge will be accepted.

Owing to the unfavourable weather which we have been experiencing for the last month or two, the home cycle trade has not been in such a flourishing condition as was anticipated in the early months of the year; not that there has been any slump in the home trade, but simply that it is not booming as optimists expected. Fortunately, foreign trade is waking up, and the Board of Trade's return for May, and indeed for the whole year, shows that the British made cycles are in far greater demand in foreign countries than hitherto has been the case. In May of this year the shipments were valued at £76,744 against £65,137 in the corresponding month of 1902. For the first five months of this year the figures are £389,766, against £286,870 last year, an increase of well over £100,000.

When a cyclist is implicated in a running down case, and has secured the evidence of a police constable on point duty, on his behalf, he generally possesses a feeling of satisfaction that the case will go in his favour, for magistrates generally accept the evidence of one police constable against that of three or four civilians. But such was not the case with a cyclist who was sued for damages by the guardians of a girl whom he had accidentally knocked down and caused some slight injuries to. The officer on point duty, when giving evidence, stated that in his opinion the cyclist was by no means to blame, and that at the time he was only travelling at the rate of four or five miles per hour. This evidence, however, availed the wheelman but little, for judgment was given against him.

On 27th, June starting at 6 A. M., the Motor Cycling Club 200 miles reliability run for the S F. Edge trophy will take place. The route selected is over four out-and-home courses of approximately 50 miles each, radiating from one centre, situated within 20 miles of London. Competitors will be started in batches of three, at five minutes' interval, and will be allowed to dismount for congestion of traffic. All the competitors will be required to stop an hour at the conclusion of the first 100 miles, and a quarter of an hour at the conclusion of 150 miles. During these stoppages no adjustments, replacements or repairs of any description whatsoever will be allowed. That such a trial for motor cycles requires the most careful preconsideration must be obvious, and possibly no set of rules or conditions that could be devised would seem to be perfectly equitable to all riders. One of the greatest difficulties is inherent to the bicycle itself—*viz.*, that it offers no facilites for carrying an observer. To that extent therefore, competitors will be dependent mutually upon the sense of fairness and sportsman-like feeling of their fellows. As all competitors and officials will work with one aim—the good of the club and to make a success of the trial—there can be no doubt as to the result.

Cycling and motoring, as kindred sports and pastimes, are supposed to have interests in common. For some time past, however, a feeling has been growing among cyclists that motorists are not their best friends—indeed, so acute has that feeling become that a good many cyclists are prepared to aver that the motor-car is an intolerable nuisance, and a source of danger to those who cycle. This has been caused by the selfish conduct of a certain, and by no means small, section of motorists, who misuse the country roads to a degree. The first cause of complaint is the dust raised by the rapid passage of large pneumatic-shod cars, which, when their exhaust pipes are directed straight down on the road instead of the sides, raises the dust in clouds, and makes cycling far from pleasurable; for, instead of the pure country air, the poor wheelman is compelled to inhale pecks of dust; whilst throat, eyes, and ears are irritated by the particles. Of course motorists are not primarily responsible for the condition of the roads, but nevertheless they create a nuisance to others, for which there appears to be no remedy.

Disregarding the automobile as a pleasure vehicle, pure and simple, and considered solely from a commercial standpoint, its progress has been very remarkable. The substitution of mechanically propelled for horse-drawn vehicles is after all but of minor importance. But an advance of far greater moment has been made. It is the substitute of the automobile where steam had been previously regarded as impossible. In England, the North-Eastern Railway has adopted automobile freight wagons. In Ireland, the various County boards have installed lines of automobiles in opposition to the railways. In France, an automobile train has been put into service on a line where locomotives were used heretofore. In Italy, an automobile service between cities has been organised to carry the Government mails. In Russia, the Government has approved of automobiles for carriage of materials and troops. In Chicago, a line of automobiles has a regular street-car service. In Japan, the motor omnibus has appeared as competitor of the ancient inrikshaw. Such an awakening to the utility of the automobile cannot by any process of argument be lightly passed over. The petrol engine, of which the automobile is the most practicable exponent, must in the course of the next few decades enormously facilitate travel.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

GYMKHANA *vs.* A. F C. C.—These teams met on the Gymkhana ground last Saturday and the game ended in a draw. The visitors put up 177. Master and Pais being the chief scorers. The Gymkhana made 86 for 10 wickets. Faviell batted well but the others gave a poor display. Score.—

AMMUNITION FACTORY.

Master, l-b-w, Thomas	39
Nizamirdin, b Hazelton	4
Pais, c Hazelton, b Cameron	30
Cox, b Airy	14
Erasha, c Usher, b Faviell	15
Hanmantoo, b Hazelton	23
Gardner, c Hazelton, b Faviell	4
Taplin, b Hazelton	1
Rhodes, b Hazelton	6
Peema, st Wilson, b Faviell	11
Kadir, b Hazelton	0
Mason, not out	0
Extras ...	30
Total ...	177

THE GYMKHANA.

Major Cheyne, c Pais, b Master	4
Airy, b Erasha	0
Faviell, c Rhodes, b Master	32
Vety -Colonel Hazelton, run out...	9
Captain Wilson, b Erasha	0
Cameron, l-b-w Master	0
Keighley, b Master	3
Thomas, b Master	0
Dillon, b Cox	12
Giles, b Cox	8
Usher, not out	6
Stanbridge, not out	0
Extras ...	12
Total ...	86

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* NIZAM'S C. C.—Played on the Gymkhana ground last Thursday, the home team winning by 156 runs Messrs Carroll (51) Forsyth (49) and Airy (33) played good cricket Score :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr Carroll, c and b Yussuff	51
,, Faviell, l b-w, b Erasha	12
,, Airy, b Yussuff	33
Major Cheyne, c Paes, b Yussuff	0
Captain Frith, b Erasha	12
Mr Forsyth, b Abdul Kader	49
,, Weatherby, c S Kader, b A Kader	18
,, Knight, c Paes, b A Rahim	4
,, Hawley, c Yussuff, b A Rahim	5
,, Grant, b Erasha	7
,, Cameron, not out	12
Extras ...	33
Total ...	236

NIZAM C. C

Paes, c Hawley, b Carroll	12
Nizamuddin, b Cameron	0
Sayana, b Cameron	0
Yussuff, b Carroll	1
Ebrahim, c and b Faviell	14
Erasha, b Carroll	1
Sheik A Kader, run out	4
Shamsher Khan, not out	1
Abdul Rahim, c Forsyth, b Hawley	5
Abdulla, b Hawley	0
Extras ...	37
Total ...	77

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

POONA GYMKHANA.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Nizamuddin	6	16	1	0
Abdul Kader	13	56	9	2
Erasha	14·3	37	2	3
Yussuff	18	66	1	3
Abdul Rahim	4	28	0	2

NIZAM C. C.

Carroll	12	25	1	3
Cameron	7	8	4	2
Faviell	2	3	0	1
Hawley	6·4	4	3	3

HEAD-QUARTER OFFICES *vs.* GYMKHANA.—These teams met last week and the game resulted in a win for the Head quarter offices by 52 runs, Score :—

HEADQUARTER. OFFICES.

1st Innings.

Col Hazelton, c and b Wallinger	5
Mr Nursoo, c and b Cameron	0
,, Cody, b Wallinger	18
,, Bandoo, c Cheyne, b Hawley	22
,, Fisher, c, Wallinger, b Hawley	13
,, Baneford, b Hawley	5
,, Carey, b Hayley	25
,, Bharucha, b Hawley	2
,, Marshall, b Hawley	3
,, Sneddon, b Chitty	31
,, Fairhurst, not out	6
Extras ...	6
Total ...	136

THE POONA GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.

Major Cheyne, b Bandoo	9
Mr Airy, b Cary	14
,, Hardy, c Fairhurst, b Carey	9
Capt. Frith l-b-w, b Hazelton	14
Mr Ponsonby, run out	0
,, Hawley, b Bandoo	5
,, Truman, b Bandoo	0
,, Wallinger, not out	22
,, Cameron, b Bandoo	4
,, Usher, c Sneddon, b Bandoo	4
Major Chitty, b Hazelton	0
Extras ...	3
Total ...	84

CRICKET AT MUSSOORIE.

BHURTPUR *vs.* MUSSOORIE.—The Bhurtpur State cricket team visited Mussoorie, and the match played on the 26th and 27th ultimo resulted in a win for the home team by one wicket. Pruce and Daubeny bowled well. Score.—

BHURTPUR.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mustafa Hasan, b Hirst ...	3	c Bailey, b Daubeny ...	0
Ghilani, run out ...	32	c Pruce, b Daubeny ...	5
Dwarka Nath, b Pruce ...	8	c Price, b Daubeny ...	11
Rashid ud-din, b Pruce ...	9	run out ...	15
Mahomed Yusuf, b Pruce...	2	run out ...	12
Shama Charan b Pruce ...	1	c and b Hirst ...	1
Thomas Angelo, run out ...	13	c Turner, b Daubeny ...	17
Mahomed Abbas, b Turner	4	c and b Bailey ...	19
Kumla Khant, not out ...	4	run out ...	0
C. R. Judd, l-b w, b Pruce	4	c Pruce, b Daubeny ...	9
Ali Hyder (i), run out ...	1	c Fox, b Bailey ...	5
Ali Hyder (ii), b Pruce ...	0	not out ...	2
Extras ...	7	Extras ...	11
Total ...	101	Total ...	107

MUSSOORIE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Pruce, b M. Yusuf ...	48	b Shama Charan ...	19
Price l-b-w, b Shama Charan	0	l-b-w, b Shama Charan ...	2
Fox l-b-w, b Shama Charan,	6	b Dwarka Nath	21
Bailey, b Shama Charan,	30	c M. Yusuf, b Dwarka Nath	7
Hirst, b Dwarka Nath ...	26	Angl, ob Shama Charan	0
Marsh, b Dwarka Nath ...	0	b Shama Charan ...	6
Daubeny, b Shama Charan	0	run out	0
Newcomen, b Dwarka Nath	5	not out ...	7
Boileau, b Dwarka Nath ...	0	b Dwarka Nath ...	7
Turner c. M. Abbas, b Shama Charan ...	5	c Rashid, Shama Charan...	0
Symonds, b Shama Charan	6	c Shama Charan, b Dwarka Nath	0
Martin, not out ...	0	not out	4
Extras ...	4	Extras ...	6
Total ...	130	Total ...	79

ENGLISH CRICKET CHAT.

WITH the cricket season a month and a half old there is already some excitement over the Championship owing to the defeat of Yorkshire by Somerset, Middlesex, and Sussex, the invincibility so far of Middlesex and Sussex and the winning career of Essex after their first match, and defeat, at the hands of Yorkshire. The East Anglian side after that match beat Surrey twice, with ease the first time, then Kent, scored 401 against Notts' 302 and had quite an equal draw with that side, drew with Derby requiring but 20 runs to win with a second innings to play, dismissed Sussex for 77, scored 166 themselves, and then got Vine and C. B. Fry out before Sussex had wiped out the arrears when rain prevented further play. For all this series of successes they have to thank Perrin 170 and 102 not out *vs.* Notts, 103 retired hurt *vs.* Derby, four times over forty in the two Surrey matches; C McGahey 110 not out *vs.* Surrey and some thirties and forties; E. H. D. Sewell 15 and 60 *vs.* Surrey at the Oval 42 and 0. *vs* Kent, 72 and 45 *vs.* Notts, 70 *vs.* Sussex when 25 was the next best score; F. L. Fane 90 *vs.* Derby and several twenties and thirties; Rev F. H. Gillingham 76 *vs.* Kent; Buckenham,s all-round cricket in the second Surrey, Kent and Derbyshire matches Mead's 7 for 34 and 7 for 27 *vs* Surrey at the Oval and Sussex at Leyton with several other lesser but none the less useful bits of bowling. Indeed the Essex team has not given such an all-round exhibition of good cricket for some years, their fielding and catching has been almost unequalled for regular excellence, and when one or two have failed others have always come off. Of the seven matches played up to 13th June they have been on top in six and no other county can this season say that. Middlesex are going great guns owing to a return to form of Jack Hearne and better bowling by Trott. Warner too started with a brace of centuries and the side routed Gloucestershire, Somerset and Yorkshire, both at Lord's, in no uncertain style. Already they have one of their August reinforcements, in the person of Jimmy Douglas, at hand and him they are utilising against Essex this week in a match that is fairly certain to be abandoned owing to rain if indeed a start is made Sussex have both their big batsmen going strong For once more showing his predilection for Yorkshire bowling by taking 234 last week at Bradford. Ranji has tacked on two or three hundreds to his century list and looks fitter than he has the past two seasons, perhaps the worries of journalistic work have had a good effect, for has he not once edited *The Sun* and does he not now write for the *Daily Express?* I fear Sussex bowling is hardly strong enough to win them the Championship, at any rate if they do they will be about the weakest bowling side that has ever attained unto that position.

Lancashire ought to do better than they do, but I have an idea that they drop catches and not the best batting and bowling side will ever succeed if catches are dropped. Their fast bowler, W. Brearley, is of the bump, thump, and one in-the-ribs order as C. B. Fry will tell any inquisitive one, but Ranji came in and scored off all these "perchers" that had previously been playing a tattoo on the Old Oxonian's person. Tyldesley has not yet got going and that means a lot to the Red Rose, last season it was very much of a one man team in this respect, many a side beating Lancashire but losing to Tyldesley! Maclaren is nothing like the bat he was, though he will still of course continue to get hundreds.

Yorkshire's position is largely due to the fortune of was that renders it impossible for T. L. Taylor, at the other end of the world on business, and Irving Washington, recovering fromf illness, to play, which catastrophe preceded Hirst hurting his leg, J. T. Brown, junior bowling his shoulder out, Tunnicliffe splitting a finger, F. S, Jackson getting a small ulcer on the foot and Rhodes happening to be long out of form with the ball all at the same time. Indeed but for Lord Hawke's superb batting in nearly every match the Tykes would have been in many sorrier plights than they have been. Bad fielding has also had its usual effect and taken altogether Yorkshire cricket for the moment is not fizzing away. When some of these fine cricketers return to the side like giants refreshod some of the rest of the counties may have to look out for squalls. It's a long way yet to the end of August.

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Football.

THE CALCUTTA LEAGUE.

Y. M. C. A. *vs.* RANGERS.—This match played last Thursday ended in a pointless draw. Play was not very interesting The Rangers opened well but the Association played up and in the first half the game was very even. After the interval the Rangers attacked, but Yackjee and Rosser defended well and they were unable to score, the game ending as stated. Teams :—

Y. M. C. A.—Montague, *goal*; Yackjee, and Rosser, *backs*; Power, Cooper, and Ewing, *half-backs*; Godfry, Simmons, Apcar, Miller, and Crow, *forwards*.

RANGERS.—Whelan *goal*; Anderson and Templeton *backs*; Boilard, Lees, and O'Laughlin, *half-backs*; Pell, Whitse, Mathieson, Williams, and Russell *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Walker, Dalhousie F. C.

CALCUTTA *vs.* HOWRAH SPORTING.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 2nd instant, the home team winning by four goals to *nil*. The Calcutta men had the best of the first half and several shots were sent in. V. Sherman at length scored after a combined run by the forwards. A free kick to the home team was unsuccessful, but shortly after Fyfe scored their second point. Howrah were pressing when half time was called. On resuming the Calcutta men got away and good combination among the forwards was witnessed. A third goal was registered, Bennett putting the ball into his own net. The Howrah goal was then besieged and several unsuccessful shots sent in. Just before time Fyfe ran down and put on the fourth goal. Teams :—

CALCUTTA F. C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Denniss, *backs*; Maunder, Crawford, and Walker, *halves*; Binning, H. Sherman, Fyfe, V. Sherman, and Stewart, *forwards*.

HOWRAH SPORTING.—B. Bennett, *goal*; F. and H. Bennett, *backs*; Lewis, Osborne, and Curtis, *halves*; J. Smith, Farrier, H. Smith, Jackson, and Burn, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Remfry, Y. M. C. A.

64th R. F. A. *vs.* K. O. S. B.'s—Played at Barrackpore on the 2nd instant when after an uninteresting game the Dum-Dum men won by three goals to *nil*. Opening exchanges were very even, but the Borderers soon got going and pressed hard, erratic shooting preventing them from scoring; just before the interval, however, Bruce found the net. In the second half, though the Gunners defended well, their opponents had the best of matters and Kennedy and Nielson put on two more goals. Teams.—

K. O. S. B.'s.—Aitkinson *goal*; Allen and McChesney, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart, and Bradley, *half-backs*; Simpson, Kennedy, Walls, Nielson, and Bruce, *forwards*.

64th R. F. A.—Harrison, *goal*; Prince and Queen, *backs*; Lockins, Colby, and Donnelly, *half-backs*; Nicol, Dodds, Lieutenant Shaw, Wratten, and Shirt, *forwards*.

Referee—Sergeant Fuller, K. O. S. B.'s.

CALCUTTA *vs.* 64TH R. F. A.—These teams met on the Calcutta ground last Saturday and a very one-sided exhibition resulted in a win for the home team by eight goals to *nil*. They began the attack and play was confined to the military half, a continuous bombardment being kept up on their goal, Fyfe drawing first blood. H. Sherman added another goal before the interval. On changing ends Calcutta resumed the attack and V. Sherman put on the third goal. Fyfe added the fourth and then H. Sherman, who was in great form, scored two goals in quick succession. Fyfe again found the net and just before time was called, H. Sherman scored the eighth and last goal. Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal*; Dennis and Todd, *backs*; Walker, Maunder, and Pearson, *half-backs*; H. Sherman, Binning, Fyfe, V. Sherman, and Stewart, *forwards*.

64TH R. F. A.—Harrison, *goal*; Quinn and Prince, *backs*; Donnelly, Corby, and Beckett, *half-backs*; Lieutenant Shaw, Wratten, Lockens, Nicholl, and Dodd, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Remfry.

A. and S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* BURN & CO.—This was another one-sided game played last Saturday, the Highlanders having matters all their own way and running out victorious by seven goals to *nil*. Quinn started the scoring soon after the start, Montgomery adding two goals soon after. Quinn was playing splendidly and put on three more points before the interval when the Highlanders were leading by six goals to *nil*. On resuming the Highlanders' shooting became very erratic and only one goal was scored, Lockhart finding the net just before time. Teams :—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGovand, and Hafford, *half-backs*; Robinson, Lockhart, Quinn, Montgomery, and Hogg, *forwards*.

BURN & CO.—Taylor, *goal*; McFadyen, and Donnithorne, *backs*; Morris, Sinclair, and Cochrane, *half-backs*; Todd, Freeman, Wood, Kerr, and McKerron, *forwards*.

Referee—Mr. A. O. Henry.

HOWRAH *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—Played at Howrah on the 4th instant, the visitors winning by two goals to *nil*. They had the best of matters during the first half but their shooting was not very good and they only found the net once. Howrah played up in the second moiety but were unable to score, and Rosser putting through once more the game ended as stated.

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Wade and Bushby, *backs*; Phelps, Wallace, and Dalling, *half-backs*; Echlin, Rosser, Smith, Stewart, and Stimson, *forwards*.

HOWRAH.—A Bennett, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Palmer, Morrow, and Lewis, *half-backs*; Ferrier, J. Smith, W. Smith, Jackson, and Burns *forwards*.

RANGERS *vs.* K. O. S. B.'s—The Rangers served up a surprise last Saturday by beating the Dum-Dum men by a goal to *nil*. The Borderers were without Byers and Cassidy and though they had the best of the first half could not break through the Rangers' defence. O'Laughlin, Templeton, and Anderson played hard, and Whelan in goal was at the top of his form. In the second half the Rangers got going and Jones put the ball through the soldiers being unable to equalise. Teams :—

RANGERS.—Whelan, *goal*; Anderson and Templeton, *backs*; Boilard, Lees, and O'Laughin, *half-backs*; Peil, Jones, Hill, Williams, and Whittie, *forwards*.

K. O. S.B.'s—Brocklehurst, *goal*; Allan and McDonald, *backs*; Campbell, Stewart, and Bradley, *half-backs*; Bruce, Kennedy, Walls, Neilson, and O'Neil, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. P. Wilder, I. F. A.

64th R. F. A. *vs.* DALHOUSIE.—This match was played on the Dalhousie ground [illegible] before a large crowd. The home team were hot favourites but [illegible] played a disappointing game and won by a single goal to *nil*. [illegible]play during as the first half was of a scrambling order and the interval arrived without score on resuming Dalhousie got a free kick for "hands" and Stewart put the ball through. They were unable to increase their lead and won as stated. Teams :—

64th R. F. A.—Harrison, *goal*; Prince and Grimley, *backs*; Donnelly, Corby, and Fairhall, *half-backs*; Dodds, Nichol, Clark, Lieutenant Parkins, and Wratten, *forwards*.

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Margrett and Bushby, *backs*; Phelps Wallace, and Dalling, *half-backs*; Stewart, Stimson, Rosser, Johnson, and Smith, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry, C. F. C.

K. O. S. B.'s. *vs.* BURN AND CO.—These teams met on the Howrah ground on Thursday and ended rather unexpectedly in a draw of two goals all. The first half was in favour of the Borderers, who put on two goals before the interval. In the second moiety Burn and Co. played with great determination and equalised. Wood and Taylor each scoring a goal.

THE TRADES CUP.

DALHOUSIE "B" TEAM *vs.* HOWRAH SPORTING.—Played on the Dashousie ground and resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to *nil*. Smith scored both points.

ST. JOSEPH'S *vs.* B. N. RY.—These teams met on the Y. M. C. A. ground, the game ending in a draw of one goal all. The match was replayed on Monday, St. Joseph's winning by a goal to *nil*.

SEEBPUR *vs.* SPORTING UNION.—On the Rangers' ground last Monday the College beats their opponents by two goals to love, Nyss and Lewty finding the net in the first half.

ENTALLY *vs.* MAHOMEDAN SPORTING.—These teams met on the Town Club ground, the Entally men winning by a goal to *nil*.

POSITION OF CLUBS TO TUESDAY, THE 7TH JULY.
(*inclusive.*)

Name of Club	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.
93rd H'ldrs	15	14	0	1	29	47	6
Calcutta	15	11	2	2	24	32	9
K. O. S.B.'s	16	9	6	1	19	37	17
Dalhousie	16	7	5	4	18	24	17
Y. M. C. A.	15	6	6	3	15	13	15
Rangers	15	5	7	3	13	15	22
Howrah	15	3	9	3	9	9	32
64th R. F. A.	15	2	11	2	6	11	37
Burns A. C.	16	1	12	3	5	8	41

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ONE can have too much of even a good thing, and this has been the case with the League competition which has been dragging to a close during the past week. When the leading positions on the League table have been established beyond doubt the object of the competition has been secured and the subsequent meetings of various teams consequently excites little or no interest in the football world, and takes up much valuable time which could otherwise be spent in arranging such excellent contests, as, for instance, Civil and Military which proved such a success last year, but which we fear will not find a place in the programme for 1903.

Could not the Committee of the League, or those who are responsible for matters appertaining to this competition, so arrange that in future not more than say six teams were allowed to enter? This would not be a hardship on the teams who were excluded as the saving of time could be expended in playing friendly games and subsequently innumerable opportunities for competition play would arise in the contests for the Shield, the Trades, and other Cups.

Reverting again to the "Civil and Military" match what a magnificent game the meeting of the following teams should produce :—

Civil.—Goal, Buckley or Peake; backs, Todd and Anderson; half-backs, Maunder, Lees, Walker; forwards, Rosser, Fyfe, Cooper or Watts, V. Sherman, Apcar.

Military—Goal, Hitchinson; backs, Wallace and Silcock, half-backs, McLean, McGowan and Mowatt; forwards, Cassidy, Byers, Quin, Montgomery, Hogg.

He would be a brave man who laid odds on either team.

Despite heavy rain throughout the day the Howrah team found the Calcutta ground in very fair condition for their match with the premier club which ended in a victory for Calcutta by 4 goals to love. The game was an uninteresting one, the visitors seldom invading their opponents' territory, whereas the shooting of the home team was weak, probably on account of the wet ball. Both Fyfe and the elder Sherman were in fine form, the latter on several occasions showing exceptional cleverness in his manipulation of the ball. Binning, who reappeared in the team, gave a much improved display in which his accurate heading was most noticeable, but there is room for improvement in his fielding of the ball. Bennet in goal performed well for Howrah and the two Smiths were conspicuous for one or two good runs—the methods employed by W. Smith are not, however, beyond reproach and he came under the Referee's notice on more than one occasion.

The meeting of the Rangers and the K. O. S. B. furnished a regular surprise, as although the Military team were without Cassidy, Tait, and Byers it was not expected that the Rangers would prove successful. Victory should certainly have rested with the "Dum-Dum" men and that it did not do so was principally due to the goal-keeping of Whelan, who gave yet another sound display, in which he was ably assisted by Lees and Anderson.

The Borderers have been showing very poor form in their recent matches—their methods are "finnicking" and they have lost much of the dash they once possessed. Kennedy and Neilson are both good, but without Cassidy the entire team seems to go to pieces.

Both the Highlanders and Calcutta took the opportunity to augment their goal averages on Saturday last which they did to the tune of 7 and 8 goals respectively. The Highlanders' victims were Burns who played on the defensive from the start and at no period of the game did they look like scoring. Wood and Sinclair worked hard in their respective positions, but the team as a whole have no pretensions to League form.

All the Highlanders endeavoured to score from various parts of the field, but success in this direction was principally confined to Quin, who shot no less than five of the goals.

It is high time that some steps were taken to put an end to the continual "barracking" to which Referees have been subjected by the soldiers from the Fort on every occasion on which decisions have been given against their team. This state of affairs has been going on from the commencement of the season until it has now become unbearable, and it would therefore be a boon to Referees, spectators and players alike if such steps were taken as would lead to a discontinuance of this objectionable and unsportsmanlike practice. Calcutta were only able to score two goals during the first half of their match with the 64th R. F. A., but no less than six fell to them during the second period without any response from the Gunners. The first point came from Fyfe, who put in a very hard shot which hit the crossbar and went into the net and then followed a second goal from H. Sherman. The visitors' forwards, amongst whom Shaw, Wratten, and Dods were noticeable, ran down on several occasions, but their efforts lacked combination and their shooting was very weak.

After the recommencement Calcutta maintained a continual bombardment of the Gunners' goal—Fyfe and the two Shermans subscribing six goals between them.

The game was too one-sided to be interesting, but the distinguishing feature of the match was undoutedly the display given by the younger Sherman, who scored no less than half of the goals for his side, which says much for his powers of shooting. His success, however, was principally due to his always being in the right place to operate on the well-placed cross shots which were continually being sent in by his brother and Stewart from the left wing. Fyfe was in his best form, but Pearson, who was included in the absence of Crawford, played a very poor game throughout.

The innumerable Cup competitions which are now taking place are very bewildering to the lay mind, and it is doubtful whether the devices resorted to to place strong teams in the field tend to improve the morale of the game For instance we understand that it is possible for a player who has figured in the contest for the Shield to get permission to play in the Trades Cup, which is essentially for junior teams, and further should his team be beaten he is permitted to reappear for the Shield. Such a state of affairs is, on the face of it, absurd and we are pleased to hear that steps are to be taken to prevent this double shuffle being possible.

Again, the Surma Cup, we believe, is open to junior and native teams, yet a perusal of the *personnel* of the so-called "B" team which represented the Y. M. C. A. against the "E" Company of the 93rd Highlanders will prove the fallacy of any such belief. It would be interesting to know on what grounds Yackjee, Simmons, Crow, Echlin, Apear, Rosser and Russell consider they are qualified to play for the "B" team. It is quite apparent that the rules require to be made much more stringent.

THE CHIEL.

Golf.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

THE COLOMBO MEDAL. The competition for this, the most recently instituted of the Club's many medals, took place on the Maidan links on Friday and Saturday last, but though the ground was in excellent order for good golf and the weather by no means unpropitious few players returned their cards, and the scoring all round was very poor. Eventually Mr. H C. Begg, who followed up a very poor first half round of 47 with an excellent second half in 40 proved to be the winner and his success was very popular. The best scores sent in were as follows :—

	Total.	Hcp.	Results.
H. C. Begg ...	87	scr.	87
Captain J. M. Burn	94	6	88
E. A. Woodhouse...	99	10	89
G. W. Walker ...	90	scr.	90
Rev. D. H. Gillan...	92	2	90
R. Bignell ...	98	8	90
R. W. Williamson...	98	8	90
J. S. Smith ...	91	scr.	91
Major J. M. Fleming	97	6	91
R. Lean ...	99	8	91
Dr. W. Forsyth ...	94	2	92
D. K. Hall ...	97	4	93
C. Engel ...	99	5	94
H. B. Pike ...	104	10	94
W. T. Reid ...	100	4	96

THE CASHMERE CUP. This competition brings the regular season to a close, nothing now remaining for decision except the nine holes cleek match on 17th and 18th July For the Cashmere Challenge Cup which goes to the player recording the best scratch score for nine holes in a Club competition, there is a tie between Messrs. H. C Begg and T Drimmie each of whom has a 40 to his credit, the next best scores in order being as follows :—

H. C. Begg	40	G. W. Walker ...	41
T. Drimmie	40	F. H. Stewart ...	42
A. F. Simson ...	41	D. Youngson ...	43
J. Stuart Smith ...	41	N. Mitchell lunes ...	43
A. M. Urie ...	41	F. H. E. Lamb ...	43

THE ORMISTON SILVER CHALLENGE CUP. Mr. T. B. Peterkin, with an allowance of 17½ strokes, wins the Ormiston Silver Challenge Cup, and the accompanying memento for the best eight 9-hole rounds in club competitions during the season, his nett score being 334½, an excellent performance, and one on which Mr Peterkin, who has been playing very steadily all the season, is to be heartily congratulated. The following are the best aggregates scores for this prize and go to prove the advantage which the handicap players have gained from the use of the Haskell and other rubber-cored balls, while the returns for the Cashmere Cup, which are comparatively poor, seem to show that they do not help the scratch men in at all equivalent proportion :—

		Total Hcp.	Result.
T B Peterkin	45, 43, 47, 44, 41, 46, 45, 41=352	17½	334½
C P Lomax	48, 45, 44, 43, 49, 45, 46, 47=367	30	337
E A Woodhouse	47, 50, 49, 46, 51, 46, 48, 46=383	45	338
T Drimmie	43, 40, 46, 41, 45, 43, 41, 43=342	scr	342
Rev D H Gillon	43, 43, 43, 45, 44, 45, 45, 45=353	9	344
J Stuart Smith	45, 41, 42, 46, 44, 44, 42, 42=346	scr	346
David K Hall	47, 46, 42, 48, 45, 41, 48, 45=364	16	348
Major J M Fleming	45, 48, 46, 47, 46, 46, 46, 48=372	24	348
G S Hannah	50, 47, 47, 44, 44, 46, 48, 46=372	24	348
C Engel	47, 46, 45, 47, 41, 49, 45, 44=374	26	348
G W Walker	46, 43, 48, 42, 45, 42, 44, 41=351	scr	351
E A Wild	49, 47, 48, 43, 49, 41, 46, 45=368	16	352
Captain J M Burn	47, 47, 47, 48, 42, 48, 44, 47=376	24	352
F H Stewart	46, 46, 45, 42, 43, 43, 44, 44=353	scr	353
G Harvey	46, 44, 47, 42, 45, 48, 44, 45=361	8	353
H C Begg	44, 47, 45, 43, 49, 40, 40, 47=355	scr	355
E S Ezekiel	47, 52, 55, 48, 50, 49, 57, 51=403	48	356
D A Cuthbert	46, 44, 45, 49, 45, 50, 50, 47=396	16	360
Dr W Forsyth	44, 49, 45, 50, 46, 45, 47, 48=374	8	366

CALCUTTA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A cleek match was played at the above club last week. It was an 18-hole handicap, and was won by Miss Binning with a score of 102—18=84. The following scores were handed in :—

Miss. Binning	102—18=84
Mrs. Firminger	96—10=86
Mrs. Lamond Walker ... —	87 scr. 87
Mrs. Huddleston	112—18=94
Mrs. Lovelock	99 scr. 99
Mrs. Stewart	134—18=116

The Bogie competition, which was open during May and June was won by Mrs. Lamond Walker (scratch), with 5 up on Bogie

GOLF IN BOMBAY.

BUDDAS *vs.* JEWANS.—Last Thursday there was a match between players over and under 35 years of age. Twelve couples turned out in spite of the threatening weather and the heaviness of the course, and the match ended in a victory for the Buddas by 22 holes to 9. Scores :—

Over 35 Years.		Under 35 Years.	
Osborne Marshall	... 2 up	L. Stansfield	... 0
O. J. I Jones	... 1 up	R. H. M. Steven	... 0
E. Ferrers Nicholson	... 1 up	D. H. Brand	... 0
Major Rogers	... 2 up	M. Innes Ker	... 0
C St Paul	... 3 up	A. A. Legat	... 0
Herbert R. Greaves	... 1 up	E. E. Coombs	... 0
J. C. Kiddle	... 3 up	E. A. Miller	... 0
H. E. Hart	... 1 up	T. C. Bayley	... 0
Rev. John Cameron	.. 0	I. D. Johnston	.. 3 up
I. Reed	... 2 up	J. Kerr	... 0
W. L. Shaw	... 0	Robert Fairnie	... 5 up
E. R. Jardine	... 0	C. Thomson	... 1 up
	22 holes		9 holes

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE MONTHLY MEDAL.—The third qualifying round produced fifteen entries Mr. H. K. Beauchamp returning the lowest net score Mr. Lawson's 42 was a good round. Score:—

H. K. Beauchamp	49—	9=40
D. Annan	43—	2=41
A. E. Lawson	42	scr =42
O J. Sykes	49—	6=43
C. E. Ross	52—	9=43
C. Morrison	44	scr =44
W. A. Turner	53—	9=44
Comdr. Mitchell	49—	4=45
A. Chatterton	51—	6=45
W. Taylor Mitchell	52—	6=46

Mr Beauchamp wins prize for best nett score and qualifies for the final, and Mr. Annan also qualifies.

GOLF AT COLOMBO

CALCUTTA MEDAL COMPETITION.—This competition came to a conclusion on the 27th instant. The following were the scores:

J. G. Melrose, 79+2=81.	H. T. S. Ward, 95 - 6=89.
W. Duncan, 85 - 4=81	F. S Mitchell, 99 - 10=89.
S. Brown, 82 (scr.)=82.	A. R. Linton, 96 - 6=90.
T. S. Clark, 99 - 14=85.	W. E Thorpe, 102 - 12=90.
W. Somerville, 86 (scr)=86.	W. Freudenberg, 110 - 18=92.
A. E. Gardner, 88 - 2=86	S. Cave, 96 - 4=92.
F. Walker, 94 - 8=86.	F. W. Vane, 110 - 18.=92.
C. T. Young, 97 - 9=88.	G. P. Greene, 106 - 12=91.
H. Martin, 100 - 12=88.	H. W. Cave, 103 - 8=95.
R. Stewart, 104 - 16=88.	

Boxing.

THE SOUTH INDIA A. A. COMPETITION.

3rd Day, Saturday, 27th June 1903.

PROCEEDINGS on the third day were more largely attended than on the two previous occasions and some good exhibitions were given. Every effort was made to bring the contests up to their final stages to be decided on the concluding day. Three men were left in for the Association's special prize and good fighting was witnessed in the middle weights. Details :—

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Private Crake, 1st Durhams, *beat* Private. Capewell, 1st Leicesters Crake fought fiercely and twice floored his opponent knocking him out eventually after 55 seconds.

Private Hall, 1st Leicestershires, *beat* Dr. Thomson, 35th Battery, R. F. A Thomson was most fancied, but Hall proved himself a good fighter and was leading at the end of the first round. Thomson tried to use his weight in the second bout, but Hall's defence was sound and when he came up again in the third round was the fresher of the two, securing the verdict at the end of a smart contest.

THE SPECIAL PRIZE.

(Catch Weights.)

Lance-Corporal McGill 1st Durhams, *beat* Dr. Bailey, 55th Battery, R. F. A. McGill had the best of it all through, and in the second round drove his opponent into his corner and forced him to cry enough.

Gunner Bailey, 55th Battery, R. F. A., *beat* Lance-Corporal Bainbridge, 1st Durhams.

Bainbridge rushed in at the start but the Gunner fought steadily sending in some good ones on the heart and ribs and leading at the end of the second round won a good bout on points.

Concluding Day, Monday, 29th June, 1903.

The competition was brought to a conclusion to-day before a large crowd of spectators, among whom were Major-General Sir Norman Stewart and his Staff. Good sport was witnessed and arrangements were all that could be desired. The Feather Weights was won by Sergeant. Bown, the Light Weights by Lance-Corporal Cunningham and the Middle Weights by Private Hall The Association's Special Prize went to Gunner Bailey. Details :—

FEATHER WEIGHTS (FINALS).

Sergeant Bown, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, *beat* Volunteer C. D'Costa, M. V. Guards.

D'Costa had the best of the first round, but Bown fought steadily and in the second round twice sent his opponent to the floor. D'Costa was quite down in the third round and Bown, though rather blown, had the best of the matters and received the verdict.

LIGHT WEIGHTS (FINALS).

Lance-Corporal Cunningham, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, *beat* Private Murphy, 1st Leicestershire Regiment.

Both got to busines at once and a good fight was expected, but Cunningham twice got in on the back of the neck knocking Murphy out the second time.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS (FINALS).

Private Hall, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, *beat* Private Crake, Durham L. I.

The first round ended in favour of Crake, but in the next Hall began to show his superiority and maintained the lead throughout, the remainder of the five rounds being declared winners on points.

SPECIAL PRIZE (CATCH WEIGHTS). SEMI-FINAL.

Lance-Corporal, McGill, Durham L. I., *beat* Driver Thomas, R. F. A., St. Thomas' Mount.

Thomas was hardly a match for his opponent, and half way through the first round was knocked out by a stinging blow on the neck.

FINALS.

Gunner Bailey, 25th Battery, R. F. A., *beat* Lance-Corporal McGill, Durham L. I.

There was little science exhibited, McGill fighting for a knock out. But Bailey fought steadily and pluckily and in spite of receiving some very nasty ones repeatedly asumed the aggressive eventually winning on points.

The prizes were given away by Sir Norman Stewart, who congratulated the Association on the success of the competition.

Sports.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SPORTS.

Tuesday, 30th June, 1903.

THE rain held off and the R. F. A., Kirkee, were able to get through an excellent programme this afternoon. All the events were keenly contested and the sport up to its usual high standard. Proceedings were enlivened by the Band of the 7th Bombay Pioneers. Captain Parry, Lieutenant Aherne and Brevent Sergeant-Major Drayson acted as the judges, and Mrs. Carter distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the close.

Results were as under :—

1 *Heads and Posts.*—Three Entries per Battery.

1st—Sergt. Shire, 45th Battery.
2nd—Sergt. Giles, 29th F. B.
3rd—Sergt. Gleeson, 18th F. B.

(Twelve competed).

2 *Lime Cutting.*—Three Entries per Battery.

1st—Sergt. Giles, 29th F. B.
2nd—Sergt. Fahey, 40th F. B.
3rd—Sergt. Shire, 45th F. B.

(Twelve competed).

3 *Drivers Jumping With Led horses,* 3 Drivers per Battery, 2 runs each Marks for Jumping and style, Led horses breaking away disqualifies for that run.

1st—Dr. Passingham, 29th F. B.
2nd—Dr. Smith, 40th F. B.
3rd—Dr. Beers, 40th F. B.

4 *Single Tent Pegging.*—Three Entries per Battery.

1st—Sergt. Fahey, 40th F. B.
2nd—Br. S. M. Worsfold, 29th F. B.
3rd—Br. S. M. Maloney, 40th F. B.

5 *Wrestling on Horseback.*—Six Gunners per Battery, bareback, snaffle bits, no boots.

40th Field Battery Team—1st

Also competed 29th and 45th F. B. teams.

6 *Section Jumping.*—One Section N. C. O. per Battery.

1st—Section 18th F. B. N. C. O.'s Section Jumping—Drivers.
1st—Section 40th F. B.

7 *Quarter Mile Flat Race.*

1st—Br. Carnagie 18th F. B.
2nd—Dr. Grayley, 18th F. B.
3rd—Dr. Robbin, 40th F. B.
(Five competed).

8 *Obstacle Race.*

1st—Corpl. Budd, 45th F. B.
2nd—Dr. Gammie, 18th F. B.
3rd—Br. Blair, 18th F. B.
(Seven ran).

Walking.

A CALCUTTA MATCH.

THE long-talked-of match between teams of five a side, representing Messrs. Birkmyre Bros. and Messrs. J. Thomas & Co., came off last Saturday night, and the careful preparation that had gone on for some weeks resulted in a really good performance. The course was over the Grand Trunk Road, from the Barrackpore Golf Club to the Calcutta Golf Club, the route in town being through Lower Circular Road and Park Street, as near seventeen miles as one could make it, and though most of the going was good, there were some pretty long stretches of rocky and uneven surface. Then we must not overlook the fact that the walk came off in the dark and on a muggy night in the rains when we look at the winner's time which was given at 3 hours 5 minutes. We consider this a most creditable performance, and as both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Birkmyre came in really fresh, it is obvious that a few minutes could have been knocked off the time if necessary. The winners' guerdon was a silver cup, valued Rs. 250, subscribed for by the losers, and they thoroughly deserved the trophy.

The race started at the Barrackpore Golf Club and a small crowd, including some Calcutta sportsmen, gathered at the start which was timed for half-past five, but the launch was late in arriving, and it was twenty-five minutes past six before Mr. Barrow sent them on their journey. The teams were :—

BIRKMYRE BROTHERS. *White and Red.*	J. THOMAS AND CO. *White.*
A. Birkmyre.	C. Michie.
R. B Wilson.	E. A. Lyon.
F. P. Waddley.	F. Ford.
R. Kee.	A. Tosh.
A. Crawford.	R. M. Ballantyne.

They went away at a rare pace and turning into the Grand Trunk Road had taken up their places and settled into their stride. Wilson and Ford immediately assumed the lead, then came the others in a bunch, Crawford and Kee bringing up the rear. They were followed out of Barrackpore by the crowd which tailed off near Tittaghur after cheering the walkers on their way. The competitors from this point were accompanied by the judges, Messrs. Harvey, Barrow, and Smyth on horseback, a small contingent of cyclists and the representatives of the local press on horseback, motor-car, bicycle, and 1st class ticca. At the thirteenth milestone, Wilson and Ford had established a lead of about four hundred yards. The main body here began to pair off led by Birkmyre and Waddley. The twelfth milestone was reached at 6-55 by the leaders, and the eleventh at six minutes past seven. At this juncture Birkmyre and Waddley put on a spurt and went away from the others, while they began to lessen the distance between themselves and the leaders. The tenth milestone was passed at 7-17 P.M., and Ford and Wilson were going very strong, doing an average of eleven minutes a mile. It was 7-28 when the ninth milestone was reached and here Birkmyre and Waddley were only thirty seconds behind the leading men; five minutes separated them from Tosh, Ballantyne, and Michie who were about three hundred yards ahead of Lyon, Kee, and Crawford. The eighth milestone was reached at 7-39

and the seventh eleven minutes later. The leaders had gone away again from Birkmyre who was about a hundred yards ahead of Waddley. Crawford now began to come up and passed Kee, Lyon, Ballantyne and Michie, Tosh being a little ahead of him. At 8-1 P.M. the sixth mile was left behind, Birkmyre being two minutes behind the leaders. The next mile was covered in twelve minutes by Ford and Wilson who were still walking splendidly. Then Wilson began to go ahead and at the Chitpore bridge, reached about 8-15, was nearly 1,000 yards ahead of Ford, with Birkmyre coming up fast, but he soon took a pull on himself and dropped back to his position behind Ford. At the Shambazar Tramway terminus Mr. J. H. Allen joined Wilson and brought him along at a swinging pace from this point to the finish. Crowds of people began accompany the walkers all along Circular Road and an enthusiastic gathering of cyclists and others was waiting for the leader at the foot of Park Street. Five minutes later Ford hove in sight, closely followed by Birkmyre, who came away with a magnificent spurt and passing him at Rawdon Street walked up Park Street at a spanking pace finishing up nine minutes behind Wilson. Ford then arrived, closely followed by Waddley. Crawford had walked splendidly up Circular Road and came in 6¼ minutes after Waddley. Then came the rest of Thomas and Co., Kee bringing up the rear. Seventeen miles in 3 hours and 5 minutes is extremely good walking and Wilson's performance was a fine one. The freshness with which both he and Birkmyre finished showed that they could have taken more out of themselves. The following is the order at the finish with the net times:—

		Hours.	Minutes.
1	Wilson	3	5
2	Birkmyre	3	14
3	Ford	3	15
4	Waddley	3	17
5	Crawford	3	25½
6	Tosh	3	26½
7	Lyon	3	27½
8	Ballantyne	3	28½
9	Michie	3	30
10	Kee	3	39
Messrs Birkmyre Bros			33 pts.
Messrs Thomas & Co.			22 pts.

There was a huge crowd at the Golf Club to welcome the pedestrians, carriages and spectators lining both sides of the Maiden's walk. Each competitor was loudly cheered on his arrival, Wilson receiving a warm ovation.

Arrived at the Club House the congratulations partook of a more personal character, and as soon as he could get a hearing Mr. A. Birkmyre gave them a speech and others orated. The air was thick with general congratulations and everybody was thanked and praised and then, as the local scribes usually put it "the assembly dispersed."

The Naturalist.

BIRDS OF LUCKNOW.

YELLOW FRONTED PIED WOODPECKER. [*Liopicus Mahrat-tensis*].

Small-caste Woodpecker, Royal Woodpecker (Martinière boys).

This handsome bird, known to the natives, in common with all Woodpeckers and barbets, as Kutpurwa, is fairly common and a permanent resident. A pair excavated a hole in a branch of a neem-tree in my compound this spring, and I often used to watch the birds digging away. Not wishing to disturb them I did not cut out the eggs. I have only one or two of these, taken from the babool and the mango. Like those of all the tribe they are glossy white and measure about .85" × .67".

INDIAN PIGMY WOODPECKER [*Iyngipicus Hardwickii*].

Not uncommon and a permanent resident, but apt to be overlooked. Some years ago on 24th March, Reid took two fresh eggs from a hole—the entrance of which, ¾" in diameter, was on the underside—in a mango. These eggs averaged .70" × .52".

This year early in April, a boy brought me a small glossy white egg, which he said he got from a hole in a mango. The bird he described as like a tiny woodpecker, so it must have belonged to this species.

GOLDEN-BACKED WOODPECKER [*Brachypternus Aurantius*]. Golden Woodpecker [Martinière boys].

A noisy gentleman is the Golden-backed Woodpecker, with his handsome red top knot and mantle of gold. He breeds in March and April, and his wife is often a terribly long time in making up her mind when to lay the eggs. Many a nest hole have I fruitlessly cut. Usually the hollow is artificial, but I took three bare-set eggs on one occasion from a natural hollow in a decayed mango. The eggs were exposed to the sky, yet, though there was absolutely no need for so doing, the bird had cut a hole on the underside, an act which seemed to me to show how strong is the natural instinct even when the necessity for the fulfilment thereof is wanting. The eggs, glossy white of course, average .99" × .77".

COMMON WRYNECK [*Iynx Torquilla*].

Only a cold weather visitor, and as I have only two notes of having seen it, I do not think it is very common.

COMMON INDIAN GREEN BARBET [*Thereiceryx Zeylanicus*].

Large-caste Woodpecker (Martinière boys). The brain-fever bird and the koel are trying to the nerves I own, but the green barbet runs them very close. The jarring "kotur, kotur, kotur, koturuk, koturuk" would have caused more than one to have ended his days as with a charge of shot in his body, had it not been that, as a "lover" of birds, I felt bound to stifle my feelings and bear in silence as best I could. The four thin shelled glossless white eggs are laid in an artificial hole in some decayed mango, sheshum, neem, babool, or other tree, the branch chosen being usually more thoroughly rotten than that selected by a Woodpecker. They average 1·18" × ·88".

CRIMSON-BREASTED BARBET [*Xanthoæma Hæmatocephala*] Basanta [H].

Small-caste Green Woodpecker (Martinière boys). The "tonk, tonk, tonk" of the Coppersmith is to be heard on every side during the spring and early hot weather. Like the lost species it feeds on fruit and berries, and is very partial to the figs of the pipal and banian. Probably also insects form part of the diet. It excavates the usual hole in a hollow branch of mango, pipal, babool, or any other tree, and lays three fragile white eggs which average .92" × .66".

INDIAN ROLLER [*Coracias Indicus*]. Nilkant [H]. Blue Jay [Anglo-Indian].

One of our commonest birds, and a most noisy nuisance during the breeding season. It is found everywhere, in groves, gardens, and open plains. In some parts of India it is looked upon as sacred, being the bird of Shiva, but, in Lucknow, no such feeling exists. In fact in this part of Oudh far less importance appears to be attached to sacred creatures than in other places. I have known monkeys, which had made themselves a nuisance by trespassing in private compounds, shot without any open protest being raised. Though few Hindus, even of low caste, will touch a dead Nilgai, yet it is rare that any one protests against their destruction. Occasionally some priest will object to a peacock being shot, but unless the village is composed of Brahmins, or other high castes, the sportsman is rarely interfered with. Of course I do not mean to imply that one should shoot at birds or animals usually considered sacred without enquiry. Personally I always ask permission from the local inhabitants if I wish to shoot peacock, and have never had any difficulty. Furthermore I avoid shooting near a village.

The "Blue Jay" lays its eggs in holes of trees or buildings during March, April, and May, laying four glossy white eggs averaging 1·27" × 1·06". Sometimes the hole is unlined; at other times a more or less thick bed of feathers, hair, paper, wool, etc., is placed for the eggs to rest on.

EUROPEAN ROLLER [*Coracias Garrulus*].

I shot a single specimen (adult ♂) while snipe shooting on the 25th October 899. This is the only instance I know of its occurrence here, though the late Mr. George Reid told me that he fancied he saw it on one or two occasions.

COMMON INDIAN BEE-EATER [*Merops Viridis*].

Patana, Harrial [H].

One of the commonest and most beautiful of our birds. Ever cheerful in the hottest weather, the mango-bird, as the Martinière boys call him, is to be seen almost everywhere. In common with King-crows, shrikes, doves, rollers, and larks the bee-eater has come to the firm conviction that telegraph wires have been put up especially for his benefit, and "from early morn to dewy eve" numbers will be seen perched on the "magic thread." As Reid pointed out years ago, they are extremely fond of a sociable dust bath. On a hot summer evening numbers of these little birds will be found rolling over and over in some peculiarly dusty spot, where they will enjoy them to their hearts content for twenty minutes or more. Then as if some one with a watch has called "time's up," away they go in a body to seek their resting place for the night. They breed in holes, in banks of nullahs and streams, mud walls and similar places, and when one thinks how weak and slender are their beaks and claws, it seems wonderful to what a depth they penetrate. The eggs laid in March, April, and May are spherical alabaster balls, from 4 to 7 in number and average .77" × .67". There is no lining to the nest beyond the loose sand. Occasionally other occupants in the shape of toads, lizards, etc., are found in the holes, and once I discovered the dried mummy of a bee eater that must have been there a long while.

BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER [*Merops Philippinus*].

Large-caste mango-bird [Martinière boys]. Very locally distributed an not nearly so common as the previous species. It seems to have a great partiality for water, and breeds in company with well mynas in the banks of the river. I took a number of eggs—6 was the largest number in a clutch—from some holes in a sandy railway cutting in the middle of May. They are more elongated than those of M. Viridis, and measure on an average .91" × .78". The depth to which these birds dig is very great—4 to 6 feet and even more—and it is no easy matter to get at their egg chambers.

INDIAN-PIED KINGFISHER [*Ceryle Varia*]. Kowrilla [H].

A common and permanent resident laying its eggs—rather elongated glossy white and averaging 1·17" × ·92"—in holes in the river banks, in February, March, and early April. There is no lining to the nest but the sand on which the eggs rest is usually full of tiny fish-bones. As is well known it hovers over the water before diving, but I have seen it dart from a perch like the European Kingfisher.

COMMON KINGFISHER. [*Alcedo Ispida*]. Not common in Lucknow, but a permanent resident. I have never found the nest in India, but one of my boys took a nest with 7 white eggs, like those of the green bee-eater, from a hole in a nullah some two or three hundred yards from this goomti during the "rains." I once watched this bird hovering over the water and diving for fish like *ceryle varia*.

BROWN-HEADED STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER. [*Pelargopsis Gurial*]. Badami Kowrilla [H].

I have never seen this bird here, and Reid, who was a most careful observer, only came across it on three occasions. According to him it prefers water well shaded by trees.

WHITE-BREASTED KINGFISHER [*Halcyon Smyrnensis*]. Not very common, and seems to care less for water than other Kingfishers. Reid says that "it does not dive for fishes—habitually at least, and though it may catch them occasionally, it appears to depend more upon grasshoppers, etc., for food." The little I know of the bird goes to confirm his views. On most occasions when I have seen it, my attention has been attracted by hearing its characteristic scream as it was flying from one mango grove to another, where doubtless it was going in search of insects. It is I feel sure a permanent resident, but I have never found its nest.

COMMON GREY HORNBILL [*Lophoceros Birostris*]. Chakotra [H].

Not very common in Lucknow itself but in those parts of the division where there are groves of banian and pipal trees, it is fairly numerous. It breeds in the division, but I have not found its nest.

EUROPEAN HOOPOE [*Upupa Epops*].

A cold-weather visitor only and fairly common.

INDIAN HOOPOE [*Upupa Indica*]. Hud-hud [H].

A common and permanent resident. It breeds in holes of trees and in buildings. The nest, a varied assortment of rags, grass, feather, tow, etc, is usually a most evil-smelling affair. When the young are hatched, it is only equalled in vileness by that of *Neophron gingivianus*. The eggs, 4 to 7 in number, are laid from February to April, and are plain brown or bluish, glossless and rather rough in texture. In shape they are elongated and measure on an average .95" × .67". The bird that occurs in these parts always has a certain amount of white on the crest feathers and is, I think, a connecting link between the two forms.

COMMON INDIAN SWIFT [*Cypselus Affinis*]. Ababil [H].

Swallow Martinière boys]. Numbers of this species frequent Lucknow and the country round. They breed in colonies under gateways, eaves of bungalows, and out-houses. The nests are made of feathers, straw, etc., agglutinated together by the saliva of the bird, and the inside is of a tough parchment-like construction. The eggs seem to be laid twice a year. I have taken them from March to July, and Reid got them in February and August. They are of course plain white elongated ovals, two or three in number, and average .86" × .56".

PALM-SWIFT [*Tachornis Batassiensis*]. Common where there are toddy palms, in the leaves of which it makes its nest. It is rarely found far from these, and is therefore local in distribution.

W. J.

Lord Alington has always been looked upon as the incarnation of worldly wisdom, and without doubt few shrewder men have ever lived. He was on the right scent as usual when he took £2100 to £100 about Florence for the Cambridgeshire of 1884. He believes, however, that no bet is a good one until it is hedged, and, consequently, when the mare came to the front in the betting, he made himself safe by laying £800 to £100.

Unfortunately, however, when he laid this bet he did not give the name of the original layer for the money. The result was that he had to pull the £800 out of his own pocket, the bookmaker having become a defaulter.

According to the returns of the Berlin Statistical Bureau for 1902, there were killed during last year in Prussia nine elk, 15,000 red deer, 8,600 fallow deer, 110,000 roe deer, 9,400 wild boars, 2,273,000 hares, 314,000 rabbits, 400 capercailzie, 6,000 black-game, 2,250 hazel grouse, 2,522,000 partridges, 103,000 quails, 139,000 pheasants, 320 bustards, 41,300 woodcock, 52,000 snipe, 280 wild swans, 3,400 wild geese, 270,000 wild ducks, and 1,200,000 small birds.

THE LONDON ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE last meeting of the present session of the London Zoological Society was held on 16th June, when several interesting communications were made. I had the honour of opening the ball with the exhibit of a hen-feathered Bantam cock—a casual specimen, not one of the "Sebright" or "Henny Game" breeds, in which this character is constant. I was also able to exhibit a pair of feet from an Egyptian-bred fowl with remarkably long hind toes, these having three joints instead of the normal two. Mr. R. E. Hodding showed a most interesting series of skulls of four-horned sheep, and argued that in such specimens it was the upper pair of horns which corresponded to the true horns, the lateral pair being the extra ones. His argument from the greater size of the upper horns can, however, hardly be valid, as the extra toe in five-toed fowls is usually larger than the real hind toe. Moreover the upper horns in four-horned sheep show a forward curvature quite unlike normal horns. Mr. Oldfield Thomas showed the skull of a remarkable form of the Gazelle *Gazella granti*, obtained in German East Africa by Messrs. Roberts and Blaine. In this specimen the horns were twisted round inwards, so that the tips pointed backwards and outwards instead of forwards as they should have done. As horns of this curious reversed type were stated to characterize a particular locality, Mr. Thomas thought that the form should be given subspecific rank and called *Gazella granti roberti*. But the most interesting item was the exhibition by Dr. A. S. Woodward of photographs in illustration of the recent discovery of a frozen Mammoth in the district of Jakutsk, in Siberia, and the remarks accompanying them. It seems that the unhappy Behemoth had met his death so suddenly that the grass of his last meal was yet between his teeth. He was in a sitting posture, and a large blood-vessel had been ruptured in his frantic efforts to free himself from some position of difficulty, which seemed to suggest that he had fallen into a hole. The nature of the catastrophe which seems to have overwhelmed so much of the ancient and prehistoric great game of Siberia naturally gave rise to an interesting discussion.

F. FINN.

The Story Teller.

THE SPOOFING OF GURRUMPORE.

HE was such a nice boy, with such a quiet, trusting, innocent, look in his blue eyes, and such a want of guile in his round, chubby cheeks that we took him under our protection from the first.

He came to us—the Ninetieth Bombay Blazers—from an English regiment in Bengal. He had got married when at home on leave; one of those silly, boyish marriages one so often hears of, and which all would-be wiseacres hold up their hands in pious horror at the very mention of. They found, of course, that they would have to live very quietly and economically, so he had come to the Staff Corps and been appointed to us.

She, too, was all that was young, pretty, and innocent, and I well remember the night I was introduced to her. She had wavy golden hair, such a chubby little face, just like her husband's and a pretty, pouting little mouth, and she would look into your eyes with the same trusting look that he did, as if she could see no wrong in anybody. They were a beautiful couple. Because of his innocence and trustfulness we christened him the Juggins, whilst she was known as Mrs. J., otherwise "the Baby," from her extremely youthful look. She called him Dicky, and he called her Dolly.

We were fairly large station at Gurrumpore. We had besides ourselves—the Bombay Blazers—a field battery, and a number of Civil Service officials. We were very well off for society, for we had plenty of ladies, and we amused ourselves fairly well with gymkhanas, tennis, cricket, and theatricals; but the big event of the year was our "Week" in the rains when our races came off, and everybody got up a dance or a tennis party, or, at any rate, did something to make the week go off pleasantly for our visitors. When the Jugginses came to us things were very dull; it was the middle of our hot weather and everybody was feeling somewhat played out, so the Jugginses were as new toys to us. The men took charge of Dicky and tried to teach him billiards, *ecarte*, and whist, at all of which he turned out a most arrant duffer. The ladies took charge of Dolly, and told her all about each other—one at a time, of course—and put her up to things in general. But somehow things didn't seem to interest Dolly—all she seemed to want was to be alone with Dicky—and by degrees our interest in them seemed to drop, and the J.'s were left more or less to themselves.

But one day things were given a fresh impetus by the announcement that the Juggins wanted to buy a charger for parade purposes. He said he didn't care about horses a bit, but he had to have one. All the men who had horses to sell regarded the Juggins as delivered into their hands by Providence, and brought round their equine possessions in strings, and between them they landed the Jugginses with a fairly broken-down old Arab, which, however, did him for parade purposes. He was never seen to ride it at any other time, and it always took its exercise with its sais, who sat and talked to other saises and friends he met along the roads, whilst the Arab waxed fat, contented, and sleepy in aspect. The hot weather wore away and we got more lively; and, amongst others, the Juggins woke up and said he intended buying a pony, so that he and his wife could ride together—but it must be something cheap. Pony after pony—the lame, the halt, the blind, and screwed—were all brought to him. But no, they were all too dear—he wanted something really cheap; he didn't want to play polo or anything that way—simply something quiet, that would amble along the road, and above all, be *cheap*.

One day several of us were sitting in the mess verandah smoking after tiffin, and Juggins was with us. He didn't often come to tiffin, but he happened to be there that day; and there came along a wood-cutter, towing behind him a long legged, long-haired, long eared pony, with a long, ragged tail that trailed to the ground, and staggering under two huge faggots of wood, one on either side of him.

"Hullo Juggins," said Teddy Beach of ours, "here's a pony for you—he'll be cheap enough, I expect, and he looks quiet."

"Yes," said Juggins, "he looks a nice pony and he has a nice long tail—my wife likes a long tail on a horse" and the Juggins gazed hopefully and innocently into Beach's eyes as Teddy called up the coolie and asked if he would sell the pony.

It was a great favourite of his mother's, the man said, and his children loved to play with it, but he was a poor man and wanted bread and salt, and the sahib could have it for twenty-five rupees if he wanted it—and to our utter amazement and no little amusement the Juggins said he would give the man twenty for if it he would come to his bungalow.

Oh! the shrieks of laughter with which we followed that procession of Juggins, the coolie, and the pony to the Juggins bungalow, and how we all tittered with joy and hid our faces in our handkerchiefs as the Baby came out, looking so pretty in a plain white frock and a lace parasol over her head, and literally crowed with delight at having a pony "really her very own," and seeing it eat sugar out of her hand. The first time they went for a ride together I think the entire station turned out to look. Dick was on the fat Arab, and Dolly, as pleased as Punch, and very red with excitement, was on the new pony; she would not have it clipped—the cold weather was coming on, she said—and so it was as ragged, dishevelled, and long-tailed as when it was first bought.

Of course, Juggins never heard the end of Faggots, as the pony was named, and, on his part, he was never tired of singing its praises—how quiet it was, how nicely it trotted, and how fond his wife was getting of it; but everybody was rather surprised when, one day, as we were discussing at the reading-room the probable entries for the different races at our meeting, Juggins asked if there was a race for ponies?

"Rather," said Perkins, of the Gunners. "Why, do you mean to enter Faggots?"

"Well, it would be rather fun, wouldn't it?" said Juggins.

"Fun!" replied Perkins. "I rather think it *would*."

"I shall have to train him, I suppose?" asked Dicky.

"Train him!" we all cried. "Certainly not, he's in excellent condition."

So Faggots was duly entered for the pony Derby, and while the Baby was occupied in the manufacture of a silk cap and jacket of pale pink and blue, which she said would look sweet, the Juggins was initiated into all the mysteries of height, weights, weighing-in and out, lotteries and all the hundred and one things that it was considered necessary he should know as an amateur jockey, besides several hundred other things which were equally unnecessary, but caused much inward joy and pleasure to the imparters of the information, and were received by the pupil with his usual look of childish trust and confidence. And still the fat Arab and the long-haired pony went for their evening exercise along the Bombay-road with their master and mistress, and returned after dark.

The eventful day arrived. The station was full of visitors and we had got through two very pleasant days and nights, and of course, all the new-comers had been initiated into the Faggots joke, and all were as anxious as ourselves for the cream of the joke to come off, which would be when Faggots turned out for the Pony Derby

There had been great excitement at the Selling Lotteries the night before—we had several good ponies in the station. There was Teddy Beach's Coquette, and the B. J. R. Syndicate's (Brown, Jones, and Robinson, of the Civil Service) Grass Widow, and Trumpeter, the hope of the battery—and a wild, hot tempered beast, that fairly *could* gallop if he liked, only he seldom did like—belonging to the engineers of the railway, and rejoicing in the name of "Satan"—besides a number of medium goers. The bidding the night before at the Lotteries, in the Gunner's Mess, had been high, and before they had been long selling there were thousands of rupees in the Pony Derby Lottery. There had been great fun when Faggots was put up.

We took a long time to explain the system to Juggins. At last he had grasped it, and when O'Flaherty, our sporting doctor, who was doing the auctioneering, called out, "Now then, the well-known pony Faggots—got the best of the weights, and ridden by his sporting owner!" a sweet voice from the thick of the cheroot smoke called, "One rupee"—"two" was called in another place, but Faggots was finally bought in by his owner for four rupees.

Well, the day had come, and the hour for the Pony Derby too. Nobody really expected the Juggins would start: but he was seen ready to weigh—in the Baby's pink-and-blue jacket and cap. Then Faggots himself appeared, was unsheeted, and revealed, in all his utter hideousness, long tail and all.

But when Juggins had mounted and the pair shambled down to the post—for he could not be persuaded to canter past—oh! the yell of laughter that went up from that course! We shrieked, laughed, hooted, and held our sides in our glee. It was our glee. It was the last time we laughed in Gurrumpore for many a long day

Nobody ever quite knew what happened next—it was so sudden. Teddy Beach, who was riding Coquette, said he was racing Trumpeter for the inside at the corner when, sound with a as of the bursting of the monsoon, Faggots came, past them and drew away, his long tail streaming out behind him, and Juggins standing up in his stirrups and smiling his innocent, child-like smile at them over his shoulders. We in the stand saw Faggots striding beautifully, and going easily within himself, leave the others behind, and will as he liked by twenty lengths!

The most forcible expression of opinion came however, from Mr. Melton, of the firm of Melton and Mowbray, bookmakers, who travel India during the racing season, who said—

"Well, you might a knocked me down with me own pencil, She comes up to me looking like a school-girl going to buy butterscoch, and she says, 'How much will you bet against my husband's pony—it is called Faggots?' So I laughs and says, "Fifty to one to you, miss! and she says, quite sharp-like' Right! I take you in handr ds! and plants her dibs. And if the bloomin' crock don't go and romp in."

We were all pretty sick, I can tell you; and it was a long time before we found out how he had done it. He told some of us by degrees. When he was in Bengal he had raced a lot, but had bad luck, though he had some good nags. Faggots was the best of his ponies, and when he sold the others he kept him. Somehow he and a friend, aided and abetted by "the Baby" (we changed her name after that), hit on the plan which he carried out to spoof us on the Bombay side. The pony was trained part of the way, then marched by easy stages for weeks till he arrived looking more like a jungle pony than anything else, on a day that the Juggins fixed when he rode out one day to where his faithful old sais had been waiting for some days with the animal—the sais playing the part of the coolie, and afterwards stopping to look after him, a fact which amused us vastly at the time—but "Juggins' sais" turned out the best of men when he was enabled to assume his proper character.—*Sporting Sketches.*

The Garden.

GARDENING IN MIDNAPORE.

CAPSICUMS.—There are two kinds of capsicums which may be satisfactorily grown in these parts, namely, the common chillie *Capsicum frutescens* and a large fruited variety *Capsicum grossum*. It is scarcely worth while going in here for the *Capsicum frutescens*, except perhaps for some of the choicer kinds, as the villagers grow abundance of it

What is known as Nepal pepper may be very advantageously grown here. Some three years ago, I got a small supply of seed of this pepper from a friend at Dehra Doon, and have since yearly raised crops of this chillie. Nepal pepper can only be treated as an annual here, and the seed should be sown in nursery beds towards the end of the rains, from the middle of September to the beginning of the following month. When some three inches high the seedlings should be put out in rows or lines three feet apart and they should be watered every evening for the first ten or twelve days or till they have taken root, the after-cultivation consists mainly in keeping the soil open and irrigating every week or so. The plants will generally begin bearing towards the middle of December and the fruits to ripen by the end of the following month: the trees present then a very pretty sight, the bright yellow fruits contrast very pleasantly with the rich green of the leaves. The chillies should be allowed to fully ripen, before being picked, and after being thoroughly dried in the sun or hot oven should be powdered and stored in stoppered bottles for future use.

There are some three or four kinds of chillies which are indigenous to the country and perennials, a few plants of these should always be given a corner in the garden, for fresh green chillies are almost indispensable for chutnies, *bkurtas*, salads, etc. Besides the above there is another kind of chillie which is also a perennial and which is botanically known as *Capsicum minimum*. The fruit of this chillie is very small, hot and pungent and is very useful for making chillie vinegar and chillie sherry: this latter forms an excellent accompaniment to soups of all kinds and in my opinion in no way inferior to Tobasco sauce. This variety of chillie, and which is familiarly known as bird's-eye chillie, succeed best under shade, so a plant or two of it, if put out in some shady nook or corner of the garden, and perhaps where scarcely anything else will grow, will be found very useful.

Capsicum grossum can only be satisfactorily grown out here from imported seeds, and I have found the American varieties to succeed best. Any fair garden soil enriched with suitable manure will answer for these capsicums; the seeds should be sown in nursery beds and the plants transplanted when six inches or so high. They may be put out in rows two feet apart along the garden paths or in pots singly. I have found this latter mode to answer the best. When the fruits have begun forming liquid manure should be freely applied, and not more than three to four fruits allowed to remain on each plant.

Capsicums are more ornamental than useful, though some of the better flavoured varieties make an excellent salad by themselves. Among the American varieties what is known as President Garfield may be grown to an enormous size. I have seen them five inches long and three inches in diameter, though, as I said before *Capsicum grossum* is more ornamental than useful, but if for nothing else but their showiness they should always be given a place in the garden.

RECIPE FOR CHILLIE SHERRY.—Take a table spoonful of fully ripe bird's-eye chillies and the same quantity of green ones; pick clean and wash with vinegar; dry and put them in a half pint bottle, pour over a wine glass full of brandy and a table spoonful of vinegar, and let it stand for a couple of days then fill the bottle with good dry sherry. Let the whole stand now for three weeks or a month longer, shaking the bottle occasionally, when the contents may be decanted through a piece of flannel. A few drops of this chillie sherry will be found an excellent accompaniment to soups, and specially so in the hot weather when something is required to stir up the jaded appetite.

CARROTS, *Daucus carrota*.—May be grown in Midnapore in the rains when the rainfall is not heavy; but the best roots are those from the cold weather sowings. Any garden soil of a light and friable nature and provided it is freely manured is suited to this vegetable. The manure should always be applied fully six months, or longer, before the crops are put down for fresh manure is very injurious to roots and should never be made use of. The ground should be dug for a foot or more, for like all root crops, carrots require a loose soil and well pulverized. The best time for sowing carrots is from the middle of September to the end of the following month; the proportion of seeds sown is about ½ oz. to every 50 square feet. For the earlier sowings, the following and which are mainly short-rooted varieties, preference should be given to, *viz*., Early Paris, Dutch Horn, Early Scarlet and Centenary, and for late crops the following will be found useful, namely, English Horn, Long Scarlet, Altringham, and Paris Market.

After the seeds have been sown, they should be well harrowed in and watered every evening with a watering can. Carrot seeds take longer to germinate than most other vegetables and they seldom do so before the tenth or twelfth day. Should the seedlings come out too thickly, they should be thinned out to about two inches apart and the ground occasionally loosened with a fine hoe. When the roots have begun forming liquid manure in *weak solution* should be applied once a week. Most of the earlier varieties will be ready to be taken in 10 to 12 weeks from the time of sowing, and the late ones a month or so later.

Carrots may be kept in good condition nearly all through the hot weather and rains and they will be found very acceptable at a period when scarcely any other European vegetables are available. Carrots required for future use should be sown on raised beds, well drained and in soil which has a good admixture of sand. The best way to preserve carrots is to cut off all the leaves at the beginning of the rains and cover up all exposed tops with a layer of leaf mould and sand. Carrots thus preserved will be found to have lost none of their flavour or delicacy and will form valuable additions to stews, soups, etc.

CELERY, *Apium Graveolens*,—is a difficult vegetable to grow in Midnapore, as it is more or less all over Bengal. I mean to grow it to perfection, for the majority of roots one gets in the market and elsewhere are scarcely worth putting on the table. To grow celery satisfactorily out here, seedlings or plants of the previous years' sowing should always be made use of: seeds for these should be sown about December in shallow pans and transplanted a couple of months later into empty wine boxes, two inches apart. These boxes should have holes bored in their bottom to allow of proper drainage, and they should be kept in a northerly varendah or any other shady places facing the north. During the hot weather the plants should be watered every evening and the ground occasionally loosened with a fine hoe. As soon as the rains have set in, the daily watering should be withheld and it should only be resorted as occasion may require, for the great thing at this period is to prevent the soil *getting sour and the plants turning yellow and damping off*. A good plan to prevent the soil turning sour is to apply a layer of small *ghooting* or lime-stone on the surface. Though plants from the previous year's sowing usually give the *best results*, celery raised from some of the earlier sowings of the season, *i.e.*, from the first week in September to the middle of the following month give very fair results, but the roots obtained from such sowings cannot possibly be compared with the earlier ones. Those who are not fortunate enough to have celery seedlings of the previous year, should sow the new season's seeds as early as practicable, *i.e.*, from the first week in September to the middle of October. Plants from these early sowings should be big enough to be put out during the following month. The seedlings when three inches or so high should be put out in trenches six inches apart and on a bed of rich friable soil. The young plants should be watered daily every evening but once they have taken roots and have begun growing, the watering should be restricted to twice a week. Liquid manure in weak solution is very beneficial so should be applied with every alternate watering. The great thing in growing of celery is to accelerate the growth as much as possible and thus prevent the development of fibres in the leaf stalks which are the edible parts. As the plants grow they should be earthed up, and when some 18 inches high the trenches should be entirely filled in to the base of the leaves. The object in filling up these trenches is to blanch the leaf stalks and render them crisp and white. Another way of blanching celery stalks is to cover up the plants when big enough with earthenware *chongas* or funnels. Any native potter could make these up: they should be a couple of feet high, about 8 inches in diameter and with both ends open. Each plant should be carefully covered up with one of these *chongas*, only the top of the leaves showing through the opening above. Blanching celery in this way has its advantage and I prefer it myself to the earthing up, as this latter mode is very apt to rot the inside of some of the stalks. With proper care and cultivation celery may be kept in good condition for the table till the close of the cold season, but once the hot weather has set in the stalk becomes stringy and too high flavoured. Celery stalks obtained from the season's sowings, though never so big as that from the older plants, are tender and well flavoured.

Celery is usually eaten raw or in its fresh green state and forms one of the most valuable accompaniments to cheese we have got. It is also highly commended for flavouring soups, ragouts and such. Celery stalks stewed by themselves make an excellent dish and they are also excellent for pickling in vinegar, though pickled celery stalk is a condiment one scarcely ever sees out here. The tenderer leaves and young stalks if cut in pieces and dried in the sun or in a hot oven and carefully bottled, will be found very useful for flavouring soups, etc., when the fresh vegetable is out of season.

There are two varieties of celery usually grown in Bengal, but the difference lies mainly in the colour of the stalks which are either white or red. The former should be given preference to as I have always found it the more delicate and better flavoured of the two kinds. Celery is indigenous to the country, at least to India, and is found plentifully in its wild state at the base of the North-West Himalayas.

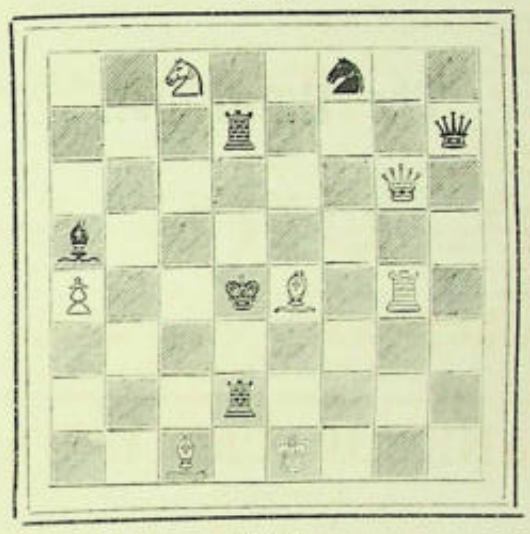
CRESS, *Lepidium sativum*—May be grown in Midnapore as well in most other parts of Bengal all the year round. To obtain cress to perfection, it should be sown in a light friable soil, well enriched with manure, freely watered and kept partly shaded. The great thing in growing cress is to see that it is tender with plenty of pungency. In the cold seasons, sowings should be made every week and the herb will be ready for the table in 12 to 14 days. When cutting cress one should always be careful to use a pair of scissors, as the plants must in no way be injured or damaged, for a second and very often a third cutting will be obtained from the same plot. During the hot weather and rains sowings should be made in well raised and properly drained beds and the plants protected from either too much rain or sun. If the rains be too heavy, the sowings should be made either in shallow pans or empty wine boxes. These should be kept in a verandah facing the north partly shaded, but with plenty of light. Cress in the hot weather and rains should be cut when they put out their fourth leaves, for if allowed to remain longer they will damp off. At such time these herbs will be found most acceptable for salads and as an accompaniment to a sauce. Cress may be easily acclimatized, so seeds of some of the choicer kinds should always be preserved for furture sowings.

RAOUL.

Chess.

PROBLEM NO. 21.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves

GAME NO. 22.

	White.	Black.
1.	P to K 4	P to K 4
2.	Kt to K B 3	Kt to Q B 3
3.	B to Q B 4	B to Q B 4
4.	P to Q 3	P to Q 3
5.	Castles	Kt to K B 3
6.	Kt to Q B 3	P to K R 3
7.	B to K 3	B to Q Kt 3
8.	Kt to K 2	Kt takes K R P (a)
9.	B takes B	Q R P takes B
10.	P to K R 3	P to K B 4
11.	P to Q 4	Q to K B 3
12.	P to Q 5	Kt to K 2
13.	B to Q Kt 5 ch	K to B sq
14.	Kt to K Kt 3	Kt to K Kt 3
15.	B to Q 3	Kt to K B 5
16.	P to K R 4 (b)	Kt to K Kt 3
17.	Q to Q 2	Kt takes K R P
18.	K Kt to K Kt 5	Kt to K Kt 3
19.	Kt to K 2	Kt to K B 5
20.	Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt
21.	Kt to K B 3	Kt to K 4
22.	Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt
23.	P to K B 3	Q to K Kt 4
24.	R to K B 2	Q to K R 5
25.	Q to Q B 3	Q to K 2 (c)
26.	K to B sq	K to K B 3
27.	K to K 2	P to Q B 3
28.	P to Q R 3	P takes P
29.	P takes P	P to K B 4
30.	Q R to K sq	P to K 5
31.	K to Q sq	P to K 6
32.	K R to K 2	P to K R 5 (d)
33.	Q to Q B sq	Q to Q 3
34.	K to K B sq	B to Q 2
35.	K to Q sq	P to K R 6 (e)
36.	K to K B sq	R takes K R P
37.	K R to K Kt 2	Q to K R 3
38.	Q R to K Kt sq	R to K Kt 6
39.	K to Q Kt sq (f)	R takes R
40.	R takes R	Q to K R 8 (ch)

And wins.

(a) This and Black's tenth move appear venturesome, but we think sound. (b) A weak move, but a strong one here seems almost impossible. (c) It is scarcely dignified on Black's part to send Her Majesty on so many successive trifling errands. (d) Very well played. (e) Again Black plays with great judgment. (f) A strange slip for so steady a player; but at this point, we think his position inferior to his opponent's. Had he played, what seems the best move, K to Q B 2, Black could have replied with P to K Kt 4, with considerable advantage.

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THURSDAY, 16th JULY 1903.

THE WORLD ON WHEELS.

AN attractively got-up little book, entitled "Early Carriages and Roads," by Sir Walter Gilbey, reviews the progress made in coach building in England from Elizabeth's time to the end of the coaching era. The history of wheeled passenger carriages, as distinguished from that of vehicles for the conveyance of agricultural produce, is an interesting and important phase of social history and one which well deserved the attention of a writer so widely read and well informed as the author of this book. Regarding the use of the wheeled conveyance from the broadest standpoint we might almost divide it into three epochs which gradually merge the one into the other. In the first epoch men and women took carriage from necessity: those were the early and middle ages when roads were not, when passenger vehicles were innocent of springs, when the "long waggon" travelling at three miles an hour was the refuge of women and children and such as could not ride. Until well on in the seventeenth century the "coach" properly so called did not exist, and our ancestors made their journeys entirely in the saddle: even in Alexander Pope's time, he who took coach when he might have ridden was regarded as a lazy fellow whose effeminacy was for reproach, and the days when goods were carried on pack horses which were driven in long strings about the country are hardly yet passed out of living memory. It is fair to doubt whether the charge of effeminacy would lie against the man who took coach in preference to the horse at the period when carriages were guileless of springs. Until about the year 1700 when the use of steel springs began to be understood, wheeled carriages were no beds of luxury either on the awful tracks miscalled roads or on the hardly less rough streets of the town. Queen Elizabeth, as we all know, was a keen sportswoman and a regular rider until she reached an advanced age: she was not made of the tender stuff that shrinks from discomfort; but it is on record that she suffered so much in her coach on one occasion that she refused ever to use it again. The forerunner of the steel spring was the system of suspending the carriage body on standards and strong leather braces; and we can imagine what the jolting, tossing, and vibration of a heavy coach even on a fairly smooth road must have been. Small wonder that our ancestors preferred the saddle as safer and more expeditious; but we confess our inability to see how the man who took a place in the early coach laid himself open to the charge of effeminacy.

Samuel Pepys and Misson, an observant French visitor to England at the time of William III, tell us that people were much in the habit of driving for pleasure in Hyde Park in their times, but that was apparently the only place whither "carriage people" attempted to drive for pleasure. And there was sufficient reason why carriage exercise should have been productive of less gratification than pleasure until those two benefactors of the species, Mr. Obadiah Elliot and Mr. John Loudon Macadam, came on the scene. The first-named, whose memory is less green than it deserves to be, invented the elliptical carriage spring just about a hundred years ago and thus made passenger vehicles incomparably superior to their predecessors: Macadam made roads fit for a carriage to travel on, and the two benefactors practically made a new era. The achievements of these two should always be considered together:

few of the roads in England were good enough for a carriage hung on springs till Macadam's system was adopted; and Mr. Obadiah Elliot came on the scene just at the right time. Endowed with decent roads and carriages on good springs driving for pleasure became more general and a few years after the elliptical spring appeared, came the definite recognition that driving a coach was worthy to rank as a sport in the establishment of the "Benson Driving Club" in the year 1807, and of the "Four-Horse Club" in the following year. The Benson Club flourished for many years, but eventually decay set in. The coach was driven off the road by the railway train in the forties and fifties, and the Benson Club died with the mail coach. The mail coach died hard: it made a brave struggle for its life, but grievous taxation upon coaches and their earnings helped the railway unduly: when the coach was paying 20 per cent of its earnings to the State, the infant railway was paying 5 per cent., and these burdens crushed the life out of the coach prematurely. Sir Walter Gilbey gives some figures in this connection which tempt us for the moment to glance aside from our immediate topic. "To show the decline of coaching—in 1835 the total revenue from the stage coaches amounted to £498,497; and in 1854 it had fallen to £73,903."

For a time, about the middle of the last century, coaching was in a state of suspended animation, notwithstanding the fact that the Four in Hand Driving Club was founded in 1856, a very few years after the demise of the Benson Club. We travel now beyond the period covered by Sir Walter's book, but it is worth noting that the carriage section of the International Exhibition of 1862 did not include a single drag or travelling carriage. In the years that followed, however, coaching took a new and robust lease of life. Some enterprising men started coaches to run from London to Oxford, Windsor, Esher, Brighton, St. Albans and other towns which are a day's or part of a day's journey by road; and as the chance of handling a team appealed to young men of leisure and means as closely in our day as it did to their grandfathers in the brief Golden Age of coaching, the proprietors make a good income out of the box seat alone. On fine days during the summer months, as most of our readers know, these coaches are crowded as to the roof. It is by the way significant of the tenacity with which we adhere to words and phrases long after they have lost their original meaning, that the term "outsider" should still be a conclusive term of social disability. The word was borrowed from the language of the road; a clause in George III's Coach Act of 1810 forbids any "outside passenger" to travel inside unless with the consent of one inside passenger; and such consent being given the consenting inside passenger was to have the outsider placed beside him. The Coaching Club, founded in 1870, imported a scarcely perceptible element of wholesome rivalry into four-in-hand driving. It has sometimes occurred to us that the enterprising management of Ranelagh or Rcehampton might frame a driving competition open to members of the two clubs.

Tandem driving is a comparatively modern innovation, but when it first occurred to a sporting whip to put one horse before the other instead of driving the two abreast, it would be difficult to say. It is certainly not the way to get the most work out of the two horses or ponies; but, equally certainly, tandem is better fun than any other form of driving and belongs to the third epoch of driving for sport. Henry Albren produced a few pictures in which a tandem appears, but none of them, so far as we recollect, bear date; but the dress of the very sporting drivers refers these pictures to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. While considering modern sporting turns out it would be very unjust to omit mention of the fearful and wonderful vehicle which enjoyed such popularity, particularly in Ireland at the end of the eighteenth century and early years of the nineteenth. The "Suicide Gig" offered such large opportunities for breaking the driver's neck and the neck of his groom that we marvel at the lack of enterprise, or folly, which has left it unrevived. It was a wonderful vehicle, compared to which, the "perch high phaeton" of the same period was safe and homely as ekka or ticca gharry. The ambition of the driver of the "Suicide" was to possess the highest wheels, and rear his seat as high as he possibly could above them: and what altitude his reckless courage might reach, his groom's seat was by coachmakers' rule or suicide-gig convention bound to be three feet higher. Old prints show us to what an altitude this singular vehicle was raised: we wonder, while looking upon them, whether the unwritten laws of suicide-gig driving permitted the driver to get down when he came to the ruts four feet deep which roused Arthur Young's ire against "these infernal roads."

We must regard the old coach races with which it was the custom (Acts against furious driving notwithstanding) to signalise May day as the outcome of a sporting instinct if these races cannot actually rank as sporting events. Even behind the best of teams with an experienced man on the box, on a sound coach on the best of roads, those May day coach races must sometimes have made the flesh of the timid passenger to creep. The coachman who could boast that he had done his whole journey at fifteen miles an hour including stoppages was a proud man; but prouder he, who could and did race another coach mile after mile uphill without drawing rein and downhill without shoe. They are exciting enough to read of these old coach races, and we can understand why elderly passengers and persons of timid habit refrained from travelling on May day; but a coach journey on that day must have been a thing for the young blood to dream of for weeks before hand.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, *Friday, 10th July 1903.*

THE Regatta opened on Tuesday the 7th instant and ended yesterday, having been carried out under favourable conditions throughout. The finals yesterday produced some very good racing and interesting finishes. Cambridge this year was represented by but two crews—Third Trinity, and First Trinity—Caius and Trinity Hall having lost some of their oarsmen were unable to put in an appearance. Appended are details:—

THE GRAND CHALLENGE CUP.

(*Holders:*—Third Trinity.) Won by the Leander R. C.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Leander ...	6	51	1897 New Coll, Oxford ...	6	51
1892 Leander ...	7	48½	1898 Leander ...	7	13
1893 Leander ...	7	45	1899 Leander ...	7	12
1894 Leander ...	7	22	1900 Leander ...	7	6
1895 Trin Hall, Camb...	7	30	1901 Leander ...	7	5
1896 Leander ...	7	43	1902 Third Trinity, Camb	7	17

THE LADIES' CHALLENGE PLATE.

(*Holders:*—University College, Oxford.) Won by Magdalene College, Oxford.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Balliol Coll, Oxford	7	20	1897 Eton Coll B C ...	7	1
1892 First Trinity, Camb	7	43½	1898 Eton Coll B C ...	7	8
1893 Eton Coll B C ...	7	32	1899 Eton Coll B C ...	7	20
1894 Eton Coll B C ...	7	36	1900 New Coll, Oxford...	7	18
1895 Eton Coll B C ...	7	25	1901 Univ Coll, Oxford...	7	28
1896 Eton Coll B C ...	8	6	1902 Univ Coll, Oxford...	7	16

THAMES CHALLENGE CUP.

(*Holders:*—Trinity Hall, Cambridge.) Won by Trinity College, Dublin.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Molesey B C ...	7	18	1897 Knieston, R C ...	7	9
1892 Jesus Coll, Camb...	8	10	1898 Trinity Coll, Oxford	7	19
1893 Thames R C ...	7	49	1899 First Trinity, Camb	7	25
1894 Trinity Coll, Oxford	7	58	1900 Trinity Coll, Camb	7	24
1895 Nereus B C, Amsterdam ...	7	29	1901 Trinity Hall, Camb	7	23
1896 Emmanuel College, Camb ...	8	7	1902 Trinity Hall, Camb	7	34

STEWARDS' CHALLENGE CUP.

(*Holders:*—Third Trinity, Cambridge). Won by Third Trinity, Cambridge.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Thames R C ...	7	55	1897 Leander ...	7	30
1892 Royal Chester R C	8	38	1898 Leander ...	7	42
1893 Magdalene Coll, Oxford ...	7	45	1899 Magdalene Coll, Oxford ...	7	55
1894 Thames R C ...	8	20	1900 Leander ...	7	55
1895 London R C ...	7	45	1901 Third Trinity, Camb	7	54
1896 London R C ...	8	42	1902 Third Trinity, Camb	7	44

THE VISITORS' CHALLENGE CUP.

(*Holders:*—Jesus College, Cambridge,) Won by University College, Oxford.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Trinity Hall, Camb	7	45	1897 Trinity Coll, Oxford	7	53
1892 Third Trinity B C, Camb	8	23	1898 New Coll, Oxford	7	37
1893 Third Trinity B C, Camb	8	21	1899 Balliol Coll, Oxford	8	1
1894 New Coll, Oxford...			1900 Trinity Coll, Camb		
1895 Trinity Coll, Oxford	8	17	1901 Balliol Coll, Oxford	8	27
1896 Caius Coll, Camb...	8	29	1902 Jesus Coll, Camb...	7	59

WYFOLD CHALLENGE CUP.

(*Holders:*—Burton Rowing Club.) Won by Kingston Rowing Club.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.		M.	S.
1891 Royal Chester, R C	7	50	1897 Kingston R C ...	8	0
1892 Molesey B C ...	8	42	1898 Kingston R C ...	8	28
1893 Molesey B C ...	8	28	1899 Trin Hall Camb ...	7	57
1894 Thames R C ...	8	16	1900 Trin Hall Camb ...	8	14
1895 London R C ...	8	16	1901 Trin Hall Camb ...	8	9
1896 Trin Coll Oxford	8	41	1902 Burton R C ...	7	43

THE SILVER GOBLETS.

(*Holders:*—Third Trinity, Cambridge.) Won by the Victoria Rowing Club, Berlin.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.
1891 Lord Ampthil, Guy Nickalls (str) Leander ...	8	6
1892 V Nickalls, W A L Fletcher (str) O V B C ...	9	7
1893 V Nickalls, W A L Fletcher (str) O V B C ...	8	44
1894 V Nickalls, Guy Nickalls (str) Formosa B C ...	9	35
1885 V Nickalls, Guy Nickalls (str) London R C ...	9	11
1896 V Nickalls, Guy Nickalls (str) London R C ...	9	10
1897 G R Balfour, Guy Nickalls (str) Leander ...	8	59
1898 A Bogle W J Fernie (str) Thames R C ...	8	41
1899 C K Phillips, H W M Willis (str) Leander ...	8	49
1900 C J D Golore, E M Maitland (str) Trin Coll, Camb	8	35
1901 H J Hall, F W Warre (Str) Balliol Coll, Oxford ...	8	50
1902 W Dudley Ward, C W H Taylor (str) 3rd Trin, Camb	8	36

THE DIAMOND CHALLENGE SCULLS.

(*Holder:*—F. S. Kelly, Balliol College, Oxford.) Won by F. S Kelly.

WINNERS SINCE 1890.

	M.	S.
1891 V Nickalls, Magdalene Coll, Oxford ...	...	———
1892 J J K Ooms, Netunus R C, Amsterdam...	10	9¼
1893 Guy Nickalls, Magdalene Coll, Oxford...	9	12
1894 Guy Nickalls, Formosa B C... ...	9	32
1895 Hon R Guinness, Leander Club ..	9	11
1896 Hon R Guinness, Leander Club ...	9	35
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Sporting Notes.

VISITORS to Tollygunge on Saturday last were regaled with a really merry afternoon; for if the racing was poor, there was at any rate no cause to complain of lack of excitement in other ways. The fields were, as we anticipated, small, three being the prevalent number of starters. This was caused, as we prophesied it would be, by the cheerful, light-hearted nature of the handicapping. One owner who had six or seven entered, one way and another, put the big "J." through the names of all his candidates as soon as the allotments of burdens was made public, though one or two other owners, who would have been equally justified in doing the same, left theirs in, but whether from a feeling of compassion for the promoters of the carnival, or from a desire to give their animals an exercise gallop in silk, deponent knoweth not. At any rate it could not possibly have been with any hope of carrying their imposts to victory. A report of the meeting appears elsewhere.

The Calcutta course, or part of it, was open for the first time on Tuesday morning and a certain amount of half and three-quarter speed work was witnessed. Several of Mr. Galstaun's lot went five and six furlongs at a nice working pace. Springlock with Smallman up went six furlongs at three-quarter speed. This horse is evidently intended for the Monsoons and is a class above anything we are accustomed to see out at this time of year. Of Mr. Bell-Irving's string the only one to go fast was Metalwing, who was sent a useful five furlongs. The others were doing slow work on the maidan. There was also some schooling, High Tide going over two flights in great style unaccompanied, Jack Spillain having the leg up. Naiades (owner up), and Bushy (Mr. Raban) also went over two flights, the former clouting the timber very hard. French Girl was also hoisted over a couple of flights. She has evidently no intention of hurting herself or her rider, but will have to accelerate her style of jumping a bit before she proves dangerous at this game. The Captain (Smallman) and a brown pony of Mr. Prendergast's (Mr. Barrow) went a full school, the latter looking quite cool and comfortable without the ornamental sheet which we have become accustomed to see flapping round his sides when at work, presumably to keep him warm during the recent wintry weather. The Captain is an ideal timber topper and improves with every school. He was jumping two clear lengths away from the other at each flight.

There is no doubt that the new hurdles are a slight improvement upon the old patterns as they undoubtedly inspire horses with a certain amount of respect for them, and some that last season were very rocky jumpers, are acquiring a very different style after having tried conclusions between their shins and the new timber.

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Our Poona correspondent writes :—In a fortnight the Poona racing season will be in full swing. Already trainers are shoving along those of their charges intended to take part in the preliminary campaign and there seems every likelihood of the First Extra Meeting filling very well indeed, while the season, as a whole, promises to provide most interesting racing. The track of a morning presents a most animated appearance, and as usual the clocking of each other's horses goes on with that frankness so characteristic among trainers in India. All the Bombay stables are in residence at Poona now, and excepting Byramji, who is at Bangalore with Harpist, all the trainers may be seen at the rails of the Grand Stand of a morning. Kendall who presides over the Ananji Nanji and Gokuldas' string has his lot well forward, and as was the case last year this stable is sure to earn a good many brackets at the Extra Meetings. The team consists of many fine Arabs, including Flying Childers, Grey Fox, Hakum, and the very smart bay, Bay Middleton which showed excellent form at the Bombay races. The most recent addition to this stable is the waler pony Picture whose colonial record entitles her to be reckoned first class.

Mr. A. W. P., whose stable did so well at the end of the Bombay season, has taken up his quarters at Poona and will watch the training of his team by Fowler. With Min, Fitzeros, Fando, Free Trade, Cinder, etc. to represent him, "Mr. A. W. P." should occupy a good position in the list of winning owners at the end of the season. I hardly think, however, that he or Mr. Percy Fischer, his *confrère* in racing, will be represented at the first two or three Extras, as the team was late in going down to prepare for the coming campaign. There has been no addition to this stable which is already large enough to be almost unwieldy, and among its disappointments is the pony Wink. They say the son of May boy is a humorous pony who will stop in the middle of a race to bite at a fly or turn to look at his rider reproachfully if his mouth is tugged : he has been a most expensive joke to Mr. Fischer who by the way has gone to Bangalore for the meeting and will probably ride something there. None of his horses were forward enough in training to be taken down with him for the meeting.

Ali Bin Talib, whose Changiz from his running at Mysore appears to have turned rogue, has been giving this grey, Mameluke, Moon, and others of his selected Arabs slow work as a letting down after Mysore, and, as they are all fit they will only require a pipe opener or two to get them ready for any of the Extras in which he elects to send his colours out. Byramji Rustomji has a very long string in hand and some exceptionally smart ones comprise the lot. Of these Indabba, over whose first measurement there was such a rumpus, will have to be reckoned with. He was quite at the top of the tree in the Colonies where he won amongst the ponies as well as the horses. Harpist has come on wonderfully well under this trainer who has also a classy lot of Arabs in his care.

Andrew Clarke is unfortunate in having lost New Oswestry by death. This chestnut put up a great record at Bombay ; if he had lived and been measured a pony again there is nothing in the country that could have beaten him on terms. Clarke's lot has somewhat thinned down, but he still has some fairly useful ones on the track of a morning including that game old Arab Governor, Dart, Chancellor, etc. Tommy Tingey occupies one of the houses on the road which the flippant call "the trainers' gallery," and Messrs. G. K. D. D.'s horses are sent along of a morning in a manner that suggests their early appearance under colours.

Aga S. Shah returned from Mysore with his quartette, and all his candidates are working regularly on the Poona track ; some are evidently not to appear till the season is well under weigh, but others are having the work pushed into them in a manner that indicates a participation in the opening stages. Ayrdale has improved wonderfully and old Beadsman looks very well despite the moth-eaten patches ; while among the Arabs, Achilles, Oriental, and Chester show a fine bloom in their coats. Of the other trainers and horses it need only be said that work goes on in earnest and the results of their efforts will soon be known. Watson and Dignum will arrive after Bangalore.

A great improvement has been made in the track. A foundation of kunker has been laid at the distance where there was a depression and water gathered after a heavy downfall, and over this earth and turf has been spread rendering the going springy and doing away with the danger of water logging. The old stand has been pulled down and rebuilt in line with the stand which was completed last year ; alterations have also been made in the paddock, and altogether the stand and enclosure have been greatly improved. Mr. Cecil Gray is never satisfied unless he is planning new ideas, and what is more, he never rests once having thought out any thing, till it is accomplished. To this trait in his character is due the great improvements which have of recent years been carried out at Poona and Bombay.

The Madras Gymkhana held a point-to-point race on the 4th instant in lieu of the proposed Paperchase which did not fill. Mr. H. N. C. Campbell sent the field away to a capital start from the end of the Mambalam Tank. Off they went over the bund, across a road and crossed the railway a little further on, led by Mr. Branson with Mr. Elwes and Captain Cornwall next. They took the bund of the Long Tank at the west corner and coming along at a spanking pace made for the Adyar Club. Branson was the first to appear with Elwes close at his heels. They were to finish between flags on the Club lawn and a tight struggle took place between Mr. Branson's Sportsman and Mr. Elwes' Shamrock, the latter going ahead twenty lengths from the post and winning by half a length. After an interval Captain Cornwall arrived followed by Mr. Gibson, the rest of the field straggling in.

The election of the Khedive to membership of the English Jockey Club has suggested the publication of the following paragraph in a Calcutta native paper :—"The Khedive of Egypt has been elected a member of the Jockey Club. We did not know that the Egyptian was a 'horsey' man. We may next hear that the 'honour' of being in the company of 'Jockeys' has been extended to Aga Khan and the Kuar Sahib of Patiala, both horsey men with some business to transact almost every day with either Indian or European jockeys." This is a bit rough on the poor Khedive ; but he will survive we dare say.

J. D. Scott has been on a visit to Calcutta.

Poor Me, the Colombo racing mare owned by Mr. Bartleet, has just died.

Donald Greenhalgh, it is rumoured, will start a training stable in Colombo.

A London correspondent writes :—"I saw Tom Scott in the City to-day and had a long chat with him. He was confident he would have won the big Steeplechase in France with Record Reign by fifty lengths if that unfortunate gee hadn't broken his leg. It was strange that the bone above the knee was the one to break. Scott told me he had the horse insured for £1,000, so from a money point of view the owner loses little if anything. It was Scott's intention to bring Record Reign to England to have had a shot at the Cesarewitch, the Cambridgeshire, or the Grand National next year. Scott, Southall, and Ramshaw leave England for India at the end of June."

Ascot brought about little change in the relative positions of the prominent jockeys, at home and the lead was still held by W. Lane, who had had 50 winning rides to the 19th ultimo. His position was, however, challenged by both Madden and Halsey, of whom the first-named had reduced the difference between his score and that of Lane to seven, while Halsey was a good third with 41. Maher, Trigg, and Watts tied at 32, and of those among the "twenties" M. Cannon and his brother Kempton stood best.

The following is the list compiled from 23rd March to 19th June :—

	Mounts.	Lost	Won.
Lane, W ...	251	201	50
Madden, O ...	260	217	43
Halsey, W ...	222	181	41
Maher, D ...	159	127	32
Trigg, C ...	202	170	32
Watts, J E ...	223	191	32
Cannon, M ...	152	126	26
Cannon, K ...	162	138	24
Miller, T L ...	122	101	21
Dillon, B ...	116	98	18
Murray, J ...	108	91	17
Hardy, F W ...	187	170	17
Randall, H ...	116	100	16
Martin, J H ...	204	189	15
McCall, G ...	216	103	13
Griggs, W ...	125	112	13
Dalton, J ...	55	43	12
Boardman, J E ...	104	92	12
Wheatley, E ...	115	103	12

Our Bangalore correspondent writes :—A lengthy programme has been issued for the Bangalore Horse Show which takes place on the 4th and 5th proximo. The show will be held on the race course and will be under the patronage of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore. Also the Committee is a very strong one, including Sir Donald Robertson, British Resident in Mysore, (President); Brigadier-General J. Eccles Nixon, C. B., Colonel J. P. Grant, and Lieutenant-Colonels Woods, C. B., Bond, C. B., Sprot, Daniell, Georges Cox and Desaraj Urs. There are twenty classes in all, embracing all possible description of horses and ponies, there are jumping competitions for horses and ponies, a special prize for the best lady whip and a similar prize for the best turned out team, besides driving competitions pure and simple for single harness, tandems and teams. It should be a great show.

At the risk of being monotonous I must say a word or two as to the weekly paperchase which took place on Tuesday last. These paperchases are being taken up so keenly in Bangalore that the later part of the season when there are likely to be competitions for average cups, must produce good sport. A great feature in the chases which have taken place lately, is the riding of some of our ladies, and Mrs. Bernard Hawkins, Mrs. Randall, the Misses Sprot, and Miss Armstrong are amongst the best. If a lady is good on a horse, she is generally very good, and the above-mentioned fair horsewomen are cases in point. On Tuesday last, Mr. Bernard Hawkins rode a good second to Colonel George 3rd Madras Lancers, in the horse chase ; whilst Mrs. Randall occupied a similar position to Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, in the pony chase. Moreover I fancy Captain Claridge would be the first to acknowledge that he was not riding a pony strictly speaking and only went round with the ponies because he generously denied himself a ride with the horses for hospitable reasons ; the gallant 3rd Madras Lancers being "At Home" to their friends. As a final remark; *what* a treat it was to see Mrs. Randall pick that pretty black pony up again when he was all but on his nose over the last fence but one. Cheers for the Bangalore lady riders.

An extra Gymkhana was held last Saturday at Simla. There were six events, all filling well and being keenly contested. The first, a Consolation Plate for ponies that have never won Rs. 10, was won by Circassian, Captain Capper up. The ladies tilting and gentlemen tent-pegging brought out ten competitors. Captain Wigram and Mrs. Lecky securing the prize with Major Maxwell and Mrs. Buck second. Captain Wigram won the third event—hitting the polo ball. The Wand Race for Ladies went to Miss Steward and the Not-at-Home Stakes to Captain Wigram and Mrs. Buck. The Thread-needle Stakes, which closed the programme, was won by Captain Brooke and Mrs. Atkinson.

A very satisfactory report was presented to the subscribers to the Bombay Hunt at the annual meeting held a day or two since. Hunting was commenced on 27th November and ended on the 8th March, hounds being out 30 times (excluding bye-days), and jackals were accounted for. One hound was charged by a buffalo during a run and died from internal injuries, another received an injury to the head and had to be disposed of, and a third was lost in the jungle and never heard of again. Five-and a-half couple unfortunately died of lung disease, but the committee believe that the cause of the outbreak has disappeared, and that a similar misfortune in the future need not be apprehended. Of the remaining 18 couple, 12 couple were sold to Mr. Murray-Aynsley, of Coorg, and six couple to the Ooty Hunt. At the end of the past season the accounts showed a credit balance of Rs. 149, while the accounts presented to the meeting showed a credit balance of Rs. 487. The report and statement of accounts having been adopted, it was decided that a pack of hounds be purchased for next season, and the following were elected members of the Committee :—Messrs G. K. Remington, F. C. Macrae, J. L. Symons, H. E. G. Proctor, Cecil Gray, J. H. Symington, Donald Graham, and J. A. Lord. Mr. R. W. L. Dunlop was requested to again undertake the duties of Honorary Secretary. The Committee were empowered to make all the necessary arrangements for the purchase and shipment of hounds, and the Honorary Secretary stated that Mr. G. K. Remington, who was now in England, had kindly

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consented to assist in selecting the hounds. Mr. J. A. Lord was again elected Master, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the able and successful way in which he had hunted the hounds during the past season, and the excellent sport he had shown.

Our Poona correspondent writes :—The weather has been very oppressive and the sportsmen of Poona were beginning to feel a trifle depressed and weary of life till thrown suddenly into an ecstasy of wild delight by the announcement in the local organ that shuttlecocks may be obtained from the Badminton Honorary Secretary of the Gymkhana at an anna a bird! So now brave and good men can breathe again and feel that life once more is worth the living.

By the way the local sporting young man went a bit wide at the corner in proclaiming that Mr. Hamar Bass is importing Carbine to run for the Viceroy's Cup. Needless to say it is not the "pride of Australia" that is coming, but his son Carabine. The feminine appearance of the name has too I see led another sporting writer into believing the bit of blood in question to be a mare! It certainly adds greatly increased interest to the big race at Calcutta and probably two horses of greater repute than Great Scot and the Chester Cup winner have never arrived to contest the blue riband of the Indian Turf. That they may both (and others worthy to meet them) get to the post fit and well and at the height of their forms must be the earnest desire of all good sportsmen.

There was a great meeting of the talent the other day on the Yerowda Golf Links, when eight champions of the Government of Bombay met eight of the "brutal and licentious soldiery" representing Bombay Command Head-quarters and administered a crushing defeat on the men of war. His Excellency Lord Northcote was playing like a standard book on the game driving with determination and putting with precision and never gave his opponents a chance and the civil element eventually won by 19 holes to 4.

I have oft times yearned to be a Civic Father, for I hanker after the unrestrained respect of my fellow-men. Poona roads are not all quite perfect and I have even heard people criticise the lighting thereof and other trifles of that sort. But a European *restaurateur* here made a humble, and, as it seems to the average uncivic mind, laudable effort to tidy the front of his porch with a border of white stones a foot or so broad. Then came the Assyrian down like a wolf on the fold and the Majesty of Cantonment Law ordered the immediate removal of the little bauble. And India is now saved.

Captain Channer, R. N., of Colombo, has, in a letter to the *Times of Ceylon*, delivered himself of the following observations on horse "feed":—

The expense of horse-food has so much increased that, from paying Rs. 80 per mensem per head for keep of our racing horses and ponies, it is now Rs. 130. In England the current rate is £10 per mensem, and you get a run *every week* during the season. In Ceylon it is £8 6s. sterling, and you practically only get two meetings—Colombo and Nuwara Eliya—in the whole year. In the eighties, men were content to feed horses on the food of the island and of India, and at that period very high-class horses ran in the Colony. As a matter of fact, paddy is the *heaviest grain* per bushel in the world, running to 44lbs.; next is New Zealand oats, 42lbs.; and the best Scotch *white*, 41lbs, *per bushel*. If one-third of gram is run through the paddy, the difference of analysis is only about ·7 between this mixture and the best English oats in their *second year*, before which they are not fit food for hunters or race-horses. English oats in the second year, from Lincolnshire, or grown on limesoil, weigh 40lbs. the bushel, which is exactly the weight of crushed paddy and gram. A cheaper food, and I think a food better adapted for racehorses in this hot Colony, is the best Indian oats grown in the Dehra Doon district. These run their full 35lbs, to the bushel, and have plenty of meat. Fresh shipments can be procured twice a month from Calcutta. In my opinion the reason that so many horses take so long to acclimatize is that their insides are overloaded with too strong and plenteous a diet. Vasto, Bay Middleton, and several others, in the hands of skilful trainers, ran and won the best races of their class within 6 to 8 months of landing. Mr. Barney Allen brought over *£18,000* sterling of horses, and ran them *hard* with great success shortly after landing. I personally find, if I rough a pony down as he should be, that I can take him across the Gulf of Manaar in a stormy half gale of wind: he will be five or six days on board; and is fit to hear *any* Jack's back crack over the Bombay country in 48 hours after landing. Colonel Bull, late M. F. H. of the Poona Hounds, and one who owns some of the best hunters in Western India, told me he had hunted both his horses 48 hours after landing them from Aden.

"A hungry horse (properly nourished) is a good horse for *any wrk*—racing, hunting, hacking, polo or trapping. A fat one is a *wicked* bullock; he may win a race *out* of his class, but certainly won't amongst his peers. I last year was handicapping; and I pulled the weight off, and kept on jettisoning at each handicap a fat one, but he could not gallop for a bag of nuts. *This* year he ran *hungry* and with clean heart and lungs, and I saw in his last handicap he was carrying 11st. 6lbs.—rather a sudden change from 7-7 (and I would have put 6-7 if there had been a rider for him). A fat horse at hunting or polo, will, if the former, prance at his fences and, if the latter, kitten his work; which makes his rider look a fool. Trapping, he will probably put *what you value most* in the ditch, and spoil her calling frock, and then amuse himself kicking the trap to pieces on his way home. The Book of Deuteronomy tells us that anything in skin or hide that waxes fat (unless it's most righteous) also gets wicked, and kicketh; which means, that it takes a *blood horse* to carry his corn; now Ladas could only eat 16lbs. of corn per diem for his Derby preparation and was a growing youth. I have a blood mare three off by Young Artillery (by Trenton—Bengal Light)—Haidee. This is what she eats per diem of paddy and gram:—On the first July, she goes on an Indian oat diet; every ounce of food she puts into her muscles, and I fully expect the day she goes to the post she will have dropped 2½ inches in front, and her waist will have decreased 3 inches at *least*. It is ridiculous to think that any but the very highest blood can carry an abnormal quantity of food. A peck (10 lbs.) is a very generous ration for a full-grown horse *all* the year round; and it is, I think, a very wonderful arrangement that can put 25 and 30 lbs. into a horse and keep him clean inside. I know I thought myself lucky if my Australian ponies would eat 12lbs. of oats daily for six weeks without picking at them. I spoke to several trainers in Bombay, who all are in favour of Indian oats as being more digestible in *hot* and *damp* climates than the heavier descriptions. A horse weighing 850lbs., on a daily ration of 10lbs. of corn and 12lbs. of grass, eats *eleven* times his own weight in the year. A hound on ¾ bushel of rice and 7·75 soup-meat eats from 9 to 10 times his weight, taking him at 60 lbs. more or less. The biggest American trotter, which is very nearly a thorough-bred horse, the blot in his escutcheon being on the dam's side, a Clydesdale, weighed 1,150 lbs. and 10½" below the knee: *pro rata* he should eat 16,650 lbs. per annum, but *this* I doubt, as I don't suppose his tummy was *pro rata* to his weight."

Among our shooting news this week will be found an interesting extract from *The Kynoch Journal* on cordite pressure in tropical countries.

A series of races in connection with the South India Homing Society began yesterday. Young birds are to be flown from Chickjagar (113 miles) and old birds from Dharwar (304 miles).

On the subject of cordite rifles in India, *The Kynoch Journal* remarks :—"From what we can gather from authentic sources such trouble as has actually occurred, has arisen rather from strained actions than from damaged barrels, and the injury generally occurs at the first shot or two, which suggests that the presence of a slight film of oil in the chamber has allowed the cartridge case to move back against the face of the action and exert thereon the full pressure of the gas, instead of being held firmly in its place by friction against the sides of the chamber, in which latter case the base of the case can only reach the face of the action by the stretching of the metal of the case near the head, the strain on the action being thus very much reduced. The difference between an oiled and a dry chamber is well established by experiments with automatic guns. It would be good policy on the part of gunmakers to test their rifles, after the actions are hardened, with a few cartridges giving say 24 tons, the chamber being oiled.

Many shikaries have tried to gain the thousand-rupee reward for the destruction of the Tipperah man-eater and several tigers have been shot, but the notorious animal is still at large. He added another victim to his list last week and continues to keep out of range. An organised effort is being made to bag him which it is hoped will prove successful.

Any one wanting a good petrol electric launch can be supplied at once by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son (Calcutta), whose advertisement regarding this jolly little craft appears in our special notices to-day. We have had a trip in this boat, so our recommendation is the outcome of some experience. She is 23ft. long, 5½ft. beam, and draws from 1½ to 2ft. of water. She is driven by a neat and compact little petrol engine in which the petrol is admitted through a regulator tap into the cylinder; here it vaporises and is exploded by an electric spark and this, as Helen's Babies would say, makes the "wheels go wound" and takes us along merrily at 8 knots an hour. It takes about half a minute to get up full speed, and seated under its gay awning with the commissariat and good company aboard there are many worse things than a trip in such a craft. The very thing for a rajah we should say.

On the 15th June in the House of Commons, Sir Henry Seton-Karr asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether the provisions of the International Conference, held in London in May 1899, for the preservation of big game in Africa had now been ratified by all the Powers represented thereat; and, if not, what Powers had not done so, and for what reasons; whether the provisions of the Conference were now being carried out in all parts of Africa under the control of the Foreign Office, and, particularly, if the prohibition of the export of elephant tusks under 11lbs. in weight was being strictly enforced, and by what means; also whether, having regard to the Regulation that licensees must make a Return of game killed, these Returns from the date the Regulation came into force could be collected from the territories in Africa under the control of the Foreign Office and presented to Parliament; and whether he could state in what game reserves in Africa officials and natives were allowed to kill game, and to what extent and under what conditions; also to what extent and at what cost the sanctity of the game reserves in Africa was enforced by game wardens, police, or otherwise.

Viscount Cranborne replied the ratifications of the Powers have not been deposited owing to the fact that in signing the Convention the French Government reserved its obligation to ratify until Abyssinia and Liberia had acceded. These Powers have been repeatedly urged to accede, but have hitherto hesitated to do so owing to their fear that they may not be able to carry out all the provisions of the Convention. Negotiations with them are still proceeding. The provisions of the Convention are now being carried out in all the Protectorates under the control of the Foreign Office by means of the Game Regulations. These Regulations forbid, amongst other things, the export of elephant tusks under 11lbs. in weight, and it is the duty of all Administrative Officers of the Protectorates and of the Customs Officials to see that they are strictly enforced. It was at first found impossible to collect accurate returns of the game killed under licenses, but the returns for 1901-02 for the British Central Africa Protectorate were laid before Parliament in August last, and for Somaliland in April last. Those for East Africa and Uganda will be laid on the table shortly. Officials are not allowed to shoot game for the purpose of sport in any of the reserves in the Protectorates administered by the Foreign Office. It has not yet been found possible to deal with the natives in those reserves in such a way as to prevent their hunting game within them, but the importation of firearms is carefully checked, and natives are not allowed to own weapons of precision as defined in the Brussels Act. As already stated, it is the duty of all Administrative Officials to see that the Game Regulations are enforced; and in the East Africa protectorate an officer with the title of Game Ranger has been appointed for the purpose, at a salary of £250 with £100 for expenses. There is no other sum specially appropriated to game preservation.

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got back to Bombay last Friday morning, and in the course of conversation with the Editor of *The Indian Sporting Times* he had something to say about his magnificent mare. "They never saw the way she went in the Hardwicke," he remarked with some amusement and much satisfaction, "and she finished quite alone." Mr. Bass further told me, writes our friend, that he had never seen the mare looking better, Taylor, her trainer, having done wonders with her. I reminded him that one writer had written that it was "a thousand pities Mr. Bass had not started her for the Gold Cup and so have prevented the spoils going to France," to which the owner of Sceptre now rejoined that they all wanted him to run her for the Cup. "I never thought of doing so for a moment, as she had never gone more than a mile and a half, and certainly had done no sort of Cup preparation. I might have broken her down by running her, and of course, I should not have liked that to happen as she will run next year before going to the stud." From subsequent conversation I gathered that Sceptre as a five-year-old will run for the Ascot Gold Cup and the Princess of Wales' Stakes and all sportsmen the world over will rejoice to hear that Mr. Bass has decided to preserve her to the Turf for another season after this.

Carabine is *en route* to India in the *Olympia* and is expected to arrive in Bombay about the 23rd instant.

Athletic Notes.

THE Ladies' Bogey Golf competition at Poona on the 7th instant was spoiled by rain. Only four competed, Mrs. Bagshawe winning with Miss Henderson second and Miss Anderson third.

News reaches us of a fatal boating accident at Oxford. Two undergraduates, Mr. C. E. Clement of Magdalene College and Mr. C. F. Warren, Mathematical Scholar of Queen's College, went down the river to Sandford in a Canadian canoe. On their not returning a search was instituted and the canoe found in Sandford pool much damaged, also two of the cushions. It is surmised that the extremely strong current capsized the frail craft.

Leicestershire beat Derbyshire on the 8th instant by 126 runs, Worcestershire defeated Somerset by an innings and 109 runs. The match between Gentlemen and Players at Lord's resulted in a draw.

Sussex beat Hampshire by ten wickets on the 11th instant, Somerset beat Lancashire by 182 runs, Derbyshire beat Notts by 114 runs and the Gentlemen defeated the Players at the Oval by 54 runs.

The Eton and Harrow match resulted in a win for the former by 154 runs.

Karachi has also got enthused over walking. Two matches came off last week. On the 11th instant the men had a match, the course being from the Sind Club to Clifton and back—distance 5½ miles. The following gentlemen competed:—Lovell, C. S. Wilson, Brandon, Chetham, Shuttleworth, Captain Sherer, Seaton, Pearson, Terry, Summers, Lucas, Maule, Cole, Captain Hulsburg, and Peak.

Lovell and Wilson led all the way, but nearing home the former went away from Wilson and walking in grand style finished 200 yards in front. Messrs. Shuttleworth and Brandon came in shortly after Wilson. The winner's time was 55 minutes.

The ladies also had a match on the 9th instant They walked from the overbridge op Queen's Road to the Gymkhana. The following six competitors lined up at the start :—Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Thole, Mrs. Brunton, Miss Cosser, Miss Bell, and Miss Osborne. On getting the word from Colonel Thackeray they started off at a great pace, Miss Osborne leading for a third of the distance, then Miss Cosser went ahead and kept the lead till the finish. Miss Bell passed Miss Osborne at the railway crossing and came in second, Miss Osborne a good third. Miss Cosser received a cut-glass silver-mounted powder box as a prize.

The Madras Hockey Tournament which begins next Monday promises to be a success. Ten entries have been received which are as follows :—1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry from Wellington; 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, Madras; 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (Wing), from Bellary; 1st Battalon Essex Regiment, Bangalore; Bangalore Gymkhana; 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, Trimulgherry; 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, from Secunderabad; Queen's Depôt, Poonamallee; the Madras Cricket Club; and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

We remind members of the Calcutta Rowing Club that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Strand Road Boat-house at 6-15 P.M. this evening.

Our Bagalore correspondent writes :—The cricket season has begun in Bangalore, and the Gymkhana administered a terrible beating to the Essex Regiment on the 9th instant. The Regiment were all out for 41, Captain Standage's analysis reading six for seventeen, and the Gymkhana scored 230 for five wickets, Marsden and Barstow putting on 19 for the first wicket, and scoring 65 and 61 respectively.

Cycle racing in Southern India has taken a new lease of life, and the present satisfactory position is that when the deficit on the last meeting has been met, the prize fund paid out and all expenses paid, there will be a surpus of at least Rs. 400 or Rs. 500 in hand towards the next meeting. A somewhat new mode of procedure will be adopted in regard to future meetings. Immediately after the conclusion of the present races, the programme for the next half-yearly meeting will be published, and entries will close a month before the meeting. Bombay and Calcutta will probably be communicated with in regard to possibility of clubs sending down representatives or teams to compete, and it is much to be hoped that the two biggest cities in India may see their way to something of the sort. We are only a small community in Bangalore, but we are sportsmen to the "pit of all our stomachs" as the Frenchman said and we much want other sportsmen to come down and try conclusions with our athletes. A full account of the brilliantly successful cycle race meeting which is just concluded accompanies these notes.

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—We have had plenty of football in Bombay during the past week, and very little rain having fallen, large crowds of spectators have turned up each evening either at the Cooperage or Oval. Of course the chief interest continues to be centred in the Harwood Association League, which is now in full swing. Of the seven teams who are taking part, however, two are already practically out of the running—the Telegraph Recreation Club and the Royal Engineers, the latter of whom will, I fancy, be fairly safe for the wooden spoon. One cannot, however, keep admiring the sportsman-like spirit displayed by these two teams—despite bad lickings, they always turn up smiling to meet their next defeat. The reason why I name the engineers as likely winners of the wooden spoon is that they have been defeated by the Telegraph, and I do not anticipate that either eleven will succeed in defeating any of the other competing teams. But to return to the play of the past week; the match in which most interest was taken was that played on Monday between the Gymkhana and the Rovers. It was the former's first appearance in the League this season, and I must confess that I was somewhat disappointed by the form which they displayed. True it is that they were without the services of two or three of their regular players, while Lieutenant Harris, who played centre forwards for them with such success last week, has proceeded to Aden. Taken all round, however, the team which they were able to put in the field seemed a good one, and I, in common with many others, anticipated that the match would be productive of a better game than turned out to be the case. In the first half the Gymkhana had rather the better of the exchanges, despite the fact that Lidderdale their left-back, sustained an injury to one of his legs which "put him out of action" shortly after the game started. Times out of number the Gymkhana forwards had chances of scoring, but they simply wouldn't shoot,

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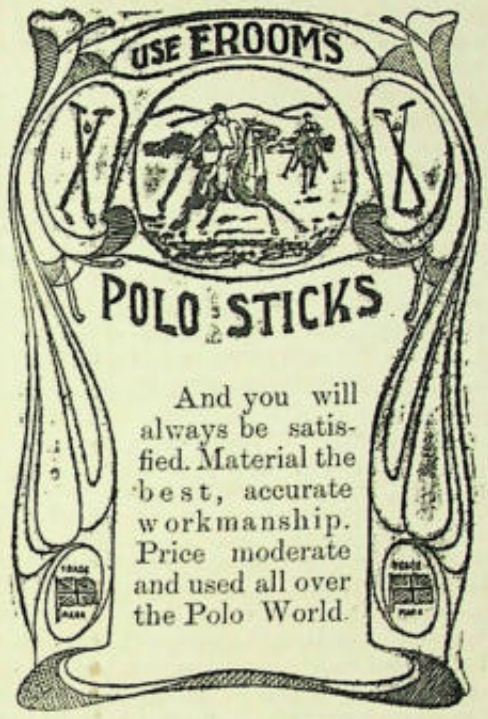

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while when they did take it into their heads to have a shot for goal, the ball either went wide or sailed over the bar. The teams crossed over at half time with a blank scoring sheet. The second moiety saw the Rovers almost constantly on the attack, but, like their opponents, none of the forwards seemed to have their shooting boots on, and frequent chances of scoring were thrown away in a manner which was almost painful to watch. The Gymkhana only broke away on three or four occasions, and it was during one of these short visits to their opponents' territory that W. Reid shot the only goal of the match, which gave the Gymkhana the victory. That they were lucky to win was the general opinion of the spectators.

On Thursday evening the North Staffords' "B" team were opposed to the Gymkhana in the former's fourth league game. The civilians had to again take the field without the services of two or three of their best men, but despite this fact they made a very good fight, and came near scoring on two or three occasions. The soldiers were not long in opening their account, and before the game had been in progress a quarter of an hour they scored a couple of goals, both through Spragg, their inside right, who played a grand game all through. After these reverses the Gymkhana did a spell of attacking, but weakness in front of goal was again conspicuous, and until they can get hold of a centre-forward who is something like a decent shot I don't think they will run up many big scores. The ideal man for this place was Harris, but he will be absent in Aden for two or three months. On Thursday Bromley was entrusted with the position, and, on the whole, gave a good account of himself. He can, however, only kick with his right foot, and when he does shoot he does not put sufficient powder behind the ball. The Staffords crossed over at half time with a lead of two goals to nil. After the restart the Gymkhana made several attacks on the military goal, but the defence of the soldiers was sound. Just before the close of play the Staffords banged their third goal into the net, winning by three goals to nil. The match between the North Staffords' "A" team and the Telegraph Club proved a very one-sided affair, the soldiers doing practically as they liked with their opponents, who were eventually beaten by eight goals to one. The Royal Garrison Artillery still head the list, with the North Staffords' "B" team next.

Not a great deal of interest seems to be taken in Rugby football this year, a fact mainly due to there being only a couple or three teams playing in Bombay. The Gymkhana cannot be said to have started the season in very promising fashion, having suffered a couple of defeats during the past week. But in this connexion it must be borne in mind that several of the best men who have been playing against them, for the military teams they have met are also playing members of the Gymkhana, whose services will be called upon for the matches with the Buffs (if arranged) and the Tournament games in October next. As to the past week's play, the Gymkhana on Tuesday met a team composed of military players, and both fifteens being fairly evenly matched a good game was witnessed. There was very little to choose between the forwards, but the military held a big advantage at half-back, where Lieutenant Sargent, a Lancashire county player, particularly distinguished himself. He and his partner frequently got the ball away to three-quarters, but the Gymkhana, who were minus the services of C. M. Ward, tackled well, and on several occasions the military players were brought down when almost over. At half time the military held a lead of a goal to nil. In the second half both sides made strenuous efforts to score, and the military eventually ran out winners by a goal and a try to nil. On Thursday evening the Gymkhana met with their second defeat, this time at the hands of the Royal Garrison Artillery (Colaba). The civilians, who had a somewhat weak team out, several of their best players being engaged in the Association match, had the best of the first half and crossed over at half time with a lead of a goal and a try to nil. The second moiety was evenly contested, and there was no further scoring up to within a few minutes of the close of play, when the R. A. ran in a couple of tries in quick succession, both of which were converted. This was all the scoring and the soldiers left the field victorous by ten points to eight.

The Bombay Gymkhana cricket team scored another win yesterday (Staturday), when they met and defeated a combined team of the Royal Garrison Artillery and the North Staffordshire Regiment. Despite the heavy rain which had fallen during the morning, the pitch was in good condition, and slightly favoured the bowlers. The Gymkhana, who won the toss, batted first, and ran up a total of 113, none of the batsmen particularly distinguishing themselves, although the bowling can only be described as moderate. Owing to a late start having been made—when will the Gymkhana try to start play punctually?—only about an hour remained for play when the military commenced their innings and a drawn game appeared almost certain. They made a fairly good start, but after the fall of the first wicket the rest of the team were soon disposed of, the whole side being out for 67 which left the Gymkhana winners by 56 runs. The military players found Cheetham's bowling very difficult to deal with and he captured six wickets at a cost of 27 runs. The Gymkhana have started the season well, and, contrary to the opinion I expressed a month or two ago, I don't expect to see them defeated on many occasions this year. In conclusion I would like to throw out a suggestion, and that is that the grass in some parts of the deep field should be cut. On Saturday the ball frequently stopped dead in it.

Fired by the example of the European pedestrians the Aryan brother will show his powers as a walker. The Bengalee assistants of the Import and Export Departments of Messrs. Gillanders Arbuthnot and Co. Calcutta, propose tramping from Titaghur to the Government House end of the Red Road next Saturday. Teams will be ten aside and the prize fund has been subscribed to by the European assistants of the firm.

It is rumoured that the assistants of Messrs. Ralli Bros. are considering a walk.

The statement that M. D. Kanga, the well-known Parsee cricketer, is dead has been contradicted.

We are sorry to find that the race for the Hoare Cup, entries for which closed yesterday, has drawn but two crews and this the result of personal appeal by members of the Committee.! Undoubtedly the Calcutta Rowing Club is passing through a mighty slack time. It is more than probable that there will be no race for senior sculls as arranged for the 15th proximo owing to an accident to one of the two racing skiffs.

General Notes.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mr. M. H. Starling, one of the oldest members of the Bombay Bar. He died at the Yacht Club chambers last Sunday after an illness of thirteen days.

We offer our congratulations to the Earl of Suffolk on his engagement to Miss Wolfe-Murray, third daughter of Major-General Sir James Wolfe-Murray, Quarter-master-General in India.

Last week we referred to an accident to Mr. M. Hammick. While out with the Ooty hounds his horse came down with him on a rough piece of ground near the Pykara road. Mr. Hammick fell on his head, but his *topee* broke the force of his fall. His jaw was badly cut and he received a severe shaking, but, we are glad to learn, that his injuries are not so serious as were at first supposed and that he is getting on well.

The prizes in the Simla Fine Arts Show were awarded as follows:—The Viceroy's Medal, not awarded. Lady Curzon's prize, Mr. C. H. Harrison. The Lieutenant-Governor's prize, Lieutenant-Colonel Ommaney. Lady Rivaz's prize, Mrs. W. Beadon. The Commander-in-Chief's prize, Lieutenant-Colonel Ommaney; 2nd prize, Conductor R. Graham. Sir E. Elles' prize, not awarded. Children's prizes, Master Cyril Bion and Master Raymond West. General Duff's prize, Conductor R. Graham. The Society's prize, Captain E. Molyneux. Messrs. Cooke and Kelvey's prize, Miss Morris. The Society's prize, Mrs. A. Waterfield. Mr. Arundel's prize, Major C. L. Wilson. The Society's second prize for the best Water Colour Painting, Miss Hazel Supple. Mr. Ker's prize, Captain E. Molyneux. Messrs. Thacker, Spink's prize, not awarded. Mr. Brereton's prize, Miss Parbury. Sir Denzil Ibbetson's prize, Mr. F. C. Scallow. Mr. Raleigh's prize, not awarded. The Society's prize for Portrait Painting, Mrs. W. Beadon. The Society's prize, Miss M. Patterson. Messrs. Ranken add Co.'s prize, Mr. R. P. Russell. Messrs. Cotton and Morris' prize, Mr. D. M. Moir. Messrs. Kellner's prize, Miss Hand. Mr. R. Hotz' prize, Colonel Supple. Sir E. Law's prize, no competitors. The Society's prize, Mr. M. Pithawala. The Society's prize, Mr. Gangooly. Hosein Buksh's prize, not awarded. The highly commended include Miss Morris, Mr. F. C. Scallow, Lieutenant-Colonel Bunbury, and Lal Singh. Silver medals are awarded to Mrs. Cook for Needlework, and Colonel R. Mahon for Wood Carving, and a Bronze Medal to Miss E. S. Tandy for Lace.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 26th June 1903.

THOUGH the weather is still far from June-like we are slowly recovering from the effects of the late deluge, and our hearts within us are rejoicing at even the very moderate amount of sunshine that is being vouchsafed to us. After almost a fortnight of unbroken gloom, a quite momentary gleam of brightness last Saturday afternoon was positively startling, and I could hardly believe my eyes when, on looking up, I actually beheld the sun—a very weak, watery, and inefficient sun it is true—but still the sun. Regaining a decent measure of self-control, as quickly as might be, I wended my way to the underground station for which I was bound, and where I overheard an old lady, evidently of a timorous nature, confiding to a sympathetic friend that when she saw the sudden and unusual (very unusual!) brightness, she thought it nothing less than a flash of lightning and fled to the nearest shop for shelter. The improvement came too late for "Ascot Sunday" on the river, as on Saturday the floods were still rising—the result of the torrents of rain the day before—and the hearts of the riverside folk must have been disquieted.

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Of dramatic events there is not a great deal to chronicle this week. At all events nothing to equal the interest of Madame Hading's appearance as Paula in "La Seconde Madame Tanqueray." On Monday we had Madame Sarah Bernhardt in her well-known part of Marguerite Gautier, which was, as it always is, a marvellous exhibition of genius. It always seems fresh, however, as often as one sees it. At the Garrick on Wednesday night there was a crowded house eager to welcome Madame Rejane again as "Yanetta" in "La Robe Rouge." The piece is certainly very well constructed, and the expectations of those who saw her in it last year must have been amply realised.

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I make a point of seeing Mrs. Patrick Campbell in every new part, whatever other duties I may leave undone; always hoping, alas! so far in vain, that one day she may equal her never-to-be-forgotten Paula. In this pious hope I, therefore, betook myself to the New Theatre on Wednesday evening to realise, if possible, "The Joy of Living," and came away wondering greatly where on that occasion the joy came in. The story is gloomy; the characters people whom one would carefully avoid in real life. Most of them are "cranks" and many of them "enjoy bad health." Beata, who to judge from her gestures, is in an advanced state of heart disease, has been the wife of Kellinghausen for nearly twenty years, during twelve of which Volkerlingk has been her lover-platonic—merely of late. The husband and lover are friends; both are political. In the heat of an election contest a paragraph reflecting on the intimacy between Beata and Volkerlingk appears in a newspaper. Kellinghausen does not believe it as he has confidence in his wife, but thinks it his duty to question them, when the hesitation of Volkerlingk and an exclamation by Beata leave no room for doubt. After a good deal of extremely wearisome talk, it is finally arranged that Volkerlingk shall make away with himself as an obvious way out of the difficulty; but Beata obligingly saves him the trouble and poisons herself while giving a luncheon party, at which she proposes as a toast "The Joy of Living." The husband and lover are reconciled, and the daughter of the one is to marry the son of the other, and with this unpleasant arrangement the unpleasant

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play closes. That Mrs. Patrick Campbell makes the most of the part of Beata is the best that can be said for it.

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Mr. Tree must have been amply rewarded when at the close of "The Queen's Sanatarium Matinee" at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, he was able to announce that it had realized the sum of £5,000. The chief attraction, no doubt, was Madame Sarah Bernhardt's recitation, but Miss Filippi's monologue "Pot au Feu" was about the most enjoyable item to the frivolous minded amongst the audience. It is an amusing clever little sketch of a cook, determined to so bewitch her master by her cookery that he will remain a bachelor rather than risk losing such a treasure. She constantly tastes the dish she is preparing—at each taste becoming more confident of success—but so frequent are the tastes that when the cooking is finished the food is finished also! Miss Filippi gave the piece with much naturalness and humour.

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The motor cab has reappeared in London, in the shape of a petrol motor hansom. I was not privileged to see it myself, but my informant, who does not share my loathing for all motors, assures me it is a roomy and comfortable cab. The driver sits in front of the fare. There is a "boot" for light luggage at the back, and a small seat which can be hooked on at the chauffeur's side of the cab for a third passenger. It is the property of "The London Express Motor Service, Limited" which intends shortly to place on the streets a public service of similar cars. The fares are to be from a shilling upward.

It is devoutly to be hoped that the memorial to Mr. Lang on the subject of motor-car legislation, which is being prepared in the House of Commons, and is receiving many signatures on both sides of the House, may have some effect, and a measure be passed before this session closes that will put an end to the reign of terror at present prevailing.

By the way, during the late rainy weather I became aware of *one* point in favour of motor cars—they don't splash mud up as other vehicles do.

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Two cases which have excited an unusual amount of interest have been concluded this week—"The Moat House Murder" case and the Cape "Ragging" case. The former only occupied two days, there being practically no defence. The prisoner's Counsel made the most of the single point which would have told with me, had I been unlucky enough to be on the jury—that none of the underclothing found on the body was marked, whereas Miss Holland was known to be particular on that point, and all clothing and house linen found in the house was most carefully marked. However it is impossible to doubt the justice of the verdict. With regard to the Cape "Ragging" case, the defendants must, I should think, congratulate themselves on having got off cheaply. The general feeling appears to be that though a verdict of "guilty" would have "served them right," it would have been a mistake to ruin their professional careers, when they had already paid a tolerably heavy fine for their—to put it delicately—crude methods of exhibiting their distaste for Mr. Stanford's society. It was probably something like the verdict we have all heard of "not guilty—but don't do it again."

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A very pleasant little exhibition of sketches by "Mr. Punch's young men" is on view at the Woodbury Gallery, New Bond Street, which ought to be visited by all admirers of Mr. Punch—and are we not all his admirers? Much as we may have enjoyed Linley Samburne's cartoons, and the delightful sketches by Bernard Partridge, Phil May, E. T. Reed and others in the pages of Mr. Punch, the pleasure of seeing the drawings as left by the artist is many times greater. Another small collection of pictures well worth a visit is Mr. Mortimer Mempes' Durbar pictures at "Dewdeswell's." Lucky mortals who were at the Durbar say the colouring is wonderfully good; certainly many of the likenesses are excellent, that of Lord Kitchener being an exception and there is a most amusing and original catalogue.

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A large number of Mr. F. Carruthers Gould's political cartoons were sold at the private view at the Continental Gallery on Tuesday, and I am told that many of them might have been sold half a dozen times over which doesn't surprise me. The Radical cartoons found most favour among Conservatives and Unionists—that staunch Conservative Sir John Aird becoming the possessor after keen competition of "the Zollverien Cake Walk" which shows Mr. Chamberlain dancing with the obviously reluctant Mr. Balfour. Lord Onslow was the purchaser of the one I should like to possess above all others "When He Comes Back" in which Mr. Chamberlain as a particularly fit and flourishing gamecock, regards the ragged and altogether dejected group of birds representing the ministry, who have not kept the peace during his absence in South Africa. Of the Froissart series "The king desireth that an end may be made of the war in Africa" was bought by Mr. Chamberlain's Private Secretary. Lord Monk-Bretton and Mr. R. Biddulph-Martin, M. P., became the possessor of "Sir Joseph de Birmingham goeth to Guildhall," while Mr. Bryce very fittingly was the purchaser of the portrait of his brother "Sir James de Bryce speaketh against the Bill." Captain A. H. Lee, M. P., bought the most amusing military cartoon "German Manœuvres" in which Lord Roberts, in uniform, eyes with considerable misgivings the costume of the Secretary for War as they are setting out together.

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The railway experiment of continuous runs over long distances appears likely to succeed, the latest development being the unbroken journey of 300 miles from Euston to Carlisle. Being blessed with a contented mind, I am myself perfectly satisfied with a rate of from sixty to sixty-five miles an hour, which we are told is the highest speed compatible with safety when rounding sharp curves, but for more adventurous spirits a good time is coming. An electric railway on the "mono-line system" is to be constructed between Manchester and Liverpool, and the engineers promise that the car will travel safely at the rate of a hundred and ten miles an hour. It is said that a Belgian engineer has already done it, and that experts report favourably of his experiments. Should the Manchester and Liverpool line prove a success, financially, as well as in other respects, nothing less than a domestic revolution is upon us. When a man can reach his work, business, or chambers, an hour after leaving his home in the country nearly a hundred miles off, the overcrowding problem will be solved. So good luck to the "mono-line" system.

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Proceedings in the House of Lords are not often amusing reading, but on Monday there was an exception to the dignified dullness which generally pervades that august assembly, when poor Lord Leven and Melville complained piteously and yet humourously of the attack made upon him by the Scottish Press for objecting that his should be the *corpus vile* on whom the experiment of residence at Holyrood, while the drainage is in an insanitary condition, should be tried. To us, matter of fact, prosaic Southrons, his objection, I imagine, seems but natural—a desire to avoid making acquaintance with the typhoid bacillus being not uncommon—but not so the patriotic Scots who appear to have discerned in the action of the Lord High Commissioner a studied insult to the ancient palace of their kings.

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The Royal Agricultural Society has after all been fortunate enough to have good weather for its first show in its permanent home at Park Royal, but in spite of this the attendance has fallen short of expectation, not coming up to the best of the country meetings. To those who like myself do not appreciate fat cattle and pigs, the horses were far and away the most interesting part of the show, and during the four-in-hand and jumping competitions the stands were well filled. The four-in-hand competitions appeared to be the principal attraction, and were followed with keen attention. The excellent speech of the retiring President, the Prince of Wales, at the Society's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, seems to foreshadow reform, which one hears is needed.

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It seems an ungracious act to criticise the appeal made by Sir James Gilder on behalf of the scheme for providing houses on flats free of rent or taxes for widows and daughters of officers of the Army who are left with small provision. I hear the project is to build a block of flats for their accommodation somewhere near town—Wimbledon is mentioned. One would think that a small increase of income to meet the cost of rent would be more acceptable to these ladies many of whom may naturally desire to live with or near friends. The flat plan might possibly enable a larger number to be helped, though even that is doubtful when one remembers the cost of bricks and mortar, of land near town, and of the upkeep of the establishment—the last item an increasing one. Be this as it may the scheme is one well worthy of support, and I cordially wish it good luck.

ONLOOKER.

Review.

CHOTA NAGPORE.*

IN a handsomely bound volume running to three hundred pages, with forty-three excellently selected and executed photographs, Mr Bradley-Birt puts before the reader an exhaustive handbook to Chota Nagpore, a district which, though within three hundred miles of Calcutta, is little known, except to coal owners and coolie recruiters. The work, which is published "with all rights reserved" thereby protecting it from the incorrigible "lifter," teems with interest from the first page to the last. The writer is no mere compiler of pure official records, but has, with rare sympathy and descretion, collected his material from the people themselves and has produced a delightful description of a district unique in fables, folklore, habits and customs—reading almost like the history of some newly discovered land. Inhabited by the remnants of tribes claiming to be aborigines, we are introduced first to their mythological origin as handed down from traditions of the past, with sundry outrageous embellishments tacked on, but many of the stories, customs, and habits tend to show that a highly civilised race held sway in Chota Nagpore long anterior to the advent of the present people, a deduction amply confirmed by the relics of temples, tombs, and other ruins The snake is the titular deity and represents the devil, but one tribe, professing to be the oldest, consider descent from him to be an honorable distinction. To go through the various versions of the origin of the human race, the story of which differs with each class of exponent, would destroy interest in the opening chapters; the book must be read to be properly appreciated, and none can rise from its perusal without admitting there is a vast field in India for research in the archæological and ethnological line. Few of the present generation are aware of the martial character of the tribes and the bold front they exhibited when the British first essayed to subjugate them. The Hos who inhabit the country nearest to Calcutta are, perhaps, the most remarkable mountaineers in the country, but where all are manly, honest, and display prepossessing qualities it would be invidious to particularise. The sacred temple and shrine of Parisnauth comes in for minute description, while the photos of gods and goddesses, with the usual ornamental accessories, exhibit no meam artistic skill on the part of the designers and builders.

Game of all sorts is still plentiful though the author shews that the sportsman has but to go further from the beaten tracks than of yore to obtain it. All the tribes are unerring shots with either their primitive bows and arrows or the cheap guns allowed, while in scrimmages their inborn pluck enables them to hold their own with tomahawk against even the man eater. Chapter V is an admirable effort of word painting and shews the writer to have thoroughly identified himself with the people of his district. The stirring events of 1857 are well told, and it will doubtless surprise many to learn how stiff was the fighting and various the changes of fortune that went on so close to the metropolis in those dark days. It is much to be hoped that other officials will be incited to follow Mr. Bradley-Birt's example, for such publications as the one before us will tend more to bring the ruling race and their fellow subjects in touch with one another than Cycles of pedantic administration reports, with their dry array of statistics and official padding. We heartily commend this charming book to every class of reader, for all will find in it both amusement and instruction.

* *"Chota Nagpore."* By F. Bradley-Birt, B. A., I. C. S.; with an introduction by Lord Northbrook. Smith Elder and Co: London, 1903.

THE LAND OF THE BLACK MOUNTAIN.*

THERE is perhaps no country in Europe which sees fewer English visitors and concerning which we know less than Montenegro. Messrs. Wyon and Prance, being travellers of enterprise, set themselves to explore the land on the Albanian frontier and the more peaceful regions remote from the border; and their experiences make a very readable and entertaining book. It is not a country that can be recommended to visitors who suffer from weak nerves; the Montenegros hold that "a man without arms is a man without liberty" and cheerfully subscribe to the tenets of their military organisation which practically obliges every man to constantly carry his rifle in order to instantly obey a mobilisation order. The men have an exhilarating habit of expressing various emotions by the discharge of loaded revolvers, which is apt to prove startling. Firing pistols is doubtless an effective method of stimulating horses to speed and a convincing way of assuring chance acquaintances of your good-will and wishes for a prosperous journey, but it is a habit to which the stranger accustomed to less robust measures, needs time to get used. It is not difficult to form an idea of the country and people from the authors' book; we glean the impression that were Norway repopulated with Irishmen and the *vendetta* established on a wide and popular basis, we should have another Montenegro. The country is mountainous, wild and sparsely populated; the people are hospitable, models of courtesy to strangers, brave and physically remarkable. A large proportion of the men stand well over 6 feet and the authors refer with respectful admiration to the high standard of female beauty. The hospitality of the people in out-of-the-way places was found oppressive on occasion, politeness requiring the consumption of more than an ordinary human interior is framed to accommodate.

It would be hardly accurate to say that the prevalence of blood feuds form a blot on Montenegrin life; so deeply does the idea permeate the whole social system, that it seems impossible to divorce the *vendetta* from the course of daily life. We are told that the reigning prince is endeavouring to stamp out the custom and that it is "surely dying out." If this be so the authors' book gives us a picture of Montenegro as it used to be and not as it now is; for the solution of private disagreements by rifle bullet is painted as the ordinary mode of adjustment. Life on the Albanian frontier seems to be quite as pregnant with excitement as residence on the N.-W. frontier, when the more bellicose among our hill neighbours are in a state of unrest. Messrs. Wyon and Prance were offered opportunities of sport in the mountains of the interior, but for two sound reasons accomplished little.

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In the first place their hosts were too anxious to procure sport for them and the woods were too freely disturbed ; and in the second the shepherds with their flocks had driven the deer to the higher and more inaccessible grounds. We cannot imagine that in a land where every man can use the rifle, which is his inseparable companion, and where meat is a coveted luxury, the stock of game can be very heavy, but it seems possible that a man who should be content to rough it in the widest sense of the word and was prepared to work hard for his trophies, might do something in Montenegro in the autumn. He would certainly lack nothing in the way of assistance from the country people whose welcome for Englishmen appears to be ready-made : but he may profit by the experiences of the authors of this book, so far as to take an English saddle for his own riding and a very large stock of "Keating" The map which accompanies the book is slight but sufficient ; the illustrations from photographs are not quite up to the mark.

* *The Land of the Black Mountain.* The adventures of two Englishmen in Montenegro. By R. Wyon and France London : Methuen and Co.

THE SPORTSMAN AT LARGE.*

COLONEL ANDREW HAGGARD is not a prolific penman but when he does write he is always well worth reading. In this readable book he gives us a collection of stories of sport in various parts of the world, among them angling sketches in the country where he has done some of his soldiering. Canada, whither he has apparently often resorted for the fishing which holds the largest place in his sporting heart, figures largely in the book ; he has killed the ouananiche, trout, and other game fish under various circumstances and, it may be observed parenthetically, has worse to say of the Canadian mosquito than of our constant enemy in this country. Camping on a Canadian river can scarcely be considered the acme of comfort, more particularly at night when mosquitic attentions compel the unhappy sportsman to anoint himself all over with a compound that produces on the mosquito's mind the impression that he has an animate peppermint drop to deal with ; but the sport, given luck, is worth hardship so long as the victim is permitted to retain his eyesight. Truly the colonial mosquito seems a more venomous reptile than him of our intimate acquaintance in the east. We should have enjoyed another chapter or two of reminiscences of Japan. There is good trout fishing in the country and the Jap is an expert fly tyer ; he uses no wax and no implements in putting his flies together, but they are tied so cleverly that they are as strong as the best home-made articles. Colonel Haggard on one occasion had the good fortune to be invited to a Japanese grandies' duck hunting party, a form of sport which few Europeans have seen. It is a curious combination of hawking and butterfly-catching, the ducks taking the part of the butterflies. A noteworthy feature of the hawking part of the business is that the hawks are flown on a light cord which the hawker allows to unwind in his hand while the bird is in pursuit The guests do the catching, and some little skill is necessary to net a duck in full flight. This sport might form an amusing addition to our outdoor occupations in this country given suitable grounds ; but the grounds must be carefully selected, if a single duck is to give the netsman—or netswoman—a chance.

It needs but slender acquaintance with the ordinary fishing boat of Aden to be able to appreciate the resolute enthusiasm which enabled the author to defy the combination of smell and rough sea and indulge in sea fishing off that delectable spot. In a clean boat the average fishing enthusiast might venture ; but memory of an Arab boat only passing to windward is enough to win our envious respect for the author's keenness. His most exciting story is the first in the book, wherein he gives an account of a particularly bold venture in Abyssinia with lions. The den in which was a family of cubs having been found, Colonel Haggard with one gunbearer took up his quarters inside its entrance when the lion and lioness were out, and shot them, so to speak, on their own hall door at close quarters ; a risky experiment and one which discretion would not often repeat. There are also some entertaining stories of salmon fishing in Scottish rivers : a sport so heavily over-written that it is a high compliment we pay the author when we say we could read more. "Griff" who illustrates the book is a clever draughtsman but he overdoes his caricatures.

* *Sporting Yarns Spun Off the Reel.* By Captain Andrew Haggard : Hutchinson and Co.

Shikar.

OVIS "SHARPEYE," OR THE STALK THAT FAILED.

I THINK my experience of shapoo must have been particularly unhappy, for the three or four occasions on which I have pursued these sheep, I have quite failed to come to terms with them. I ascribe my misfortunes to two things ; first the persistently bad wind, second the lateness of the year which has made the grass very scanty, so that the shapoo only rest fitfully, instead of sleeping all through the middle of the day : the fact is they cannot get enough to eat unless they are foraging steadily all the time. One day I had only got half a mile from the village where my tent was pitched, when five shapoo were sighted slightly above us on the hill side : I just followed the path as it made a curve which kept the sheep out of our sight, and on looking over a rise found five ewes standing only seventy yards off : it was just pure bad luck that it did not happen to be one of the other two flocks we subsequently saw, which both contained good rams. We avoided frightening the ewes, which after staring at us went quietly up the hill side. Another half mile further on we came to a saddle which projected from the big hill along which we were walking and joined it to a small knoll. On peering cautiously over, we sighted two rams below us and on the open hill side. To sit down and watch events was the only thing to be done under the circumstances, as the animals were unapproachable. After ten minutes' watching the smaller ram went down out of sight into a little nulla and almost immediately after four more rams appeared a good deal higher up the slope than the first two, but still below us. The wind was blowing from our left, up the hill, and at right angles to the line going from our saddle to the shapoo. These four rams had to all appearance nearly finished their morning feed ; first two lay down, then the third, and about a quarter of an hour later, the fourth. Now this day the wind was steady and in a good direction, and if only the shapoo had had a decent feed instead of being still hungry, all would have gone right. Two little nallas ran down the hill, one on our side of the sheep, the other beyond them. The nearer one had some biggish rocks in it, just about at the right place for a shot, so I decided that this should be my way of approach. It was quite easy to shuffle back from the saddle, and put the swell of the hill between us and the game. Some distance above us was a ledge with a patch of snow near it, and this seemed to offer an easy crossing to the top of the nulla, while allowing one to keep out of sight of the eyes below. My shikari, D. T., climbed leisurely up to this ledge and shuffled across it : this took some time as the hill was steep. On getting across the ledge to the head of the nulla, what was our disgust to find that the shapoo were all up again, feeding steadily, and, moreover, on a little plateau which gave them a clear view right up our nulla. Below this higher bit of ground, and practically in the nulla itself, was a slight depression, and the shapoo fed down into this, and then one of them lay down. This looked as if they meant to have another snooze and we waited until they showed unmistakeable signs of at least a temporary stay in the hollow, and then crept on all fours across the top of the nulla, and over the ridge, through some snow, into the nulla beyond. We were in full view of the shapoo all this time, but none of them looked up. The little ravine beyond, in which we now were, sloped steeply down, and was all shale and stones. A most cautious descent had to be made to avoid dislodging anything large. At last I got down to within about four hundred yards of the sheep, and began to reconnoitre. I could see only two ; one a big ram with a good head lying in the middle of the hollow, the other, a small beast much nearer to me, feeding. The small ram was a good deal higher up than the big one, as well as being nearer the shale slope behind which I was taking cover. I left my shikari behind when I got within four hundred yards of the game, and slid the rest of the way on my back. Hereby I ought to have gone right down to some rocks opposite the big one, keeping out of sight behind the slope all the time. My idea was that if I did this the other two rams which I knew must be somewhere quite close, would get my wind at once and give the alarm, for the breeze was blowing straight up the nulla. Anyhow what I did do was, I shuffled down as quietly as I could to opposite the small ram I had first seen feeding. I was then about three hundred yards or a little less from the big one. I then crept horizontally across the hill keeping quite flat till I had gained another forty or fifty yards. Unfortunately the slope was very steep and go as quietly as I knew how, yet small stones kept rolling down. When I had gained those fifty yards, the small rams under the rise, whom I had not yet seen, heard the stones and got up and saw me. The big one at once got up too, so I had to shoot at once from an uncomfortable half-sitting, half-sliding position, on the steep shale. I fired one shot, when he got up, and two more as he galloped away, all misses as I thought at the time. Afterwards, however, I found blood on the track, and the poor beast must have been hit after all : as I did not get him I hope it was only a slight graze, I think if it had been a body shot, from what I have seen of the Shoenhauer Mannlicher's performances, he would only have gone a very short distance My shots put up another flock which contained certainly two good rams if not more. When I first saw the four rams from the saddle of the hill, I am certain there were two good ones ; so that these must have subsequently got mixed up with the flock to which the two rams, first seen below, belonged.

The shapoo are certainly favoured by the smooth steep slopes on which they seek their scanty food, but apart from this they seem to me to be quite as wide awake as ibex, though they do not seem to post sentries in the same way.

My notes on various attempts to bring down a decent shapoo, are, I fear, not very happy ones. To begin with, picture the country in which I was camping, nor forget the fact that I had no one to talk to except the Kashmiri shikari, the burden of whose conversation was, how very much, much better I would have done, had I followed his advice. A small village of half-a-dozen huts, built of rough stones below, surmounted by sundried brick : the roofs flat, made of sticks and brush laid across the walls, and then plastered with a thick layer of mud. The top edge of one of the houses had a band of red round it above the white wash, and close beside it stood the curious red symbol shaped like a red chess king, and mounted on a pedestal of white-washed mud and brick, which you see everywhere in Ladak. Round this small village was a patch of cultivated land, divided into small fields by loose stone walls. All this land was of light green with the sprouting "grimm," then only three to four inches high, although it was the very end of May. The only other green was that of the willows, along the banks of the little stream, the irrigating water of which alone gave life to the crops and trees.

On either side of the ravine rose the grey and brown hillsides, above them again a chain of serrated peaks white with snow. Looking at them from a distance one wonders how it is possible for the numerous goats and sheep, belonging to the village, to find enough to keep them alive, on these inhospitable slopes. However, on the so-called maidans, where the flocks graze, one finds that there is a certain amount of coarse vegetation growing in clumps here and there, wherever it can get a hold. The natives, who are of a decided Mongolian type, wear pigtails and are indescribably filthy. Their dress consists of a collection of rags, surmounted by a goat skin thrown over the back with the hair inwards. Their shoes are of roughly sewn puttoo and leather made in sock form : they are their own shoemakers, and are always having to renew the leather soles, which wear through in a very few days on the stony hill sides The women do all or nearly all the work, and being thus made into beasts of burden, are prematurely aged and wrinkled. The hot sun of Ladak, combined with the cutting dry winds, to which they are exposed all day, has a mummifying effect on the skin, which would very quickly destroy the beauty of Venus herself, and these poor creatures never even started their girlhood with a decent stock of charms. The women wear their hair in a profusion of plaits, while over the back of the head they have a flat piece of puttoo, studded thickly with rough turquoises, cowries, and various coloured stones.

The marriage arrangements are curious, to say the least of it. There is usually only one wife to three or four brothers. She is first apparently married to the eldest brother, and the other brothers are considered as supplementary husbands of inferior rank. I will not be sure of this part of it, but I do not think there is a marriage ceremony for any except the eldest brother. The eldest brother also apparently has the children named after him, and is considered to be the father of the family. When a man is well off he will perhaps have only one brother in the house in the position of additional husband ; but from all accounts, only a regular millionaire has a wife entirely to himself. The unmarried women appear to become nuns ; otherwise servants to the Llamas, doing all the cooking and drudgery for these holy men, in order that they may live without that work which is so abhorrent to the male sex in Ladak. Curiously enough all the villagers appear to be able to write a little. Most of them carry a reed pen in a metal case stuck into their waistband, and a wooden writing tablet, which is coated with a whitish earth or some such material, in order to show marks made on it with a pointed instrument. A good deal of rough puttoo is made in the villages, and one sees the old women sitting at the foot of a tall pole, with a cross piece at the top, from which depend long strings of sheep's wool, which they are busy twisting, all ready to be made subsequently into cloth. Every Ladaki carries a steel set into a fancy handle of leather and pierced brass : this hangs to his waist by a leather thong. As he cannot get a flint, he uses a piece of hard red stone, found in the country, from which one can readily strike fire. I am afraid I have wandered a great way from the shapoo, so I will go on to relate two other failures, which occurred on the same day.

One morning I had seen a really beautiful ram up near the snow ; I had a good look at him through the glasses, and he had a head like an ibex, undoubtedly well over thirty inches round the curve. I quite failed to get anywhere near this animal of course ; that day it was principally the baffling wind which blew from me to the shapoo wherever I chose to go. I hoped to see this big ram again under happier circumstances, so went one morning up to where I thought I might see him. Instead I found another ram, near the snow, not so big certainly, but still a very handsome trophy. We examined this beast over a snow bank, at about four hundred and fifty yards, and were able to see that he was a good one, and, moreover, all alone. The wind was all right, and apparently we had only to go below, and along the hill side, and peep over at the right spot, to find him within easy range. This we did, and when we looked over there was absolutely nothing in view at all ; the ram had vanished, having in some mysterious way become acquainted with our designs against him ; though as the wind was right, and the going over soft snow, it is difficult to know how we could have betrayed ourselves to him. Well there was an end of that stalk, and nothing more was viewed till the evening, when the chota shikari whom I had sent up a hill to see if he could see anything beyond, sent back the rifle coolie to report shapoo in sight. I climbed up the hill and found a flock feeding in an open place on the other side. They were unapproachable from any direction, so the only thing was to sit down and wait. After half an hour they fed up to the shoulder of the opposite hill, and eventually disappeared over it. Then was our time, we went down a break-neck place, to where they had been first feeding, and then followed their tracks round to the shoulder, over which they had vanished. Here I loaded the rifle, looked to see the sights were all right, and going quietly forward peeped over. In front, however, were two small folds of ground, and beyond was a larger dip, and it was evident that it was in this larger hollow that they must be feeding. I handed my rifle to the shikari, for having the usual turn over safety, there is no danger in a native carrying it loaded for a short distance, and we went forward to the further shoulder looking upon the large hollow. Here the shapoo were right enough. They were feeding along the slope oppo-

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site and were about two hundred and fifty yards off. I could not even see which were the rams without the glasses, but there was no chance of getting any nearer I therefore selected what I thought was the best head, put down the field glasses and did my best to hit the owner of it. The flock bolted a short distance and stood again, and I had two more shots at what the shikari told me was the big one. Then they went further up the hill, and I killed one. On getting down to it I found it was a wretchedly poor head. Just then it occurred to me to put the rifle back into its cover and I found the 300 yards sight up. In handing over the rifle to me the shikari must have pushed it up, and as it is so very little higher than the two hundred, and lifts up between it and the eye, and not beyond it as in the case of most rifles, it is very difficult to notice without looking quite closely. Of course there was absolutely no excuse for such a thing happening, and I ought never to have fired without a final careful examination of the sights. Whether I should have bagged the ram had the three-hundred yard flap been down, of course I do not know, but as at these altitudes (11,000 to 12,000 feet) the Mannlicher shoots decidedly high, a mistake of this sort was quite sufficient to send my bullets over the backs of small animals like shapoo Personally I think most of the interest in a stalk is absent, when you have to shoot at such a distance, that you cannot see whether the beast aimed at has horns or not, without the help of glasses. At two hundred yards or more, against a brown hill side, rams and ewes seem all alike to the naked eye. The shikari was anxious I should keep the head of the small ram I had shot in mistake for the better one, but I was determined that those horns should *not* be seen in my possession. The animal had been *halalled*, so it was dragged down the nulla towards the stream below, along which a path led to our village. About half way down we came to a khud over which the corpse had to be pushed, while we went round. The shikari was going to cut off the head before shoving the sheep over, but I said "It's late and getting dark, never mind about the head." When it got to the bottom, there was only one horn, and I was glad. The shikari of course declared that the two shootable rams in the flock, both of which I had failed to get, were beauties. I had looked at them carefully through the glasses and thought them fair only, but then whether it is that the eye pieces are not the right distance apart, or merely his natural Kashmiri habit, the shikari always *does* see an extra halo of horn round the head of every ram he looks at through the glass.

My little expedition was brought to a sudden and successful conclusion in this wise: a villager who had taken his goats up the hillside to graze, saw a number of vultures making towards a spot up near the snow. As I had let the people round know that I had wounded a shapoo, on the chance of its turning out to be hard hit, the buckree-wala at once came to my camp with the news. I sent off a man with him, and they both went up the hill in the wake of the vultures. Eventually they found the skeleton of my ram with big scavenger birds sitting round it digesting. The skull as well as all the rest was picked clean, but the horns were undamaged, and proved a fine pair very much curled, and measuring 29 inches round the curve. Of course there was no way of finding out where the ram had been hit, but I suspect it was in the stomach: and as the bullet I was using was a soft point without splits, it very likely did not expand, if it struck a soft part offering but little resistance: and this would satisfactorily account for the animal travelling as far as it did. As I was in a very uncomfortable position when I fired, and the range was long, I was extremely glad to have recovered the head at all, though I regretted the unnecessary pain the poor beast had been put to.

The horn substance itself of the shapoo is very thin, so that the head has to be covered with a piece of goat skin or any other suitable material, to protect it from the sun and wind, otherwise the horns are liable to develop cracks.

Having got my head I started back towards Kashmir next morning, and spent the night at Lamyuru. Here there is a very decent Dâk Bungalow, possessing among other properties a galvanized iron tub. A good hot bath with lots of water, in a room in front of a fire, is a delightful luxury, after the usual shivering ablutions in a draughty tent. Lamyuru was putting on the garb of spring on my return: two or three sunny days had made all the difference. The willows were all in leaf and the crops well above the ground. Pigeons are not protected by the Kashmir Game Laws, and it is worth taking a shot gun with one for these birds alone. They can be hung for several days and are most excellent eating. I much regretted having no gun with me, but with the help of the ·28 Stevens and reduced charges I managed to bag pigeons occasionally, and so get a welcome change from the eternal mutton and fowl. Blue rocks and snow pigeons seem to fraternize freely, but the former birds are decidedly the most numerous. I saw pigeons which though light in colour, were not barred like the snow pigeon, so perhaps the two kinds interbreed, and I may have seen hybrids. I saw very few doves indeed; the only kinds observed being the large spotted hill dove and the ordinary grey one. Probably in warmer weather one would see more of these birds. Lamyuru has a small monastery perched on the top of the cliff, on and around which the village clusters, within a mile or two, on the road towards Maulbeck are some very curious clay cliffs which have been weather worn in the most fantastic manner: they are serrated and channelled away leaving quaint pinnacles standing up here and there. I intended to take a photograph, but the light was bad and so I did not attempt it. On the way out I had made only a single march of the thirty miles between Lamyuru and Maulbeck, but going back I took it more easily and stayed the night midway at Kharbu. Kharbu also possesses a Dâk Bungalow and a tub. The country here is not very interesting: a large stream flows through a wide plain, in which there are several villages, Kharbu being the principal one. Owing to the flatness of the valley and the unlimited water supply, there is a large amount of land under cultivation. There is a quaint looking village, on the opposite side of the Kharbu stream called Staktsf, clustered all over a big pointed rock. Between Lamyuru and Kharbu one crosses the Fottu La Pass, 13,400 feet above sea: this sounds formidable, but really the slope up to and down from the pass is so gentle that it is only by looking at the aneroid when one reaches the cairn at the top, that one realizes that there has been a rise of 2,000 feet from Lamyuru. Between Kharbu and Maulbeck there is another pass the Namika La, also about 13,000: this is very little steeper than the Fottu La, and both passes were quite clear of snow both going and coming, although the Zoji La which is but 11,300, was one vast snowfield at the time Maulbeck had greatly improved in appearance during the few days I had been away, all the willows were in full leaf, and the crops coming up well above the ground.

Maulbeck has a little Dâk Bungalow down by the side of the Wakka stream, which I had left a mere brook, to find it transferred in these few days into quite a river by the melting snows. Maulbeck has a queer little monastery perched on the very top of a high rock. There is also a curious and colossal figure of Chamba (whoever that lady was) carved on another and smaller pointed rock a little further up the valley.

From Maulbeck to Kargil is a long tiresome march of about twenty-four miles. The road follows down the Wakka stream nearly the whole way. I found the villages beside the little river completely transformed on my way back and this made the long march seem less wearisome. The willows and poplars were all in full leaf, while the "grimm" was nearly six inches high. Each patch of cultivation as one came suddenly upon it at a turn in the road, looked a charming oasis amid the gloomy surroundings of barren rock and brown shale slopes. Of Kargil itself I need say little: it is comparative civilization. There is a telegraph and post office, and soon I was at my ease in the Dâk Bungalow in front of a fire reading letters and papers.

FLEUR DE-LYS.

THE NILGIRI GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION.

AT the last committee meeting of the above Association, it was decided to accept Mr. Gordon Hadfield's resignation of the office of Honorary Secretary, and to appoint Captain G. N. Packard, Assistant Adjutant General, Royal Artillery, Madras Command, to the office. It is extremely doubtful as to whether this is a wise step. Captain Packard is a very energetic officer, and perhaps will prove to be a very popular Secretary: but will he be able to control the agency that is so very necessary for the protection of game and exotic fish over so large an area as that at present under the control of the Association? This is doubtful, and we must bide a wee. For efficient protection the Honoray Secretary must be here, there, and everywhere. Can Captain Packard, with his routine office duties to attend to, do this? The Forest Officer under the provisions of the Forest Act demands his being continually on tour in all parts of the district, and it is to the Forest Department subordinate staff, such as rangers and guards, that almost every case of illegal shooting has been brought to notice, and irregularities in contravention of the Game Act suppressed, so much so that I read in the last annual report of the Game Association that "within a few years poaching by natives ought to be almost stamped out." True the Game Association maintain watchers, but the number is inadequate, and the Association cannot afford to increase the number for efficient protective purposes, and the discontinuance of the District Forest Officer as the Association's Secretary, means the discontinuance of the forest guards assisting the game watchers.

The Game Association came into existence before the Nilgiri Game Act II of 1879, and for about fifteen years the Honorary Secretary was no other than the District Forest Officer; the then Government who, no doubt, during its stay on these heights for half of the year wtached the Association's proceedings, and suggested thatthe Forest Officer might, with great advantage, be appointed to the Secretaryship, and for the past decade or more that Officer has filled the office with most successful results.

The Government in pointing out the defects of non-official control did so in terms that cannot be consireded as complimentary. It remarked upon the strong class aspect of the Association's recommendations, denouncing the attempts made by it in obtaining trout ova and endeavouring to introduce pheasants and peafowl, etc., which the Government thought would not prove a success. In 1893, however, the Association made a dutiful submission to the Government and surrendered to its opinions and to the control of its local agent, the District Collector, who cared no more about sports than does the present Collector, the former not in any way being defied, as his acts were in obedience to directions from the Government Council Chamber.

I would bring to notice that the Nilgiri Game Association would not be in its present efficient working order if the Committee had not followed the kindly suggestion of the Government to appoint the District Forest Officer as their Secretary, and that keen and most ardent sportsman, the late Mr. Rhodes Morgan, who, brought back to the Nilgiris from Africa, was the District Forest Officer appointed as Secretary, and he worked very, very hard in the interests of the Association. On his untimely death his successor, Mr. Douglas, as District Forest Officer, undertook the duties, and on Mr. Douglas retiring Mr. Gordon Hadfield—belonging to quite a sporting family, his father the old General who accounted for several large bags—was nominated to the office, and it is regretful to repeat that he has now resigned it.

Since the District Forest Officers kindly undertook honorary work for the Association, it must be candidly and truthfully admitted that game has largely increased. Poaching and illegal shooting has been minimised if not altogether put a stop to, and it is really a great pity that the Association could not prevail on Mr. Hadfield to continue in office till his retirement from the Forest Department a year hence.

To turn to the two last annual reports of the Association, I find evidence of the abundance of sambur and jungle sheep obstructing and diverting the hounds, the wholesale slaughter of vermin, the introduction and propagation of jungle fowl, peafowl and trout, etc. Even in the matter of ibex, which has brought about the present strained relations between the members of the Game Committee and the local officials, I can positively assert, and there must be many sportsmen on these hills at the present day who will agree with me and can remember that in the years 1891 and 1892 the animals alluded to above were almost exterminated. That there are any now to wrangle over is the best argument in favour of the District Forest Officer being the Honorary Secretary of the Game Association.

NASTURN.

Shooting.

PRESSURES GIVEN BY CORDITE CARTRIDGES IN THE TROPICS AS COMPARED WITH PROOF PRESSURES.

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A number of cartridges were heated for periods varying from one to two months to a temperature of 120°F. They were then kept for an hour between 150° and 160°F. and then fired in a gun heated to a temperature of between 160° and 170°F. This we consider represents conditions that might occur if a rifle with a cartridge in it were left exposed to a tropical sun for an hour or two.

It must be borne in mind that 160°F. is a temperature at which a rifle cannot be held in the unprotected hand, and it is therefore very unlikely that many shots are fired under such circumstances, so that it must not be supposed that the pressures given below represent the average pressures given by Cordite Cartridges in the tropics.

Cartridge.	Charge Grains of Cordite.	Bullet Grains.	Pressure in tons per square inch at a temperature of 65° F.	Pressure in tons per square inch gun and cartridges heated to 160° F.	Pressure in tons per square inch given by proof charges at 80° F.
·577 3 inch	100	750	15·0	20·0	26
·500 3 „	80	750	16·0	20·5	28
·400/·450	70	480	13·0	17·5	24½
·450 3¼ „	70	480	17·0	21·5	31
·450/400	60	400	17·5	22·5	30½
Jeffery ·400	60	400	16·5	21·5	29
·375	40	270	14·5	20·0	26
..	40	320	16·0	21·0	30
·430/·360	41	314	14·0	19·0	25½
Rigby ·350	43	310	16·0	21·0	28
·360	30	300	13·5	18·0	25
·303	30	215	16·0	21·0	30

For the sake of comparison the pressures given by cartridges at temperatures between 60° and 70° F. are tabulated together with the pressures given with Cordite charges, increased by 20° and nickel bullets increased by 33° above the weight of the Service Charge, this representing the proof pressures, so that it can be seen at a glance what is the margin between the highest possible pressure exerted by the Service Charge, and the pressure at which the rifle has been proved. It may be necessary to explain that there is no such thing as an authentic pressure or velocity unless the chamber, barrel, cartridge, and bullet dimensions are all specified, so that it must not be supposed that the figures given are more than the results of experiments with barrels which were chambered and bored as nearly as possible to what we consider standard dimensions.

The chamber sizes were all within ·001" or ·002" of the maximum cartridge dimensions adopted by the Kynoch Company. The barrels were bored about ·010" smaller than the diameter

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of the bullets, and rifled to a depth of ·005", so that the diameter at the bottom of the grooves was equal to the diameter of the bullets used. The length of the barrel was in every case 28".

It is, of little use to state the pressure given by a cartridge unless some information is give as to the boring of the rifle in which it is fired, although this information is generally withheld when the results of experiments on presure and velocity are published.

There appears to be a fairly constant relation between the presure of the Service Charge at ordinary temperatures to that given at the extremely high temperature above mentioned, and similarly the presure given by the proof charge seems to bear a fairly constant relation to that given by the Service Charge under the same conditions.

The present experiments seem to show that the pressure of a cartridge heated to 160° F. fired in a barrel at the same temperature is 30% higher than that given by the same charge at a temperature of 65° F., and from the previous experiment it appears that the heating of the barrel has a distinct effect in raising the pressure which is not altogether accounted for by the cooling effect of the chamber when the gun is not heated; it seems to be rather due to increased friction between bullet and barrel at high temperatures.

The increase of pressure observed in these experiments is much greater than when the cartridges are heated to 140° and fired in a comparatively cool barrel about ten seconds after withdrawal from the oven. Under these latter conditions the rise of pressure is about 15% or only half that observed in the present experiments, and it is probable that this 15% fairly represents the average increase of pressure in cartridges fired in the tropics as compared with those fired in England.

The pressures shown in the table as given at ordinary temperatures are probably near the maximum, as the cartridges were kept for some weeks at a temperature of about 70° F. and the results agree closely with the maximum figures taken from a large number of proofs extending over a period of twelve months. The proof pressures having been taken at a temperature of 50° are probably rather understated than otherwise.

The pressures given are interpreted according to the pressure table published in No. 20 of the Journal, so that pressures in the neighbourhood of 22 tons are given are some ·67 tons higher than they would be if interpreted by the ordinary *Field* table, whilst proof pressures in the neighbourhood of 30 tons are some 3 or 4 tons higher than the old table would make them.

It will be seen that the proof pressures are in general about 35% higher than the ordinary service pressures, and 35% higher than the pressures given at the highest temperature at which cartridges are ever likely to be fired. This would appear to be a very fair margin of safety, especially considering that the number of shots fired at such extreme temperatures would be very limited.

We think, therefore, that sportsmen in India should realize that the proof of Cordite rifles is sufficiently severe to insure their safety even in the hottest climate.—*The Kynoch Journal.*

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IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Can you give me the name of this bird? Eggs typical of the Willow Warbler's, *i.e.*, pinkish white; and rather thickly spotted at the thick end with minute reddish spots The nest, found on the branch of a tree, was of moss.

W.

Kashmir, 20th June 1903.

[The skin sent is that of a *Cyornis cœrulelanurus*, or the Slaty-blue Flycatcher.—ED.]

A WALKING RECORD.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Reading your interesting account of the recent amateur walking race from Barrackpore to Calcutta, and your comments thereon, I should be glad if you can tell me what the home walking record for 17 miles is. Of course it will be considerably less than 3 hours 5 minutes I know, and I am also aware that the conditions would be all favourable at home and I do not for a moment wish to invite a comparison with the really good performance of Messrs. Birkmyre's best man; I merely ask for information, the subject having aroused interest in our chummery.

S. D. T.

[The amateur record for 17 miles is 2 hrs 29mins. 39 secs. made by W. E. N. Coston on the Stamford Bridge track on the 27th December 1880.—ED.]

SEA TRIPS.

TO THE EDITOR, "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Now that the cyclone season has passed, or is in abeyance for the next three months, would it not be possible to organise a weekly excursion out to sea from Saturday to Monday *vid* Port Canning? The accounts in your paper of the piscatorial wealth along our almost unknown sea coast evidences that ample and healthy recreation can be had for our jaded city folk, if they could only get an occasional run down to the seaside as town folk do at home.

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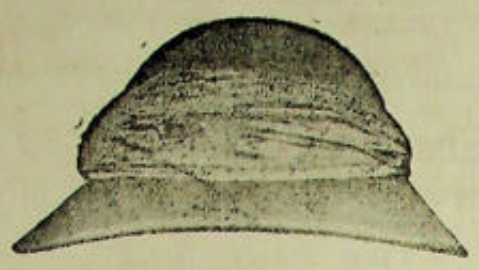

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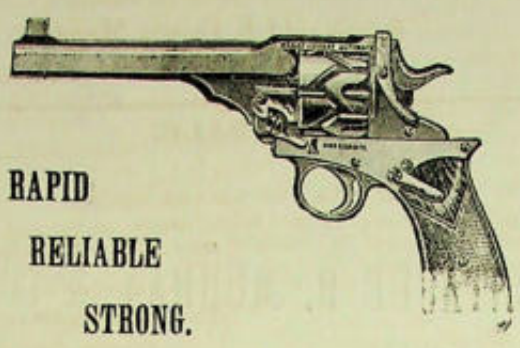

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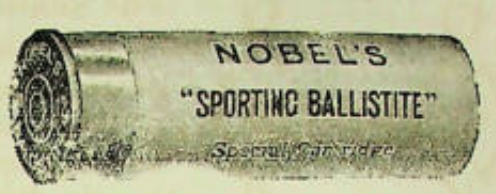

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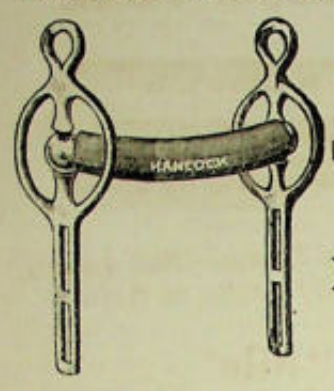

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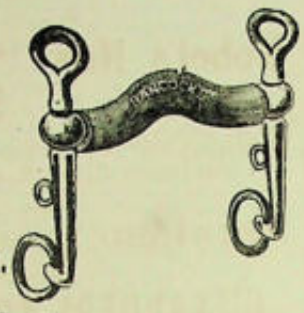

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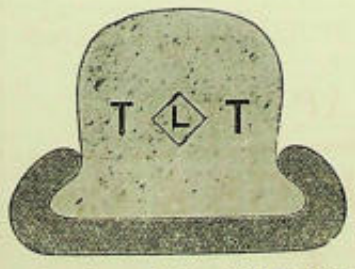

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Rangoon Sky	"	18	
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Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	877
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	First	1st Sept.
	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Poona	First	4th Augst.
	Second	25th "
	Final	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third	14th Sept.
	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	28th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First	18th Aug.
	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	First	16th Aug.
	Second	10th Sept.
Tezpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.	
Poona Open Tournament	14th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	24th to 29th August.
CRICKET.	
Bombay vs. Parsees (Bombay)	13th, 14th & 15th August.
Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.
THE HORSE.	
Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.
Poona Horse Show	In September.
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November.
Bangalore Horse Show	4th and 5th August.
FOOTBALL.	
Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
HOCKEY.	
Madras Tournament	Begins 29th July.
GOLF.	
Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August.
Calcutta G. C. Cock Match	17th and 18th July
SWIMMING.	
CALCUTTA S. C.	
Final Heat, Ditto	17th July
Three Lengths Handicap	29th "
Final Heat, Ditto	1st August.
ROWING	
Calcutta R. C. Hoare Cup and Senior Sculls	1st August

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Eclipse Stakes (1¼ miles)	Friday, July 17
Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs)	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Sept 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Rugby vs. Marlborough (Loot's)	20th July.
R. Y. S. Regata	4th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

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First Day, Tuesday, 14th July 1903.

WE opened in cloudy, windy weather, but there was an excellent attendance. The seven bookmakers did fairly big business and backers got some of their Mysore losings back, hot favourites winning the second, fourth, and sixth races, and in most of the events ran into places. Congratulations to Mr. Fischer and Capt. Randall on their two wins. Details:—

THE HIGH GROUND STAKES.—Rs. 500, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 100. A steeplechase for horses. Weight—W. A. & C. raised 2st. Penalties—Winners of a steeplechase value Rs. 200 or over, once 7lbs., twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Winners of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 4,000 7lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens allowed 7lbs. About 2½ miles S. C.

Mr de Gruchy's ... ... Water Lily w o

SUBSTITUTION ARAB PLATE.—Rs. 350. First, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arabs. 5 furlongs.

Mr P Fischer's Governor, 9st 2lbs ... Penton 1
„ Sydenham's Syndic, 8st 12lbs ... Meah Jan 2
„ Moss King's King Cobweb, 9st 7lbs ... McQuade 3
Lieut-Col Desaraj Urs' Delight, 9st 10lbs... Lansdowne 0
Capt Bell's Essex, 9st 7lbs ... ... Capt Randall 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Governor, 3 to 1 agst King Cobweb, 4 to 1 each Essex and Syndic, 6 to 1 Delight.

Governor assumed the lead at the two-furlong post and won easily by two lengths; two and-a half lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 12⅗secs.

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

THE MACINTIRE PLATE.—Rs. 1,000, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 200. For horses, maidens on 1st January 1903. W. A. & C. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 200 or over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs. oftener 10lbs. 6 furlongs.

Capt Randall's Doctor Barnardo, 9st 3lbs ... Owner 1
Col Desaraj's Urs' Red Coral, 9st ... Melson 2
Mr Chowdhury's Bouquet, 9st 6lbs ... Lansdowne 3
Capt Peel's The Gaffer, 9st ... ... McQuade 0
Maj Harrison's Corree Belle, 9st 3½lbs ... Mr Sanders 0

BETTING: Evens Bouquet, 2 to 1 agst Doctor Barnardo, 5 to 1 The Gaffer, 6 to 1 each Red Coral and Corree Belle.

Doctor Barnardo led from the home turn and won fairly easily by half a length; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 20⅕secs

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Rs. 600, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 100. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and others 14-1 and under. Arabs 14-2 to carry 7st 12lbs., C.-B.'s 14-2 to carry 8st., others 14-1 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 200 or over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs Winners of races of the value of Rs. 1,000 or over, 5lbs. additional for each such race won. Cumulative. Allowances—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's Key West, 11st 11lb ... Penton 1
„ Sattar's Ocean, 9st 11lbs ... Lansdowne 2
Maj Harrison's Hampton Court, 6st 13lbs Melson 3
Capt Dougall's Lancer, 9st 8lbs ... Meah Jan 0
Capt Ward's Dolly, 9st 5lbs ... ... Mr Saunders 0
Mr Kindersley's Freda, 8st 13lbs ... Gooloo 0
Capt Roome's Chemisette, 8st 10lbs ... McQuade 0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Key West, 2 to 1 agst Ocean, 4 to 1 Hampton Court, 6 to 1 the others.

Ocean made strong running till Key West came up at the distance and won easily by half a length: a neck between second and third. Time—1min 8secs.

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

SUBSTITUTION TRIALS.—Rs. 350. First, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third Rs. 50. For horses. ¼ mile.

Capt Randall's Blue Blood, 9st 9lbs ... Owner 1
Mr Anketell Jones' Ombree, 8st 7lbs ... O'Neill 2
Major Harrison's De Wet, 9st 4lbs ... Melson 3
„ Logan Home's Redoubt, 9st 3lbs ... McQuade 0
Mr Robinson's Star, 8st 4lbs ... ... Meah Jan 0
Capt Strong's Larrikin, 7st 12lbs ... Bennett 0
Mr Liebenrood's Latchkey, 7st 3½lbs ... Gooloo 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Ombree and De Wet, 3 to 1 Blue Blood, 4 to 1 Latch Key, 5 to 1 Star, 6 to 1 Redoubt, 8 to 1 Larrikin.

Blue Blood made all the running and won comfortably by two lengths. Time—51⅖secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE PONY TRIALS.—Rs. 600, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 100. For Arab ponies 14·1 and under. Arabs 14-1 to carry 9st. 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 200 or over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs. oftener 10lbs. Winners of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,000, 3lbs.; of Rs. 5,000, 7lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 5 furlongs.

Lieut-Col Desaraj Urs' Ptarmigan, 7st 3lbs ... Melson 1
Mr Percy Fischer's Governor, 7st 8lbs ... O'Neill 2
Lieut-Col Sprot's Harefoot, 9st 8lbs ... McQuade 3
Capt Morris' Barty, 6st 12lbs ... Dadoo 0

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Ptarmigan, 6 to 4 agst Governor, 6 to 1 Harefoot, 8 to 1 Barty.

A procession: the winner made all the running and won by two lengths in a canter; eight lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 10⅘secs.

BANGALORE GYMKHANA RACES.

Saturday 11th July 1903.

A MERRY little Gymkhana took place in Bangalore to day 11th instant, and although the final day's cycle racing was in progress at the same time, there was a very good attendance, including the British Resident and a great many ladies. Fields were not large with the exception of the Polo Pony Race, which produced spirited betting and an excellent finish ending in a dead heat. Captain Claridge was unfortunate in the opening race, for his mount looked like squandering his field when he jumped out of the course, but he lost so much ground that he could never make it up again afterwards. It was pleasant to see little Barty winning again for the pony was well known in a small way on the Bangalore course a year or two ago. There were several small bookmakers present and they did fair business, whilst the Band of the 4th Madras Pioneers played an excellent selection of music. Events and results:—

HURDLE RACE.—Rs. 49.—For ponies 14-2 and under which have not won a race of any description. English and Australians 14-2 to carry 12-7, C. B.'s 12 0, and Arabs 11-0. 1 mile over six flights of hurdles.

Mr J Kidd's ch a h Red Spider, 9st 10lbs (dec 2st) ... ... Owner 1
Mr Sinnot's b aus g Bhong, 11st 9lbs (dec 7lbs) ... ... Mr Anketell Jones 2
Mr Bayley's g a h Collector, 8st 6lbs (dec 1st 7lbs) ... ... Mr. Fischer 3
Captain Claridge's br aus g Bumble, 12st 11b Owner 0

BETTING: Evens Bumble, 2 to 1 each Bhong and Red Spider, and 3 to 1 Collector

Won easily by eight lengths; a long way between second and third. Bhong's rider broke a stirrup leather at the first fence. Time—2 mins. 24 secs.

OFFICERS' RACE.—Rs. 49.—For ponies the property of Officers of Native Infantry Regiments. English and Australians 14-1 to carry 12-7, Arabs 11-0, and C. B.'s 11-7. W. I. ¼ mile. Officers riding their own ponies allowed 5lbs.

Capt Morris' ch a g Barty, 8st 12lbs (dec 8½lbs) ... ... Mr Sanders 1
Capt Bliss's b aus m Lady Michael, 12st 11b Capt Tatam 2
Mr Catty's b aus m Lady Clare, 12st 2lbs Owner 3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Lady Michael, 2 to 1 agst Barty and 3 to 1 Lady Clare.

Won by three lengths. Time—1min 1sec.

PONY HANDICAP.—Rs. 49.—For all ponies. 5 furlongs.

Capt Ward's b aus m Dolly, 10st 2lbs (car 10st 2½lbs) ... ... Capt Tatam 1
Mrs Randall's br aus g Assegai, 10st 6lbs (car 11st 2lbs) ... ... Capt Randall 2
Mr Bayley's b aus m Goldflow, 11st ... Mr Fischer 3
„ Gibbs' b aus m Yora, 9st 6lbs (car 9st 7lbs) ... ... Mr Sanders 0
Capt Jollie's Skeubald, aus m Miss Yabba, 9st 6lbs ... ... Col Armstrong 0

BETTING: Evens Dolly, 6 to 1 Goldflow, 2 to 1 Assegai, 4 to 1 Miss Tabba, and 5 to 1 Yora.

Won easily by six lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time—1min 14secs.

POLO PONY RACE.—Rs 49. For *bonâ fide* Arab Polo ponies that have never won a race, or been placed second or third in a race of any description. Height 14-1 to carry 12-7. 3 furlongs.

Mr Graham's ch a h Ham Ram, 10st 11b ... Mr Sanders) Dead
„ Anketell Jones's ch a h Warrior, 12st 7lbs Owner) heat
„ Raymond's w a h White Chief, 12st 7lbs Mr Abbaye 3
„ Raymond's ch a h Lucifer, 12st 7lbs ... Owner 0
„ Kidd's g a h Claude Duval, 11st 9lbs... Owner 0
„ Knight's b a p Mish Mish, 10st 11lbs... Capt Tatam 0
„ Strickland's ch a h Little Tom, 10st 5lbs (dec 12lbs) ... ... Owner 0
Mr Redpath's ch a h Jack Horner, 11st 9lbs ... ... Capt Dougall 0

BETTING: Evens Jack Horner, 3 to 1 each Claude Duval and Ham Ram, 4 to 1 Warrior, 5 to 1 each Mish Mish and Little Tom, and 6 to 1 each White Chief and Lucifer.

A dead heat of it; two lengths between second and third. Time—45 secs.

DESERT STAKES HANDICAP.—Rs 49.—For Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 7 furlongs.

Capt Bell's g a h Superb, 11st 2lbs ... Captain Tatam 1
„ Morris' ch a g Barty, 10st 5lbs (dec 3lbs) ... ... Owner 2
Mr Kidd's ch a h Red Gauntlet, 11st 12lbs Capt Dougall 3
„ Henderson's g a h Grey Dawn, 9st 7lbs Mr Sanders 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Superb, 2 to 1 each agst Barty and Red Gauntlet, and 4 to 1 Grey Dawn.

Won in a common canter by ten lengths; six lengths between second and third. Time—1min 49secs.

TOLLYGUNGE CLUB GYMKHANA.

SECOND MEETING.

Saturday, 11th July 1903.

PROCEEDINGS opened with a 1½ mile handicap steeplechase for horses, for which Sylvia with 11st 4lbs, or 2lbs more than Chummy,—observe the subtlety with which the difference of 2lbs in the form of these performers is arrived at!—was rightly considered good goods. She justified her supporters' opinion by winning pretty comfortably, though had Chummy been made a little more use of earlier in the proceedings, it is quite possible he might have bustled her at the finish.

The Pony Hurdles produced a field of four, of whom Moonray was extensively backed down to 5 to 4 on, though for what reason it would be hard to say, as neither his previous performance nor his appearance warranted the confidence of his supporters. That game little bit of stuff Peeping Tom, in spite of his somewhat alarming burden of 10st 2lbs, struggled home a winner by a neck from Pekin, but the result was mainly due to superior jockeyship. The July Stakes, though it only produced a field of three was full of surprises. Oom Paul, on the strength of his previous running, was installed a hot favourite at 5 to 2 on, while, many of the knowing division, including her connections, went "all ends up" for French Girl. Oom Paul ran a very different Oom Paul on this occasion, being never in the hunt, and one is led to the belief that the trying nature of the climate must have proved too much for him. French Girl, though she may not have "improved out of all knowledge" since her last public appearance, has certainly improved, at least as much as three weeks' work entitles her to, and she led throughout the race being only nicked on the post by Red Pepper by the shortest of short heads. It was bad luck, but these good things *will* come untied sometimes We noticed also that her temper has improved, as on this occasion she went to the post like the proverbial lamb, and was first away when the flag fell.

The real jam of the afternoon, however, came in the pony flat race in which First Guide was set to give Moccassin 1st 6lbs over five furlongs—the latter's pet distance!! By what mysterious train of reasoning the handicapper arrived at this result, he alone knows. The mere on-looker can only presume that this official imagined Moccassin's entry to be a form of joke, and believed that the animal was actually dead and on his way to be incorporated in one of Mr. Billie Harris's far-famed, pea-ed, skin tights! Considering that last cold weather Moccassin an Perfect to a length over five furlongs and would have won but for being badly left at the post, it is obvious to our old friend "the meanest intelligence" that on this occasion he had, roughly speaking, about 3 stone in hand. This fact he shortly afterwards demonstrated by winning by six lengths, pulling double, but as the owner and rider of First Guide was indisposed to over exert himself in a hopeless stern chase. the matter was, we hear, made the subject of an enquiry of a really quite awesome nature. But then some people are never satisfied. One can of course fully sympathise with a desire on the part of the executive to provide a gory finish for the delectation of a brutal and licentious public, but this result would be more happily attained by exercising a little ordinary care in the handicapping department

The last race also furnished a surprise in the winner turning up in Firefly. The betting on this race was somewhat unique as almost every one of the five starters was at one time or another an odds-on favourite! Sir Humphrey ended up at the head of the list, but was unable to live with the others after

the first two furlongs. And so ended what may truthfully be described as a real merry meeting. Details—

THE TOLLY'S NALLAH STAKES.—A handicap steeplechase for paperchase horses. About 1¼ miles.

Mr T Curtis-Hayward's b aust m Sylvia, 11st 4lbs	Mr Dudley	1
Mr E L Ralli's b aust g True Blue, 10 2 (2lbs extra), ...	Owner	2
Mr A Birkmyre's b aust g Chummy, 11-2 (4lbs extra), ...	Owner	3

True Blue jumped off with the lead and made the pace a cracker, Chummy lying last. This order was maintained to the turn into the straight where Sylvia assumed the lead and won comfortably. Chummy came with a rush when too late, and though going strong, failed to get up.

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Sylvia and 2 to 1 against the others. Totalisator Rs 6.

PONY HURDLE RACE.—A handicap hurdle race for ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 50 or over. 1 mile over 5 flights.

Mr W Bell Irving's b aust g Peeping Tom, 10st 2lbs	Owner	1
„ R G D Thomas ch a h Pekin, 8st 9lbs	Mr Evers	2
„ E A Woodhouse's gr aust g Moonray, 10st 2lbs	Mr Dudley	3
„ A H Froom's b aust m Maud II, 10st 9lbs	Mr Pugh	0

Pekin cut out the work from Peeping Tom and Maud II. The latter died away to nothing four furlongs from home, and a great race between Pekin and Peeping Tom resulted in a clever win for the latter by a neck.

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Moonray; evens Peeping Tom; 4 to 1 against the rest. Totalisator Rs. 12 to win; Rs. 8 and Rs. 17 to place.

THE JULY STAKES.—A handicap flat race for maiden horses. Five furlongs.

Mr J Paterson's ch aust g Red Pepper, 10st (4lbs extra), ...	Mr Pugh	1
Major Baldock's b aust m French Girl, 9st 11lbs	Mr Barrow	2
Mr W O Ives' br aust g Oom Paul, 10st 7lbs	Owner	3

French Girl jumped off with a lead from Oom Paul, Red Pepper whipping in. Oom Paul shut up at the home turn and Red Pepper coming with a well-timed rush just sneaked the verdict from French Girl on the post.

BETTING:—3 to 1 on Oom Paul; 2 to 1 agst Red Pepper; 3 to 1 French Girl. Totalisator Rs. 25 to win.

PONY FLAT RACE.—A handicap flat race for ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 50 or over. Five furlongs

Mr T Cowper's b e g Moccassin, 9st 8lbs...	Mr W Bell Irving	1
„ T Cowper's ch aust g First Guide, 11st	Owner	2
„ J D Marshall's br aust m The Owl, 8st 7lbs	Mr Hawkins	3
„ E T Schieliz's b a h Sugden, 8st ...	Mr Evers	0

After considerable delay at the post caused by display of temper by First Guide, the flag fell to a good start, and Moccassin and The Owl at once went to the front. The Owl elected to take a turn in the jungle instead of rounding the bend into the straight, and Moccassin romped home hard held by six lengths.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Mocassin 2 to 1 agst First Guide, any odds the others

THE NEW HOUSE STAKES.—A handicap flat race for horses that have never won a race of any description value Rs. 40 or over. ¾ mile.

Mr R A C Pugh's c aust m Firefly 11st 4 lbs	Owner	1
Mr T G Evers' br aust m Sunshine, 10st 4lbs	Owner	2
Mr T Cowper's b aust g Bushey, 11st 7lbs	Owner	3
Mr A Birkmyre's br aust g Gauntlet, 11st 5lbs	Owner	0
Mr H T Raban's b aust g Sir Humphrey, 11st 4lbs	Owner	0

Firefly led from the start attended by Sir Humphrey and Sunshine. Sir Humphrey dropped back at the 3 furlongs and Gauntlet drew up third. Firefly was never caught and won easily by two lengths.

BETTING: Evens Sir Humphrey; 6 to 4 agst Sunshine; 3 to 1 each Bushey and Gauntlet. Totalisator Rs. 15 to win and Rs. 13 place.

GYMKHANA AT QUETTA.

Saturday, 5th July 1903

EXCELLENT racing and good entries were the features of the very sporting gymkhana held to-day. There was a fair attendance, though people arrived late owing to the heat. The course was in good condition. Mr. Goldingham and Captain Hislop secured two wins each, while Captain Grove and Captain Hislop divided riding honours. Details:—

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 49 to the winner, and Rs. 20 to the second. For Arabs and C.-Bs. 14-1 and under, and others 13-3 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50. ½ mile.

Capt Price's b a h Terror, 8st 4lbs	Capt Grove	1
„ Hislop's ch a g Roburite, 10st 3lbs ...	Owner	2
„ Price's g a g Corunna, 11st 4lbs ...	Mr Marten	3

Also ran—Tam, 11st 4lbs.

In the lotteries.—Terror sold for Rs. 56, Roburite for Rs. 34, Corunna for Rs. 30, and Tam for Rs. 12.

Won by a length.

LADIES' NOMINATION POLO SCURRY.—For all *bonâ fide* polo ponies that are maidens on the flat. The eligibility of any pony to run will be decided by the Honorary Secretary, Quetta Polo Club. 2 furlongs.

Mr Goldingham's g a g Gray Friar, nominated by Mrs. Patterson ...	Owner	1
Capt Minogue's g.a g Greylet, 11st, nominated by Mrs Smith-Dorrien ...	Owner	2
„ Grove's b a g Walnut, 1 st nominated by Mrs Grove	Owner	3
„ Ash's b a g Major, 11st, nominated by Mrs Leicester, ...	Owner	0

•Also ran—The Oont, 11-0; Judy, 11-0; The Rabbit, 11-0; Saglavi, 11-0.

In the lotteries.—Grey Friar sold for Rs. 80, Judy for Rs. 70 The Rabbit for Rs 30, Major for Rs. 50, Suglavi for Rs. 27, Walnut for Rs. 35, Greylet for Rs. 42, and The Oont for Rs. 18.

THE PONY HURDLES.—Rs. 49 to the winner, Rs. 20 to the second, and Rs. 10 to the third. For Arabs and C.-B's 14-2 and under, others 14 hands that have never won a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over. R. C. over 6 fights.

Capt Hislop's ch a g Roburite, 10st 10lbs	Owner	1
Maj-Gen Smith-Dorrien's b w g Muskerry, 11st 8lbs	Owner	2
Mr Thew's g a g Java, 11st 8lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran—Doreen, 9-3; Mustapha, 10-7; Phyllis, 11-8; Federation, 10-7; Hirok.

In the lotteries Muskerry sold for Rs. 60, Mustapha for Rs. 30, Hirok for Rs. 10, Roburite for Rs. 55 Java for Rs 30, Doreen for Rs. 55, Federation for Rs. 80, and Phyllis for Rs. 45.

Muskerry led over the last hurdle, but was beaten in the run down the straight by half a length.

THE CHARGER STAKES.—Rs. 49 to the winner, Rs. 20 to the second, and Rs. 10 to the third. For all horses that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. 7 furlongs.

Capt Hislop's b w g Molion, 11st 3lbs ...	Owner	1
Mr. Maxwell's br w m Geraldine, 11st 3lbs	Mr Dyer	2
„ Giles' b w g Oxide, 11st 3lbs	Capt Benwell	3

Also ran—Welfare, 11st 3lbs

In the lotteries Motion sold for Rs. 80, Geraldine for Rs. 60, Oxide for Rs. 60, and Welfare for Rs 170.

Motion led throughout and won easily.

THE MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 to the winner, Rs. 20 to the second, and Rs. 10 to the third. For Maiden Arabs and C-B's. 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under 6 furlongs.

Mr Ingham's ch a h Ginger, 11st 7lbs ...	Churchward	1
Capt Grove's b a h Rubicon, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Major Genl. Smith-Dorrien's ch w g Takatu, 11st 7lbs	Owner	3
Capt Minogue's g a g Greylet, 9st 12lbs ...	Capt Benwell	4

Also ran—Pale Face II, 10st 12lbs; Golden Eagle, 9st 12lbs; Suglavi, 8st 7lbs.

In the lotterey Ginger sold for Rs. 150, Rubicon for Rs 85, Greylet for Rs. 55, Takatu for Rs. 30 Golden Eagle for Rs. 30, Suglavi for Rs. 17, and Pale Face for Rs. 5.

Ginger led throughout and won easily.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 49 to the winner and Rs 20 to the second. For Arab and C.-B.'s 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description, Gymkhana or otherwise, and that have never started for a race value Rs. 50 or over. 3 furlongs.

Mr Goldingham's g a g Grey Friar, 9st 2lbs	Capt Grove	1
Captain Price's g a g Corunna. 11st 4lbs ...	Mr Marten	2
Mr G N Hill's b a g The Rabbit, 10st 7lbs	Capt Moore	3

Also ran—Boadicea, 11st 7lbs.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON *Friday, 26th June, 1903.*

THE TURF.

ASCOT.

THE weather for the concluding day's sport at Royal Ascot was as wretched as wretched could be. Rain fell heavily from an early hour and continued throughout the day, and it was hardly surprising that the attendance showed a great falling off. Sport, however proved interesting, the presence of Sceptre adding much to the attractiveness of the Hardwicke Stakes, though it would have been greatly enhanced had Rock Sand opposed Mr. Bass's filly. The pair may meet in the Eclipse Stakes on 17th July. The Alexandra Plate brought out half a dozen starters, including the Gold Cup winner, Maximum II., and Arizona, another French horse. The going was very heavy, and about a mile from home M. de Bremond's representative got his foot into a hole and fell. Arizona eventually won by two lengths from Friar Tuck. The former's record in France has not been brilliant, but it will probably be remembered that in the Prix du Conseil Municipal in October last Arizona finished behind La Camargo and First Principal, being followed home by Black Sand. Twelve months' ago William the Third captured the Alexandra Plate, the French representative on that occasion, Amer Picon, being placed third. For the Wokingham Stakes the Kingsclere representative, Littleton, who won on Tuesday, was made a very warm favourite—in fact, the colt was backed as if the race was over, and his friends must have had a rude shock when the outsider, Glass Jug, romped home by three lengths from Pitch Dark, third place being occupied by Wolfshall. In the Hardwicke Stakes, Sceptre carried Mr Bass's colours for the first time. She had half a dozen opponents, but, with her old jockey (Hardy) up the filly won in a common canter from Gay Gordon.

THE ALEXANDRA PLATE.—Of 1,500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 25 sovs each, 15 ft: weight for age, etc.; the second received 400 sovs, and the third 100 sovs. Two miles six furlongs and 85 yards. Starting at the Hunt Cup post.

M E de St Alary's b c Arizona, by Omnium II—Attractive, 4 yrs, 9st 5lbs ...	W Pratt	1
Duke of Portland's br c Friar Tuck, 4 yrs, 9st	M Cannon	2
Prince Soltykoff's br or bl c Coal Sack, 4 yrs, 9st	W Halsey	3
M J de Bremond's Maximum II. 4 yrs, 9st 10lbs (inc 10lbs ex)	A McInyre	0
Lord Ellesmere's Pax, aged, 9st 7lbs ...	D Maher	0
Mr G Thursby's Vendale, 4 yrs, 9st 5lbs...	Owner	0

(*Winner trained by G. Milton, in France.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Maximum II, 5 to 1 agst Arizona, 2 to 1 Friar Tuck 100 to 3 any othe (o)

Vendale settled down with a slight lead of Arizona and Friar Ttuk, with Maximum II next and Pax last till approaching the stands, where Arizona took up the running from Vendale, Maximum II, Friar Tuck, and Coal Sack.• Rounding the first bend Coal Sack slightly headed Arizona, but the latter soon repaseed him, with Maximum II in close attendance. Approaching the Old Course, however, Maximum II put his foot in a hole and fell, and Arizona showed the way to Friar Tuck and Coal Sack, and remaining in the van to the finish, won easily by two lengths: a bad third. Vendale, a long way off, was fourth and Pax last.

Time by Benson's chronograph, 5min 29 2-5sec. Value of the stakes, £1,515.

THE WOKINGHAM STAKES (handicap)—Of 940 sovs; winners extra. Six furlongs, on the Hunt Cup Course.

Lord Howard de Walden's ch f Glass Jug, by Isinglass—Amphora, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs	Miller	1
Mr R Dalgleish's b f Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs	Plant	2
Mr M Pizzey's b c Wolfshall, 3yrs, 6st 11lbs	Mole	3
Sir J Thursby's Grave and Gay, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs	Trigg	0
Sir J Miller's Cossack, 5yrs, 9st 3lbs ...	Maher	0
Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin, aged, 8st 8lbs	Halsey	0
Mr J R Joel's His Lordship, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs	J H Martin	0
Sir E Cassel's Speculator, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	H Aylin	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Nabot, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs	W Lane	0
Mr G A Prentice's Dumbarton Castle, 3yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	O Madden	0
Capt Forester's Hackler's Pride 3yrs, 7st 2lbs	B Dillon	0
Mr A James's Achaicus, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	Watts	0
„ W Low's Littleton, 3yrs, 7st 11b (inc 7st ex) (car 7st 2lbs)	Hardy	0
„ L Brassey's Portcullis, 5yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
„ Sydney Platt's Sizergh 3yrs, 6st 7lbs...	C Escott	0
„ A Knowles's Vivele Roi, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs	E Wheatley	0
„ L Neumann's His Grace, 3yrs, 6st 6lbs	Murray	0
„ T Southall's Energetic, 5yrs, 6st 5lbs ...	Knight	0
„ W M G Singer's Torrent, 4yrs, 6st 3lbs	Janck	0
„ A J King's Mimicry, 4yrs, 6st 3lbs ...	Barnard	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Loch Leven, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs	Griggs	0
Mr A Stedall's Hardfield, 3yrs, 5st 10lbs ..	Hughes	0
„ R Pryor's Tickets, 3yrs, 6st ...	C Aylin	0

(*Winner trained by Major Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst. Littleton, 8 to 1 Torrent, 10 to 1 Nabot, 100 to 8 Grave and Gay, 100 to 7 Mauvezin, 100 to 7 His Lordship, 100 to 7 Dumbarton Castle, 100 to 7 Wolfshall, 100 to 7 Hackler's Pride, 100 to 7 Achaicus, 100 to 6 Cossack, 100 to 6 Tickets, 29 to 1 any other (offered).

After a tedious delay Mauvezin, on the stand side, showed the way to Nabot in the centre, Pitch Dark and Glass Jug, with Grave and Gay, Wolfshall and Littleton in close attendance till nearing the distance, where Glass Jug drew to the front, followed by Grave and Gay, Wolfshall and Pitch Dark, and, making the remainder of the running, won decisively by three lengths; a head divided second and third. Grave and Gay was placed fourth, Portcullis was fifth, His Grace sixth, Nabot seventh, Tickets eight, Littleton ninth, and Mauvezin last.

Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 23 1-5sec.

THE HARDWICKE STAKE.—Of £2,463 10s; weight for age, etc. Swinley Course (one mile and-a-half).

Mr W Bass's b f Sceptre, by Persimmon—Ornament, 4 yrs, 9st 7lbs ...	Hardy	1
Lord Derby's b c Gay Gordon, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	H Aylin	2
Mr J Barrow's b c Fowling Piece, 4 yrs, 9st 10lbs	Maher	†
„ Douglas Baird's b or br c Arion, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs	J H Martin	†
Duke of Devonshire's Cheers, 4 yrs, 9st 10lbs	W Lane	0
Mr F Bibby's Pain Bis, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs ..	O Madden	0
„ W Hall Walker's Ladies' Mile, 3yrs, 7st 4lbs	Watts	0

(*Winner trained by A. Taylor, at Manton.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 on Sceptre, 6 to 1 agst Gay Gordon, 7 to 1 Fowling Piece 8 to 1 agst Pain Bis, 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Pain Bis led for a few strides, when Arion and Pain Bis made joint running, clear of Fowling Piece and Ladies' Mile with Sceptre slightly last to the Swinley Bottom, where Arion went on from Fowling Piece, Ladies' Mile, Gay Gordon, Pain Bis, and Sceptre, with Cheers now last. Passing the Brick Kilns Sceptre, took second place, closely attended by Fowling Piece, and the pair came into the straight in clear command, but Sceptre pulling her way to the front when in the line for home, cantered in the easiest of winners by six lengths from Gay Gordon, who took second place close home; a dead-heat for third place. Ladies' Mile was fifth and Cheers last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min. 53⅗secs.

NEWCASTLE AND GOSFORTH PARK.

Unlike many other places North of the Trent, Newcastle did not completely escape the deluge of last week, but, whilst the South-country was being literally washed out, the rain in the far North considerately ceased on the Wednesday, and as a result, the going at High Gosforth Park on the 23rd instant was as nearly perfection as it is possible to attain. The velvety nature of the going might have been expected to induce owners and trainers to run their horses, but this was not the case, and the competition was more restricted than usual at the summer meeting. The biggest muster for any race was nine, and for the chief item on the card, the North Derby, only three did battle, and these were far from meriting the description of equine giants. The failure of the sport to attain the desired standard made not the slightest difference to the financial side of the proceedings, and it is doubtful if there have ever been more people present at Gosforth on an off-day. For this the brilliance of the weather has to be thanked. It was an ideal summer's day and the picturesque course was seen at its very best, the rhododendrons in the avenue leading from the main road being particularly beautiful.

Twelve months' ago Lord Durham's horses delighted the Novocastrians by carrying everything before them, but a repetition of these triumphs was rendered impossible when Mardonius met with an accident in the course of his preparation for the "Pitmen's Derby," and it was not a particularly brilliant string that came North to carry the familiar and popular "purple and straw sleeves." The first representative of Harraton House to start was Aliwal, and, although his credentials were exceedingly poor, the weight of local money made him a good favourite for the St. Oswald Welter Handicap. One of the slowest out of the slips, he always laboured painfully in the rear, and after the Malton candidate, Coronilla, had flattered only to deceive, McMayne drew out clear and won decisively by three lengths. There was a lot of easing up when McMayne was seen to have the issue in safe keeping, and it is highly improbable that the minor placings will prove reliable.

THE NORTH DERBY—Of 1275 sovs, for three-year olds. One mile and-a-half.

Rear-Admiral Lambton's ch c Ruy Lopez, by Simontault—Mouche, 8st 7lbs ...	Maher	1
Lord Durham's ch c Dropmore, 8st 7lbs...	Watts	2
Mr Arthur Jame's g b c Alcæus, 9st 11b...	M Cannon	3

(*Winner trained by Hon. G. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Ruy Lopez, 3 to 1 agst Aicæus, and 10 to 1 Dropmore

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Ruy Lopez got off in front of Dropmore, and cleverly shook off his challenge by a neck ; four lengths divided second and third.

Stress of Southern competition has made the Northumberland Plate of less importance as a sporting institution than it was in the old Town Moor days, but the race itself retains its hold upon the North-country people and on the 24th, when the celebration was favoured with bright and exceedingly pleasant weather, a mammoth crowd found its way to lovely Gosforth Park. To accomplish the long journey from the "cannie town" all sorts of vehicles were requisitioned, and from noon onwards the turnpike road was black with sturdy pitmen trudging to the venue. The scene on the road prepared everyone for the magnitude of the gathering, and it was not surprising to hear old sportsmen who have not missed a meeting at Gosforth since its establishment in 1882, declare that the attendance was as big as any they could recall, and possibly, as was the case yesterday, a record was established. On all lips was the question "What will win the Plate?" and there was as much keenness over the race as though the competitors were horses of the highest class. On the formation of a market before racing reflection was given to a common idea amongst those who had witnessed the early morning gallops that Rightful had not carried himself well, and that he was feeling the effects of his recent hard work and of his long and trying journey from Arundel. He was consequently decidedly easy, whilst all the heavy metal was for Cliftonhall and Congratulation. Later a demonstration by the immediate connection of H. Chandler's stable caused a reaction, and the final quotations were in keeping with the early market transactions, single points separating Cliftonhall, Rightful, and Congratulation, whilst beyond the three 10 to 1 was on offer. It was somewhat a novelty in modern handicaps to find only one apprentice taking the allowance. This was Dillon on the favourite, Cliftonhall, and it was his last day for meeting the senior jockeys on advantageous terms. Whilst Cliftonhall had his weight reduced 5lb, overweight was declared for the Scotch candidate, Powder Puff, to ride whom G. McCall had had to work hard. Powder Puff is the reverse of a beauty. He was so ungainly as a yearling that the late Mr. Forrest-Tod gave him to his brother Mr. G. G Tod, but, being a son of Carbine and Lady Frivoles and thoroughly fit, McCall, the Dunbar trainer, was hopeful that he would outstay his opponents.

THE MONKCHESTER STAKES—Of 281 sovs. for two-year olds. Six furlongs.

Mr C Perkins's br c Bedlington, by Childwick, dam by Prism—Dorcuse, 8st 7lbs	Fagan	1
„ John Osborne's ch f Flamston Pin, 8st 4lbs	F Osborne	2
„ James Joicey's ch g by Raeburn—Alberta, 8st 4lbs	O Madden	3
„ Strathern's c by Perigord—Moral Lily, 8st 12lbs	E McCall	0
„ Edward Clark's Performer, 8st 7lbs ...	J McCall	0
„ R Courage's c by St Hilaire—Heart's Desire, 8st 7lbs	Wilkins	0
Lord Durham's c by Florizel II—Diablerie 8st 7lbs	J E Watts	0
Mr W F Egerton's Shriek, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	0
„ W F Vyner's Killgrew, 8st 7lbs ...	Finlay	0
„ H Allison's f by Sempronias—Rapid Stream, 8st 4lbs	G Wilson	0
„ David Cooper's Franchise, 8st 4lbs ...	Footitt	0

(*Winner trained by W. T Anson, at Malton.*)

BETTING : 5 to 4 agst Alberta (gelding) 3 to 1 Bedlington, 8 to 1 Franchise, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a head ; three parts of a length between second and third. Diablerie colt was fourth, Heart's Desire colt fifth, Moral Lily colt sixth, and Shriek last.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND PLATE.—A handicap of 925 sovs Two miles.

Mr C Perkins's b c Cliftonhall, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs	B Dillon	1
„ F Alexander's b c Throwaway, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	M Caunon	2
„ T Corns's ch c Rightful, by Rightaway—Repletion, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ...	E Wheatley	3
Duke of Portland's Mannlicher, by Carbine—Memoir, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	J E Watts	0
Mr H Lindemere's Congratulation, by Matchmaker—Fota, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	O Madden	0
„ Vyner's Syneros, by Marclon—Bonny Lizie, 5yrs, 7st 6lbs	Finlay	0
„ G G Tod's Powder Puff, by Carbine—Lady Frivoles, 4yrs, 7st (car—7st 3lbs)	G McCall	0
„ R C Thompson's Leviathan, by Isinglass—Galiana, 5yrs, 6st 11b ...	Heppell	0

(*Winner trained by T Anson, at Malton.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Cliftonhall, 20 to 1 Syneros, 3 to Rightful, 20 to 1 Leviathan, 4 to 1 Congratulation, 33 to 1 Mannlicher offered, 10 to 1, Throwaway, 10 to 1 Powder Puff.

PLACE BETTING : 6 to 4 on Congratulation, 2 to 1 Throwaway 6 to 4 Cliftonhall, 4 to 1 Syneros, 5 to 4 Rightful 5 to 1 Leviathan, 6 to 4 agst Powder Puff, 8 to 1 Mannlicher.

Cliftonhall led the parade and canter from Powder Puff, Rightful, and Syneros, with the Kingsclere pair whipping in, and the preliminaries were got through after a trifling delay, caused by Throwaway objecting to face the crowd in the canter. The lot gave no trouble at the post, and in a brief space of time Mr. Willoughby effected a capital start. Congratulation was the first into her stride, jumping off in front of Cliftonhall, Mannlicher, and Throwaway, but passing the stands Leviathan went on from Powder Puff, Mannlicher, Congratulation, Syneros, and Cliftonhall, with Rightful and Throwaway side by side in the rear. Going along the back stretch Leviathan and Powder Puff established a three-length lead of Cougratulation, Syneros, Mannlicher, and Cliftonhall, nrth Throwaway now last, and soon afterwards Powder Puff took up the running from Leviathan. Syneros, Cliftonhall, and Rightful, this being the order when they disappeared from view along the lake side. Upon reappearing in sight Powder Puff was still leading, but he was now closely attended by Rightful, with Cliftonhall next in front of Congratulation and Syneros, and Leviathan last behind Mannlicher. Below the distance Powder Puff hoisted signals of distress, and Cliftonhall and Rightful challenged. The former quickly shot out clear, and, to an accompaniment of great cheering, won easily by five lengths ; three-parts of a length divided second and third. Mannlicher was fourth, Powder Puff fifth. Congratulation sixth, and Leviathan was tarled off.

Time by Benson's chronograph 3min 25 1-5sec.

After the excitement of the Northumberland Plate day, matters seemed quiet and lifeless at the concluding stage of the meeting at High Gosforth Park, but there was not more than the usual falling off in the attendance, and the financial results have exceeded even the most sanguine anticipations being as large as, if not larger, than any previously recorded since the meeting was transferred from the Town Moor. The weather was close and oppressive and there was ever present a fear that rain would fall. During the night there had been a copious downpour, but this did not mar the going, and it came as a boon rather than otherwise, for it laid the dust on the road to the pretty park. Happily the fears of wet were not realised.

THE SEATON DELAVAL PLATE.—Of 1,080 sovs. for two-year olds ; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs ; with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Mr J Mucker's br c Henry The First, by Melton—Simena, 8st 10lbs ...	O Madden	1
„ H Sanford's ch F by Avington—Breace, 8st 7lbs	Dalton	2
„ Mr F Alexander's br f Bitters 8st 11lbs	M Cannon	3
Sir E Vincent's Don Paez, 9st ...	Hardy	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Marmontel, 8st 10lbs	Watts	0
„ E C Clayton's Blue Vinny, 8st 10lbs	G McCall	0
„ J H Houldsworth's Ardgair, 8st 10lbs	W Lane	0
„ C Perkins's Inverkeithing, 8st 10lbs	Fagan	0
„ A James's c by St Simon—Andromeda, 8st 10lbs	Maher	0

(*Winner trained by Gilbert, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 11 to 10 agst Bitters, 7 to 2 Henry the First, 5 to 1 Marmontel, 6 to 1 Breach, (filly), and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won cleverly by a length and a half ; three lengths between second and third. Ardgair was fourth, Don Paez fifth, Blue Vinny sixth, Andromeda (colt) next, and Inverkeithing was last throughout.

Time by Benson's chronograph 1min. 2 1-5sec.

CRICKET.

THE PHILADELPHIANS TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at Trent Bridge on 18th, 19th and 20th June. Gentlemen of Philadelphia won by 165 runs.

The visitors did not make the best advantage in their first innings of their good fortune in winning the toss, although for a time they seemed almost certain to make a big total. The first two wickets fell for 4 runs, but Bohlen and Lester then made a fine stand, and by lunch time the total had been taken to 116 without further loss. When play was resumed twenty more runs were put on without accident, and all seemed well. But then there came a series of surprises. Bohlen and Lester both left at the same total—136,—and the fifth wicket fell at 148. After this nothing could be done with J Gunn and Wass, and the innings came to an abrupt end. The Notts men did moderately well when their turn came to bat, and when stumps were drawn they had scored 119 for half their wickets. Of this total G. Gunn and J. Gunn were responsible for 81, the former, who went in first, being not out 29. But he was not batting all the time, for soon after the game began he was injured by a fast ball and had to retire for an hour, after which he took his place at the wicket again. The remaining five wickets fell very quickly indeed on the next morning, two men being out owing to bad judgment in running. The game was practically level when the visitors began their second innings, but before stumps were drawn they had gained a commanding lead, for with a wicket in hand they were 321 runs on. For this happy position of affairs they had chiefly to thank Morris, who played a beautiful innings, scoring well all round the wicket. His 164 was put together in about four hours, and included sixteen 4's. King, Lester, Wood and Sharpless also did well, the latter playing a purely defensive innings which lasted for an hour and three-quarters. On Saturday the last two men, Graves (who was not out 17 over night) and Jordan, made such a valuable stand, that when in the course of an hour they had increasad the total by 74 the innings was closed. Graves hit very well indeed and Jordan kept his end safe. Notts had now a most difficult task before them, and they were not equal to it, although J. Gunn and Staunton made a brilliant effort to save the game.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First innings.			Second innings.	
J B King c Jones, b Wass ...	0	b Day ...	...	36
C Morris, lbw, b J Gunn ...	4	b Hallam...	...	164
J A Lester, c J Gunn b Wass	67	c Day, b Wass	...	38
F H Bohlen, b Wass ...	65	c White, b Day	...	6
A M Wood, c White, b Wass	2	lbw, b Jones	...	36
N Z Graves, c Staunton, b Wass	11	not out ...	...	62
E M Cregar, b J Gunn ..	1	b Day ...	...	0
P H Clark, c Staunton, b J Gunn ...	4	b Hallam...	...	4
J C Sharpless, c Hallam, b Wass	0	run out ...	..	20
P N LeRoy, c White, b J Gunn	0	lbw, b Hallam	...	0
T C Jordan, not out ...	4	not out	...	19
Wide	1	B, 6 lb 9	...	15
Total ...	159	Total (9 wkts)*	...	400

* Innings declared closed.

NOTTS.

First innings.			Second innings.	
Gunn (G), b King ...	42	c Wood, b Clark	...	9
Hardstaff (J), b Clark ...	11	c LeRoy, b Clark	...	16
Gunn (W), run out ...	3	lbw, b King	...	10
Gunn (J), c Sharpless, b Cregar	52	c Wood, b King	...	96
E G Allen, b King ...	19	b King ...	...	10
Rev H Staunton, c Wood, b King	0	b Cregar ...	...	39
Day c Jordan, b King .	6	c Wood, b Cregar	..	4
A O Jones, run out ...	10	b Lester	...	12
Hallam, c and b Clark ...	0	c sub., b Clark	...	1
White, run out ...	0	b Clark ...	...	4
Wass, not out	2	not out ...	...	0
B 5, lb 2, w 2 ..	9	B 12, lb 7	...	19
Total ...	154	Total	...	220

THE MATCH *vs.* M. C. C AND GROUND.—Played at Lord's on 22nd and 23rd June. M. C. C. won by 5 wickets. The M. C. C. paid the visitors the compliment of putting by far the strongest team in the field against them that they have got together this season, a compliment which was, of course, greatly appreciated, as the Americans naturally do not like to find that committees have chosen their match in order to try experiments with beginners. The wicket dried so slowly that no play could take place until a quarter-past two, and when the game began it was found to be very difficult indeed instead of merely being slow. As a consequence of this Hearne and Mead were almost irresistible, and except Bohlen, who batted steadily for an hour, none of the visitors ever got going. Nor did the M. C. C. fare much better against the bowling of King, who, although he is not always seen at his best on a slow wicket, was very difficult indeed. Half the wickets were down for 55, when Bosanquet made the position better by scoring 30 out of 40 made while he was at the wicket. The tail could do nothing against King and Clark. The innings came to a close just before the end of the day, the M. C. C. having a lead of 39, which promised to be very useful since the wicket was hardly likely to improve much. When the game was resumed on Tuesday morning it was soon seen that even the small lead of the M. C. C. would not be easily wiped out. Mead was in great form with the ball, and with the exception of the time when King and A. M. Wood were together, did almost as he liked. These two batsmen made a very plucky effort to put a better appearance on the game, and to a certain extent they succeeded, for, although the M. C. C. had what appeared a very slight task in their second innings—they only had to make 55 runs—it might have gone hard with them but for the excellent batting of Warner, who was not out 30 when the game was won with five wickets in hand. The visitors are greatly to be congratulated on the fine fight which they made against such a powerful team on a wicket which was exactly suited to Mead and Hearne, two of the most deadly bowlers in England on their day.

PHILADELPHIANS.

First Innings.			Second Innings.	
C Morris, b Hearne ...	1	b Hearne...	...	2
F H Bohlen, b Hearne ...	18	b Mead ...	...	2
J A Lester, c and b Mead ...	6	c and b Mead	...	5
J B King, b Mead ...	4	st Headlam, b Mead ...		21
A M Wood, c and b Hearne ...	0	not out ...	...	29
N Z Graves, st Headlam, b Hearne	11	c Headlam, b Mead ...		7
F H Bates, b Hearne ...	1	c and b Mead	...	0
R D Brown, b Hearne ...	1	b Mead ...	...	0
P H Clark, b Mead ...	18	b Trott	...	13
H A Haines, b Mead ...	3	c and b Trott	...	0
J H Scattergood, not out ...	1	b Trott	...	3
Leg-bye ...	1	B 9, lb 2	...	11
Total ...	65	Total	...	93

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

First Innings.			Second Innings.	
Capt E G Wynyard, c Scattergood, b King	2			
P F Warner, c Haines, b King	17	not out ...	...	30
H H Marriott, c Clark, b King	27	b King	...	0
R W Nicholls, c Clark, b King	8	b Clark ...	...	6
B J Bosanquet, c Bates, b King	30	b King ...	...	0
Trott (A E), c Bohlen, b Clark	0	b Clark ...	...	7
T A D Cevington, c Scattergood, b Clark	5	b Clark ...	...	4
J C Hartley, b King ...	3	not out ...	...	35
Cecil Headlam, not out ...	3			
Hearne (J T), b King ...	0			
Mead, run out	5			
B 2, lb 1, w 1 ...	4	Byes ...	...	
Total ...	104	Total (5 wkts)	...	55

SUSSEX *vs.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Played at Brighton on 22nd 23rd, and 24th June. Cambridge won by two wickets. In former years this match has frequently been noticeable for very high scoring on both sides, but as Ranjitsinhji and Fry were having a rest, there did not seem much chance that the Sussex team, at any rate, would do anything very great in the way of totals. On the other hand Cambridge, not having Tate to contend with, had to oppose a side which was very weak in bowling. On the first day the wicket was slow after the heavy rains, but not difficult ; perhaps Sussex, who batted first, had rather the worst of it. For a time the Cambridge bowlers carried everything before them, and when the total was 31, Vine, Leach, C. L. A. Smith, and Relf were all out. Thus matters looked about as bad as they could be for Sussex, but at this critical moment Newham came in, and, as he has done over and over again when his side has been in dire distress, kept one end safe for a long time. Meanwhile Killick had become settled, and was playing a confident game. In partnership the two men put on 113 runs in an hour and forty minutes, when Newham was at last dismissed for an invaluable 30. Killick was out ninth in trying to do the best for his side by hitting hard when the last few men were in ; his fine innings of 116 lasted for three hours and ten minutes, and included twelve 4's. Cambridge at the close of the day had scored 97 for two wickets, thus being 114 runs behind. Ebden and Wilson played very steadily and carefully, the latter being not out 50. Wilson only increased his score by five, but Fry made a short stand with McDonell, after which there was a rapid downfall of wickets against the bowling of Relf, until Dowson, who went in tenth made an invaluable 24. Meanwhile McDonell had played very sound cricket and his 47 was made at a critical time. Sussex began their second innings with a lead of four runs, and although they lost Leach and Killick very soon, Vine and Smith did well, and Newham again played a first-class defensive innings. He had this time Relf as a partner, who was in splendid form, and eventually had the satisfaction of making his hundred. He at times hit very hard, and once, off an over from Roberts, he scored 18, while he made 14 off an over from May. He was only at the wickets for an hour and-a-quarter. Brann, who made a welcome re-appearance, played excellent cricket, and when stumps were drawn Sussex, with four wickets in hand, were leading by 270 runs. Yesterday Brann brought his total to 60 : he batted as well as ever. Cambridge had to make 322. Ebden and Dowson were both missed soon after they began their innings and the result was fatal. Dowson batted splendidly and was well backed up by Wilson, and as time went on it seemed probable that Cambridge would make the runs. But a little later it was evident that it would be a question both of time and wickets, and eventually amidst the greatest excitement, Cambridge won by two wickets only four minutes from time. Dowson played a magnificent innings.

SUSSEX.

First Innings.			Second Innings.	
Vine, b Keigwin ...	1	lbw, b McDonell ...		30
Leach b Roberts ...	4	b Keigwin	...	7
Killick, c Dowson, b McDonell ...	116	b Keigwin ...		1
C L A Smith, c McDonell, b Keigwin	7	c Buckston, b Keigwin		23
Relf, c Roberts, b Keigwin ...	3	c Ebden, b Roberts ...		100
W Newham, c Ebden, b Keigwin	30	b Roberts ...		22
Marlow, b Keigwin ...	9	c Keigwin b Dowson		17
G Brann, c Ebden, b Keigwin	5	b Dowson ...		60
Cox, st Buckston, b Keigwin	13	lbw, b McDonell ...		26
Butt, c and b Keigwin ...	6	b Dowson ...		8
Bland, not out	1	not out		4
B 21, lb 3, nb 1 ...	25	Extras ...		19
Total ...	211	Total ...		317

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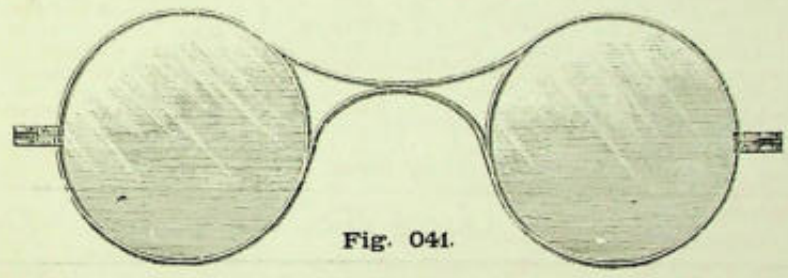

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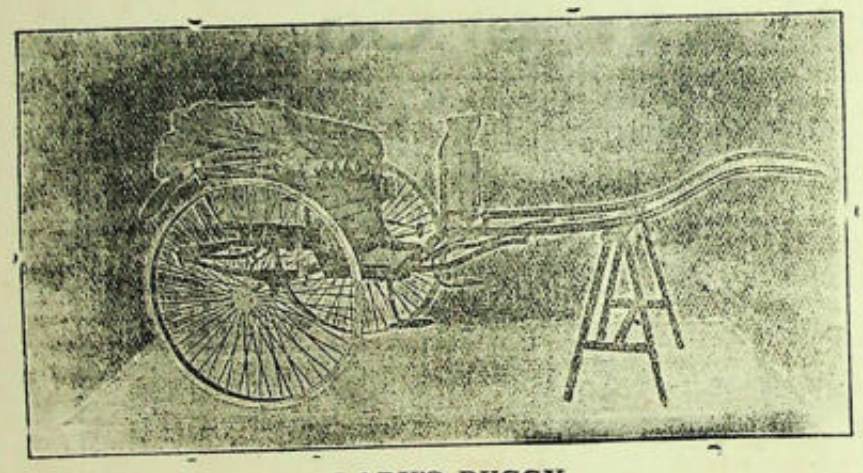

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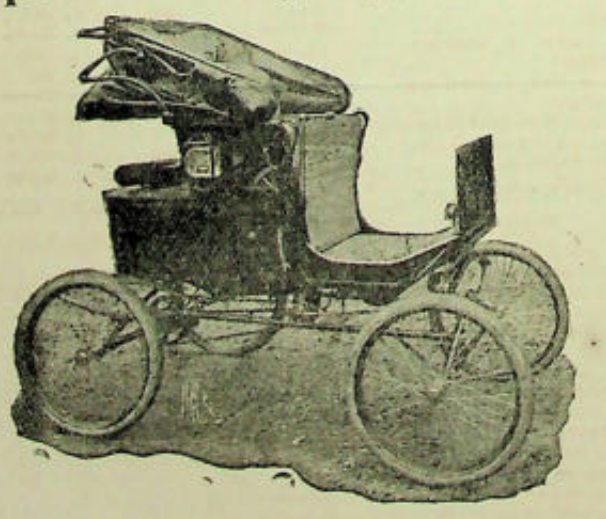

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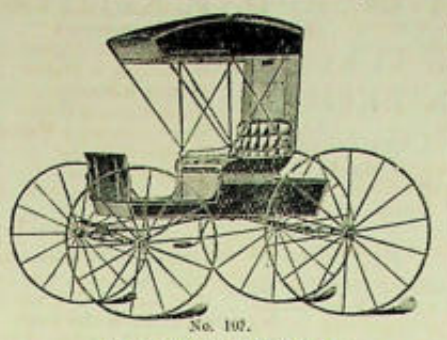

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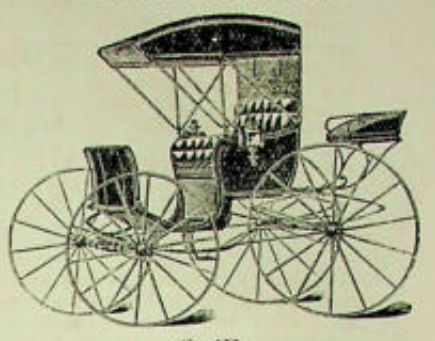

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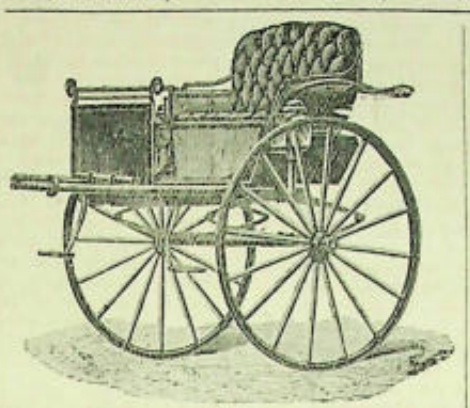

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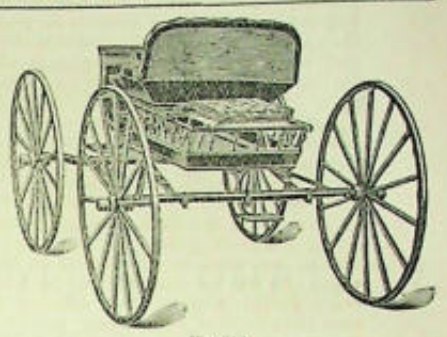

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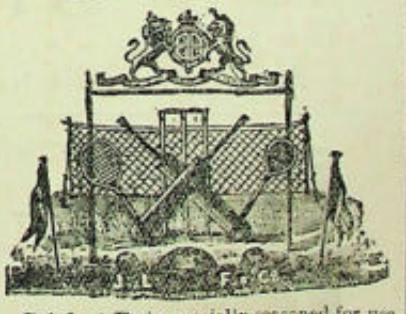

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

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R T Godsell, b Relf	0	b Leach	13
C H M Ebden, c Brann, b Leach	38	st Butt, b Relf	23
F B Wilson, c Vine, b Cox	55	c Butt, b Bland	76
K R B Fry, c butt, b Relf	15	b Bland	8
H C McDonell, b Bland	47	not out	19
F B Roberts, c and b Relf	0	b Relf	17
G M Buckston, c and b Relf	0	b Bland	1
G Howard-Smith, b Relf	0	not out	1
P R May, b Leach	3		
E M Dowson, c and b Bland	24	c Killick, b Bland	135
R P Keigwin, not out	2	c Bland, b Vine	10
B 16, lb 5, nb 2	23	Extras	19
Total	297	Total (8 wkts)	321

SURREY *vs.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—(12 a side). Played at the Oval on 22nd, 23rd and 24th June. Surrey won by nine wickets. In weather which was a complete change from that of the previous few weeks, spectators and players at the Oval seemed to be living in a different climate. It was quite warm, and everybody could thoroughly enjoy the cricket, despite the fact that much of it was pretty slow. For some years University batting seems to have lost its dash and vigour, and it was not surprising to find when Oxford went in that on a slow and not very difficult wicket scoring was monotonously slow. Evans was an hour and ten minutes in making his 28, and Carlisle, the only other man on the side who made more than 20, an hour and twenty minutes in making his 29. Nor can it be said that the batting on the whole was worthy of the reputation of a Varsity team; there was a want of confidence about it which was disappointing in the extreme. True, Clode and Lees both bowled well and took every possible advantage of a slow wicket, but the Oxford men showed no enterprise against them. When Surrey went in Abel, who has struck a bad patch just now, was again unfortunate, but Hayward and Hayes were both in good form, and after the latter was out Holland played a fine defensive game; he and Hayward in partnership increased the total by 103 runs in an hour and-a-quarter. Hayward, who was not quite in his best form, had a charmed life being missed four or five times, a state of affairs which must have horrified old 'Varsity players who were looking on. He was out third at 149, and his innings of 86 lasted for two hours and included twelve 4's. When stumps were drawn, Surrey, with six wickets in hand, were 61 runs on. For a time on Tuesday everything went well with Surrey, who seemed likely enough to have a long lead before the innings ended, for Walker and Raphael both played good cricket, and made a very useful stand. But when the partnership was broken Burn and Martin brought the innings to a close with great rapidity. For all that, Surrey had a lead of 152, and although Evans, Pawson, and Wyld batted well, more especially the latter, Oxford had hardly knocked off the balance before five wickets were down. Wyld's fine innings then came to a conclusion; he had deserved well of his side for he had made a splendid effort to save the game. When the sixth wicket fell Oxford were only 27 runs on, but Voss hit hard, among his drives being a six off Lees, all run out. At close of play the 'Varsity with three wickets in hand were 75 runs on. The tail played up well yesterday and the result was that Surrey had to make 104 to win. Clode had bowled very well indeed, Abel and Hayward played very cautiously and put up 43 for the first wicket, and Abel and Raphael continued the same tactics, but Hayes, who succeeded Abel, made runs much more quickly. At lunch time with two wickets down Surrey still required 25 to win, and at ten minutes past three the match was won.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W Findlay, lbw, b Clode	3	c Hayes, b Lockwood	9
W H B Evans, b Lees	28	run out	22
H J Wyld, c Lees, b Clode	17	c Hayes, b Clode	79
C D McIver, c Hayward, b Clode	8	c Stedman, b Lees	16
K M Carlisle, c Hayes, b Lees	29	b Lockwood	3
A C Pawson, c Stedman, b Lees	2	c Hayes, b Clode	27
R Z H Voss, c Stedman, b Lees	4	b Clode	24
B L Peel, c Stedman, b Clode	9	c Walker, b Clode	24
L D Brownlee, c Hayward, b Clode	10	c Hayes, b Clode	12
E G Whately, b Clode	0	not out	20
E G Martin, b Lees	8	c Holland, b Richardson	6
R C W Burn, not out	6	c Abel, b Clode	2
Byes	2	B 7, nb 4	11
Total	126	Total	265

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hayward, c Martin, b Whately	86	c McIver, b Martin	23
Abel, b Whately	5	c and b Burn	24
Hayes, c Brownlee, b Evans	27	not out	40
Holland, b Evans	55		
Lockwood, b Evans	7		
L Walker, b Whately	41		
J E Raphael, b Burn	34	not out	18
Lees, b Burn	1		
Moulder, b Burn	3		
Clode, c McIver, b Martin	9		
Stedman, c Pawson, b Burn	0		
Richardson, not out	2		
B 4, lb 2, nb 2	8	No balls	1
Total	278	Total (2 wkts)	106

YORKSHIRE *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Derby on 18th, 19th and 20th June. Yorkshire won by seven wickets.

DERBYSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L G Wright, b Haigh	47	c Denton, b Rhodes	78
C A Ollivierre, c Hunter, b Haigh	0	l b w, b Ringrose	4
Storer, b Ringrose	11	l b w, b Haigh	20
T Forester, b Ringrose	18	b Ringrose	10
Needham, l b w, b Wainwright	17	b Hirst	4
Warren, b Hirst	5	b Hirst	33
Cadman, c Wilkinson, b Ringrose	9	b Haigh	2
A E Lawton, b Ringrose	9	b Haigh	34
Humphries, b Hirst	0	run out	4
Hulme, c and b Hirst	9	c Wainwright, b Ringrose	0
Bestwick, not out	1	not out	3
B 3, l b 3, n b 1	7	B 1, l b 4, n b 1	6
Total	133		194

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Wilkinson, c Olliverre, b Bestwick	3	b Cadman	3
Denton, b Bestwick	6	c Warren, b Bestwick	46
Newstead, c and b Hulme	7	b Warren	18
Hirst, b Bestwick	22	not out	46
Smith (F), b Hulme	0	not out	28
Whitehead, b Hulme	0		
Rhodes, b Warren	69		
Wainwright, b Hulme	14		
Haigh, c Sorer, b Warren	39		
Hunter, b Hulme	9		
Ringrose, not out	11		
B 1, lb, 1, w 2	4	B 2 lb 1, n b 1	4
Total	148	Total (3 wkts)	145

KENT *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Leeds on 22nd and 23rd June. Yorkshire won by on innings and 130 runs. The return of Hirst has made a marked difference in the all-round strength of the Yorkshire team. On the first day of this match he played a splendid innings of 120, an innings which was all the more valuable because the first part of it was played at a time when it seemed very probable indeed that the Yorkshire total would be very small, for the first four wickets fell for 65. At this total Smith joined Hirst and the much-needed stand was made. This lasted for two hours, during which 151 runs were put on. Smith scored his first 50 for his county, and batted in excellent form. After he was dismissed there was a sudden downfall of wickets and eight men were out at 220. Hirst had batted for two hours and three quarters for 120, an innings which included eighteen 4's, made partly by fine drives, and partly by well-judged pulls. Haigh and Hunter both played well, the latter keeping up his wicket for an hour and-a-half Kent had a very bad half hour before stumps were drawn, losing C. J. Burnup, Humphreys, and Seymour for 18 runs. For a time on Tuesday morning Alec Hearne held out against the Yorkshire bowling, and Fairservice made a very useful 16, but Hirst and Haigh were in splendid form on a wicket which had by no means improved. Kent had to follow on, and although they did better than in the first innings, no one made any prolonged resistance to the bowling, although several men made double figures. The only outstanding innings was that of Huish. Once more Hirst and Haigh did well, but at the end Ringrose had to be put on, and quickly finished off the innings.

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Brown, c Blacker, b Filder	13	Rhodes, c Huish, b Fielder	2
Tunnicliffe, c Huish, b Blythe	7	Haigh, st Huish, b Humphreys	38
Denton, c Blythe, b Fielder	11	Whitehead, b Blythe	1
Wilkinson, c Blaker, b Fielder	0	Hunter, not out	42
Hirst, c Seymour, b Fielder	120	Ringrose, Hearne, b Fielder	7
Smith, c Hearne, b Fairservice	55	B 18, nb 1	19
		Total	315

KENT.

First innings.		Second Innings.	
C J Burnup, b Hirst	1	b Hirst	0
Humphreys, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	0	b Hirst	15
Seymour, c and b Haigh	3	c Tunnicliffe, b Haigh	17
E W Dillon, c Tunnicliffe, b Haigh	17	c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst	3
Hearne, c Denton, b Hirst	20	b Haigh	1
C H R Marsham, c Denton, b Haigh	2	b Haigh	4
R N R Blaker, b Hirst	0	b Hirst	10
Huish, c Hunter, b Haigh	2	c Tunnicliffe, b Ringrose	38
Fairservice, b Hirst	16	not out	19
Blythe, b Hirst	0	c Haigh, b Ringrose	7
Fielder, not out	3	b Ringrose	2
B 1, lb 1	2	B 1, nb, 2	3
Total	66	Total	119

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 18th and 19th June. Worcestershire won by an innings and 77 runs.

HAMPSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A J L Hill, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	3	b Wilson	20
Stone, b Wilson	4	c Bird, b Arnold	3
E M Sprot, c Simpson-Hayward, b Wilson	13	b Arnold	47
Webb, c and b Arnold	5	b Arnold	16
Llewellyn, b Arnold	2	b Wilson	4
Bowell, b Arnold	0	b Wilson	0
F H Bacon, b Wilson	1	c Isaac, b Keene	39
C Heseltine, b Wilson	0	not out	10
Smoker, b Wilson	0	b Wilson	10
Kitchener, c Simpson-Hayward, b Arnold	0	b Wilson	0
H Hesketh-Prichard, not out	0	c B Foster, b Arnold	1
Byes	2	B 11, lb 3	14
Total	30	Total	164

WORCESTERSHIRE.

H K Foster, c Bowell, b Webb	79	B S Foster, b Hesketh-Prichard	0
Bowley, c Smoker, b Hill	102	Bird, c Hill, b Hesketh-Prichard	0
Arnold, c Smoker, b Sprot	7	Wilson, b Hesketh-Prichard	13
Weldon, b Llewellyn	21	Keene, c Kitchener, b Hesketh-Prichard	4
Gaukrodger, not out	34	B 3, lb 1, w 2	6
G H Simpson-Hayward, lbw, b Llewellyn	5	Total	271
A W Isaac, c Webb, b Llewellyn	0		

The match between London County and Lancashire played at Old Trafford on 18th, 19th, and 20th June ended in a draw For London County, W. L. Murdoch (10 and 155) and L. O. S. Poidevin (5 and 172 not out) played fine cricket while A Eccles (126), Hallows (103), A. H. Hornby (66), all batted well for Lancashire.

Lancashire and Worcestershire drew at Aigburth. Tyldesley (41 and 248) put up a splendid performance in the second innings while Maclaren (101 and 29) was also in good form. H. L. Foster (84 and 45) did best for Worcestershire

The match between Sussex and Middlesex played at Brighton on 18th, 19th, and 20th June was abandoned

A drawn game was the result of the match between Warwickshire and Derbyshire played at Birmingham on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th June.

The matches between Essex and Warwickshire, Kent and and Gloucestershire, and Surrey and Cambrige University played on 18th, 19th, and 20th June were all abandoned.

BATTING AVERAGES (8 innings). Up to 20th June.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	15	2	1001	234	76·92
Gunn (J)	15	1	904	294	64·57
Jessop, G L	11	0	671	286	61·00
Perrin, P A	13	2	616	170	56·00
Ranjitsinhji, K S	15	3	652	162*	54·33
Dowson, E M	13	1	632	122*	52·66
Knight	16	3	656	144*	50·46
Quaife (W G)	11	3	375	130	46·87
Garnett, H G	8	1	322	122	46 00
Foster, H K	19	2	743	120	43·70
Hawke, Lord	15	4	475	79*	43·18
Arnold	18	2	677	128	42·31
Eccles A	12	4	322	126	40·25
Maclaren, A C	17	3	549	143	39·21
Poidevin L O S	11	1	387	172*	38 70
McGahey, C H	13	2	417	110*	37·90
Hayes	23	2	772	102	36 76
Hayward	24	0	873	130	36·37
Wright, L G	14	1	460	78	35·38
Murdoch, W L	11	1	352	155	35·20
Gunn (W)	12	0	421	139	35·08
Denton	21	0	719	101	34·23
Tidesley	13	0	433	73	33·30
Grace, W G	12	0	391	150	32·88
Hirst	11	1	325	123	32·50
Brown (J T, sen)	17	0	551	125	32·41
Lees	12	1	353	75*	32·09
Killick	16	2	431	77	30·78
Sharp (J)	14	1	399	120	30·69
Iremonger	13	0	399	94	30·69
Sewell (E H D)	18	2	481	90	30·06
Wheldon	16	0	480	71	30·00
Jones, A O	15	2	383	77	29·46
Lilley	10	1	265	44	29·44
Llewellyn	14	3	319	148	29·00
Bowley (F)	19	1	519	149	28·83
Seymour (Kent)	11	1	287	127	28·70
Fane, F L	11	0	311	90	28·27
Smith, C L A	10	1	250	54*	27·77
Kinneir	12	1	305	90	27·72
McIver, C D	9	0	236	99	26·22
Crawford, V F S	14	0	362	73	25·85
Gunn (G)	15	5	258	59	25·80
Rhodes	19	1	460	98*	25·55
Trott (A E)	12	0	295	103	24·58
Carlisle, K M	10	0	242	65	24·20
Mann, E W	15	1	346	69*	24·71
Hollins, F H	8	0	197	114	24·62
Whitehead (H) (Leics)	16	0	380	62	23·75
Dexter	10	5	118	38*	23 60

* Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES (16 wickets) up to 20th June.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Killick	81	26	167	17	9·82
Hargreave	325	112	602	59	10·30
Hirst	120 2	29	280	26	10·76
Blythe	219·5	77	444	39	11·38
Hearne (Alec)	84	21	196	17	11·52
Hearne (J T)	291·5	97	741	60	12·35
King, J B	137·3	42	334	26	12·84
Bradley, W M	120·5	33	284	21	13·52
Mead	360	132	677	50	13·54
Evans, W H B	151·5	37	434	32	13·56
McDonell, H C	118 2	19	332	24	13·83
Coe	81·4	25	231	16	14·43
Hesketh-Prichard, H	146·5	33	441	30	14·70
Martin, E G	187	72	384	26	14·76
Burn, R C W	155·5	31	399	27	14·77
Young, (H) (Essex)	172·3	54	371	25	14·84
Buckenham	184·3	36	514	31	16·64
Hulme	218·2	49	618	37	16·70
Lockwood	222·1	48	592	35	16·91
Richardson (T) (Surrey)	293·1	70	813	48	16·93
Field (Warwickshire)	127·4	36	310	18	17·22
Beldam, G W	152·3	49	369	21	17·57
Trott (A E)	246·1	55	747	42	17·78
Santall	221·5	67	498	28	17·78
Jackson (Surrey)	173·2	57	410	23	17 82
Roberts (F G)	227·2	74	519	29	17·89
Lees	302	81	737	41	17 97
Bland	243·1	65	594	33	18·00
Relf	322·5	110	773	42	18·40
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	191·5	48	574	31	18·51
Barnes (S)	344·3	106	873	47	18·57
Robson (E) (Somerset)	96·3	20	301	16	18·81
Huggins	262·4	88	662	33	20·06
Bestwick	219·2	63	527	26	20·26
Rhodes	520·4	167	1077	53	20·32
Clode	227·1	52	613	30	20·43
Webb (S)	160	47	371	18	20·61
Brearley, W	216·1	35	728	35	20 80
Bird	265·2	53	729	35	20·82
Arnold	381·5	111	883	42	21·02
Gunn (J)	342·5	124	666	31	21·48
Haigh	381·2	109	978	45	21·73
Warfen (A)	112·5	25	356	16	22·50
Clarke P H	133 6	22	362	16	22·62
Braund	257	48	758	33	22 96
Hallam	290·5	101	612	26	23·53
Dowson, E M	201·1	47	564	24	23·50
Steel, E E	145·3	23	497	21	23·66
Tate, F W (Sussex)	276·2	72	758	32	23·68
Wilson (G A) (Worcester)	232·3	55	666	28	23·78

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

RELATIVE POSITIONS TO 24TH JUNE.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Per-centage.
Sussex	9	4	0	5	4	100·00
Middlesex	5	3	0	2	3	100·00
Notts	8	2	0	6	2	100·00
Essex	8	3	1	4	2	50 00
Warwickshire	8	2	1	5	1	33 33
Lancashire	9	3	2	4	1	20 00
Yorkshire	10	4	3	3	1	14·28
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	—	—
Surrey	10	3	4	3	—1	—14·28
Worcestershire	8	2	3	3	—1	—20 00
Somerset	4	1	2	1	—1	—33·33
Kent	6	1	3	2	—2	—50 00
Derbyshire	6	1	4	1	—3	—60 00
Leicestershire	7	0	3	4	—3	—100 00
Gloucestershire	7	0	3	4	—3	—100·00

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The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th, and 9th May, Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on 15th June, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's, 15th June, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire, at Bath, 15th June, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

PEDESTRIANISM.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON.

The "go-as-you-please" race from London to Brighton promoted by the *Evening News*, and decided on Saturday the 22nd June, proved a success in every way. Although many were found wanting in a struggle which tested to the utmost the stamina, speed, and strength of the competitors, this was no more than could be expected in a field that furnished close upon a hundred starters. The conditions, which admit of any mode of progression being adopted are, without a doubt, of a more trying nature than the fair heel and toe business. It is far easier for a man to run himself out than to walk himself to a standstill. Consequently a "go as-you-please" requires more generalship, head-work, and judgment than does its next of-kin, the ordinary walk. As we have said, quite a number of those who started on their way to Brighton from Westminster Bridge on Saturday lacked these qualities to a considerable extent, and yet the event put on record a performance the like of which had not previously been fairly accomplished. In covering the distance of 52¼ miles in 6hrs 34min 50sec, Leonard Hurst, the well-known professional, beat the 6hrs 58min 1sec standing to the credit of F. D. Randall by no less than 23min 28sec. Roughly speaking, Hurst, on the form he showed on Saturday, would have given Randall three miles start and a beating. How the winner would have fared against such men, in their prime as Rowell and Littlewood or what the two celebrities named would have done over the course negotiated on Saturday, is not, perhaps, difficult to imagine.

None of the competitors seemed to have any desire to "poach" at the start, and while the majority began running smartly directly the order to "go" was given, several commenced to stroll across the bridge in leisurely fashion. Until the Horns at Kennington was reached the road was fairly clear, though now and again an early tram-car caused slight obstruction. Turning into the Brixton-road the "obstructions" had to be negotiated, while the cars of the judges whisked up the Clapham-road and again entered the thoroughfare, which was now well lined with sightseers A drizzling rain began to fall, and the men, settling down, H. Jewell showed the way, followed by G. F. Eeslon, J. Punter, Len Hurst, W. E. Kay, W. Vinall, W. H Treble, E. Day, C. J. H. Lewis, H. J Hart, C W. Hart, A. Crudgington, H. Shaw, and the two Bells. Then came the one-armed man, E. Bealey, at the head of another division, which included Frank Craig, S. Wilson, and J. G. Warden, old Spencer being a long way back whipper-in. Passing Brixton Station, Day (18min 2sec) had worked his way to the front, and, going up the Hill he made the pace pretty warm from Punter, Jackson, Lewis, Treble, Hurst, and Crudgington, the next lot comprising Jewell, Hunter, Bealey, Easton, and Vinall. Thus early the tail was long, chiefly owing to the fact that quite a number elected to walk themselves warm. The rear division included H. Loder. W. Saward, W. J. Crawley, J. Gillett, C. Cody, C. Dickens. J T. Coleman, F. Sinden, H. A. Hudson, J. G. James, R. T. Jones, and the veteran J. Reddy. Streatham Hill found Jackson in front (time, 30min 6sec), the others close up being Punter, Treble, Easton, Vinall, Lewis, and H. J. Hart, with Crudgington and Hurst coming along side by side. The Hill had told its tale, and even so soon the tail was extended to a mile and-a-half, the back division comprising Warburton, McColley, Hal Smith, Craig, Elgood, J. A. Randall, J. Laurie, G. Pettitt, H. S. Cox, with old Spencer still further away. The streets of Streatham village were well lined with spectators, despite the fact that rain was falling in quite an aggravating manner. Jackson continued to plod along in front, and he secured the ham promised the first man in Croydon, reached in 54min 15sec. At Purley, 11¼ miles from the start, Jackson (time, 1hr 12min) was still the pioneer, 100 yards in front of C. J. Lewis, these two being 600 yards ahead of Crudgington, Hurst, Punter, H. Bishop, and Vinall, almost together. the next lot comprising A. Baker, Easton, Day, and Mouland. Rain fell very heavily, despite which Croydon was full of sightseers; indeed, the line extended almost to Merstham, where Crudgington, Hurst, and Vinall were leading, Jackson having fallen back, slightly leg weary. Hart, who had been a long way behind a now began to improve his position. At Merstham 18 miles, Hurst, Crudgington, and Vinall, were almost in a line. Time, 1hr 59min. At Redhill, 20¾ miles, Vinall, putting on the pace, drew away slightly from his two companions. Hurst, however, was soon with him, but not so Crudgington, who quickly fell away. Horley, 24¼ miles, found Hurst and Vinall doing their best to run each other down. Mouland had now got right away from the ruck, while the two Bells were running beautifully, with Easton, Baker, Dance, and C. W. Hart improving. Directly afterwards W. V. Bell had to give in, while Punter, having injured his foot, also retired. Jackson, too, dropped into a walk but was revived by some Oxo and champagne. Day, feeling the effects of the pace, had dropped into a walk. Horley proved a fatal point to quite a number, and here Crudgington, as stated, collapsed, though fortunately Dr. Jackson Lang happened to be handy. Leaving Horley (time 2hrs 35min 35sec). Hurst and Vinall drew right away. The little man, Vinall, hung on gamely, but he eventually had to give way, and, reaching Crawley 29¼ miles, Hurst was well in front (time, 3hrs 12 min 10sec). Coming down Handscross Hill, where Broad gave Nicholas the go-by in the Stock Exchange Walk, the lady globe-trotter was passed, struggling along in her nonsensical feat. So far as fast position was concerned the race was now over. Vinall, suffering from the effects of his desperate struggle with Hurst, fell back rather rapidly, while of the others Bell, C. W. Hart, Coleman, Luxford and Coleman showed a corresponding improvement. Hurst reached Bonney (38 miles) in 4hrs 25min, Pyecombe (45¼ miles) in 5hrs 27min 30sec, and Preston Park in 6hrs 16min, finally finishing over 38min before the second man, Bell, in the record time of 6hrs 34min 50sec. Bell came in wonderfully fresh, while Hart got third. The other fifteen prize-winners were timed in the order given below:—

	H.	M.	S.
1. L. Hurst	6	34	50
2. H. S. Bell	7	13	7
3. C. W. Hart	7	21	58

	H.	M.	S.		H	M.	S.
J T Coleman ...	7	34	51	W Vinall ...	8	30	0
J Luxford ...	7	34	51	A Baker ...	8	37	50
W J Crawley ...	7	54	39	P. Shaw ...	8	41	54
J Sopsford ...	8	2	27	W Bealey ...	8	49	21
E Hopkins ...	8	5	37	G Easton ...	8	53	5
R Mouland ...	8	10	7	E Day	9	4	46
T Dance ...	8	17	35	J G James ...	9	28	7
T Jackson ...	8	20	49				

ATHLETICS.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The S. A. A. A. Championships reached their majority this year, having been established in 1883. There was a capital attendance, some 5,000 spectators being present. In five of the events the holders did not defend their titles J. McLean, Blackheath H., who won the 100 and 220 Yards sprints last year, is at present abroad, and for a like reason M. Cormack, London A. C., did not appear in the Half-mile. In the Broad Jump a walk over was allowed to G. C. Anderson, Edinburgh University A. C., in the absence of J. A. Campbell, Watson's College A. C., the former holder, while H. Nicolson Kyles, Shinty A. C., in joining the professional ranks, forfeited his right to defend the honour gained last year. Some excellent competition was witnessed in the short-distance items, but the feature of the meeting was undoubtedly the triple success of J. McGough, Bellahouston H., who, while retaining previous honours in the Mile and Four-mile, added the Half mile trophy to his list. It is no easy task for any runner to win three such championship distances in an afternoon, and the performance, while on a par with those of Alf. R. Downer, winner of triple bays in the seatons of 1893, 1894, and 1895, and that of W. H. Welsh, the International Rugby footballer in 19 0, must be ranked higher in consideration of the arduous nature of the task. McGough had a neat win of two yards over W. Roxburgh, Hamilton H., in the Half-mile, and in the Mile, his favourite distance, he had an easier journey. He, however, did not spare himself, allowing W H. Neill, West of Scotland H., and J. Ranken, Watson's College A C., to cut out the running he did not assume command until after half-distance. Going to the front on the last circuit, he maintained premier position to the close, and won by fully fifteen yards in the very good time of 4min 27 3-5sec His final triumph—in the Four-miles—was only obtained after a punishing race, in which J B. Cowe, Berwick H., provided the most serious opposition. The latter ran strongly throughout, keeping at the heels of the champion all the way. A sudden sprint after three miles and a half gave the Eastern runner a twenty-yard advantage, which, however, McGough regained before the gap closed. Having gained the measure of his man, the winner moved faster in the final round, and finished twenty yards ahead, the time being 20min 30 1-5sec. The High Jump was again secured by J. B. Milne, Dundee Gymnastic Club, who has been the champion since 1897, with the exception of the season of 1901, when he was beaten by his antagonist of Saturday. Details:

100 Yards Race, challenge cup, value 25 guineas (holder, J. McLean, Blackheath H.)—Heat 1: D. D. Stiven, Edinburgh H., 1; Thos. Straiton, West of Scotland H., 2. Won by half a yard. Time, 10 4-5sec. Heat 2: R. L. Watson, West of Scotland H., 1; J. Ford, Glasgow University A. C., 2. Won by a foot. Time, 10 4-5sec. Final heat: Ford, 1; Watson, 2; Stiven, 3; Straiton, 4. All went off to a fine start, and at twenty yards from home Ford had opened out a yard advantage over the others, finally finishing two feet in front of Watson. Time, 10 2-5sec.

Half mile Race, challenge cup, value 30 guineas (standard-2min 3sec) (holder, J. N. Cormack, London A. C.).—J. McGough, Bellahouston H., 1; William Roxburgh, Hamilton H., 2; T. W. Smith, Heriots (F. P.) F. C, 3. McGough led from the outset with Roxburgh in close attendance Smith was dropped on the second lap, and the race was confined to the former pair. Roxburgh challenged going into the straight, but the Bellahouston harrier easily held his own and won comfortably by two yards. Time, 2min 1 3-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdle Race, challenge cup, value £15 (holder, G. C. Anderson, Edinburgh University A. C.) (standard, 17sec).—G. C. Anderson, Edinburgh University A. C., 1; R. S. Stewart, Edinburgh University A. C., 2; R. H. McCowat, Glasgow Academy and West of Scotland H., 3. The holder had no serious opposition to encounter, and easily retained his title. Time, 16 3-5sec.

Putting the Weight, challenge cup value £15 (holder, H. Nicolson, Kyles Shinty A. C.) (standard, 39ft).—Thos. R. Nicolson, Kyle Shinty A. C and West of Scotland H., 41ft 4in, 1; J. Scholes, Garscule H., 36ft 3in 2.

High Jump (standard, 5ft 6in).—J. B. Milne, Dundee Gymnastic Club (holder), 5ft 9in, 1; R. G. Murray, West of Scotland H., 5ft 8in, 2.

Throwing the Hammer (standard 115ft).—Thos. R. Nicolson, Kyles Shinty A. C. (holder), 145ft 10in, 1; T. Scholes, Garscule, H., 103ft 9¼in 2.

220 Yards Race (holder, J. McLean, Blackheath H.) (standard 23 2-5sec).—R. L. Watson, West of Scotland H., 1; Thos. Straiton, West of Scotland H., 2; D. D. Stiven, Edinburgh H., 3 Straiton had the best of the start, and led the van until well into the straight, where Watson broke through and secured the verdict by a yard and-a-half. Time, 23 3 5secs.

One Mile Race, challenge cup, value 25 guineas (standard, 4min 34secs).—J. McGough, Bellahouston H. (holder), 1; J. Ranken, Watson's College A. C., 2; Samuel Kennedy, Garscule H., 3; W. H Mill, West of Scotland H., 0. Won easily by fifteen yards. Time 4min 27 3-5secs.

Quarter-mile Race, challenge cup value 25 guineas (standard 52sec).—R. L. Watson, West of Scotland H. (holder), 1: R. G., McPherson, Monkfeyston C C., 2; Wm Roxburgh, Hamilton H., 3. Won easily by four yards, a yard separating second and third. Time, 54 2-5sec.

Broad Jump (holder, J. A Campbell, West of Scotland H. and Watson's College A. C.) (standard, 20ft 6in).—G. C, Anderson, Edinburgh University A. C., 20ft 8in.

Four-mile Race, challenge cup value £15 (standard, 21min).—J. McGough, Bellahouston H. (holder), 1; J. B. Cowe, Berwick H., 2; J. M. Butters, West of Scotland H, 3. Won by twenty yards, after a punishing race, Time, 20min 30 1-5secs.

GOLF.

THE CRUDEN BAY TOURNAMENT.

In delightful weather, the semi-final and final rounds of the annual open amateur tournament for the Cruden Bay trophy took place on Saturday the 20th June. There was a large attendance of spectators. In the semi-final Mr H. H. Hilton (West Lancashire) beat Mr W. D. Davidson (Aberdeen), the winner two years ago, by 5 and 4, and Mr J. A. Donaldson (Bon Accord) defeated Mr. J. G. Cunningham (Carnoustie) by 4 and 2 the final between Messrs Hilton and Donaldson, decided in the afternoon, was certainly one of the most remarkable events ever seen on a golf course. Mr Hilton got dormy 3, and lost the last three holes An extra half-ground was played to decide the tie, and again the open and amateur ex-champion got dormy 3, only to lose the last three holes. It was then decided to play the last two holes, and Mr Donaldson won the match by laying his opponent a stymie on the home green.

In the semi final Mr Hilton went out in the fine score of 33 strokes, and stood 3 up at the turn. He also won the tenth hole, and, after three halves, settled the match on the fourteenth green, where he was 5 up with 4 to play. Except that he missed a few chances in his short game, he showed splendid form, but Mr. Davidson was very weak through the green. Mr. Donaldson was 1 up on Mr. Cunningham at the turn, and, after getting dormy 3, secured the next hole and the match.

The final was commenced at 2-30 P.M. Neither men played up to form but after three halves Mr. Hilton secured the lead on the fourth green, his opponent being bunkered. Mr. Donaldson squared at the fifth, but lost the ninth and then broke down for a time, losing in fact three holes in succession. Then, however, he commenced to play a splendid uphill game. He won the thirteenth (Hilton getting into the burn), and, after halving the fourteenth and fifteenth, saved the match by winning the last three holes brilliantly in 2, 3, and 4. Another nine holes were played to decide the tie. Mr. Donaldson lost the first four holes, and looked hopelessly beaten, but he won the fifth and halved the sixth, leaving Mr. Hilton dormy 3 Then, as in the first round, the Aberdeen player won the last three holes and halved the match, although Mr. Hilton ought to have divided the ninth hole, where he missed a foot put. The players then elected to make another attempt to decide the tie by playing the seventeenth and eighteenth holes. The former was halved in 4, but on the home green Mr. Hilton failed to negotiate a stymie, and Mr. Donaldson won a sensational match by 1 up, after two ties.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

HOUNDS met at Brooklands on the 7th instant and drew Brooklands cover and were soon on a line which proved stale. Moving towards Rocky they spoke to another trail and ran it to Sandy Nullah Toll Bar where the Master stopped hounds. The country past Barber's shop. Dartmoor Vale and Wapshare's Hare shola was next drawn and hounds found in the last named place, running to Bacon wood where they were again stopped. In the Yemakal valley quarry was again started, and after a sharp burst the jack went to ground but though routed out he got to ground again and was killed by the terrier. The morning was bright but scent bad and rain is much needed on the downs.

On the 9th the meet was at the 7th milestone on the Pykara Road. Briar Shola was first drawn and the hounds finding at once raced away after the jack through Wapshare's Hare Shola, over Windy gap down into the Yemakal Valley but lost him in Yemakal Shola. Hounds picked up a scent near the Pykara Road and all settled down to a brisk gallop. Following the river as far as Rock Shola, the quarry entered it but came out again and followed his old line turning up stream and going to ground in a nullah where he was left. On the homeward journey Briar Shola was again drawn and a jack started. Away he went at a spanking rate along the ridge of Herbert plantation, down into the Yemakal Valley, below Bacon Wood and up to windy gap, on to Wenlock Wood and Khed Shola where he was lost.

B.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

APPARENTLY a variety of reasons were responsible for the marked weeding out which took place in the field which met the gallant Master on the 5th instant. From what I gather the main reasons which salved the sleepy consciences of most may be enumerated as follows: (1) A heavy shower of rain on the previous evening; (2) consequent alleged doubt as to whether (*a*) the country would be rideable; (*b*) whether the meet would be at 5-30 or 6 (as instructions were that the earlier hour would hold good "till the rains"); (3) ambiguity regarding the active place of tryst (and certainly "Satara Road" left a good deal to the imagination, and the Honorary Secretary might, perhaps, make an effort to be a trifle more explicit in future); (4) an apparent and perhaps not unnatural disinclination to run the risk of knocking horses about over such a remarkably stoney part of the country so early in the season. Be the reasons what they may the sad fact remained that an extremely select assembly gave the morning salutation to the M. F. H., and those keen souls who did were, I hear, amply rewarded by a very sporting run, even though the going was not quite of the Brighton Downs order and many of the lie-a-beds must have regretted not "risking it." Meeting at the Cross Roads leading to Satara and Parbatti (famous for its temple replete with historical interest and one of the land marks of the Poona country), Colonel Sheringham lost no time, it may be presumed, in moving on and straightway proceeded to draw the big nullah which skirts the hill. That it had been frequented during the night was at once apparent, but it must have been but a cursory visit, by an early jack, as in spite of the previous night's shower hounds could not maintain possession of the line. Rightly presuming that the hills would be his direction, the Master lifted hounds and his hunting craft was rewarded by the pack thankfully acknowledging the skilled assistance. Up to the Government grass land they hunted at a rare pace, and it was a pleasant surprise to those not already "in the know" to find that the "barbarous barbed" wire, which in former years encircled this area, had been taken away, for which act of decency and grace the benign Government deserve the congratulations and thanks of all good sportsmen. I hear that in previous seasons the presence of the abomination of civilization referred to spoilt several good runs and led to friction by reason of the not unnatural action taken by some sportsmen in snipping the vile form of fence which they could not get over and dare not try and burst through. All, however, is now harmony. Quickly appreciating that he could look for no assistance from his foes, from the former dread invention of modern science, the jack soon left this false haven of refuge and led hounds and the field at a pace (over the most appalling country, up and down hill sides plastered thick with Deccan stones and rocks) so good that even the originally select field of keen sportsmen grew still smaller by degrees and beautifully less. Towards Karakwasla (whose famous lake forms the water supply of Poona) hounds

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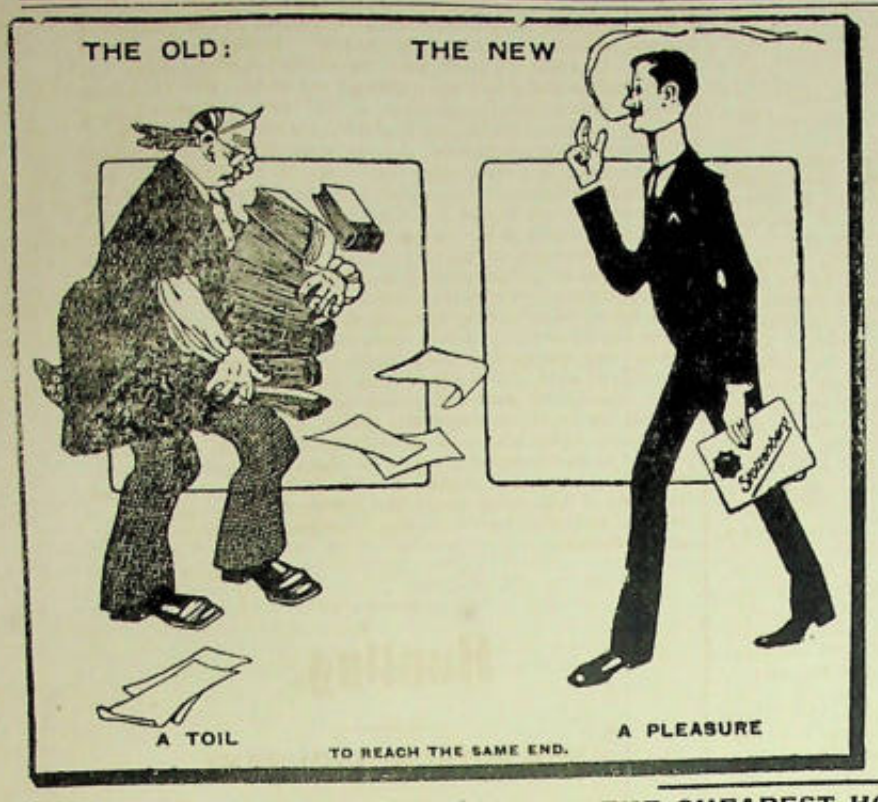

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hunted their jack in the most determined way till reaching the line of bills encompassing the lake; scent failed and after 25 minutes genuine hunting of the most sporting—if somewhat rugged—description the quickly increasing heat rendered that mystic element yclept "Scent" unworkable and hounds threw their heads up and owned defeat. I hear that at this period not more than half a dozen (including the gallant Master and a lady who I hear is well known with this pack and more often than not occupies the 'pride of place" were really with hounds. Altogether it seems to have been a capital rough-going sporting morning, and I have heard many vain regrets from those who failed to avail themselves of it—and it will no doubt be a wholesome warning.

The meet for Thursday the 9th was originally fixed for *Wagoli*, nine miles off on the Ahmednagar Trunk Road; but bearing in mind that there was a Ball at Government House on the preceding evening, the place of gathering was wisely altered to the familiar Bund Bridge thereby granting an extra half hour's grace to rest our weary limbs and sleep off that possible "one extra glass" of champagne. Evidently appreciating this kindly consideration (for obviously the fact that the previous effort having proved a failure, Mr. Stewart was to take another photograph could have nothing to do with it) an unexpectedly large field turned up. In looking up past chronicles of this Hunt, I see that my illustrious predecessor double-thonged with ridicule this thirst for venatic distinction, and I am assured that many used to turn up for celebration who never dared or pretended to ride a yard over country. Verily we all have our own views of the pleasures of life. That the craving for photographic notoriety had disastrous results on the present occasion is, I fear, but too true and Colonel Sheringham must, I opine, regret bitterly that he allowed his good nature to overrule his well-known antipathy to this sort of nonsense From 6 till nearly 8 was wasted in drawing the river side between the Bund and Holkar's Bridge; there many were rejoiced by once more being in the first flight—in the camera. It was almost 8 o'clock, and a peculiarly sultry morning at that, when Colonel Sheringham threw hounds into a very likely looking little cover near the Alandi Road and a burst of music pronounced that the varmint was at home and a good one he proved himself to be. Headed apparently by some of the "Macadamers" the jack took refuge in a garden from which, however, he was soon ousted and headed at a great pace for Yerroda Jail. Hounds carried a great head and it was obvious that scent was good, and that if only the sun would not interfere a good run was in store. But minute by minute the heat grew more oppressive. Leaving the Jail on the right the jack took refuge in a large excavation apparently meant to be a tank, but at present dry. Little time was given him for resting by the way, and seeing that safety lay in flight alone he selected the Sister Hills as his point. After going for about 25 minutes hounds were mostly run to a stand still and horses and riders were, I am assured, in similar plight. So distressed were all concerned that proceedings might wisely, perhaps, have terminated there. Rumour was given, however, that this stout jack had gone to ground and the temptation to blood hounds, after their gallant efforts, was naturally great and, doubtless, they appreciated the reward, done to a turn, though many of them were from all accounts. Meanwhile men and horses were having bellows to mend, and a good Samaritan with a hunting flask received, I hear, the heartfelt gratitude of several who were completely "cooked." Had this fine run taken place between 6 and 8 instead of between 8 and 9, how thoroughly enjoyable it would have been, and that delicate animals, like English Foxhounds, can stand so terrible a strain in such trying weather so early in the season is more than I fear one can dare hope for. Photography and hunting go "coupled" badly.

SARAMOUCH.

Cycling.

THE SOUTHERN INDIAN CYCLE RACES.

First Day, Thursday, 9th July 1903.

NEVER have the prospects of cycle-racing in Southern India looked so bright as they do at present. Whereas a certain amount of apathy has been shown of late years, the subscription list was no sooner opened on the present occasion than it swelled rapidly to over a thousand rupees, and a surplus is assured, be the gate what it may. But judging by the opening day, the gate should be an excellent one, for a large crowd of all classes, which included Sir Donald and Lady Robertson, numerous ladies, many well-known members of society, and a strong contingent of the military watched the racing. Each event has been duly described in its place, so that it is only necessary here to treat of the general aspect of the function and to add a word or two as regards the salient features. A strong wind was blowing which was expected to cause slow times, but notwithstanding this fact the heats for the Championship Mile were both better than previous records on the track, the Lincoln crack, Higgins, taking 2mins. 15secs. to cover the distance, and Theagaraj, the well-known native rider, going one better in the following heat by winning in 2mins. 14⅘secs. A good many of the brethren of the pencil, who are here in readiness for next week's racing, were on the ground, but there was little betting, Higgins being too well known was in a class by himself at most distances. He won the three races in which he started for the mile was a really fine one, and a word must be said for Rowe of the Middlesex regiment, a new man who promises really well as a long-distance rider. The weather, besides being squally, was very threatening and a sharp shower actually descended in the course of the afternoon. Events and results:—

ONE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*First Heat.*)

1st Prize, Cup value Rs. 450, and Rs. 40, 2nd Rs. 30, 3rd Rs. 15

Higgins (Lincolns) (holder) 1st; Bewers (Essex) 2nd; Rowe (Middlesex) 3rd.

Also started—Richardson (Royal Scots) and Allder (Lincolns).

Rowe was quickest away, with Bewers second and the Lincoln crack lying fourth. He went up third before the first lap was completed, and took the lead in the course of the second, winning as he liked by 40 yards. Rowe was some twenty yards behind the second man, with Allder next, whilst Richardson stopped Time—2mins. 15secs.

(*Second Heat.*)

Theagaraj (Civilian) 1st; Smith (East Yorkshires) 2nd; Fox (Lincolns) 3rd.

Also started—Williams (The Carabiniers) and Wainwright (Leicesters).

Smith led out and established a fair lead, but the native rider was quickly after him, and allowing him to do the pacing until the opening of the final lap, went past and won very easily by thirty yards, Fox being about the same distance behind the *ex* holder of the trophy.

Time—2mins. 14⅘secs.

FIVE MILE HANDICAP.

(*First Heat.*)

1st Prize, Rs. 50; 2nd Prize, Rs. 30; 3rd Prize, Rs. 15.

Higgins, Lincolns (scr) 1st; Fox, Lincolns (180 yards) 2nd; Benson, "G" Battery R. H. A. (440 yards) 3rd.

Also started—Richardson, Royal Scots (200); Williams, The Carabiniers (240); Allder, Lincolns (380); Bain, Civili (550.)

Bain retained his lead for four laps and then stopped, leaving Benson with the lead. The pace became too hot for Richardson and Williams, and they also retired, which left Benson with a long lead of the three Lincoln men. Of these Higgins was last, evidently taking it easily, but all three gradually drew on Benson, and four laps from home Higgins took the lead, Allder retiring and Fox riding at Benson's wheel. The Lincoln crack eventually won sitting up by 100 yards from Fox, with Benson a plucky third. Time—12mins. 11secs

(*Second Heat.*)

Rowe, Middlesex (220 yards) 1st; Allen, "G" Battery R. H. A' (240 yards) 2nd; Theagaraj, Civilian (scr.) 3rd.

Also started:—Smith, East Yorkshires (180); Bewers, Essex (440); Bowrer, "G" Battery R. H. A. (500), Wainwright, Leicesters (500).

Allen and Rowe rapidly went up to the limit man, and Smith stopped after going a mile. In the seventh lap, Rowe went right away from Allen and Theagaraj was unable to decrease the gap between himself and the latter rider, although he made a plucky effort four laps from home. The Middlesex man won in great form by half a lap, Allen, distressed but plucky, beating the native by 100 yards for second place. Time—12mins. 21secs.

ONE MILE NATIVE HANDICAP.

1st Prize, Rs, 15; 2nd, Rs. 10; 3rd, Rs. 5.

(*First Heat.*)

Vadevalu, Civilian (50 yards) 1st; Arokiam, 1st Pioneers (30 yards) 2nd.

Also started—Sulramony, Civilian (20 yards) and Valayudam, 4th Pioneers (50 yards).

Vadevalu retained and improved his lead and won by 70 yards from Arokiam, who quickly passed the other limit men. Time—2mins. 47secs.

ONE MILE ALL-COMERS' HANDICAP.

(*First Heat.*)

Bewers, Essex (120 yards) 1st; Smith, East Yorkshires (50 yards) 2nd; Bain, Civilian (120 yards) 3rd.

Also started:—Richardson, Royal Scots (80); Allen, "G" Battery R. H. A. (90); Allder, Lincolns (100).

Bewers did all his own pacing, and never being threatened won easily by 70 yards. There was a great race for second place, Smith just qualifying himself for the final by a wheel from Bain with the latter the same distance ahead of Richardson. Allen and Allder stopped Time—2mins. 5secs.

(*Second Heat.*)

Benson, "G" Battery R. H. A. (12 yards) 1st; Williams, The Carabiniers (90 yards) 2nd; Fox, Lincolns (70 yards) 3rd

Also started—Wainwright, Leicesters (130) and Ryall, Essex (160).

Ryall led for some distance, when Benson went by and was never afterwards threatened, winning easily by 40 yards, a long distance between second and third. Time—2mins. 9⅘secs.

FIVE MILE HANDICAP.

(*Final.*)

Higgins, Lincolns (scr.) 1st; Rowe, Middlesex (220 yards) 2nd; Fox, Lincolns (180 yards) 3rd.

Also started—Allen, "G" Battery R. H. A. (240).

Higgins and Fox closed up, and then the four went round in a slow procession, each refusing to do the pacing until two laps from home. Then all began to race, with the result that Higgins went by and won by 30 yards, Rowe beating Fox by a length after a good race, and Allen also being close up. Save for the sprint over the last two laps, this race was a farce. Time—19mins. 15secs.

Second Day, 10th July 1903.

The attendance was not quite so large as on the opening day, but Sir Donald Robertson, British Resident, was again on the ground, and there were several noteworthy points about the racing The well-known Lincoln rider, Higgins, proved that he had not only maintained his excellent form of the last two meetings, but had improved upon it, and the style in which he won the Mile Championship for the third time in succession thereby making the Cup his own property, called forth hearty "bravos" from the assembled spectators. His ride in the first heat of the Three-Mile Army Championship was also a fine performance, and it is doubtful as I have repeatedly remarked, whether he has his equal as an all-round rider in India to-day. In connection with the native rider, Theagaraj, he is to be specially congratulated on riding so well, for he is still suffering from the results of a bad accident he had some months ago, and walks quite lame. He is young, and should still improve if he can get sound again. Rowe, of the Middlesex has already been mentioned as a promising long-distance rider. and Bewers of the Essex Regiment, another new man, by no means disgraced himself in the final for the Mile Championship, although he was last. He did the pacing for nearly the whole journey, and was only just beaten out of a place in a very fast-run race. Other riders of promise are Williams of the Carabineers, and Richardson of the Royal Scots.

Events and results:—

FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*First Heat.*)

1st Prize—Shield valued at Rs. 400 and Rs. 40; 2nd, Rs. 30; 3rd; Rs. 20, 4th, Rs. 10.

Richardson, Royal Scots, 1st; Fox, Lincolns, 2nd.

Also started—Williams, The Carabineers.

The Carabeniers led for five laps and then retired. Fox taking up the running and retaining the lead at a slowish pace until the last lap opened. Richardson, who had waited on him, then made his effort, and a fine sprint home resulted in the Scot winning by half-a-wheel. Time—14mins. 59secs.

(*Second Heat.*)

Theagaraj (Civilian) (holder) 1st; Rowe, Middlesex, 2nd.

Also started—Alder, Lincolns.

Alder got away, with Theagaraj and Rowe riding in the order named. They made the pace alternately until four laps from home, when the native crack went to the front and looked like staying there. Riding with excellent judgment, however, he again fell back when there were two laps to travel, but in the last lap spurted finely, and going by, won handsomely by ten yards from Rowe, who beat Alder a long way for second place. Time—12mins 43secs.

ONE MILE NATIVE HANDICAP.

(*Second Heat.*)

Doraswamy Q. O. Sappers and Miners (50yds) 1st; Rungaswamy, 28th M. I. (30yds), 2nd.

Also started—Poonaswamy (Civil) (scr) and Rungaswamy 4th Madras Pioneers (25yds).

They rode in unchanged order throughout, with the exception that the Civilian passed the Pioneer, and the win was a fairly easy one. Time—2mins. 34secs.

THREE MILE ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*First Heat.*)

1st Prize—Cup valued at Rs. 400 and Rs. 40; 2nd, Rs. 30; 3rd, Rs. 20; 4th, Rs. 10.

Higgins, (Lincolns) (holder) 1st; Williams, The Carabineers, 2nd.

Also started—Smith, East Yorkshires, and Allen, R. H. A.

The Horse Artillery man led at a rattling pace for three laps. when the invincible Lincoln man went past without an effort, and in two more laps had spread-eagled his field, eventually winning by nearly half a lap in the fine time of 6mins. 57⅘secs., which beats his own time in the final at the last meeting by 4

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secs. Williams kept pluckily at work, and finished second, but Smith and Allen stopped.

(*Second Heat*)

Rowe, Middlesex, 1st; Fox, Lincolns, 2nd.

Also started—Richardson, Royal Scots, and Alder, Lincolns.

Richardson made running, with Rowe, Fox, and Alder all handy until three laps from home. The pace, although not slow, was nothing like that of the previous heat, and they were all together when the last lap opened. Fox looked like coming away, but in a good finish the Middlesex man had more left in him and won by a couple of yards with Richardson the same distance behind the second man and Alder close up. Time—7mins. 56⅘secs.

ONE MILE NATIVE HANDICAP.

(*Final Heat.*)

Sulvamony (Civil,) 1st; Vadevalu (Civil) 2nd.

Also started—Dovaraswamy, Q. O. Sappers and Miners, and Rungaswamy, 28th M. I.

The winner led all the way and won easily, long intervals separating the other riders. Time—2mins. 33⅘secs.

ONE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*Final.*)

Higgins, Lincolns (holder) 1st; Theagaraj (Civilian) 2nd; Smith, (East Yorkshires) 3rd; Bewers (Essex) 4th.

The race of the afternoon, and a really finely contested event. Higgins' previous best time for a mile had been 2mins. 15secs, which he did in the first heat on the previous day. He won the final for the same distance at the last meeting in 2mins. 16⅕secs but both of these timings had been beaten, although only narrowly, by the native crack on the preceding day, when he sailed merrily home in 2mins. 14⅘secs. and it was thought that he might trouble the holder, who had only to win on this occasion to retain the Cup. The story of the race is soon told. Bewers, the new Essex rider, made the pace a cracker until well into the last lap. Indeed the others had to ride all they knew to live with him, and opinions were expressed more than once that he would fairly cut his field down. Half way through the final lap, however Higgins, who had been last all the way, came through his men as only he can and finishing as strong as a lion he won the Cup outright amindst hearty applause by ten yards from Theagaraj, Smith just beating the plucky pace maker for third place. Time—2mins. 13⅘secs. (a record for India).

Third Day, 11th July 1903.

The closing day of the Bangalore Cycle Races provided a fitting termination to a thoroughly successful athletic function. The President of the Committee touched upon the one somewhat unsatisfactory feature which had presented itself, in his speech before he gave away the prizes, and this was the paucity of entries from the numerous cyclists in the Garrison. To some extent, however, he accounted for this correctly, and when The Carabineers and the Essex men have done a little more training, they will probably enter in larger numbers. The results of the meeting were a brilliant triumph for Higgins, the wonderful Lincoln rider, who won two handsome Cups outright and put up some really fine times. Higgins is a quiet, unpretending man and does not strike one as being particularly strongly built, but he is all wire and whip-cord, and seems practically untiring. The Championship Shield over five miles was also won outright at this meeting, and it is a great feather in the cap of the native community that they should have produced so fine a rider as Theagaraj. Smith of the East Yorkshire, at one time a champion at South Indian Meetings, did not seem to ride in quite his old form, and like many more of us, alas!—he has probably seen his best day. Fox of the Lincolns may be placed under this heading too, pluckily as he rode on more than one occasion, but Bewers of the Essex, Rowe of the Middlesex, Williams of The Carabineers, Richardson, Royal Scots, and the R. H. A. man Benson are all very promising riders; more especially the first two. The attendance on the closing day was very large, and the fine band of the Essex Regiment played a most enjoyable selection of music.

At the close of the racing, Colonel Sprot, Commanding The Carabineers, who is the newly-elected President of the Cycle Racing Committee was asked to present the prizes, but before doing so he made a most appropriate little speech in which he first called on those present to join him in heartily congratulating Higgins, who had proved himself such a good man on the track (cheers) and who had won outright two such handsome trophies as the Cups for the One Mile Championship and the Three Mile Army Championship (renewed cheering); also in congratulating Theogaraj on winning outright the Five Mile Championship Shield (applause). He regretted there had not been more entries from the Garrison, and thought that possibly they were afraid of the redoubtable Higgins. However he hoped the garrison entries would improve at future meetings. Cycling, he said, was important in the army; the public he was sure had been pleased, and he hoped the Committee would be equally pleased with the gate money.

On behalf of the Committee, Colonel Sprot then announced that there would be a cycle race meeting in Bangalore next December, which would be open to the whole of India, whilst October would see a meeting open to the Bangalore Garrison.

Events and results :—

ONE MILE HANDICAP

Final.

Prizes—Rs. 40, Rs. 30, and Rs 15.

Bewers, Essex (120 yards) 1st; Benson, R. H. A. (120, 2nd Williams, The Carabiniers (90) 3rd; Smith, East Yorkshires (50) 0.

Bewers made the pace from Benson and Williams, but Smith was coming up fast when he unfortunately lost a pedal, and consequently stopped. Bewers was never caught and won by 15 yards from Benson, with Williams a long way off third. Time—2mins. 5⅗secs.

NATIVE ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP.—THREE MILES

Prizes—Cup valued at Rs. 400 and Rs. 20, Rs. 10 and Rs. 5. Lap Prize—Rs. 5.

Doraswamy, Q. O. Sappers and Miners, 1st; Rungaswamy, 4th Madras Pioneers (holder) 2nd; Rungaswamy, 28th M. I., 3rd; Arokiam, 1st Madras Pioneers.

Doraswamy paced throughout a slowly-run race, the holder making his effort in the final lap but failing to collar the leader who won by 15 yards, and also took the lap prize. Time—9mins 50secs.

FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Final.

Prizes—Shield valued at Rs. 400 and Rs. 40, Rs. 30, Rs. 20 and Rs. 10.

Theagaraj (Civil) (holder) 1st; Rowe, Middlesex, 2nd; Fox, Lincolns, 3rd; Richardson, Royal Scots, 4th.

Richardson paced for five laps and then dropped back to a crawling pace, practically retiring. Two laps more having been covered by the leaders—of whom Rowe was first—however, Richardson again spurted and brought them along for another lap or two. In the final lap, the holder went by his men and leaving them without an effort won by 40 yards amidst hearty applause. Rowe beat Fox by ten yards for second place. Time—12mins 40secs.

ONE MILE SCRATCH RACE. (Open to Bangalore Garrison.)

Prizes—Rs. 40, Rs. 30, and Rs 15.

Bewers, Essex, 1st; Benson, R. H. A., 2nd; Allen, R. H A., 3rd; Williams, The Carabineers.

Bewers led all the way and won by ten yards; a wheel between second and third. Time—2mins 46⅕sec.

CONSOLATION RACE.—ONE MILE.

(*For riders placed 4th and lower in Heats.*)

Prizes—Prize, presented by Mr. Annaswamy Modaliar and Rs. 15 added, Rs 20 and Rs. 10.

Poonaswamy, (Civil) 1st; Ryall, Essex, 2nd.

Two other native civilians also started. Ryall led for two laps, but Poonaswamy went by him in the last lap and won by 40 yards. Time—2mins. 39 secs.

SCRATCH TEAM RACE—FIVE LAPS. About 1¼ miles.

PRIZES—Rs. 20 and Rs. 12.

"A" TEAMS.		"B" Team.
Benson, R. H. A.		Bewers, Essex
Richardson, R. S.		Bain, Civil
Allen, R. H. A.		Smith, E. Yorkshires
Alder, Lincolns		Theagaraj, Civil.

A dead heat. Theagaraj won and Smith was second, but Bewers and Bain were seventh and eighth, respectively, which gave the teams 18 points each, and they agreed to divide. Winner's time—4mins. 32⅖secs.

THREE MILE ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Finals.

Prize—Cup, valued at Rs. 400, and Rs. 40, Rs 30, Rs. 20, and Rs. 10.

Higgins, Lincolns (holder) 1st; Williams, The Carabineers, 2nd 2nd; Rowe, Middlesex, 3rd; Fox, Lincolns, 4th

A grandly run race. Fox paced the crack as he has so often done before, for four laps and then dropped back, beaten by the pace. Higgins then took up the running himself, and going clean away from Rowe and Williams, won without an effort by nearly half a lap. It was a pity he was not more pressed, for although his time was half-a-second better than that in which he won last year, he himself travelled faster in the opening heat, and had there been any one to make him really ride, he would probably have put up another new record. Twenty yards between second and third. Time.—7mins. 1sec.

TEAM RACE.—FIVE LAPS. (About 1¼ miles.)

COMBINED R. A.		ESSEX REGIMENT.
Gordon		Ryall.
Thompson	*vs.*	Matthews.
Howthorne		Day.
Clarke		Lodge.

A good contest which the R. A. team won by 3 points. Gordon, R A., was 1st, and Day, Essex Regiment' 2nd. Winner's time—5mins. 11secs.

CONSOLATION RACE—ONE MILE. (Open to riders placed 4th finals, and 3rd in heats.)

Prizes—Rs. 20 and Rs. 10.

Alder, Lincolns, 1st; Richardson, Royal Scots, 2nd; Bain Civil o.

Richardson did the pacing until well into the last lap, when Alder spurted and won a good race by five yards. Bain fell at the final turn from home. Time—2mins. 23⅘secs.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, *Friday, 19th June 1903.*

WITH the continual growth of automobilism and with every prospect of this form of conveyance being supplemented for horse drawn vehicles, the question of dust on the highways is one that must receive immediate and careful consideration by every road surveyor in the country. To overcome the dust nuisance is a problem surrounded with many difficulties, but one, nevertheless that should be thoroughly gone into

The West Surrey County Council are treating a section of the Horsham-Brighton road with specially prepared materials, and it will be interesting to watch how the experiment answers. Cherbourg quartzite forms the metal, and this, after being broken up in small pieces and thoroughly dried, is treated with tar and pitch. This is laid on the prepared roadway and then thoroughly rolled in by a steam roller, a dressing of sand completing the job. It is expected that the 'life" of the road will be extended some twenty-five per cent.

"Cycling is dead!" has been so frequently urged by those not in a position to know, that the reiteration of the cry falls on deaf ears, and the cyclist goes on cycling. A more mythical statement we doubt has ever been given expression to, and its fallacy is apparent to all who use their eyes in the course of their daily duties. Ask the country inn and hotel proprietors, if cycling is dead; call at any leading cycle depôt and observe the bustle and business; sit on a stile by a popular highway and count the cyclists that pass, and then decide the question for yourselves If a non-cyclist, take a spin on a wheel, and then pronounce whether the pastime will ever die.

Great amusement was caused at a race meeting held near London, by the explosion of one of the competitor's tyres when the men were on their marks awaiting the pistol. A limit man hearing the report took it for the signal to go and was off like a shot, riding "all out" until the shouts of the officials and the laughter of the spectators, showed him that something was amiss.

The Woodford Meet, carries the mind of cyclists of old standing back to the days when such gatherings were very different functions to that of the present day; they can picture the muster of wheelmen who use to assemble at Woodford, Hampton Court, or Hayes Common, all dressed in tight fitting breeches and elaborately braided coats, every club having a certain material and style of its own with a bugler thrown in. They can see the cyclists hurrying and scurrying to join their fellow clubmen, and on the bugle sounding placing their feet on the foot-rests of their high bicycles in readiness to mount. The bugle sounds again; the riders mount their machines, and a long procession slowly winds its way round and round the locality, until the arrival at a large marquee, all laid out for tea, brings the meet to a close.

What a different gathering is the Woodford Meet of to-day held on 20th June last. In place of the uniforms of military precision the wheelmen taking part adorn themselves in fancy costumes ranging from the sublime to the grotesque, and by entering heart and soul into the spirit of the thing, tend largely to the success of the gathering The Woodford Meet Cyclists' Association is composed of a body of good organizers and enthusiasts, and the perfect arrangements and system observed stands to the Association's credit. This year the Meet was supported by no less than twenty-three Essex cycling clubs, the individual members of which totaling 552 cyclists in fancy dress Add to this the collectors and officials, and the number taking part was almost 700. The amount collected is not yet known, but it was pretty evident that previous collections have been exceeded. Up to 1902, £814 had been collected, the whole of this amount going to the local hospitals, the expenses in connection with the meet being defrayed by the clubs taking part.

Although raining hard at the appointed time to start, fifteen members of the North Road Cycling Club assembled at the General Post Office, London, at midnight 19th, June and started on their annual run to York. The roads for the first portion of the journey were wet and muddy, and all through the journey of some 190 miles to York the seasoned riders had a strong, cold, head wind to contend with, yet they all arrived at York at 8-45 P.M., fifteen minutes within their schedule time.

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All the arrangements for the Gordon-Bennett race, on 2nd July are now complete. The race will start at 7 A.M., and the twelve competitors will be sent off at intervals of eleven minutes. It is stated in some paper that it is expected that ninety miles an hour will be done. This is arrant nonsense. It will be a good performance to do between forty and fifty miles in the hour on the torturous course, which has to be traversed three times to bring the mileage total to 351 miles. The English and American teams have arrived in Ireland, and are now making themselves acquainted with the course. The French and German teams are expected on the 27th instant.

Emile Bouhours is riding with all his old dash, and the famous French pace follower should have a very successful season before him, judging by the way in which he beat Robl, Linton, and Ryser in the series of matches for the Grand Prize of Hamburg. In each of the three events, at 10, 25, and 50 kilometres he passed the tape first. Bouhours is thirty-three years of age and has been associated with the cycle race path for a matter of ten years, during which time he has figured amongst the first four prize winners in middle distance events. On three occasions he has visited England to fulfil an engagement, and on each time has beaten the world's records.

An exhaustive enquiry has been held by the U. V. F. respecting the charges brought against Levaloy, the cyclist who finished second to Ancouturier in the last Bordeaux-Paris race The charge against Levaloy is, that taking advantage of night, he covered a certain distance of the journey in a motor car. This he stoutly denies, but the verdict of the U. V. F. went against him and that body passed the severe sentence of disqualifying him out of the race with suspension for life.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* ARMY VETERINARY SCHOOL.—Played at Poona on the 9th instant, the Gymkhana winning by 57 runs. Scores :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr Green, c Stanbridge, b Wallinger ...	6
Mr Faviell, b Hazelton ...	43
Mr Knight, l-b-w, b Hazelton ...	0
Capt Tregear, b Wallinger ...	0
Capt Gresson, b Hazelton ...	1
Mr Kirwan, l-b-w, b Wallinger ...	1
Mr Young, b Forsyth ...	21
Mr Hawley, c Forsyth, b Wallinger ...	15
Mr Thomas, b Hazelton ...	11
Mr Oakes, not out ...	1
Capt Wilson, b Hazelton ...	0
Extras ...	13
Total ...	112

ARMY VETERINARY SCHOOL.

Vety-Col Hazelton, c Young, b Tregear ...	2
Capt Trancred, run out ...	28
Mr Wallinger, c Faviell b Tregear ...	6
Major Cheyne, c Oakes, b Tregear ...	5
Major Chitty, b Hawley ...	0
Capt Forsyth, c Young, b Faviell ...	5
Vety Capt Newsom, not out ...	2
Mr W G Stanbridge, st Young, b Faviell ...	4
Sergt Robertson, run out ...	1
St-Sergt Oswick, b Hawley ...	0
St-Sergt Balcombe, c Knight, b Faviell ...	1
Extras ...	1
Total ...	55

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ARMY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Hawley ...	9	2	21	2
Capt Tregear ...	6	0	28	5
Mr Faviell ...	2·5	0	5	3

POONA GYMKHANA.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Wallinger ...	15	0	41	4
Vety-Col Hazelton ...	14·3	2	29	5
Vety-Capt Newsom ...	2	0	9	0
Capt Forsyth ...	3	0	16	1
St-Sergt Oswick ...	1	0	4	0

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* R. A. and NORTH STAFFORDS.—These teams met last Saturday and a good game resulted in a win for the Gymkhana by 46 runs. Score :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

H Cheetham, c Munt, b Paynton ...	11
P J Mead, b Lyon	17
H E Harrington, c and b Munt ...	17
A C Rumboll, b Bookham ...	7
E Coombs, c Langhorn, b Bookham ...	9
Lieut Carroll, c Lyon, b Mason ...	16
Major Rogers, b Lyon ...	13
A H Aston, run out ...	9
C M Ward, run out ...	4
F P West, not out ...	1
H J Richardson, b Lyon ...	0
Extras ...	9
Total ...	113

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut Lyon ...	18·1	7	39	3
Gr Munt ...	12	3	33	1
Sergt Paynton ..	4	1	10	1
Gr Bookham ...	5	1	13	2
Gr Mason ...	7	3	9	1

R. A AND NORTH STAFFORDS.

Lieut Langhorn, b Richardson	15
Lieut Armes, c Carroll, b Cheetham ...	5
Gr Munt, c Aston, b Rumboll	5
Pte Davis, c and b Cheetham	0
Lieut Lockyer, st Mead, b Cheetham ...	0
Lce-Corpl Shelley, st Mead, b Cheetham ...	7
Gr Mason, c Aston, b Cheetham ...	6
Lieut Lyon, c Ward, b Coombs	5
Gr Bookham, b Rumboll	3
Capt Stiffe, st Mead, b Cheetham ...	12
Sergt Paynton, not out	0
Extras ...	9
Total ...	67

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Richardson ...	8	3	14	1
Cheetham ...	17	4	27	6
Rumboll ...	6	1	17	2
Coombs ...	2	...	...	1

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BATTING.

	No of innings.	Times not out.	Most in an innings.	Runs.	Average.
Capt. Wigram ...	8	2	107	332	55·33
Capt. Stokes ...	6	0	126	231	38·5
Major Younghusband ...	3	1	44	53	26·5
Major Shea ...	8	3	38	132	26·4
Capt. Keighley ...	7	0	43	162	23·14
Capt. Gore ...	7	0	75	156	22·28
Capt. Plunkett ...	3	0	31	46	15·33
Capt. Strange ...	3	0	38	45	15
Mr. Muspratt-Williams ...	6	2	14	47	11·75
Capt. Onslow ..	5	0	15	47	9·4
Sergeant Lawrence ...	2	0	10	18	9
Mr. Edmondson ...	2	0	9	16	8
Mr. Mathias ...	3	0	16	19	6·33
Capt. Tancred ...	4	0	8	16	4

The following batted once each :—Mr. Mant (9), Mr. Vernon Harcourt (16 not out), Mr. Loveday 3, Major Merewether (0), Mr. Bill (0).

BOWLING.

	No. of balls bowled.	No. of runs.	No. of Wickets.	Average Per Wicket.
Capt. Wigram ...	622	366	35	10·45
Capt. Keighley ...	572	301	28	10·75
Capt. Tancred ...	129	93	7	13·28
Capt. Onslow ...	66	46	3	15·33
Major Mupratt-Williams ...	18	21	1	21
Following also bowled :—				
Capt. Strange ...	24	14	0	
Capt. Gore ...	12	15	0	
Capt. Stokes ...	18	15	0	
Major Shea ...	6	6	0	

Football.

CALCUTTA LEAGUE COMPETITION.

The following statement shows the final position of the Clubs in the League Competition during the season 1903 :—

Name of Club.	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Goals. For	Agst.
93rd H'ldrs	16	15	0	1	31	47	6
Calcutta	16	12	2	2	26	36	10
K. O. S. B.'s	16	9	6	1	19	37	17
Dalhousie	16	7	5	4	18	24	17
Rangers	16	6	7	3	15	20	28
Y. M. C. A.	16	6	7	3	15	14	19
Howrah	16	3	10	3	9	9	32
64th R. F. A.	16	2	12	2	6	12	42
Burns A. C.	16	1	12	3	5	8	41

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE 93rd Highlanders are to be heartily congratulated on capturing the League Cup, and moreover without having lost a single match. This fine record has been attained by hard and consistent training, excellent generalship, and a magnificent defence, in which we consider they especially excel. McGowan has shewn consummate judgment in the management of the team and in his knowledge of the game, besides being the pivot on which the entire back division worked. The Highlanders are, on League form, undoubtedly the best side in Calcutta, but the many weak spots in their forward line preclude us from agreeing with those enthusiasts who consider them a *great* team. However they may justify the views of their supporters during the tussle for the Shield.

Calcutta have done uncommonly well to finish second with only two defeats, and both by the League champions. Their most inglorious display was that against the 64th R. F A. with whom they only managed to draw, but this was due to experimenting with the team and thus disorganising the entire combination. They sadly need a really good left back to partner Todd who has been a tower of strength to the side, and it would also be advisable for the executive to finally make up its mind, before the matches for the Shield, as to whether they intend Fyffe or Cooper to play in the centre. On a dry ground there is no finer goal-keeper in Calcutta than Buckley, but his displays with a heavy ground and wet ball have always left something to be desired The meeting between Calcutta and the 93rd, or Rifles, ought to provide the finest match of the season.

THE K. O. S. B.'s—Last year's League champions have fallen from their high estate and are at present showing very indifferent form. They are, however, strengthening their side for the shield competition by the inclusion of several of the 1902 team and this should enable them to make a bold bid for victory.

Dalhousie's position in the League table is somewhat disappointing. When caught in the mood they are one of the most dangerous teams in Calcutta, but on the other hand they have given some unaccountably bad displays. In Watts they have a clever and resourceful centre forward, who is likewise a good shot, but he has often proved very erratic and perhaps a trifle too unselfish, Rosser has played consistently well throughout and is quite in the front rank amongst local forwards. The half-back line is the weak spot in the team and badly requires strengthening. With Watts, Rosser, and Peake in form, the Trades team are capable of going extremely close for the blue riband of Calcutta football, although they will have to be in very good trim, to beat the Borderers whom they should meet in the semi-final.

All the other entries for the Shield can have little or no chance with such teams as the 93rd, Calcutta, K.O.S.B s' and Dalhousie, although the Rangers might create a surprise, if only they are able to strengthen their forwards who, with the exception of Russell, are far too slow and sadly lack combination. They have a fine defence, however, and their goal-keeper, Whelan, is fast approaching first class.

The Council of the I. F. A. have shown in no uncertain manner by the suspension of Bonner of Burns, and Rosser of the Y.M.C.A., that they intend to put down foul play and general misbehaviour on the field with a strong hand. Rosser is to be sympathised with as he was not the aggressor, and it requires considerable self-control to refrain from retaliation under such circumstances as those in the case under notice, but at the same time we do not agree, as a matter of principle, with those who consider that he should have been dealt with more leniently. We trust this exemplary sentence will have a salutary effect on some players we wot of, or else there will be further need for the beneficial services of the I. F. A. Council.

We regret to learn that the Customs have been obliged to withdraw from the Shield due, we believe, to cessations from their ranks. This must be a disappointment to Mr. Judge which we hope will be atoned for by his team making a bold bid for the Rugby Cup.

THE CHIEL.

Golf.

GOLF AT GULMARG.

THE season in Gulmarg was late this year owing to the heavy fall of snow; houses and links were buried 10 feet in snow on the 1st April, and it did not clear off till the beginning of June when the sun exerted itself and vegetation sprang up magically, the growth of grass on the greens was plentiful and made the task of Mr. Smith, the green-keeper, easy, as little or no turf had to be replaced. So before the rush of players came the greens were in excellent order, the superfluous growth removed from the course leaving the Ragwort on each side to receive the strong language of those who pull or slice their balls; the hazards and bunkers were as formidable as ever, ready to assist the vendor of golf balls by making away with them in the swift running streams and pitfalls numerous. The undulating hills covered with grass kept down by sheep grazing, making the turf springy and even, and most enjoyable, in the clear crisp air for your morning and evening round of 18 holes. Enjoyable is no word for it; the lovely scenery of pine, maple, rododendron, fur and shrubs, loved of one's youth in our far-away homes, with snow-capped mountains, with round-topped velvet hills, brown yellow, or green, you go clambering up and up to meet the purple bases of the great mountains that lay their mighty length along the horizon and thrust up white massive peaks into the blue sky, reaching Kilimarg, or Minimarg, the morning breeze sweeping down to meet us bearing a thousand scents of flowers of every description.

A holiday up here is well worth having after the heat and discomfort of the plains; it invigoirates and makes you think life is really worth living especially after a successful round, lwhere you have sent the Haskell rubber flying through the air like a ·303 bullet lofted in perfect style, putted with the accuracy of a Vardon and ended in triumph over your opponent. Yes, life up here is glorious, yet strange that nowadays, when it is so easy to get to Kashmir, more people do not come, but spend their money in hill stations where they are cramped and worried with rules of society.

The first contest for men and ladies came off last Tuesday, a handicap pairs, 12 holes, partners to be drawn for. The entries were numerous, 24 couples were started by that energetic and popular Sub-Secretary Captain J. Hill; the ladies drove off the crest of the hill tee, few doing well. Miss Nicholetts as usual came to the front dropping her ball within 20 yards of the hole, a drive equal to that of most of the masculine species; her partner helping well the hole was done in four, very many of the second shots reaching the swift running meandering stream guarding the green. Hades swamped many of the fair competitors. No. 3 hole was fatal to most second shots, as the bunkers are so placed that an indifferent effort finds repose in drains of sorts; casual water abounded, wet boots and skirts predominated, the putting with the new rubber-cored ball was very difficult, to see first class players like Captain Hill, W. Mitchell, General Anderson, Y. Phelps unable to command the wee self-willed ball, which deviated on the slightest pretence from the straight line to the hole, was laughable.

The winners were Colonel Fenis and Mrs. Twinning, net score 53. Major McMahon and Mrs. Vanrennan second, with 56; the rest averaging 60. Both ladies dragged their partners through many difficulties.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE GUINDY CUP.—The final qualifying round in this competition played off last Saturday resulted in Major Waller bringing in the best score, Messrs. Sykes and Annan running him close. The finals will be played next month. Score :—

Major Waller	61—6=55
O. J. Sykes	64—8=56
D. Annan	62—5=57
E. P. Corlett	63—5=58
C. Morrison	59scr.=59
A. E. Lawson	61scr =61
Colonel Pope	69—8=61
C. H, Payne	71—10=61
Colonel Boteler	71—8=63
A. Chatterton	73—9=64

GOLF AT POONA.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT *vs.* COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS.—Played at Yerrowda on the 9th instant and won by the Government team by 15 holes or five games to three. Details :—

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT.		BOMBAY COMMEND HEAD-QUARTERS.	
H E Lord Northcote ...	6	Genl Bingham ...	0
Sir James Monteath ...	3	Sir R Low ...	0
Hon'ble M E Fulton ...	0	Genl Greenfield ...	1
Mr Muir Mackenzie ...	4	Col Bromfield ...	0
Hon'ble Mr S W Edgerley	0	Major Anderson ...	2
Hon'ble Mr J Tate ...	0	Capt Watson ...	1
Mr G A Anderson ...	4	Capt Sandys ...	0
„ Rendall ...	2	Capt Stack ...	0
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The Horse.

THE ORIGIN OF THE ARAB HORSE.

ALL students of live stock husbandry and horse breeders who take more than a passing interest in their occupation must have experienced a strong feeling of surprise at the conclusions arrived at by Professor Ridgeway in his lecture delivered before the Cambridge Philosophical Society. In the first portion of his letter he states that the original horses of Europe were small—about ten hands high—and were unable to carry a man; they were used for war chariots. Had Professor Ridgeway made any enquiries he would have found that there is ample proof that among the pre-historic horses of Europe there were some races that were anything but the weedy ants he describes. One instance of this will be sufficient. At the station of Salutre, was Macon, where an enormous number of the remains of quartenary horses have been found; the size of the bones show that, though not standing high, they were stoutly-built animals, and the bones furnish plain indications that they were very muscular. A skeleton, minus the head, was set up from these bones by M. Toussaint, who presented it to the Museum of Natural History, Lyons. He expressed his opinion that the race to which it belonged approached closely to that at present existing in the Bresse. M Sanson supported this conclusion and stated his belief that the Belgian draught horse was a direct descendant of the horse of Salutre. All records of ancient history show that the horse was first used for draught. It was not till the time of Sargon, who is mentioned in the Bible, that horses were used for cavalry purposes. Professor Ridgeway's theory to account for the stripes in some races of horses by supposing that one of the ancestors was a zebra hybrid is, on the face of it, extremely unlikely. It is quite possible, nay, extremely probable, that some races of the horse are descended from a striped animal not necessarily a zebra. There are several striped races of the horse existing at the present day, but their habitat is far removed from the home of the zebras. There is a record of striped horses (1100 B.C.,) in Chinese literature, of which mention is made in a work by Captain Schlieben and they are again referred to in a record of 107 B.C. They inhabited a mountain country in Khokhand and were described as striped and as having the peculiarity of sweating blood. I have met with mention of this peculiarity in some Hungarian horses in the French Cavalry. There is a race of striped horses bred in the Kathiawar District, India. Many of the Burmese mountain ponies are striped, and there is a breed of striped ponies in Norway. All these striped breeds are dun or mouse coloured. Professor Ridgeway's statement that the Arab horse originated in Africa is, I believe, quite contrary to what is known of the subject. The Arab and the African horse have been declared to be two distinct races by all careful observers who have gone closely into the matter. In the first place their heads are entirely different. The Arab has a flat forehead with large prominent eyes and small ears, widely separated at the base. The African horse has a well-rounded forehead, the eye is of moderate size and is not prominent, and the ears are long and apt to droop. This horse has only five lumbar vertebræ, while all other horses have six, and the original type had no chestnuts or callosities on the hind leg. The two types differ considerably in form, the Arab having well-rounded limbs and ample muscles, while the African horse stands more on the leg, is not so well rounded on the rib, and is lighter in muscle. The peculiar features of the African horse, whose original home seems to have been in Nubia, were first made public in a memoir by Professor Sanson, addressed to the "Journal de E'Anatomie el de la Physiologie," May 1868. It was not necessary for any learned Professor to tell us that the Arab horse did not originate in Arabia. Every reader who takes an interest in the subject knows well that Arabia was almost, if not quite, a horseless country at the commencement of the Christian era. Even at the time of the Hegier (622 A.D.), Mahomet did not possess a single horse. The value of the horse in war was realised by him and he raised the care for the horse almost to a religious duty. That these two races of the horse were quite distinct in the most ancient times of which we have any record there is plenty of evidence. The types of the horse figured on the monuments of Assyria are all of the true Arab type to which M. Sanson has given the name of Asiatic. The horses of the Parthenon, sculptured by Phidias, are the highest type of the Arab. On the other hand the horses depicted on the monuments of Egypt are all of the African type. Formerly this horse was commonly met with throughout Northern Africa, but they have in a great part been modified by the Arab type. Even at the present day the almost pure type of the African race may be met with in the Dongola District of Nubia. That both races are represented in the English thoroughbred there is no doubt. The Godolphin Barb there is good reason to believe was of the African race, from the frequent recurrence of the type in his descendants. On the other hand the Darley Arabian was of the Asiatic type. It is an interesting fact connected with these ancestors of the English thoroughbred horse that the descendants of the Darby Arabian are the winners of nearly all the great races, while the descendants of the Godolphin Barb are gradually disappearing from the front rank of the Turf. In all countries the Asiatic type, or, as it is now called, the Arab is preferred to that of the African, both for beauty of form and for superior physical qualities. Those who take an interest in the origin of the Arab type of horse will obtain much valuable information on the subject from Pietreman's admirable work, "Les Chevan Dans les Temps Prehistoriques et Historiques." Whatever the origin of the Arab horse may be he certainly did not come from Africa.

BRUNI—*in the Australasian.*

Particulars of the mode of occurrence and removal of a carcase of the mammoth which had been discovered in 1901 in the province of Iakousk, in Siberia, are contributed with illustrations by M. L. Elbee (*La Nature;* May 23). The remains were half embedded in the snow and ice, and there were still preserved the eyes, the mouth, and even the stomach. Measurements showed that the animal was about 3 metres in length and 2 metres in height, and must have weighed about 1000 kg. The specimen has not yet been exhibited in public owing to the great difficulties experienced in preserving the skin.

The Oaks of 1838 resulted in a dead-heat. Governess and Gildermere were the pair the judge was unable to separate, and their respective owners decided the fillies should run t off.

As Governess returned to the paddock, somebody noticed a nasty-looking red streak across the frog of her near fore-foot, and soon it was rumoured Mr. Gratwicke's animal was hurt. Though the dead-heaters both went to the post, the scare, which had been confirmed by sundry bystanders, had the effect of making Governess the non-favourite. In the run off, Gildermere was never going easy, and Governess won without turning a hair, while the favourite finished in a manner that suggested staying was not altogether her forte.

Later on the mystery of the injured foot was solved. In galloping up the course the filly had somehow trodden on a fragment of dark-red cloth, which had wedged itself under the edge of her shoe, and had thus given rise to the report that she had met with an accident.

The Theatre.

THE DANDY FIFTH.

ALTOGETHER English, excessively military, and by way of being rather comic is the play written by George R. Sims, set to music by Clarence C. Corri, yclept *The Dandy Fifth*, which the ever-energetic A. D. S. have presented to an indulgent Monsoon audience this season.

Bright, tuneful, and boasting some decidedly pretty musical numbers, well staged, mounted and exceedingly well dressed, we would go so far as to say this comic opera is quite the best thing staged by the Calcutta amateurs for some seasons. Many extra dances and songs have been introduced with good effect, and the whole went with a swing and *verve* that amateurs can so often supply even more effectually than first-class professionals; and which, though it may be very safely inferred to have been more than half imparted by vigorous applause and hearty encores from an appreciative audience, in no small way helped through the very excellent first performance of the season given by the Calcutta A. D. S. at the Opera House last Saturday.

Like the usual up-to-date "comic opera" so-called, *The Dandy Fifth* is not weighted with over much plot, story, or clever dialogue. Its attraction lies in its utterly inconsequent humorous situations, and all its grand opportunities for dance and song to which Mr. Zimmermann, (as Milligan) the *lion comique* of the evening responded bravely. Later on he was ably assisted by Mr. Mathew's clever impersonation of Mdme. Von Blitzen, (in spite of the rather trying falsetto) while Mr. W. B. Urmson as Trooper Brown, though slightly hampered by the cockney accent, was also extremely funny. Mrs. Anderson sang very sweetly as Kate Lorrimer, the wilful heroine, who wanders out disguised as a singing girl, and is promptly made love to by Dick Darvill (Mr. H. B. Mason). Mrs. Anderson wore in the first act a pretty frock, most artistic in colouring and design, though its one fault did not escape the critical eye of a poor male thing sitting next us. This, however, was such a minor one, it scarcely bears dwelling upon, and Dick Darvill may be well excused for his quick infatuation. In the second act the fancy ball gown, though of very costly materials, was not nearly so becoming, and we would almost say so elaborate as to be rather over-powering. This, however, could not prevent Kate Lorrimer's impersonation from being very evenly and charmingly played throughout. As Dick Darvill, the scion of good family who has enlisted in the Dandy Fifth, Mr. H. B. Mason had not very much to do, and did that little carefully and painstakingly and sang his songs well, but the *rôle* of "light lovier" would appear to be as heavily encumbered as ever even in comic opera and Dick Darvill seemed to the onlooker to take himself a bit seriously withal.

Mrs. Wakefield makes what the school-girl calls a "ripping" Polly, and was an immense favourite with the audience, who evidently appreciate clever and graceful dancing. Her acting was bright and vivacious, and her enunciation delightfully clear, if at times a trifle high pitched and rapid.

Mr. Webber, Dr. Bonwill and Mr. Horncastle do well in their respective small parts, and Mr. Whittle does all that can be done with the terribly heavy and utterly uninteresting character of sir Victor Vavasour the Yachtsman, for whom it is difficult, even in the charming inconsequence of comic opera, to find an excuse for a place in the cast.

The lady members of the chorus seemed to want still a little more drilling in their action than do the men; but all must be complimented, including their indefatigable conductor, on their volume and time, which is quite refreshingly good, and will bear much comparison with efforts in this direction last year.

Mr. Pulford would seem to have romanced a little with the scenery of Southsea, but then as we know "all's fair in love or war," and these two elements certainly abound in *The Dandy Fifth!* It is no small reflection of praise on the untiring efforts of the busy stage manager that by universal consent the entire show has been pronounced an unqualified success.

The Garden.

GARDENING IN MIDNAPUR.

CUCUMBER.—We are fortunate in Midnapur, nay, in Bengal, in having two different species of cucumbers, indigenous to the country, which may be divided into the hot weather and rainy season varieties. The for-mer is a small gourd-shaped cucuumber of a light green colour streaked with reddish stripes. The seeds of this variety are usually sown along river bank sand where the soil is more or less alluvial loam with a good admixture of sand. The seeds are sown from the middle of January to the end of the following month, and the cucumbers are in season during the hot months—from March to the beginning of June. The worst about these hot-weather cucumbers is, that a good many of them have a slightly bitterish taste. Plants bearing such fruits should at once be pulled out, for the good ones are very acceptable for salads and are the best kinds for pickling. I twice got seeds of these hot-weather cucumbers from Saharanpur, but the gourds they produced were so small and the plants bore so sparingly, that I had to give it up as a hopeless job; specially so as any number of these cucumbers could be had when in season for a pice a-piece. The rainy season variety of cucumbers and of which there are two different kinds *viz.*, the green and white, may be had all through the rains and the beginning of the cold weather. The two different kinds are very much alike in shape and appearance; the only difference lies in the colour, which is either rice green striped with white, or pale lemon colour; the latter is said to be the more delicate and better flavoured of the two kinds, but personally I have found very little difference. Any ordinary garden soil enriched with manure will suit these cucumbers. The best time for sowing the seeds is from the first week in May to the end of August. These sowings should be made every three weeks, so as to ensure a succession of crops till well into November. Four to five seeds should be sown in each little circular bed. These beds should be about two feet in diameter and raised six inches or so above the surrounding ground. The seeds usually germinate on the fifth or sixth day, and when the seedlings have put out their fourth leaves they are very liable to be preyed upon by a specie of small red beetles, not very unlike lady birds. The best protection against these pests is to sprinkle over the plants with either finely sifted wood ashes or Keating's insect powder. When the plants are six to eight inches high, they should be trained on the frame works specially put up. These frame works or structures should be built on bamboo poles firmly inserted in the ground. The poles should be five to six feet in length and about the same distance apart; to the tops of the post transversed rods should be fastened and the climbing cucumber plants trained on the uprights and across the transversed rods until the whole is covered with a leafy screen and the fruits hang down beneath. These structures are distinctly temporary but they answer very well for the purpose. Cucumbers, if picked very young and when some four to five inches long, will not only be found to be very delicate, but if eaten, peel and all, will be found to have none of the indigestible after effects, which bar so many from enjoying these succulent vegetables, To those persons with whom raw or green cucumber salad does not agree, should have their cucumbers parboiled first; five minutes in boiling with a pinch of salt will be found ample and then sliced and dressed as usual.

Cucumbers besides being an almost indispensable adjunct to Mayonnaise sauce, is also very useful as a vegetable and can be made into a variety of paletable dishes, and much more of it should be made use of than at present; for cucumbers usually come into season when most other vegetables are scarce, and when our system more than ever require a greater amount of green food. Imported cucumbers rarely succeed in this country (at least in the plains) and are scarcely worth growing. I have tried both English and American seeds. The Giant Pera sent out without the former never grew to more than six inches, and the gourds were full of seeds and tasteless. Among the American seeds sent out now, there is a variety known as *Floridas Pride* which succeed fairly well out here, and if acclimatized seeds could be tried, the results I am sure would prove satisfactory. Two years' ago I put down seeds of this American cucumber, and out of a dozen plants that came up, only a couple bore some half a dozen fruits between them; these were eight to ten inches long, rather thin looking and of a deep green colour; in taste and flavour, I found them in no way superior to the cucumbers we get here in the rains, but acclimatization and proper cultivation may both improve the size and flavour of the fruits.

KNOL-KOHL, OR KOHL-RABI, *Brassica oleracea*, is a species of vegetable belonging to the cabbage tribe. Knol-Khol succeeds very well all over Bengal and as it endures heat better than most other imported esculent vegetables, it comes into season earlier. Any ordinary garden soil, thoroughly enriched with manure, specially with that containing the most nytrogen and phosphoric acid, is the best suited to it. For the earlier crops the seeds should be sown about the 15th July and the sowings should at first be protected from either too much sun or rain. When about four to five inches high, the plants should be put out in rows a foot or so apart, and they should be shaded from the sun for the first week or so, or till they have firmly taken root. Knol-kohl seedlings put out early in August should be fit to be taken up by the middle of October. These early kohl rabis should be cut when rather smaller than tennis balls; if allowed to get bigger, they will be found to be stringy and hard. A succession of sowings of this vegetable should be made from August to the end of January, and though it is one of the first to come into season it is also one of the last to go out. Liquid manure will be found very beneficial and should be freely made use of when the knol-kohls are forming as this will prevent them from getting hard and stringy. There are two varieties of this vegetable, the white and purple, both are very much alike in everything but colour, the purple kind is, however, the hardier of the two and comes into season earlier. Knol-kohl is one of the most delicate vegetables we have, *if made use of when young and tender*, for what one generally sees exposed for sale in the market, have usually been allowed to grow too big and are coarse and tasteless. Knol-khol when young and tender, cooked in boiling water, with the lid of the saucepan open and served with a nice white sauce are difficult to beat, and they are also excellent mashed up with fresh butter, pepper and salt and served on toast.

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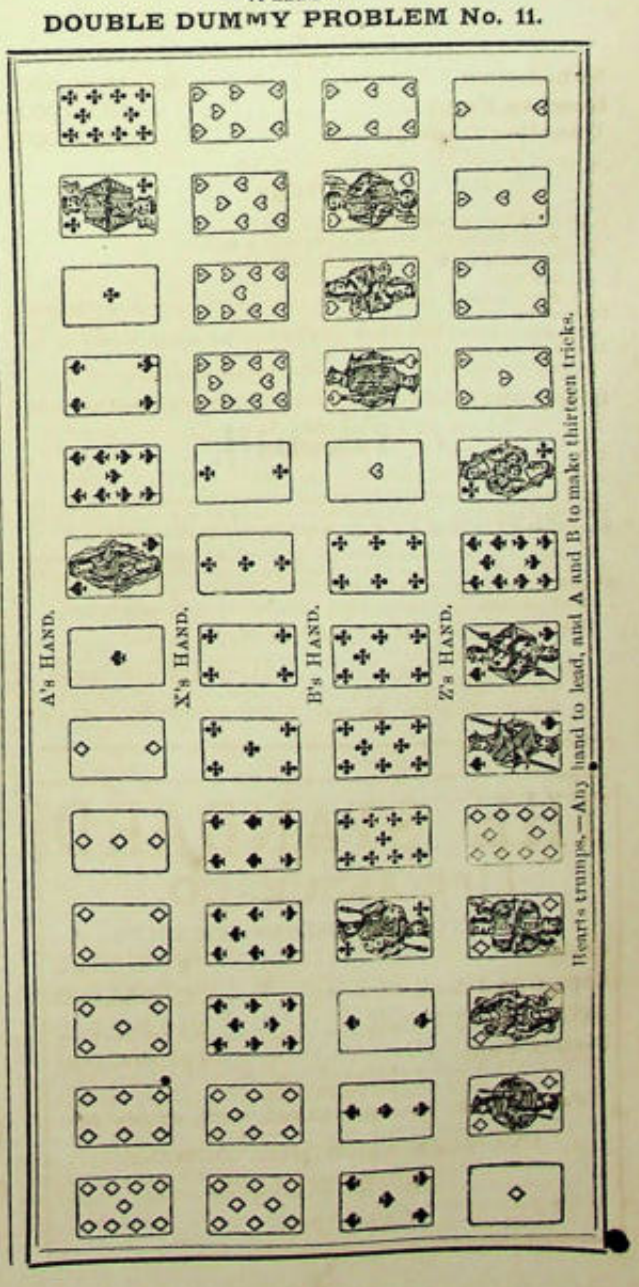

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We believe the horse of the future or at least in our time will be confined entirely to saddle nags either for private use or military purposes. The light field guns of long range do not now require the stout though lumbering artillery horses of even a dozen years ago, and the Boer campaign demonstrated that the days for heavy cavalry had passed, so that breeders will have to devote their attention to the production of light active animals in which moderate speed and great endurance must be the main considerations. The racehorse we are not here concerned with; he stands apart on a platform entirely his own. Home breeders acknowledge what we here indicate—the necessity of increased attention being given to the hack and hunter class.

Out here within the last few years importers have inclined the same way, the nags brought up from the colonies being far less heavily built than was previously the rule, and though for police and ordnance work the larger beasts may still continue in moderate demand, the bulk of our military requirements will be limited to the height of riding cobs and polo ponies. A recent newspaper article pointed out that each successive invasion of India had been accomplished by cavalry; while we have but to go back a hundred and fifty years for confirmation of the fact that it was horsemen who swept all before them in the ceaseless wars between the rival chiefs of

the country, the mounts of each approximating the size and height of those now so much in favour. This being admitted, we hope the recently allotted 47,000 acres for breeding purposes to ex-cavalry pensioners on the Jhelum canal tracts will be entirely devoted for the propagation of this class of horse, and in a few years we ought to have the same stamp of stud that Alexander requisitioned in his march through Central Asia and with which later on Ghengiz Khan swept the plains of Upper India; or those that periodically raided Bengal, ridden by the robbers from the Mahrata States. Existing Government studs are fully capable of supplying all horses for guns or ceremonial purposes, so that subsidised or independent stock farmers should be encouraged to strive mainly to turn out the fourteen-hand animals experience indicates to be the kind now and likely, in the near future, to be most in request.

We have treated in former issues of what animals may be needed either for baggage or riding in our more rugged districts, indicating the kind of stock most suitable for military service therein, and we venture to opine that breeders will best consult their own interests and those of the State by confining themselves to what was then recommended. Whatever may happen in Europe, or other elaborately roaded lands to lead to the practical extinction of the horse, in India at all events, he'll hold his own, outside the towns, for many years to come, and though the motor invasion may be felt, we trust its appearance will not cause intending breeders to lose heart, under the impression that horse breeding no longer holds out the same profitable inducements as formerly.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

(Contributed.)

It occurs to me that, Mr. Editor, you might possibly welcome a few reflections upon football from one whose point of view seldom or never finds an advocate in the press nowadays. I therefore take advantage of a leisure which rarely comes my way to give vent to certain considerations that you may find of interest.

In the first place it would be well to explain that I write of Association football alone. It would be well, too, perhaps, to preface my remarks by saying that I have been actively connected with football almost without cessation for over 30 years. I played first-class footer when professionalism was not recognised, but had begun to appear thinly veiled by the bar of the public house and the counter of the tobacconist's shop. The Canny Scot was only crossing the border singly in those days to pick up soft billets in the wealthy manufacturing districts of Northern England, and when I left school, school ethics and school enthusiasm could still find a fitting place in local football. Football in short was still a game and not a spectacle. That ancient Saxon word "friendly" had not been tortured into a horrid technical expression, and when Timbuctoo played the neighbouring town of Otaheite, Timbuctootans met Otaheitans. The teams were not half Laplanders and Kamskatchans. But since those days football has almost ceased to be a game. It has often been likened to a gladiatorial display, and rightly so. The demand for a finished spectacle has killed local enthusiasm, and nowadays your first class local team is an institution much on a par with the corps de ballet of any Theatre Royal. —agile, muscular, high kicking, combining with machinelike precision and all the time playing to the gallery! When it comes to a contest what is the player but a paid servant who must provide a spectacle and win his supporters' bets if he can? This is not an exaggerated picture of English football at the present time and we are beginning to suffer in Calcutta from the evils of the system. We have our League; Cup ties ridiculous in name and number. We distinguish between friendy games and "League matches" with all the idiotic additions of the home sporting press, and we criticise Referees and Club executives as though they were the Managers and Directors of some Limited concern such as exploits and trains football gladiators in England, and with what result? We are rapidly converting the game here, too, into a spectacle. The players are more and more sacrificed to the spectators. Professionals and professional style are exalted, and there is less and less room for the man who desires to play football for its own sake as in England; so here the public school-boy is deserting the game and its ethics suffer accordingly. Any one aware of the references to the I. F. A., which arise out of League and Cup contests, would at once admit my proposition. Indulgence in abuse, actual fighting and other breaches of the manners of the true sportsman are all too common, and these bad examples affect the Hindu and Mahomedan teams. The English professional style grafted upon a Bengalee stem produces strange fruit and the resulting modification of British head punching and British language is no less distasteful to the real enthusiast even though he be only a philosophic admirer of the ingenuity and subtlety which the natives of these parts display in the process. As to the exaltation of professionalism it is patent to all. One need only read the profuse effusions of a daily contemporary of yours who devotes much space to football, Mr. Editor, to see the tendency of the press in this direction and that professionalism succeeds in winning matches is shewn by results. As there is no such person as a professional football player in India, you may wonder what I am driving at. Well I am approaching dangerous ground perhaps and possibly some of your readers may not agree with my view that regimental teams, if not exactly professional, represent, in India, professionalism. In efficiency they are professional and in their methods, but whilst second class in both they bring with them most of the tricks of the trade. The British Officer does not figure in the team and is no longer, so far as one can see, concerned in its affairs. The Regiment comes along to back its team and howl at any Referee who displeases it, and speaking generally fairly reproduces the home-made article. Well-balanced mediocrity, coupled with physical fitness, sweeps the board of "the pots" spectators yell, and the press sings exaggerated pœans. Hence the exaltation of professionalism and the consequent gradual disappearance of the amateur with individuality, who can play decent football, keep his mouth shut, and obey the Referee cheerfully and without sarcasm. I fear that having regard to the position of affairs in England, the unfortunate course that football has taken in Calcutta cannot now be stayed, but if I had my way the League would be abolished. I would re-establish the despised "friendly" game. In short I would encourage players *en masse* instead of spectators *en masse*, encourage the game, and cease to compete with the *corps de ballet*.

Special Telegrams.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.

The Sixteenth Renewal of the ECLIPSE STAKES of 10,000 sovs; second to receive 500 sovs; the third 100 sovs; and the nominator of winner 500 sovs out of the stakes; for three and four-year-olds: three-year-olds 8st 8lbs; four 9st 6lbs; mares and geldings allowed 3lbs; any winner of a weight-for-age or sex race value 500 sovs, 4lbs, of 1,000 sovs, 7lbs, of the Derby, Oaks, St. Leger, Grand Prix de Paris, Eclipse Stakes, or any weight-for-age or sex race value 4,000 sovs, 10lbs extra. Eclipse Stakes Course (about one mile and a quarter) (244 subs, 74 of whom pay 10 sovs each).—Closed 31st July 1900.

London, *Monday, 20th July, 1903.*

Mr J Gubbins's br c ARD PATRICK, by St. Florian—Morganette, 4yrs, 10st 2lbs, Madden ... 1

Mr W H Bass's b f SCEPTRE, by Persimmon—Ornament, 4yrs, 9st 13lbs., Hardy ... 2

Sir James Miller's br c ROCK SAND, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, 3yrs, 9st 4lbs, Martin ... 3

Mr G Faber's b c Duke of Westminster, by Orme—Gantlet, 4yrs, 9st 13 lbs, M Cannon ... 0

The Earl of Rosebery's br f Oriole, by Ladas—Orle, 3yrs, 8st 12lbs, Halsey 0

(*Winner trained by S. Darling.*)

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Morgan-la-Faye (1852)	Thormanby (1857)	Viridis (1864)	St Albans (1857)	Jenny Diver (1866)	The Palmer (1864)	St Angela (1866)	Galopin (1872)
Miami (1844) / Cowl (1842)	Alice Hawthorn (1838) / Windhound (1847)	Maid of Palmyra 1855 / Marsyas (1851)	Bribery (1851) / Stockwell (1849)	Fairy (1860) / Buccaneer (1859)	Madame Eglantine ('57) / Beadsman ('55)	Adeline (1851) / King Tom (1851)	Flying Duchess (1853) / Vedette (1854)
Diversion (1828) / Venison (1833) / Crucifix (1837) / Bay Middleton (1833)	Rebecca (1831) / Muley Moloch (1830) / Phryne (1840) / Pantaloon (1824)	Palmyra (1838) / Pyrrhus I. (1843) / Malibran (1839) / Orlando (1844)	Splitvote (1841) / The Libel (1843) / Pocahontas (1837) / The Baron (1842)	Lolla (1849) / Warlock (1853) / Little Red Rover / Wild Dayrell (1852)	Diversion (1838) / Cowl (1842) / Mendicant (1843) / Weatherbit (1842)	Little Fairy (1841) / Ion (1835) / Pocahontas (1837) / Harkaway (1834)	Merope (1841) / F. Dutchman (1846) / Mrs Ridgway (1849) / Voltigeur (1847)

Winners since 1885.

1886 Bendigo 6y 9st 7lb (12)
1887 No race.
1888 Orbit 3y 8st 12lb (13)
1889 Ayrshire 4y 10st 2lb (6)
1890 No race.
1891 Surefoot 4y 10st 2lbs (9)
1892 Orme 3y 9st 1lb (7)
1893 Orme 4y 10st 2lb (6)
1894 Isinglass 4y 10st 2lbs (7)
1895 Le Justicier 3y 9st 1lb (8)
1896 St Frusquin 3y 9st 4lbs (4)
1897 Persimmon 4y 10st 2lb (5)
1898 Velasquez 4y 10st 2lb (9)
1899 Flying Fox 3y 9st 4lb (5)
1900 Diamond Jubilee 3y 9st 4lb (9)
1901 Epsom Lad 4y 9st 13lb (3)
1902 Cheers 3y 8st 8lb (12)

Performances and Engagements of the Winner.

And Patrick, bred by his owner, made his first public appearance in the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton Park October Meeting, 1901, which he won from Royal Lancer by a head, and at the Newmarket Second October Meeting the colt captured the Clearwell Stakes by a neck from Abeyance filly, third place being secured by Royal Lancer. In the Dewhurst Plate at the Newmarket Houghton Meeting he ran second to Game Chick, being beaten by a neck, which concluded his two-year-old career. Last season the colt ran third to Sceptre and Pistol in the Two Thousand Guineas, was placed second to Royal Ivy in the May Three-Year-Old Plate at Kempton Park, and at the Newmarket Second Spring Meeting finished first in the Newmarket Stakes, but was disqualified for bumping, the race being awarded to Fowling Piece. Next time out, however, Ard Patrick won the Blue Riband of the Turf, being followed home by Rising Glass and Friar Tuck. He followed this victory up by taking the Prince of Wales's Stakes, Ascot, Perseus being second and Cheers third, subsequently running third to Rising Glass and Templemore in the Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket First October Meeting. The colt had not run this season prior to the Princes of Wales's Stakes when he won as described in our telegram of 4th July. Ard Patrick is entered in the Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket First October; and the Champion Stakes, Second October Meeting.

Meanwhile he has been sold to Count Lehndorff for twenty thousand guineas.

Sporting Notes.

The Calcutta course was open on Saturday morning and a fair amount of half and three-quarter speed work was given. Springlock and Loch Arden went a five-furlong spin, both looking well, and the former moving in rare form. Loch Maree and Royal Artillery and another brown entire of Mr. Galstaun's went a spin together with Trollop. The last-named was palpably in distress a furlong from home and it looks doubtful if his wind will allow him to do any good in future.

Kellnerin, Corrick, and Actress were also sent five furlongs at a useful pace. Gerard's string were all moving along at half and three-quarter pace, and of Mr. Bell-Irving's lot, Metalwing and Warrigal were the only two to go fast work.

Of the jumpers, Mulwalla (Smallman), High Tide (Hard), and an unnamed chestnut of Mr. Galstaun's went a mile over the pony hurdles. The chestnut is a real nice lepper and moves as though he could gallop as well as jump. Mulwalla was jumping very sticky and High Tide's performance was not by any means a finished one.

Naiades (owner) and Bushey (Mr. Raban) also went a mile over the sticks at half speed. The Captain, accompanied by the black pony as before and also by a Grey Arab, went a school. The Captain is a very slippy jumper and wastes no time

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at them, but we shall not be surprised to see him clouting them a bit hard when it comes to racing. Kittylea went round the course alone, jumping like a book and apparently pulling hard all the way.

On Tuesday morning not much was doing on the Calcutta course. Naiades (owner) and Bushey (Mr. Raban) went a half-speed school over a mile. Loch Arden (Smallman) was also schooled over four flights, jumping, it appeared, a little reluctantly, at least Smallman seemed to have to shove him at them a bit. One or two of Wishart's string did some half-speed work on the flat as did also several of Mr. Galstaun's. Mulwala went a useful seven-furlong gallop, moving in grand form. Yuletide went six furlongs three-quarter pace, the rest of Mr. Bell-Irving's string being at slow work.

The dates of the Karachi autumn races have been fixed for the 3rd, 5th and 7th November entries closing on the 20th September, 17th October and 24th October.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—"The gentle dew from heaven," referred to by the immortal Baconspeare falleth in the most sealed sample fashion and everyone, I opine, is pleased, except possibly the official weather prophet whose lugubrious croakings have been gainproved. The life of an official weather-warner has always struck me as an enviable one. If his prognostication (by some fortuitous chain of circumstances) happens to come right he can strut about and make himself bumptiously objectionable, and in the ninety and nine per cent. instances of miscalculation—well, he still draws his monthly emoluments, and sets about further references to "fair to cloudy" and wind currents.

Racing men must pour benedictions on the heads of Mr. Cecil Gray and the Turf Club executive for the forethought which provided the inner sand track. How great a boon it is one scarcely appreciates till a heavy downpour comes when the litter track becomes a slough of despond and the sand remains admirable going and in spite of the continuous heavy rain, Trainers who were anxious to shove along candidates for the first day's extra racing on the 25th instant have been able to put in a lot of strong work which in former years would have been impossible.

Even race horses are "kittle cattle." That fine looking English importation Presbyterian is I believe of a disposition far from being as solemn and sedate as his religious nomenclature would imply. He is indeed a bit of a tiger, and more than once on my bicycle peregrinations I have seen him when ridden at evening walking exercise, followed by a native attendant with a driving whip, while the handsome chestnut "passed the time of day" to passing vehicles by roaring like a tiger at them. In the face of this disposition the following incident which my tame tout vouches for is interesting. The other morning while at exercise on the course and ridden by the jockey Hoyt it was seen from the grand stand that there was a difference of opinion between horse and horseman about the nine-furlong post. It appears that for some reason best known to his own subtle mind Presbyterian sat on the rails and remained in that position so long that Hoyt, fearing he had got his hind leg over, dismounted. His *syce* seeing the difficulty ran up, made a grab at the reins, and, with the fiendish ingenuity of the Aryan brother succeeded in pulling the bridle clean off leaving the ferocious tiger wholly without means of control with horses passing him at every moment. What the feelings of owner and trainer must have been at that moment can readily be imagined. Presbyterian instead of running *amok* as one might well have expected trotted along the course to the six-furlong post, when he changed his aristocratic mind and began grazing on the grass track. Overtaken by a trembling *syce* he intimated that it was not his lordly pleasure to be "led into captivity captive" just then and trotted back along the verdant sward (skipping demurely over the ropes placed at intervals as a hint to keep off the grass) till he reached the enclosures taking absolutely no notice of all the horses who passed him in all innocence, and having shown his shapely form to the denizens of the grand stand, allowed himself to be surrounded and captured without demur. When one considers the appalling mischief that might have been caused by a high strung, not too sweet tempered English stallion, one can only—while wondering—be thankful that the incident had so harmless an ending.

The Arab steed is certainly a rum little devil. Over rough ground at pigsticking speed, probably the most sure-footed of the equine race, my tout tells me that in one morning on the course he saw no less than two go head over heels for no other reason than that they were going slow and consequently with characteristic carelessness half asleep or too lazy to lift their feet. Luckily no harm was done, though with big horses thundering along behind a nasty accident might easily occur.

Wheresoever the carcase is there will the eagles be gathered together. The ever-popular Jimmy Robinson has arrived from "down there" and prefers the balmy zephyrs of the East to his colonial cold I believe and is already hard at work on the course. Hoyt is here, with a younger brother. So are Cowell, Ivemy, little Melsom, Mr. Bass's private jockey who has already I see caught the judges' eye more than once at Mysore (and I believe there was more than one eye looking out of that box!) and others and no doubt after the Bangalore meeting other distinguished artists will appear on the scene to witch the Poona world with noble horsemanship.

I see that the Poona Gymkhana Amateur Dramatic Club (it requires elocutionary powers to tackle the title) propose treating us to *My Friend the Prince* early in August. People here still talk of the good old days when Major Hobday and his marvellously well stage-managed company charmed everyone with his clever burlesques and the general idea seems to be that no later effort has approached those performances. But present Poona talent may possibly electrify us.

A Sydney paper writes:—"Racing men in Australia, where the starting machine is so successfully used, find it hard to understand how starters in England contrive to make such a mess of the business of despatching fields by aid of the barrier. The prejudice against it is still alive, and is evidently going to die hard. With the Jockey Club determined to stand by the machine, however, there may yet be hope for it to get a fair chance of convincing the English folk all round of its undoubted value.

We invite the attention of those interested in the Lucknow Autumn Meeting to the addition to the conditions of the Oudh Steeplechase on the first day as advertised in our Turf columns.

Our readers are reminded that first entries for the Meerut Autumn Meeting close on the 1st August.

The able management of the Annandale Gymkhana Club, Simla, has enabled the Committee to pay off the loan raised three years ago for the water supply and carrying out of the great improvements effected in the course.

Additional interest was lent to the Spring Regatta in Kobe, writes our correspondent, by a series of Interport events, Yokohama having sent down men to compete. In the race for four oars, there was an exciting incident, which has caused a considerable amount of comment in the local newspapers. The Kobe boat, when about half the distance had been covered, came into collision with a Japanese fishing boat, manned by a large crew, and having their rudder carried away, were put out of the race. At the time of the occurrence the visiting crew was leading, and from all accounts had the race well in hand. The Yokohama cox, on seeing the fishing boat coming along rapidly at right angles to the course, made a considerable detour, and avoided the danger, but the Kobe boat carried more or less straight on, possibly on the off chance that they would gain a bit on the leaders. It has since transpired that the fishing boat deliberately tried to run down the racers, owing to some dispute with the Kobe Rowing Club, and under the circumstances there was some talk of the poor spirited behaviour of the Yokohama captain, who refused to row it over again, as some of his men had to row again the same afternoon in other events. A heated newspaper controversy was brought to a close by the Kobe Committee eventually publishing a letter disclaiming any sympathy with the Kobe partisans who thought that the losing crew should not stand by the fortune of war.

The pair oars were won by Yokohama by two lengths, and the double sculls by a greater margin. A series of three sailing races resulted in Kobe's favour, Yokohama only winning one. In these races sailing boats of one design were used, with a toss for choice. The boats were of a type not familiar to the Yokohama representatives, and they deserved credit for winning even one out of the three races. The return sailing match is to be decided in Yokohama shortly, two of the Yokohama yachts being used—sister boats.

In baseball the Yokohama team were recently very badly drubbed by a team from one of the Japanese schools. In fact the students simply romped rings round the foreigners. Baseball is a game for which the Japanese youth is very well suited, but on this occasion surprisingly good form was shown.

The Yokohama Athletic Sports came off under the disadvantage of nasty wet weather, which interfered considerably with the running and jumping. One local record was broken, however, in throwing the cricket ball, when 114 yards, 1 foot and 8 inches was credited to the winner.

Considerable activity is being shown by the ships of the British and American Fleet in port at Yokohama, and their oarsmen are practising industriously, evidently with a view to some International matches. Matches between the crack crews of the different ships on the station provoke great interest, and the bets over even a dinghy race sometimes aggregate an enormous sum.

Many people in Calcutta will have received with regret the news of the sudden and sad death of Mr. F. P. Dunne, well known in racing cirles as "Mr. Prendergast," in the front rank as a G. R. and a popular personality everywhere. He died of heart failure at Marseilles on his way home in search of that restoration to health which, poor fellow, was denied him.

Mr. J. Buckingham, of Assam, draws attention to the wholesale mobbing of game during the floods in his district. Pent up on isolated churs or teelahs deer are slaughtered merely for the sake of their hides, and as no discrimination is exercised as regards sex, many unweaned fawns deprived of their dams slowly starve to death. In a non-regulation province, where the executive is not hampered by a council, a simple ukase from the Chief Commissioner would put a stop to this ruthless extermination.

Captain Bayley, Adjutant of the Ceylon Volunteers, being more than usually interested in the shooting of his corps, is bringing over a team of Ceylon marksmen to compete with their brothers in arms in India at some of our meetings. We wish them luck.

The Poona Junior Polo Tournament will take place at Poona or Kirkee between the 15th and 31st August, entries closing on the 1st idem.

In our last issue we gave the reply of Lord Cranborne to Sir H. Seton-Karr on the subject of the preservation of big game in Africa, but this information has since been supplemented by Mr. Chamberlain from the Colonial Office. He says:—"The parts of Africa under the control of the Colonial Office which come within the zone defined by Article I. of the Convention for the preservation of wild animals, birds, and fish in Africa of May 19, 1900, are the British Colonies and Protectorates in West Africa and North-Western Rhodesia. Regulations for the preservation of wild animals have been brought into force in the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone, in the Colonies of the Gold Coast and Ashanti, in the northern territories of the Gold Coast, and in the Protectorates of Southern and Northern Nigeria. In the other West African Colonies or Protectorates regulations are in preparation, and will be brought into force very shortly. In Southern Nigeria, by Order 8 of 1901, made under proclamation, the killing of young elephants and the possession and sale of any tusk weighing less than ten pounds is prohibited, under a penalty not exceeding £50 fine, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour, and in Northern Nigeria the proclamation of 1901 contains a provision to the same effect. The regulations which are in force at the present time in the other Colonies and Protectorates mentioned above contain no provisions for the prohibition or regulation of the export of elephant tusks under ten pounds (the weight specified by the Convention) in weight. No game reserves have been formed in any part of Bri-

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tish West Africa, and Nothern Nigeria, Ashanti, and the northern Protectorates of the Gold Coast are at present the only places where any regulations exist with reference to licences making a return of the game killed by them. No returns have yet been received in the Colonial Office ; but the Governor of the Gold Coast and the High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria will be asked to furnish them. With regard to North-Western Rhodesia, no proclamation appears as yet to have been issued ; but I am communicating with Lord Milner on the subject."

We, in common with others, says *The Field*, have long lamented that so little attention is paid in England to any kind of riding other than mere "sticking on." The usual riding school curriculum goes no higher than providing a stud of quiet horses and sending a pupil round and round the school at the different paces. Doubtless many a riding master would like to do more, but his pupils give him no chance. They do not want school riding, nor do the majority care to run the risk of tumbling off when trying to accomplish some feat. As soon as they can ride with some confidence they forsake the school for the road, when but a quarter instructed. When the Imperial Yeomanry were being raised a number of them practised at Savigear's riding school, Earl's Court, where the system of teaching proceeds somewhat on military lines. The candidates are asked to do a good deal more than merely ride round the school in ordinary fashion. There was a programme of eight events, and to perform them some activity and skill are required. One often sees in the hunting field how difficult men find it to mount their horses, but it does not involve much time or trouble to learn to mount without stirrups, while if the horse move off it makes the mounting all the easier. Then there are many men who, should they lose a stirrup, can only recover it by stooping down and guiding the leather with the hand, whereas by merely turning in the toe and striking the bar, thus causing the stirrup iron to swing, the foot is placed in it directly. If some riding competitions for civilians could be arranged at some of the schools a great deal would be done to further the art of horsemanship.

With sincere regret we received the announcement last Monday evening of the tragic death of Mr. William Gorrie, who was connected with the insurance business of Messrs. Balmer Lawrie and Company of Calcutta. Poor Gorrie's mind seems to have been unhinged over some sudden and terrible trouble and as a result he shot himself.

Our Poona tout writes :—When writing last week I said Mr. Percy Fischer was not able to take any of his horses to Bangalore, but when he got down to the spot he studied the entries and opining that some of his ponies, even though not tuned up fully, were good enough to meet the company they would be asked to run against, wired for them, and he was rewarded with a fair meed of success, both good old Governor—honest servant—and Key West doing his colours credit. This invasion of Bangalore took Fowler, the trainer, away from Poona, and "Mr. A. W. P." has for the nonce had to be his own trainer. He has been sending his many candidates along at a fair bat lately, which betokens their early appearance. Considering that the stable went down to the Deccan capital rather late, I must say that he has got some of the string sharpened up wonderfully. Fitzeros is not so ructious as he was last season, when many a morning as I cantered on the rides I was joined by Stonhill on Fitzeros. They never kept me company for more than a few minutes, Fitz bucketting and pulling all over the shop, while Stonhill in gasps between bumps explained that the "ole 'oss was getting as quiet as a sheep." Fando, Free Trade, and one or two Arabs of Mr. A. W. P.'s string are quite readied and will appear at the introductory Extras.

Presbyterian is giving Bleach no end of trouble of mind. His performances on the Poona track have been the subject of remarks from all those who have seen his exhibitions of temper and his violent dislike for work. There was some disinclination to refer to Presbyterian's antics, but the fat is now in the fire, a rather amusing account of his latest escapade having appeared in the Bombay evening daily. Presbyterian has a temper, he hates the track, and only the liberal administration of a stock whip will at times induce him to go on to the track to do his work. The first time the performance of *persuading* the chestnut to go on the course was witnessed by me, I thought he was a circus horse and that the ring-master's whip was the next best substitute to the brass band to put him in a good humour. The other morning he had a very bad pain in his temper and somehow got his leg over the rails, and then in the confusion which followed his bridle was pulled off and he got loose. Many things happen to runaway horses, but by good luck he was soon recaptured without any harm being done. He has summered well, but there'll be the devil to pay when he has to line up to the barrier without the companion who has to lead him in work, and the horses which draw numbers near him will have to dodge his heels or be wrecked. It's a pity that he is not sweeter tempered.

Byramji is back and is shoving Milos and others of his string along. Indabba does his work before the lark rises, and some say long even before the cock crows. He has quite recovered from his measuring trials and will give some of us eye-openers when he comes out. I guess he can make even the horses gallop out here, as indeed he did "down under," and among the ponies, even of the first flight this season, he will prove his calibre. Byramji has a useful lot and is entering several for the First Extra.

There was likely to have been a dissolution of partnership in the stable for which Kendall trains, but happily that contingency has now been removed. It would have been a thousand pities if a stable so strong in all classes were broken up or divided. Cowell has received the jacket of these owners and has been back a week and riding the string at work. Omarkhan, who was the jockey to the stable for two seasons, is now with Byramji. Kendall's stable has a very strong hand in the Arab class and some of the untried ones are said to give promise of greatness. One thing is certain, and that is, with Hyderi and Bay Middleton to get a line through, they can back the new ones when they appear with no uncertain mind. I note, by the way, that the nomenclature of "Foxes" has now given place to "Flying"—Flying Childers, Flying Dutchman, etc. The Fox family was really growing a bit perplexing.

Tingey has his string well up to the mark, those owned by Messrs. G. K. and D. D. and Mr. Baldock having done well under his care. Clarke's too are to be seen doing good honest work, while Aga Shah's lot are quite prepared to commence the annual programme. The other trainers are all busy, and when Jack Scott, Dignum, Watson, and perhaps Taylor are all assembled in Poona, wont the course be a busy scene of a morning ?

Captain Randall, 3rd Madras Lancers, intends staying the whole season in Poona, and as he has some really useful ones, notably the English roan, Dr. Barnardo, he ought to have a good time. He is a keen rider and is sure to ride many of his own when the weights suit him. He will bring up besides his own lot several other Bangalore horses including, I believe, Barefoot.

Charles Mogridge, the jockey, was drowned last Tuesday evening in the Serpentine Tank on the Calcutta maidan. He was swimming his horse across when he seems to have let go and gone under.

BEHAR NOTES.

Captain Stevens, the Civil Surgeon in Mozufferpore, is down with enteric fever, and is reported to be seriously ill. He is son of the Hon. Mr. C. C. Stevens, who acted for a short time as Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, and has only been a short time in the station ; but both he and his wife have made themselves universal favourites, and it is hoped he will make a speedy recovery.

Mrs. D. MacLeod, of Begum Serai Factory, was ill with cholera a short time ago ; but has quite recovered again. It was incorrectly reported in a Calcutta newspaper that Mr. MacLeod was ill ; which was not the case.

The drought in Behar is becoming extremely serious. It is a great grain centre, and Tirhoot, Chumparun, and Sarun are very thickly populated, and their only support is their crops. The moonsoons have, up to date, been a complete failure ; the consequence is that in several parts of Tirhoot the paddy has not been planted out yet ; and the crops sown, such as *murewah*, etc., are drying up ; the outlook for the future unless general rain fall, is very serious. The produce in *mahai* is reported to be good ; but the indigo crop is both burnt, and small in the district and the factories in South Tirhoot, I am afraid, will do very badly. There was an extraordinary rainfall in this part of the district on the night of the 11th instant, which must have been a "cloud burst ;" this is about the only rain we have seen here for some time. Tegra Factory measured over 10 inches ; Dalsingh Serai Factory 8½ inches, Muniarpore 7 inches, Kalyanpore 5 inches Mhow Factory 5 inches, Gungowlie Factory 3 inches. To the North of Dalsingh Serai Factory there was little or no rain, and also to the west of Muniarpore Factory, while to the south of Tegra and Mhow the rain fall was slight.

There was a small "stick" at Nundnie Factory a few days ago, and one pig was killed.

There is to be a meet in Mozufferpore about August, and the residents in the station are already sending out their invitations.

Athletic Notes.

CALCUTTA Rugby football players may be interested to hear of the recent arrival of Mr. E. Martelli, a player who has made his mark at home and who not long ago was a member of the English fifteen who toured in Australia. He plays in the back division and brings with him the reputation of being a brilliant three-quarters. We trust to have an opportunity of seeing something of his form this season.

The I. F. A. Shield competition is now in full swing as per details in our Football columns. The Royal Irish Rifles will be down to-day and will meet the 93rd Highlanders in the second round on Saturday when a good game should be witnessed.

The Annual General Meeting of the Calcutta Rowing Club was held at the Strand Road boat-house last Thursday evening, Mr. F. E. H. Power occupying the chair. The statement of accounts for the year were passed and the date of the termination of the financial year was altered from the 30th June to the 31st December. The voting for office-bearers for the current season resulted in the re-election of the gentlemen who were on the Committee last year, with the addition of Mr. L. Bagshawe, who fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Graves, now at home on leave.

The hot weather regatta of the Madras Boat Club promises to be a success. There will be Senior and Junior Pair Oars and Sculls, and four crews are in for the Club Fours Cup as under.—

I.		II.	
C W Layard	(bow)	E Wilson	(bow)
C Moresby	(2)	A A Laing	(2)
W H Johnstone	(3)	H Beauchamp	(3)
A H Wellman	(Str.)	R V Noone	(Str)
III.		**IV.**	
W B Stephens	(bow)	G K Gillon	(bow)
J B Cunliffe	(2)	Capt F Domenicheti	(2)
M Miersch	(3)	H N C Campbell	(3)
F H Wilson	(Str)	K Kay	(Str)

There has been a a walking match at Lucknow in which 18 members of the Trades tramped from Bara Banki to Lucknow, 17½ miles. We had not our special representative out on this occasion, but we read that the first five miles was covered in 1 hour 35secs., the next five in 1 hour 40 mins., and the remaining 7½ miles in 2 hours 40 mins. The 17½ miles in 5hrs. 20mins. 35secs. We call this a crawl. The winner. Mr. H. W. Puckeridge of Messrs. Murray and Co., received a cup valued Rs. 200. Walking in Lucknow must be a very different thing to what is considered walking in Calcutta and elsewhere.

The Baboos of the Import and Export Department of Messrs. Gillanders Arbuthnot and Co., brought off their walk from Titaghur last Saturday. They were unlucky in having rain during some part of the journey. Babu Jotish Chunder Bannerjee, of the Export Department, was the first man in, covering the 13 miles in 3hrs 5mins.

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"John Peel" is evidently a rabid anti-motorist; he writes to the *Pink 'Un* :—

"As to the motorist, the only capable means of dealing with this plague seems to be for the long-suffering and over-patient public to pay these inconsiderate law-breakers with their own coin. Comparing the number who have taken to this luxurious pleasure with that of any other pastime, there never was such a huge proportion of wrong 'uns. No other class has caused such a howl of indignation to rise throughout the country as they. It has almost become a cry for vengeance, and it is about time that those of us who do not wish to be maimed or killed should go about armed, and, if necessary, shoot into a few of the murderous miscreants who defile our roads and render other means of travelling a danger. Short of making them have a judicious fear of retaliation, it seems hopeless to expect decent or fair conduct from this class of travellers."

We have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the first number of a new journalistic venture yclept *The Scotch Advertiser*, a weekly newspaper, to which we extend a cordial welcome while we wish it every success. We are told that the *Scotch Advertiser* "has been started with a twofold purpose, firstly, to form the nucleus of a Scotch paper which, it is hoped, may become the recognized representative organ of the Scotch community in India; secondly, to provide an advertising medium wherein merchants and traders can have their wishes carefully carried out in the matter of effective and well-displayed advertisements.

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We trust the projectors of the journal will find their hopes fully realised.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Rain has been falling in Bombay practically the whole of the past week, and consequently both cricket and football have been considerably interfered with. In connexion with the Harwood Association Football League, five matches were down for decision, but a couple of these have been postponed, while two out of the three played may well be described as "mudlarks." The only match played under anything approaching favourable conditions was that decided on Monday evening, when the Bombay Gymkhana met the Telegraph Recreation Club, and then it was raining practically the whole of the second half. From start to finish the Gymkhana were almost continuously on the attack, and ran out winners by five goals to *nil*. As on previous occasions, however, they were weak in front of goal, a remark which more particularly applies to the first half. Time after time they had splendid chances of scoring, but they were not turned to good account, Carnegie, their centre forward, being decidedly weak. The Gymkhana crossed over at half-time with a lead of one goal to *nil*. In the second moiety Carnegie was put at half, while Bromley went centre forward. As a result the play of the Gymkhana forward line was considerably improved, and they put on four more goals, eventually leaving the field victorious by five goals to *nil*. The Telegraph team played pluckily throughout, and on one or two occasions came very near scoring, but it was only the erratic shooting of their opponents, in the first half of the game, that saved them from a much bigger defeat. On Wednesday evening the Telegraph made their sixth appearance in connexion with the League and suffered their fifth defeat, this time at the hands of the Rovers. The ground was in a fearful state, and anything like accurate play was out of the question. The third match played was between the North Staffords "A" team and the Rovers, when, despite the swampy condition of the ground, a fair game was witnessed. The soldiers had the best of the opening stages, and soon obtained a lead of a couple of goals. After this the Rovers played up strongly, and eventually drew level. Towards the close, however, the Military players once more found the net, and ran out winners by three goals to two.

I have been asked to call attention to the Bombay Rovers Association Football Tournament (the fourteenth), which has been fixed for 11th September and following dates. This tournament, which is open to all teams from India, Burma, and Ceylon, is one of the most popular events of the year, and has been steadily growing in popularity both among players and spectators. The winners will be entitled to hold the Rovers' Silver Challenge Cup (value £70) for twelve months, returning it in time for next season's competition, and in addition, a gold medal will be presented to each member of the winning team, and silver medals to the runners-up. The rules of the Bombay Rovers Football Tournament will be observed, and copies of the same will be supplied to all competing teams. Entries close on the 5th September, and the ties will be drawn two days later, when all teams entering are entitled to have a representative present. As on the occasion of the last tournament, the secretarial duties are again being carried out by Mr. F. Hogan, to whom all communications should be addressed. The tournament was first held in 1890, and has been won each year as follows:—

1890. Worcester Regiment Band Team.
1891. Worcester Regiment.
1892. Worcester Regiment.
1893. Lancashire Fusiliers.
1894. Royal Scots.
1895. Royal Scots.
1896. Durham Light Infantry.
1897. Middlesex Regiment.
1898. Highland Light Infantry.
1899 Royal Irish Regiment.
1900. Black Watch.
1901. Royal Irish Rifles.
1902. Cheshire Regiment.

From the above it will be observed that the tournament has always been won by a Military team.

Very little interest seems to be taken in polo in Bombay, and only a few men turn out for the games which are played twice a week. Something is wanted to revive interest in the game, and I am glad to learn that an effort is being made to hold a tournament this year. The last one took place in 1901, when the competing teams were Ulwar, Golconda, 20th Hussars, and the local Gymkhana. Despite this small entry very considerable interest was evinced, and there was very general expression of opinion in favour of its being made an annual fixture. For some reason or another however—for the moment I don't remember what it was—no tournament was held last year, and with the exception of those actually playing little or no interest seems to be now taken in the game. Mr. R. F. R. Cooke, the newly appointed Honorary Secretary, is however making a big effort to again revive interest in the game, and has written to a large number of clubs asking them if in the event of the Gymkhana deciding to hold a tournament this year they will send teams. The replies received up to the present have not, however, been very promising. The 10th Hussars, the Maharajah of Ulwar, Mhow Gymkhana, C. I. Horse, Calcutta, Bangalore, Jhansi, and Rajkote have replied that they will be unable to enter teams. On the other hand, the Poona Gymkhana and 3rd Bombay Cavalry state they will each be glad to enter a team. The Oxford Light Infantry (Poona) cannot give any definite answer as they expect to be shortly proceeding to England. A large number of clubs have not yet replied.

As far as cricket is concerned, there is very little to write about this week. A number of matches were commenced yesterday (Saturday) afternoon, but heavy rain commenced to fall about 4 o'clock, and further play was out of the question. The Bombay Gymkhana met the Y.M.C.A., and I rather fancy that had the rain held off the former would have suffered their first defeat of the season. Winning the toss, they elected to take first service at the wicket, and when rain stopped play they had lost eight wickets for 83 runs. Mr. H. Cheetham, who scored 34, was the only one who seemed to be able to do anything with the Y. M's. bowling, for, with the exception of Messrs. Mead and Langhorn, both of whom just managed to get into double figures, the other members of the team made a very poor show with the bat. In less than another month we shall have the first of the

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annual matches between the Presidency and Parsees, and the attention of local cricket enthusiasts will shortly be turned to the probable composition of the two teams. As to the Presidency, their prospects are much brighter than at one time seemed likely would be the case. At the same time, however, I am rather inclined to think that the Parsees will prove successful both in Bombay and at Poona. As to the selection of the Presidency XI. the claims of a large number of players to inclusion in the team are being put forward, and I fancy the Selection Committee will find their task no easy one. With the exception of Mehta, who has proceeded to England to qualify for Lancashire, the Parsees will be able to put out practically the same team as last year.

The annual general meeting of the Calcutta Racket Club was held on Friday afternoon last at the Club courts in Chowringhee, when the statement of accounts submitted showed the finances of the Club to be in a very flourishing condition. Mr. H. P. M. Rae was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and the following members were chosen to serve on the Committee for the coming year: Hon. Mr. A. A. Apcar and Messrs. H. Collingridge, J. C. R. Johnston, W. H. Michael and F. H. Stewart. The proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the Chairman (Hon. Mr. A. A. Apcar) and the Honorary Secretary and retiring Committee.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Friday, 3rd July 1903.

THE weather, having at last decided to "take up," has done so with the vigour which for some time past has characterized its proceedings, and the heat on several days during the week has been almost overpowering. Boating on the river was safe as early as last Sunday, though the stream was still strong, and immense crowds went down: the squash in the trains being appalling, and causing one to marvel at the discomfort voluntarily endured for the sake of "Sunday on the River."

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The ingenious theory put forth by Messrs. Warmington and Haldane (Counsel for the British Museum authorities in what is known as the "Irish Ornaments Case), reminds me of the eminent naturalist of whom I used to be told in my far-off youthful days, who if he saw only a minute bone could not only tell you off-hand to what bird or beast it belonged, but could also construct a complete skeleton of said bird or beast, placing the bone in its proper position. By the way I never could see the point of the story which, no doubt, was told in the (altogether vain) hope of inciting me to greater efforts in the pursuit of knowledge. But to return to the Irish Ornaments Case. A farmer,—surname Nicoll—Christian name unknown to me—ploughing in the "dear disthressful country,"—to be precise, near Lough Foyle, turned up some gold ornaments of great antiquity and value: a collar, bowl, chain, necklace, torque, and a perfectly modelled little boat with oars and spars. Nicoll sold them to a silversmith for a comparatively small sum. Silversmith sold them again, and after passing through several hands they were finally purchased by the British Museum authorities for £600. Upon this the Royal Irish Academy, which hitherto had not shown any violent yearning to possess them, put in a claim for them on the plea that they were found in Irish soil. The British Museum authorities courteously, but firmly, regretted their inability to oblige their Hibernian *confrères* by handing over the ornaments, explaining that one of their statutes expressly forbids their parting with any property they may have acquired unless it should prove a duplicate or worthless.

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The Irish patriots in Parliament, metaphorically speaking, jumped at this fresh instance of Saxon greed and injustice towards the down-trodden Celt, and duly ventilated the grievance of the Irish "nation" in the House. There appeared to be no solution of the difficulty when the Crown came to the rescue and claimed the ornaments as "Treasure Trove." Now, as I am told, the law of "Treasure Trove" is not only of very respectable antiquity, but also very complicated and curious. Several things are necessary to prove "Treasure Trove." *Firstly*, the article must be of precious metal; *secondly*, the owner must be unknown; *thirdly*, the owner must have *hidden* it—not lost it or thrown it away, as in that case the first finder could claim it against all but the owner. The *hiding* entitles the King to it, therefore that the ornaments were *hidden* was the ground on which the Crown based its claim, and it lay with the authorities of the British Museum to prove that another theory was the more probable.

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From the evidence of experts these ornaments were probably fashioned between the years 300 B. C. and 600 or 700 A. D., and given this fact, Messrs. Warmington and Haldane constructed this ingenious theory. That at the time above mentioned the sea had covered the spot on which the ornaments were found. Given the sea, what more likely than a Sea God? Given the God, we must assume that it had worshippers; and given the worshippers what more likely than that among them should be an Irish Chieftain? With these concessions, case for finder complete. The ornaments evidently had been flung into the sea as a sacrifice to the Sea God, by a Chieftain in a transport of pious fervour and as is well known, a sacrifice may not be reclaimed. Mr. Justice Farwell was sceptical. If the sea had ever covered the spot in question it must have been (according to the best authorities), at least 2,000, and perhaps 4,000, years B. C., and we have no reason to assume that there was any Irish Sea God, or any Irish Sea Kings or Chiefs who made offerings. But Mr. Justice Farwell had strong reasons for believing that however peace-loving and law-abiding the Irish nation may have become in comparatively modern days, petty wars, faction fights, and such like welcome interruptions to the monotony of existence, were not altogether unknown in the far-off ages to which these ornaments belonged. Taking this into consideration and also the fact that the ornaments when found were close together, the smaller were inside the larger,—he had no hesitation in deciding that they had been hidden during one of the petty tribal wars, and therefore were "treasure trove," and the property of the Crown. The Crown presents them to the Royal Irish Academy; the Irish patriots rejoice that their hereditary foe has been forced to disgorge, and the avaricious Saxon is perfectly satisfied that Irish antiquities should find their resting-place in Dublin. Mr. Justice Farwell's decision therefore gives satisfaction all round.

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This week we have seen Madame Sarah Bernhardt in a new character—that of Josephine de Beauharnie in M. E. Bergerat's *Plus que Reine*. "*Plus que Reine*" is really a series of scenes from the life of Josephine from the time when, as a young widow, she first meets Bonaparte in the Palais Royal gardens before his nomination as Barras' assistant, and when his fortunes were at their lowest ebb. He falls in love and their marriage takes place. His mother and sisters constantly try to set him against his wife, but Josephine, now in love with her husband, triumphs. In the third act in which the Deputation offers Napoleon the Imperial Crown, and Josephine pathetically entreats him not to accept it, Madame Bernhardt was especially fine, as also in the fourth act, when the son of Hortense having died, Napoleon thinks of divorce. Josephine summons Lucien, hoping that Napoleon will adopt his son as heir to the throne, but Napoleon makes the condition that Lucien shall divorce his wife, and this he refuses to do. After Lucien's departure Napoleon dictates in Josephine's presence, a letter asking for the hand of a Russian Princess. After trying in vain to induce Josephine to sign the act of divorce, and Junat has refused to help him to persuade her, he throws away in a rage the key of the door of communication between his apartments and those of Josephine—forgetting that she has another key. Junat reminds him, and when Josephine with her key opens the door she finds herself in front of a brick wall. She then in despair signs the act of divorce and hands it to Napoleon. Madame Bernhardt shows Josephine as a heroic character, her noble self-control in the earlier scenes, and later her anguish and despair are very powerfully portrayed. The interest of the play suffers to some extent from the prominence given to Napoleon's meaner qualities, which puts one out of sympathy with Josephine's attitude towards him.

At the Garrick we have had Madame Rejane as Fanny Legrand in *Sapho*, which is not one of her most convincing personations.

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Miss Annie Hughes' play *Lorna Doone* founded on Blackmore's novel, was presented at The Avenue Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, and proved a rather wearisome performance, in spite of some decidedly clever acting. The fact is the book is too diffuse to be easily dramatised, and Miss Annie Hughes has failed, as have others before her, to produce a good acting version. She herself was delightful as Gwenny, but Mr. Hadyn-Coffin cannot be considered a successful "girt Jan Ridd."

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This dissertation on matters theatrical, and the frequent mention lately of the Irish Light Railways in connection with the motor-car race, must in some occult manner account for my sudden recollection of a curious little experience when I was on a visit to Ireland about two years ago. I went a trip by the Light Railway from Dublin up into the Dublin mountains to see a noted waterfall, the name of which I totally forget; but that is not a matter for regret, since if I could recollect it I am morally certain I couldn't spell it! The distance, to the best of my recollection, was about twenty miles, and we passed through only one village (as we in England reckon villages) and there the monthly sheep and cattle fair was in progress. As we returned in the evening our "train" was boarded by a dozen or fifteen of the farmers and drovers, and the third class compartment being full some of them overflowed into our first class one, much to our dismay, knowing what might be expected from an incursion of cattle drovers on their way home from a fair in England. I must add that our fears were not realized, but the point of my story is that these men, without exception, were going to Dublin for the sole purpose of seeing Mrs. Langtry act! She was in town with her company and had arrived in Dublin the day before. None of them had seen her, but they had heard—and had the most touching belief in the statement—that she was not only the most beautiful woman, but the most "illigant acthress" in existence.

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There are many indications that the reception of the French President will be unusually cordial—not only by the powers that be, but by the "man in the street." The national sympathies and antipathies of "new masters" are curious and interesting and there is a good deal of sound instinct in them. For the French there is no dislike, though a certain amount of tolerant contempt may leaven their admiration. In fact their attitude reminds me of that of a "gentleman of the old school" towards women—fickle, unreasonable beings—but all the same to be liked and admired. The Russians they distrust and dislike, but mixed with these feelings there is a certain awe, as of the great Unknown. But their thorough-going and hearty enmity is reserved for the Germans, in whom they can see no good thing.

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It is consolatory to learn that our recent latter-day deluge was something of a blessing in disguise. We are told that some rain water collected in the Strand between 13th and 15th June; and on being examined was found to contain more than nine grains of solid matter per gallon. "There were traces of salt, ammonium sulphate, organic ammonia, and nitrites, though the chief constituents were soot and other suspended matters. Taking the rainfall as 3·8" in five days, there fell over London's 73,839 acres some 6,437,230,000 gallons in that time. In this there were 3,738 tons of solid matter, 330 tons of salt 267 tons of ammonium sulphate, and about 2,000 tons of soot." For this relief much thanks!

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The result of the motor race in Ireland is a distinct disappointment to those of us who hoped that the Gordon Bennett Cup would remain in England, but Chevaliar de Knyff, who seems a marvel of pluck and endurance, deserves hearty congratulations on his success. The English competitors had more than their share of bad luck—two out of the three coming to grief at an early stage of the proceedings, one of them being unfortunately seriously injured. The details of the race have no doubt been telegraphed, and no purpose would be served by repeating them. [And of little interest to Indian readers. Ed.] Two facts seem to be established by this race—one, that except for motor

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maniacs a motor car race is about as uninteresting a function as it is possible to imagine—in this case only those spectators who were tolerably near the finish could form any idea of how the race was going; the second—that this ought to be the last race of the kind on the public highway. [Hear, Hear! Ed]

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The Servian people appear to be in the mood to be thankful for small mercies, since we hear that the severe and dignified rebuke contained in King Edward's reply to the telegram sent by King Peter notifying his accession to the throne, "has given the greatest satisfaction to all classes and parties in Belgrade." Murderers are not likely to be afflicted with unduly sensitive feelings, but one hopes that "the greatest satisfaction" was not felt by King Peter himself when he was reminded of the deolerable stain left on the good name of his country by recent events, by which he is profiting.

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It appears that some little time is likely to elapse before the appointment of Cardinal Vaughan's successor is announced. It will not be an easy appointment to make. The names already mentioned in connection with it are those of Bishop Browne of Southwark, and Dom Gasquet, Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation. The latter, an accomplished man of letters, is well known by sight to frequenters of the Reading Room of the British Museum, where his Benedictins habit makes him a noticeable figure.

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Though the attendance at the Royal Agricultural Show at Park Royal were much below those at several of the country meetings, it is pleasant to learn that the foreign visitors were unusually numerous, and also that they were by no means "only on pleasure bent," to the advantage of many of the exhibitors. A gentleman hailing from New South Wales contrasts the attendance at the Royal Agricultural Show held last April near Sydney, with that at Park Royal last week. He writes "Sydney has a populationof something over four hundred thousand, and London has, I believe, from five to six millions. The Sydney ground is reached by a tramway and a good road, while Park Royal have several double lines of railway converging on it, leading from the largest and wealthiest city in the world. The attendance on the two best days at the Sydney show numbered together a hundred thousand, while for the five days at Park Royal, with His Majesty the King present on one day, and the Prince of Wales on three days, the total attendance was sixty-five thousand only. These figures speak for themselves."

Onlooker.

Review.

"BRIDGE TOPICS."*

This latest addition to Bridge lore is aptly named, as the book does not pretend to be a treatise on the game, but rather a criticism of most of the leading points which are constantly recurring in actual play. Nearly half the book is devoted to a criticism of the existing rules under which Bridge is played in England and contains suggestions in regard to the method of scoring, some of which are extremely reasonable and greatly to be desired, whilst the advantages of others may be considered doubtful. In the remainder of the book, the writer gives some admirable suggestions regarding the play of the game, though we do not agree with all his arguments.

His suggestions regarding the alteration of the present form of scoring are on the whole sound and it would be a good thing in the interests of the game if the existing anomalies of the score were removed. For example, as he points out, undue value is undoubtedly given at present to a declarer holding aces and 4 aces in one hand might well be reduced from 100 to 80; also 3 aces are perhaps too well treated at 30, though "Lynx" apparently overlooks the fact that 3 aces in No Trumps are three fourths of the honours, whereas in plain suits 3 honours are three-fifths of the honours. With regard to what he terms the "10 point—No Trump trick" we think he makes out a very good case and the slightly longer time which a rubber would take, would be more than compensated for by the additional premium earned by skill. We are also in accord with him regarding the enhancement of the values of "slams" which are insufficiently rewarded at present and we also think some amendation of the scoring of the rubber points advisable though instead of his proposal we are more in favour of giving 50 points for each game won, by which the winners score 100 as at present and the losers, (if they should win one game of the rubber) get 50 for their game won; but we do not like his suggested introduction of a score for "carte blanche." Anything tending to further complicate an already somewhat complicated system of scoring is bad and this proposal also is open to other objections. For instance, there might often be difficulty in proof of "carte blanche" unless a player's word were accepted, and in any case, much discussion and waste of time would often ensue; also in the case of a player holding 4 aces and a "carte blanche," and probably going out in "No Trumps" (as his partner would *probably* have his fair proportion of court cards or a long suit to bring in) the adversaries would feel that it was manifestly unfair that they should be mulcted of the maximum honours for a good hand, as well as further remuneration for a bad one, both being held by the same player. With the exception of the "carte blanche" and the minor alteration suggested above, we think "Lynx's" suggestions for the revision of the scoring rules sound and well worthy of general adoption.

To come to the second portion of the book, "Lynx's" advice *re* "How to declare" is excellent, and if players who hesitate or give indications of the state of their hand would follow them out, it would add greatly to their reputation as desirable partners, or opponents. Of course hesitation is sometimes unavoidable, but it is unfortunately far too common. With regard to "what to declare," to deal with this subject thoroughly, a treatise of 500 pages might be written, as the subject is so exhaustive and the variations of the declaration depend so much upon the respective scores of the declarer and his opponents, but dealing with "Lynx's" remarks we are not altogether in accordance with him. "It is not advisable to declare "Sans Atout" without an ace, except as a "desperate expedient." With a good all-round hand, guarded in *every* suit, but without an ace, with the assistance he is likely to get from his partner, the dealer is more likely to make the odd trick in "No Trumps" than in any declared suit, whilst on the other hand if the declaration be passed down, and the dealer's partner has a strong suit which he must declare, it is an even chance whether it is a black or a red one, and if it is a black one, a good hand is wasted on a small score. Too much dread is often expressed of the possibility of finding "100 aces" against you, which is a very rare occurrence, and does not compensate for the loss of the trick or two which the declarer will generally make, if he goes "No Trumps" with a fully guarded hand and gets fair average support from his partner.

"Lynx's" arguments against the "Defensive Black Suit" declaration are undoubtedly weighty, but we think he is in error in saying that the best Bridge players in the leading London clubs never declare defensively. This may have been the case when Bridge was first introduced, but if we are correctly informed, it is now quite a recognised rule amongst a certain section of *good* Bridge players to declare a defensive suit if they have less than 3 court cards in their hand and no ace. We do not go as far as that, but in "Lynx's" arguments think there is too much tendency to wish to "Go out." The deal is an undoubted gain and should be taken full advantage of but it can also be used advantageously as a defensive, as well as an offensive measure. With a really bad hand a black declaration will generally lead to a small score either way, whereas if it is left and a moderate red declaration made by his partner, (as the declarer's partner is fully justified in thinking that the dealer has at any rate "something"), a double is often the result. We remember an instance which occurred in actual play; the dealer declared a black suit, his partner putting down a beautiful "Sans Atout" and swearing loudly; they just managed to go out, (thanks to the partner's hand) which of course they would have done had the declaration been passed down. The next deal, the dealer had a hand almost exactly similar to the previous dealer's; he left it, and his partner declared a red suit; he was doubled, his hand exposed, the dealer had nothing, and the adversaries won the game and rubber. A defensive black suit declaration should never be adopted without serious consideration, but we do not think "Lynx" places enough importance upon the risk of the opponents going out or adding greatly to their score if the dealer's partner has only a moderate hand, with the additional advantage of it being their deal next time, which is a point not to be overlooked.

With the chapter on the "Heart Convention" we heartily agree; to our mind the practical certainty of the doubler getting the suit he wants, even if it does not enable him to double quite so often, far outweighs the "short suit" lead, which often leads to fearful disaster; moreover, it is commonly laid down that no player should double in any suit unless he is practically certain of the odd trick, and how can he be that, if he doubles on one suit and cannot *rely* upon his partner to lead that suit?

"Bridge Topics" is well put together and nicely got up, and if some of the suggestions proposed by "Lynx" can be generally adopted, and be incorporated in the rules of the game, the writer will have rendered a service to the Bridge-loving community in general.

*"*Bridge Topics*. By "Lynx." W. Newman and Co. Calcutta: 1903.

Shikar.

TWO FIRSTS OF SEPTEMBER. WEST AND EAST.

No. 1.—West.

I HAVE often been asked the question as to which I prefer, game-bird shooting at Home, or in the Himalayas. The answer is a very hard one to give, as I am equally fond of both. In the first place it is quite wrong to suppose that British game-birds are less wild and easier to circumvent than those of the Himalayas—I speak of game of the West of England only—and in the second place I must put forward the well-known axiom "comparisons are odious" I have enjoyed A 1 shooting both in the West of England and in our grand mountain ranges of India, so here goes for an account of a good day in dear old North Devon.

It is the 1st of September 1898, a cool, rather cloudy day with a nice breeze from the south, and my friend S. has driven over ten miles to have a try at the partridges with me.

"There ought to be a good scent," I remarked, as we started at 10 o'clock from my cottage to roam over my small shoot of 1,000 acres, and S. agreed with me. We had two beaters, and my old setter, Ranger, a Himalayan, bred dog of the good old-fashioned orange and white sort, rather a slow worker who would not have a look in for a field trial prize, but an untiring old shikari, with an A1 nose, gentle mouth and the most intelligent dark brown eyes. A powerful dog, and equally at home in the hills of Devon, as he is in the Himalayas.

We are just about to enter a turnip field, and my hand is on the latch of the gate, when "whirr," and up gets a a covey of ten birds, S. is smart with his 16-bore and drops a bird among the roots with a quick shot over the gate; Ranger quickly retrieves it, and on we go in line through the turnips. "Bang," and S knocks over a rabbit on the left, and "Bang, bang, d—," as I miss another bunny on the right with both barrels.

"They birds have gone over to Wickleigh Moor zur, I reckon," said Will, one of the beaters," and us ought to have some fun with 'em there as the cover be middlin' thick." So over the big bank we climb, across a muddy lane, over a stubble and a grass field, and another climb over and through an enormous fence brings us on to Wickleigh Moor; merely a large field covered with gorse, heather, and rushes. In Devonshire any enclosure that grows gorse or heather, from five to a thousand acres, is called a moor.

"Hold up." I say to Ranger and off he starts zig-zag across the field, and in this third turn he comes to a point close to a bed of rushes about an acre in extent. What a picture the old dog looks, stiff and motionless, as we go quickly, but quietly, up to him. Up they get again with a whirr and four barrels are loosed off. "Well done genelmen. shouts the excited Will., "there be four birds down, a brace to each of 'ee, and I reckon us be in for gude day's sport." One of them is a runner, "the one that fell to my second barrel," says S., but the old dog is soon on his line and in a few minutes all are bagged. I get a snap at a rabbit at the end of the moor, he is soon in Ranger's mouth and transferred into the game bag, and on we go again; down a rushy "bottom" where S. knocks over a landrail, and two old birds that rise very wild get away unhurt, but scared perhaps, by the four barrels that are fired at them. "I reckon they old cheaps belong to thicky covey that *us* have bagged vaive out of, the artful old critters" says Will., "and that's why us only zeed ten birds instead of the dozen that you counted t'other day zur."

On we go again to another big root field and form a line down it, keeping the dog to heel. No dog can range a field of roots quietly, and it is best to walk birds up on these occasions. A large covey rises far out of shot when we are about a third of the way down the field, and to our dismay, instead of going straight ahead, as we had hoped, they wheel away to the right, and so on out of bounds. "What a pity zur," says Will., "if us could only have got into that vaine lot of birds you genelmen would have had two or three brace of 'em." So, off we go to find another covey and in a field of rape up they get, fourteen of them, and we each get a bird. The covey has been marked, however, and we follow it, and down in a hollow among some elder bushes we come on them. S. gets one, and I have the luck to bag a brace, right and left, and shortly after S. puts in a fine shot at a high woodpigeon and brings him down with a thud.

Crossing another moor three more rabbits and another landrail are added to the bag and shortly afterwards we hear a holloa. "Hurrah for lunch," I exclaim, and we see the boy who holloaed staggering along with a substantial basket. He soon arrives, and we squat on the turf by some furze bushes and have out the pasties, sandwiches, and cake, washed down with beer for S. and myself, and thick "appley" cider, such as the Devon yokel loves—for Will and Fred the beaters. A smoke, of course, follows, and before long on we go again to some more root fields and moors as yet untried.

We soon get on to a biggish moor, well covered with golden furze bloom; it is very pleasant up there, breezy and fresh, at 600 feet above sea level, far cooler and pleasanter than at 6,000 feet elevation in the Himalayas, but the Dartmoor Hills away to the south, rising to 2,000 feet only, *hardly* impresses me like the grand Trisool Range of Gurhwal rising to over 20,000 feet; though S. thinks the former view fine enough, and so it is, a pretty, peaceful, rural scene, with its green fields and brown, fine woodlands, brakes and moors, and grey towers showing up here and there.

Two more rabbits and a third landrail are accounted for on the moor; the latter rising with its slow, but graceful flight from a patch of rough grass close under Ranger's nose "I doant think I ever knawed they landrail to be so plentiful" says Will. Into the roots again, and out of the mangolds rises a fine covey of thirteen birds. Only one drops, however, "D—d bad shooting" remarks S as he reloads his gun, "we ought to have got two brace down from that lot," but we have marked the birds into a long patch of rough grass on our right front. To this we get as quickly as we can and up get two of the covey which S. downs smartly with his deadly 16 bore, and I manage to drop one of the remaining ten with my right and miss with my left, as the whirring Devonian partridges rise about 35 yards away immediately after S.'s quick right and left, and away they go on our right, over the boundary hedge and out of my shoot.

We climb one of the biggest banks in the west of England, scramble through the thorn hedge on top, jump a ditch beyond, and are in a big stubble field from which a covey rise from the further side and wing their way to some roots beyond.

"We'll get hold of they lot presently zur" remarks Will., "but I reckon there be a brood in this yur rush bed in front of us." We are now approaching a patch of rushes and tussocky grass, Ranger's flag drops to the level of his body, and with a stealthy "stalky" gait he begins drawing up to something that delights the keen old dog's scent. Up gets another landrail, but neither of us fire, as from the dog's manner

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we know there is something better on ahead. Will. and Fred. are silent and excited, while S. and I advance with cautious tread instinctively somewhat after Ranger's style. The dog stops and stands, but not stiffly, so I wave him on again, and about thirty yards further on he stiffens and stands like a rock.

Up get four birds, and bang, bang, drop two to my gun. Bang, bang again from S. on my right and the remaining two go down also. "Blamed if that ain't smart work genelmen" says Will., and it was pretty certainly, to see four birds rise and all four drop in a second, but not so hard shooting as bagging two brace out of a big covey.

On again, across another moor where S. knocks over a rabbit, and I miss one, to a rape field. In these small roots a dog can range fairly quietly, and Ranger is soon standing a covey; they rise rather wildly, but S. has one down, and we mark them into a furze brake ahead of us.

The dog is called to heel, and we walk the furze in a closely formed line. Two birds get up, but get clean away from our four barrels. S. and I look at each other and swear. A little further on, however, another brace get up and we each bag one, while four or five more get away while we are reloading. On we go, and are now nearly at the end of the shoot, a single bird rises straight in front of me, and bang, down it goes.

Two more get away from our guns, and in passing through a little copse of oak and ash, close to home. S. makes another neat shot at a woodpigeon, and I manage to bowl over a rabbit. We are soon at the house now, and count out the bag: 11 brace partridges, nine rabbits, two woodpigeons and three landrails. A nice mixed bag of 36 head, and a very pleasant day's shooting.

No. 2.—East of Suez.

1st September 1902, a hot and muggy day, as my friend M. and I started about seven, from our camp at 6,000ft. elevation in the Kumaon Himalayas, not twenty miles from the pleasant little hill station of A. where M.'s regiment is quartered. Markers have been out since early dawn to keep their eyes on the coveys, and the prospects for the day are good.

Our hill ponies carry us along, but owing to a mistake on the part of the head beater we have some difficulty in finding the place where we are to dismount, a few shouts, however, put us right, and we are off our ponies, and taking our guns we ascend the hill for a short distance to where the first covey is marked down.

"Are you ready," says M., who is bossing the shoot, and I answer "yes."

Order is given "to Jhálo," and from the oak scrub up gets a covey of fourteen well-grown chukore. M. downs a brace in workman like style, and I get one bird.

The covey has gone on ahead and we now try for another small covey that has been marked a short distance away. We are soon there, and each bag a brace; M's spaniel retrieving his birds, and my old veteran Ranger bringing mine along

For some time we try again for the first covey, but somehow they eluded us, and we did not see them any more that day. A third covey is not far off, and after them we go; the day is beginning to warm up, but is not unpleasantly hot

Covey No. 3 are lying in a tangly ravine some distance below, and we make our way down to them, over the terraced fields and along a rather steep slope to where the birds have been marked. I take my stand near the edge of the ravine about thirty yards above M. and the beaters chuck some stones into the thicket from the upper end.

Up get five or six chukore in company with several doves. I have the luck to drop a brace of the former, and M. downs one; the doves bothered him or he would have got two chukore for a cert. Five more birds come down from the tangled scrub and creepers, easy shots, and I down another brace; M. has a bird down too. It takes some time before all the six chukore are picked up, but old Ranger and M.'s dog go to work in the thicket, and the plump birds are hung on the sticks along with the others. Now some uphill work comes in, as a small covey has been marked into some oak scrub some way above us; it is warm work and we are glad to get a drink from a small stream on the way. We are soon there, however, and the beater's form line above us, but birds are on the run and several rise out of shot, one getting up behind us. M., however, drops one, a long shot, in de Grey-like style, and I miss an easy one with both barrels. Down hill is now the word, and in some thorny scrub, well sprinkled with boulders, we get another brace each. Then round the shoulders of the hill to where another lot have been marked, and I manage to drop one, the others not getting up nicely get clean away from us.

A shot from far above, lets us know that Mrs. M. and a lady friend have arrived with the breakfast. We are thirsty, hungry, and hot, and quite ready to do justice to the substantial meal awaiting us. Up we go, and before reaching the shady spot where the ladies are sitting, cool ourselves down in a convenient stream, our heads each under a waterfall. It is piping hot, and few leeches are discovered hanging to our ankles, these are made to leave go by putting some salt on their extremities; if pulled off the most distressing irritation follows, but if choked with salt there is no irritation to worry on.

We have 9½ brace of birds to show the ladies and hope for more sport in the afternoon. How the soda-water did go down, followed by delicious cutlets, tea, and other good things. Sublime tobacco is then produced and our pipes kept going for a bit, and afterwards our cameras are taken from their cases and photos of the merry group taken. M.'s dog gives some trouble, but his Goorkha orderly takes hold of him and gets him in a good position while the triggers are pulled. At about one o'clock we take our guns again, Miss S. accompanying us: our wish is to break the district record by bagging fifteen brace of chukore. We do not, however, succeed in slaying more than three brace in the afternoon, the twenty-fifth bird being neatly dropped by M. a long crossing shot, at about four o'clock. Our sporting young lady friend pours out tea, and not long after we stroll back to D., where Mrs. M. welcome us with more cooling drinks. We are satisfied with 12½ brace on 1st September and after dinner slay several of our chukore over again. Thus ended one of the pleasantest day's shooting I have ever had. Chukore shooting is delightful sport, and about the hardest exercise I know, it is up and down work all day: we started at something over 6,000 ft. altitude, went down to about 4,000 ft. and finished up well over 6,000 ft. again. Walking, even in a hilly country like Devon or Somerset is child's play to work in Kumaon, also the days are longer in the East. Both are, however, equally enjoyable: the English partridge being every bit as sporting a bird as the chukore.

Gurhwali.

A WHITSUNTIDE SHOOT.

YE, who have slain your tigers, your leopards, and your bears, ye, to whom the crash of the falling bison, smitten in his pride, does no more than mark one of the many days in the shikari's diary, to whom the bowling over of an ibex, or an ovis ammon, is but as the circumvention of the timid hare in the dâk jungle, will find nothing in the following lines to interest. They will but raise the supercilious smile of patronising superiority.

Yet even the humble pedagogue may, perchance, have a hankering after sport, though the claims of a class of some twenty or thirty youngsters, thirsting to imbibe knowledge, may prevent him from "roving over hill, plain, and woodland afar."

Still, though "spots" and "stripes" are only but to be reckoned by one skin of an extremely juvenile *Felis pardus*, slain—and that not by the writer—in a beat for pheasants, and two extremely mangy jungle cats; though acquaintanceship with "brother Boar" is limited to having trodden on him once by accident, while he was enjoying his midday siesta; and though intimacy with "Bruin" may be restricted to sundry attempts to manœuvre him in the dense hill jungle after the "rains," the desire for sport burns none the less fiercely in the dominie's breast. To put the matter shortly, much as I should like to have a chance of slaying big game, I have to put up with the joys of the jheel and the grass jungle—and excellent sport I get too, so mustn't grumble—with an occasional stalk after a buck.

But this year the last Saturday of the month and Whit Monday fell together, so I determined to see whether I could get a little out of the opportunity. Big game of course was out of the question, but in journeying up from Bombay I had noticed some excellent buck between Jhansi and Cawnpore, better at an rate than these to be seen in Lucknow, so I thought I would go down to those parts and try my luck.

First of all I induced "C." to accompany me, for I am a sociable beggar, and, though I must confess I do better when alone and have only myself to think about, yet at the same time I like company, and to have some one with whom to talk over the day when the shades of evening fall.

A friend had most considerately given us "the straight tip," so on the Friday evening we were at the station with men, guns, and provisions waiting for the train to start. A "local" is not a rapid conveyance, as it was nearly 2 A.M. before we were turned out at the little siding at "P," where, having given orders to be wakened at daybreak, we flung ourselves down for two hours more sleep.

Having partaken of a substantial *chota hazri* and seen our goods and chattels piled up on to the *byle gari* we set off for the dâk bungalow some five miles distant. The morning was comparatively fresh and we stepped out briskly across the maidan, keeping a sharp look out for any thing in the nature of a pair of horns.

The ground at first was flat and bare, and appeared to be a kind of black cotton soil and full of holes. In the distance were low isolated rocky hills which seemed to rise suddenly out of the plain with no very precise idea as to why they did so. Larks, plover, and sand grouse rose up here, there, and everywhere as we walked along, but no four-footed beast, save the herds of native cattle, or an occasional pi-dog, met our anxious gaze. After about a mile the ground became more broken, and covered with low thorny scrub jungle and babool trees. On all sides could be heard the call of the grey partridge, many of which with quail—common, brush, and button—we flushed as we brushed through the grass. Hares too were numerous, and, evidently knew we were not after them from the casual way in which they lopped out of their hiding places. As we proceeded, the babool trees became more numerous and, just as we were beginning to realise that the jungle was likely to get much denser, one of the men stopped and pointed ahead of him. Looking carefully we made out two forms which at first sight appeared to be doe antelope, but which the glasses showed to be "chink"—one apparently with a very fair pair of horns. A spin of the coin gave "C" the shot, so off he went to try his luck, while I waited. Fortune favoured him and he got within a hundred yards without difficulty. Then whether it was the stuffy night in the train or—tell it not in Gath—the quart of Pilsener at supper, his hand shook at the critical moment, the bullet passed over Mr. Chink's back and he was lost to us immediately.

It was very disappointing, but there was nothing to be gained in crying over spilt milk, so we said nothing and walked on. In the jungle, which soon got so thick that we had to find a way out of it and go round, we saw plentiful traces of nilgai, though no blue hide showed itself. Mingled with the calls of the grey, were those of the peacock and the black, or the painted partridge—which I do not know as I did not shoot a specimen. Soon after this we came to the Betwa, across the sandy bed of which, now nearly dry, we made our way. The cool water, as we waded through the various rivulets, was delightfully refreshing. Here and there were spur wing plovers and river tarn; flying lazily about in one pool a white ibis was searching for food, and numbers of sand-grouse were wending their way homeward after their morning drink. I wanted to know whether there was any chance of finding eggs, and so shot a pair right and left, but, on examination, the eggs, though forming, were not far developed, nor did I come across any nests. The skins were not in good condition, being "khureed" as my taxidermist put it.

Having crossed the river, we wended our way through a narrow pass between the high cliff into the village of "E." Apparently in former days it had been a more prosperous place. In the cliffs were bits of brickwork, as if the heights had been fortified at some time or other. On the ledges I could see the nest of neophrons and possibly of the lugger falcon and Bonelli's eagle, all of which breed in similar spots. The heat by this time was increasing and the uneven road was inches deep in dust, which, stirred up by the carts and wayfarers got into the lungs, and almost choked us. It was with not small feeling of thankfulness that we espied the bungalow, a queer two-roomed little shanty. Fortunately it boasted punkahs, and we were soon sitting down to an excellent breakfast, with an apathetic native tugging spasmodically at the punkah rope. During the heat of the day we slept, and at 4 o'clock we were roused by the shikari to say that some buck were in a field a little way from the bungalow. After a cup of tea we sallied forth. C. made his way to the right, while I went in the direction of the buck already mentioned. On getting up to them I found none worth shooting, so left them and wandered on over the plain. With the advance of the evening the antelope had emerged from the shelters where they had lain during the heat of the midday sun, and were scattered about in small parties. The greater number were does with fawns at foot, but at last I spotted a gentleman with what appeared to be a fair pair of horns, standing under a babool. Unfortunately his harem promptly gave the alarm and away he went. He soon disappeared over a hillock, so Dwarka and I determined to make a long circuit and try and come up to him from the other side. This, after considerable difficulty owing to the number of does, we managed to do, but we could not make out where the buck himself was because of the bushes which were between him and ourselves. While furtively glancing round, one of the members of the harem caught sight of us. Blackie was instantly on his feet, but, not knowing whence danger proceeded, stood irresolute. I had not a very good view, but I had to take the chance such as it was. Taking as careful an aim as I could I pulled the trigger. The next moment the buck was coming straight at me as hard as he could go. Thinking he had been missed, I felt for another cartridge, but before I could reload, he saw me, swerved, and jumped the nullah in which I was. As I passed I saw he was streaming with blood, and he had hardly gone another twenty yards before he fell over dead. The bullet a ·303 soft-nozed was well placed, but was just behind the heart, and it seemed extraordinary that with such a wound he could have run a yard. Nevertheless, I have shot several buck with the ·303 "soft-noze" and have had similar experiences. I have never tried the ·303 on dangerous game, but it seems that to be effective the aim must be very accurate, as the knock-out power is practically *nil*. I was disappointed in the horns when I examined the dead animal, as they were not nearly so good as I had been led to expect, but the waning light doubtless deceived me.

The next morning saw us out again by 5-30. I got a long shot at a fair buck but aimed a little high, the bullet missing his shoulder apparently by an inch or two. I then came upon a chink which did not wait to give me a chance, and, though I turned him in "C's" direction he had no better luck. After a little while we saw a lovely black buck with a beautiful pair of horns in some rather thick babool jungle—most ideal stalking ground. Unluckily there were a lot of does scattered about, and, do what we would, we could never get within distance. Just as we thought we had evaded the ladies by making a detour from the right, we would come suddenly on a pair of eyes watching us on the left; did either of us attempt an approach by moving away from the left, we invariably found ourselves confronted by another sentinel on the right. At length the increasing heat warned us to return. As we strolled along we

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surprised a solitary buck standing under a babool tree: he galloped off and we did not expect to see him again, but, while we were taking a rest beneath the shade of a pipal, Dwarka came to say that the animal was in a field close by, and appeared to be quite off his ground. I got within one hundred and fifty yards without difficulty, but he was in some rather long stubble, so that when I lay down I could not see him. Taking advantage of the fact that his head was turned away and that he was feeding, I advanced across the open by sharp rushes. Why he never heard me I do not know, I had soft shoes on but the stubble crackled a great deal in spite of all my care. At length I judged that my chance had come, and dropping down, raked him through with a "soft noze." He ran some twenty yards and collapsed. Though a light coloured buck his horns were several inches better than the others, at which I was very pleased. Being very tired we lay up till 5 o'clock; "C." was lazy and wouldn't budge. He said the weather was too hot and life too short to risk his crawling after black buck. I started off therefore by myself. Not half a mile from the bungalow I saw a lovely buck with two or three does in a field. It was an easy stalk to within seventy yards, and I was just getting up to the place I had selected—a low tree in a hedge of grass,—when a native and his dog appeared from the opposite direction and hunted them off, together with three nice chink which were in some long grass a little to the left. This was a great disappointment as I had made sure of getting the buck, and through the glasses he looked a very fine beast. However it was useless worrying, so Dwarka and I walked on and were not long before we made out some chink some distance off. A nullah aided us, and though its twists and turns seemed to be never going to end, we at length got within range. I covered a chink which was slowly walking through the long grass, when Dwarka touched my shoulder, and said that ten yards further on I should get a clearer shot. I slipped back quietly without being observed and reached the place in safety. To my chagrin the quarry had vanished, and a *byle-gari* lumbering over the horison furnished the requisite information.

Next day our leave was up, so we made our way back to the station in the cool of the early morning. To me the trudge, long and dusty as it was, was delightful, hardly a patch of grass or scrub that did not seem to hold a partridge, quail, or hare, while the varieties of doves, babblers, and larks kept one continually on the look-out for something a little out of the common. Here I came across that very pretty little bird the rufous-tailed finch-lark for the first time. I have never seen it in Oudh. I suppose our district is hardly arid enough for it, but here amidst the sandy wastes, scattered over with patches of thorn, it was quite common. We reached the station just in time to get a good wash, change, and breakfast before the train arrived. The train !!! Never shall I forget the journey! The engine crawled slowly along through the heat, as if it were not quite sure where it it was going, and, what was more, didn't care. What the temperature of the carriage was I do not like to guess, but the climate of a "local" railway carriage, crawling through the plains of Northern India at the end of May is not polar. Divesting ourselves of our garments, until we were as nearly attired in our birthday suits as we dared, we laid down on the seats and perspired in silence. Every now and again one or other hazarded the proposition of an iced drink which was immediately seconded and carried *nem con.* How we survived I do not know. The journey by the mail,—which did not stop at the little station of "P."—occupies rather less than five hours. We took rather more than nine !! However all bad, as well as good, things must come to an end, and we disembarked still alive eventually. I had thoroughly enjoyed my trip, for though the untimely arrival of the dog and the *byle gari* had certainly lost me a good buck and probably a chink, still I had not returned empty handed, and both C. and I hope some time in the cold weather to go down there and try and reduce the number of those partridges.

W. J.

The Transvaal Trout Acclimatisation Society have been very unfortunate in their first attempts to introduce trout into the streams of the Transvaal; it is to be hoped that future efforts will be more successful. Two consignments of 16,000 ova each were sent to South Africa; but, in consequence of their arriving at the wrong time of the year, namely, the hot season, all the ova were lost. It is now intended to introduce another 16,000 ova, to arrive during the cool season. Some of the streams in the Transvaal, particularly the Mooi River near Potchefstroom, seem to be ideal waters for trout, as they abound in gravelly beds and quick runs.

It is stated that the Army Remount Department have purchased a couple of zebra mules, through a Hamburg firm, for the purpose of testing the suitability of these animals for transport. Large numbers of horses are lost through horse sickness, and it is thought that, as the zebra and the donkey are both perfectly immune from this disease, and even resist rinderpest well, the zebra mules would turn out most useful animals. The Germans in Africa are already using these mules, and they have established large zebra breeding farms on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

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·500/·450	75	480	13·3	2074		17·0	2211	
	75	480	14·0	2111		16·1	2236	
	75	480	14·0	2091		16·32	2251	
	75	480	12·83	2091		17·42	2241	
	75	480	13·3	2087		17·85	2246	
			13·48	2091		16·94	2237	
·500/·450	75	480		2087	16		2261	3
	75	480		2101	1		2261	3
	75	480		2109	6		2261	3
	75	480		2104	1		2256	2
	75	480		2113	10		2251	7
				2103	6·8		2258	3·6
·450	70	480	15·39	2074		17·21	2181	
	70	480	14·92	2074		17·48	2221	
	70	480	14·46	2061		17·85	2206	
	70	480	14·58	2074		17·85	2211	
	70	480	14·85	2072		17·00	2226	
			14·84	2071		17·48	2209	
·450	70	480		2091	3		2246	11
	70	480		2091	3		2236	1
	70	480		2100	6		2216	19
	70	480		2096	2		2241	6
	70	480		2091	3		2236	1
				2094	3·4		2235	7·6

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THE BEST NIGHT SIGHT.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Will you or any of your readers oblige me by kindly letting me know what is the best night sight for shooting at night, moon-lit or dark? I have used Weston's patent night sights, illuminating paint and the Diamond Foresight but without any satisfactory results.

A. N. R.

KASSIMBAZAR, *16th July 1903.*

HABITS OF THE NILGAI.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Could you or any of your readers kindly inform me whether the Nilgai (Portax pictus) in its wild state grazes kneeling? Those I have hitherto met have been either lying down or browsing off bushes as they quietly sauntered along, but I have a tame young one about eight months old who most religiously drops on his knees to graze thereby exhibiting a more ludicrous than elegant appearance. This young gentleman, though very partial to the sun-dried mowha flower (Bassia latifolia) as now available, much prefers Clarke's bottled French plums (prunes) and Crosse and Blackwell's tinned apple rings if you please! It is interesting to give him a mixture of the former with one or other of the latter on a plate and see him move away the mowha flowers with his nose to get at either the prunes or the apple rings as the case may be. Should the plate be placed in the floor he promptly falls on his knees to feed.

H. R.

THE HYDERABAD GAME LAWS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The administration of the Game Laws in the Native State of Hyderabad having come in for somewhat adverse criticism, I think it will be somewhat consoling—particularly to those of your readers who hail from the Deccan—to learn that the authorities there are fully alive to the fact, and are endeavouring to remedy matters with some measure of success. I have had some correspondence with Mr. W. F. Biscoe, the Conservator of Forests at Hyderabad, an Associate of this Society and a keen protector of game. The difficulties he has to contend against are very great. In the first place, there is no Arms Act, and "the number of guns in the district is innumerable." The assistants in the Forest Department are chiefly natives, and are therefore inclined to be lax as game-keepers.

Influential natives can always get leave to shoot, but though hardly "sportsmen" in the English sense of the word, they do not seem to do much harm. The shooting of Deer and Nilgai over water is decreasing, though one reason for this, as might be expected, appears to be the decline in the number of animals.

As regards the game preservation in those tracts especially reserved for H. H. the Nizam, the chief animal preserved seems to be the tiger.

The animals and birds are fortunate in having Mr. Biscoe to look after their interests, and, though to the enthusiastic sportsman matters may appear to be far from what they should be, let them console themselves with the thought that progress *is* being made, and that in the face of great difficulties.

WILLIAM JESSE,
Honorary Secretary, Society for the Protection of Birds (Indian Branch).

LUCKNOW.

NOTES ON THE SNOW PIGEON.

THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I append the few notes I have made on the habits of the Snow Pigeon.

This bird is very silent and I have never heard it utter a sound. The nesting places are usually in such precipitous places that I have been unable to procure any eggs. I found one colony of about twenty birds, which were nesting in a cliff overhanging the Sind River near Baltal. This was the first week in June, and judging from the persistent way in which the pigeons kept returning, although repeatedly frightened away, I had no doubt that either their eggs were in the course of incubation, or that the young birds were already hatched out. I also saw Snow Pigeons in the evenings flying back to crevices in the rocky walls of Wakka Nalah near Maulbeck and have not the least doubt that they nested there. Another place where they were evidently nesting was in a clay cliff close to Lamyuzu.

The Snow Pigeon appears to be similar in its habits to the Blue Rock, and I often noticed flocks which contained both kinds. Although there are plenty of Snow Pigeons in Ladak, one never sees them in the enormous numbers that one does Blue Rocks, and when a flock has both kinds of birds in it the Snow Pigeons are always greatly in the minority.

At the beginning of May I saw Snow Pigeons and Blue Rocks sitting about on the strong hillsides in pairs, and from their behaviour I judged the mating season to be then just over. If they started laying about the middle of May, which I thought likely from what I saw at Maulbeck, then the colony I came across at Baltal at the beginning of June must have just hatched their chicks, which seemed likely enough from their determination not to be scared away from the place.

Snow Pigeons feed during the day, and return to roost early in the evening (from 4 to 4-30 P.M.). As far as I observed they have their evening drink just before going to roost. They also drink early in the morning before beginning to feed.

Being grain feeders like the Blue Rock they are to be found all day in the cultivated ground near villages.

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THE RECENT TOLLYGUNGE GYMKHANA.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to some remarks on the running of my mare French Girl, which occur in your account of the Tollygunge Club Gymkhana of Saturday last, the 11th July.

Put into plain English your insinuations amount to this—

(1) That the mare was not run to win in the June Gymkhana.

(2) That on that occasion her temper was purposely upset, or allowed to be upset, so as to prevent her giving her true running.

(3) That having by these means got her into the July handicap on favourable terms, I backed her to win a large stake in that race.

Each of these insinuations is totally and entirely false. The first two points are merely suggested by innuendoes and are unworthy of any further reply. I shall therefore confine myself to the last point, regarding which you have made a definite statement. Your words run: "Many of the knowing division, *including her connections* went all ends up for French Girl."

The "connections" here referred to can only mean myself, as no one else has the slightest interest of any sort or kind in the mare, or has had since she came into my possession, over two years ago.

I must therefore ask you to be good enough to state explicitly on whose authority you gave publication to the statement that I backed the mare heavily at the last Gymkhana, knowing, as you must have done, that taken in connection with your other remarks, the assertion was equivalent to a charge of fraud. It would also be interesting to know what step, if any, you took towards verifying the assertion before publishing it. Failing a satisfactory reply on these points I must request you, in your next issue, unreservedly to retract the remarks you have seen fit to make, which are entirely misleading and opposed to the true facts, which are these: When the mare ran in June I had Rs. 110 on her (Rs. 50 to win and Rs. 60 for a place). She ran unplaced. In July I had exactly Rs. 20 on her.

Besides these two bets I had not a single penny on either my own or any other horse running at either meeting, either directly, indirectly, or in any way whatever. I shall be obliged by your publishing this letter.

C. B. BALDOCK, MAJOR,
Merwara Battalion.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Major Baldock has shown me the letter he is writing to you concerning certain remarks you saw fit to make in your issue of the 16th instant upon the form displayed by his mare, French Girl, at the Tollygunge Club Gymkhana Meetings. Personally I should not deem your criticism worth powder and shot, but as Major Baldock feels aggrieved—and very justly so—at your remarks, I, whom they also concern, am bound to fall into line with him. Please, therefore, note that I fully endorse everything that Major Baldock has written you. (Noted ED.)

I have further some information for you which I note Major Baldock has omitted to give you, and to which you are not perhaps strictly entitled. However to accentuate the inaccuracy and irresponsibility of your remarks, I will make you a present of it. (Thanks, ED.) The extent of Major Baldock's vast investments upon his mare on the 11th was Rs. 20, which I put on for him. Personally I do not bet, so that this big sum represented the full extent of the "commission"! When the mare ran on the first occasion, I believe I am right in saying that Major Baldock had Rs. 50 on each way. (Not *quite* right, but near enough ED.)

Finally I must call upon you to withdraw and apologise for your insinuation as regards myself as the rider of French Girl—namely, that I did not try to win on her when she first ran: an insinuation that is as unworthy as it is grossly incorrect and defamatory.

You are, of course, the best judge as to the line which your paper should take and as to what best suits the palates of your readers, but if you will pardon my saying so, it seems a pity that you should deliberately go out of your way to defame those who run horses and ride them for the sake of sport, and with whom the "plunder" does not enter into the question, when there is so much material ready to your hand upon which you could give us a taste of your perspicacity in racing criticism.

A. S. BARROW.

[We print the above letters in fairness to our correspondents; but surely the writers thereof are taking our remarks too seriously? They have our assurance that nothing was further from our intention than an imputation of fraud against either the owner or rider of French Girl, and we cannot see how such a construction can reasonably be put on our remarks. The disturbing paragraph was dictated by a desire to see the humorous side of the little meeting; but a perusal of the above letters convinces us that, on occasions, we "joke wi desficultie." The paragraph may have been loosely worded as to its sporting slang, especially in respect of the "all ends up" reference, but we submit that it is straining at a gnat to discover therein an insinuation of fraudulent practice. However, there are the letters and our expression of regret for having caused two outraged sportsmen to write at such length.

It only remains for us to thank the writer of the second letter for his advice; in journalism, as in most other occupations, there are always to be found those who affect the habit of teaching their seniors how to extract by suction the nutriment from the product of the domestic fowl.—ED.]

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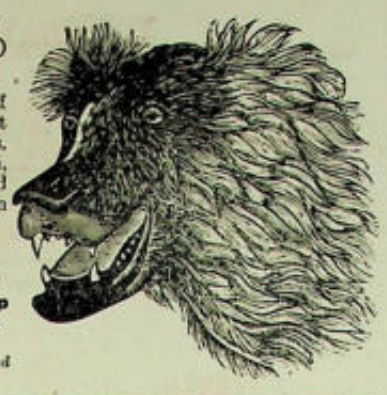

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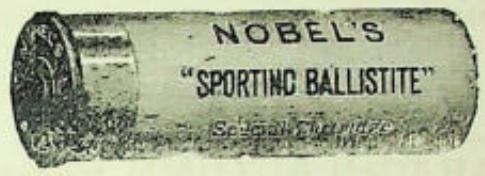

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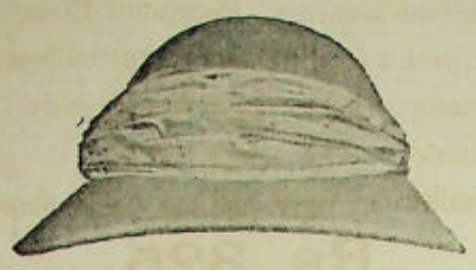

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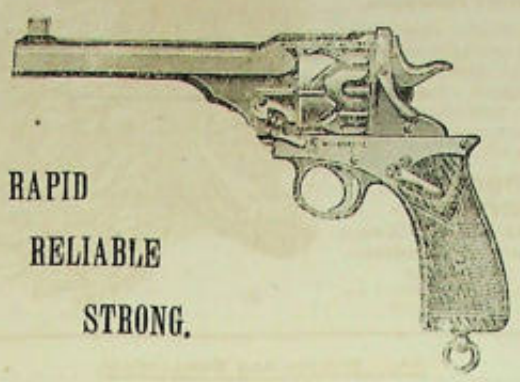

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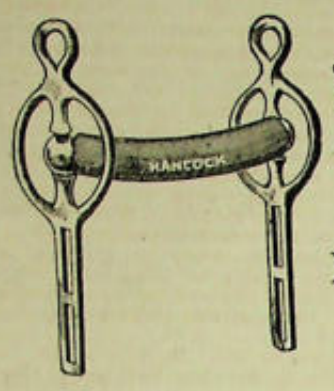

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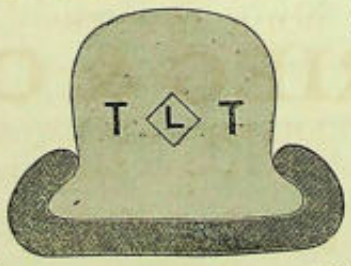

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NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Secunderabad	July	30 & Aug. 1	
Poona 1st Extra	"	25	
" 2nd "	Aug.	1	
" 3rd "	"	7	
" 4th "	"	8	
" 5th "	"	15	
" 6th "	"	22	
" 7th "	"	24	
" 8th "	"	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	"	8	
Second do do	"	15	
Third do do	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Quetta Autumn ..	"	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases ..	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct.1, 3, 5 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky ..	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	574
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn ..	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	522
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	"	26	
Meerut Autumn ..	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn ..	"	21, 23 & 28	575
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn ..	"	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting ..	"	24 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	25, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting ..	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	
Madras Winter	"	14, 21 & 23	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ..	First ..	1st Sept.
	Second ..	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra	..	8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra	..	15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting ..	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting ..	First ..	1st Dec.
	Second ..	9th Jan.
	Third ..	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	2nd Jan.
Poona	First ..	4th Augst.
	Second ..	25th "
	Final ..	8th Sept.
	Third ..	14th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth ..	1st Dec.
	Final ..	26th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First ..	15th Aug.
	Second ..	1st Oct.
	Third ..	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	First ..	10th Aug.
	Second ..	10th Sept.
Tezpore	First ..	1st Nov.
	Second ..	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	First ..	22nd August
	Second ..	26th Sept.
	Third ..	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	Firt ..	21st Oct.
	Second ..	25th Nov.
	Final ..	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First ..	26th Sept.
	Second ..	17th Oct.
	Final ..	24th "

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.	
Poona Open Tournament	13th, 16th, 15th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	21th to 29th August.
Poona Junior Tournament	From 15th to 21st August.
CRICKET.	
Bombay vs. Parsees (Bombay)	13th, 14th & 15th August.
Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.
THE HORSE.	
Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.
Poona Horse Show	In September.
Ahmednagar Horse Show	6th, 6th and 7th November.
Bangalore Horse Show	4th and 5th August.
FOOTBALL.	
Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
I. F. A. Shield Tournament	Now on.
HOCKEY.	
Madras Tournament	Now on
GOLF.	
Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August
Calcutta G. C. Cleek Match	17th and 18th July
SWIMMING.	
CALCUTTA S. C.	
Three Lengths Handicap ..	24th July
Final Heat, Ditto	1st August.
ROWING	
Calcutta R. C. Hoare Cup	15th August
Madras C.B. Hot Weather Regatta ..	15th August.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Liverpool Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs) ..	Friday, July 24
Stewards' Cup, Goodwood (6 furlongs) ..	Tuesday, July 28
Goodwood Plate (2 miles)	Wednesday, July 29
Goodwood Cup (2½ miles)	Thursday, July 30
Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles) ..	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ..	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles) ..	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles) ..	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ..	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles) ..	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Rugby vs. Marlborough (Lord's) ..	29th July.
R. Y. S. Regetta	4th August.
America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
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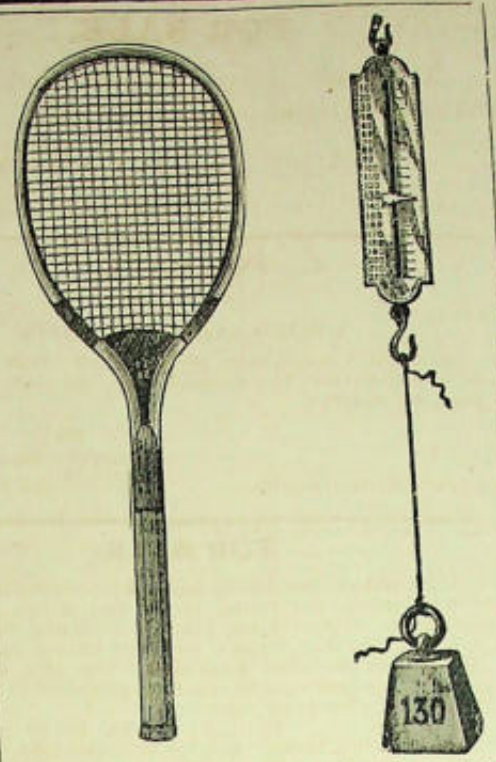

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Second Day, Thursday, 16th July 1903.

IT must be confessed that good sport, fair women and gallant men were all most apparent in the enclosure on the Bangalore "Cup" day Many were the notabilities your correspondent met, but space has to be considered, and he cannot as he would enumerate them Colonel Daniell and the officers R. A. were "At Home," nearly every corps in the station—and they are many—had its tent, the British Resident and Lady Robertson were early on the course and were to be seen conversing with their many friends in the genial fashion which has won Sir Donald so much popularity—and excited such regret at his impending retirement and certainly from a social point of view the day was a brilliant success. The Residency ball, which had taken place on the preceding evening, had brought in numerous visitors from outside stations, and the enclosure was quite sufficiently crowded to be comfortable Seven or eight book-makers were in evidence, and must have had a fairly good day, for actual favourites nearly always went down, although actual outsiders on the other hand did not as a rule come home. There were two salient features which stood out in the day's racing; the successes of Colonel Desaraj Urs' candidates in the Cup and another race, and the fine form shown by little Melsom the English jockey. Up to the time of writing he has had six mounts at the meeting, has won five of them and only missed being placed second in the sixth by the narrowest of margins' Colonel Desaraj Urs, it may be remembered won the cup last year with Misrule, and the popularity of Trenton's fine victory on the present occasion was very apparent when the horse returned to the paddock. Moreover in this particular race, that Melsom rode really finely. Always handy, he nursed his horse with much judgment, went for the inside berth at the turn for home with great determination and just in time, and finishing with much power on a thoroughly game horse always had a little the best of a really fine finish with the favourite. Very creditably did old Leonidas run too, being only a length behind the second horse, but Promontory, although prominent as a "promontory" should be until the home turn felt his heavy impost, and as his jockey himself said, died away terribly so soon as the ascent of the hill began. There is not a great deal to be said of the other six races. Ptarmigan romped home in the first race, Flight seemed to lie much too far off in the Steeplechase, and would probably have beaten the non-favourite had she been kept with her, Bouquet's was a somewhat lucky win in the Horse Scurry, for Dr. Barnardo had all the worst of the start and had to go right round his horses at the corner, and Cleopatra II upset a great pot in Key West for the Leonidas Purse. A very easy ride for the all conquering Melsom was the New Pony Race, and Essex would seem to have improved a lot, whilst Mainspring after making all the running could not stay quite well enough to beat the very classy but somewhat crocky Best Shot in the run in for the Substitution Hebbal Stakes.

In the second enclosure there was a fair gathering and a good deal of betting went on here also, whilst the crowd of natives was immense, as it always is on the day that H. H. the Maharaja's Cup is run for. The starting machine worked well, and the Band of the 1st Moplah Rifles played a good selection of music.

Events and results:—

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Lieut-Col J Desarj Urs' g a h Ptarmigan, 8st 3lbs	Melsom 1
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor, 9st 11lb	Penton 2
Mr E Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 8st 11lbs	Meah Jan 3

BETTING: Evens Ptarmigan and Governor, and 4 to 1 agst Syndic.

Ptarmigan ran an exactly similar race to that on the opening day, jumping off with the lead, increasing it throughout and winning anyhow by five lengths, with Syndic beaten off. Time—1min. 25⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by Poolanmah.*)

THE CLOISTER CUP.—Rs. 500, of which the second pony gets Rs. 200. A steeplechase for ponies. About 3¼ miles over Steeplechase Course.

Mr R Anketell Jones' b e m Lady Abbess, 11st 2lbs	Brown 1
Mr R Dockray Waterhouse's b aus m Flight, 11st 5lbs	Thompson 2

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Flight, and 7 to 4 agst Lady Abbess. The last-named came away with the lead, and passed the stand for the first time ten lengths ahead. Flight closed up a trifle in the country, but at the turn for home she was still a long way behind, and Lady Abbess, never seriously threatened, (although her jockey did not seem very comfortable over the jumps) won hands down by eight lengths. Time—3 mins. 45⅘secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE HORSE SCURRY.—Rs. 600, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 100. A handicap for horses 5 furlongs.

Mr N R Chowdhury's br e m Bouquet, 9st	Lansdowne 1
Mr J W Keat's b aus g Gum, 8st 11lb	O'Neil 2
Capt J Randall's ch m e g Dr Barnardo. 9st 12lbs	Owner 3
Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's ch aus g Jack O'Lantern 10st 3lbs	Oomer Khan 0
Major H C V Harrison's ch aus g De Wet 8st 8lbs	Meah Jan 0
Major Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt 7st 12lbs ...	Goolo 0

BETTING: Evens Dr. Barnards, 2 to 1 agst. Jack O'Lantern 3 to 1 De Wet, 4 to 1 each Bouquet and Gum 6 to 1 Redoubt.

De Wet was left at the post, Bouquet and Gum getting the best of a somewhat uneven start, and they raced in company with Jack O'Lantern and Dr. Barnardo some lengths behind, to the turn for home, where Captain Randall on the outside challenged vigorously. His horse responded gamely, and actually held the lead for a few strides, but died away again and Bouquet won a good race by half a length; a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 5⅗secs.

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Lieut-Col I Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton, 8st 13lbs	Melsom 1
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Goldsmith, 9st 2lbs	Penton 2
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch aus g Leonidas 8st 11lb (car 8st 2½lbs)	Burns 3
Mr N R Chowdhury's b aus g Promontory 9st 12lbs	Lansdowne 0
Mr Spooner Hart's b aus Wallgrove, 9st 7lbs	O'Neil 0
Lieut-Col Armstrong's b aus, g Knight Templar, 9st	Oomer Khan 0
Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Milburn, 8st 8lbs	Bennett 0
Major H C V Harrison's ch aus g Glenfield 7st 9lbs (car. 7st 12½lbs)... ...	Meah Jan 0
Capt E I R Peel's b aus g The Gaffer, 6st 10lbs (car 7st 2½lbs)	Goolo 0
Mr R L Kindersley's b nth am h St Rule 6st (car 6st 12lbs)	Brown 0

BETTING:—Evens Goldsmith, 4 to 1 agst Trenton, 5 to 1 Walgrove Knight Templar and Milburn, 6 to 1 each Promontory, Leonidas Glenfield and The Gaffer, and 7 to 1 St Rule.

St Rule refused for a long time to join his horses, and when a start was made led past the stand and for a couple of hundred yards beyond it when he ran out and Milburn showed prominently to the front. The Gaffer falling rapidly behind and Trenton Promontory and Goldsmith being handiest of the rest. At the four furlong post Milburn gave way to Trenton, who at the turn for home was leading perhaps a length with the favourite and Promontory next. As they came up the straight Leonidas also challenged on the outside and it looked like being a close thing The weight told however on Mr. Chowdhury's horse and he fell away rapidly, Trenton on the rails winning a fine race from the favourite by half a length with old Leonidas three quarters of a length behind the second horse. Promontory a length behind Leonidas was placed fourth by the judge. Time—2mins 25⅕secs

Colonel Desaraj Urs' horse received a great ovation as he returned to scale

(*Winner trained by Poolanmah.*)

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THE LEONIDAS PURSE.—Rs. 500. Presented by Lieutenant Colonel I Desaraj Urs and Rs 100 added from the Fund for the second pony. A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under 7 furlongs.

Mr A P Symond's bk aus m Cleopatra II, 7st 6lbs	Melsom	1
Mr A Sattar's b aus m Beccles, 7st (car 7sf 1½lbs)	O'Neil	2
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 9st	Penton	3
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 6st (car 6st 5lbs)	Bennett	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Key West, 2 to 1 Cleopatra II, 8 to 1 Beccles and 10 to 1 Chemisette.

Beccles making the most of her speediness rushed to the front and made running at a great pace, with the favourite next and Cleopatra II third. So they ran to the distance where Key West was asked a question and replied in the negative. Cleopatra II however, challenged strongly opposite the second enclosure and soon holding Beccles safe, won comfortably by one and a half lengths, 2 lengths between second and third. Time —1min. 35⅕secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE NEW PONY RACE.—Rs 350. Of which the first Pony will receive Rs. 200. Second Rs. 100 and third Rs. 50. Weights Handicap 5 furlongs.

Capt R M Bell's g a h Essex, 7st 10lbs	Melsom	1
Mr R Moss King's b a h King Cobweb, 7st 12lbs	O Neil	2
Lieut-Col R Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 9st 4lbs	McQuade	3
Mr W F Wormald's b r a h Baby Boy, 8st 13lbs	Meah Jan	0

BETTING: Evens King Cobweb, 2 to 1 agst Baby Boy and 3 to 1 each Essex and Harefoot. Essex made all the running and won in a common canter by six lengths; three lengths dividing second and third. Time—1min. 9⅕secs.

(*Winner trained by Vinall.*)

THE SUBSTITUTION HEBBALL STAKES.—Rs. 350, of which the first horse will receive Rs. 200, second Rs 100 and third Rs. 50. For Horses. Weight, Handicap. 1 mile.

Capt F Jollie's b aus g Best Shot, 8st 11lbs	Oomer Khan	1
General Sir G T Pretyman's br aus g Mainspring, 9st 10lbs	Capt Randall	2
Mr Liebenrood's ch aus m Latch Key, 6st 10lbs (car 7st)	O Neil	3
Major H C V Harrison's b aus m Coree Belle, 8st 8lbs	Meah Jan	0
Capt Strong's b aus g Larrikin, 7st 7lbs ...	Bennett	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Mainspring, 2 to 1 Best Shot, 3 to 1 Coree Belle, 4 to 1 Larrikin, and 6 to 1 Latch Key.

The favourite made running until well into the straight, where Best Shot joined issue and getting the best of the struggle won by a length, Mainspring being four lengths ahead of the third horse. Time—1min. 48⅖secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

Third Day, Saturday, 18th July 1903.

The third day of the Bangalore meeting was by far the best of the three from a racing point of view. It was unfortunate that H. H. the Maharajah was again unable to be present owing to fever which I believe partakes of the nature of the dengue fever which has been making a nuisance of itself in Southern India for some months.

However this is not a medical treatise and it is necessary to get on to the racing. The attendance was rather thin in the early parts of the afternoon, but increased rapidly as it wore on and when the dead heat was run off just before dusk fell, the enclosure was full. This is not the place for an article on racing in Southern India, and there are several remarks I hope to make elsewhere, but this fact cannot be gainsaid, that this season's meeting has provided the best racing seen in Bangalore for a very long time. To-day, fields were good, the class of animal which went out was as a rule good, betting was fairly brisk and finishes in most cases were excellent. What more can the soul of man want? There *are* improvements which may and I believe *will* take place, but at least Bangalore has more than held her ground this year, in the face of the decay of racing in Southern India generally.

The races have been noticed in their places, and can only be briefly discussed here. A red-hot favourite won in Beccles for the first event, although there was very nearly an awful upset, for her jockey weighed out some pounds short of weight by mistake, and had to be hustled back in a hurry to weigh out in a proper manner. Rubric won a most plucky race in the Desert Handicap, and this was another feather in Melsom's cap, whilst the race between Bouquet and Gum was a tribute to the handicapper's skill. But more of Gum anon. As a straight tip I say "watch him." A terrible facer for a good many people was the result of the C. B. race. Philistine, a practically unknown colt, was "chucked in" and ran away with the race. *Voila tout!* Then came the great dead-heat between Wallgrove and Goldsmith, and the betting in the run off proved that public opinion was correct. Key West and Acme provided a good struggle in the Excelsior Stakes and the final event was practically an exercise canter for Blue Blood. In conclusion it may be said that the arrangements were excellent. Seven races and a run off, take a lot of getting through, and the Stewards of the races and Mr. H. Donne, the energetic Secretary are to be much congratulated on the result of the efforts.

Events and results :—

THE PONY SELLING RACE.—Rs. 350, of which the first pony will receive Rs. 200, the second Rs. 100 and the third Rs. 50. Half mile.

Mr A Sattar's br aus m Beccles (Rs. 1,600), 8st 10lbs	Oomer Khan	1
Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's b aus m Shield (Rs. 900), 8st 6lbs ...	Gooloo	2
Mr G P Graham's ch aus m Shot Silk (Rs 1,200), 8st	Melsom	3
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette (Rs. 1,500), 8st	Mirza Khaleel	0
Major H C V Harrison's b cb g Hampton Court (Rs. 1,200), 7st 4lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr Allardice's g aus g Sardine (Rs. 1,200), 6st 7lbs	Bennett	0
Mr Strickland's b aus m Fortunate (Rs. 700), 6st 11b (car 6st 13lbs) ...	Dadoo	0

BETTING: 7 to 4 on Beccles, 4 to 1 agst Shield, 5 to 1 each Shot Silk, Hampton Court, and Sardine, 8 to Chemisette and 10 to 1 Fortunate.

After a long delay at the start, principally owing to the vagaries of the favourite, they were dismissed in a straggling line. In fact Beccles and Chemisette got away two or three lengths in front of everything else and the former, making all the running, won pulling up by three lengths. Shield beat Shot Silk by half a length for second place, after a good race. Time—53⅘secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,000. Rs. 800 to winner, and Rs 200 to second horse.

A Handicap for Arab horses. 1¼ miles.

Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch a h Rubric, 9st 7lbs	Melsom	1
Mr R R S's ch a h Sapphire, 7st ..	Abdul Kader	2
„ Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 6st 7lbs ...	Bennett	3
Lieut-Col A Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 8st 12lbs	McQuade	0
Mr W F Wormald's b a h Baby Boy, 8st 3lbs	O'Neil	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Rubric, 3 to 1 each agst Baby Boy and Sapphire, 4 to 1 Harefoot and 5 to 1 Syndic.

Rubric on the rails got away with Shapphire next, and Syndic, Harefoot and Baby Boy in the order named. So they went into the country, so they came out of the dip, and strange to say in the very same order they finished. It was, however, a great struggle between the first two, Sapphire challenging in the most resolute way two hundred yards from home. The favourite ran game as a pebble, and just retaining his advantage won by a neck; seven lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 29secs.

(*Winner trained by Poolanmah.*)

THE ALL HORSE HANDICAP.—Rs. 600, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 100. A Handicap for Horses. 5 furlongs.

Mr Lakshmi Kanthraj Urs' b aus g Gum, 8st	O'Neil	1
Mr N R Chowdhury's br e m Bouquet, 9st 3lbs	Lansdowne	2
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch aus g Leonidas, 9st 10lbs ...	Oomer Khan	3
Capt J Randall's br aus m Blue Blood, 8st 5lbs	Meah Jan	0
Mr N R Chowdhury's ch aus g Tecoota, 10st	Penton	0
Capt J Randall's ch rn e g Dr Barnardo, 9st 7lbs ... - .	Owner	0
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus m Red Coral, 9st 11b ...	Narrainswamy	0
The Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ch aus g Jack O'Lantern, 9st - ...	Burns	0
Major H C V Harrison's ch aus g De Wet, 7st 7lbs	Gooloo	0
Capt E I R Peel's br aus g The Gaffer, 6st 6lbs	Melson	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Gum, 4 to 1 each Leonidas and Bouquet, 5 to 1 Dr Barnardo, 6 to 1 each Red Coral, Jack O'Lantern, Blue Blood, De Wet and The Gaffer and 10 to 1 Tecoota.

Gum got away with Dr. Barnardo next and the remainder well together. Approaching the distance Bouquet and Leonidas joined issue and a clinking race home resulted in the favourite winning by half a length; a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 4½th secs.

(*Winner trained by Thompson.*)

THE DEWAN'S PURSE.—Rs. 750, presented by the Dewan of Mysore, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 150. A handicap for C.-B. horses. ¾ mile.

Col J P Grant's ch cb g Philistine, (Philomath—Mystery, 6st (car 6st 9lbs) ...	Melsom	1
Mr J D Scott's b cb h Louis, 9st 7lbs ...	Penton	2
Col J P Grant's b cb h Prime, 7st 4lbs ...	Gooloo	3
Mr W P Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 11st 4lbs	Oomer Khan	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Louis, 5 to 2 agst Upstart, 3 to 1 Philistine and 6 to 1 Prime.

From a good start Philistine led out and speedily established a lead which he increased in the dip to half-a-dozen lengths. Striding along Colonel Grant's colt won without being pressed by five lengths; same distance between second and third. Time—1 min. 23⅕ secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE AUGUST STAKES.—Rs. 1,200, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 200. A Handicap for horses. 1¼ miles.

Mr Spooner Hart's b aus g Wallgrove, 8st 10lbs	O'Neil	1
Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Goldsmith, 7st 7lbs	Penton	2
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton, 9st 10lbs	Melsom	3
Mr Biswas' b aus g Promontory, 9st 6lbs...	Lansdowne	0
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 8st 11b	Meah Jan	0
General Sir G T Pretyman's br aus g Mainspring, 7st 9lbs	Gooloo	0
Major H C V Harrison's ch aus g Glenfield, 7st 11lbs ...	Mirza Khaleel	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Walgrove, 4 to 1 each Trenton, Promontary, Goldsmith and Corrie Roy, 8 to 1 Mainspring and 10 to 1 Glenfield.

Away to a good start, but coming to the distance the favourite appeared to be winning easily. Goldsmith, however, challenged vigorously and another really fine race resulted in a dead heat, with Trenton four lengths behind third. Time—2mins. 12secs.

In the run off, Wallgrove won fairly easily by three lengths. Time—2 mins. 13⅗ secs.

The betting was 2 to 1 on Wallgrove and 6 to 4 agst Goldsmith.

THE EXCELSIOR STAKES.—Rs. 600, of which the second pony will receive Rs 100. A Handicap for C.-B. ponies 14-2 and others 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 10st 11lbs	Penton	1
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' br aus m Acme, 9st 8lbs	Lansdowne	2
Mr A Sattar's br aus g Ocean, 8st 12lbs	Oomer Khan	½ dead
Capt W Dougall's ch aus g Lancer, 7st 5lbs	Melsom	½ heat
Capt W A Ward's b aus m Dolly, 7st 11b ...	Bennett	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Key West, 6 to 4 Ocean, 3 to 1 Acme, 5 to 1 Lancer and 6 to 1 Dolly.

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After one false start, in which Dolly travelled half over the course, Acme got away with Lancer in close attendance. At the corner Lancer was in front but Acme soon disposed him, but the favourite came through at the first enclosure and won after a good struggle by three-fourths of a length with the dead-heaters three lengths behind Acme. Time—1 min. 8⅖ secs.

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

THE HORSE SELLING RACE.—Rs. 350, of which the first horse will receive Rs. 200, the second Rs. 100 and the third Rs. 50. For horses 5 furlongs.

Capt J Randall's br aus m Blue Blood (Rs. 1,200), 9st 10lbs	Owner	1
The Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's ch aus m Kingfisher (Rs. 500), 8st 5lbs ...	Meah Jan	2
Major Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt (Rs. 500), 8st 5lbs	Gooloo	3
Major H C V Harrison's b aus m Coree Belle (Rs. 1,000), 9st 6lbs... ...	Mr Sanders	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Blue Blood, 2 to 1 agst Redoubt, 5 to 2 Coree Belle and 6 to 1 King Fisher.

King Fisher was quickest away, but Blue Blood soon collared him and approaching the stand was seen to have the race in hand. He won easily by two and a half lengths; old Redoubt being half a length behind the second horse. Time—1 min. 5⅖ secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

Extra Day, Monday, 20th July 1903.

(*BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.*)

There was a good attendance and fine whether to-day. The Maharajah had recovered from his indisposition and was present.

The meeting on the whole has been excellent. Details :—

PENCILLERS' PONY SCURRY.—Rs. 250, of which the second received Rs. 50. 3 furlongs.

Mr Sattar's br aus g Ocean, 11st 10lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Kumara Raja of Pittapore's b aus m Shield, 10st 11lbs	Gooloo	2
Mr Graham's Kepplar, 6st 10lb (car 6sts 12lbs)	Melsom	3
Mr Bayley's b aus m Gold Flow, 8st ...	McQuade	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Ocean. 5 to 4 agst Shield, 2 to 1 Gold Flow, 5 to 1 Kepplar.

Kepplar made the running; but Ocean and Shield quickly caught him and Ocean won easily by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time—40 secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

PENCILLERS' STAKES.—Rs. 250, of which the second gets Rs. 50. For ponies 14-1 and under. 1 mile.

Mr Sattar's br aus m Beccles, 10st 7lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Mr Spooner Hart's Good Chap, 8st 13lbs	O'Neil	2
Capt Ward's b aus m Dolly, 8st 5lbs ...	Melsom	3
Mr Allardice's b aus g Sardine 8st 6lbs ...	Bennett	0

Won in a canter by twenty lengths; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 54⅖secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

MAIDEN ARAB STAKES.—Rs. 250, of which the second gets Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under. ¼ mile.

Capt Bell's g a h Essex, 9st 10lbs ...	Capt Randall	1
Mr Sydenham's b a h Syndic, 9st 7lbs ...	Marie	2
Capt Bell's g a h Superb, 8st 9lbs ...	Mirza Khaleel	3

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Essex, 3 to 1 each agst. Syndic and Superb. Essex made all the running and won easily by a length; a head between second and third. Time—57½ secs.

(*Winner trained by Vinall.*)

WAREHOUSE STAKES.—Rs. 250, presented by Hajee Ismail Sait; second Rs 50. For horses. 5 furlongs.

Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ch aus g Jack O' Lantern, 8st 7lbs	Gooloo	1
Mr Chowdhury's ch aus g Tecoota, 10st 2lbs	Lansdowne	2
Capt Peel's b aus g The Gaffer, 6st 10lbs...	Bennett	3

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Tecoota, 5 to 4 agst. The Gaffer, 3 to 1 Jack O'Lantern. Tecoota led out, but Jack O'Lantern came up and won easily by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 5⅖secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

HORSE SELLING RACE.—Winner, Rs. 250; second, Rs. 50. For horses. ½ mile.

Capt Randall's br aus m Blue Blood, 9st 12lbs	Owner	1
Mr Anketell Jones's b aus g Ombree, 8st 10lbs	Melson	2
Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's ch aus g King Fisher, 8st 6lbs	Gooloo	3
Major Vans Agnew's b k aus g Gaylad, 9st	Dadoo	0
Major Logan Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 8st 2lbs	Marie	0

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Blue Blood, 5 to 2 agst Ombree, 3 to 1 King Fisher, 4 to 1 Gaylad, 6 to 1 Redoubt.

Blue Blood made all the running and won easily by two lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time—51 secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

MAIDEN PONY SELLING RACE.—Rs. 250 to the winner; second, Rs. 50. For maiden ponies. ½ mile.

Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's b aus m Shield, 9st 4lbs	Gooloo	1
Mr Graham's ch aus m Shot Silk, 8st 6lbs ...	Melsom	2
„ Allardice's b aus g Sardine, 7st 2lbs ...	Dadoo	3
Capt Roome's br e m Chemisette, 9st 11b	Mirza Khaleel	0

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Shield, 2 to 1 agst Shot Silk, 4 to 1 Chemisette, 5 to 1 Sardine.

Shot Silk made the running, but Shield won a good race by a neck; two lengths between second and third. Time—53⅖ secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

MATCH.—Rs. 500. 1½ miles.

Mr R Dockray Waterhouse's b aus m Flight, 12st 7lbs	Capt Dougall	1
Mr Anketell Jones's b e m Lady Abbess, 12st 7lbs	Owner	2

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Flight, 6 to 4 agst Lady Abbess.

Lady Abbess led out by six lengths when Flight came up at the two-furlong post and won easily by half a length. Time—3mins. 7⅖secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 250 to the winner, second Rs. 50. For maiden ponies. ½ mile.

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Awakening, The	ch c by Florizel II—Rousseau's Dream	Mr J B Joel
	br f by Ayrshire Ardvourlie	Sir S Scott
Bassoon	br c by Trenton—Simoom	Lord Cadogan
Belosselsky	ch c by Carbine—Modwena	Duke of Portland
Biddy	ch f by St Angelo—Irish Stew	Mr S B Joel
Bitter Almond	b c by Martagon—Mandorla	Mr F Alexander
Black Jean	bk c by Cherry Tree—Pedila	Mr Broderick Cloete
Black Loon	br c by Gallinule—Lady Witch	Mr T L Plunkett
Boufflers	b c by St Simon—Quick Fire	Duke of Portland
B P	ch g by The Rush—Fair Agnes	Mr T Waugh
	ch c by Bread Knife—Marbella	Mr C B L Fernandes
Brill	b c by Gallinule—Brilliana	Duke of Portland
Brother Witt	ch c by Father Confessor—Lilian Witt	Mr Townley Parker
Buenos Ayres	b c by Trenton—River Plate	Mr A M Singer
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Comptroller	b c by Common—Nun Nydia	Sir J Blundell Maple
Correo	br c by Ladas—Oriana	Mr J Buchanan
Countermark	ch c by Worcester—Assay	Sir E Vincent
Cyme	br f by St Simon—Cydonia	Mr R Oswald
Dalesman II	b or br c by Ben Brush—Innerdale	Mr J R Keene
Dazzling	ch f by St Leonards—Splendour	Mr J R Keene
De Witt	b c by St Simon—Pallas Athene	Duke of Portland
Donatello	b c by Donovan—Arno	Sir E Vincent
D'Orsay	b c by Royal Hampton—Lady Frivoles	Mr R Forest Todd
Dropmor	ch c by Crowberry—Drip	Lord Durham
Duster	b f by Ben Brush—Lady Invercauld	Mr J R Keene
Ebbsfleet	b c by Velasquez—Ebba	Lord Hamilton
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Flying Eagle	br c by Pride—Eyrie	Mr Ernest Dresden
Flying Ivy	b f by Marmiton—Kimmage Ivy	Duke of Devonshire
Gay Gordon	b c by St Frusquin—Broad Corrie	Lord Derby
Funchal	b c by Florizel II—Hinton	Col H T Fenwick
Galeta	b f by Ladas—Galanthis	Lord Falmouth
Gilbert Handley	ch c by Melton—Dunover	Mr J Musker
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	b f by Glenwood—Hear Hear	Mr W M G Singer
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Greatorex	b c by Carbine—Mrs Butterwick	Duke of Portland
Hammerkop	b f by Gallinule—Concussion	Major Eustace Loder
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	ch c by Horoscope—Veva	Mr J R Keene
Hurst Park II	ch c by Kingston—Editha	Mr Foxhall Keene
Imperator	ch c by Persimmon—Fine Lady	Mr Broderick Cloete
Imperator II	b c by Masque—Risque Tout	M E Blanc
Intelligence	b f by Ladas—None the Wiser	Lord Ellesmere
Irish Channel	ch c by Kendall—Sea Air	Mr G A Waite
Isolated	b c by Orme—Isone	Mr S B Joel
Japan	b c by Raeburn—Primula	Mr G A Prentice
Jason	b or br c by Gold—Argonavis	Prince Soltykoff
Jennico	ch c by Dobbins—Roda B	Mr Richard Croker
	f by Juggler—Star of Grafton	Mr E C Turner
Kelibia	b f by Upas—Goletta	Mr L de Rothschield
Kearsage	b c by Kingston—Flying Squadron	Mr J R Keene
	b c by Sheen—Charmian	Prince Soltykoff
Khemi	b c by Lychnoscope—Miss Reveller	Mr H J Mills
Kilnwick	b c by Kingston—Citronella	Mr Foxhall Keene
	b c by Kingston—Glide	Mr Foxhall Keene
	b c by Kingston—Bening Chree	Mr J R Keene
Ladasia	br f by Ladas—Countess Lilian	Mr R Forrest Todd
	c f by Ladas—Wheat Field	Mr A L Duncan
Ladamos	br f by Ladas—Keronal	Mr A M Singer
Ladon	b or br c by Ladas—Red Virgin	Mr Reid Walker
Ladurlad	b c by Ladas—Treasure	Lord Rosebery
L'Aiglon	br c by St Simon—Self Sacrifice	Mr L Neumann
La Laide	b or br f by Ladas—Intriguer	Mr Ernest Dresden
Lapageria	ch f by Sir Hugo—Lapley	Lord Bradford
Lavello	br f by Ladas—Caserta	Mr J H Houldsworth
Levant	b c by Bay Ronald—Limasol	Mr L Brassey
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Merry Saint	br c by St Serf—Mereden	Sir J Blundell Maple
Mrs Gamp	b f by St Simona—Lucina	Mr Arthur James
Monkshead	b or br c by Friars Balsam—Perce Neige	Prince Soltykoff
Morgendale	b c by Kendall—Molly Morgan	Lord Dunraven
Oarsman	ch c by Hastings—Ortegal	Mr A Belmont
Omar Khayyam	ch c by Love Wisely—Under the Rose	Mr R Waldie Griffith
Oriole	br f by Ladas—Orle	Lord Rosebery
	b f by Orme—Huelva	Mr W M G Singer
Out of Reach	b c by Persimmon—Sandily	Mr J R Keene
Owston Wood	b c by Cherry Ripe—Woodhouse	Mr H T Barclay
Pagan		Mr E Kennedy
Palmy Days	bl or br f by Trenton—Pallanza	Mr J G Baird Hay
Paean	ch c by St Angelo—Applause II	Duke of Devonshire
Pain-bis	b c by Bread Knife—Pansy	Mr F Bibby
Passe Parole	b c by Royal Hampton—Patent	M Ephrussi
Paxton	ch g by St Angelo—Strawberry Hill	Mr A M Singer
Pedlar	ch c by Melton—Paradoxical	Mr J Musker
Peeping Light	b c by Vesuvian—Peeping Rose	Mr F W Taylor
Peer Gynt	br c by Le Nancy—Iso Hampton	Lord Carnarvon
Perfection	b c by Persimmon—Sterling Merit	Lord Penrhyn
Periander	b c by Persimmon—Ambleside	Mr Reid Walker
Pericles	br c by Persimmon—Antibes	Mr Douglas Baird
Pershore	br c by Persimmon—Virginia Shore	Mr Russell
Persifleur	ch c by Persimmon—Merrie Lassie	His Majesty
	ch f by Persimmon—Bridget	Lord Derby
Persistence	br c by Persimmon—Laodamia	His Majesty
	br c by Petros—Breach	Lord Hastings
Playbill	b c by Kendall—Lady Yardley	Mr George Faber
Plumassier	br c by Persimmon—Fauchette	His Majesty
Poet, The	ch c by Whittier—Medley	Mr Russell
Poinsettia	b f by Upas—Pie Powder	Mr L de Rothschild
Post Obit	br c by Velasquez—Postscript	Mr J W Larnach
Prince Royal	b c by Royal Sovereign—Juno	Mr L W Hornby
Rabelais	b c by St Simon—Satirical	Mr Arthur James
Rain Gauge	ch c by Sir Visto—Rainbow	Mr C J F Fawcett
	ch c by Ravensbury—Panama	Mr A L Duncan
Red Lamp	b c by Orme—Jersey Lily	Mr J Buchanan
Red Lily	b f by Persimmon—Melody	Mr L Brassey
Rhine	b f by Suspender—Revelry	Mr W R Marshall
Rinaldo	b c by Orvieto—Galeottia	Mr Fairie
Robber Knight	b c by Sir Hugo—Flitters	Lord Crewe
Rock Sand	br c b by Sanfoin—Roquebrune	Sir J Miller
Rover Crag	b c by Macbeath—Frisky	Mr John Osborne
Royal Dragoon	b c by Royal Hampton—Convent	Sir J Blundell Maple
Ruy Lopez	ch c by Simontault—Monche	Commodore H Lambton
Sagacity	b f by St Serf—La Sagesse	Sir J Miller
St Atholine	b f by St Frusquin—Maid of Athol	Mr T Simpson Jay
St Evremonde	b c by St Frusquin—Ejector	Lord Farquhar
St Fulgent	b c by St Frusquin—Bright Alice	Duke of Devonshire
St Gerald	br c by St Serf—Geraldine	Mr T Simpson Jay
St Hylda	bk f by St Simon—Darkness	Sir Ernest Paget
	br or b c by St Leonards—Hampton Belle	Mr J R Keene
	b f by St Serf—Crusado	Mr T W P Rives
	b c by St Simon—Sierra	Sir S Scott
	b c by St Simon—Sweet Duchess	Sir R Waldie Griffith
	b c by St Simon—Tact	Duke of Portland
St Victor	br c by St. Simon—Vicuna	Major E W Baird
St Walshaw	b c by St Simon—Walshaw	Mr W Raphael
Saltpetre	b c by St Simon—Billow	Mr L Brassey
Sebago	ch c by Dobbins—Margerine	Mr Richard Croker
Sentinelle	br f by Queen's Birthday—Merry Wife	Mr George Edwardes
Seradona	b f by Donovan—Seraphine	I M Ephrussi
	b or br c by Sheen Cocotte	Mr L Robinson
Sir Wroth	ch c by Greyleg—Ruth	Mr P P Gilpin
Sizergh	ch c by Kendal—Primrose	Mr Sydney Wargrave
Song Craft	ch g by Orme—Throstle	Duke of Westminster
Spartan Boy	b c by Ladas—Birch Rod	Lord Stanley
Spinning Jenny	b or br f by Kendal—Tennifer	Lord Falmouth
Stephanas	br c by St Serf—Lucky Lady	Mr Arthur James
	b c by Tarporley—Kotoker	Mr W M G Singer
Temple Hill	b f by Kendal—Morganette	Mr J Gubbins
Thunderbolt	br c by St Angelo—Chimera	Mr R S Sievier
Tigellin	br or bk c by St Damien—Thompette	M E Blanc
Tower of Strength	ch c by Orion—Marguerite	Mr J Musker
	b c by Trenton—Doncaster Beauty	Mr W M G Singer
	b c by Trenton—Great Dame	Mr W M G Singer
	b c by Trenton—Saintly	Mr P C Patton
Tutti Frutti	b f by Persimmon—New Zealand	Mr W Raphael
Uncle Reggie	br c by Forizel II—Agnostic	Mr W C Whitney
Valve	b or br f by Velasquez—Gas	Lord Hamilton
Victor Gay	ch c by Victor Wild—Gaiety Girl	Mr Townley Parker
Vinicius	b c by Masque—Wandora	M E Blanc
Virginal	br or ch f by Ladas—Wise Virgin	Lord Falmouth
Vodka	b f by War Dance—Alicante	M Ephrussi
Wag, The	b c by Orme—Plaisanterie	Mr H J King
Whitby	b c by Childwick—Hamiltrude	Sir J Blundell Maple
Wilkie	b c by Velasquez—Corstophine	Lord Rosebery
Whistling Crow	b c by Crowberry—Sedge Warbler	Mr H J King
William Rufus	ch c by Melton—Simena	Mr J Musker

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured a Calcutta, on the 16th July 1903, by the Official Measurer:—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period*
Jubilee	— ch eb m	Mr. P. J. DeLauncy	Aged	12-2½	For life.
Pekin	... ch a h...	Mr. R. G. D. Thomas	... Aged	13-2½	For life.
Wrangler	... b aus g	Mr. W. Bell-Irving	Aged	14-1½	For life.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, as Poona, on the 8th July, 1904:—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Conway	... ch a g ...	Major F. M. Edwards	... Aged	14-0¾	Forlife.
Iron Duke	... g a g —	Do.	... Aged	14-0¾	For life.
McArthur	... g a h ...	Mr. Goolam Saleh Mahomed	... 5	13-2½	Until 31st March, 1904.

THE following horses were classed and aged, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 8th July, 1903 :—

Flotsam	... b aus g	Thakur Sripal Singh	3	...	Until 31st July, 1903.
Mina	... ch aus m	Do.	3	...	Until 31st July, 1903.

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(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 3rd July, 1903.*

THE TURF.

SANDOWN PARK.

DELIGHTFUL summer weather prevailed for the commencement of this meeting. The sun shone brilliantly during the greater part of the day, and a nice breeze was also moving. It was not surprising, therefore, that the attendance for the first day was unusually large, the conditions, as well as the prospect of some attractive racing, drawing sportsmen together in great numbers. The valuable Foal Stakes brought out a field of nine. Flotsam (third in the Derby) and Gay Gordon (second to Sceptre in the Hardwicke Stakes) shared favouritism, but, whereas Lord Derby's colt gave only a moderate display, Sir D. Cooper's representative won a great race by a neck from Sir E. Cassel's Exchequer, who ran second to Rock Sand at Ascot. After capturing the Wadham Plate by a neck from Giglio, Ichi Ban broke down, and failed to elicit a bid at the subsequent auction. The Pet colt (late Lucky Dog) showed that his Manchester form was correct by running away with the Rookery Two-Year-Old Race. W. Nightingall sent out a couple of winners in Tin Soldier and Logan Rock, who took the Cobham Plate and Grand Stand Handicap respectively, the Corinthian Welter Handicap going to Lord Carnarvon's Mountain Rose. Details :—

THE SANDRINGHAM FOAL STAKES—Of 1,724 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts, 9st., fillies 8st. 11lbs; penalties, etc. One mile and a quarter.

Sir Daniel Cooper's b c Flotsam, by St Frusquin—Float, 10st	D Maher	1
Sir E Cassel's br c Exchequer, 8st 7lbs ...	W Halsey	2
„ E Vincent's ch c Countermark, 9st 5lbs	O Madden	3
Major E Loder's Hammerkop, 9st 11lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Lord Derby's Gay Gordon, 8st 7lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Eoscene, 8st 7lbs...	M Cannon	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Merry Saint, 8st 7lbs	W Lane	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, 8st 7lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Clonmell's John Peel, 9st	...Mr G Thursby	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Flotsam and Gay Gordon, 9 to 2 Gourgaud, 8 to 1 Hammerkop, and 100 to 8 any other (offered.)

Won by a neck; four lengths separated the second and third. Gourgaud was fourth, Hammerkop fifth, Eoscene sixth, Merry Saint next, and John Peel last. Time—2mins. 14 ⅖secs.

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THE WADHAM PLATE—Of 192 sovs; weight for age, etc-winner to be sold for 50 sovs. One mile.

Mr J Rowson's b h Ichi Ban, by Best Man—Galinne, 6yrs, 10st ...	Maher	1
Mr G A Prentice's ch h Giglio, aged, 10st	O Madden	2
„ J Sloncombe's br c Zam, 3yrs, 8st 8lbs	Griggs	3
„ C Kingswell's The General, 5yrs 10st...	W Lane	0
„ T Southall's Cherokee, 5yrs, 10st ...	J H Martin	0
Major J D Edwards's Voodoo, 4yrs, 9st 9lbs	Compton	0
Mr F R Fry's Alice Holt, 4yrs, 9st 9lbs ...	Randall	0
Lord Alington's Phœbus, 3yrs, 8st 18lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr F Pratt's Genoa, 3yrs 8st 11lbs ...	K Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by Hornsby, at Wantage.*)

BETTING :—3 to 1 agst Giglio, 4 to 1 Ichi Ban, 5 to 1 Phœbus, 7 to 1 Zam, 100 to 12 Genoa, 10 to 1 Cherokee, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

A tremendous set-to resulted in favour of Ichi Ban by a neck; three parts of a length between second and third. Phœbus was fourth, Alice Holt fifth, Genoa sixth, Voodoo next, and Cherokee last. There was no bid for the winner. Time—1min. 51 ⅗secs.

THE CORHAM PLATE.—Of 192 sovs; weight for age, etc. Five furlongs.

Mr C Hibbert's b g Tin Soldier, by Burnaby—Childhood, 5yrs 8st 8lbs (£200	Walkington	1
Mr G Thursby's br g St Bernard II, aged 8sts 8lb (£200)	Triggs	2
Mr T Southall's b m Court Belle, 5 yrs, 8st 3lbs (£200)	Knight	3
Mr S Henry's Egmont, 6 yrs, 8st 8lbs (£200)	Hardy	0
Mr C Wood's Auchnafree, 4 yrs, 8sts 8lbs (£200)	Boardman	0
Mr C Lawman's Bucklebury, 3 yrs, 8st 2lbs (£200)	Halsey	0
Mr H Braime's Club Bail, 3 yrs, 7st 13lbs (£200)	O Madden	0
Mr Ed Lamb's g by St Angelo—Zulcika, 3 yrs, 7st 13lbs (£200)	W Lane	0
Major J D Edwards's Wedding Day, 2 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Compton	0
Mr J Buchanan's Rossano, 2 yrs, 6st 4lbs (£300)	Griggs	0
Lord Carnarvon's Missovaga, 2 yrs, 6st 11b (£300)	McIntyre	0
Mr C S Newton's Tideaway, 2 yrs, 6st 11b (£200)	J Jarvis	0

(*Winner trained by W. Nightingall, at Epsom.*)

BETTING :—7 to 2 each agst St Bernard II, and Bucklebury, 4 to 1 Court Belle, 5 to 1 Egmont, 10 to 1 each Tin Soldier, Club Ball, and Wedding Day, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

A rattling finish resulted in favour of Tin Soldier by two lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Missovaga was fourth, Rossano fifth, Egmont sixth, Bucklebury seventh, Snooker eighth, and Tideway last. There was no bid for the winner.

The delightful weather and the promise of another interesting afternoon's sport attracted a huge crowd to Sandown Park on Saturday. Fields, with one exception, ruled large, and backers commenced well by selecting Out o' Sight for the Robert de Witville Handicap, the four-year-old winning easily. The Lady Smith colt, who won at Newcastle on Thursday, failed to gain a place, and the Irish-trained Ferriera finished last. In the Selling Handicap the new rule respecting false starts was applied for the first time. The tapes of the "gate" were broken and all the horses, jumped off, but were recalled, Carrigavalla eventually romped home. Pretty Polly made her initial appearance on the racecourse in the British Dominion Two-Year-Old Race. She was first away and when half the distance had been covered the filly was out by herself, some twenty lengths in front, and she won in the commonest of canters. Mountain Rose captured the Wellington Handicap by a neck, Black Love took the Hampton Plate and Robert Le Diable the Coombe Plate. Trigg rode three winners.

THE WELLINGTON HANDICAP.—Of 416 sovs. About one mile and five furlongs.

Lord Carnarvon's b c Mountain Rose, by Blairfinde—Rose Root, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs (inc 5lbs ex), (car 7st 2lbs) ...	J Martin	1
Mr L Neuman's b g Wise Alec, 6 yrs, 8st 11b	W Lane	2
Mr W B Purefoy's b c Acrostic, 3 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Griggs	3
Mr Spencer Gollan's Seahorse II, aged, 9st	K Cannon	0
„ G A Prentice's Pekin, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs	O Madden	0
„ G G Tod's Powder Puff, 4 yrs, 7st 12lbs	G McCall	0
„ R Croker's Liquidator, 4 yrs, 7st 6lbs...	McIntyre	0
„ T Southall's Pearly Reid, 5 yrs 6st 11lbs ... — ...	Knight	0
Mr Heinemann's Avocation, 3 yrs, 5st 13lbs	J Dawson	0
„ J T Wood's Castro, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs ...	J Murray	0

(*Winner trained by Greusil, at Whatcombe.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Mountain Rose, 4 to 1 Wise Alec, 5 to 1 Powder Puff, 7 to 1 Pekin, 8 to 1 Castro, 10 to 1 each Liquidaror, Pearly Reid, and Seahorse II., 100 to 8 Acrostic, and 20 to 1 Advocation.

Won by a neck; six lengths divided the second and third. Seahorse II. was fourth, Avocation fifth, Powder Puff sixth, Liquidator seventh, Castro next and Pearly Reid last. Time—3min 6⅘secs.

THE BRITISH DOMINION TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE—Of 914sovs' for two-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs, with penalties and allowances Five furlongs.

Major Eustace Loder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiration, 8st 4lbs ...	Trico	1
Mr Jersey's b f Vergia, 8st 7lbs ...	H Jones	2
Sir J Thursby's b c John O'Gaunt, 8st 10lbs	Mr G Thursby	3
Mr J Houldsworth's Castello, 8st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	0
„ R Croker's Herbert Vincent, 8st 7lbs ...	J Martin	0
„ J Musker's Jack Hawthorn, 8st 7lbs ...	O Madden	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Sainte Marquise, 8st 7lbs	W Lane	0
Duke of Portland's Lanfine, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr R Swanwick's Kava, 8st 4lbs ...	Compton	0
„ W C Whitney's Armoea, by St Serf—Regatta, 8st 4lbs	Maher	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Gilpin, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst John O'Gaunt, 7 to 2 Jack Hawthorn, 4 to 1 Lanfine, 6 to 1 Pretty Polly, and 10 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by ten lengths; by a neck between second and third. Castello was fourth, Kava fifth, Jack Hawthorn sixth, Sainte Marquise next and Lanfine last.

NEWMARKET FIRST JULY MEETING.

The conditions for the commencement of the First July Meeting at Head-quarters on the 30th ultimo were all that could be desired. The sun shone delightfully, and there was a nice breeze blowing. The King, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Cambridge were interested spectators of the racing, but the general company was not large. Good fields contested the majority of the events, eight going to the post for the principal item on the card, the the July Stakes. Odds were laid on Montem, and, in the hands of M. Cannon, Lord Wolverton's filly won cleverly by half a length from Vergia, while, a like distance away, Lord Rosebery's Chelys was third. Montem is perhaps best known as the Kermesse filly. She won the New Stakes at Ascot, and has quickly placed another valuable race to her credit. It is worthy of note that her dam also captured the New Stakes and July Stakes in 1881. She next ran third in the Richmond Stakes, Goodwood, but absolutely won the Champagne Stakes, Doncaster, and the Middle Park Plate. Montem is engaged in the corresponding events this year. She may still further follow Kermesse's example. Ladas, her sire, also won the last two mentioned races in 1893. Backers did pretty well at Newmarket yesterday, although in the opening event, the Maiden Two-Year Old Plate, Drumnigh, an outsider, defeated the favourite, Mrs. Hawkins, by three-quarters of a length, Kilcberan, carrying top weight, scored over seventeen opponents in the Visitors' Plate. Niphetos was left at the post. The Hare Park Handicap fell to Patron Saint, the Trial Plate to Reservist, and the Bottisham Plate to Bibury, F. Hardy rode three winners and M. Cannon two. Details:—

THE JULY STAKES—Of 1400 sovs, for two-year-olds: colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs. New T. Y. C. (five furlongs and 140 yards).

Lord Wolverton's br f Montem, by Ladas—Kermesse, 8st 11lbs	M Cannon	1
Mr Jersey's b f Vergia, 8st 11lbs ...	J H Martin	2
Lord Rosebery's b f Chelys, 8st 11lbs ...	Watts	3
His Majesty's Ortolan, 9st	H Jones	0
Lord Derby's c by Ayrshire—Pace Egger, 9st	Maher	0
Lord Harewood's Almscliff, 9st ...	Miller	0
„ Penrhyn's Peroration, 9st ...	W Lane	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Leucadia, 8st 11lbs ...	K Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by R. Marsh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Montem, 6 to 1 agst Leucadia, 10 to 1 Peroration, 100 to 8, Pace Egger c, 100 to 8 Almscliffe, 100 to 7 Vergia. 100 to 7 Chelys, 20 to 1 Ortolan.

Montem, on the left, jumped off in front of Ortolan, Vergia, and Pace Egger colt, with Chelys and Leucadia next, and, making the whole of the running, won by half a length from Vergia (who took second place a quarter of a mile from home); a like distance separated second and third. Leucadia was fourth, Pace Egger colt fifth, Peroration sixth, and Almscliff last.

THE HARE PARK HANDICAP—Of 435 sovs. Suffolk Stakes Course (one mile and a half).

Mr E C Clayton's ch h Patron Saint, by St Frusquin—St Helen, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs	Hardy	1
Mr T E Liddiard's b or br c Departed, 4yrs, 7st	Trigg	2
Mr L Brassey's b c Alderman, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs	J H Martin	3
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel, 4yrs, 9 ...	H Jones	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's The Bishop, yrs, 9st	W Lane	0
Lord Ellesmere's Joshua, 4yrs, 8st 11 ...	Halsey	0
„ Dunraven's Morganatic, 4yrs, 8 4lbs	Griggs	0
Sir T R Dewar's Lady St George, 5y , 8st	Lyne	0
Mr Ed Lamb's Ancaster, 3yrs, 7st 12lbs ...	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Cole, at Exton.*)

BETTING: 9 to 2 each agst Patron Saint and Alderman, 5 to 1 Joshua, 11 to 2 Departed, 7 to 1 Ancaster, 10 to 1 Prince Florizel, 100 to 8 The Bishop, and 100 to 6 any other (offered).

Won all out by a length and and a half; a neck between second and third. Joshua was fourth, Ancaster fifth, Lady St George sixth, Morganatic next, and Bishop last.

A TRIAL PLATE—Of 195sovs; weight for age with allowances; the winner to be sold for 200 sovs. Last six furlongs of B. M.

Mr S B Joel's ch g Reservist, by Amphion—Reservation, 3yrs, 8st 2lbs ...	Halsey	1
Mr Murray Griffith's bl or br h Simon Glover, 5yrs, 9st 2lbs	Lyne	2
Sir E Vincent's b c Mustapha Aga, 3yrs, 8st 2lbs	W Lane	3
Mr A Stedall's Most Excellent, 6yrs, 9st 2lbs	O Madden	0
Mr T G Cartwright's g by Burnaby—Lady Bob, 3yrs, 8st 2lbs	C Leader	0

(*Winner trained by C. Peck, at Isley.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Reservist, 3 to 1 agst Most Excellent, 7 to 2 Mustapha Aga, 8 to 1 Simon Glover and 10 to 1 agst the Lady Bob gelding (offered).

Won by two lengths; four lengths separated second and third. Most Excellent was fourth. The winner was bought in for 400gs. Time—1min 25⅖secs.

Delightful weather was again associated with racing at head-quarters on the second day. The King and the Prince of Wales were present, also the Khedive, who is the guest of Sir Ernest Cassel. Eighteen contested the Plantation Plate, but backers did not hesitate to lay odds on the Pet colt. Mr Gilpin's youngster was first away and cantered home. He has won all his engagements so far, and has shown himself a two-year-old of great merit. He was purchased as a yearling for 80 guineas, and his racing career will no doubt be watched with considerable interest. The Stud Produce Stakes brought out a dozen competitors, Orienta being a slightly better favourite than Catgut The pair were divided at the finish by Melodious, Mr Lindemere's filly gaining the verdict easily. This was her third bracket straight away. Whistling Crow took the Stetchworth Plate and Angelito the All-aged Plate. The Duke of Devonshire won the High-weight Handicap with Maladroit, and Lady Burgoyne also carried his colours to victory in the Soham Plate.

THE STUD PRODUCE STAKES—Of 1239 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs; with penalties and allowances. Chesterfield Course (five furlongs).

Mr H Lindemere's ch f Orienta, by Orion—Miss Hoyden, 7st 13lbs ...	W Lane	1
Mr J Musker's ch f Melodious, 7st 13lbs...	O Madden	2
„ L de Rothschild's ch f Catgut, 8st 4lbs	K Cannon	3
„ L Brassey's Merryman, 9st 3lbs ...	Maher	0
Mr C D Rose's Cades, 9st	B Jarvis	0
Sir E Cassel's Weatherwise, 8st 11lbs ...	Halsey	0
Mr J W Larnach's f by Persimmon—Sister Ann, 8st 11lbs	H Jones	0
Capt Laing's Antonio, 8st 7lbs ...	Hardy	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Vintula, 8st 4lbs ...	Griggs	0
Mr W Brodrict-Cloete's c by Cherry Tree—Larl, 8st 2lbs	Miller	0
Mr Jas. Joicey's f by Grand Duke—Queen of the Brine, 7st 13lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Mr E A Wigan's f by Orion—Lapsa, 7st 13lbs	J Dillon	0

(*Winner trained by Wright, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agast Orienta, 2 to 1 Catgut, 7 to 1 Melodious 10 to 1 Merryman, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won in a canter by two lengths; three parts of a length between second and third. Antonio was fourth, Merryman fifth, Cades sixth, Vintula seventh, Weatherwise next, and Larl colt last.

THE PLANTATION PLATE—Of 185 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 7lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 4lbs; with penalties and allowances. Last five furlongs of B.M.

Mr P P Gilpin's b c by Fortunio—Pet, 8st 7lbs	W Lane	1
Lord Wolverton's b f by Juggler—Gold Crest, 7st 13lbs	Watts	2
Lord Rosebery's b or br f Rosalba, 7st 13lbs	Hardy	3
Mr A L Duncan's Extradition, 8st 7lbs ...	Maher	0
„ W Low's c by Kilwarlin—Tay, 8st 7lbs	M Cannon	0
„ A Stedall's Dolores Olga, 8st 4lbs ...	K Cannon	0
„ Bankes's Brawler, 8st 2lbs (car 8st 4lbs)	Randall	0
Duke of Devonshire's Pam, 8st 2lbs ...	Lyne	0
Mr E L Heinemann's Tiger, 8st 2lbs ...	Trigg	0
„ H J King's c by Bushey Park—Lady Rosa, 7st 13lbs	R Jones	0
„ J S Morrison's Poplar, 8st 2lbs ...	J Woodburn	0
„ J Musker's The Warrior, 8st 2lbs ...	O Madden	0
„ W Raphael's Richmond, 8st 2lbs ...	Halsey	0
„ Lord Savile's c by Rightaway—Santa, 8st 2lbs	C Leader	0
„ Douglas Baird's Flordelice, 7st 13lbs ...	H Aylin	0
„ Lord Dunraven's Nahma, 7st 13lbs ...	Griggs	0
„ R A Oswald's Sabina, 7st 13lbs ...	Miller	0
„ W C Whitney's f by Goldfinch—La Flecha, 7st 13lbs	J H Martin	0

(*Winner trained by Owner, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 on Pet colt, 8 to 1 agst The warrior, 10 to 1 Extradition, 100 to 6 each Richmond and Gold Crest filly, 33 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by three lengths; a neck divided the second and third Richmond was fourth, Pam fifth, Tiger sixth, Dolores Olga seventh, Extradition eighth, The Warrior ninth, Nahma tenth Tay colt eleventh, Santa colt next, and Poplar a long way last. Time—1min. 3secs.

The weather for the third day's proceedings was again of a delightful nature. It was, in fact, the warmest day yet experienced and but for a good breeze the heat would have been almost unbearable. The card was a very attractive one, the first "ten-thousand-pounder" of the season being included, find there were also the July Cup and the Exeter Stakes. His Majesty was again present, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, and the general attendance showed an increase. Nine contested the Princess of Wales's Stakes, the same number as in 1897 and 1899, when the respective winners were Velasquez and Flying Fox. Ard Patrick had been prepared specially for yesterday's valuable race, not having previously run in public this season, and he started the hottest favourite that has ever won the event. Odds of 6 to 4 were laid on Flying Fox four years ago, but about Mr. Gubbins's colt 2 to 1 was demanded by the pencillers. Ard Patrick won in brilliant style, finishing three lengths in front of Royal Lancer, who was followed at an interval of four lengths by Cheers. In addition to the winner, however, the second and third horses received substantial sums out of the stakes, the net value of the race to last year's Derby champion being 7,185 sovs., which brings his winnings to date up to 17,331 sovs. When Isinglass captured the Princess of Wales's Stakes in 1894 he earned a little short of 11,000 sovs, but the second and third horses received considerably less than in the following years. Ard Patrick is nexs engaged in the Eclipse Stakes, to be run on 17th July and should he then meet Rock Sand and Sceptre it would, indeed, be a race between giants.

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Mr J Gubbins's br c Ard Patrick, by St Florian—Morganette, 4yrs, 9st 8lbs ...	M Cannon	1
Sir J Blundell Maple's b c Royal Lancer, by Royal Hampton—Lightfoot, 4yrs, 8st 13lbs	W Lane	2
Duke of Devonshire's b or br c Cheers, by Persimmon—Applause II, 4yrs, 9st 5lbs	O Madden	3
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Veles, by Isinglass Velleda, 5yrs, 9st 7lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr J Barrow's Fowling Piece, by Carbine—Galinne, 4 yrs, 9st 5lbs	D Maher	0
Mr Foxhall Keene's Conroy II., by St Leonards—Lady Invercauld, 5 yrs, 9st 4lbs	L Lyne	0
Mr T Simpson Jay's Floriform, by Florizel II—Maid of Athol, 5yrs, 9st 11b	K Cannon	0
Prince Soltykoff's Snowberry, by Ayrshire—Perce Neige, 4 yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	W Halsey	0
Mr J Cannon's Soaraway, by Ayrshire—Lady Muncaster, 4yrs, 8st	F Hardy	0

(*Winner trained by S. Darling, at Beckhampton.*)

BETTING:—2 to 1 on Ard Patrick, 10 to 1 agst Snowberry 100 to 8 Veles, 100 to 8 Royal Lancer, 20 to 1 Cheers, 25 to 1 Conroy II, 33 to 1 each Fowling Piece, Floriform, Soaraway 50 to 1 (offered).

Veles was the first to leave the paddock, and he cantered to the post followed by Cheers, Snowberry, Fowling Piece, Soaraway. Royal Lancer, and Ard Patrick, with Conroy II. bringing up the rear. There was little delay before the barrier was raised and Conroy II. showed the way clear of Soaraway, Snowberry, and Floriform, with Royal Lancer and Cheers next, and Ard Patrick galloping in the heels of the latter. Fowling Piece being the whipper in for a mile, when Cheers took a slight lead of Royal Lancer and Ard Patrick. A quarter of a mile from home Ard Patrick drew out clear of Royal Lancer and Cheers (the trio being out by themselves), and making the remainder of the running, the favourite won easily by three lengths; four lengths between second and third. Floriform, a hundred yards off, was placed fourth, Snowberry was fifth, Conroy II. sixth, Vele, seventh, and Fowling Piece last. Value of the stakes £7,185.

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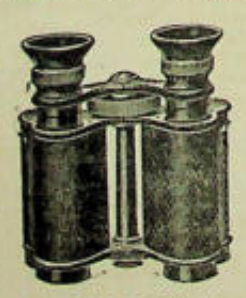

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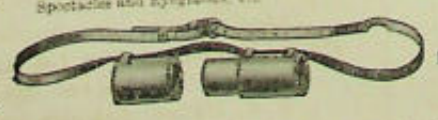



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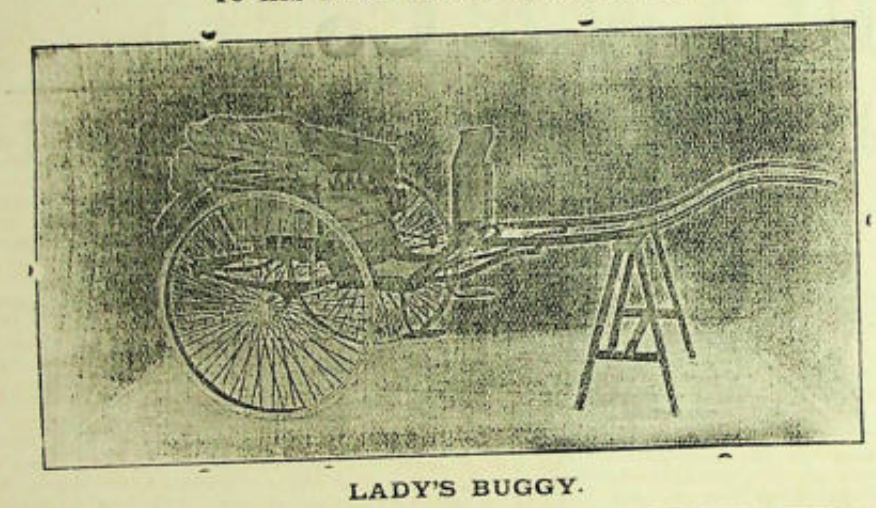

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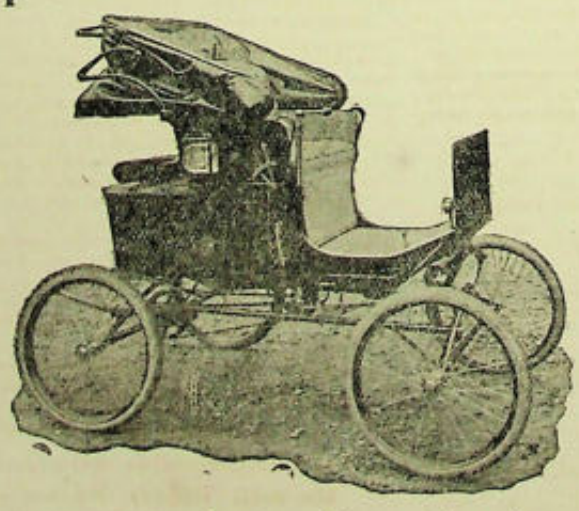

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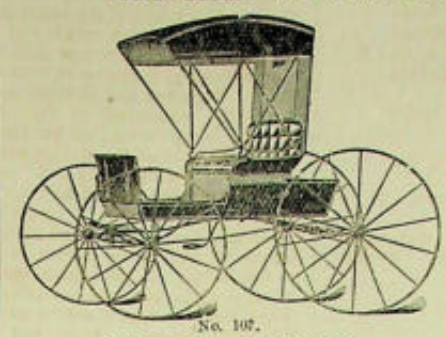

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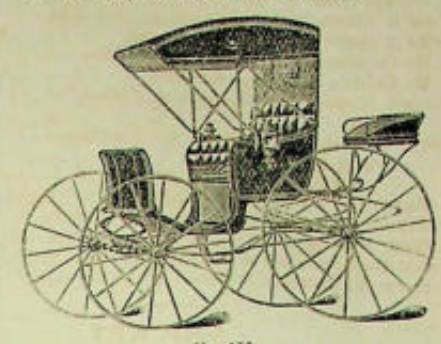

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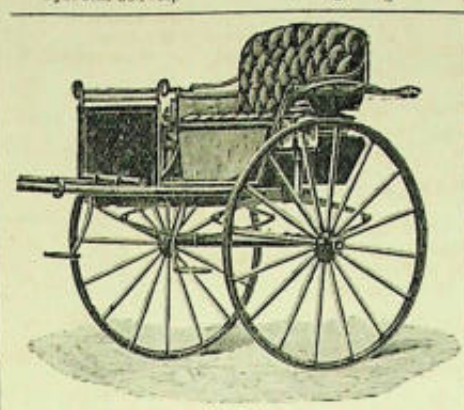

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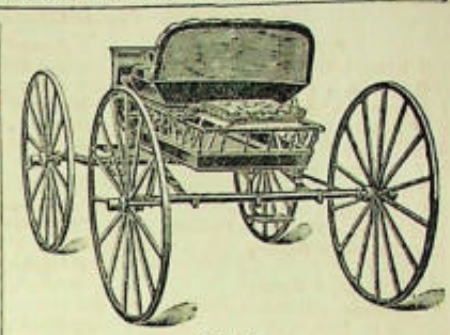

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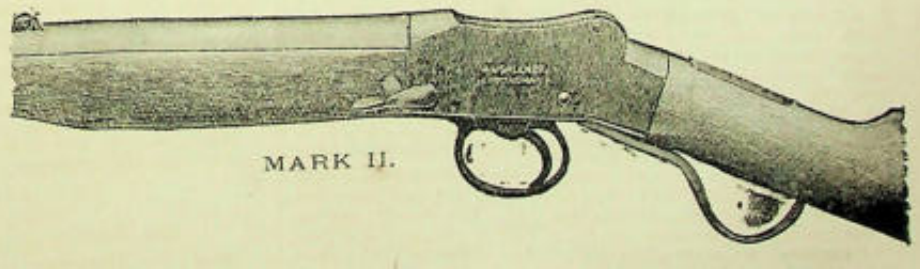

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Mr W C Whitney's b c Hands Down, by Meddler—Handspun (bred in U S A), 8st 12lbs	J H Martin	1
Sir E Vincent's ch f Rabenstein, 8st 9lbs	W Lane	2
Mr A James's b c Huntly, 9st 6lbs ...	M Cannon	3
Mr Douglas Baird's Islesman, 8st 12lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr Fairie's Chataway, 8st 12lbs ...	O Madden	0
Lord Howard de Walden's St Finbar, 8st 12lbs	Miller	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's f by Isinglass—Sweet Duchess 8st 9lbs	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Huggins, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 100 to 15 on Huntly, 100 to 7 Hands Down, 20 to 1 Rabenstein, and 25 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by four lengths; a neck between second and third. Sweet Duchess filly was fourth, Chataway fifth, and St. Finbar last except Islesman, who was left at the post.

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THE PHILADELPHIANS' TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* KENT. (Sixth of the tour.)—Played at Beckenham on 25th, 26th and 27th June Gentlemen of Philadelphia won by 62 runs,

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J B King, b Hearne ...	47	c and b Blythe ...	7
C O Morris, b Blythe ...	2	b Burnup	4
J A Lester, c Huish, b Fielder	70	c Huish, b Fielder —	11
F H Bohlen, b Fairservice ...	34	b Blythe	16
A M Wood, lbw, b Fairservice	27	lbw, b Fielder —	0
N Z Graves, c Fairservice, b Fielder	31	c Hearne, b Fielder —	0
F C Sharpless, not out...	39	b Fairservice ...	8
P H Clark, c Huish, b Fielder	0	b Fairservice —	25
R D Brown, b Burnup ...	34	c Blythe, b Hearne —	9
E M Cregar, b Burnup	0	c Humphreys, b Fairservice	30
T C Jordan, c Huish, b Fielder	8	not out	2
B 11, lb 2, w 6 ...	19	Leg-Byes	4
Total	311	Total ...	116

KENT.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F D Browne, b Clark ...	3	c Graves, b Cregar ...	30
Humphreys, b Sharpless ...	31	c King, b Cregar ...	17
Seymour, b King ...	60	c Lester, b Cregar	5
C J Burnup, c Cregar, b Clark	12	c Graves, b Lester ..	24
Hearne (A.), b King ...	23	b King	14
E W Dillon, c King, b Clark...	28	c Graves, b Clark ...	25
Huish, b King ..	0	c Brown, b King —	16
C H B Marsham, c Sharpless, b Clark ...	1	c Graves, b King ...	21
Fairservice, b King ...	1	b Clark	7
Blythe, not out ...	0	c Jordan, b King ...	20
Fielder, b King	3	not out	1
B 7, lb 6, w 1 — ...	14	B 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 1 ...	9
Total	176	Total ...	189

MATCH *vs.* SOMERSET. (Seventh of the Tour.)—Played at Taunton on 29th and 30th June. Somerset won by ten wickets.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J B King, c Robson, b Cranfield	21	c Palairet, b Cranfield	4
F C Sharpless, run out ..	1	c Newton, b Cranfield	51
J A Lester, c Robson, b Braund	18	c Braund, b Cranfield	1
F H Bohlen, c Newton, b Robson	13	c and b Braund ...	24
F H Bates, c Lee, b Robson ...	6	st Newton, b Braund	24
A M Wood, not out ...	5	lbw, b Braund ...	11
C C Morris, b Braund ...	0	c Robson, b Cranfield	2
N Z Graves, c Palairet, b Robson	0	c Newton, b Cranfield	31
B H Clark, lbw, b Braund ...	1	b Braund	21
E M Cregar, b Braund ...	0	c Robson, b Cranfield...	19
J H Scattergood, c Newton, b Braund ...	2	not out	0
Extras ...	7	Extras ...	25
Total ...	74	Total ...	219

SOMERSET.

P R Johnson, c Morris, b Clark	12	H Martyn, st Scattergood, b Lester ...	44
Lewis, c Cregar, b King...	2	Hon M Herbert run out ...	31
Lee, c Scattergood, b Clark	25	J Daniell, c Bates, b Lester	22
Braund, c Wood, b Cregar	48	A E Newton, b King ...	3
		Cranfield, not out ...	2
L C H Palairet, b Clark ...	5	Extras... ...	13
Robson, c Scattergood, b Clark	21	Total —	228

Second innings: L. C. H. Palairet, not out 46; Hon. M. Herbert, not out, 15; extras, 6.—Total (no wicket) 67.

SURREY *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Sheffield on 29th and 30th June and 1st July Surrey won by 145 runs. Both these counties are fighting very hard just now to retrieve their position, and it would have been impossible to mark out the winner with any degree of confidence. The return of Hirst has greatly strengthened the Yorkshire eleven, but Rhodes seems to have lost a good deal of his skill when he is not at work on a very trick wicket. On he first day's play Surrey had reason to congratulate themselves for on a wicket which helped the bowlers a little, they scored 280 and dismissed four of best Yorkshire batsmen for 122. The Surrey batting was very good on the whole, although that of Holland and Lees alone stood out very prominently. The former played a most excellent innings and was at the wickets for two hours and a half, being fourth out; he hit twelve 4's. Hayward, who never seemed quite comfortable helped him to put on 70 for the first wicket in an hour. This was the most productive partnership of the innings, but the Yorkshire bowlers never had the slightest chance of making a clean sweep for nearly every man showed good form. Able and Holland put together 41 runs at about the rate of a run a minute and Lees played a very good game indeed. Yorkshire lost Brown when the total was only two, but Denton and Tunnicliffe then put on 78 runs in 50 minutes, and things looked well for the home team. But before stumps were drawn four wickets were down, Richardson being in great form. On Tuesday morning the Yorkshiremen did badly, for although Tunnicliffe, who was not out 52 overnight, continued to play fine cricket, while Smith kept up his wicket for about half an hour for a hit for 4, Lock wood and Richardson soon became masters of the situation. Soon seven wickets were down for 169, and at last Tunnicliffe, when within three runs of his hundred, was stumped after a faultless innings which had lasted for two hours and a half. He fell a victim to Lockwood, who then disposed of Wainwright and Ringrose with the next two balls, thus doing the hat trick. As a result of the rapid downfall of the wickets, Yorkshire were 98 runs behind, which did not look at all promising for them since the wicket was still helping the bowlers. In their second innings Surrey soon began to forge ahead, and by excellent cricket Hayward and Holland put on 78 runs before lunch without being separated, so that their county with all the wickets in hand was now leading by 156 runs. But a great disappointment was in store for Surrey men. When, after lunch, the total had been increased by two runs, Holland and Hayward were both dismissed, and from this time the Yorkshire bowlers had the best of matters, Ringrose especially meeting with success. Abel and Lees made useful scores and Walker followed the example of the Surrey captain who had preceded him by making a fine effort at the critical moment. The Yorkshiremen had to go in to make 268—a most difficult task under the circumstances. From the very first disasters occurred and soon wickets began to fall thick and fast. At the end of the day the total was only 99 for seven wickets, so that Yorkshire still required 178 to win. The following day nothing unexpected happened, and Surrey gained an easy victory. Richardson's fine bowling was quite a noticeable feature of the match.

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hayward, b Ringrose ...	20	st Hunter, b Haigh ...	34
Holland, c Wainwright, b Hirst	90	b Wainwright ...	43
Hayes, lbw, b Ringrose ...	18	c Rhodes, b Ringrose ...	9
Lockwood, b Rhodes ...	10	c Haigh, b Ringrose ...	5
Abel, c Hunter, b Hirst ...	25	b Ringrose ..	16
L Walker, b Hirst ...	11	not out ...	20
Lees, not out	48	c Hirst, b Ringrose ...	17
Nice, c and b Rhodes ...	9	b Rhodes ...	1
Clode, b Ringrose ...	13	b Rhodes ...	2
Strudwick, b Ringrose ...	7	st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	0
Richardson, b Haigh ...	14	c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	8
B 8, lb 9 nb 3 ...	20	b 6, lb 3, nb 5 ...	14
Total ...	280	Total ...	169

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown, b Richardson ...	2	c Strudwick, b Richardson	2
Tunnicliffe, st Strudwick, b Lockwood	97	b Richardson ...	26
Denton, c Strudwick, b Richardson	37	c Hayward, b Richardson ...	12
Wilkinson, b Lockwood ...	9	c Strudwick, d Lockwood	4
Hirst, b Richardson ...	13	b Richardson ...	9
Smith, b Richardson ...	4	c Abel, b Richardson...	22
Rhodes, be Lockwood ...	2	b Richardson ...	0
Haigh, b Richardson ...	5	c Strudwick, b Lees ...	12
Wainwright, b Lockwood ...	4	b Lees	9
Hunter, not out ..	0	not out ...	5
Ringrose, b Lockwood ...	0	b Richardson ...	10
B 6, lb 2, nb 1 ...	9	Extras ...	11
Total ...	128	Total ...	122

NOTTS *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Trent Bridge on 25th, 26th and 27th June. Yorkshire won by an innings and 68 runs. Although Yorkshire still had to take the field without several of their best men, the presence of Hirst in the team simply made all the difference in the world. The first day's cricket may be said practically to have decided the result, for against the Notts' total of 132, Yorkshire had scored one more run for only three wickets, Hirst being not out 33 and Wilkinson not out 38. The Notts innings was disappointing, although this was really not at all surprising, for there had been very heavy rains which had rendered the wicket very difficult, a state of affairs of which Rhodes availed himself in the most marked manner. On the other hand Hirst (who did not bowl by any means as fast as usual), Haigh and Ringrose were all more or less ineffective. Misfortunes came soon to Notts, for after W. and G. Gunn had played steadily for a time, there was a breakdown, and although Anthony, who made 20, was missed twice off Rhodes in the long field, half the team were out for 69. G. Gunn, who had all the time been acting entirely on the defensive, brought the total without further loss to 93 before lunch, and afterwards increased it to 117. The innings then was brought to an abrupt conclusion. The Yorkshiremen batted very strongly, and of the five men who went in before stumps were drawn, four made over 20. Brown and Tunnicliffe scored 50 in forty minutes for the first wicket, and when Hirst and Wilkinson got together the bowling was mastered. On the next day there was a succession of good innings. Wilkinson and Hirst continued their partnership until it had produced 143 runs in two hours and a half, when Wilkinson was out for 64, which had taken him three hours to compile. Hirst was within a single run of making his hundred when his fine innings came to a conclusion: he had been at the wickets for a little more than three hours, and had made his runs out of 163; he had taken an hour to score his last twenty runs, and to his over-caution may be ascribed his downfall. The innings was by no means over, for Rhodes played splendid cricket for a couple of hours, while Wainwright showed excellent form for 41. Notts had to go in against a balance of 232, and when stumps were drawn had made 45 for the loss of two wickets, so that they were still 187 runs behind. G. Gunn was not out 21. On Saturday Gunn was only able to increase his score by 6, and after this the Yorkshire bowlers always held the upper hand, no one being able to make any prolonged resistance to them.

NOTTS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Gunn (G), c Denton, b Ringrose ...	36	b Rhodes ...	27
Iremonger, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes ...	1	b Ringrose ...	22
Gunn (W), lbw, b Rhodes	20	c Hunter, b Hirst ...	22
Gunn (J), c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst	6	run out ...	9
A O Jones, run out ...	6	lbw, b Rhodes ...	18
Anthony, c Hirst, b Rhodes	20	c and b Hirst ..	16
Dexter, c Haigh, b Rhodes	22	b Haigh ...	19
Hardstaff, c Hunter, b Rhodes	0	b Haigh ...	6
Oates, not out ...	7	b Brown ...	0
Hallam, c Hirst, b Rhodes	6	c Brown, b Ring rose	18
Taylor, st Hunter, b Rhodes	0	not out... ...	4
B 3, nb 5	8	B 1, lb 2, nb 5 ...	8
Total ...	132	Total	169

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, b Hallam ...	34	Rhodes, c G Gunn, b Hallam ..	63
Tunnicliffe, c Oates, b Hallam ...	23	Haigh, c Jones, b Taylor	2
Denton, c Hardstaff, b Taylor ...	2	Wainwright (W), c G Gunn, b Hallam...	41
Wilkinson, c G Gunn, b Hallam ...	64	Hunter, not out ...	5
Hirst, st Oates, b J Gunn	99	Ringrose, lbw, b J Gunn	12
Smith, c Oates, b Taylor	13	B 1, lb 4, nb 1	6
		Total ...	364

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Gloucester on 25 and 26 June. Somerset won by an innings and 72 runs. By the end of the first day's play Gloucestershire were almost hopelessly out of the running, and nothing but a magnificent innings by Jessop could have saved them. In their first innings on a difficult wicket they were powerless against Cranfield and Braund, while on the other hand their own bowlers could make very little impression on O. M. Samson and Martyn, chiefly through whose efforts the Somerset total was reasonably large. Samson made the first hundred of his career in first-class cricket; he was at the wickets for three hours and twenty minutes, during which he played beautiful cricket. His partnership with Martyn was the turning point of the game, for when the two men came together, the total was only 114 for five wickets; 116 runs were put on. Of these Martyn claimed 73 by the most vigorous cricket; at one time during his innings he scored a 6 and three 4's off an over from Spry. When stumps were drawn, Gloucestershire had lost a wicket in their second innings for 8 runs, and were thus 200 runs behind. They did a little better on the next morning, Wrathall playing brilliant cricket for thirty minutes, during which he made 54 out of 68 runs. After his dismissal Thomas made a useful stand, but the tail, with the exception of Roberts, made duck's eggs to a man.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Wrathall, c Lee, b Cranfield	1	b Braund	15
S A P Kitcat, b Cranfield ..	7	b Cranfield	3
Langdon, st Martyn, b Cranfield ... —	2	c Cranfield, b Braund ...	16
F E Thomas, c Samson, b Cranfield	0	b Braund	29
G L Jessop, b Cranfield	4	st Martyn, b Braund ...	4
T H Fowler, lbw, b Braund	14	b Cranfield	0
Board, c Samson, b Cranfield	4	not out	0
G Romans, not out ..	10	b Cranfield . —	0
Huggins, lbw, b Cranfield ..	2	c Lee, b Braund ...	0
Spry, c Braund, b Cranfield	4	c Barrington, b Cranfield	4
Roberts, b Braund ...	7	c Robson, b Cranfield ...	18
B 4, lb 2	6	B 10, lb 2 ...	12
Total ...	61	Total ...	136

SOMERSET.

O M Samson, b Huggins —	105	H Martyn, c Kitkat, b Spry	73
Lewis, c Wrathall, b Roberts	32	F M Lee, c Jessop, b Spry	10
P R Johnson, c Jessop, b Roberts	16	J Daniell, not out ...	10
Braund, c Romans, b Spry	3	Cranfield, b Spry ...	2
Hon M Herbert, c Jessop, b Roberts	0	H T Barrington, c Langdon, b Spry ...	9
Robson, c Thomas, b Huggins	7	B 1, nb 1 ...	2
		Total ...	269

SURREY *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 25th 26th and 27th June. Lancashire won by seven wickets. The weather and the wicket had a good deal to do with the result of this match. As it turned out, Surrey reaped no advantage from winning the toss, for as a result of it they had much the worst of the wicket in both innings. There had been a great deal of rain at Manchester, and when the game began it was easy to see that it would be a bowlers' match. From the first Barnes proved to be very difficult but on the other hand, Littlewood could make no impression on the batsmen, although this did not very much matter, since when Littlewood was taken off Brearley was able to do all that was necessary. None of the great Surrey batsmen could do anything with the bowling except Lockwood, who kept up his wicket for nearly an hour, waiting in vain for someone to help him effectively. The innings was a triumph for Barnes and Brearley. When Lancashire went in they were as much at a loss at first as Surrey had been, and the first four wickets fell for 41 runs, no one seeming able to look at Richardson except Spooner, who batted very well, indeed for 27. So far Surrey were doing well but the long experience of Maclaren stood him in good stead and at this critical stage of the game he played splendid cricket. Nor was he left alone to fight for his county, for Sharp and afterward E. E. Steel hit hard, the former scoring 24 out of 39 and the latter helping Maclaren to put on 51 runs. Altogether Maclaren was batting for an hour and a half and his innings was a better display of cricket than many others of his when he had made considerably over a hundred. At the close of the innings Barnes made a very useful 17. Surrey had to go in against a lead of 61, which on a very difficult wicket was a great disadvantage. In the course of half-an-hour's batting they lost Haywad and Holland before stumps were drawn with the total at 11, so that they were now in a most unsatisfactory position, being still 50 runs behind. On the next day there was heavy rain and it was found impossible to play. The wicket on Saturday was so wet that there was no cricket until one o'clock, but for all that there was plenty of time for Surrey to be beaten. They were never able to make up the leeway, although when two more wickets had fallen they had knocked off the runs, it was hardly likely that the last six men would score enough to give Lancashire a very difficult task. Abel at last broke through his spell of bad luck and played a most excellent innings being not out when lunch time arrived. Unhappily for Surrey he was caught off the first ball when the game was resumed. Lockwood again played a fine defensive innings, but nothing could withstand the triumphant progress of Barnes and Brearley, and Lancashire only had to make 52 runs to win. There was just a chance that Surrey might escape, for rain seemed imminent. But Garnett and Spooner made runs as quickly as possible, and when the downpour came they had scored 22, although they were both out. But the hopes felt by Surrey men that the rain would last long enough to save them were not realised, and when play was resumed the runs were soon hit off.

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SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hayward, st Radcliffe, b Barnes	9	c Maclaren, b Brearly	7
Abel, c and b Barnes	7	c Brearley, b Barnes	25
Hayes, c Garnett, b Barnes	12	c Maclaren, b Brearley	1
Holland, c Sharp, b Brearley	9	b Brearley	3
Lees, c Steel, b Brearley	6	b Brearley	4
L Walker, b Barnes	11	c Maclaren, b Barnes	9
Lockwood, c Hornby, b Brearley	21	b Barnes	13
Nice, c and b Brearley	6	c Radcliffe, b Barnes	23
Clode, b Brearley	8	c Garnett, b Barnes	0
Strudwick, c Steel, b Barnes	11	b Brearley	10
Richardson, not out	2	not out	2
B 9, w 1	10	B 8, lb 6, nb 1	15
Total	112	Total	112

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H G Garnett, b Lockwood	11	c and b Clode	18
R H Spooner, b Richardson	27	c and b Lees	4
Tyldesley, b Richardson	0	st Strudwick, b Lees	15
A C Maclaren, c Hayes, b Lees	48	not out	3
A H Hornby, b Richardson	0		
Sharp, b Lockwood	24	not out	12
E E Steel, b Lees	28		
W Brearley, c Hayes, b Lees	2		
Barnes, not out	17		
Littlewood, run out	4		
Radcliffe, c Holland, b Lees	0		
B 7, lb 4, nb 1	12		
Total	173	Total (3 wkts)	52

M. C. C. AND GROUND *vs.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Played at Lord's on 25th and 26th June. M. C. C. won by an innings and 161 runs.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C H M Ebden, b Young	4	c Headlam, b Young	36
R T Godsell, b Trott	7	b Young	0
F B Wilson, b Young	19	c sub, b Trott	8
L V Harper, b Trott	0	b Young	0
E M Dowson, b Trott	8	b Trott	0
K R B Fry, b Trott	8	c Gilman, b Young	8
R P Keigwin, c Young, b Trott	15	c Hearne, b Young	2
H C McDonell, b Mead	19	lbw, b Mead	17
F B Roberts, c Ranjitsinhji, b Trott	9	c Headlam, b Hearne	22
G M Buckston, c Headlam, b Trott	0	b Hearne	7
G Howard-Smith, not out	4	not out	5
B 8, lb 2	10	Byes	12
Total	103	Total	117

M. M. C. AND GROUND.

K S Ranjitsinhji, c McDonell, b Howard Smith	88	K E M Barker, b McDonell	18
G J V Weigall, b McDonell	15	Young, c and b McDonell	32
H H Marriott, b Dowson	144	Hearne (J T), c Ebden, Keigwin	17
Trott (A E), c Fry, b Keigwin	4	Cecil Headlam, not out	6
E F Penn, c Harper, b b Roberts	10	Mead, b Dowson	2
J Gilman, b Howard-Smith	14	B 17, lb 1, w 8, nb 5	31
		Total	381

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hearne	10	4	13	0		14	0	6	2
Young	17	5	34	2		15	5	30	5
Trott	15·2	5	28	7		4	1	15	2
Mead	8	2	18	1		6	1	14	1
					Penn	15	4	40	0

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Keigwin	22	4	69	2	McDonell	22	2	66	3
Roberts	23	7	78	1	Dowson	10·3	1	39	2
H Smith	24	3	98	2					

Keigwin bowled one wide, Roberts two wides and one no ball Howard Smith one wide and three no-balls, and Dowson four wides and one no ball.

ETON *vs.* WINCHESTER.—Played at Eton on 24th and 25th June. Eton won by 43 runs. In this match each side had four members of last year's eleven, and five out of the eight distinguished themselves. Nicholls played a particularly good innings for Eton, showing great powers of hitting. Williams also played a good innings and the tail in the persons of Boles and Tod did well. Evans bowled finely although he was not on for very long. The innings of Winchester was only noticeable for the batting of Weatherby and Morris and the good bowling of Scholfield and Tod. When stumps were drawn Eton had made 9 runs in their second innings, and were 54 runs on. On the second and last day most of the batsmen with the highest reputations did nothing of note but Crankshawe Campbell and Aspinall all played well. In the end Winchester had to make 218 to win and although Weatherby played a brilliant innings, which almost gave victory to his side, there were only two other men, Wright and Fyffe, who made any stand at all against the bowling

ETON.

First Innings		Second Innings	
K I Nicholls, c Gordon, b Evans	78	c Pringle, b Fyffe	0
J E E Bankes, b Evans	3	c and b Younger	6
L F Lambert, c Weatherby, b Fyffe	13	b Gordon	13
P F C Williams, b Evans	35	c Morris, b Fyffe	9
E N S Crankshawe, c Morris, b Fyffe	0	c Wright, b Evans	24
G C Campbell, c Gordon, b Fyffe	5	c Morris, b Evans	60
D C Boles, lbw, b Evans	22	c Morris, b Fyffe	4
G Aspinall, c Moore-Gwyn, b Younger	8	c Wright, b Fyffe	30
W N Tod, c Morris, b Evans	20	c and b Evans	10
B Scholfield, c and b Evans	4	lbw, b Evans	6
G Brooks, not out	4	not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	10
Total	202	Total	172

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WINCHESTER.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F Weatherby, b Tod	43	c Nicholls, b Boles	83
G P R Toynbee, c Tod, b Brooks	2	st Aspinall, b Younger	6
E L Wright, lbw, b Tod	6	c Boles, b Tod	29
J H Gordon, b Tod	9	c Crankshawe, b Tod	6
A V Morris, not out	53	b Lambert	0
W M Parker, c and b Lambert	7	c Brooks, b Boles	5
D M Evans, c Aspinall, b Scholfield	12	not out	3
R S Springle, b Scholfield	5	lbw, b Lambert	0
H C Moore-Gwyn, c Williams, b Scholfield	8	c Scholfield, b Lambert	0
A H Fyffe, c Boles, b Scholfield	0	c Crankshawe, b Scholfield	30
C F Younger, c Nicholls, b Lambert	3	run out	0
Extras	9	Extras	12
Total	167	Total	174

M. C. C. AND GROUND *vs.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—(12 a side). Two-day match—Played at Lord's on 29th and 30th and drawn June.

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
C H B Marsham, c Burn, b Whately	15	c Sampson, b Whately	34
C D McIver, c Bomford, b Ernsthausen	8	b Whately	9
E C Lee, c Burn, b Ernsthausen	6	c Bomford, b Whately	36
Trott (A E), c Raphael, b Ernsthausen	4	not out	50
J C Hartley, c Pawson, b Burn	45	c Bomford, b Ernsthausen	15
Sir T C O'Brien, c Burn, b Whately	24	b Whately	4
W S Medlicott, b Ernsthausen	68	not out	12
Tarrant, b Ernsthausen	0		
K E M Barker, c Bomford, b Whately	2		
Hon G E F Ward, b Ernsthausen	8		
A B Reynolds, b Ernsthausen	21		
Hearne (J. T.), not out	2		
B 32, lb 3, w 2, nb 2	39	Byes	18
Total	242	Total (5 wkts)*	178

* Innings declared closed.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

O M Samson, b Tarrant	0	b Hearne	0
J E Raphael, b Tarrant	2	lbw, b Trott	7
G G M Bennett, b Hearne	7	c Marsham, b Trott	6
A C Pawson, lbw, b Tarrant	7	c Trott, b Hartley	26
H J Wyld, b Tarrant	34	c O'Brien, b Tarrant	34
L D Brownlee, c Medlicott, b Tarrant	10	lbw, b Tarrant	3
W Findlay, c Tarrant, b Hearne	29	not out	25
K M Carlisle, c Trott, b Hearne	0	not out	24
E G Whately, b Hearne	17	b Hartley	0
A C von Ernsthausen, c McIver, b Tarrant	15		
H Bomford, lbw, b Hearne	10		
R C W Burn, not out	12		
B 21, lb 3	21	B 21, lb 4	25
Total	167	Total (7 wkts)	150

SUSSEX *vs.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—(12 a side).— Played at Brighton on 25th, 26th and 27th June. Sussex won by 117 runs.

SUSSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B Fry sub, b Whately	31	b Burn	2
Vine, c Wyld, b Martin	11	c and b Burn	80
Killick, b Martin	4	b Whately	94
Relf, c Whately, b Ernsthausen	11	c Evans, b Burn	20
C L A Smith, c Bomford, b Ernsthausen	1	c and b Burn	0
C D Fisher, b Ernsthausen	2	c Bomford, b Whately	14
G Brann, c Evans, b Martin	14	b Ernsthausen	2
W Newham, st Bomford, b Carlisle	15	c Ernsthausen, b Whately	33
Leach, b Martin	0	c Whately, b Evans	8
Cox, not out	17	lbw, b Evans	0
Butt, c Pawson, b Whately	17	not out	36
Bland, st Bomford, b Martin	0	st Bomford, b Burn	6
B 8, nb 2	10	B 10, lb 3, w 4, nb 2	19
Total	133	Total	314

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Inning	
L B Brownlee, c Newham, b Relf	11	c Newham, b Killick	18
J E Raphael, b Bland	17	b Bland	65
H J Wyld, c Cox, b Bland	12	c Leach, b Relf	0
K M Carlisle, b Bland	7	b Relf	0
W H B Evans, lbw, b Relf	96	c Vine, b Bland	7
B L Peel c Butt, b Bland	16	c Newham, b Cox	0
A C Pawson, run out	6	c Leach, b Cox	5
E G Whately, c Leach b Relf	0	b Relf	10
E G Martin, not out	28	c Butt, b Relf	0
A C von Ernsthausen, b Relf	1	not out	4
H Bomford, b Relf	0	c Butt, b Bland	6
R C W Burn, run out	3	run out	6
B 5, lb 1, w 1, nb 3	10	No-balls	2
Total	207	Total	123

OTHER MATCHES.

SUSSEX *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at Eastbourne on 29th and 30th June 1st July the former won by six wickets: Perrin, Fry and Killick played well for their respective sides.

Lancashire beat Warwickshire by eight wickets in the match played at Edgbaston on 29th and 30th June, and 1st July. Tyldesley (145) and A. H. Hornby (91) were in great form.

Worcestershire beat Hampshire by 91 runs after an exciting finish at Southampton Bowley (164) and H. K. Foster (114) were top scorers for the winners.

The match between Derbyshire and Leicestershire at Derbyshire on 25th 26th and 27th June ended in a win for the home team by 35 runs.

Notts and Leicestershire drew at Leicester on 29th, 30th and 1st July. Iremonger and J. Gunn for Notts and C. J. B. Wood, Whitehead and Knight for Leicester gave good exhibitions.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES—(To 27th June inclusive).

BATTING AVERAGES (10 innings).

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	17	2	1038	234	68·86
Gunn (J)	17	1	919	294	57·43
Ranjitsinhji, K S	16	3	740	162*	56·92
Perrin, P A	13	2	616	170	56·00
Jessop, G L	13	0	679	286	52·23
Quaife (W G)	13	3	505	130	50·50
Dowson, E M	17	1	799	135	49·93
Knight	18	3	730	144*	48·66
Foster, H K	21	2	872	120	45·89
Hirst	13	1	544	123	45·33
Tyldesley	17	0	787	248	43·35
Hawke, Lord	15	4	475	79	43·18
Poidevin L O S	15	1	518	172*	43·16
Maclaren, A C	21	4	730	143	42·94
Arnold	20	3	95	128	40·88
Wright, L G	18	1	689	113	40·52
Eccles, A	12	4	322	126	40·25
Lester (J A)	11	1	385	98	38·50
McGahey, C H	13	2	417	110*	37·90
Bosanquet, B J T	9	0	337	108	37·44
Killick	20	2	616	116	35·88
Garnett, H G	12	1	393	122	35·72
Hayward	28	0	998	130	35·64
Hayes	27	3	852	102	35·50
Murdoch, W L	11	1	352	155	35·20
Gunn (W)	14	0	463	139	33·07
Denton	23	0	732	101	31·82
Brown (J T, sen)	19	0	598	125	31·47
Sharp (J)	18	3	460	120	30·66
Kinneir	14	1	393	90	30·23
Sewell (E H D) (Essex)	18	2	481	99	30·06
Grace, W G	14	0	420	150	30·00
Llewellyn	16	1	357	148	29·75
Wheldon	18	1	488	71	28·70
Lilley	12	1	313	44	28·45
Fane, F L	11	0	311	90	28·27
Iremonger	15	0	422	94	28·13
Jones, A O	17	2	407	77	27·13
Bowley (F)	21	1	542	149	27·10
King, J H	20	1	528	127	27·78
Wilson, F B	17	2	415	76	27·66
King, J B	11	0	298	57	27·09
Wood, C J B	23	2	562	78	26·76
Gunn (G)	17	5	321	59	26·75
Bohlen, F H	10	0	266	65	26·60
Seymour	15	1	372	127	26·57
Rhodes	21	1	525	98*	26·25
Lees	15	1	364	75*	26·00
Morris, C C	9	0	231	164	25·66
Mann, E W	15	1	346	69	24·71

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES (20 wickets.)

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hirst	189·3	47	441	38	11·60
Hargreave	324	133	746	64	11·65
Hearne (J T)	336·3	110	838	69	12·14
King, J B	222·1	61	544	44	12·36
Mead	408	147	777	62	12·53
Killick	165	28	242	18	13·44
Bradley, W M	120·5	33	284	21	13·52
Young, (H) (Essex)	204·3	64	435	32	13·59
Hearne (Alec)	127·2	42	263	19	13·84
Blythe	195·5	101	638	44	14·50
Trott (A E)	246·4	62	790	54	14·62
Hesketh-Pritchard, H	146·5	33	441	30	14·70
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	227·1	57	676	41	15·36
Evans, W H B	212·5	50	593	37	16·10
Burn, R C W	244·4	42	601	37	16·24
Lees	361·2	101	864	53	16·30
Barnes (S)	430	143	1021	62	16·46
McDonell, H C	167·2	26	498	30	16·60
Martin, E G	278·1	105	548	33	16·60
Buckenham	184·3	36	516	31	16·64
Hulme	218·2	49	618	37	16·70
Relf	437·3	159	982	58	16·93
Lockwood	253·1	60	662	39	16·97
Fielder	141·5	38	395	23	17·17
Jackson (Surrey)	173·2	37	410	23	17·82
Clode	286·4	62	778	43	18·09
Bland	241	83	839	46	18·23
Rhodes	518·1	193	1174	63	18·58
Field (Warwickshire)	185·2	41	542	29	18·68
Clarke, P H	191	38	565	27	18·70
Beldam G W	161·3	51	395	21	18·80
Brearley, W	281·6	55	890	47	18·93
Richardson (T) (Surrey)	349·1	80	985	52	18·94
Santall	245·5	71	559	30	18·96
Roberts (F G) (Gloucester)	290·1	85	724	37	19·02
Haigh	429	124	1073	54	19·87
Webb (S)	160	47	371	18	20·61
Bestwick	328·3	95	764	37	20·64
Fairservice	150·5	40	418	20	20·90
Keigwin, R P	262·5	60	764	36	21·22
Huggins	322·4	103	792	37	21·40
Warren (A)	213·4	44	687	32	21·46
Bird (Worcestershire)	287·2	56	788	36	21·88
Arnold	429·5	118	1058	48	22·04
Braund	306·1	63	894	40	22·35
Dowson, E M	257·4	57	654	29	22·55
Haliam	358·5	123	713	31	23·00
Gunn (J)	383·5	137	763	33	23·12
Gill (G)	260	37	674	29	23·24
Odell W W	411·3	105	1159	49	23·65

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Sussex	10	4	1	5	3	60·00
Essex	9	4	1	4	3	60·00
Lancashire	12	5	3	5	3	42·81
Yorkshire	12	5	4	3	1	11·15
Notts	10	2	2	6	—	—
Warwickshire	10	2	2	6	—	—
Somerset	5	2	2	1	—	—
Worcestershire	10	3	3	4	—	—
Surrey	12	4	5	3	—1	—11·11
Hampshire	4	1	2	1	—1	—33·33
Derbyshire	8	2	4	2	—2	—33·33
Kent	6	1	3	2	—2	—50·00
Leicestershire	9	0	5	4	—5	—100·00
Gloucestershire	8	0	4	4	—4	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May Kent and Sussex fixed for Tonbrige on June 15, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's June 15, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath, June 15, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

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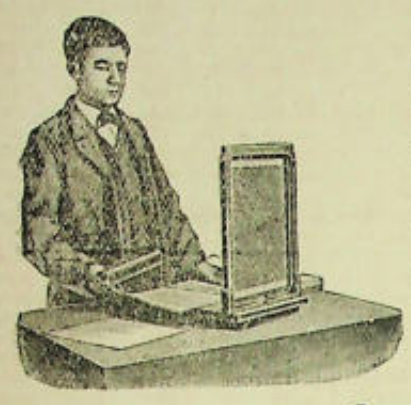

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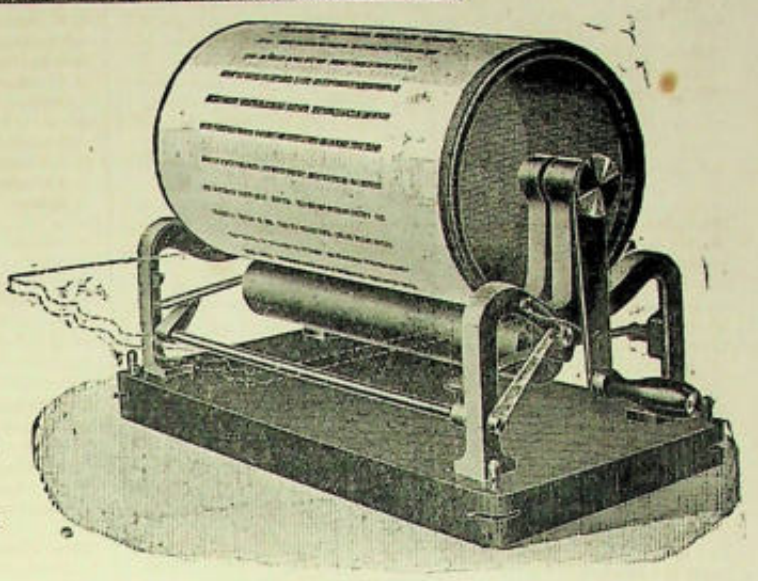

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LAWN TENNIS.

THE ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

Magnificent weather again prevailed for the continuation of the English Lawn Tennis Championships on the 29th ultimo, and the enclosure at Wimbledon once more presented a most charming appearance The crowd almost reached the large dimensions of Saturday, and the interesting play was followed with keen interest. The various competitions are rapidly nearing conclusion, and, of course, the most important matches which took place yesterday were the Open Finals in the Gentlemen's Doubles and Singles, F. L. Riseley and M. J. G. Ritchie had survived to contest the right to challenge the Singles champion, H. L. Doherty; but the struggle did not produce a great exhibition of the pastime. Riseley was quite brilliant at times, but at others appeared inclined to recklessness, and it took him two hours and ten minutes, during which period 54 games were played, to defeat his steady-going opponent who always required a lot of beating. Ritchie spoiled good chances by bad serving, and he made no fewer than seven double faults. The brothers Doherty experienced little difficulty in defeating Mahoney and Ritchie in the Doubles, but the latter pair were considerably handicapped by the gruelling Ritchie received in the Singles. Mahoney played splendidly, but Ritchie failed to do himself justice. The competition for the Ladies' Doubles came to an end, winners being Miss Douglas and Mrs. Pickering. Details:—

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (holder H. L. Doherty).—Final round (open competition): F. L. Riseley beat M. J. G. Ritchie by three sets to one 1—6, 6—3, 8—6, 13—11).

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (holder F. L. Riseley and S. H. Smith).—Final round (open competition): H. L. Doherty and R. F. Doherty beat H. S. Mahoney and M. J. G. Ritchie by three sets to love (8—6, 6—2, 6—2).

LADIES' DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. Pickering and Miss D. K. Douglas beat Miss C. M. Wilson and Miss. H. Lane by two sets to love (4—2, 6—1).

ALL ENGLAND PLATE.—Semi-final round: C. Hobart beat R. J. McNair by two sets to one (4—6, 6—3, 7—5).

MIXED DOUBLES.—Fourth round (continued): S. H. Smith and Miss. E. W. Thomson beat B. Hillyard and Miss. Stawell-Brown by two sets to love (6—1, 11—9). Semi-final round: S. H. Smith and Miss. Thomson beat E. D. Robinson and Miss M. Stonham by two sets to love (6—2, 6—3).

With the continuation of brilliant weather, the attendance on the 30th ultimo was larger than ever at Wimbledon when the Lawn tennis Championships advanced another stage. Every possible coign of vantage was occupied, and there could not have been many less than 2 500 well-dressed men and women gazing on the central court when H. L. Doherty the champion, and F. L. Risley appeared to contest the challenge round of the Singles. Risley had worked his way through the open competition by a series of well-deserved victories, but when he tackled Doherty he was facing an opponent of quite different class. The holder commenced rather unsteadily, and prolonged the first set, but he soon settled down, and giving quite a masterly exhibition, fairly outplayed Riseley, who seemed to lose heart towards the finish. Miss Douglass, of Ealing, won the Ladies' Singles from Miss Thomson, of Rudleigh Salterton, but Miss Robb, the previous holder, did not turn out to defend her title. Miss Thompson plays in quiet and particularly graceful form but she was beaten by an opponent more certain with her returns. Miss Thomson, however, secured some consolation by helping to annex the Mixed Doubles with S. H. Smith who was particularly deadly with his terrific driving, and, after a kind of International duel against the American, C Hobart, A W Gore proved successful in the All-England Plate. Details:—

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.—H L Doherty (holder) beat F L Riseley (winner of the All-comers' Competition) by three sets to love (7—5, 6—3, 6—0). Doherty took a long time to find his proper game, and Riseley with a series of effective drives down the side lines, varied with an occasional unreturnable volley, managed to hold his own until the games were called 5 all. Doherty then won the next two games and secured the first set. The holder rapidly improved, and although Riseley played very well, he stood little chance against the champion's wonderful knowledge of the most effective strokes. Riseley eventually fell off in his service, and after being level at three all in the second set, never won another game in the match, the third being a love set. The match only lasted fifty-five minutes.

LADIES' SINGLES (Miss M Robb, previous champion, did not defend her title)—Final and Championship Match: Miss D K Douglass beat Miss E W Thomson by two sets to one (4—6, 6—4, 6—2). This was a very pretty match to watch. Miss Thomson possesses an effective low, cut service, but she failed to return the ball so often as Miss Douglass. The latter led in the first set at 4—1, but Miss Thomson then won the next five games off the reel. Miss Thomson continued to play splendidly for a time, but gradually fell away, and was eventually rather easily beaten.

ALL-ENGLAND PLATE—Final round: A W Gore beat C. Hobart by two sets to love (7—5, 6—3).

MIXED DOUBLES.—Fourth round (concluded): C Hobart and Miss Bromfield beat M J G Ritchie and Miss W Longhurst by two sets to love (6—4, 6—4). Semi-final round (concluded): C Hobart and Miss Bromfield w o, F L Riseley and Miss Douglass scratched. Final round: S H Smith and Miss E W Thomson beat C Hobart and Miss Bromfield by two sets to love (3—2 6—3).

Probably the most successful championship meeting ever held at Wimbledon terminated on the afternoon of the 1st instant. Brilliantly fine weather prevailed throughout the entire proceedings, the sun shining, in fact, from first to last, and, although only one match remained to be played yesterday, the attendance suffered little by comparison with the numbers recorded during the earlier stages of the tournament. The *piece de resistance* yesterday was one calculated to stir the whole lawn tennis world. Last year champions for five successive seasons in the brothers Doherty were beaten in the challenge round of the Gentlemen's Doubles by Smith and Riseley, but the former pair were not content to let matters rest at that, and, having steered safely through the preliminary competition, became entitled to meet their former conquerors. The Dohertys proved in quite brilliant form, and easily regained their lost laurels, but, had Smith been able to do himself anything like justice, the result might easily have been the other way. Riseley played magnificently, but had to suffer through many mistakes by his partner, who, besides other things, lost his service on five occasions. The triumph of the challengers proved highly popular among the 2,000 people, who witnessed a most interesting match Details:—

THE GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.—R. F. Doherty and H. L. Doherty (winners of the All-comers' Competiton) beat F. L. Riseley and S. H. Smith by three sets to love (6—4, 6—4, 6—4). Chiefly by means of Riseley's superb volleying and service the holders held their own to three all, when R. F. Doherty put in some effective work at the net, and won the first set for the brothers. The games were called four all in the second set, but subsequently the Westerners failed to add another point. H. L. Doherty and Riseley were very prominent in the last set, but the latter was let down by his partner, who frequently failed with his best stroke, the long and hard drive. The games were once three all, but the Dohertys eventually won at 6—4, and consequently a love set match, which lasted an hour and ten minutes

ATHLETICS.

LONDON A. C. SUMMER MEETING.

For their summer meeting at the Stamford Bridge Grounds on Saturday; the 27th ultimo, the L A C were favoured with brilliant weather with a nice breeze to temper the heat, but they received poor support from the general public, which is to be regretted, considering the capital programme of sport provided. Entries were fairly numerous, and though the fields did not rule large some interesting racing was seen. L F Tremeer proved to be in fine form. He won both the sprints, and was in the successful team in the relay race, but he failed to retain the hurdles challenge cup, which went to A Trafford in good time. The hammer-throwing, putting the weight, and high jumps handicaps were productive of close competitions, in which the old Oxonian, W E B Henderson, and the Light Blue, H A Leeke, figured prominently, though the last-named, being on scratch mark, was asked to give too much away J R Cleave showed a want of practice in the half-mile challenge cup race, and E S Ward secured a popular victory. The quarter-mile handicap brought out a promising youngster in E H Montague, of the S L H, who won both his heat and the final very readily off the ten-yard mark, his time when he beat C C Twort, of the Twort-Cleminson A C to whom he was conceding 21 yards being 50 ⅗ secs. The success of H F Pash in the mile handicap was also very gratifying. The officials were: Referee, Mr. C Herbert; judges, Messrs S K Holman, E H Pelling, H W Hill, J Shearman, and D Basan; starter. Mr. C L Lockton; stewards, Messrs. F L Fisher, E Ion Pool, and W J B Tippets; timekeepers, Messrs A Ovenden and J E Fowler Dixon; handicappers, Messrs C Herbert and A J Fowden. Details:—

100 YARDS CHALLENGE CUP.—L F Tremeer, 1; J A Miller, 2; C D Comrie 3. C H Jupp was a non-starter. Tremeer had the measure of his opponents from the start, and won easily by nearly three yards, two yards between second and third. Time—10⅖ secs.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (OPEN).—Heat 1: A Goodall, L A C 7 yards start, 1; H Norrey, L A C, 9½, 2. Won by a foot Time—10⅖ secs. Heat 2: C W Fox, L A C, 2¾ yards start, 1; C Towers, introduced, 9¾, 2. Won by a foot. Time, 10½ secs. Heat 3: R E Wright L A C, 8 yards start, 1; H Watson, L A C, 2¾, 2. Won by a foot. Time, 10½ secs. Heat 4: L F Tremeer, L A C ¾ yards start, 1; E H Clube, S L H, 3, 2. Won by half a yard. Time—10½ sec. Heat 5: F S Lloyd, L A C, 7¼ yards start, 1; W H Orton, L A C, 4½, 2. Won by inches only. Time—10½ secs.

FINAL HEAT.

L F Tremeer, L A C, ¾ yard start ...	...	1
C W Fox, L A C, 2¾ ...	...	2
F S Lloyd, L A C, 7¼ ...	...	3

Also ran: A Goodall, L A C, 7, 0; R E Wright, L A C 8, 0. Wright looked like getting through at one point, but fifteen yards from the tape Tremeer came with a rare effort and won by quite half a yard. with Lloyd beating the late S L H Secretary by a foot. Time—10½secs

PUTTING THE WEIGHT HANDICAP.—W E B Henderson, allowed 1ft 6in, 38ft, 1; G W Clark, L A C 6in, 37ft 2½in, 2; A J McHutchon, London Highland A C, scratch, 37ft 1in, 3; H A Leeke, L A C, Scratch, 36ft 4; P G Masters, L A C, 0; A J Burn, S L H, 0.

880 YARDS CHALLENGE CUP.—(J H Bessell, holder, resigned)—S. Ward, 1; A L Woodard, 2; J R Cleave, 0. The non-starters were J B Densham and E L Gay-Roberts. Ward led at the bell, with Cleave in attendance, and just when an exciting finish appeared in store, the Oxonian stopped through lack of condition, and Ward practically finished alone, Woodard coming in a long way behind the winner. Time—2mins 0⅖sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES CHALLENGE CUP.—Heat 1: L F Tremeer (holder) and J H Jarvis walked over, E S Ward not starting. Heat 2: A Trafford, 1; J B Densham, 2; N Zambra, 0. Won easily. Time—18⅖secs. Final heat: Trafford, 1; Jarvis, 2; Tremeer, 3. Trafford took the hurdles in good style, and won easily; a poor third. Time—16⅖secs.

THROWING THE HAMMER HANDICAP.—P G Masters, L A C, allowed 18ft, 126ft 10in, 1; W E B Henderson, L A C, allowed 8ft, 120ft 6in, 2; H A Leeke, L A C, scratch, 111ft 3in, 3; A J McHutchon, London Highland A C, allowed 25ft, 89ft 7in, 0.

120 YARDS HURDLES HANDICAP.—Heat 1: J H Jarvis, L A C, owes 5 yards 1; A Trafford, L A C, owes 17, 2; N Zambra, L A C, owes 11, 0. Won easily. Time—18⅖secs. Heat 2: W J Gibson, London Hospital A C, owes 12 yards, 1; W F Owsley, L A C, owes 3, 2. Gibson took the lead two hurdles from home and won by a yard. Time—18⅖secs. Heat 3: T F Cox, Metropolitan Police A C, owes 6 yards, w o Final heat: Jarvis, 1; Gibson, 2; Owsley (fastest loser), 3, Cox, 0. Won by a yard; half a yard dividing second and third. Time—18⅖secs.

HALF MILE RELAY RACE.—L A C beat L H, L F Tremer got ahead of Watson in the first 220 yards and C W Fox and W H Orton beating J B Densham and C D Comrie. C H Jupp entered on the last stretch with a good lead of G P Constantine. The last-named closed on the speedy sprinter in the straight, but Jupp, although lame, held out, and won by six yards. Time—1min, 33⅖secs.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP.—A J McHutchon, London Highland A C allowed 2in, 5ft 7¼, 1; E S Ward, L A C, 3in, 5ft 7in, 2; W E B Henderson, L A C scratch, 5ft 6⅖in, 3; N Zambra, L A C, 2in, 0.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.—Heat 1: E H Montague, S L H 10 yards start 1; G R Painton, London Hospital A C, 25, 2 W J Basan, Blackheath H, 30, 3; J B Densham, L A C, 9, 0; C D Comrie, L A C, 14, 0; R E Wright, L A C, 25, 0; A Goodall, L A C, 25, 0; F W Twort Twort, CleminsonA C 33, 0. Won by yards, one yard between second and third. Time—51secs. Heat 2; C C Twort, Twort-Cleminson A C, 31 yards start, 1; E P Constantine, LA C 10, L J Twort, Twort Cleminson A C, 18, 3; H Watson, L A C, 14, 0 H Miller, A C, 21, 0; F Llyd, L A C, 25, 0; A H Bilbrough, Reigate H, 26, 0; S B Hudson, Finchley H, 27, 0; E R Small, L A C, 32, 0. Won by three yards; half a yard between second and third. Time—50⅖secs.

FINAL HEAT.

E H Montague, S L H, 10 yards start ...	...	1
C C Twort, Twort-Cleminson A C, 31 ...	...	2
W J Basan, Blackheath H, 30 ...	...	3
L J Twort, Twort-Cleminson A C, 18 ...	...	4

Montague again ran with excellent judgment, and had little difficulty in winning by three yards; a good race between the others ended in Basan being beaten by a yard, with less between the next two. Time—50⅖secs.

ONE MILE HANDICAP (Open.

H F Pash, L A C, 148 yards start ...	...	1
H E M Martin, S L H, 135 ...	...	2
E H Orton, L A C, 118 ...	...	3
C S White L A C, 138 ...	...	4

Also ran:—E L Gay-Roberts, L A C, 38 yards start; E S Ward, L A C, 76; E F Judson, Blackheath H, 94; S W Fowler-Dixon, L A C, 108; F B Thomson, L A C, 135; H G Sydes, L A C, 138; H D Montague, 138; C Roffey, Ranelagh H, 140; S Luniss, L A C, 146; H Miller, L A C, 148; W B Lowe, introduced, 156; and C H Spendlove, Ranelagh H, 268.

Pash was leading on entering the last lap, Gay-Roberts at that time being sixty yards behind the leader, and occupying eighth place. He failed to go the pace of the leaders, and Pash running strongly to the end, won by six yards from Martin, who beat Orton by a trifle less for second place. White was running third to within a couple of strides of the tape and was then beaten by Orton. Time—4mins 21 ⅖sec.

The prizes and trophies were handed to the winners by Mrs S K Holman.

CYCLING.

THE N. C. U. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Followers of amateur cycle racing will have reason to remember the first batch of the National Championships of 1903. To say that they proved a *fiasco* on Saturday the 28th ultimo, a Canning Town, is by no means too harsh a form of criticism. After what was witnessed in the mile event, it is time that the Union girded up its loins, and seriously considered the question whether the sport of cycling is to sink deeper in the mire, or whether it is to revive and become attractive to the public. We were told some few years back that the reason of the decline in path racing was undoubtedly due to the indulgence in the wretched practice of "loafing." This, in all truth, was bad enough, but last Saturday's display has furnished a new phase somewhat; at all events so far as amateur championship events are concerned. The standard time limit was fixed at 2mins 50sec. and each of the five heats were completed well within that period. But a very different state of things prevailed in the

final. It was a story of the worst malpractices in cycle-racing. Fouling and boring was freely indulged in by a rider whose sportsman-like conduct hitherto has been above suspicion. Two equally well-known riders, one of whom had an excellent chance of securing a victory, were thrown only a few yards from the finish by a deliberate act of boring. The whole business was only too palpable, and the spectators did not fail to mark their disgust at such procedure. And so the Mile Amateur championship of 1903 became null and void. In the five-mile event, H. W. Puyne, the holder, was defeated in his heat, and the honours were transferred to A. L. Reed, who, with J S. Benyon, a sterling rider from Liverpool, contested a most exciting finish, ending in a victory for Reed by a very close margin. Other events were included in the programme, which was much too lengthy, the last event not being finished until nearly 8 P.M.—Results:

ONE MILE N. C. U. CHAMPIONSHIP.—Winners of Heats: A L Reed (holder), Polytechnic, J E Wells, Putney, A. E. Wills, Putney, A. S. Ingram, Polytechnic, and T. Childs. Newcastle. All the heats were ridden well within the time limit of 2mins 50secs, but the final was declared void owing to that time having been exceeded.

FIVE-MILE N C U CHAMPIONSHIP.—Final Heat: A L Reed, Polytechnic, 1; J S Benyon, Liverpool, 2; J T Marnie, Birmingham, 3; A S Ingram, Polytechnic, 0. The event was contested in four heats and a final, championship honours resting with A L Reed after a fine struggle in the last fifty yards with Benyon, who possesses a remarkably fine turn of speed. Marnie finished about a length behind the pair, while Ingram sat up in the straight. Time—14mins 6⅘sec.

FIVE-MILE MOTOR-CYCLE HANDICAP.—Final Heat: C R Collier, 15secs start, 1; T H Tessier, 30secs 2; J F Crundel scratch 3, Won by half a lap; a lap between second and third Time—7mins 42⅘secs.

ONE MILE CYCLE HANDICAP (THAMES IRONWORKS C C).—Final Heat: W E Cannon; 140 yards start, 1; S T Dawson, 190, 2; R H Dawson, 1803. Won by four lengths. Time—2mins. 1⅘sec.

880 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP (OPEN).—S. Doyer Putney A.C., 68 yards start, 1; W A Lines, St. Bride's A C., 59, 2; W E Ames, Highgate H., 93, 3. Won by 20 yards; 6 yards between second and third. Time—1min 55⅘secs.

HALF-MILE CYCLE HANDICAP (OPEN).—Final Heat: V B Casey, Putney, 30 yards start, 1; R Brooks, Thames Ironworks, 25, 2; G C Anderson, West Ham, 45, 3. A capital race, which was secured by Casey, by a length and a half from the local riders. Time—1min. 5secs.

ONE MILE FLAT HANDICAP (OPEN).—P. Judd St. Mary's H., 138, 1; S. Dyer, Putney A.C., 140, 2; H. Hobbs, Thames Ironworks A.C., 120, 3. Won by 30 yards; 20 yards separating second and third. Time—4mins. 18⅘secs.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

THE meet on the 16th instant was at Sandy Nullah Toll-Bar when a large field, including Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill, turned out. The Covert near the Barber's Shop was first drawn but without success, then hounds opened on a line from the swamp near the 6th mile on the Pykara Road and a fast burst followed; over the ridge by Wapshare's Hare Shola, across the swamp below, through Wenlock and Khed Sholas, and along the Waterfall Bridle Road, past the Toda Coffee Shop the jack going to ground near the Pykara River, where he was left. Briar Shola and Gibbs Shola were next drawn blank and in the Bracken Cover a sambhur was started but not followed. On the south side of Rawlings Nullah a game gentleman was viewed who took the field a merry run into Bluegums where hounds dwelt some minutes, then over the spur to Governor's Shola and below this away to the right eventually going to ground on the top of Martyn's Shola, where he could not be evicted. The morning's run was full of incident and pleasant in spite of the monsoon weather and the high winds.

B.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

THE nine-mile jog along the Ahmednagar Road to Wagholi on the 12th thinned the attendance down to about a quarter of a hundred sportsmen, and after the previous night's shower and the distance from Poona and consequent freedom from the guileless and ubiquitous Tommy hopes for a good morning's sport naturally ran high, but were, alas, doomed to comparative disappointment. No law was given to late comers—on the principle presumably that if it was worth coming nine miles it was worth coming in time and certainly the morning seemed too good to waste after the abominable weather we have been enduring of late and on these stroke of six the Master jogged on to draw the neighbouring sugarcane fields. A find was soon proclaimed and men jammed their hats down and settled themselves down into their saddles hoping it was one of their good sticky-seat days for the going was apparently delightful and surely scent must be good on such a day.—But there are two components to a good run—good hounds and a good jack. The first we are assured of, but on this occasion, the latter failed us. Possibly bold Renardjee was loth to leave his happy home—possibly he was a trifle strange to that part of the country—*certainly* he couldn't make up his mind as to where he wanted to go and, after unseemly and unsporting gyrations more characteristic of a watch spring than a straight necked jack he accelerated his ignominious end by jumping down a blind well with his relentless enemies at his tag. Fortunately it was not very deep and hounds scrambled down without injury, though volunteers had to be called out to bring hounds and the dishonoured remains to ground level again. A poor run and a great disappointment. Moving on right handed the Master drew several little patches of sugarcane, but this excellent part of the country seems badly stocked with varmint (a too strict preservation of pheasants we must presume) and the rest of the morning was spent in futile wanderings, the only interesting incident, apart from the study of hounds and the lesson to be learned therefrom and from their handling by so distinguished an expert being, the negociation of a somewhat formidable stone wall—mighty solid and forbidding it was. I am told,—in cold blood but luckily an accessible and practicable piece for the non-thrusters was discovered. After vain endeavours to listen to a wild rover the gallant Master gave up the forlorn hope. A somewhat disappointing morning from a sport point of view, but after all fresh air and exercise do one a vast amount of good, though as a sportsman remarked cynically "one can get them a trifle nearer home";

It is difficult and trying to the ordinary system to burn the candle of life at both ends (with on occasional small illumination in the middle as well) and the largely patronized Cinderella dance at the Gymkhana Club on the previous night, well into the small hours of the clock indeed naturally told severely on the hunting contingent that turned up to meet the gallant Master at Pashan on the 16th. The ground was naturally heavy on the lowlands and valleys, but the slopes were good enough going and a cool drizzly morning seemed to augur well for sport, hopes doomed once more to disappointment for the morning's sport cannot by the wildest straining of veracity be considered of a very thrilling description and it seems a feeble form of appreciation and a poor compliment to the intelligence of the Master and officials to paint a dull day in gaudy though incorrect colours. Tempered truth ought to hurt the feelings of no good sportsman, and there seems a certain impropriety in misleading the public with deliberately inaccurate chronicles. Disappointing days there must be—one can only hope they may be but seldom and they after all make the red-letter runs all the more thoroughly delightful. To return to the day's doings hounds were taken across the bund and the Master threw them into the sugarcane crops near the Ram Nullah, in previous years a safe find I am told.

On to Pashan and all drawn blank and as all could see the sugarcane was still too small to afford very trustworthy sanctuary to the wary wily one whose blood was being sought. After passing Pashan village a whimper or two put a stop to dulness for a time and working along the nullah in the direction of the Bamburda Heights burst into melody and men thought that after patient waiting they were in for a good thing and hunters were set going and hopes ran high. But the joy was short lived. Racing along the slope the Jack made straight for the steepest available part of the hill and after about seven minutes was tumbled over and worried. Just sufficient of a run to whet but not satisfy one's appetite. After a rest hounds were put into cover near the Government House Clock Tower, where a faint-hearted jack was chopped. Blood for the hounds but not much sport for the field and I gather that a good many could do with a little less blood and a little more galloping. However when this first burst of the monsoon is over we may confidently look forward to better sport, and it is reasonable enough that when a man has to be seven miles or more from one's bed at 5-30 A.M. he looks forward to a bit of a gallop as a recompense of his virtue.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

BELLARY SKITTLE TOURNAMENT.

First Day, Tuesday, 14th July.

MUSKETRY SCHOOL A. *vs.* 14th M. I.—The Musketry team were superior to their opponents and had the best of matters all through, eventually winning by 4 goals and 3 subsidiaries to *nil*.

First Chukker.—Play ruled midfield till McEwen taking the ball down scored a subsidiary. Rice followed this up by putting on the first goal, McEwen shortly after adding a second; a free hit for a foul against the Musketry proved fruitless and the chukker ended with the scores: Musketry, 2 goals, 1 subsidiary; 14th M. I, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Gwyer hit a subsidiary and McEwen made another. The 14th then got away but missed and some neat passing by McEwen and Rice enabled the latter to put on the third goal. He added a fourth a little before time, the Musketry winning as stated. Score:—Musketry, 4 goals 3 subsidiaries; 14th M. I., *nil*.

MUSKETRY SCHOOL A.			14TH M. I.		
Mr Manson, 1st M Pioneers	...	1	Major Graham	...	1
„ McEwen, 1st Lancers H C	...	2	Mr Dickson	...	2
„ Gwyer, 6th Carabiniers	...	3	„ Cowan	...	4
Capt Rice, 4th Pioneers	...	4	„ Oldfield	...	3

Umpires.—Colonel Younghusband and Captain Ballantyne.

MUSKETRY B. *vs.* LEICESTER REGIMENT.

First Chukker.—The Leicesters opened well and Gaitskell drew first blood, Tronson following up with a subsidiary, a foul against the Musketry gave the Leicesters a free hit but nothing resulted, Gaitskell put the ball through once more before the end of the chukker when the score was: Leicesters, 2 goals 1 subsidiary; Musketry B, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—No scoring took place in this chukker which was conspicuous for a number of dangerous fouls against the Musketry team. The Leicesters nearly scored once or twice, but the chucker ended without result, the Leicesters thus winning by 2 goals and a subsidiary to *nil*. Teams:—

MUSKETRY B.		LEICESTER REGT.		
Mr Yates, Leices Regt.	1	Mr Gaitskell	...	1
„ Johnston, 2nd Moplahs	2	Capt Puckle	...	2
„ Marriot, R War	3	Mr Tronson	...	3
„ Garsia, Durham L I	4	Captain Dent	...	4

Umpires.—Colonel Younghusband and Capt Goldie.

2ND MADRAS LANCERS *vs.* UBIQUE TEAM.—The Lancers quite outclassed their opponents.

First Chukker.—The Lancers got possession, Wheatley scored a goal to which he added another almost immediately. Then Henderson put the ball through with a fine hit. After some mid field play Ballantyne took the ball down and Colonel Younghusband scored. Again getting possession Ballantyne obtained a subsidiary. Another subsidiary was added and Henderson put on yet another goal. Score: 2nd M. L., 5 goals 2 subsidiaries; Ubique, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Wheatley opened the scoring with a goal and Colonel Younghusband put on another. Ballantyne and Henderson took the ball down and the former put it through. A subsidiary was then scored, to which Ballantyne added another goal. A fine run by the same player resulted in the tenth goal being scored. Following some up—and—down play the Lancers got away and Colonel Younghusband put through, Ballantyne doing likewise a little later. Some pretty passing between Henderson and Ballantyne ended in the former scoring just before time. Score: 2nd M L 13 goals 3 subsidiaries; Ubique, *nil*. Teams.—

2ND M LANCERS.			UBIQUE.		
Mr Wheatley	...	1	Mr Waller, R F A	...	1
„ Henderson	...	2	„ Senior, Royal Irish	...	2
Capt Ballantyne	...	3	„ Gillett, A V D	...	3
Col Younghusband	...	4	Captain Goldie, R F A	...	4

Umpires—Capt Rice, and Mr McEwen.

Second Day, Wednesday, 15th July.

2ND M. L. *vs.* 14TH M. I.—The Lancers had another easy victory winning by 10 goals and 1 subsidiary to *nil*.

First Chukker.—The Lancers got the ball and Wheatley scored a goal, Henderson adding a subsidiary. Ballantyne and Colonel Younghusband brought the ball down, the latter putting through, Ballantyne following suit a little later. Henderson scored a goal and then the 14th began to show up but not for long, Ballantyne getting possession and putting on a fifth goal. Colonel Younghusband next got the ball and passed to Ballantyne, who scored another goal which closed the chukker. Score: 2nd M. L., 6 goals 1 subsidiary; 14th M. I, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Up and down play opened proceedings and the 14th began to get to work, but Ballantyne took the ball down and Wheatley put it through. Henderson next missed a shot, but Colonel Younghusband returned it and Henderson put it through. The same player scored two more goals before play ceased, the Lancers winning as stated. Teams:—

2ND M. LANCERS.			14TH M. I.		
Mr Wheatley	...	1	Major Graham	...	1
„ Henderson	...	2	Mr. Dickson	...	2
Capt Ballantyne	...	3	„ Cowan	...	3
Col Younghusband	...	4	„ Oldfield	...	4

Umpires.—Capt. Rice and Mr. McEwen.

LEICESTER REGIMENT *vs.* UBIQUE.

First Chukker.—Mid field play ended in the Leicesters getting away and Tronson opening the scoring with a goal, a *mêlée* in front of the ubique goal a little later resulted in Puckle adding a second point. Then Gaitskell scored a subsidiary and Puckle added another goal. No further scoring took place, the chuckker ending in favour of the Leicesters by 3 goals and 1 subsidiary to *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Puckle made a goal which was followed by some wery even play. Then Tronson got away and put the ball through. Up and down play ensued till Dent got possession and taking it down Gaitskell scored a free hit for a foul against the Ubique resulted in a subsidiary. *Score*: Leicesters, 6 goals 2 subsidiaries: Ubique, *nil*. Teams:—

LEICESTER REGT.			UBIQUE.		
Mr Gaitskell	...	1	Mr Waller, R F A	...	1
Capt Puckle	...	2	„ Senior, Royal Irish	...	2
Mr Tronson	...	3	„ Gillett, A V D	...	3
Capt Dent	...	4	Capt Goldie, R F A	...	4

Umpires.—Col. Younghusband and Capt Ballantyne.

MUSKETRY A. *vs.* MUSKETRY B.

First Chukker.—McEwen scored for A team and from the throw in took the ball down, but it was brought back by Garsia. He was stopped and some neat passing resulted in Gwyer adding a second goal. A foul against A. team gave B. team its chance and a goal was scored from the free hit. Gwyer put on a third goal for a team and the chukker ended with the score: A team, 2 goals; B. team, 1 goal.

Second Chukker.—After some fast play Rice scored and A. team getting the ball from the throw in added a subsidiary. B. team then got away, but were stopped by Rice, who scored once more just before time. Score: A. team, 5 goals 1 subsidiary; B. team, 1 goal, Teams:—

MUSKETRY SCHOOL A.			MUSKETRY B		
Mr Manson, 1st M P	...	1	Mr Yates, Leices Regt	...	1
„ McEwen, 1st L H C	...	2	„ Johnston, 2nd M L	...	2
„ Gwyer, 6th C	...	3	„ Marriot, R War	...	3
Capt Rice, 4th Pioneers	...	4	„ Garsia, Durham L I	...	4

Umpires.—Col. Young husband and Capt Goldie.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, *Friday, 3rd, July 1903.*

THE first National Cyclists' Union championship meeting of the season, was held on the Canning Town track on 27th June. It proved most successful with the exception of the fine heat for the one mile championship, which is considered the blue ribband of the amateur race path. In this event the time limit of 2 minutes 50 seconds was exceeded, and the race was therefore declared void. A. L. Reed won this event, as well as the 5 miles championship, decided at the same meeting, with J. S. Benyon second, and J. T. Marnie third. This latter event proved a splendid race, and heed only won by the narrow margin of a few inches. There were two motor-cycle events included in the programme, the first a five miles handicap, won by C. R. Collier, and the second a three miles match between C. R. Collier and J. C. Crundall. Crundall, who was mounted on a Dunlop tyred cycle gradually drew away from his opponent, and eventually won by 250 yards in the good time of 3 minutes 33½ seconds.

The fact that the competitors in the mile championship exceeded the time limit of 2 minutes 50 seconds, has drawn forth a howl of disapproval from those who have the interest of cycle racing at heart. This "loafing" all but killed the sport some few years ago, and if the amateur men are going to hold back from doing their proper share of pacing, and treat the spectators to an exhibition of crawling, they will find that sport promoters will throw up the sponge, and not trouble to organise meetings of any description. It is hard enough now to provide a programme that will entice the public to such gatherings, and if the amateurs treat them to such a shocking display of racing as that in the mile event, "gates" are bound to fall away.

A capital branch of sport is hill-climbing, and the competitions of this nature held from time to time throughout the country are invariably well supported by road racing men, not only as competitors, but as spectators. Actual road racing being prohibited by the police, hill-climbing competitions in a way take its place, and to our idea provide far more interesting sport, since the progress of competitors can be watched from start to finish, and undoubtedly in competitions of this kind the best man wins. The Southern Cycling Club recently held their annual competition at Westerham Hill, a very steep incline in Kent, that at places is as steep as one in six. C. Spanton won both the scratch race and handicap, the former in 4 minutes 22⅘ seconds and the latter from scratch, with F. S Bale (4 minutes 44 seconds), second in the scratch event, and P. R. Rowe (22 seconds start) second in the handicap. Next Saturday the Catford Cycling Club will hold their annual competition on the same hill. We understand a very good entry has been received.

There is only one advantage that can be derived from the imposition of a tax on cycles, and that is the possibility of obtaining figures as to the number of machines in use in the British Isles. So far, any figures that have been published are only estimates, and cannot in any way be taken as reliable. In France, however, a reliable record is provided by means of the cycle tax, and we find that during last year the number of cycles that were registered in France amounted to the enormous total of 1,250,000, being ten times more than those registered in 1895. This is a surprising total considering that automobilism has taken such a hold on the French people, and is advancing in that country with such tremendous strides.

Cycling, too in China is in a flourishing condition, and the imports of machines continue to increase, shewing that the Chinese have thrown to the winds the objections which they first put forward against the introduction of the cycle. But manufacturers who do export business to China must be careful as to the type of machine which they supply, for in a report which is issued by the United States Consul at Newchang, he states that there is no demand whatever for men's bicycles, but only for the ladies' type, as the native costume requires a dropped frame machine.

Amongst the recent carvinals that have taken place, and which have proved marked successes must be mentioned the Woodford Cycle Meet held in June, when a sum of money was collected that it is estimated will exceed £400, and the Liverpool Cyclists' Carvinal held last week. Since the Liverpool Carnival was inagurated in 1891 a sum of over £4,500 has been collected and distributed amongst the hospitals and medical charaties in Liverpool, the annual takings ranging from £63 to £500. If only a record could be taken of the amount of money annually collected in this way, by cyclists masquerading and putting themselves to considerable inconvenience and expense, the total would provide not only interesting reading but a surprising amount

Energetic steps have been taken by the Birmingham centre of the National Cyclists' Union to force the Aston District Council

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to move in the matter of the unsafe state of the tram lines which provide a death-trap for all wheelmen who have occasion to pass along the streets where the metals are laid. The Aston District Council not taking any notice of a communication sent them, in which the bad state of the tram lines was fully pointed out, Mr. Woollen and his colleagues decided to lay the matter before the Board of Trade, and with a report setting forth the whole facts of the case, which was submitted to one of the Board of Trade secretaries, photographs shewing the disgraceful state of the tramways were included. The official at the Board of Trade promised to give the matter his earnest attention.

There seems but little chance for England to be represented at the world's championships which are down for decision at Copenhagen this month. It is greatly to be regretted, since with A. L. Reed for the shorter distance event, and Leon Meredith for the 100 kilometre race, the chances of England would be particularly rosy. It is not however, owing to a lack of men that England will be unrepresented in the amateur events, but solely to the fact that the exchequer of the National Cyclists' Union is not in such a flourishing condition as to warrant the executive paying the expenses of the representatives. There is just the possibility of Meredith going over on his own, but then, without the assistance of the N. C. U. towards his expenses, we are afraid that he will be handicapped by indifferent motor pacing.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* TELEGU C. C.—Played last week, Faviell putting up a fine innings of 76. Score:—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Carroll, b Bandoo	...	28
Faviell, run out	...	76
Green, b Bandoo	...	0
Airy, b Bandoo	...	5
Tancred, b Erasha	...	14
Forsyth, b Bandoo	...	15
Gresson, not out	...	26
Grant, c Bandoo, b Erasha	...	7
Sargent, b Maloo	...	5
Thomas, b Bandoo	...	7
Cameron did not bat...	...	0
Extras	...	12
Total	...	195

TELEGU C. C.

Hanmantoo, c Grant, b Carrol	...	2
Samel, c Faviell, b Sargent	...	7
Narsoo (jr), b Sargent	...	7
Bandoo, c Carroll, b Sargent	...	0
Nursoo (sr), not out	...	37
Eresha, c Faviell, b Sargent	...	6
Maloo, st Grant, b Cameron	...	36
Ramana, st Grant b Gresson	...	10
Sayana Limbage, c Faviell, b Sargent	...	1
Luchman, not out	...	17
One to bat.		
Extras	...	1
Total	...	114

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

I. F. A. SHIELD.

HARE SPORTING *vs.* HOWRAH UNITED.—This, the opening match in the above competition, was played on the Rangers' ground last Saturday. A slippery ground and a greasy ball were little conducive to good football and the display given was not very brilliant. Howrah did all the attacking and had much the best of matters. The first half ended without score, but on resuming Wood put the ball through, the point being disallowed for off-side. Half way through the second period the Howrah men got away and Johnson sent in a fine shot, the ball was hardly cleared when Burns banged it in. They continued to press but without further result, the game ending in a win for Howrah by a goal to *nil*. Teams:—

HOWRAH.—Donnithorne, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, H. Osborne and Curtis, *half-backs*; W. Smith, Burns, Wood, Jackson, and Kerr, *forwards*.

HARE SPORTING.—Kormokar, *goal*; Mutidal and Sarbadhicari, *backs*; Ghose, Bose and Banerji, *half-backs*; Mukherji Boodu, Dey, H. Bhatacharji and R. Bhatacharji, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry.

RANGERS *vs.* SOVA BAZAR.—These teams met on the Sova Bazar ground on Monday, when the homesters won by two goals to one. The Rangers were without Anderson, whose place was taken by Boilard and were unfortunate in losing Russell soon after the start, thus having to play one short throughout the game. The Rangers pressed immediately and then Russell had to retire with a broken nose. The visitors played hard and had if anything the better of the first half in spite of the handicap. The interval arrived with no score, but on resuming a penalty kick for hands against Cooper gave the home team their first goal. The Rangers played up and Whitie was not long in equalising. The game was now fast and exciting. The Sova Bazar men a gain getting the lead, Bagchi scoring after a good run. The visitors tried hard to equalise and Whitie once more found the net, but the point was disallowed on the ground of offside and no further scoring taking place the game ended in a win for Sova Bazar. Teams:—

SOVA BAZAR F. C.—*Goal*, S. Mookerjee; *backs*, K. Mookerjee and C. Mullick; *halves*, J. Ghosh, D. Dev and J. Laha; *forwards*, B. Dass, B. Mitter, Bagchi, Ray and Bose.

CALCUTTA RANGERS F. C.—*Goal*, Whelan; *backs*, Templeton and Boilard; *halves*, O'Laughlin, Lees and Cooper; *forwards*, Echlin, Whitie, Williams, Pell and Russell.

Referee.—Mr. M. Remfry, C. F. C.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THERE has been very little senior football during the past few days, but the ties in the first round of the Shield competition have been played off with the result that Calcutta, Howrah United, and Sova Bazar live to fight another day. The premier club, however, were not called upon to meet their opponents as Chinsurah scratched, and as the Customs have also declined the contest, Calcutta goes straight into the semi-final to meet either the 93rd Highlanders or the Rifles.

Thus early in the competition a surprise has been effected—and a very unexpected one by the victory of Sova Bazar over the Rangers by two goals to 1. The Rangers, who had the assistance of Echlin of Dalhousie, were strongly represented, but Anderson failed to turn up and to add to their troubles Russel met with an injury to his nose which necessitated his leaving the field before half-time. Despite these misfortunes the Rangers undoubtedly were the better team on the day's play and should have won. There was no score in the first half, during which Lees played an especially fine game at centre half and Williams and Whitie were prominent among the forwards. Shortly after the interval Sova Bazar scored from a penalty for hands against Cooper, but Whitie equalised, and it was only a really fine individual effort on the part of Bagchi that won the match for the Baboos, who have now to meet the K. O. S. B. in the second round.

The match between Howrah United and Hare Sporting was uninteresting and productive of very poor football. The ground was certainly greasy and the ball heavy in consequence of the rain, but there was little or no attempt at combination, and Howrah, although having most of the game throughout only managed to score once, through Burn, shortly before the close of time. We should recommend Curtis, the Howrah left half back, to amend his tactics or he will go the way of his *confrère*, Bonner of Burns—his play, especially against the Calcutta B team on Monday last, was particularly foul.

It has been arranged that the 93rd Highlanders and Rifles' match is to take place on Saturday next, but at the time of writing these notes the *renue* has not been definitely decided upon. Mr. Pritchard is to be the Referee and he is taking steps to have goal judges and a strong picket to guard against overcrowding on the touch lines—and he'll want them!

THE CHIEL.

RUGBY NOTES.

The Rugby season can hardly be said to have commenced although practice games are on the *tapis* and the newly-formed City and Calcutta United teams tried conclusions on Monday last, victory resting with the former side.

We are pleased to learn that both Messrs. Pope and Whitie have been successful in their efforts to raise teams, and we have no doubt that "Ballygunge" and the "Calcutta Casuals" for which they are respectively responsible will in time be forces to be reckoned with. When Calcutta are in a position to arrive at some idea of the team that will eventually represent them, those who are not selected should, we think, join Ballygunge and thus strengthen and thereby enable them to give the premier club a few really good games which is what they so sorely needed last year.

Calcutta, Ballygunge, Customs, Calcutta Casuals, City St. James', Armenian College, and Fort William are the team who have arranged matches with each other, but we learn that the Armenian Old Boys cannot get together aside, which is a matter for surprise and regret in view of the promise they gave last year of developing into a really strong team. Under the circumstances we presume that Yackjee, Apear, and Hollow will be found assisting other clubs!

Bishop, who was to be found in the Calcutta ranks two or three years back, will again turn out for them this year and we understand that Martelli, who formed one of the English team who visited the Antipodes, is in Calcutta and ready to play for whatever club he may decide to join—he will undoubtedly be a great acquisition.

Calcutta promise to have a very fine side this year and good judge as their Captain is he will find it no easy matter to pick his Cup team, especially the forwards, here are *some* of them:—Berridge, Harvey, Whitie, Carroll, Heilgers, Brown, Bell, Simpson, Bishop, and Pope. Rumour says that Caw has retired from active participation in the game

Through the courtesy of Mr. Berridge I am enabled to give a list of the Calcutta fixtures as far as they are at present arranged:—

5th August		Customs	18th August		Armenian College*
7th	"	Calcutta Casuals	21st	"	La Martinière*
8th	"	City F C	22nd	"	Customs
11th	"	Ballygunge	24th	"	St James*
12th	"	St James*	27th	"	City F C
13th	"	La Martinière*	28th	"	Armenian College*
14th	"	Customs B*	29th	"	Ballygunge
15th	"	Fort William	31st	"	Customs B*
17th	"	Calcutta Casuals	2nd Sept.		Fort William

* B team matches.

The Civil and Military match is fixed for 25th August and England and Scotland for the 5th September.

IMPARTIAL.

Golf.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

CLEEK COMPETITION.

THIS nine-hole competition, the last on the Club's lengthy programme for the season of 1902-3, attracted a large number of players on Friday and Saturday last and produced a very keen struggle. The scoring too was very good all round, perhaps better comparatively than on any other occasion this year, seeing that players were restricted to the use of a single iron club, Mr. H. C. Begg, who is playing at the top of his game just now, proved the winner with a thoroughly sound scratch score of 44, while Mr. H. R. D. Munn came out only half a stroke behind him, and several players tied for this place at 46 net. The cards sent in were as follows:—

H C Begg	...	...	44—scr=44
H R D Munn	...	...	50—5½=44½
Rev D H Gillan	...	...	47—1 =46
T B Peterkin	...	...	47—1 =46
E H Townsend	...	...	48—2 =46
C P Lomax	...	...	49—3 =46
R D Williamson	...	...	50—4 =46
J D Guise	...	...	53—7 =46
H R Cobbold	...	...	54—7½=46½
T Drimmie	...	...	47—scr=47
N Mitchell Innes	...	...	47—scr=47
W T Reid	...	...	49—2 =47
J K Chase	...	...	53—6 =47
Major F J Drury	...	...	51 3½ 47½
C T Bartholomew	...	...	52 4½ 47½
A Wolferstin	...	...	52 4½ 47½
F H Stewart	...	...	48 scr 48
J H Hechle	...	...	51 3 48
C J Elton	...	...	53 5 48
H W Dick	...	...	55 7 48
J Stuart Smith	...	...	49 scr 49
E A Wild	...	...	51 2 49
E A Lyon	...	...	52 3 49
E A Woodhouse	...	...	54 5 49
J M Annan	...	...	56 7 49
D Pym	...	...	53 3 50
J Laidlaw	...	...	53 2 51
C D H Dunlop	...	...	59 6 53
C Engle	...	...	54 2½ 51½
N Cayley	...	...	56 3½ 52½
E W Antram	...	...	60 6½ 53½
M R Quin	...	...	59 5 54
D A Cuthbert	...	...	58 2 56

GOLF AT POONA.

THE monthly medal was played for on the 11th instant on the Yerrowda Links, the results being as follows :—

	Handicap.	Nett Score.
T B Fry	... Scr	79
Major Anderson	... Scr	82
A W Daldy	... 12	83
Captain Kemble... ...	... 9	84
C R Sandys	... 15	84
Major Young	... 7	85
Major Hill	... 7	85
Colonel M Meade ...	... 12	85
A Shuttleworth	... 18	85
Bromley ...	... 14	86
Rudkin	... 16	89

Five others sent in no returns.

GOLF IN GULMARG.

THE weather has been boisterous, yet golf flourishes as usual. On Tuesday, 7th July, we had a mixed doubles, approach and putting competition Twenty-four couples entered with light hearts and soon foozled themselves out, or broke down owing to the exertion required to mount the rises and cross the bunkers, yet the walking on the elastic turf was good. A little casual water interfered here and there. A few Haskells were lost for the benefit of the Gowlee Loys who make a good thing out of finding balls and selling them. Mrs. Laverton was "At Home" on the 14th green and most liberally supplied the exhausted golfers with requisites to replenish. Two couples came in equal: Mrs. Kaye and Capt. Bois Johnson, Miss Fryer and Capt. Pennington, with a net score of 38. In playing off the tie the latter couple won.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 17th July 1903.

THREE LENGTHS HANDICAP.—The preliminary heats in this event were put through to-day. Altogether eight competitors faced the starter and the heats were keenly contested, the handicapping being of the very best.

Mr. Henderson acted as starter and Mr. Batho as judge.

Appended are results :—

FIRST HEAT.

	Start.	Nett Time.
1 A F Cox	... 21 secs	1 min 32¼ secs
2 K M Kennedy	... 11 "	1 " 23 "
3 A E B Siddons	... 9 "	1 " 24 "
4 F T Blockley	... 19 "	1 " 37 "

SECOND HEAT.

	Start.	Nett Time.
1 G Brown	... 3 secs	1 min 18 secs
2 J Chaplin	... 20 "	1 " 36 "
3 A Stacey	... Scratch	1 " 19 "
4 N S J Wilson	... 16 secs	1 " 33¼ "

FINAL HEAT.

(Tuesday, 21st July 1903.)

A F Cox (21secs start)	... 1
K M Kennedy (11secs start)	... 2
G Brown (3secs start)	... 3
J Chaplin (20secs start)	... 4

The Story Teller

THE ENCHANTED HILL.

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IN my article on general superstitions which are current in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and other districts of Bengal that appeared some time ago in this paper, I referred *en passant* on that of the Mro-dang, and I promised to write more about it at a future date. To-day I shall redeem that promise.

Living as I have for years in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, almost as one of themselves I have naturally heard many a superstitious story or wild legend told to me by one or other of the various tribesmen. The Mugh—Mro Kyang, Banjogi, or Quaemi—people the wooded hills and dark glens of their country with many a mythic personage. To these I generally directed the conversation when, as often happened I found, myself reclining on my bedding in a tribesman's house. We seldom used tents in the tracts, marching from village to village wherever our work took us. The cleanest house, that is newest looking—for all were clean even if smoke-coloured inside—was as a rule placed at our disposal. Built on piles six or seven feet from the ground, they were always light and airy, and very comfortable. Roads there were none, no pony could have been got over the rough, almost pathless ground we had to travel so all our marches had to be done on foot, and after a ten or fifteen-mile tramp, considerably augmented by excursions off the way, after jungle fowl, pheasant, or even deer, it was very pleasant in the cold weather to listen to such stories in the evenings.

Dinner over I lie at full length on my bedding, which is spread on the springy bamboo floor, a new mat under it to keep it clean; my camp lamp turned down a bit allows the bright log fire burning on a large square of clay in the centre of the room to cast grotesque flickering shadows all over wall and roof. I sigh the sigh of tired contentment as Motoo my boy brings me my cheroots, and retires. Then one hears voices "Has the gentleman finished his meal." Then do thou Gour Sing ask "To Quay" if we may approach. That is one of those little things that is so likeable about the hill tribesmen. Be he ever so curious he will never intrude, especially at meal times. If asked to come and sit by you while you eat he will do so gladly; away will he fling his cheroot nor dream of passing any remarks on the to him strange food he sees, at least not at meal times. True at your after-dinner peg or before dinner peg he may casually remark that my bottle bears a different label, or is a different colour or shape from that I had last time I was there, and quaintly wonder if this present liquor was as good as the other; but then every man has his weakness. Money to the tribesman is dross compared to either a pretty girl or good liquor. Well, well, they are all very nice kept to their proper times and places, but keep 'em there say I. "Huzoor", says Gour Sing, "the rifles and gun are cleaned," and from a distant corner he brings them for inspection. That done with a salute he asks "if the head men may come up;" this being granted, in they troop as often as not the Roaga bringing some rice beer or honey beer—the latter is a sweet liquor and somewhat syrupy but very strong. What it is made of exactly I can't say. Whatever it was it would have hurt the feelings of the whole village to refuse it, and I always took about a wine-glass of it, though after all it was not so bad. A glass or two to the elder men of my men, with a request that the younger be allowed to finish the rice beer satisfied every one. Then perhaps a few words are spoken on my work. Then shikar is talked. Gaur, Sambhur, Tiger, Rhino, all are talked about and if there is no news then I used to refer to some hint or allusion to some belief or tale. It was under such circumstances as these that I heard the following legend. Contrary to their usual custom, for as a rule they were delighted to tell yarns, they had the greatest reluctance to talk of the hill at all. I had the greatest difficulty in hearing the whole yarn. Once or twice before I had tried to get at the reason for this particular hill being held in such veneration and dread but without success. May be my expressed intention of going up it may have induced them to tell me all they knew about it hoping it would put me off.

It was in the village of Wein-cha-lang, the Banjogi chief, that I was told it. From this village which is, or used to be on the road from Ruma, the old Sub-Div.'s head-quarters to Pyramid Hill can be seen two peculiar hills which unlike any others rise out of the centre of a large tringular valley bounded by the three then Government paths (one could hardly call them roads), from Ruma to Politye, from Ruma to Pyramid Hill, and from Pyramid hill to Poly, as we shortened Politye into. These hills are unconnected with any range, ridge, or spur or with each other. They rise like two enormous sugar loaves, truncated at the top; their tops being flat, their sides clothed in dense jungle for two thirds of the way up, then become almost bare of jungle, while at the same time becoming so steep as to seem nearly perpendicular. One of these hills is known as "Bandar Pahar" or the monkey hill. In the late sixties or early seventies Government used to have a garrison and a stockade there, but as the official orders put it the garrison was removed on account of the extreme unhealthiness of the place. If I am correctly informed there would probably have been a mutiny if the Frontier Police had not been removed. The unhealthiness was certainly there, but it took a peculiar form. Sentries were mysteriously killed. They were found dead by the guard who came to relieve them from their two hours' night watch. No wound or mark was ever found on them. No scuffle or challenge was ever heard, nor were their deaths ever satisfactorily accounted for. The corpses all bore the same distorted features as though seized with intense terror. I believe as a matter of fact that the *post mortem* reports said something about heart failure. Then as the deaths continued, the unhealthiness of the place caused it to be abandoned. Curiously enough, the night after it was left, fires and lights were seen all about its top, and a sound as of a deep booming hollow gong was heard from it at intervals throughout the night.

The other hill rejoices in the name of Mro-dang-kyang. It rises to a height of from fifteen hundred to two thousand feet. Its top appears to be almost circular, and its sides near the top are supposed to be insurmountable so precipitous are they. There is said to be one path up, though no villager could ever be found bold enough to point it out, and I doubt if any one knew it even then. No one cares to talk about this hill; it is unlucky to do so The Beings therein do not like it. Game in the valley all round it was very plentiful, from the stately elephant down to the button quail, and it is said all game there was very tame and easily shot yet never recovered. Vanishing from mortal view even after having their throats cut, if it should chance to die on any part of the Mro-dang. The Banjogi will not hunt there now; it is not good to do so they say. Many generations ago report tells of three brothers who went out after game near this place. One of them wounded a sambhur which made for this hill and eventually took refuge on its summit. Intent on following its tracks the man did not notice that he had outstripped his two brothers, or that he was going up the dreaded hill; nor did he seem to think of the impossiblity of a mortal sambhur and a wounded one at that getting over such a rough steep place. It always appeared only just to struggle on just out of reach, and in the excitement of the chase he did not reason how it managed to progress at all, though he had to tuck both spear and *dao* in his waist cloth, and used both hands as well as feet to enable him to clamber over the large boulders or ledges the deer had passed over easily At last the animal came to the top and there he contrived to seize and kill it. Waiting till he was joined by his two brothers the three proceeded to cut up the stag, with the first stroke of the knife intended to flay it, it vanished completely, though they were all holding it up to make the incision in its breast.

What happened after that they never told. They were found a day or two after by their fellow-villagers wandering about the valley. All three were blind, two were raving lunatics. Nor did the curse stop there. A year passed. On the anniversary night Boom, Boom, Boom went the sound of a deep-toned hollow gong, and again Boom, Boom, Boom and yet again thrice hummed and reverberated the solemn triple strokes through the dark night over all the land, and in the morning one of the brothers could not be found. At every new moon hereafter the warning sounds were heard and the day after his wife or one of his children died. Then two years passed. Again on the anniversary night was the supernatural gong heard, and the second man went God knows whither. In like manner month after month, new moon by new moon, by drowning, fire, by accident from man, or accident from beast, or from disease, one by one his family was carried off, and ever the fearful notes preceded their doom. The last of the three was driven out and made to live on the skirts of the village. From year to year he waited the awful summons which he knew would in some mysterious way call him from the world. Living the life of a hermit supported by the alms of the villagers, he it was who warned them again to keep away from God's hill, for the makers of the world lived there,

All this naturally increased the awe the locality was held in, and the place was shunned as though it were the mouth of the Infernal regions itself. No bamboo cutter's *dao* was ever heard in its valley, or tribesman's joom (*i.e.*, a clearing roughly cultivated) seen amidst its mazes of foliage. Solemn silence, save for the bark of a deer, or the deep gutteral call of a tiger brooded over the land and the place was left to itself desolate and mysterious. Its all but perpendicular sides appearing to guard jealously the secret of its mysterious top from the sacrilege of prying eyes. Twice a year only were its echoes disturbed save by wild animals on the new moons nearest to the shortest and longest nights of the year. On those regularly recurring occasions the dull "boom" as of heavy ordinance was heard on its summit, and rolling down its sides reverberated among the countless ranges of hills till the continuous sound secured the hoarse murmurings of an offended deity.

Man fell, woman was the tempter. Such was the history of the world at the beginning, and it has been repeating itself ever since, and will do so to the end. Years after the above adventure, the Belle of Wein-cha-lang's village unable to decide which of her numerous lovers to accept, put them to the trial of ascending Mro-dang-kyang and of felling a conspicuous large gurjeon tree that grew on the top. All refused horrified struck but one and he at last undertook the task. Many weeks the interviews he had with the blind visitant of the hill, were bowed down, then, by the weight of nearly a century of years still dragged out a miserable solitary existence. Worn out by the young man's importunate prayers to be told the way, by at last, after having bound him by a most fearful oath never to speak to mortal man on the subject, gave him advice, directions and instruction. The very night after this had been done ten three triple strokes from hill, not heard for years, buzzed and hummed through the village, chaining every one with terror to his house. When day broke it was found that the old white-haired blind man had disappeared, never again was he seen by mortal eye.

Undeterred by these unaccountable warnings the youngster still held to his purpose, and one or two mornings after started out on his awesome errand. Three days passed without a sign though there were a dozen eager watchers at the village. On the morning of the fourth the chief of these, the girl herself, as the mists rolled away, saw that the big gurjeon was no longer standing; drawing the attention of her neighbour to the fact the whole village turned out to view the gap caused by the missing tree. Some moments after while they were still gazing at it, the whole hill was seen to sway gently to and fro, the trees on it rocking like elephant grass in a gale. The sound as of a thousand rolling thunders roared down upon them. In an instant they were enveloped in a dense white fog, and at the same time hurled to the ground by a severe earthquake which by causing a landslip carried away half their village. The fog did not clear off all that day so that none could move nor eat nor drink. The morning after all, however, was as before save for the half-ruined village, and it was many days ere the homeless ones had rebuilt on safer ground. In the meantime naught had been seen of the young adventurer, but about ten days after he was discovered in the jungle at the foot of the village hill whither he said he had been led, for it was found that he too had become blind. Who had led him? That was what he would not say. How he had become blind he could not say. What had happened to him he only told in part, nor could anything induce him to divulge more than he told them on the first day of his return. Here is the story.

The first day's journey brought him to the foot of the hill, where he camped for the night. It passed without event except that an elephant came and watched him, and passed, then a gaur bull came and watched him and passed, then a sambhur came and watched him and passed, and because he had been warned by his instructor not to take life, he did not kill.

The second day found him climbing the hill, but he lost his way, and as he sat pondering what to do a boar stood in front of him, a porcupine on one side of him and a wild dog on the other, so he got up and went uphill anyhow, but nigh overtook him, and he ate cold rice and composed himself to sleep. Waking up in the morning he saw a tiger and a panther and a bear sitting not far from him. They sat and saw him depart yet did nothing. On he went, then he felt as though hundreds of eyes were peering at him. From leaf, from tree trunk, from rock he seemed to just catch vanishing faces peering at him. Large boulders of rock appeard to move out of his way. At every turn where he thought his way was blocked he would turn to go back, but suddenly a path would be seen clear ahead, but looking back he could not see a vestige of the path he had but just passed over. At length as evening approached he reached the summit which was quite flat, a thick ridge or belt of trees grew round its edges, the rest was quite bare save for short thick grass that felt like cotton to tread on, it was so soft and was like the fur of a squirrel, it was so short and close. In the centre of the summit was a lake, its waters surrounded by a steep precipitous bank some ten háths (*i.e.*, cubits) high which was pierced here and there with caves running backward from the water and mighty winds burst out of some of these. He saw too a huge cannon of stone by the lake as large as the trunk of the largest gurjeon tree; it was lying north and south. Searching about he found the tree he had to cut down, and composed himself to sleep under it. He woke just before dawn. The lake appeared to glisten and shine and heave. By this time he was very tired and wearied of his job and longed for home, so he set about felling the tree, and at every stroke it groaned like a man. Then he felt very weak, not having eaten warm food or smoked for three days and forgetting that he had been told not to light fire on any part of the sacred hill he longed for hot food and he lighted a fire, but a rushing wind came and blew it out and this happened two or three times, so he went to the shore of the lake, and getting under shelter he made fire by friction of bamboo and cane. Then as it blazed up he was suddenly seized and carried he knew not whither and there was a roar of voices. Supernatural man like, or spirit like beings came and went. They told him they were the guardians of the land. What they appeared like he could not say or would not. This they were bound to do to give notice and warning to all when the power whose rule they lived under went to war. When there was danger of the ruling power changing then would the war gongs sound and the big gun bloom out their warnings, and all who heard were to put out their fires and bury their faces in their cloths and to vacate the vicinity for a time lest evil befel them. He refused to marry the girl who had suggested the cutting of the tree, yet he married others. They were always unlucky; they never lived more than two or three months after the wedding and their short career was always marked by great misfortune. Their houses caught fire, rats ate their grain. Their crops were blighted. The girl herself was barren, a thing almost unheard of among the tribe. She grew more and more beautiful and retained her great beauty to the day of her death, but after a time no one would marry her. Since this last intrusion on the hill some say five generations have passed, and ill luck dogs the person who would ascend it.

As I have elsewhere said time and again have I made arrangements to visit it; but curious to say both I and W. (a young policeman) never could manage it, something always prevented it. There are dozens of people who have heard these curious sounds coming from the hill, sounds as of guns and infantry fire. I have heard them myself. A mail before the news of the bombardment of Alexandria arrived in Chittagong the Banjogis and others stated we might expect war and were fearful of Looshai raids because they had heard firing from the hill of the guardians. Sounds were noticed at the time of Majuba Hill, Isandula, and Ulundi. Many times have the police at Ruma thought Politye was attacked, mistaking the sounds from this hill for their firing and *vice versâ*. We have all heard of Burrisal guns. I have not yet seen a satisfactory explanation of them, but doubtless water of sorts, sea or river, causes them. Of course some one suggests volcanic action. Well, what blinded these men who went up it. Who told them to beware of fire on the hill. Hunting in its valley is unlucky and misfortune is the fate of all who seek to intrude upon it. Indeed both poor W. and I are curious examples. He never had aught but misfortune to the day of his death after trying to go up it, and as for myself a more misunderstood unlucky man I have never heard of. Wherever I do my best to make friends I make enemies, and not only that, but as surely as I make an intimate friend he is as unlucky as I, if he is not cut off in the middle of life by a violent or sudden death. Drowning, fire accident, two suicides. The worst thing that I can do to a man is to get him to become my friend. Rot—rank rot—says some one, to which I from my heart can only say I wish it was.

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FOX TERRIER TYPE.

NOW that dog shows in India appear to have come to stay; and because, of the entries at any show, more than half are usually terriers, and, of that half, more than half fox terriers, breeders in the country may well begin to turn their thoughts more seriously to home productions and to rely on what they can breed themselves rather than import at a high figure with possibly only disappointment in store. There are many advantages in this suggestion. In England, as in India, the fox terrier is, without doubt, the most popular show dog in existence, and that means that any specimen of the breed, if of any real excellence, commands a high figure. The importer, if he is unable to pick and choose for himself and has therefore to rely on the judgment and good faith of the seller by correspondence, would be wise to apply to a breeder of reputation and not to the petty dealers whose advertisements fill the papers. But in doing so, he should be prepared to pay through the nose. When really high-class fox terriers fetch prices from £200 to £500, it is obvious that the best cannot be obtained for a twenty-pound note which is about as much as most Anglo-Indian exhibitors care to give. For that figure he will obtain a pedigree dog of good blood, but by no means necessarily a show dog, probably one very far from show form, and he must be prepared to be beaten, and beaten handsomely, by the best terriers bred in the country, and apart from the expense and risks of importation, the country-bred animal has other advantages. If merely blood is required, there is already plenty of it in India. A few youngsters can be purchased at comparatively low prices, and breeding from them judiciously and with a fixed aim, and selecting the best of those bred, a useful kennel might be established without the expenditure of much capital. The specimens so bred will be acclimatised to the country, they will probably be hardier than imported dogs, they will be eligible for those classes from which imported terriers are debarred, for puppy classes, for various produce specials, and if successful the owner has the satisfaction of winning with something he has bred and reared himself. The pleasure of such a win is naturally greater than a success the result of a purchase at a high figure.

It is, however, essential that the breeder should bear clearly in mind the type and stamp of terrier he is going to try and obtain. He may very probably have heard glib allusions to the *old* type and the *new*. There is, without doubt, some foundation for this differentiation, but at the best it is only half a truth, and there are at least as many types as there are Sundays in the year. There is the small, neat, but toyish type of the days of "Trimmer" and "Bellona," when handsome markings were at a premium; and the type of coarse giants so large as to make the name "terrier" a misnomer. Fanciers found the coat too fine and bull-terrier-like, and the jacket faddists rode their hobby to an opposite extreme. Thick, dense coated terriers won, even though their coats were soft, silky, or woolly, and without a single other point of super-excellence. The "front" craze, originating in a praiseworthy attempt to eliminate heavy-chested specimens led to narrow-fronted dogs with curiously defective action. Cobby little terriers were designated "clods," and the fanciers went helter-skelter for liberty. Rabbit coursing became popular, and terriers more resembling the whippet were bred to meet the demand. Some breeders liked short legs and

passed the accompanying long backs; others set their face against long backs and bred specimens shaped like a milking stool. But it is impossible to enter into all the divisions and sub-divisions of types, they have been of all sorts and descriptions; large dogs and small and toys; broad chests and extra narrow fronts; fine hard coats and dense, soft ones; wedgy, strong heads and long, lean muzzles; compact terriers and racers; short legs, long legs; short backs, long backs; keen terriers and terriers only in name; terriers keen and able to follow a fox to earth; terriers, keen enough, but two large or ill-shaped for their occupation; and dogs with no propensity to follow if they could.

The selection of type demands some consideration. Let it by all means be carefully considered; but having arrived at it, let the one definite aim be borne steadily in view, uninfluenced by every wind of doctrine. Judges differ in their opinions, they always will differ as long as the world lasts, and too much value should not be attached to a win here and there of a different type; the most outlandish creatures have been seen with prize cards nailed above their benches, but such errors of judgment should be regarded as ephemeral, and the terrier of a well-chosen standard will win in the long run. There is a deal of luck in dog shows as in other mundane enterprises. The exhibitor cannot expect to score heavily on every occasion; but if he deserve success, it will, not all at once perhaps, but sooner or later, assuredly come. *Medio tutissimus itis* is a sound maxim to follow; avoid extremes in any direction, the extremist judge is rare in India. When the Indian judge fails, he fails usually from want of sufficient knowledge, but he is rarely a faddist. He likes a generally well-balanced taking-looking terrier, any exaggerated point, even if exaggerated in the direction of virtue, is apt to look to him peculiar. He will not lightly deal with a pronounced defect, because there is some other pronounced merit. In this respect he often differs materially from English judges. A judge, and a good one as far as Indian judges go, sent back a sterling good terrier because he happened to have a little white on the nose that no judge in England would have noticed, therefore if super-excellent merits are not attainable, avoid any little marked defects, which home judges will appraise at their value, but which the Indian judge is apt to handicap almost to disqualification.

If the reader happen to have had any acquaintance with the type of terrier bred by the late Mr. Harbidge, he could not select a better guide. "Every dog has his day" is a well-known proverb, but if any special type of terrier has had a better chance of winning than others at each and every stage of fox-terrier history, it is the type for which Mr. Harbidge was deservedly famous. Whatever the special craze of the moment, the Huntons were always likely to be there or thereabouts; and at the auction, when the above well-known kennel was dispersed, breeders all over the country, whatever their particular, and however contrary their ideas, were alike glad to obtain specimens of the Hunton blood. At the present time, there is no more successful breeder than Mr. Redmond of Totteridge, chiefly because there is no one more consistent. The man who knows what he wants is already half way towards attainment. No breeder ever placed before his mind's eye a clearer idea of his aim than has Mr. Redmond, and the extraordinary success that has attended his kennel during many years is solely due to steadfast adherence to his type. "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel," and no fox-terrier breeder has ever excelled by flitting from type to type, by rashly using this champion sire or that, merely because he happened to be a champion, irrespective of the danger of introducing undesirable blood. Whether in the case of Mr. Redmond with terriers, Mr. Laverack with setters, Mr. Booth with short-horns, pre-eminent success has been due to a steady uniformity of purpose, an unwavering adherence to a definite goal of perfection.

Let then the type be a good one and stick to it. A terrier just large enough not to be too small. Aim at good head and ears, the head points always catch a judge's eye first; but never neglect legs and feet. The greatest novice will often succeed in the matter of head at a bound, but only skill and care, and patient continuance in well-doing will ensure the legs and feet of a show terrier. Avoid wide chests, but do not exaggerate the narrow front. Pay no attention to handsome markings, but aim at symmetry of form and a terrier outlook. Let the coat be dense, but never soft; and if the wire-haired variety be the fancy, aim at a jacket that requires a minimum of trimming, no amateur can prepare a profuse coated terrier for exhibition with sufficient skill, it is an art, and the amateur should therefore aim at a jacket which the daily grooming with brush and comb will render presentable.

Do not breed too largely. It is true that a man with a choice of a hundred puppies has *cretoris paritus* a greater chance of success than one who has only ten; but puppies need a deal of care and attention. There are no facilities for "walking" puppies in India, the owner has to depend on himself alone, and it is in every way better to maintain a couple of brood bitches and do them and their offspring well than to attempt a large and partly neglected kennel. Breed on a small scale, breed only from the best attainable, and keep all puppies until it is known for certain which are the best. The expense will be less and the chances of success greater. The beginner cannot be too careful not to bite off more than he chew; or breeding too extensively, he will find he has to sell at random to reduce numbers, parting possibly with his best, or all may be badly reared and mixed beyond redemption. A fixed aim, a good eye for form, and a beginning with small begnnings will carry the novice far in a country where there are no very wealthy exhibitors, and where the professional element is entirely absent.

Special Telegrams.

THE STEWARDS' CUP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Stewards' Cup of 300 sovs (part in specie), added to a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, h ft; lowest weight not less than 6st; second to receive 50 sovs; winners of a handicap after the publication of the weights (16th July,) 4lbs, of one value 200 sovs 7lbs, of one value 500 sovs 10lbs extra; entrance 3 sovs. T. Y. C. (six furlongs). (62 subs.) Closed 23rd June.

London, *Tuesday, 28th July 1903.*

Mr. G. A. Prentice's b c DUMBARTON CASTLE, by Wolf's Crag—Chemistry, 3yrs, Madden 1

Sir J. Blundell Maples' gr c NABOT, by Le Sancy—Nighean, 4yrs, Lane ... 2

Mr. Horatio Bottomley's ch h LE BLIZON, by Xaintrailles—Sunny Queen, aged, Hare ... 3

Mr. J. B. Joel's ch c SUNDRIDGE, by Amphion—Sierra, 5yrs 0

Mr. H. J. King's b c ORCHID, by Orme—Musley Maid, 5yrs 0

Mr. A. Cohen's b h MASTER WILLIE, by St. David—Fraulein, aged 0

Herr A. Von Pechy's b c MACDONALD III, by Chislehurst—Marie, 4 yrs ... 0

Lord Carnarvon's bl h MAUVEZIN, by Rueil—Modest Martha, aged 0

Mr. A. M. Singer's ch g O'DONOVAN ROSSA, by Donovan—Symmetry, 6 yrs ... 0

Sir E. Cassell's ch c SERMON, by Friar's Balsam—Listen, 3yrs 0

Mr. W. Raphael's ch f SKYSCRAPER, by Velasquez—Chelandry, 3yrs 0

Mr. Richard Mount's b c DUKE OF MAGENTA. by McMahon—La Petite Duchesse, 4yrs 0

Mr. R. S. Sievier's b c LAVENGRO, by Ladas—Avilion, 4yrs 0

Mr. S B. Joel's ch c TIPPLER, by Juggler—Bengola, 3yrs 0

Mr Ivor E Hughes's b c ENGINEER, by Grafton—Agnes, 5yrs 0

Capt Forester's b f HACKLER'S PRIDE, by Hackler—Comma, 3yrs 0

Mr Jersey's ch f SMILAX, by Milford—Tenax, 3yrs 0

Mr G Thursby's b m INDIAN CORN, by Middleham—Indian Star, 6yrs 0

M. M. Caillaut's b c PERM, by War Dance—Peroraison, 3yrs 0

Mr F. Hardy's ch f WILD NIGHT AGAIN, by St. Hilaire—Anabasis, 4yrs ... 0

Mr L. Brassey's b c ARABI, by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser, 3yrs 0

(*Winner trained by J. Powney.*)

Betting:—4 to 1 agst Dumbarton Castle.

Won by three-quarters of a length.

Winners since 1884.

1885 Dalmeny 5y 6st 13lb (18)	1895 Wise Virgin 3y 6st 6lb (22)
1886 Crabton 4y 7st 11lb (25)	1896 Chasseur 4y 8st 5lb (24)
1887 Upset 4y 6st 3lb (23)	1897 Amphora 4y 8st 8lb (23)
1888 Tib 5y 6st 7lb (21)	1898 Altesse 4y 8st 4lb (15)
1889 Dog Rose 6y 7st 13lb (18)	1899 Northern Farmer 5y 7st 6lb (19)
1890 Marvel 3y 7st 6lb (22)	1900 Royal Flush a 7st 13lb (19)
1891 Unicorn 3y 6st 2lb (24)	1901 O'Donovan Rossa 4y 7st (28)
1892 Marvel 5y 8st 8lb (30)	1902 Mauvezin 6y 8st 2lb (23)
1893 Medora 3y 6st 12lb (19)	
1894 Gangway 4y 8st 7lb (21)	

THE GOODWOOD PLATE.

THE Goodwood Plate (handicap) of 800 sovs, by subscription of 20 sovs each, 10 ft, or 5 sovs only if declared by Tuesday, 21st July; lowest weight not less than 6st; winners of any handicap after the declaration of the weights (July 15) or any other race value 500 sovs 7lbs, of any race value 1,000 sovs or any two handicaps 10lbs extra; second to receive 50 sovs and third to save subscription. Two miles. (33 entries.) Closed 2nd June.

London, *Wednesday, 29th July 1903.*

Mr. H. E. Randall's b r g GENIUS, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs, Randall ... 1

Prince Soltykoff's blk c COAL SACK, by Gold—Black Star, 4yrs, Watts ... 2

Duke of Portland's b r c FRIAR TUCK, by Friar's Balsam—Substitute, 4yrs, M. Cannon 3

Mr. G. Thursby's b c VENDALE, by The Bard—Water Lily, 4yrs 0

Mr. H. J. King's br c PRINCE FLORIZEL, by Florizel II.—Good Hope, 4yrs ... 0

Sir E. Cassel's b c LOVAT, by Love Wisely—Hildesheimer, 3yrs 0

Mr. A. Hamblin's br g PERDICUS, by Pontiac—Hope IV, 6yrs 0

Mr. Horatio Bottomley's bl f SWEET DIXIE, by Sir Dixon—Brenda, 5yrs ... 0

M. B. Gottschalk's ch m EMILY MELTON, by Melton—Sundew, 6yrs 0

Mr. George Edwardes's br g SHAUN DHUV, by Candlemas—Moonflower, 5yrs ... 0

(*Winner trained by Sadler, junior.*)

Betting: 100 to 14 agst. Genius.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a length between second third.

Winners since 1885.

1886 Winter Cherry 3 5st 7lb (7)	1891 Spindle Leg 4y 6st 13lb (8)
1887 Carlton 4y 9st (5)	1895 Campanajo 3y 7st (7)
1888 Stourhead a 7st 11lb (12)	1896 Carlton Grange 4y 7st 7lb (6)
1889 Ingram 4y 7st 11b (6)	1897 Gluten 4y 7st 11b (7)
1890 Papyrus 4y 7st 12lb (14)	1898 Marius II 5y 7st 12lb (7)
1891 White Feather 3y 6st 10lb (6)	1899 Merman a 9st (10)
1892 Ralph Neville 5y 7st 12lb (9)	1900 Jiffy II 5y 7st 9lb (10)
1893 Red Eyes 4y 8st 11b (8)	1901 Avidity 5y 7st 6lb (14)
	1902 Templemore 4y 7st 8lb (10)

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

THE (76th) Liverpool Cup of 1,200 sovs, 50 sovs in plate and the rest in specie; second to receive 125 sovs, and the third 50 sovs, by subscription of 25 sovs each, 15 ft, and 3 only if declared by Tuesday next; a handicap; winners after 2nd July at 1 P.M., of any two races or of one value 200 sovs, or of a handicap of any race value 4lbs, of a handicap value 300 sovs or of any race value 400 sovs 6lbs, of two handicaps of any value or of one handicap value 400 sovs 10lbs extra, but winners of races of less distance than one mile or of any selling race to carry only half of the foregoing penalties respectively. Cup Course, one mile and three furlongs. (43 entries.) Closed 2nd June.

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Mr J S Crawford's b h CAPTAIN KETTLE, by Buccaneer—Commette, 6yrs, 7st 5lbs ... 1
Mr F Bibby's PAIN-BIS, by Breadknife—Pansy, 3yrs, 6st 11lbs 2
Sir E Cassel's br h HANDICAPPER, by Matchmaker—Agnes Osborne, 5yrs. 9st ... 3
Mr C Mynor's b c SELKIRK, by Fernandez—Oubliette, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs 0
Mr W Goodchild's b m SCULLION, by St Florian—Cinder, 5yrs. 8st 8lbs 0
Lord Howard de Walden's ch f GLASS JUG, by Isinglass—Amphora, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs ... 0
Mr Jackson Clark's br c HAPPY MEDIUM, by Wiseman—Larkaway, 4yrs, 7st 13lbs ... 0
Mr M L Hearn's br f BUSHEY BELLE, by Bushey—Lady Atheling, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs ... 0
Mr W G Langland's b f NOBLESSE, by Raeburn—Noble Countess, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ... 0
Mr Arthur James, br c SHELL MARTIN, by Florizel II—Bentesta, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs ... 0

(*Winner trained by A. Cort.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Captain Kettle, 9 to 2 Handicapper, 25 to 1 Pain-Bis.

Won by half a length; a length and a half between second and third.

WINNERS SINCE 1885.

1886 Middlethorne 6y 8st 8lb (14)
Perdita II 5y 7st 8lb ran a dead-heat.
1887 Castor 4y 7st 8lb (7)
1888 Satiety 8y 8st 7lb (8)
1889 Veracity 5y 8st (14)
1890 Father Confessor 5y 8st 8lb (8)
1891 Rathbeal 4y 8st 11b (8)
1892 Nunthorpe 6y 8st 11lb (9)
1893 Simonian 5y 7st 9lb (7)
1894 Son of a Gun 4y 7st 3lb (9)
1895 Bushey Park 6y 7st 13lb (8)
1896 Canterbury Pilgrim 3y 7st 5lb (8)
1897 Braybead 3y 6st 6lb (6)
1898 Dinna Forget 6y 8st 7lb (6)
1899 Easthorpe 6y 6st 4lb (11)
1900 Skopos 4y 8st (9)
1901 Mount Prospect a 8st 10lb (11)
1902 Glasalt 4y 8st (6)

Sporting Notes.

THE Ooty Hunt Races have been fixed for the 22nd and 25th September. Proceedings on the first day will be on the Ootacamund Race Course, but on the second day at Cocky's Course. An attractive card has been issued for both days. The first day's programme will comprise the Hobart Park Purse, the Stand Plate, the Ladies' Plate, the Transvaal Stakes and the Scurry. The Ootacamund Hunt Cup will be held on the second day when there will also be the Ladies' Point-to-Point Race, the Pony Point-to-Point Race, the Ladies' Pony Point-to Point Race, the Horse Steeplechase, the Pony Steeplechase and the Medium Stakes.

An advertisement in our Sporting Announcement columns tells us that the Bengal Polo Tournament, under the *ægis* of the Calcutta Polo Club, will commence on the 11th January 1904. For other particulars we refer our readers to the advertisement itself.

Owing to heavy rain the Poona First Extra Meeting, fixed for last Saturday, had to be postponed to yesterday. We give brief details in our telegraphic summary of the racing, reserving a full report for next week.

We are glad to hear that Colonel the Hon'ble Baring's scheme for extending and improving Annandale (Simla) is expanding in a remarkable manner, and the project now comprehends the possible construction of a funicular railway.

The rules of the Calcutta Turf Club, with certain alterations, are likely to be adopted at the meeting of the Ceylon Turf Club convened for the 14th proximo.

We publish again to-day the prospectus of the Poona Races and Steeplechases, and draw special attention to the fact that the date of the fourth day's races has been altered from the 30th September to the 1st October.

The English horse Bundook, more by good luck than by good management, has arrived in Calcutta, and those who have seen him pronounce him a three cornered, herring-gutted, weedy looking gee, who has landed in poor condition, having been left to the mercies of the ship's butcher throughout the voyage!

Not much work to record this week on the Calcutta course. On Saturday the track was not open as being a bit too sloppy, and in consequence trainers had to quest where they could for a suitable *locale* for anything approaching fast work. Kellnerin and Corick went along five furlongs a nice working gallop and Metalwing and Yuletide from Mr. Bell Irving's string both did some three-quarter speed work, the former six and the latter five furlongs inside the course. Little or no schooling took place, Moss Rose and a black pony went over four flights. The former is looking well and will take a bit of beating when the going is nice and deep. Loch Arden went a school alone jumping in good style, but taking matters in his usual easy-going way. Mulwala and the chestnut went a short school, the former's jumping being an improvement on anything he has shown us so far. Old Marwari was out hacking, indeed this is all we have seen him do so far and we gather that he cannot be intended for any of the first three meetings.

On Tuesday the course was again closed, though whether this was due to regard for the hay crop or merely because the baboo had not got up early enough we are unable to say. Anyway the going would have been excellent. As it was the fast work was distributed to the four winds of heaven, some horses going on the Ellenborough which was a bit on the hard side and some lobbing in and out of the nullahs on the big maidan. On the inside of the course we saw Loch Arden go a couple of short spurts, Metalwing covered seven furlongs three-quarter speed and Yuletide did a nice six-furlong spin. Mr. Galstaun's two browns went a spurt and Mulwala and the chestnut went a full school. The former who is improving every day was too hot for his companion and Smallman left the other standing after clearing the culvert. The Captain went over a couple of flights jumping in his usual neat style. On the Ellenborough we saw Mr. Pugh's Beeswing [illegible] going slow work. She still wears her habitual somewhat hungry look we notice, and her manners do not seem to be greatly improved. Mocassin was also doing slow work here together with Warrigal and most of Wishart's lot. We are promised a look at the gate to-morrow and Friday and provided the baboo can be persuaded to leave his downy couch in time we may see some education at that part of the business.

The Murree Dog Show will be held on the 13th August, entries closing on the 6th idem.

First entries for the Meerut Autumn Meeting close on Saturday, the 1st August.

With the object of obtaining a larger number of country-bred remounts than heretofore for British Cavalry, the Government have authorised the purchase for the stock run at Mona at nine months' age and upwards of young stock which may show any likelihood of developing into British Cavalry remounts.

Mr. A. Milton left Calcutta last week and sailed for England in the *Persia* last Saturday. He has long needed a change to the old country—we believe we are correct in saying that it is nearly a quarter of century since he set foot on English soil. We wish him (and all who know him join in the wish) as much fun as he can squeeze into his short holiday and we hope to see him back again before the cold weather as fit and chirpy as ever.

The Paris Zoological Gardens was the scene of a tragedy early this month. The keeper of the hippopotamus entered its cage for the purpose of cleaning it, when the animal suddenly rushed at him and pinning him with its huge head crushed him. The beast was eventually driven off by other keepers and the unfortunate man who was sixty-two years of age, taken to hospital. He was in a horrible condition, nearly all his bones were crushed and he died in a few minutes.

"Murderous millinery" is the highly appropriate (if opprobious) term, lately invented to designate the borrowed plumes that pass for women's hats and bonnets in the present day. So ruthless and incessant has been the slaughter of gulls in the vicinity of Flamborough Head that the East Riding County Council in conjunction with the Humanitarian League, have presented a Bill to Parliament praying that a fine of £5 be levied on both vendors and *wearers* of the plumage of scheduled birds; Herons and Kingfishers are included. The pot-shooters aver that the birds are becoming so numerous as to menace the fish supply. The protectionists hold opposite views, so if a committee of enquiry is granted, there'll be some tall special pleading on either side.

The *Pioneer* writes.—The news of a tiger at Etawah, and in the middle of July, seems more like an extract from the chronicles of 1803 than a possibility of these days of ever scarcening shikar. The groves of St. John's Wood would have seemed as likely to harbour a Royal Bengal as those bare Jumna-side ravines, with their sparse jungle of babul and bushes. Nevertheless a tiger was bagged there a few days ago within a couple of miles of the station in circumstances just as sporting as if the encounter had taken place in the heart of the Terai. It appears that for some time back a part of the ravine land has been taken up as a reserve by a Cawnpore firm for growing babul trees for tanning purposes. Now a tiger from the other side of the river had observed the peace and quietude that had come to reign over this spot, and overlooking its deficiencies as jungle for the sake of these advantages, determined to settle there. He came across accordingly some time last year, tried the place, and liked it so much that he determined to go back to his old country and see if he could persuade a handsome young tigress whom he knew to share his retreat. He was successful in his suit, and just when the story of a tiger ever having been in the locality was beginning to be dismissed as a myth, the people of the neighbourhood discovered that they were entertaining two. A few months passed by and the appearance of certain small tracks on the sand beside the big ones testified to the fact that the couple had become parents. With the increase of their family their appetites increased amazingly, and the ravages amongst the Etawah cattle became past a joke. However, all attempts to waylay them, whether by driving or sitting up, had failed up to the end of last week, when news was brought to Mr. Mardon, the Collector, that they had been marked down in a particular quarter of the reserve. Mr. Mardon went to the spot with a friend, and finding after following the tracks some way that they diverged, proposed that they should each follow one trail. He himself had not gone far when he was charged by the tigress, but having a bush between did not shoot. The tigress, however, was determined on fighting, and came at him again from another direction, when he turned her with a shot in the shoulder. Nevertheless she went off strong, and Mr. Mardon after a time gave up the chase, but handing his rifle to his shikari told him to follow the tracks. Unfortunately as generally happens a number of unauthorised lookers on joined in. They found the tigress eventually, apparently lying dead, and one of these men foolishly approached her, tapping the ground with his stick. The tigress could not stand this, and jumping up seized the man by the thigh and would have carried him off, but she was too far gone, and as she dropped him again a shot from the shikari finished her. Whether her family will now quit the place, or whether we shall have to chronicle "more tiger-shooting at Etawah" remains to be seen.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—The Bangalore racing season proper is now over, although it is to be hoped that we may get a day's sport from time to time. Most of the jockeys, trainers and book-makers here are, however, moving on to Poona almost at once, and they celebrated their departure by issuing invitations for a race ball at the Bowring Institute which, taking place on the 21st instant, was a great success. Many of the upper ten thousand in Bangalore were present, including a large contingent of officers, and the guests in all must have numbered well over a hundred. The music supplied by the band of the 4th Madras Pioneers was excellent, and about mid-night a most *recherché* supper was provided to which ample justice was done. Oscar Dignum, the "oldest trainer in India," as he in very truth is, was foremost in the promotion of the function and in his subsequent efforts to see that everyone enjoyed themselves, whilst Mrs. Dignum kindly undertook the arduous duties of hostess. It was about 3-30 A. M. when the last guest departed, and it may be finally remarked that everything was done regardless of expense, and in the most liberal manner.

Mr. O' Shaughnessy, President of the Bowring Institude, made a short speech thanking the generous hosts for their hospitality and good fellowship, and specially mentioned the names of Mr. and Mrs. Dignum.

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An American hailing from Boston, Mass., intends to travel to the Arctic regions on an automobile. He proposes to reach a point in Norway 600 miles north of Christiania, after an extensive European tour, and to drive the entire distance, except, of course, the waterways, on his motor. He carries the flag of the Massachusetts Automobile Club, which he intends to deposit at the most northern point reached, obtaining a receipt for it, with the understanding that it will be surrendered to any member of the club who beats the record. What a blithering crank!

It is reported that the shooting of the new Army rifle has been pronounced very unsatisfactory by expert riflemen. The shortening of the barrel by five inches having been found to reduce its range, an extra twist was put in the rifling with the result that there was extra recoil when the rifle was fired. To lessen this trouble the muzzle was slightly opened, and this has, it is said, also affected the shooting. The reduction of the length of the barrel, too, has made a difference in the sighting, as might naturally be expected. In consequence of the adverse opinions that have been expressed, the production of the new weapon has been, practically, suspended pending further experiments.

Some particulars of the Birmingham Air Gun Club movement may be interesting to our readers. The amalgamated clubs, of which there are at least 350, numbering 14,000 members, are controlled by the Birmingham and District United Air Gun Association. The members are armed with various air-guns, costing from 15s. to £2 2s. each. The shot costs 10d. per thousand; so it can be seen that this sport is not recklessly extravagant. The target has a bull three-eighths of an inch in diameter, which counts five, a half-inch radius from centre, counting four, one-inch radius from centre, to count three, and 1½in. radius from centre, to count two. The clubs are formed into leagues of at least sixteen clubs each, who compete against each other once each week from September till May, the winning team counting two points; and at the end of the season the winners and runners-up of each league are entitled to compete for the Association Trophy, on similar lines as the English (Football) Cup, the actual winners to be the champions of the Association and holders of the trophy for one year, each member being presented with a solid gold medal with a suitable engraving. Almost the whole of these clubs are held on licensed premises, where a range of at least six yards can be obtained.

Our Poona tout writes:—Hoping against hope the decision to hold or otherwise the First Extra Meeting on Saturday, 25th, was deferred till Friday, when a clearing in the sky gave promise of a fair day to dry the course which the recent heavy falls of rain had rendered sticky. But rain fell over-night and on Saturday morning the Stewards decided not to hold the meeting till Wednesday. The Bombay "special" was cancelled, but quite a number of trippers drove down to Victoria terminus with suit-cases only to have to return to their desks disappointed, at the turn of affairs and heaping anathemas on the devoted head of that irresponsible being, the clerk of the weather, who last year indulged in a similar prank. With a break in the weather candidates will get a couple of winding up gallops which was impossible with the course as sticky as a ploughed field. In the end this postponement will result in more exciting finishes based on form rather than on capacity to flounder through mud.

Most sportsmen will hear with regret that Mr. Percy Fischer that good all-round athlete and sportsman has been laid up for some weeks and is now in St George's Hospital at Bombay. He took a chill at Belgaum and on going down to Bangalore had to take to his bed and was unable to see his ponies run at the meeting. He was suffering from a small abscess on his liver which burst the day he was leaving Bangalore for Bombay under the advice of the doctors and when he arrived at the latter place he was conveyed straight to St George's Hospital, where he still remains under treatment. He is very weak, but when I saw him there on Saturday he was very cheerful and was doing the honours of the sickroom to a large number of callers during the visiting hour. He will most probably have to remain on the shelf for a few weeks and when he is up again will have to go a bit more *astee* then was is wont, for even iron constitutions want careful treatment after a bout of serious illness. We could ill spare so good a rider and sportsman generally and it is pleasant to note that what might have proved a serious illness has turned out to be less dangerous than might have been the case.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—In connection with the case of running *amok* in one of the Native Infantry Regiments which I referred to in a previous note there was considerable excitement the other day over the rumour that the murderer was discovered floating in a well not far from the regimental lines, and popular feeling was mixed between rejoicing at the discovery and regret that so foul a young miscreant should have been permitted by Providence to have so comparatively peaceful an ending. The regimental authorities proceeded to extract the "deader"—none too pleasing a task since it was in an advanced state of decomposition—only to discover that it was the corpse of a native butler! The civil authorities to whose lot the mephitic task of extraction would ordinarily have fallen smiled sweetly I hear while gratefully acknowledging safe receipt of the late lamented. Meanwhile the obnoxious young coward is still at large, a fact not very creditable to those concerned, considering how short a start the murderer got. I am not usually of a blood-thirsty disposition, but I must confess that I would consider few deaths too painful or ignominious for an ignominious brute of that description who on the most trivial pretext deliberately took away a fellow casteman and brother soldier's life.

The proceedings of the Poona Polo executive in connection with the forthcoming Tournament have not, I gather, met with unalloyed satisfaction. As all the polo world knows the handsome trophy to be contested for in the big tournament was presented by the present Maharaja of Idar, better known to the world perhaps under his former name of Sir Pertab Singh, than whom no more courteous gentlemen nor more genuine sportsman exists. Those who have the privilege of knowing His Highness can readily imagine that, while earnestly intending his handsome gift as an encouragement of the game in its highest form, he would be the last man in the world to impose conditions, just as I fear he may be among the first to regret that any petty condition should be imposed. Here in Poona we not unnaturally expect the best of everything and in many matters get worse. Medicority wearies us. We can get that anywhere. We have got the highest class of racing by the sound and liberal policy of inducing the highest class of race horses to compete. It was accordingly a matter of regret to many good sportsmen to find that the Poona Polo executive had in framing the conditions of the big tournament for the trophy presented by a native, thought themselves justified in closing the contest to native teams!

To call the tournament (in the face of such a restriction) an *Open* Tournament was an absurdity which necessarily courted derisive criticism so obviously applicable that presumably to avoid further ridicule the name has, it will be noticed, been changed from *Open* to *Senior*? But this after all seems but a very paltry step in the right direction. The main restriction of closing it to native teams still exists and so long as it does exist unpleasant reflections cannot but arise. By all means let Poona Polo players have local or closed tournaments to their heart's content. But (quite apart from the question of the sporting instinct which excluded native teams from contesting for a cup presented by a native) the better class of polo player and the Polo-loving public certainly expect that at least once a year the executive should provide us with an exhibition of the best and most scientific modern Polo. In excluding native teams the public are at once debarred from witnessing the highest class of Polo and surely one such game is far more worth the watching than many of inferior skill and science. Nor is it by playing against opponents of mediocrity that a team can hope to rise to form of the highest quality. In any case the public of Poona, in the Poona season, have a right to ask for the best and expect it to be given to them.

There is a rush on Poona stabling just now such as has never as yet been known to the oldest inhabitant, and where on this wicked earth all the blood horses that are flowing in are to be accommodated it is really difficult to imagine. C. Bleach I believe has already got his string scattered over half of Ghorpuri, and now Carabine and Mr. Bass' new pony will require situable apartments.

Jimmy Robinson is looking after a few horses. Tom Scott has several horses coming in a day or two. Mr. Spooner Hart's collection of quality to the number of fifteen or more are shortly arriving from Bangalore—a new departure to be warmly welcomed, and Jack Scott has his usual extensive yet select stablefull coming as soon as the weather makes travelling for his aristocratic and fastidious charges feasible—with the usual large stables of (in addition to Bleach) Andrew Clarke, the ever green, and Tommy Tingey, an almost longer *habitué* of Indian race-courses, Byramjee, the astute Zoroastrian, Kendall with his wonderfully warm lot with which he so often plays the winning card, Potter—the Australian trainer (at present making a start in Sunny Ind and to whom one may safely wish all success), Beasley—a name to conjure with in Ireland at any rate—who has a few very likely looking ones to bring out, "country-bred" Mahomed, Churchward, Cowell and Ivemy. These with the large owner-trained stables of Aga Shamsudin (who in the preparation of His Highness the Aga Khan's and his own horses has nothing to learn from the most accomplished) and Ali bin Talib, and several other smaller European and native amateur trainers necessarily means a strain on stabling which it is only to be hoped will bear it! Any enterprising landlord who took advantage of the several suitable sites near the course and built thereon neat houses with ample stabling on modern lines could make no mistake. But is there such a thing as a liberal-minded landlord? Like the black swan he is a rare bird on this earth.

Tom Scott carries a great bloom after his trip to *la belle France* and is full I hear of reminiscences and anecdotes of an interesting and instructive description. Of French chasers he has not exalted opinion and holds that there was nothing in France to make the late lamented Record Reign gallop over a chase course and declares the way the old horse "slid over them" was a revelation to the furriners. The fences at Auteuil, as indeed many of us know, though immaculate in appearance (being kept beautifully trimmed) are by no means formidable, and this naturally was all in favour of a flat racer like Record Reign, who was not inclined to waste valuable time in pretending to be a flying machine as some chasers do. The management of the best French courses is, however, Scott is of opinion, infinitely better than the majority of (indeed of almost any) English courses, where so often all is "crush and confusion." Like everyone else he is struck with the almost magical improvements effected in the Poona course, stand and enclosures by probably the greatest wizard of all race secretaries, Mr. Cecil Gray, and indeed I can safely guarantee that visitors, even of last season, will open their eyes in astonishment at the marvellous and practical improvements that have been effected.

Walkimania has reached Poona and the Oxford Light Infantry have been the first to be attacked, the complaint showing itself in a very sporting ten or eleven-mile walk, in which three score brave soldier boys came to the scratch. Starting at the Wanowrie Guard Room cross roads, past the Roman Catholic chapel and so past the Buffs' Barracks and polo ground across the level crossing, where some of the pedestrians got stuck by closed gates, over Bund Bridge, past the College of Science and Sappers and Miners' Lines and over Holkar's Bridge, skirting Kirkee and into the Bombay Trunk Road, past the Sassoon Hospital and home to Barracks. The first man, Private King, did the journey (and it is a long eleven miles I gather) in 1-54½ with Private Smith 30 seconds only behind him; Lance-Corporal Dancey 2 minutes behind being the only three to cover the distance under two hours.

The Bangalore Polo Tournament for the Cup presented by H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore opens on the 3rd August, when the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers play "B" Team of the Carabiniers and the Durham Light Infantry will be opposed by "A" Team of the Carabiniers. On the 4th proximo the 4th (Q. O.). Hussars meet the Q. O. Sappers and Miners, and the 1st Madras Lancers try conclusions with the Bangalore Gymkhana. The Semi-finals will be played on Thursday, the 6th proximo, and the final on the Saturday following, both these latter days' play taking place on the beautiful ground belonging to H. H. the Maharaja near the palace.

Two extra days' racing are announced for the 6th and 8th proximo in Bangalore. Ferguson leaves for Poona to-morrow and Melsom, the English jockey with most of the other professional riders,

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has already gone. But Dignum and Watson will probably not appear in Poona for a week or two yet at least, and there is a rumour that the former may not go.

Athletic Notes.

Surrey beat Somersetshire by 246 runs on the 22nd instant, Yorkshire defeated Notts by 164 runs, Essex beat Derbyshire by 232 runs, Leicestershire was beaten by Worcestershire by an innings and 10 runs, and the matches between Gloucestershire, and Lancashire and Middlesex were drawn.

Our London Sporting Letter this week contains full details of the Amateur Athletic Association Championship Meeting, the Henley Regatta, and the cricket matches between the 'Varsities and the Gentlemen and Players.

A walking match was included in the programme of the Oxford Light Infantry monthly sports held at Poona on the 21st instant. The course was about 11 miles, Private King was first covering the distance in 1hr. 54½ mins. Private Smith was second half a minute behind.

The assistants of Messrs. Hall and Anderson and the Army and Navy Stores, Calcutta, had a walking match last Friday evening. Thirteen competitors were started off at 9-30. Messrs. Hall and Anderson being represented by Messrs. Russell, Robinson, Robertson, Rackham, Peregrine and Gibbons, and the Army and Navy by Messrs. Davey, Davis, Smith, Harvey, Cameron, Hill and Vincent. The judges were Messrs. More and Scotney, and the starters and time-keepers Messrs. Lewis and Leeson. The course was about 3½ miles starting from Chowringhee, opposite the Army and Navy Stores, Cathedral Road, past the Presidency Hospital and Jail, Race Course, Kidderpore Road, Red Road, Mayo Road, and back again into Chowringhee, finishing at the Army and Navy Stores. Robinson and Robertson kept the lead the whole way, the former winning in 44mins. 30secs. with Robertson next in 44mins. 50 secs. Russell 45mins. 44 secs; Davis 45mins. 50 secs., Rackham, Vincent, Cameron, Peregrine, Harvey, Gibbons and Davey. From the result it will be seen that Messrs. Hall and Anderson's team had an easy win.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes :—

Although not entirely serious as a cricket function, a match which took place here on Tuesday, the 21st, may be mentioned as being a novelty and productive of good fun, and in the hope that it may become an annual affair. A side of trainers, jockeys, bookmakers and journalists, captained by the well-known G. R., Captain Randall, played the "Bangalore Owners." The Owners batted first and totalled 121, but the "professional men," although at one time their chances looked black passed this by 17 runs and were accordingly victorious. Melsom and Bennett, two midgets, who together scarcely total thirteen stone batted first for the professionals and caused considerable amusement. Odds were offered that they did not make a run between them, but Melsom hit the second ball he received to the boundary amidst loud applause and the layers of odds were discomfited. Ferguson, the well-known trainer, proved himself most useful both with bat and ball, and there were several others in the team who shaped wonderfully well considering that they were out of practice.

The new cycle track at the Stafford House grounds will probably be completed in another month or so. It will measure exactly four laps to the mile and spectators will be able to watch the racing throughout. As the track is at present constructed, the riders are lost sight of for about a couple of hundred yards. A meeting of the Cycle Racing Committee will be held shortly, at which accounts for the late meeting will be closed, and programmes of future garrison and open meetings framed.

Not for a long time have the Amateur Athletic Championships at home been so singularly devoid of interest as was the case this year. For the smallness of the entries there may have been several causes, one, we do not hesitate to say, being that the *venue* was Northampton instead of London. It is impossible not to sympathise with the desire of the A.A.A. to foster athleticism in the provinces by holding the championships alternately in London, the North, and the Midlands, but if success alone were aimed at we have no doubt the metropolis would always be the scene of action. In so saying we have not the least intention of decrying the Northampton track, which is an excellent one in all respects, and was in such splendid condition on the 4th instant that everything was in favour of fast times.

As regards the class of the competitors two stood out by themselves, Duffy and Shrubb, as our readers have already learnt from our special telegram. The American gained his fourth consecutive triumph in the Hundred Yards, having each time done "evens." This is a record for the event, for, though C. A. Bradley proved successful on four occasions, he was twice two yards outside level time. The Georgetown University man may, therefore, be truthfully written down as the finest sprinter of the many who have taken part in this race. Running in his very best form Shrubb, in addition to repeating previous triumphs in the Four Miles, gratified his ambition by carrying off the Mile. He was fortunate in not having much to beat, for according to advices "Joe" Binks was overtrained. A noteworthy victory was that of the Oxonian, G. R. Garnier, in the Hurdles, for his time of 15⅕secs. has only been beaten at these sports by Kranzlein. The new event in the programme, the 220 yards, resulted in somewhat of a *fiasco*, for Wadsley, who would doubtless have won but for being shut in, was disqualified in his heat for jostling, while in the final Tremeer had to ease up owing to his shoe bursting. This gave the victory to the Small Heath Harrier, G. F. Brewill, while with Wadsley refusing to turn out for the Quarter, that event fell to C. McLachlan, of the Herne Hill Harriers. There was a new walking champion in E. J. Negus, of the Northampton A. C., while local talent had another turn when the veteran, S. J. Robinson, recalled former triumphs in the Steeplechase. The so-called "field" events were practically walks-over, and competition throughout was by no means so keen as is usual at this fixture.

The principal cycle race meeting in the London district on 4th July was the Polytechnic Racing Festival at the Crystal Palace track. The most important item on the programme was the match between four members of the promoting club and four selected French amateurs. The match was decided in four heats of one mile each so as to allow every rider to compete against each member of the opposing team, and the result was a decisive victory for the English team, who won by 14 points to 26. A. S. Ingram, who captained the Poly. men and won the first and third heats, was mounted on a Dunlop tyred safety.

The following warning to a player, who was to figure in a recent football match at Mandalay, was published by the local paper on the day of the match :—"A warning to A. Seth. Will Seth ask apology to the sufferers who were kicked by him on the football ground near the line, or he shall have a severe assault as revenge on the same place he did. Is it very polite to kick the subscribers? We Burmans don't care the crime if they are in rage. The onlookers shall see Seth's head broken instead of football match sooner." The writer of the warning, who omitted to sign his name of course, simply asked our contemporary to "publish the above, or you will hear Seth's head broken."

We agree with *Sporting Sketches* in the following remarks :—

"Although inundated with offers of photographs, we have steadfastly refrained from publishing any illustrations of the recent "great Motor Race" in Ireland. It is, perhaps, a matter of opinion, but how contests between machines of this description can be described as "sport" we altogether fail to see. As well might trials of speed between steam-engines or trans-atlantic steamers claim a right to the definition, which of late years has been in some danger of being considerably abused. That any good purpose is served by races of this description may seriously

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be doubted, and though there were no serious casualties, as on the occasion of a similar contest in France, this may have been due as much to luck as any other cause, seeing that several of the cars were disabled."

The Poona Gymkhana will hold their Open Challenge Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournament between the 14th and 19th September. Entries close on the 9th September. Further particulars can be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary for Lawn Tennis and Badminton Poona Gymkhana Club.

On Wednesday 22nd instant, at the Calcutta Swimming Baths, Mr. K. M. Kennedy made a successful attempt to secure the 100 yards silver time badge. He covered the distance in 1 minute 20¼ seconds, almost 5 seconds within the limit allowed.

General Notes.

THE Grand Master and the Knights of the Order of the Black Heart are giving a Fancy Dress Ball at the Town Hall, Simla, on the 18th August.

It is with regret we hear that as the result of a severe fall while playing polo Second Lieutenant A. L. Smeaton, 18th Bengal Lancers, died at Nowgong last week.

There has been heavy rain on the line between Palia and Indore of the Malwa section of the Rajputana-Malwa Railway. The line was washed away causing the derailment of an engine and eight wagons, and also capsizing three wagons.

Mr. C. R. Newton, Chairman of the Kurseong Municipality, died at the Eden Sanitarium, Darjeeling, last Sunday. Mr. Newton had had his arm amputated on Thursday on account of blood poisoning brought on from an insect bite. The funeral took place at Kurseong on Monday.

Congratulations to Bishop Whitehead of Madras, that popular divine and eminent wicket-keeper, on his engagement to Miss Duncan, the only daughter of the Rev. Canon Duncan, Vicar of Calve and Prebendary of Sarum Cathedral. His old friends in the Ballygunge Cricket Club wish him all good luck.

Mr. F. DeLassoe, British Agent with Sirdar Ayub Khan for thirteen years met with an untimely end at Copenhagen. In his room among a number of Oriental curios was a finely carved pistol which was always loaded. A friend, examining the weapon, accidently touched the trigger and the bullet lodged in Mr. DeLassoe's chest. After three days' suffering the injury proved fatal.

Lieutenants Plant and Rickford, lately attached to the Essex Regiment, have been charged with cheating by bogus cheques on Grindlay, Groom and Co. in favour of many prominent Bangalore firms. The prisoners were arrested in Calcutta and taken back to Bangalore. The Commanding Officer of the Essex Regiment has no objection to the prisoners being tried by civil power, so the District Magistrate has ordered their detention in military custody and will take up the case on the 13th instant.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* tells a good story from India:—An American globe-trotter, dining with a gentleman in Calcutta, was asked if Americans were interested in India. The American assured him that such was the case, and said, "One day I met a lady I knew in the cars, and I handed her a newspaper in which was a paragraph headed India and Lord Curzon." She settled down to read it with close attention. I remarked to her, 'You seem interested in that item about India.' 'Yes,' she said, 'I am. When that young man came out here and married Mary Leiter, I always said she would make something of him—and she has.'

Basing itself on the authority of the naturalist, Kropotkin, "Science Siftings" says that parrots are the cleverest of all birds. They have such a well-organised police system that no other species of bird ever ventures to attack them, and they invariably die of old age. The grey parrot is called the "bird-man" by the savages. This bird is not only intelligent, but extremely affectionate as well. If one of his mates is killed by a hunter, he will at once fly to the body, and, uttering loud cries of grief, allow himself to be captured without resistance. The grey parrot has even been known to die in one of these outbursts of violent grief.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 10th July 1903.*

I MUST begin this week with an apology for a slip of the pen in my last letter by which I awarded the honour and glory of first place in the Irish Motor-car race to the Chevalier de Knyff instead of to the rightful owner, M. Jenatzy. When my careless mistake suddenly dawned upon me a few hours after my letter was posted, three reflections were my only consolation. *First*, that such an obvious mistake could mislead no one; *second*, that the chances were about a billion to one against M. Jenatzy ever knowing of the wrong unwittingly done him; and last—but by no means least—that even if he did know of it, he would probably not make an international affair of it. Nevertheless I hereby humbly apologise.

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Desiring to do my small part towards cementing *l'entente cordiale*, and also to escort a country cousin whose appetite for sight seeing is voracious I sallied forth on Monday to "assist" in greeting Monsieur the President of the French Republic. The day was an ideal one for such a function—not too warm—and the stiffish breeze had at least the merit of showing off the flags and streamers to advantage. It is hardly likely that the decorations impressed M. Loubet greatly, though the general effect was bright and pretty enough. The crowd, which was nowhere great—four or five rows deep at most and in many places not nearly so much—was quite cordial and friendly towards President Loubet, and the great country he represents, but undoubtedly King Edward VII. was the personage whom most of the people had gone out for to see. It may be snobbish—though I doubt it—but it is an undeniable fact that no President excites anything like the interest and curiosity that are evoked by the sovereign of even a third-rate Power. It was amusing on Monday to hear the question asked on all sides after the procession passed, "What is the President like?" and the invariable answer, "Oh! I didn't see. I was looking at the King!"

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That the French nation are laudably anxious that their President should represent their country with due dignity, is shown by the liberal sum (£24,000) voted by the Chamber to defray the cost of the visit. And certainly M. Loubet has not spared himself in the good cause. When one reads of his exertions in the 24 hours preceding his departure, one can only be humbly grateful for one's insignificant lot in life. Leaving town on a visit to Windsor before 9. A. M. on Wednesday, returning to a luncheon at the French Embassy, from which he went direct to the Review at Aldershot, and did not return to St. James' Palace until 8 o'clock. Then to dine at Lord Lansdowne's at 8-30—winding up with a ball at Buckingham Palace—and finally leaving Victoria on his homeward journey at 8-30 on Thursday morning, is surely a record performance for a middle aged gentleman; and one sincerely wishes him the repose he has earned.

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The accounts of the miserable physique of a large proportion of the troops reviewed on Wednesday, does not make pleasant reading, though it does but confirm what has been apparent to the uneducated civilian eye for some time past. And to a civilian mind it seems only the inevitable result of many causes. Until barrack life is so ordered that it resembles in some degree the mode of life in the home of a self-respecting artisan, and until a man can take the King's shilling with a tolerable certainty that if he conducts himself respectably, he will, on returning to civil life after some years' service, be able to earn a decent maintenance, the Army is little likely to attract men (not boys) of the right stamp. The plight of many of our Reservists since the South African war, and the charitable appeals that have been rendered necessary, have not helped the recruiting sergeant. It ought not to be beyond the wit of man to find a remedy.

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The Stage Coach Competition at Ranelagh last Saturday was interesting, one of the conditions being that the coaches and teams must have been driven regularly on the road since the opening of the season. The chief event was the competition for the Challenge Cup, for the best all-round turn out. For this eight coaches entered, the prize going to the "Tantivy" (Maidenhead and Henley). The second place was taken by the "Perseverance" (London and Dorking). Another interesting event was a driving competition down a bending course, and this was won by the "Telegraphs" (London and Hatfield), driven by a coachman who is said to have served his apprenticeship to the art on the box seat of the humble but necessary 'bus. The horn blowing competition was won by the "Perseverance." The objection made by Lord Tredegar—one of the judges—to the use of the bearing rein will be generally endorsed.

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The ladies had it all their own way in the driving competitions at Hurlingham on Saturday, the men who had entered not even putting in an appearance. Mrs. Jack Gouldsmith was the fortunate winner of two first prizes.

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The truth of the maxim that it is wise not to prophesy "unless you know" was brought home to us at Lord's on Saturday by the result of the University cricket match. There appears to have been no real foundation for the almost universal belief in the superiority of the Cambridge eleven, as they were outplayed from the first—their bowling being especially inferior. Mr. Evans' fine play contributed more than anything else to the victory of Oxford, but it was also largely due to the fine batting of Mr. Raphael, whose inclusion in the team, at almost the eleventh hour, was a decided bit of luck for the Dark Blues. The play of Cambridge, with one or two exceptions, was poor throughout. The result was too much of a foregone conclusion for the game to be an exciting one, but a good many spectators were on the ground at the finish.

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An end comes to all things and among them to the Gaiety which closed its doors on Saturday night after a long career of prosperity unusual in ventures theatrical. For the memories of the older generation of players it will always occupy a niche apart, and recollections of Nellie Farren. Kate Vaughan, Toole, H. J. Byron, and a host of hardly lesser stars will always be associated with the old Gaiety, however brilliant and successful the new edition may prove. The performance of the *Linkman, or Gaiety Memories* by as many members of the original cast as it was possible to gather together, had its painful as well as pleasurable side, the gaps made by time being very obvious. Sir Henry Irving, himself a Gaiety actor in the far off ages, returned to assist in the farewell; and after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by Miss Florence St. John, in which the audience joined, the curtain was rung down for the last time. May the "New Gaiety" be equally entertaining and prosperous!

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Of other matters theatrical there is not much to chronicle. Madame Réjane has appeared as "Nora" in the Maison de Poupée, which on the whole is not one of her most convincing parts. A Parisian Nora and Madame Réjane is essentially Parisian being an anomaly. There is a diversity of opinion as to the merits of her personation of Jacqueline in *La Pasterelle* (which by the way the Censor is supposed to have licensed in a fit of absence of mind). Some of the critics averring that it is one of her best parts, and others, that she over-acts it with a deplorable lack of judgment, and that Marie Tempest was infinitely superior in the past. When doctors disagree so violently who shall venture to pronounce!

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There appears to be some ground for fearing that the Irish "patriots" balked in their endeavour to prevent a loyal reception being accorded to Their Majesties on their approaching visit to Ireland, may attempt a counter-demonstration. Should this be so, the result will probably be decidedly more exciting than those which follow the demonstrations from which we suffer in Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square, the "peace-at-any price" party not being numerous in that "gem of the sea." *Here* some interruption to traffic is about our most serious inconvenience on such occasions. *There*, it is to be feared broken heads (if not worse) will not be wanting. If broken heads there be it is devoutly to be hoped that some of them will belong to those who by speech and pen must be held responsible.

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The "South of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry" and the Dublin tailors have a joint grievance, if

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not exactly "agin the Government" as a whole, yet "agin" Mr. Broderick. It appears that in February last the War Office, with the laudable intention of reducing the expenditure of officers, issued a circular to Army tailors, accoutrement makers and such like, asking them to send in by March lists of cash prices for uniforms, etc., of regulation pattern, with a view to recommending the firms to officers; the understanding being that in all cases cash payment would be made. From the tenders sent in selection was made, and the names of the firms sent to Commanding Officers. And now comes the grievance! The War Office apparently ignores the existence of Army tailors outside London as no circulars were sent to either Edinburgh or Dublin. The *Irish Daily Independent* draws attention to this flagrant boycott of Irish industries, as well as to the hardship inflicted on officers in Ireland generally, and on those of the South of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry in particular in being compelled to journey to London if they wish to avail themselves of the more moderate prices. It is obvious that the result would not be very satisfactory to the pockets of the gentlemen in question.

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The Henley Regatta concluded yesterday in brilliant weather—in fact it was exceptionally lucky in that respect all through. The attendance has been above the average, and yesterday especially the crowd was very great The race for the Grand Challenge Cup was intensely exciting, and but for the bad luck which has again overtaken Cambridge this year, in the illness of Goldie, the Leander Club would perhaps not have added another to its list of victories, which are now becoming a trifle monotonous. Most of us wish the pendulum to swing in sporting contests at all events, and there were many hearty wishes for the success of Cambridge. The race for the Thames Cup was a fine one throughout, and resulted in the victory of the Trinity College, Dublin, crew. The race between Magdalen College and Eton College was a rather tame affair; the Eton crew not being by any means up to the mark. On the whole it has been one of the pleasantest and most successful Henleys on record in spite of all the dismal forebodings at the time of the deluge.

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Comical accounts abound of the effects of the working of the new naval scheme under which a marine officer keeps watch armed with sword and spy glass, and a naval lieutenant applies to a marine officer for leave to go ashore in ship's boat, and the conditions said to generally prevail bring back recollections of the Savoy in the old Gilbert and Sullivan (and palmy) days. To a landsman the serious part of the transformation scene is the middy taking the watch in the engine room. It is reported that the hair of some of the mechanical engineers has become prematurely grey in consequence of the state of trepidation in which they live—haunted by fears of what would result from a real danger occurring in the engine room with a middy officer of the watch. That the middies heartily dislike their new duties goes without saying, the stokehold not being the pleasantest of habitations, and they, themselves, being uncomfortably conscious that they hardly inspire confidence in those about them. No doubt things will shake down in time as they have a way of doing.

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I have been studying Sir Oliver Lodge's "Lessons in Radium" in the hope of dissipating the fog that clouds my brain at the mere mention of what the newspapers generally allude to as "that marvellous substance." I gather from Sir Oliver Lodge that though he declines to prophesy (not knowing) he thinks its most practical application will be in the direction of medicine. There was a report the other day from Vienna, that it had proved effective in a case of cancer, but it was vague, and in any case the "cure" was too recent to be pronounced permanent. Dr. Finsen's tabulated list of cases on which the Finsen Light cure has been tried is encouraging. Out of 804 cases, 412 are pronounced "cured." Intervals varying from two to six years have elapsed since 124 of the cases were "cured," and in no case is there any symptom of a return of the malady. The remaining 288 "cures" are of more recent date, but up to the present there is no symptom pointing to a return. Dr. Finsen's reports are of strictly verified cases, and are extremely satisfactory.

ONLOOKER.

Shikar.

SHOOTING REMINISCENCES.

AN UNPLEASANT NIGHT.

IT is now more than a couple of decades since three of us, namely, I., G. and self found ourselves shortly after sundown at S.—factory, where we had been asked by C. for a hare shoot. C. himself was neither a keen shikari nor a very good shot, though he always boasted of his doings among big game. He wrote us that he had been over the ground and had found the hares, like the Irishman's snipe, "fairly jostling each other" in the grass fields and *chur* lands that lay to the west of the factory.

S. was only an outwork or outfactory of the C—a concern and C. visited the place as occasion required. On account of our intended shoot, he had arrived the day previous to settle everything, so on our turning up shortly before sun set, we found that elaborate preparations had been made for our reception. After a peg and a bath, we made ourselves comfortable in long-sleeved chairs, and while sipping our vermouth, discussed the prospects of the morrow's sport. C. was very sanguine and swore that we should make a right royal bag. Not to be too late next morning, we decided to turn in early, so after a substantial dinner washed down with Bass' Pale Ale, we made our way towards our virtuous couches.

Unfortunately for us our sleeping quarters had been arranged in an adjoining room and the sequel will show what a night we had of it—a night the recollection of which can only be obliterated from my memory by death! Though C. used often to pay flying visits to S. he rarely spent the night there and if he did so he usually slept in what I shall call his main or state room and where he transacted his factory work, had his meals, etc. On the present occasion this room in question had been turned into what was styled the "dining room" and for bed room C. had a big room adjoining it cleared out and put in proper order. We found out afterwards that this room, which had been turned into our sleeping apartment, was really a sort of godown or lumber room used mainly for storing indigo seed and other grain and had not been occupied within the memory of the oldest factory servant! Had we known this before hand or had C. given us any hint regarding it we should certainly have fought shy of the place, but, alas! it was only bitter experience that revealed to us the true character of our bed chamber!

By 10 o'clock we were all comfortably settled on our couches, at least that was our idea at the time, but we had scarcely tucked in our mosquito curtains when I. shouted he could not sleep in a brightly lighted room, so the lamp had to be lowered and put in a corner of the room. Silence seemed to reign supreme now and everyone being more or less tired we soon found ourselves in the arms of Morpheus, but it was not for very long. I had barely been asleep for an hour or so, when I suddenly woke up bathed in perspiration and found the room in pitch darkness. G. then suddenly yelled out, that some thing had come down on top of his mosquito certain and he thought that the same thing was a snake as it was wriggling about. At an encouragement our host shouted out to us that whatever we did we were not to get out of our beds as one of his peons had been bitten by a cobra in this very room some eighteen months before. I. thought there was a match box on the teapoy near his feet, so he gently got out of bed and had not proceeded far when there was a tremendous crash of broken glass, I. in his endeavour to find his way had knocked over the teapoy with its load of glasses, bottles, etc. The safest thing for I. now, with all the broken pieces of glass and bottles about was to get back to his bed, which he quickly did. The scene that followed now and which lasted till dawn is difficult to describe. Hundreds, nay, perhaps thousands of bats kept flying round and round screeching, fighting and falling with a flop on our mosquito curtains. The rats too—and of which there must have been a goodly number about—attracted probably by the smell of our boots, kept running under our beds, climbing up the poles and racing round the slats above our heads. The heat in the meanwhile seemed to become unbearable and after shouting in vain for our servants, decided to submit to our fate as martyrs.

Next morning we got up fagged and tired after having spent what was certainly the worst night in my life. When inspecting our room or rather this second edition of Surajuddowlah and our friend C.'s black-hole, we found that those who had been put in charge to clear out the room and tidy it, had shut up the ventilators above the two doorways. The result was that its being now the end of March we were literally stewed in our own juice and to make matters worse the said ventilators being shut up prevented the bats making their usual exit and enabled them thus to enliven us with their company for the better part of the night!

Neither the strong cups of tea we had as eye openers nor the pegs that followed as revivers had much effect on our faded spirits. Limp and tired, it was all we could do, to swing our legs across our saddles and make a move towards the *rendezvous*. C. was right as regards his *khubber* about the hares. There had been a cyclone the previous October and a large number of *babool* trees had been blown down. The trunks and more substantial parts had been cut and removed, but the thinner branches owing to the amount of thorns about them, had not been yet removed and lay in heaps in places. Most of the grass had been cut, except where these *babool* branches had been stacked and from under which popped up the hares on every side, with the result that by 9 o'clock when a halt was made for refreshment 14 hares and a fair number of quail had been accounted for. It is wonderful how one's spirit is refreshed up after a little bit of excitement such as we had. All our fatigue and wearness had now disappeared and we felt as fresh and alert as if we had had the pleasantest of nights and the soundest of sleep! Though before we left the factory, the very sight of food that morning would have made us feel sick, we felt now that we could do justice to the contents of the tiffin basket, and cold fowl cutlets, sausages, and hard boiled eggs disappeared in rapid succession, washed down with Bass' Pale Ale.

After a smoke and a few minutes of rest, we made our way to some new ground, where C. said quail abounded. It was now rather too late in the day to rouse up the birds, specially as the grass was fairly high, so another couple of hours' shooting resulted in our getting seven more hares and about half-a-dozen quail. While we were going through some high grass, an immense boar was put up and I very foolishly gave him a couple of barrels of No. 6 shot. This made the brute pull up and for a second or two it looked very much as if he would charge and it was very lucky he did not do so, for we should not have had the ghost of a chance, for No. 6 and 8 cartridges were all that we had to offer him. We shouted for our horses, but they were left far behind, and by the time they had come up the boar had swam across the river.

We got back to the factory hot and tired, but a swim in the factory tank followed by a good tiffin made us feel at peace with all the world. Our beds having been brought out of the infernal region, we managed to do a little sleep. C. wanted us to stay over for the night, as he said some good shooting could be got in the *kheel* or marsh near the factory early in the morning. But we had had enough of it and firmly but politely declined to spend another night under his hospitable roof!!

RAOUL.

ADVENTURES IN THE SANTHAL HILLS.

YEARS ago when stationed in the Santhal hills I thoroughly enjoyed the free life in camp wandering from one small village to another, along bridle-paths shaded by the broad leaves of the teak and mohwa tree, passing dells, glades, and rippling streams as clear as water can be, with the occasional call of the eagle, kite, and jungle cock, and rustle of the grass occasioned by a deer or peafowl. Happy days of youth, everything was coloured brightly and health and happiness glided along, as you wended your way to a beat, on some hill where the Santhals had agreed to assemble for their periodical hunts. It's many years ago now yet I can recall the warm morning when the men of all the surrounding villages assembled for the annual grand drive of Pareshnath Hill, bordering on the grand trunk road near Doomerie. When I arrived I was welcomed by the headmen and village shikaris whom I knew, as most of them had accompanied me among the neighbouring hills for tiger and sambhur. This morning the assembled Santhals were armed with their national weapons—the bow, arrow, and spear; all stripped to the smallest amount of clothing imaginable, bodies greased to resist the sun; bright-eyed, strapping big men, ready for the fun to begin, be the struggle with tiger, bear, panther or boar: men who could creep and crawl through jungle on a par with the wild beasts themselves, were not likely to omit the search of dell or difficult recess where animals take up their abode.

The hill to be the scene of our operations was Pareshnath. Some 3,000feet high, densely covered with jungles, it was to be beaten in two immense beats; nearly five hundred men and boys divided and ascended the hill from opposite sides, lining the hillside to the summit. The arrangement occupied a couple of hours, then the beat commenced with a demoniacal howl a mile off, the best armed and tried hunters esconced themselves along the foot of the hill, which was connected by a strip of jungle to another chain of hills northward. I and my shikari, Edoo, were stationed in the centre of the hillside, where most of the dangerous animals usually came down. I took up my position on a rock some 20 feet high with plenty of small bushes, sufficient to hide me when kneeling. It was in the days of muzzle loaders, so I had two rifles and a double shot gun with men to load them if required. I had not been ten minutes posted when a herd of sambhur does came slowly through the trees, occasionally looking back and listening with their great ears at the distant commotion; then came a spotted stag to the left, he had miserable horns, so was allowed to pass. Presently there was a grunting noise nearly below me as pig went by, by this time I was getting excited as the shikari incited me to fire at every animal which passed. This I refused to do much to his disgust. It was well I did so, as in a few minutes I saw the bushes some distance off shaking, which denoted the advent of something bigger than pig. Presently out stepped a fine tiger coming at a

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sling trot, head well down, yet the movements were smooth and elegant. As he approached the crossing of the stream in front of me, some 20 paces away, he stood and looking back listened before making up his mind which way to go, this was my opportunity and I took advantage of it by putting a 12-bore bullet from the rifle through his heart. He subsided and rolled on his side gently, with his head just touching the water, looking as fine a prize for a young sportsman, as you could imagine, a rufus red colour with darkish stripes and snow white below with a head twice the width of a bicycle saddle, but much smoother. I had a very short time to admire him, when a fine old sambhur stag passed at a trot at some 60 yards. He received a bullet which brought him to his knees for the moment only, he recovering himself plunged into the jungle to his right and was lost to view. Pig and doe sambhur again passed, but now frightened and some of the poor creatures stuck over with arrows. The howling, laughing and yelling was now approaching nearer; animals of all sorts with birds were running and flying about in alarm, and adding to the din and confusion, animals knew not where to go, as they were by this time in a ring surrounded by the Santhals, so ran frantically for a few yards and stood, again turned and rushed back perfectly bewildered. A couple of bears came within 30 yards of me, one following the other. I fired at the leading one, he immediately turned round and furiously attacked his companion; they struggled and rolled over, grunting and making hideous noises. Presently the one hit gave in, then the other went round and round him like a Bantam cock does after his victory. I enjoyed the fun, but had to put a stop to it with a bullet, which settled their dispute. Shortly after this the beaters and hunters passed my post after inspecting the tiger and two bears. They went on and found the stag I had fired at still alive, so riddled him with arrows till he fell. It was now no use my remaining at my post, so I followed the rest and saw the massacre of numbers of animals of sorts from a distance and tried to rescue a man who came to grief with a bear, but was too late, as the animal after mauling the hunter had broken the line and disappeared. The beat was now over and the collection of the slain was in progress; the larger animals had to be skinned and consumed where they fell, therefore parties departed to spots known to them to perform the gorging process at which they are past masters. After a feed of half raw sambhur and pig meat, and a rest we all moved to the other side of the big hill, and the same performance was gone through, but on this occasion there was not so much spirit in the performance, as there was less likelihood of game owing to scarcity of water. I was stationed on one flank as I did not wish to shoot any beasts but of the dangerous species. I can't say I kept to my resolution as I could not resist knocking over a fine spotted stag at the commencement of the beat, and at the end I was rewarded by getting a panther after putting three bullets in him, the Santhals murdered some twenty sambhur does and chetul with fifteen pig; a few pea fowl and spurfowl were knocked over with stones, the tigers were absent from the hill barring the one I got, but bears were not wanting; they and the panthers walked through the beaters who appeared to have the greatest respect for them. Casualties on the human being side were one man severely mauled, two men wounded in the leg by arrows.

I had to pay my footing, so gave these grand savages Rs. 20, which sum was immediately sent off for ghuras of liquor, with which, and the flesh of the shikar, they regaled themselves all night, and I heard afterwards that they continued by the side of the carcases till only bones remained.

The old route up-country by the grand trunk road was well wooded from Raneegunge to Shergotty and afforded sport of all kinds: the rivers had fish and jungles plenty of game, even near the halting stations. Doomerie was a favourite place. On one occasion when returning from the Commissariat Officer's bungalow to the dâk bungalow at midnight with a bright moon shining I heard ahead of me the noise of a tin utensil rolled about and distinctly saw two young tigers playing with a empty beef tin like cats do with a ball, patting it from side to side and jumping about in high glee. They were so intent on their game that they omitted to see me standing behind a bush some 40 yards off. As they were in my way home I had to make a wide detour and glad to get in without seeing my young friends again. On another occasion when at Doomerie the Commissariat Officer rushed into my camp very excited and wanted me to assist him in destroying a bear which his men had marked down in a small conical hill a short distance away. I agreed and we got to the foot of the hill and found it a mass of rock and tangled jungle, so agreed to post ourselves one on each side a short distance up the hill, and let the beaters come towards us. I waited patiently but nothing appeared. Presently I heard two shots and a tremendous howling of a wounded bear, so made the best of my way towards the noise, I had not gone far when I saw my friend rushing along the side of the hill; he turned a corner behind some rocks and disappeared. I went up to the place, but could see nothing of him. Whilst standing still I heard a deep boom and then a scuffling noise, and a few seconds after out came a bear with his teeth fixed in the shoulder of my friend. The brute came to the edge of the ledge of rock and shook the body and dropped it. At that moment I fired and killed him. The beaters came up and we lifted the poor fellow who was unconscious, and carried him near water, stripped and cleaned the nasty wound on his left shoulder. He soon came round, and told us that he had wounded the animal and dropped his rifle, and pursued him with his revolver, saw him go into a cave and foolishly followed; seeing him on a ledge of rock he fired and had no recollection of what happened afterwards.

Fishing was one of our amusements. The rivers teemed with fish which took the bait well. We had to wade about to make a good bag. The scenery was pretty, as the banks of the river was covered with jungle to the water's edge. On occasion when with little or no clothes on I was intently engaged in my efforts to hook the wily fish, my notice was attracted by lapping behind me. I looked round and to my horror saw a fine tiger quietly drinking some fifty yards off between me and my clothes, the creepy sensation which came over me can be imagined but not described. I stood still with my eyes fixed on the brute, and was greatly relieved when he quietly retired into the jungle. The question was had he seen me and was he waiting at the edge of the jungle. The water was cold and the sun had set, night coming on. After waiting for some time I shouted for my men who were as usual a long way off; they appeared at last and brought me my clothes, and could not understand why I insisted on standing in the middle of the river. I made them follow me across before putting on my unmentionables. That night I was restless and nervous imagining stripes still round my camp.

Ho Kol.

BACK INTO KASHMIR OVER THE ZOJI LA.

AFTER getting my ibex and shapoo, I had intended to work back into Kashmir *viâ* the Suru Valley and Wardwan, trying for red bear at very likely places on the way. When I got to Kargil I changed my plans, and decided to go back without any loss of time, by the shortest way; that is by the regular route *viâ* Dras Matayen, and the Sind Valley. On my outward way I had found snow from below Sonamarg to Dras These four marches through snow assist considerably in making a shooting trip to Baltistan expensive I had eighteen coolies from Goond to Dras, and they cost Rs. 45-10; this was at the rate of Rs. 2-8 each (one man who had come further got an extra 10 annas). When the pass is practicable for ponies, it costs only Rs. 13-8 to take the same amount of baggage from Goond to Dras.

I found the grove of willow trees at Kharbu in full leaf, while along the road the wild roses were already in bud. In spite however of all these signs of spring coming at last, I was exceedingly glad of a fire at Kharbu when I got in. This Dâk bungalow is in the ravine close to the Dras River; it is eighteen miles from Kargil and twenty-one from Dras. Both Tashgam and Dras looked green and smiling, but there is a great dearth of trees, and the landscape, though perhaps refreshing after Ladak scenery, can hardly be called interesting. From Dras to Matayen is a short march of some thirteen miles (the book says twelve, but my timing makes it about thirteen). At this latter place although there was no snow actually round the huts it was everywhere else, and the date was the 7th of June, we were back in mid winter. I found that one of the Kashmir officials who was touring, had got all the available ponies, so that there was no choice but to go on the following day with the ones I had. As it was evident we should get into snow directly we left Matayen, and my animals were all well loaded, the morrow's march was clearly not going to be a pleasure. Matayen is a collection of miserable huts in a level plain. There is a small hut by itself, with a fire place, but windowless, and with a big beam crossing the centre, handy to knock your head against: this serves for Europeans. Two can sleep in this hut, but it is a close fit. I sent a villager out to gather me some wild rhubarb from the hillsides and had it stewed for dinner; it was not at all bad. My shikari woke me very early the following morning, but just as when we were ready to load up, it began to rain hard; we decided to wait a little and endeavour to start dry.

At 7 o'clock the rain had turned to snow, so we waited no longer, but loaded up and went off. For the first mile or so the road was along the Matayen maidan and free of snow; after that our troubles began. The snow was very soft and slushy, and every here and there were deep holes; it was therefore necessary for a pony to look carefully where he put his feet Two out of the six ponies declined to look, and the disasters these two careless ones met with were innumerable. Several times the animals when they collapsed, got their legs in so deep that they had to be unloaded and regularly lifted out. As may be imagined all this made our progress most slow and tedious, and it took us over four hours to do the six miles to Metsahoi. Beyond this point the snow proved very much harder and the other nine miles to Baltal only took the same time as the first six to Metsahoi. The regular road is still closed, although it is June, and the temporary path follows the nullah on the great mass of snow which still fills it, and hides the Sind River almost entirely for the first two or three miles of its course. On reaching the bottom of the great snow drift, and turning the corner which brings one into sight of the Baltal hut, I was suddenly, as though by the lifting of a curtain, in another land. A lovely smiling valley stretched away at my feet, from a foreground of luxuriant grass and green woodland to a hazy distance where a gleam of silver marked the river vanishing round a bend, between the meeting hills. The air was warm and languorous, and the grassy slopes were starred with blue and lilac iris. The Zoji La with its chilly winds, and piled up snow drifts, had vanished away; we were in the land of peaceful beauty where the only use of snow was to give the last artistic touch to the lovely landscape. Among the iris, here and there, were peeping yellow flowers. They were the homely dandelion, not seen for over three years. There is nothing like combining practical pleasure with sentiment, so I at once set one of my coolies to collect dandelion leaves to make dandelion spinach for dinner. The next day's short march to a village called Shutakarri, two miles below Sonamarg, was charming—grassy slopes covered with flowers all round us, with the Sind brawling along below the road. A tent pitched near Sonamarg with a girl outside in a short dress, with a yellow pig tail down her back, showed that people were beginning to leave their doongas to camp on the margs.

There was also a tent in the mouth of the big nullah which comes from the direction of Tilel, and joins the Sind two miles below Sonamarg. As this nullah is noted for red bear, the owner of the tent had probably come for them, and not to look at the buttercups and cowslips.

Fleur-de-Lys.

Shooting.

CALCUTTA REVOLVER CLUB.

THE Second Rapid Fire Competition was held at Milton Park yesterday. The shooting was with either hand, and the range 20 yards. The first prize was won by Mr. J. K. Chase with a score of 32—2=30. Mr. W. Boeckel was second with 26+3=29.

Correspondence.

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THE PROPOSED NEW SERVICE RIFLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

Sir,—From what I have been able to gather the New "Improved" Lee-Enfield can hardly be pronounced a success nor is it in reality a new weapon. It is merely the old ·303 with a barrel reduced in length to 25 inches which makes it light, handy and especially suitable for mounted troops and with its barrel wholly encased in wood after the Swiss pattern, its "drag" trigger pull and adaptation to clip loading, it may be in some respects a better military weapon generally. The new weapon can, however, only be looked upon as a makeshift. The miserably weak Lee action originally intended to withstand the strain of the old black powder cartridge of large bore (·450) has been retained in the new rifle and its already clumsy magazine has been made still more so.

Even if from motives of economy it was considered necessary to continue the use of the present ·303 cartridge a new breech action strong enough to stand the strain of any of the modern high pressure military cartridges might have been fitted so that ammunition more powerfully loaded might have been used if necessary.

I believe the present cartridge was originally intended to have a muzzle velocity of 2,200 ft. secs., but its charge had to be reduced as the poor breech action was found to be too weak to stand the pressure given by such a high velocity and it was consequently reduced to 2000 ft. secs.

The Remington Company who manufacture the Lee Rifle in the United States in adapting it to small bore high pressure ammunition fitted the bolt with front locking lugs of the Mauser or Mannlicher type (used I believe originally in the old Terry breech loader nearly fifty years ago in England).

There is apparently no reason why front locking lugs of this kind should not have been fitted to the "*Improved*" Lee-Enfield unless they wanted to use up the old Lee actions in store.

The Americans in their new rifle which in calibre and weight of bullet very closely corresponds to ours have adhered to the calibre and bullet of their old arm, but have fitted the new rifle with a properly locked breech bolt and have thus been able to make use of a far more powerful cartridge, in fact the most powerful

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military cartridge—in the world—they have increased the charge to give a muzzle velocity of 2,300 ft. secs., thus enormously increasing the range and flatness of trajectory.

The proposed new short rifle, though more handy than the present long rifle, is said to be inferior in accuracy; this may be accounted for by its lighter weight giving increased recoil, its shorter barrel less velocity and by its shorter sight radius. The spiral of the rifling has been slightly increased in the new rifle. This has also increased recoil and to remedy this the bore has been slightly enlarged towards the muzzle. I see in the papers that the accuracy of the new rifle is not thought much of by marksmen and I am not astonished at it. I do not see how an 8lb rifle can be made to do as steady work on the target as one a pound and a half heavier. For a light rifle to shoot steadily at long ranges the bullet must be light and velocity high and to have a light bullet the calibre must be reduced, for instance the ·256 Mannlicher with its bullet of 60 grains less weight than the ·303 compares favourably and in fact is more accurate at 1,000 yards range than the ·303.

I think one of the most satisfactory rifles is the ·275 or 7 millimetre Spanish Mauser (used by the Boers). Its velocity is very high 2400 ft. per second in the long rifle and 2200 in the short Carbine. With this calibre and cartridge the recoil does not exceed that of the ·303 heavy rifle and good accuracy combined with flat trajectory at any range can be had. To give high velocity to a heavy bullet of 220 grains in a light 8lb rifle means some loss of accuracy, it also means a very heavy massive cartridge case and consequent increase in the weight of ammunition. I think therefore if a new rifle is to be issued and not merely a make—shift to use up the present pattern of ammunition that a rifle of about ·275 bore a clip loader of the Mauser or Mannlicher type should be adopted unless a good automatic action is in the mean time found suitable for ordinary military work which no doubt it soon will be.

B.

THE COMMON KITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you, or any of your readers, can tell me where the common kites go to in July and August.

I am acquainted with the districts of Rajshahi, Nadia, Murshidabad, and Birbhum, and in all of these I have remarked this annual exodus of the kites. They leave about 28th June and return about 20th August. Where they go, and what they go for, are to me mysteries. They obviously do not go to breed as they breed in the cold weather.

It has suggested itself to me that they may go to the coast at the break of the Monsoon to feed on shell fish, etc., thrown up on the beach by the heavy sea usually obtaining at that period. But if this be the case why do the fish-eating Brahmini kites remain in the districts?

The natives know of the migration of the Kites and set their eggs in June so that the chickens may be grown before the kites return.

SWEYTOWN.

23rd July 1903.

THE SNOW PIGEON.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I read with great interest "Fleur de Lys'" note on the Snow Pigeon. He says he has never heard it utter a sound which is peculiar, as they have got a note, which, according to Mr. Finn, "is a repeated croak, not unlike a hiccough." He also goes on to say that "much as the bird resembles the domestic pigeons I have never seen it sweep the ground with its tail when courting but rather raise it." Has "Fleur de Lys" ever seen them courting like the common pigeon.

CHARLES M. INGLIS.

DARBHANGA, *25th July 1903.*

INDI AMBULANTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I have the pleasure to announce that the day after the memorable walking contest between Messrs. Birkmyre Bros and Messrs. J. Thomas & Co. Mr. Archy Birkmyre of the former team asked his own office baboos to follow the lead and accordingly the General and Export Department baboos of the said firm have arranged two teams, five a side, for a competitive walk from Barrackpore Government House, south gate, to Shambazar Bridge, Calcutta side, a distance of about 15 miles. The walkers have been under training since then, but owing to unfavourable weather the date of the match was not fixed till the 1st August, Saturday next, when they intend to start at about 5-50 P.M., and reach to Calcutta at say 8-30 P.M., or earlier. [No doubt.—ED]. The European Assistants of the firm have kindly accepted to act as starter, timekeeper, and referees.

I take this opportunity of informing you that Mr. Birkmyre has offered three prizes to the first three winners [What ho! three winners in one race.—ED.] and has also very liberally undertaken to defray all expenses in connection with the said match. Full particulars will follow.

Kindly give the above little space in the columns of your reputed journal in its next issue.

Thanking you in anticipation,

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CALCUTTA, *25th July 1903.*

DO BUTTERFLIES MIGRATE?

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Being no entomologist I enclose you two specimens of a butterfly (or what will be left of them after the postal authorities deal with this letter) for scientific identification and nomenclature.

I know it is an exceedingly common species and is met with almost everywhere in Bengal at almost all times. It breeds on all lime, orange, and citron trees and also on the bael tree, the young caterpillar varying from black to green, according to age, with a white collar. This afternoon at about 3 P.M. we began to get most welcome glimpses of the sun between passing clouds, it having rained fairly heavily since 2 P.M. on the 12th off and on. On taking a stroll at about 4 P.M. I was immediately struck by the large numbers of these butterflies flying or rather gently sailing from S.-S.E. to N.-N.W.

The following points appear extraordinary to me in this:—

(α) That the *one species alone* were about and *all* were coming from and going in the same direction at all altitudes as far as the eye could see.

(β) That they kept up this flight till after sunset, though they fell off considerably in numbers as it grew late as far as I could judge and a few stragglers alone were seen at dusk.

(γ) That they should be going along so extraordinarily slow seeing the normal flight of the butterfly is a fast gyratory action.

The rate of flight may be judged by the fact that I had no difficulty in knocking down a pair with a couple of strokes from an ordinary walking stick—a thing I would not back myself to do every day by any means.

H. R.

KERBA, BILASPORE, *16th July, 1903.*

[The Post Office having treated the enclosures with a gentleness as welcome as it is rare we are enabled to identify the butterflies as *Papilio Erithonius*; as our correspondent remarks, a very common kind. Butterfly migrations, such as described, are by no means rare; in some districts they are of annual occurrence and have been frequently noted.—ED.]

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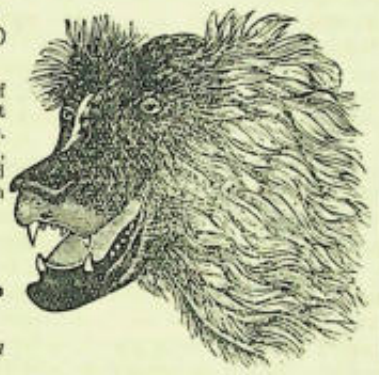

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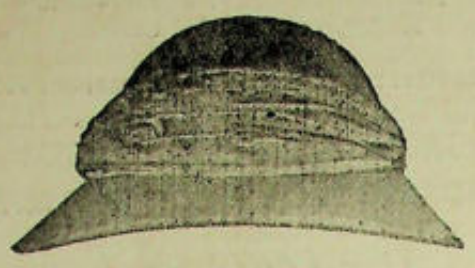

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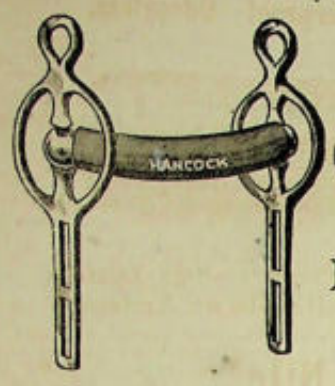

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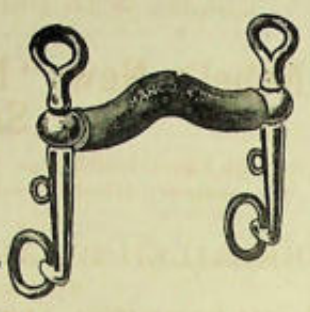



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Secunderabad	July	30 & Aug. 1	
Poona 2nd Extra	Aug.	1	
" 3rd "	"	7	
" 4th "	"	8	
" 5th "	"	15	
" 6th "	"	22	
" 7th "	"	26	
" 8th "	"	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	"	8	
Second do do	"	15	
Third do do	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Quetta Autumn	"	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3, 5 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	574
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	522
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	575
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	"	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 25, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 17 & 20	
Coty Hunt Races	Sep.	22 & 25	

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Lucknow Autumn Sky	First	1st Sept.
	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Poona	First	4th Augst.
	Second	25th "
	Final	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third	14th Sept.
	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First	14th Aug.
	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	First	10th Aug.
	Second	10th Sept.
Tezpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	First	22nd August
	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	26th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th "

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POLO.

Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	24th to 29th August.
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GOLF.

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Brighton Cup (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Eber Handicap (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 122 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

R. Y. S. Regatta	4th August.
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Saturday, 18th July 1903.

THE MONSOON HURDLES.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A handicap for ponies 13 hands and under. 1 mile over six flights of hurdles.

Mr Hyder's g aus m Padonemah, 9st 5lbs (car 9st 9lbs ... ... Owner 1
Mr Hashim's b aus m Midget, 11st 10lbs Capt Barnett 2
„ A A Bham's g ib m Shan Mah, 8st 11lbs ... ... Jagai 3
Capt Barnett's ch cb p Golden Plover, 10st 9lbs (car 11st 11b) ... ... Mr Shearme 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Padonemah 3 to 1 agst Midget, 6 to 1 Shan Mah, 10 to 1 Golden Plover.

Won by half a dozen lengths; a poor third.

THE GRIFFIN HANDICAP.—Rs 150 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A Handicap for ponies 14 hands and under 5 furlongs.

Mr Mg Thin's ch aus m Thain Gywai, 10st 7lbs ... ... Mr Aldworth 1
Mah Thay Thay's b aus g Tine Tone, 7st (car 7st 9lbs), ... Po Shan 2
Abdool Rahman's b aus m Paris, 9st ... Oomer 3
Yeo Eng Pwa's b aus m Mah Hla Glay, 10st 7lbs ... ... Kyaw Zan Oo 0
Mg Loo Gyi's b aus m Maidaw Gyee, 9st 7lbs (car 9st 8lbs) ... ... Mg Glay 0
Tan Shawe Sinc's ch aus m Ngwe Yee, 9st lbs ... ... Po Thet 0
Mg Tsoe Min's b aus g Gold Mohur, 7st 9lbs(car 7st 13lbs) ... ... Po Youk 0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Paris, evens Thain Gywai, 6 to 1 agst Ma Hia Glay, 10 to 1 each Tine Tone, Maidaw Gyee and Gold Mohur, 20 to 1 Ngwe Yee.

Won by half a length, the same distance separating second and third. Time—1 min. 22secs.

THE LANMADAW HANDICAP.—Rs. 150 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A handicap for ponies 14 hands and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr J Moment's b aus m Atalanta, 9st 7lbs Mr Fell 1
Tin Tin's b aus m Tsain Tin, 8st 12lbs (car 8st 13lbs) ... ... Kyaw Zan Oo 2
Mr Bevill's bk aus m Kemendine, 10st, (car. 10st 11b) .. ... Mr Hyder 3
Mr A Wahab's b aus m Zerniger, 9st 3lbs, Oomer 0
Mg Tsol Min's b aus g Cordite, 7st 10lbs ... Po Shan 0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Kemendine, 3 to 1 agst Atalanta, 4 to 1 Zerniger, 5 to 1 Tsain Tin, 20 to 1 Cordite, Won by half a length; a head separating second and third. Time—1min. 34secs.

THE KEMENDINE HANDICAP.—Rs. 150 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A handicap for Indo-Burman ponies 13 hands and under. 6 furlongs.

Mg Bah In's br ib g Ke Ke Gyi, 9st ... Po Thet 1
Mr R C Bevill's dn ib g Broderick, 8st 10lbs ... ... Oomer 2
Mg Po Soo's b ib m Sadouk, 8st ... Po Kha } dead
Cassim Jewa's ch ib p Sanmatoo, 9st 7lbs Mg Glay } heat
Mg Thin's gr ib g Kyet Taw, 10st 7lb ... Mr Aldworth 0
Mr W G Henderson's and Ko Shwe Hlay's b ib m Hta Myine, 8st 7lbs (car 8st 11lbs) .. ... Mr W G Henderson, 0
Mg Htoon Myah's d ib g Tiger, 8st 7lbs Po Shoay 0
Mg Tsoe Min's ch ib g Thaindaw, 8st 2lbs ... . Po Youk 0

BETTING: Evens Ke Ke Gyi, 3 to 1 each agst Kyet Taw and Sanmatoo, 4 to 1 Broderick, 5 to 1 Sadouk, 10 to 1 each Tiger and Hta Myine, 15 to 1 Thaindaw.

Won by three lengths; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 44secs.

THE MONSOON CHASE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A handicap steeple chase for ponies 13 hands and under. 1¾ miles.

Mr Hyder's bk aus m Black Gin, 11st ... Owner 1
Capt Stevenson's ro aus g Syllabub, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr Aldworth 2
Capt Barnett's d cb g Marigold, 10st 12lbs Mr Fell 3
Mr Hashim's b aus m Midget, 12st ... Mr Moment 0
„ D Shearme's g ib g The Myook, 10st 5lbs (car 11sts 11b) ... ... Owner 0
Abdool Rahman's d ib g Shah-in-Shah, 10st 7lbs ... ... Kyaw Zan Oo 0
Mr T E Watson's b ib g Dandy, 10st 4lbs Mr Griffin 0
„ W J Keith's b ib g Cyclone, 10st ... Mr Darwood 0
„ Lonsdale's ch ib g Mite, 9sts ... Jagai 0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Black Gin, 3 to 1 agst Syllabub, 6 to 1 Mite, 8 to 1 Midget, 10 to 1 each Cyclone, The Myook and Marigold, 20 to 1 the rest.

Won in a canter by six lengths, six lengths between second and third.

THE POOZOONDOUNG HANDICAP.—Rs. 150 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second. A handicap for Indo-Burman ponies 13-2 hands and under. 1 mile.

Mr A A Bham's b aus m Edith 12st ... Oomer 1
Mr S D S's b a p Little Oriental, 7st 4lbs Po Khai 2
Mah Thay Thay's b aus g Tine Tone, 8st Po Shan 3
Ko Tse Min's b aus m Tsain Chit, 9st 10lbs Po York 0

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Edith 3 to 1 agst Tsain Chit, 6 to 1 Little Oriental, 10 to 1 Tine Tone.

Won by a couple of lengths; half a length dividing second and third. Time—2 mins 16 ⅗secs.

POONA FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

(BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)

STEWARDS:

THE STEWARDS OF THE W. I. T. C.

Wednesday, 29th July 1903.

A SUCCESSFUL beginning was made under a clouded sky and before a full attendance. The course was sticky and form seemed to be upset thereby. There were some surprises, especially in the July Plate and the Closed Plate. Appended are details:—

THE MAIDEN ARAB PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arabs. W. A. reduced 10lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr Ameer's Young Kohinoor, 8st 5lbs (carried 8st 7lbs) ... ... Penton 1
Mr H Mehta's Silvermane, 8st 11lbs ... Oomer Khan 2
Aga S Shah's Musketeer, 8st 7lbs ... Robinson 3

Also ran: Galston, 8-1; Sweetlips, 8-7 (carried 8 10); Flying Childers, 8-2; Propeller, 8-0; Newmoon, 7-9; Bikanir, 7-8.

BETTING: 5 to 2 each agst Young Kohinoor and Musketeer, 2 to 1 each Silvermane and Flying Childers, 5 to 1 and 6 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third. Time—1 min. 30⅘ secs.

THE JULY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For horses which have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000. W. A. and C reduced 10lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr A W P's Nancy Till, 9st 11b ... O'Neil 1
Colonel Hazleton's Madeira, 8st 9lbs ... Hoyte 2
Messrs Nanji and Goculdass' Picture, 7st 5lbs Melsom 3

Also ran: Miss Windsor, 9-4; La Regina, 8-4.

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Picture, 7 to 4 agst La Regina, 6 to 1 any others.

Won by three-quarters of a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 8⅘secs.

AMATEUR PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For ponies 14-2 and under, which have not won a flat race value Rs. 200 since 31st March, 1901. 14-2 to carry 12st 7lbs. W. I. ½ mile

Captain Hardinge Newman's Paddy Melon, 11st 10lbs ... ... Mr A Shah 1
Captain Hontil Greville's Tamring, 10st 5lbs Owner 2
Major England's Ena, 11st 5lbs ... Owner 3

Also ran: The Dane, 12-1; Lancebon, 11-7; Temptress 11-7; Pomfret, 11-1; Quickstep, 9-2.

BETTING: Evens Paddy Melon, 5 to 1 agst Ena, 6 to 1 each Tamring, The Dane and Quickstep, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a neck; two lengths between second and third. Time—56⅖secs.

THE NEW-COMERS' PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under landed since 1st July, 1902. 14 hands to carry 9st. W. I. ½ mile.

Mr Garda's Kour Sahib, 7st 13lbs ... Southall ... 1
Mr Ebrahim Talib's Nainava, 7st 13lbs ... Heeroo ... 2
Messrs Nanjee and Goculdass' White Fox, 9st 11b ... ... Penton ... 3

Also ran: Captain Kettle, 8-8; Sanaiya, 8-2; Little Joker, 7-10; Clever Boy, 7-8; Rex II, 7-7.

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Sanaiya, 2 to 1 Nainava, 4 to 1 each White Fox and Little Joker, 5 to 1 Kour Sahib, 8 to 1 the rest.

Won by a length and a half; a length between second and third. Time—56⅘ secs.

THE LILIPUT PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs 50. For maiden ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, 14 hands to carry 8st 12lbs. W. I. 5 furlongs.

Mr Luckman's Hamilton 1
Major Edwards's Diamo, 11st 7lbs ... Owner 2
Messrs Foulkes and Owen's Erhan, 9st 2lbs Robinson 3

Also ran: Malakite, 11-7; Prince Diamond, 11-4; Eshton, 11-1.

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Erhan, 2 to 1 Eshton, 5 to 1 Hamilton, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length and a half; a length between second and third. Time—58⅘ secs.

THE ARAB PONY TRIAL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second Rs. 100; third, Rs 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, which have never won a flat race value Rs 2,000. 14 hands to carry 9st. 12lbs W. I. 5 furlongs.

Aga S G K and D D's Vera, 9st 2lbs ... Heeroo 1
Mr. M Hunter's Haydn, 8st 9lbs ... Egan 2
Mr A W 's Sunflower, 8st 13lbs ... Robinson 3

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Vera, 6 to 4 agst Haydn, and 6 to 1 Sunflower.

Won by a length; a bad third. Time—1min. 8⅘secs.

THE CLOSED PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under which have never won a flat race value Rs. 50. 14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. ½ mile.

Messrs Mustapha and Cowasjee's Tigris, 8st 2lbs ... ... Heeroo 1
Major Murray and Captain Lloyd's Hamilton, 12st 4lbs 2
Captain Shave's Arabistan, 8st 2lbs ... Robinson 3
Messrs Nanji and Goculdas's Grey Fox, 7st 12lbs ... ... Southall 0

Also ran: Omar, 8-13; Alexis, 8-2; Salastion, 7-13; and Najaffi, 7-4.

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Grey Fox, 6 to 4⅗ Arabistan, 10 to 1 each Tigris, Alexis and Omar, and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; same distance between second and third. Time.—1 min. 11⅗secs.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

V. R. C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE.—A handicap sweepstake of 15 sovs. each, 5 ft. with 1,000 added; second horse to receive 200 and the third 100 sovs. out of the stake. Three miles.

Mr J McArthur's b g Marmont, by Wellington—Lady Gay, aged, 9st 11b ... P Cosgrove 1
Mr J Leek's ch g Lowland Chief, by Antaeus—Legado, 6yrs, 11st 2lbs ... G Wheeler 2
Mr W H Keith's ch h Westerley, by Westmore—Martha, 4yrs, 9st 4lbs ... F Fielder 3

Other starters—Orlando, 11st. 10lbs. (W. Treble); Rawdon, 10-10 (M. Mooney); Loch Fad, 10-8 (T. Curtin); Nansen, 10-7 (D. Allan); John Sec, 10-6 (J. Sutherland); Matong, 10-6 (J. E. Carter); Shoddy, 10-1 (T. O'Brien); Steelrail, 10-0 (G. Phillips); Pierrot, 9-11 (J. Chevalley); Quo Vadis, 9-9 (P. Guinane); Buoyant, 9-9 (J. Carson); My Mistake, 9-8 (J. Barbour); Conquest, 9-8 (P. Morrison); Turf, 9-7 (T. White); Inkerman, 9-2 (J. Tomlin); and Maine, 9-2 (A. Williamson).

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst. Marmont, 7 to 1 Westerley, 10 to 1 Rawdon, 12 to 1 each Lowland Chief, My Mistake, and Matong.

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16 to 1 Nansen, 20 to 1 each Steelrail, Pierrot, and Conquest, 25 to 1 Shoddy, 40 to 1 Inkerman, 50 to 1 each Orlando, Loch Fad, Quo Vadis, Buoyant, and Turk, 100 to 1 each John See and Maine.

Won by two and a half lengths from Lowland Chief, who had Westerley at his girths. Nansen was fourth, followed by My Mistake, Pierrot, Quo Vadis, Loch Fad, Conquest, Matong, and Orlando, who were succeeded by Buoyant, Steelrail, Turk, Rawdon, Maine, and Shoddy, with Inkerman a long way of last. Time—5min. 57⅘secs.

Races to Come.

PROGRAMME OF POONA RACES AND STEEPLECHASES, 1903.

STEWARDS :

THE STEWARDS, W. I. T. C.

POONA RACES.

FIRST DAY	...	Wednesday, 23rd Sept., 1903.
SECOND DAY	...	Saturday, 26th " "
THIRD DAY	...	Monday, 28th " "
FOURTH DAY	...	Thursday, 1st October "
FIFTH DAY	...	Saturday, 3rd October, "
SIXTH DAY	...	Monday, 5th " "
EXTRA DAY	...	Saturday, 10th " "

NOTICE.

Programme for Extra Day, Saturday, 10th October, 1903 will be published hereafter.

LENGTH OF COURSE.— 1¼ Miles and 10½ Yards.
FIRST ENTRIES CLOSE ... Tuesday, 4th August, 1903.
SECOND ENTRIES CLOSE ... Tuesday, 25th August, 1903.
THIRD AND FINAL ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday, 8th September1903.

First Day—Wednesday, 23rd September, 1903.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and third Rs. 400. For Horses, W. A. and C. reduced 7lbs. Penalties.—Winner since 31st March 1901 race value Rs. 1,500 ; once, 4lbs., twice of race value Rs. 1,500, or of race value Rs. 4,000, 7lbs. ; three times of race value Rs. 1,500, or of race value Rs. 9 000 or over, 10lbs. Allowances. Horses which have not won race value Rs. 1,000 or over 5lbs. ; Maidens, 12lbs. (not accumulative). Distance—1 mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 40 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 60 ; Tuesday, 8th September, when race will close, Rs. 80, with Rs. 20 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P. M., Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

H. H. THE FIRST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and third Rs. 200.—For Arabs, W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties.—Winners, since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over, 4lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—Maidens 5lbs.; Ponies 14 hands and under new measurement, 7lbs. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 60, with Rs. 15 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THE BREEDERS' PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and third, Rs. 200. A Handicap for Country-Bred Horses. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., Tuesday, 15th September, and Rs. 10 more for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., Saturday, 19th September, 1903 (Handicap will be published by 8 A.M., Thursday, 17th September, 1903.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For Arab Ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, Maidens on 1st January, 1903. 14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener 10lbs. Distance—7 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 60, with Rs. 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THE NEW STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200 For Ponies 14-2 and under, new measurement 14-2 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I Penalties. Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 600 or over, once : 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over, 4lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—C. B's., 18lbs. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 60, with Rs 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

Second Day.—Saturday, 26th Sept., 1903.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. For Ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, 14 hands to carry 8st. 10lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 600 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs 5,000, or over 4lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—C. Bs., 21lbs. Distance—¼ mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40 with Rs. 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THE WESTERN INDIA STAKES.—Rs. 7,500, out of which second receives Rs. 1,000, and third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 24th September, 1903. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 60 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs 90 ; Tuesday, 8th September, (when the race will close), Rs. 120, with Rs. 30 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M., on Wednesday, 23rd September ; and Rs. 30 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903.

THE CRITERION.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over, W. A. and C. reduced 10lbs Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 500 ; once, 4lbs. ; twice of race value Rs. 500, or of race value Rs. 900, 7lbs. ; three times of race value Rs. 500, or of race value Rs. 1,400, 10lbs. Allowances.—Maidens 5lbs. Distance—7 furlongs Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 60, with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903.

THE POONA DERBY.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receivest Rs. 600, and third Rs. 400. For Arab Horses, Maidens on 1st January, 1903. W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over ; once, 4lbs. s twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Allowance.—Ponies, 14 hands and under new measurement, 7lbs. Distance—1½ mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 40 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs 60 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 80, with Rs. 20 in addition for horses not struck out by 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903.

THE DEALERS PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For Arab Ponies 14 hands and under. 14 hands to carry 9st W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value, Rs. 900 or over ; once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 and upwards, 4lbs. in addition to above penalties Allowances.—Maidens, 5lbs. Ponies new measurement 7lbs. Distance—1 mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45, Tuesday 8th September (when the race will close). Rs. 60, with Rs 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903.

THE ARAB PONY DERBY.—Rs. 2,500, out of which second receives Rs. 500, and the third Rs. 300. For Arab Ponies 13-2½ and under old, and 13-3 and under new measurement—maidens on 1st January 1903. Above heights to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties. —Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs 900 or over : once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener 10lbs. Distance—6 furlongs Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 35 ; Tuesday, 24th August, Rs 50 ; Tuesday. 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 70, with Rs. 25 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and the third Rs. 400. A Handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903, Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close). Rs. 60 ; with Rs. 15 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Wednesday, 23rd September and Rs. 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 24th September, 1903

Third Day.—Monday, 28th Septembrr, 1903.

THE POONA GRAND NATIONAL.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Steeplechase for Horses. W. A. and C. raised 21lbs. Penalties.—Winner since 31st March, 1901, of a Steeplechase value Rs. 500 or over ; once, 5lbs. ; twice, 10lbs. ; oftener, 4lbs. Winners since the above date, of a Steeplechase value Rs. 3,000 or over, 10lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens, 10lbs. Distance.—About 2½ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 60, with Rs. 15 in addition for horses not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THE KIRKEE CHASE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A Steeplechase for A. and C. B. Ponies 14-2 and under, new measurement and other classes, 14-1 and under new measurement. Weight —Above heights to carry 11st 10lb. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a Steeplechase value Rs 500, or over ; once, 4lbs.; twice 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances.—Maidens, 7lbs.; Arabs 16lbs.; C. Bs. 8lbs. Distance—About 2 miles, over the Pony Steeplechase Course, Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30, Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 10 in addition for Ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THE SEPTEMBER STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200, A Handicap for Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., 27th September. Distance—1 mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30; Tuesday 8th September (when race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before 7 P.M , Saturday, 26th September, and Rs. 10 more for horses not struck out before noon, 27th September, 1903.

THE AGA KHAN'S PURSE.—Rs 1,500 (Rs. 750 presented by H. H. the Aga Khan and the balance from the Fund), the second to receive Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200 out of the stake, Handicap for Arabs. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on 27th September. Distance—1 mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30 with Rs. 10 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Saturday, 26th September, and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before noon on 27th September, 1903.

THE WANOWRIE STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs 600 and the third Rs. 400. For Arab Ponies 13-3½ and under old, and 14 hands and under, new measurement ; above height to carry 9st. W. I Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs 5,000, or over, 4lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—Maidens, 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 40 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 60 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 80, with Rs. 20 in addition for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M. on Saturday, 26th September, 1903.

THE LILLIPUTS.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies 13-2½ and under old, and 13-3 and under, new measurement. Above heights to carry 9st W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above, of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over 4lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowance.—Maidens, 5lbs. Distance—½ mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 35 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out by 7 P.M. on Saturday, 26th September, 1903.

Fourth Day Thursday 1st October, 1903.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Rs. 4,000 (Rs. 1,000 presented by H. E. the Right Hon'ble Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E., and the balance from the Fund) ; the second to receive Rs. 700, and third Rs. 300, out of the entire stake. A Handicap for Arabs. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903. Distance—R. C. and distance. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 35 ; 25th August, Rs. 50 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 70, with Rs. 25 more for horses not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903.

THE GANESHKHIND STAKES.—Rs. 4,000, out of which second receives Rs. 700 and third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September, 1902. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 35 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 50 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 70, with Rs. 25 more for horses nor struck out before 7 P.M. on Monday, 28th September, and Rs. 25 in addition for horses not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903.

THE STEWARDS' PURSE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Horses which have not won flat race value Rs 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Monday, 28th September and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903.

THE MERCHANTS' CUP.—Rs. 2,000, (Rs. presented by some merchants of Poona and the balance from the Fund) ; second to receive Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200 out of the entire stake. A Handicap for Country-bred Horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September. Distance—1 mile. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Monday, 28th September, and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903.

THE CORONATION STAKES.—Rs 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and third Rs. 400. A Handicap for Ponies 14-2 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September 1903. Distance—7 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday 4th August Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 45 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close) Rs. 60, with Rs. 15 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M. on Monday, 28th, September, and Rs. 15 in addition for ponies not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th Septembey, 1903.

THE LAWN STAKES.—Rs 2,000, out of which second receives Rs 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Arabs 13-3 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Tuesday, 29th September. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close) Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M. on Monday, 28th September, and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before noon on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903.

Fifth Day—Saturday, 3rd October, 1903.

THE ORIENTAL STAKES.—Rs. 4,000, out of which second receives Rs. 700, and third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 35 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 50 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 70 with Rs. 25 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Wednesday, 30th September, and Rs. 25 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M. on Thursday, 1st October, 1903.

THE OCTOBER STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. Distance.—6 furlongs. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40 with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Wednesday, 30th September ; and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M. on Wednesday, 30th September, and Rs. 10in addition for horses not stuck out before 6 P.M. on Thursday, 1st October, 1903.

THE WINNERS' HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Arabs. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close). Rs. 30, with Rs 10 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Wednesday, 30th September, and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M. on on Thursday, 1st October, 1903.

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Country-bred Horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—1¼ miles. Entrance.—Tuesday, 4th August. Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M. on Wednesday, 30th September, and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before 6 P.M. on Thursday, 1st October, 1903

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for ponies 14 hands and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30, with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., Wednesday, 30th September ; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Thursday, 1st October 1903.

THE KIRKEE CUP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 13 hands and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30 ; with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Wednesday, 30th September ; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P M., on Thursday, 1st October 1903.

THE GHORPURI STAKES.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 13-3 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—7 furlongs. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30 ; with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Wednesday, 30th September ; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 6 P M., on Thursday, 1st October 1903.

Sixth Day.—Monday, 5th October 1903.

THE POONA GRAND ANNUAL.—Rs. 1,800, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap steeplechase for horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 1st October. Distance—about 2½ miles. Entrance —Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20 ; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30, Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 40, with Rs. 10 more for horses not struck out before 6 P.M., on Tuesday, 29th September ; and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before noon, on Friday, 2nd October 1903.

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THE GANESHKHIND CHASE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap steeplechase for ponies 14-2 and under Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on Thursday, 1st October. Distance.—About 2 miles, over Pony Steeplechase Course. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30, with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 6 P.M., on Tuesday, 29th September; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before noon, on Friday, 2nd October 1903.

THE POONA HANDICAP.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for horses Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on 4th October. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 30; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close) Rs. 40, with Rs. 15 more for horses not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 3rd October; and Rs. 10 in addition for horses not struck out before 10 A.M., on 4th October 1903.

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 14 hands and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on 4th October. Distance—1 mile. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30, with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 3rd October; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 10 A.M., on 4th October 1903.

THE LILLIPUT HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Arab ponies 13-3 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on 4th October. Distance—½ mile. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs. 30, with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 3rd October; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 10 A.M., on 4th October 1903.

THE COMMISSIONER'S PURSE.—Rs. 1,500 out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., on 4th October. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—Tuesday, 4th August, Rs. 15; Tuesday, 25th August, Rs. 20; Tuesday, 8th September (when the race will close), Rs 30, with Rs. 10 more for ponies not struck out before 7 P.M., on Saturday, 3rd October; and Rs. 10 in addition for ponies not struck out before 10 A.M., on 4th October 1903.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. W.I.T.C. Rules.
2. Course and Stable fees charged according to Poona Course Regulations, 1903.
3. Entrance money goes to the Fund.
4. The full advertised money will be given in every case, except in the case of a walk-over, when only half the advertised money will be given, and according to Rule 140.
5. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of such entries. Cheques and drafts must be made payable in Poona in favour of the Secretary, W.I.T.C.

In W.I. Races the height, and whether Old or New Measurement, and in W.A. Races the age, must be stated.

New Measurement means ponies measured since 31st March 1899.

Entries must be made on forms which will be supplied by the Secretary, W.I.T.C., on application.

With less than 6 entries in *bonâ fide* separate interests, the Stewards reserve the right to declare any race or steeplechase void.

6. Mares and Geldings allowed 3lbs. in all races, except selling races and handicaps.
7. In all races other than selling races and handicaps, a landing allowance will be given to all horses and ponies landed in India direct from the country of foaling or from U.K. To Arabs landed on or after 1st July 1902, 6lbs. To other classes if landed on or after 1st January 1903, 3lbs; if landed after 1st June 1903, 6lbs. (not accumulative). The allowance to be reduced by 3lbs. on a horse or pony winning one race value Rs. 200 and upwards, and to cease on his winning two races of that value and upwards after arrival in India.
8. Unless otherwise specified, starting declarations for each race must be in the declaration box for that race, not later than half an hour before the time advertised for such race. The declaration must be in writing on an official form which will be supplied by the Secretary, and must state the name of the race, the name of the horse and weight to be carried, and the name of the Jockey, and must be accompanied by the amount due for Starting Sweepstakes (if any) for extra money for horses not struck out, for any fees due, and for the Jockey's fee for a losing mount if not already paid.

Omissions or errors in the Starting Declaration will render the owner or person making it subject to a fine at the discretion of the Stewards.

9. Every person running a horse in colours other than those registered in his own or assumed name, without submitting not later than two days before the race, a written declaration of the colours which will be used, will be fined Rs. 20 in respect of each horse so run. A declaration may be made of colours which will be used by the person making it throughout the meeting, in which case no further declaration will be required
10. All telegrams to be confirmed by letter.
11. All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Western India Turf Club, Poona.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W.I.T.C.

POONA, *1st February 1903.*

The juice of the green pineapple is believed in Java, the Philippines, and throughout the Far East to be a blood poison of a most deadly nature. *Health* mentions it as the substance with which the Malays poison their kreeses and daggers, and as the "finger-nail" poison formerly in use among aborigine Javanese women almost universally. These women cultivated a nail on each hand to a long, sharp point, and the least scratch from one of these was certain death.

An emu is kept in a park in Sussex, and this bird is especially fond of pheasants' eggs. Being a special aversion of the gamekeeper's, this bird takes apparent delight in annoying him in every way. Prying about until he finds a choice nest of pheasant's eggs, he dispatches the dainty morsels instantly, thereby destroying the hopes of both keeper and hen. Every effort to break him of this habit has been unsuccessful. Once the keeper resolved upon a plan which he thought would, without doubt, prove effectual Having hard boiled a number of eggs, he carried them in steaming hot water to the field, and placed them before the ever-ready emu. Much to his surprise, the dish seemed to appeal strongly to the voracious appetite of the bird, for in a twinkling they were gone, a seeming look of wonder accompanying his grateful appreciation of this unusual attention.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 10th July, 1903.*

THE TURF.

THE NEWMARKET MEETING.

THE concluding stage of the First July Meeting was witnessed by a small company. The sport was fairly interesting to the end. Backers again did pretty well, but in three instances they had to lay the odds Lady Help and Gower were mostly fancied for the Welter Handicap, but neither could keep pace with Blue Grass, who was permitted to start at "tens." It was the mare's fifth success this season. Lady Ormac took the Friday Plate, 115 guineas being sufficient to retain her at the subsequent auction. The Princess's Cup proved the good thing anticipated for Newsboy, who thus gained his fourth bracket, and the Ardvourlie filly landed the odds laid on her for the Fulbourne Stakes. The Ellesmere Stakes went to Wavelet's Pride, who cantered home, and sport concluded when Speculator easily defeatad Cossack (a warm favourite) for the Waterbeach Plate. W. Lane rode three winners.

THE FULBOURNE STAKES.—Of £620 10s., for two-year-olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs; winners extra. New T Y. C. (five furlorgs 140 yards).—

Sir S Scott's br f by Martagon—Abdvourlie, 8st 4lbs	M Cannon	1
Sir E Vincent's ch c Orgueil, 8st 7lbs ...	W Lane	2
Prince Soltykoff's b f Bonnie Wee Thing, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	3
M Ephrussi's Goya, 8st 7lbs	Hardy	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Hymeneus, 8st 7lbs	Griggs	0
Mr W C Whitney's Persurprise, 8st 7lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Grisaille, 8st 4lbs ...	K Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by J. Cannon, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 8 on Ardvourlie filly, 5 to 2 agst Bonnie Wee Thing, 100 to 12 Persurprise, 10 to 1 Goya, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by three-quarters of a length; two lengths between second and third. Persurprise was fourth, Grisaille fifth, and Goya last.

THE ELLESMERE STAKES.—Of 315 sovs; weight for age, etc. Ellesmere Course (about a mile and three furlongs).

Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 8st 9lbs	R Moss	1
Mr Ed Lamb's b g Ancaster, 3yrs, 6st, 11lbs	Griggs	2
Mr J R Keene's ch c Hurst Park II, 3yrs, 7st	Hewitt	3

(*Winner trained by Owner, at Ogbourne.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Wavelet's Pride, 5 to 2 agst Ancaster, and 100 to 8 Hurst Park II.

Won in a canter by four lengths; a bad third.

THE WATERBEACH HANDICAP PLATE—Of 255 sovs. Last six furlongs of R. M.

Sir E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, by Matchmaker—Miss Speculum, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	W Lane	1
Sir J Miller's b h Cossack, 3yrs, 9st 3lbs ...	Maher	2
Mr R Dalgleish's b or br f Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 11b	J Jarvis	3
Mr J R Keene's Chacornac, 6yrs, 8st 5lbs	Lyne	0
Sir J Kelk's Mirus, 5yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	Hardy	0
Lord Durham's King's Limner, 4yrs, 7st 11b (car 7st 3lbs)	Watts	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Akbar, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 8 agst Cossack, 9 to 2 King's Limner, 5 to 1 Pitch Dark, 7 to 1 Speculator, 10 to 1 Chacornac, and 100 to 8 each Mirus and Akbar (offered).

Won by three lengths; a length separated second and third. Chacornac was fourth, Mirus fifth, and Akbar last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 14secs.

ALEXANDRA PARK JULY MEETING.

Such an attractive programme as that issued by Messrs. Pratt and Co. for the gathering at Alexandra Park on the 4th instant could not fail to draw large crowds to the pretty venue adjoining Muswell Hill, and it was manifest some time before the course was cleared for the initial event that the popularity of London's most central racing resort would be fittingly upheld. The Great Northern Railway Company always have their work cut out to deal with the abnormal traffic engendered by a meeting down Wood Green way and there was a continuous and heavy stream of holiday folk pouring northwards from the Metropolis from eleven o'clock onwards. The Members' Lawn—where the band of the Royal Marines enlivened the proceedings with a bright selection of appropriate airs - presented a gay and lively spectacle, and the public enclosures were filled to their utmost capacity. A strong breeze tempered the heat of the solar rays and rendered the atmosphere delightfully pleasant and a capital afternoon's sport was witnessed under most enjoyable conditions. There was a sufficiency of runners, having regard to the size and conformation of the course, and the going was in excellent condition. The feature of the entertainment was the success of the Duke of Devonshire's colours, which were borne to victory in three races, including the London Cup.

THE LONDON CUP HANDICAP—Of 927 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Duke of Devonshire's ch c Alp by St Angela—Queen of the Meadows, 3yrs, 6st	W Griggs	1
Col Lawson's b or br Lanoline, by Avington—Balsamine, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	W Lane	2
Mr C Wood's b h Newtown, by St Florian—Chance, 5yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 5lbs)...	O Madden	3
Mr C Hibbert's Lucinda, by Sir Visto—Sister Lucy, 5yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	C Trigg	0
Mr E C Irish's Over Norton, by Adieu—Lady Why, 6yrs, 9st	F W Hardy	0
Maj J D Edwards's Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 8st 12lbs...	Moss	0
Lord Stanley's Pellisson, by Prisoner—Red Spider, 6yrs, 8st	H Aylin	0
Mr E Clark's Rising Falcon, by St Issy—Magpie, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs ..	Wheatley	0
Mr D Symons's Wise Rosie, by Wiseman—Rosie White, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs (car 6st 11lbs)	Miller	0
Mr S B Joel's Happy Match, by Matchmaker—Ecstacy, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Plant	0
Mr J A Miller's Muriel II, St Simonmimi—Miss Preston, 3yrs, 5st 13lbs (car 6st 3lbs)	Janek	0

(*Winner trained by Goodwin at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Lucinda, 9 to 2 Rising Falcon, 6 to 1 Wise Rosie, 7 to 1 Newtown, 10 to 1 Wavelet's Pride 10 to 1 Muriel II, 10 to 1 Alp, 100 to 8 Lanoline, 100 to 7 Over Norton, 100 to 7 Happy Match 100 to 6 Pellisson.

Pellisson was the first to leave the paddock, and was followed in the parade by Wavelet's Pride, Lanoline, Muriel II., Newtown, Over Norton, Lucinda, and Wise Rosie, with Rising Falcon whipping in. They cantered in the same order, and the white flag was hoisted at 3-4. A capital start was effected at 3-6, Alp being the first to show in front of Happy Match Lanoline, Over Norton, Newtown, and Pellisson, with Rising Falcon next in advance of Lucinda and Wise Rosie, who hung fire last, for a quarter of a mile, when Lanoline and Happy Match exchanged places with Muriel II., Over Norton and Rising Falcon being in close attendance Turning out of the straight Happy Match resumed second place, closely pursued by Rising Falcon, Lanoline, Muriel II., and Pellisson, and on reappearing into view, half a mile from home, Alp was still showing the way to Lanoline, Muriel II., Newtown, and Happy Match, and, having made the whole of the running, won cleverly by a length; three lengths between second and third. Lucinda was placed fourth. Muriel II. fifth, Happy Match sixth, Wavelet's Pride seventh, Rising Falson eighth, Pellisson next, and Over Norton last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 6⅗secs.

CRICKET.

OXFORD *vs* CAMBRIDGE.—Played at Lord's on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July Oxford won by 268 runs. The first day's play practically decided the result of the match, for while Oxford scored 259, Cambridge lost eight wickets for 126, and nothing short of a miracle could have saved them after this. There was nothing of any interest in the Oxford innings except the batting of Raphael, who played well all round the wicket, although his drives had something a little undecided about them; he kept the ball down well but hardly seemed to time it perfectly. He went in first, and was out ninth, only one other ball being bowled after his dismissal. His innings lasted for three hours and a half, and included thirteen fours; it was an innings of the utmost use to his side, for it was not played under the best of conditions, the ball getting up considerably at times. None of the other Oxford men seemed quite at home, and if Keigwin had only been in his usual form with the ball for Cambridge, the total might not have exceeded that of Cambridge. But, unhappily for his side, Keigwin, who had so often done well in the trial matches, was somewhat "off colour," and none of the other bowlers were very accurate. Dowson varied his pace well, but was by no means certain of his pitch; the slow ball with which he deluded MacIver was so very slow that one was reminded of the similar ball with which Alfred Shaw and Palmer so often met with success; it looks absurdly simple to spectators, but it sometimes completely takes a batsman by surprise. The Cambridge innings began at half-past four, and disasters came upon them at once. The batsmen showed excessive caution, for they found the bowling much more difficult to play than that of their own side had been Evans being particularly effective, and by five o'clock only 14 runs had been made,

while three of the best men on the side were out, *viz.*, Ebden Godsell and Mann. Dowson them came in, and at once adopted a different line of action. He did not wait to be bowled, but attacked the bowling, and after putting up two balls which, while they were not possible catches, were perilously near to being so, he played a bold game, which reminded one very much of that played by A. G. Steel in 1878, when another Evans, the uncle of the present Oxford cricketer, was working havoc among the Cambridge batsmen. Thanks to him the score began to show signs that it would not be altogether insignificant, and possibly if he could have found some other men to help him considerably, the fortunes of the game might have been changed. Bnt Keigwin alone could offer any steady resistance to the bowling. Dowson's fine innings was brought to an end just after he had reached his fifty, and it was an innings of which any man might be proud. Keigwin steadily kept up his wicket until the end of the day. Four overs on Friday morning were all that were required to finish the innings, and Oxford had a lead of 122, which they proceeded to increase rapidly. For the second time in the match, Findlay did nothing of note, and Raphael was not allowed to make another hundred, but when Carlisle and M'Iver got together, the bowling was collared for the fist time in the match. The two men made runs so quickly that when at last they were separated, they had put on 109 runs in a little over an hour, and had then placed their side in a very commanding position. Carlisle was the first to go, but MeIver did not survive him for long; their useful partnership had quite taken away any hopes Cambridge may have had of pulling the match out of the fire. The rest of the innings was only noticeable for the sound cricket played by Evans, who supplemented his good bowling by a first-class innings of 60, made in an hour and a half, and the determined hitting of Samson at the end, when his companions were unable to withstand the bowling. Enough had been done to render the task of Cambridge almost impossible of accomplishment, for in the fourth innings of the match they had to make 414 to win. This time Cambridge began their innings a quarter of an hour later than on the previous day, and in the course of the hour and three-quarters remaining for play they lost five wickets for 98, so that they still required 316 to win. As in the first innings, misfortunes came thick and fast, for Ebden, Mann, Harper, and alas! Dowson only made 7 runs between them. The first three wickets fell for 9 runs; the fourth with the total at 14. The outlook was hopelessly bad, but Godsell and Wilson made matters look a little better by adding 68 runs in five minutes under the hour. Just before time Wilson was bowled. There were very few spectators on Saturday, for the game was in such a position that if the remaining five batsmen had been Fry, F. S. Jackson, Jessop, L. C. H Palairet, and A. C. Maclaren there would have been small chance of victory for Cambridge on such a wicket. But there were no Frys and no Jessops in the Cambridge tail, and there was not even a final spark of interest in the remaining proceedings; for although Godsell has deserved well of his side when his innings closed, and although everybody felt that his strictly defensive cricket was the best game under the circumstances, it was not easy to become excited about it. Nevertheless his innings was a credit to the side, and under happier circumstances his stand of three hours might have been simply invaluable. He went in first and was out last.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J E Raphael (Merchant Taylors and St. John's), c Wilson, b Keigwin ...	130	c and b Keigwin ...	19
W Findlay (Eton and Oriel) lbw, b Dowson ...	0	c Dowson, b Roberts ...	10
C D Melver (Forest School and Hertford), b Dowson	19	c Ebden, b Roberts ...	51
W H B Evans (Malvern and Oriel), c Dowson, b Smith	21	c Wilson, b Mann ...	60
K M Carlisle (Harrow and Magdalen), b Roberts ...	0	lbw, b Roberts ...	60
H J Wyld (Harrow and Magdalen), c Smith, b Roberts	19	b McDonell	16
A C Pawson (Winchester and Christ Church), b McDonell	18	b Dowson	7
O M Samson (Cheltenham and Hertford), lbw, b McDonell ...	8	not out	32
E G Martin (Eton and New College) lbw, b McDonell	0	c Buckston, b Mann ...	0
A C von Ernsthausen (Uppingham and Balliol), b McDonell	13	b Roberts	19
R C W Burn (Winchester and Oriel), not out ...	0	b McDonell	0
B 11, lb 1, w 1, nb 18 ...	31	B 4, lb 3, w 5, nb ...	17
Total ...	159	Total ...	291

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C H M Ebden (Eton and Trinity), b Evans ...	5	b Martin	4
R T Godsell (Clifton and Trinity), b Evans ...	0	c Pawson, b Evans ...	59
E W Mann (Harrow and Trinity), b Burn ...	9	b Martin	0
E M Dowson (Harrow and Trinity), c Martin, b Evans	54	b Evans	1
L V Harper (Rossall and Christ's), c Ernsthausen, b Evans	8	b Evans	2
F B Wilson (Harrow and Trinity), b Burn ...	7	b Evans	42
R P Keigwin (Clifton and Peterhouse), not out ...	30	b Ernsthausen ...	9
H C McDonell (Winchester and Corpus), b Evans ...	9	c McIver, b Ernsthausen	2
F B Roberts (Rossall and Jesus), b Evans ..	0	b Ernsthausen ...	1
G M Buckston, (Eton and Trinity), c Findlay, b Ernsthausen ...	1	c Raphael, b Ernsthausen	7
G Howard-Smith (Eton and Trinity), c Carlisle, b Evans	11	not out	0
B 1, nb 2 ...	3	B 3, lb 3, w 5, nb 7 ...	18
Total ...	137	Total ...	145

GENTLEMEN *vs.* PLAYERS.—Played on 6th 7th and 8th July drawn. There was a very large crowd to witness the first day's play, which, as it happened, was not as interesting as it might have been. In the first place, the fielding of the Gentlemen, which is usually so brisk and businesslike, was often commonplace, though Warner and Burnup greatly distinguished themselves, while the batting of the Players was not very attractive, and the bowling of the Gentlemen somewhat commonplace. The Players, who were captained by Hayward, won the toss, and, although the stand for the first wicket produced 114 in an hour and thirty-five minutes, the two batsmen found that the bowling was by no means easy to deal with, for the wicket, while it was never really difficult, was not altogether in favour of the batsmen at first, and if any of the Gentlemen had been a Lockwood or an Australian, the chances are that the Players' innings would have been greatly shortened. As it was, Brearley alone of the amateur bowlers seemed to be likely to get many wickets, for it was certainly not one of Evans's days, and of the five other bowlers who were tried, only Dowson met with any success to speak of. Perhaps the first wicket partnership was the most attractive of the day, for both Hayward and Braund played very pretty cricket. At lunch time the score was 127 for Hayward's wicket, Braund being not out 65, and Tyldesley not out 2. Soon afterwards Braund was caught at mid-off by Maclaren, who, a few minutes later, when Tyldesley was rash enough to run for a hit to the same direction, threw down the wicket. Three wickets for 144. Then followed a long partnership between Denton and Knight, the latter being very anxious at first, and taking half an hour to play himself in before making a run. When he had settled down he gave a fine, but always cautious, exhibitio of the game, and was still at the wickets, with 98 to his credit, when stumps were drawn. As it was his first appearance in this match, his *début* was one of the most successful ever known. Denton played a lively, attractive, but somewhat lucky innings, for he was twice rather badly missed. Undoubtedly the innings of J. Gunn afforded more delight to the spectators than that of anyone else during the day, for he made 28 in little more than twenty minutes, making four 4's off an over from Bosanquet. A minute before the now customary interval for tea the Players were in a most satisfactory position, for with 274 runs on the board they had only lost four wickets. But Brearly then disposed of Gunn, and in a few overs after the game had resumed he dismissed both Arnold and A. E. Trott, so that it seemed highly probable that the innings would not last out the day. Then came a great and welcome surprise, for Barnes, who has never been seriously regarded as a batsman, came in to partner Knight, and finding the worn-out bowling of the Gentlemen to his liking, made hay of it. The two men became complete masters of the situation, and in about an hour and a half before stumps were drawn increased the total by 111 without being separated. Knight had been batting for three hours and a quarter. Total, 387 for seven wickets. There was a most disappointing display of cricket on the part of the Gentlemen on Tuesday. Their bowlers could make no more use of the wicket than on the previous day, but when their turn came to bat they found that it was another pair of sleeves, and they could make no headway against Braund, Hargreave and Trott. The last three wickets of the Players added very nearly a hundred runs to the overnight total, although Barnes was out after increasing his score by 1 run. But Knight and Hunter put on 57 for the ninth wicket before the former was out after batting for four hours and a half without making a serious mistake; his excellent innings included a 5 and eighteen 4's. Even now the innings was not ended, for the last two men quickly made 27 runs. In a very few minutes the Gentlemen had suffered two very serious losses from which they never recovered. Barnes began the bowling, but at the end of his over he was seen to limp, and soon left the field Slowly enough 14 runs had been made when Fry was bowled for 5, while Ranjitsinhji was magnificently caught just after lunch by Hargreave on the boundary at square leg off a fine hit. The total was now 39 for two wickets. After this misfortune none of the Gentlemen except Warner ever managed to feel comfortable, and although Dowson, Bosanquet and Evans each made between 20 and 30, one felt that they would not last for very long. Warner made most of the runs while he was in, and when, with the total at 86, he was caught at the wicket he had scored 51 in an hour and a quarter by very plucky cricket. For the most part the Gentlemen made their runs very slowly. They were so far behind that they had to follow on, and by the time that play ended they had made 74 for the loss of Warner, Fry being not out 41, and Ranjitsinhji not out 6. It did not seem at all likely that anything exciting would happen yesterday, for the Gentlemen had still 218 runs to make before they were level with the total of the first innings of the Players. But, as often used to happen in the days when a side had to follow on if it were a certain number of runs behind, the second innings was in marked contrast to the first. Fry and Ranjitsinhji became settled, found that the work of the previous day had taken something out of the bowlers, and took advantage of their opportunity. What would have happened if Ranjitsinhji had not been so lame that heaps of runs were lost is only a matter for speculation, but as it was, the wicket added 142 runs in a couple of hours to the overnight total of 74. Ranjitsinhji was then out for a brilliant innings of 60. By this time the Players had had almost enough of it, and they are not likely for some time to forget the experiences through which they had now to go. For when Maclaren joined Fry, their bowling was made to look even more simple than that of an ordinary weak club on a good wicket and runs came with almost amusing rapidity. Changes were in vain. The batsmen had got the upper hand and knew how to keep it. In a couple of hours the score had been increased by 200, and still the two famous cricketers went on, until when Fry had passed his second hundred and Maclaren his 150, the unfortunate Players were allowed to go in again. The partnership had produced 309 in about three hours and a half. For his 232 not out Fry was batting for five hours and three quarters, and his hits included thirty-two 4's. Naturally the latter part of his innings was easy work, but at the commencement of it his side was in an almost hopeless position, with the Players' bowlers in high feather. His innings was the highest ever made at Lord's in a match between Gentleman and Players. There was no chance whatever of dismissing the Players, but they were doubtless glad enough to have a rest.

PLAYERS.

Hayward, b Dowson ...	51	Arnold, b Brearley ...	1
Braund, c Maclaren, b Dowson	69	Trott (A E), b Brearley...	0
Tyldesley, run out ...	6	Barnes, c Evans, b Brearley	56
Denton, c Ranjitsinhji, b Bosanquet ...	53	Hunter, b Dowson ...	17
Knight, b Dowson ...	139	Hargreave, not out ...	22
Gunn (J), c Warner, b Brearley	28	B 16, lb 13, w 1, nb 6...	36
		Total ...	478

Second innings.—Hayward, b Dowson, 19; Braund, not out, 22; Tyldesley, not out, 13; nb 1. Total (1 wkt) 55.

GENTLEMEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B Fry, b Hargreave ...	5	not out	232
P F Warner, c Hunter, b Hargreave	51	c Hunter, b Hargreave...	27
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Tyldesley, b Braund	9	c Hunter, b Gunn ...	60
C J Burnup, lbw, b Braund...	11		
A C Maclaren, c & b Braund	9	not out	168
E M Dowson, c Denton, b Braund	29		
B J T Bosanquet, c Trott, b Hargreave	26		
W H B Evans, c sub, b Trott	21		
H Martyn, c Knight, b Trott	7		
Hesketh Pritchard, not out ...	1		
W Brearley, b Trott ...	0		
B 13, lb 3	16	B 8, lb 2, nb 3 ...	13
Total ...	185	Total (2 wkts) ...	*500

YORKSHIRE *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Dewsbury on 2nd and 3rd July. Yorkshire won by an innings and 280 runs. *Innings declared closed.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, c Hunter, b Haigh	61	b Haigh ...	2
Whitehead, b Hirst ...	19	c Hunter, b Rhodes ...	39
Knight, b Hirst	2	c Tunnicliffe, b Ringrose	27
King, b Hirst	5	b Ringrose — ...	4
R T Crawford, b Rhodes ...	10	c Hunter, b Ringrose ...	2
V F S Crawford, lbw, b Haigh	17	c Wainwright, b Ringrose ...	25
A E Davis, b Hirst ...	4	c and b Ringrose ...	7
Coe, b Haigh	19	absent, ill ...	0
Brown, not out ...	12	b Rhodes ...	1
W W Odell, b Haigh ...	8	c Denton, b Ringrose ...	3
Marlow, b Haigh ...	0	not out	5
Lb 2, nb 5 ...	7	B 1, nb 2	3
Total ...	164	Total ...	118

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, c and b R T Crawford	16	Haigh, c and b King —	18
Tunnicliffe, c and b Odell ...	2	Wainwright, c R, b V Crawford ...	42
Denton, b Odell ...	133	Hunter, c and b Odell	7
Wilkinson, b Whitehead ...	46	Ringrose, st Davis, b Whitehead ...	23
Hirst, run out ...	153	B 7 lb 1, w 1 ...	9
Smith, c R Crawford, b Whitehead ...	34		
Rhodes, not out ...	79	Total ...	562

WORCESTERSHIRE *vs.* SOMERSETSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 6th, 7th and 8th July Worcestershire won by an innings and 109 runs.

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SOMERSET.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
O M Samson, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	26	b Bird	16
Lewis, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	6	c Wilson, b Martin ...	41
P R Johnson, b Wilson ...	8	c Foster, b Bird ...	110
Robson, run out	16	b S Hayward ...	34
Hardy, b Wilson ...	4	c Gaukrodger, b Martin	28
F M Lee, c Simpson-Hayward, b Bird	41	c and b Bird —	28
J Daniell, b Wilson ...	13	c Brinton, b Bird ...	51
A E Newton, c Simpson-Hayward, b Bird	1	b Simson-Hayward ...	0
		c Simson-Hayward, b Bird	
A W S Patterson, b Bird ...	19	b Wilson	4
Cranfield, b Wilson ...	6	not out	6
North, not out	0	Extras ...	12
Lb 1, w 2 ...	3		
Total ...	143	Total ...	338

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bowley, c Robson, b Cranfield	148	R S Brinton, c Newton, b Cranfield	8
W S Caldwell, c Newton, b Robson	37	Bird, b North... ...	18
H K Foster, lbw, b Cranfield	216	E G Martin, b Cranfield ...	0
Wheldon, b North ...	112	Wilson, c Lewis, b Cranfield	5
G H Simpson-Hayward, b Robson	16	H J Powys-Keck, not out	0
Gaukrodger, b Cranfield...	6	B 15, lb 5, w 4 ...	24
		Total —	590

THE PHILADELPHIAN'S TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* LANCASHIRE—(eighth of the tour).—Played at Old Trafford on 6th, 7th and 8th July. Gentlemen of Philadelphia won by nine wickets.

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F G Maclaren, c Jordan, b King ...	0	b King — ...	19
F H Hollins, c and b King ...	3	b King	0
I'Anson, b King ...	0	b King	1
G Radcliffe, c Wood, b King ...	34	run out	36
A Eccles, b Le Roy ...	52	b King	0
Sharp, c Lester, b Le Roy ...	23	b King	3
Cuttell, b King	0	b King	39
Heap, c Morris, b Le Roy ...	7	not out	38
Littlewood, not out ...	5	b King	13
Worsley, run out	1	b King	0
Kermode, c Le Roy, b Clark ...	23	c Jordan, b King ...	2
B 2, lb 8 ...	10	B 16, lb 4 ...	20
Total ...	158	Total ...	171

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

N Z Graves, c Worsley, b I'Ason	19	C C Morris, b Cuttell ...	11
F C Sharpless, run out ...	19	R D Brown, lbw, b Kermode	26
J A Lester, lbw, b I'Anson	1	P H Clark, b Kermode ...	26
J B King, c Littlewood b I'Anson	3	P N Le Roy, c I'Anson, b Littlewood	11
F H Bohlen, c Worsley, b Cuttell	43	T C Jordan, not out ...	0
A M Wood, b Cuttell ...	17	Byes 4, lb 7 .	11
			187

Second Innings:—N. Z. Graves, not out, 103; F. C Sharpless, b Littlewood, 23; P. H. Brown, not out, 8; extras, 9.—Total (1 wicket), 143.

OTHER MATCHES.

Somerset beat Gloucestershire by ten wickets in the match played at Bath on 2nd and 3rd July, Leicestershire beat Derbyshire at Leicester on the 6th, 7th and 8th July by 126 runs. King put up a good innings of 126 runs.

The match between Notts and Lancashire played at Trent Bridge on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July ended in a draw. A. O. Jones was in great form, making 137 and 100, Iremonger made 125 and W. Gunn 50 and 73. For Lancashire R. H. Spooner played a five innings of 247.

Surrey and Sussex drew at Brighton on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th July, Fry giving a good display, putting up 200.

BATTING AVERAGES (10 innings) TO 4TH JULY.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B ...	20	2	1335	234	74·16
Gunn (J) ...	21	2	1122	291	59·05
Perrin, P A ...	18	2	720	179	55·38
Ranjitsinhji, K S...	18	3	802	162*	53·46
Jessop, G L ...	15	0	801	286	53·40
Tyldesley ...	20	1	1012	248	53·26
Quaife (W G) ...	15	3	585	130	48·75
Hirst ...	16	1	719	153	47·93
Dowson, E M ...	19	1	854	135	47·44
Foster, H K ...	23	2	999	120	47·14
Knight ...	22	3	854	144*	44·94
Hawke, Lord ...	15	4	475	79	43·18
Poidevin L O S ...	13	1	518	172*	43·16
Wright, L G ...	18	1	689	133	40·52
Eccles, A ...	15	5	390	126	39·00
Iremonger ...	19	1	694	125	38·55
Maclaren, A C ...	24	4	753	143	37·65
Killick ...	23	2	789	116	37·57
Arnold ...	22	3	712	128	37·47
Gunn (W) ...	18	0	655	139	36·38
Hayes ...	31	3	1009	102	36·03
Jones, A O ...	21	2	682	137	35·89
Garnett, H G ...	12	1	393	122	35·72
Hayward ...	32	0	1140	130	35·62
McGahey, C H ...	15	2	463	110*	35·61
Murdoch, W L ...	11	1	352	155	35·20
Denton	26	0	914	133	35·15
Bowley (F) ...	23	1	761	164	34·59
Lester (J A) ...	13	1	404	96	33·66
Martyn, H ...	10	0	335	79	33·50
Llewellyn ...	18	4	463	148	33·07
Fane, F L ...	13	1	377	90	31·41
Grace, W G ...	14	0	420	150	30·00
Lilley ...	14	1	389	59	29·92
Wood, C J B ...	27	2	734	101	29·36
Wheldon ...	20	1	558	71	29·36
Sewell (E H D) (Essex)	20	2	517	90	28·72
Brown (J T, sen)...	22	0	618	125	28·09
Sharp (J) ...	20	3	476	120	28·00
King, J H ...	24	2	607	127	27·59
Rhodes ...	24	2	606	98*	27·54
Wilson, F B ...	19	2	464	76	27·29
Kinneir ...	16	1	407	90	27·13
Lees ...	19	2	460	75*	27·05

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Whitehead (H) (Leics)	— 22	0	555	104	25·22
Gunn (G) ...	... 20...	5	378	59	25·20

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES (20 wickets.)

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Ringrose ...	... 138·3	35	356	30	11·86
Hearne (J T) ...	... 379·2	126	928	75	12·37
Hargreave ...	... 439·1	142	833	67	12 43
Bradley, W M ...	... 120·5	33	284	21	13·52
Mead ...	... 465	168	890	66	13·48
King, J B ...	... 248·1	64	647	46	14·06
Evans, W H B ...	... 250·2	64	682	48	14·20
Hirst ...	... 261 3	64	650	45	14·44
Blythe ...	... 295·5	101	638	44	14·50
Young, (H) (Essex)	... 236·2	69	528	36	14·66
Trott (A E) ...	... 289·4	68	849	56	15·16
Robson (E) (Somerset)	... 129·5	30	397	26	15·26
McDonell, H C	... 200·1	34	567	36	15·75
Hesketh-Pritchard, H	... 214·4	46	642	40	16·05
Buckenham ...	... 220·3	39	643	40	16·07
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	... 298·1	72	900	55	16 36
Hulme ...	... 218·2	49	618	37	16·70
Fielder ...	... 141·5	32	395	23	17·17
Lees ...	... 419·2	118	1031	60	17·18
Barnes (S) ...	... 555·4	190	1300	74	17·56
Burn, R C W ...	... 281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Martin, E G ...	... 306·1	116	624	35	17·82
Jackson (Surrey)	... 173·2	37	410	23	17·82
Relf	... 503·4	185	1116	62	18,00
Killick ...	... 145·2	33	396	22	18·00
Santall ...	... 262	72	598	33	18·12
Lockwood ...	... 319·3	72	852	47	18·12
Ernsthausen, A C Von	... 158·5	40	460	25	18·40
Rhodes ...	... 665·1	217	1331	72	18·48
Clarke, P H ...	... 216·1	41	583	31	18·80
Beldam, G W ...	... 161·3	51	395	21	18·80
Whateley, E G ...	... 132	25	418	22	19·00
Roberts (F G) (Glo'cstr)	... 305·1	90	748	39	19·17
Bland ...	... 394·4	95	1002	52	19·26
Richardson (T) (Surrey)	... 430·4	93	1254	65	19·29
Haigh ...	... 479·3	136	1205	62	19·43
Clode ...	... 307·4	64	863	44	19·61
Braund ...	... 391	91	1117	56	19·94
Field (Warwickshire)	... 233·2	51	721	35	20·60
Bestwick ...	... 328·3	95	764	37	20·64
Fairservice ...	... 150·5	40	418	20	20·90
Huggins ...	322·4	103	792	37	21·40
Warren (A) ...	... 213·4	43	687	32	21·46
Keigwin, R P ...	... 289·5	67	817	38	21·50
Brearley, W ...	... 343·4	62	1149	53	21·67
Arnold ...	... 487	128	1241	57	21·77
Gunn (J) ...	... 505·1	179	977	44	22·20
Hallam ...	... 454·1	156	879	39	22·53
Bird (Worcestershire)	... 302·2	59	842	37	22·75
Littlewood ...	... 262·2	77	622	27	23·03
Gill (G) ...	... 216	37	674	29	23·24
Dowson, E M ...	... 264·4	60	761	32	23·78
Cox ...	... 371·1	124	898	37	24·27

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Sussex ...	... 11	4	1	6	3	60·00
Lancashire	... 13	5	2	6	3	42 85
Notts ...	... 11	2	1	8	1	33·33
Yorkshire ...	... 13	6	4	3	2	20·00
Warwickshire	... 11	4	3	4	1	11·33
Somerset ...	... 7	3	3	1	—	—
Worcestershire	... 10	2	2	6	—	—
Surrey ...	... 13	4	5	4	—1	—11 11
Hampshire	... 4	1	2	1	—1	—33·33
Derbyshire ...	... 9	2	5	2	—3	—42·85
Kent ...	... 6	1	3	2	—2	—50·00
Leicestershire	... 11	1	5	5	—4	—66·66
Gloucestershire	... 9	0	5	4	—4	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May Kent and Sussex fixed for Tonbrige on June 15, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's June 15, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath, June 15, &c. were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

ROWING.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA.

Henley Royal Regatta was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday in the presence of a largely-increased attendance. The first race of the day, the final for the Grand Challenge Cup, produced an exciting struggle, in which last year's winners suffered defeat by six feet, Leander winning by that distance over Third Trinity in 7mins. 9sec. I have wired you the results and here append details of the finals :—

GRAND CHALLENGE CUP.—(Four entries). (Holders : Third Trinity, Cambridge.)

Bucks : Leander 1
Berks : Third Trinity, Cambridge 2

LEANDER.

	st	lb.			st	lb
H. Sanger (bow) ...	10	9	6	F. W. Warre ..	12	8
2 T. Drysdale ...	11	10	7	F. J. Escombe ..	13	0
3 B. C. Cox ...	11	13		A. K. Graham(str) ...	10	10
4 F. S. Kelly ...	12	0		G. S Maclagan (cox)	8	10
5 R. B Etherington. Smith ...	12	6				

THIRD TRINITY, CAMBRIDGE.

	st	lb			st	lb
J. R. Wharton (bow)	10	7	6	C. W. H. Taylor ...	13	0
1 J. H. Gibbon ...	11	9	7	W. Dudley Ward ...	12	4
2 C. H. Chalmers ...	9	13		R. H. Nelson (str)...	11	2
2 P. H. Thomas ...	12	1		C. Kent (cox) ...	8	6
3 W.H. Chapman ...	11	5				

(Time record, 6 mins. 51sec).

The Consuta was crowded when she left the raft, amongst others on board with the umpire, Mr. Pitman, being Mr. R. G. Gridley (hon. sec A. R. A), Mr. R. C. Lehmann (coach of the Leander), Mr Willis (coach of Taird Trinity, Mr. Herbert T. Steward (Chairman of the Commitee), etc. There was very little wind, and really no advantage in the station, when the crews came up to the stake boats where a slight delay ensued. Etherington Smith was the first to reply to the usual query by the umpire and promptly answered "No," and then Third were delayed a trifle. When eventually they got away, the wind had arisen somewhat from the Bushes, but Trinity were the first away, and led in the first ten strokes, but only by a couple of feet. The tally for the first minute was : Third, 11-21-40; Leander 11-20-40 As far as could be judged, they were absolutely level at the Temple, and, if anything, Trinity had the advantage at the half-mile, reached in 2mins. 29secs. After passing the Farm both were rowing 34 to the minute. At Fawley Court boat house the wearers of the cerise were only a yard in front, the time being 3mins. 26secs. Nelson once more spurted desperately, and almost led by six feet at the Grosvenor Club, and passing the mile (in 5mins. 22secs. had a slight advantage. The finish was extra ordinary, as in the last hundred yards Graham made one grand effort, and well backed up, just got up on the post where he won amid the most intense excitement and interest by six feet, the time being 7mins. 9secs.

Not for years has there been such a struggle, and from every point of view it evoked the greatest enthusiam, both winners and losers being applauded vociferously.

LADIES' CHALLENGE PLATE (five entries).—(Holders : University College, Oxford.)

Berks: Magdalen College, Oxford 1
Bucks: Eton College 2

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

	st	lb			st	lb
J. D. Stobart (bow)	10	11	6.	G. C. James ...	12	4
2. E. L. Coles ...	11	11	7.	C. A. Willis ...	11	1
3. J. H. Morrell ...	11	4		H. G Rose (stroke)	10	5
4. C. P. Ackers ...	11	10		C E. Seymour		
5. V. Fleming ...	12	1		(cox) ...	9	5

ETON.

	st	lb			st	lb
A. H. Arbuthnot (bow) ...	10	6	5.	L. E. Jones ...	13	0
2. H. V. C. Johnstone	11	12	6.	L. R. A. Gatehouse	13	3
3. E. W. Powell ...	10	6	7.	R. V. Powell ...	11	10
4. D. P. Wormald ...	12	3		H. C. Bucknell (st)	10	4
				R. Allcard (cox) ...	8	3

Magdalen started off at 10-21-39 in the first minute, Eton doing 10, 21, and 39. Before the quarter-mile post was reached Magdalen were nearly three-quarters of a length in front, and drew clear at the Farm. Coming up to Fawley, Magdalen were rowing easily 36, and passed the bouthouses in 3mins, 75secs., Eton then being four seconds behind. After this Magdalen never were really approached, and off the mile reached in 6mins 30secs were a length and a quarter in front. Eton, however, were not done with, and at Clubland once more spurted, but Rose was equal to the effort, and drawing away won a grand race by a length and three feet. Time—7mins 33secs.

THAMES CHALLENGE CUP.—(eight entries). (Holders : Trinity Hall).

Berks : Trinity College, Dublin 1
Bucks : Kingston R C 2

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

	st	lbs			st	lbs
W F Fox (bow)...	11	10	6	H B Mayne ...	11	9
2 J Cunningham ...	11	3	7	J du P Langrishe	11	10
3 M P Leahy ...	11	10		F J Usher (str) ...	11	5
4 A A McNeigh	12	5				
5 H A Emerson ...	13	9		E B Bate (cox) ...	8	5

KINGSTON R. C.

	st	lb.			st.	lb.
J. N. Horsfield (bow)	10	2	6	R. Willis ...	13	2
2. E. O Capon ...	10	8	7.	A. A. Stuart ...	11	6
3. H. G M. Young ...	11	11		R.W. Greene (str) ...	12	13
4. J. H. Piper ...	11	5		R. W. W. Spooner		
5. A. C. FitzClarence...	13	0		(cox) ...	8	6

There was very little wind when they were despatched on their journey. The Hibernians were first away, and, as yesterday, put in 22 strokes in the first half, the tally for the full period being 42 exactly. Kingston's time was 21 for the half-minute, and 41 in the full, but they rowed rather raggedly, and were led by half a length at the Temple. Near the Farm Dublin rowing 33 to the minute, came further away, Kingston's rate then being 33. The Irishmen's time at the half-mile was 2mins. 33secs., and they were then half a length in front. At Fawley Dublin were still half a length to the good, the time there being 3mins. 38secs. Approaching the Mile Post, Greene spurted, but passed that post in 5mins. 40secs. The Kingston men very palpably were beaten then, but, pluckily, they never let up, and Dublin only won by a length, after a grand race. Time—7mins. 37secs.

THE GOBLETS (three entries)—(Holders, Third Trinity).

Bucks : Victoria (Berlin) R C 1
Berks : Kingston R C 2

VICTORIA (BERLIN).

	st	lb			st	lb
Lothar Klaus (bow and steers) ...	10	10		A Ehrenberg (str) ...	12	1

KINGSTON R. C.

	st	lb			st	lb
D C Stuart (bow) ...	10	0		C M Steele (stroke) ...	11	1

They both started at 20-39, but the Berliners were the first to show in front, and before half the Island had been traversed were half a length ahead. By the Farm the visitors had increased their lead to two thirds of a length, and, passing Fawley mark in 4mins 13secs, had an advantage of seven seconds. Both crews subsequently steered a grand course, but the Berliners were always in front, and won by eight lengths, in 8min 45secs. the victory being decidedly popular and well received along the river-front.

STEWARDS' CHALLENGE CUP (five entries).—(Holders. Third Trinity)

Bucks : Third Trinity, Cambridge 1
Bucks : Royal Netherlands R and S C 2

THIRD TRINITY, CAMBRIDGE.

	st	lb			st	lb
W H Chapman (bw) ...	11	5		W Dudley-Ward ...	12	4
P H Thomas ...	12	1		*R H Nelson (str) ...	11	2

*Steers.

ROYAL NETHERLANDS.

	st	lb			st	lb
J Terriogt (bow) ...	10	13		*J J Blusse ...	13	10
P J Lotsy... ...	11	3		B Ferman (str) ...	11	6

*Steers.

The Hollanders were the quicker away, and, splendidly steered by Lieut. Blusse, put in 22-43 strokes in the first minute, Nelson's time being 19-37. Half-way up the Island the Cambridge men settled down to business, and, rowing steadily 36-37, were level at the Temple. They were in front, almost clear, at the half-mile, reached in 2mins 44secs, and had a two-length advantage at Fawley, where they were clocked 3mins 48secs. Repeatedly Ferman spurted, but the Netherlanders could not make the slightest impression upon the best four ever seen in the Stewards' Cup. Third were three lengths to the good at the mile, where the time was 5mins 55secs, and then, slowing down, only paddled home, safely, the official verdict being a length and three-quarters. Time—8mins 5secs.

It was a grand race by Third, and they were at once, amid cheers, congratulated by the Netherlanders, who, in turn, were given a hearty and enthusiastic reception, and appreciated the cordial compliment paid them *en route*.

THE DIAMONDS (ten entries).

(Holder, F. S. Kelly, Palliol, Oxford).

Bucks : F S. Kelly, Leander R C., 12st 1
Berks : J Beresford, Kensington R.C., 9st 10lbs 2

Mr. Fletcher sent them off to a grand start, and in the first minute Beresford, who was the faster away, put in 10-20-38, the holder's rate meanwhile being 11-20-38. Before a quarter of a mile had been traversed Kelly, whom it was rumoured was going for the record, was half a length in front and in less than 30secs was clear. At the Rectory he had increased his advantage to two lengths and a half, and at Fawley was a good three lengths in front, his time then being 4mins 9secs, although he was also clocked 4mins 6 secs. The remainder of the journey was only a paddle for the Oxonian, who finished in 8 mins 41secs, Beresford's time being 9mins 11secs. It is some years since such a grand sculler has been seen, and his performance in the Wingfields for which he has entered, will be eagerly looked forward to. To beat Beresford as easily as he did after his great race in the Grand is a marvellous performance, and stamps the Australian, as being one of the greatest amateur scullers who ever sat in a boat.

VISITORS' CHALLENGE CUP (three entries)—(Holders : Jesus College.)

Bucks : University College, Oxford 1
Berks : Magdalen College, Oxford 2

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

	st	lbs		st	lbs
C G Pearson (bow)...	11	12	E G Monier-Williams		
A R Balfour ...	11	9	(str) ...	12	1
E P Evans ...	12	12			

* Steers.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

	st	lbs		st	lbs
*C A Willis (bow)	11	1	V Fleming ...	12	1
G C James ...	12	4	C P Ackers (str)	11	1

*Steers.

Magdalen were the first to show in front, and in the first minute Monier Williams dipped in 10-18 35. University's rate being 9-18-36 Before the top of the Island was reached, University drew level and Magdalen, crossing over, it looked as if there would be a foul Willis, however, went back to the Berks side, and University assumed the lead, and were just clear at the half-mile in 2mins 54secs. At Fawley, passed in 4mins 3secs, they were a length and a quarter in front, and were then rowing steadily. At the Mile the time was 6mins 18secs for the leaders, and after this they had matters their own way, winning eventually by a length and a quarter Time—8mins 25secs.

As almatter of detail, is may be added that the races was witnessed by Rev. Hon. G. Denman who rowed for Cambridge in 1841 and 1842.

WYFOLD CHALLENGE (three entries).—(Holders : Burton-on-Trent.)

Berks : Kingston R C 1
Buck : London R C 2

KINGSTON B. C.

	st	lb		st	lb
*A A Stuart ...	11	6	A C Fitzclarence...	13	0
J H Piper ...	11	5	R Willis (str) ...	13	2

*Steers.

LONDON R. C.

	st	lbs		st	lb
H G Wilkinson ...	11	8	R C Howard ...	12	3
G T Western ...	11	12	E D Hay Currie (str)	10	11

Kingston were first away, and were slightly in front at the top of the Island, where the Metropolitans took a very erratic course, and very nearly fouled the up-river men, who also were not blameless in the matter of clear steering At the half-mile London led by a few feet, and then again it looked as if there would be a foul. They had a grand race to Fawley, passed by Kingston in 4mins., 7secs. only a couple of yards separating them. Subsequently, London made one good effort to draw up, but Kingston had their measure taken, and, shaking off the last challenge near Clubland, came away, and won a fine race by a length and four feet. Time—8mins. 28secs.

ATHLETICS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

With several of the holders standing down and the fields smaller than usual, the championship meeting decided on the County Cricket Ground, Northampton, on Saturday, fell rather flat. The lack in quantity was not, unfortunately, atoned for by the quality of those, speaking collectively, who took part in fourteen events, which, with preliminary heats and finals, kept the officials busy from half-past two until six o'clock. Two or three good things were done during the afternoon, but the sport, generally, was devoid of excitement and incident, and, to put it plainly, the fixture was, for a championshion gathering, a good deal below the average. Luckily, the weather was about all that could be wished. Perhaps the wind was slightly too high for the long-distance races, but the air was beautifully pure and clear, while continuous sunshine made matters pleasant for the goodly number of spectators who patronised the proceedings. The attendance, indeed, was said to be one of the best ever seen on the ground, reaching, as it did, close upon 8,000, and, with several local athletes as competitors, it goes without saying there was, at times, a good deal of enthusiasm. Details :—

100 YARDS RACE.

Heat 1 : A. F. Duffy (holder), Georgetown University, U S.A., 1 ; A. Hargreaves, Southport H. and A. C., 2. The American was quickest in his running and, drawing away stride by stride, he won comfortably by two two yards. Time—10 1secs.

Heat 2 : F. Rivers Nottingham Boots A.C., 1 ; Dennis Murray, Co. Dublin H., 2 ; J. A. Miller, London A. C., 3. The men were despatched to an excellent start. Rivers and Murray at once drew away from Miller, and, running a great race, were level twenty-yards from home. In the last few strides Rivers stayed best, and won by a foot ; a bad third. Time—10⅕secs.

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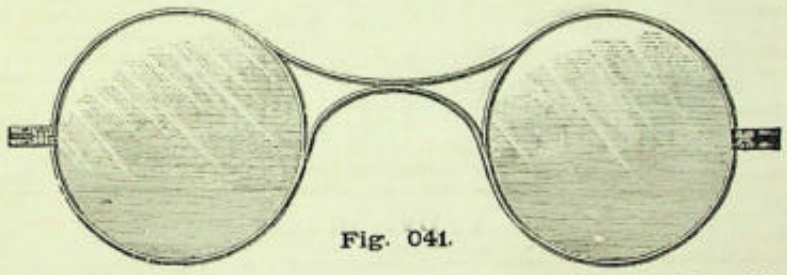

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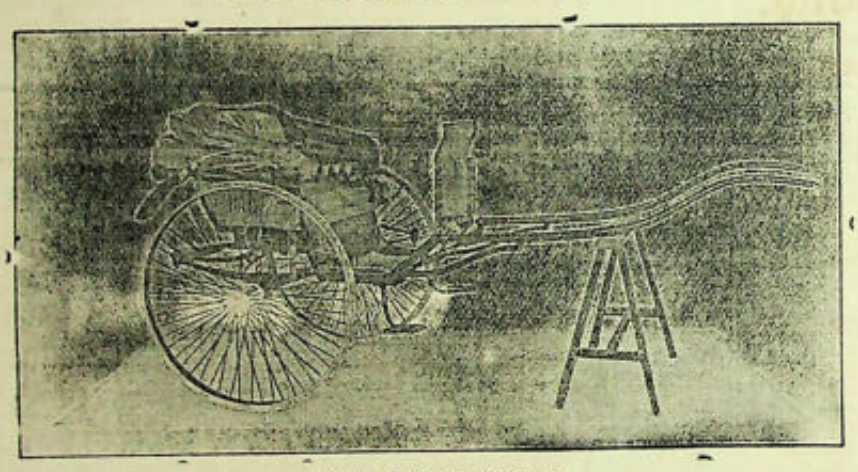

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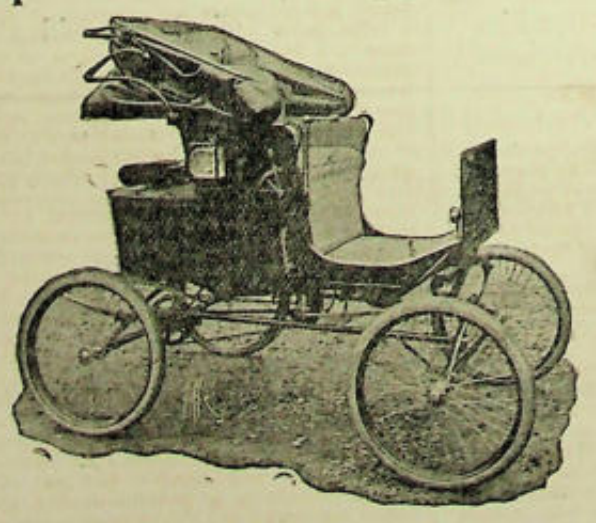

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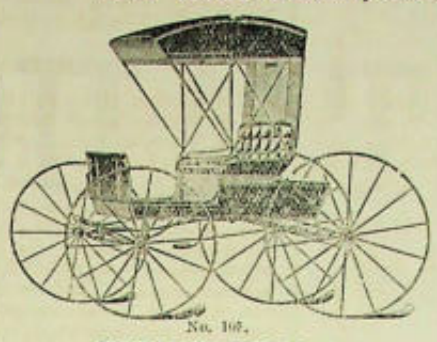

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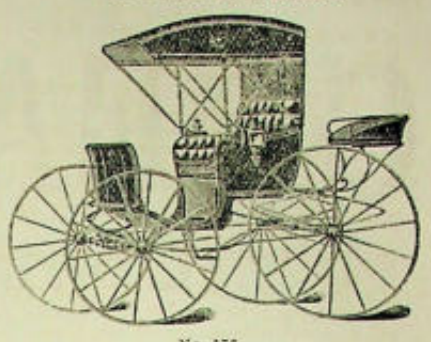

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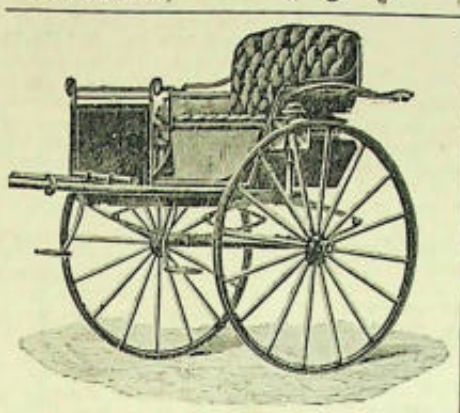

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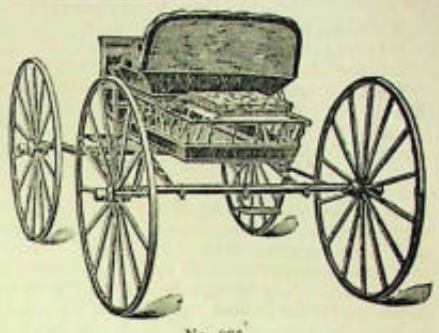

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Heat 3 : L. F. Tremeer, Polytechnic H., 1 ; H. Morgan, Salford H., 2 ; E. W. Smith, Northampton Alpine H., 3. The Londoner was away like a flash, and at the half-distance he led by a yard. This advantage he easily increased, and, with the race in hand, he won, pulling up, by two yards ; third one yard away. Time—10⅘secs.

Final Heat.

A F Duffy, Georgetown University U S A ...	...	1
F Rivers, Nottingham Boots A C ...	...	2
L F Tremeer, Polytechnic H ...	...	3

Directly the pistol cracked Duffy crowded on all steam, and, in his running at once, he was leading at the half-distance by a yard. This he increased to five feet in the next score, and in the end he won rather cleverly by two long yards ; three-quarters of a yard between second and third. Time 10secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

Tom R Nicholson, Kyles A C and W of Scotland H, 40ft 7¼ins	1
H A Leeke, Cambridge University A C and L A C, 37ft 3¼ins	2
G W Clark, L A C and C U A C, 35fts 11¾ins ...	3
Alfred Flaxman, Unattached, 34ft 2¾ins	4

The Scot won with ease at his first throw.

HIGH JUMP.

P O'Connor, Waterford A C	w o

S. S. Jones, New York A.C. (holder), and P. L. Lascelles, Cambridge University, did not compete, and O'Connor consequently walked over. In an exhibition jump he cleared 5ft. 8ins.

ONE MILE RACE.

A Shrubb, South London H	1
J Binks (holder), Highgate H	2
E L. Gay-Roberts, Oxford University A C	3

The Oxonian led at a slow pace, followed by Shrubb, with Binks two yards away last. After going a quarter, Shrubb drew up to Gay-Roberts, but almost immediately dropped back second. Binks, who was running easily, also had a feeler at Shrubb, who, at six hundred yards, put on the pace, and assumed first position. Gay-Roberts now began to lose ground, and at the half-distance Binks gave him the go by, and hunted after Shrubb. The last-named kept looking over his shoulder and, with the sound of the bell, Binks nearly drew level. At this point a desperate finish appeared in view, as Binks seemed to be easily holding the leader. Four hundred from home, however, Shrubb dashed right away, and, leaving Binks as if he were standing, he won all ends up by twenty yards ; Gay Roberts being a bad third. Time—4mins. 24secs.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE.

Heat 1 : G R Garnier, Oxford University A C, 1 ; F W Gould, Newport A C, 2. A walk over, both being qualified for the final. Grainer, however, ran out and won by ten yards. Time—17⅖secs.

Heat 2 : A Trafford, Birmingham A C, 1 ; Patrick Harding, Dublin Civil Service R F C, 2 ; John Murray, Co. Dublin H, 3. Trafford was the smartest away and he took the first hurdle a yard in advance of Harding. The further he went the more he increased his lead, and in the end the Midlander won by five yards ; half a yard between second and third. Time—16⅖secs.

Final Heat.

G R Garnier, Oxford University A C	1
A Trafford, Birmingham A C	2
E W Gould, Newport A C	3
Patrick Harding, Dublin Civil Service	4

The Dark Blue was the first at his obstacles, and at the half-distance he was leading Trafford a yard and a half. The Brum made a great effort, but Garnier always had the foot of his field, and, clearing his jumps in fine style, he ran right through and won by two yards and a half ; three-quarters of a yard dividing second and third. Time—15⅖secs.

220 YARDS RACE.

Heat 1 : C. W. Fox, Highgate H., 1 ; G. F. Brewill, Loughboro' Corinths. A. F. C., 2 ; A. G. Kennedy, Rutherford College, O ; R. W. Wadsley (holder), Salford H., disq. An unfortunate scramble. Wadsley began very slowly and Fox made the running from Brewill When well down the straight Wadsley made his effort. He was, however, forced on to the turf, and trying again, upset Kennedy and finished second. Fox won, and Wadsley was disqualified and second place awarded to Brewill. Time—23⅖secs.

Heat 2 : L. F. Tremeer, Polytechnic H., 1 ; E. K. Kenyon, Manchester, A. C., 2 ; A. Hargreaves, Southport H. and A. C, 3 ; H. Morgan, Salford H., 0. After a fine start Tremeer began to draw away, but rounding the bend Kenyon got level with the Poly. man. Tremeer, however, was equal to the occasion, and shaking of the Mancunian he won a good race by a yard ; half a yard divided second and third. Morgan pulled up a score from home. Time—23⅖secs.

Final Heat.

G F Brewill, Loughborough A F C	1
L F Tremeer, Polytechnic H	2
C W Fox, Highgate H	3

E. H. Kenyon, Manchester A C, did not start, and Brewill, getting well away, soon showed in front. At the half-distance Tremeer drew up to the Midlander's shoulder, but Brewill had plenty left in him and, coming with a fine raking stride down the straight, he won cleverly by nearly two yards ; one yard divided second and third. Time—23secs.

THROWING THE HAMMER. (16lb from a 9ft circle).

Tom R Nicolson, Kyles A C and West of Scotland H 142ft 7ins	1
E E B May, Oxford University A C and L A C 118ft 0½in	2
P G Masters, London A C 106ft 11½ins	3

Nicolson was again to the fore, and, quite overshadowing his rivals, he won handsomely with the fine throw recorded.

HALF MILE RACE

B J Blunden Blackheath H	1
A E Barker, Leeds A C	2
W Baker Brighton and County H	3
E S Ward, London A C	4
E H Kenyon, Manchester A C	0
J H Bessell, Ranelagh H and L A C	0
J E Finnegan, Dublin Handdington H	0
C R Berry, Blackheath H	0
John McGough, Glasgow Bellahouston H ...	0

On settling down Blunden made the running from Ward with Kenyon lying third and Finnegan last. A furlong later the Blackheath harrier was four yards to the good, but, easing up, he led Kenyon by barely two yards. Coming round the bend for home the Manchester man shot past and took a four-yard lead. Then, when about 100 yards from home, he mistook the winning post and almost pulled up. Before he could get fairly into his stride again Blunden had resumed command, and, though thoroughly done up, he stayed home and won by five yards : ten yards between seconod and third. Only the four placed finished.

POLE JUMP.

Time—1min 58⅘secs.

S Morriss, German Gym Soc	w o

The German Gym. man only cleared 8ft 6ins.

FOUR-MILE RACE.

A Shrubb (holder), South London H ...	1
Thomas Edwards, Salford H	2

Shrubb at once took command, and, though Edwards ran along pluckily, he lost ground every lap, and finally the holder won as he liked by nearly 400 yards. His times were.

	M. S.		M. S.
One Mile ...	4 44	Three Miles ...	15 6
Two Miles ...	9 47	Four Miles ...	20 4

Edward's time, 21min 11secs.

LONG JUMP.

P O'Connor (holder), Waterford A C, 22ft 9¼ ins ...	1
Patrick Harding, Dublin Civil Service R F C 20ft 8¼ ins	2

Practically a walk over for the holder, who complained of his spikes coming through his shoes, owing to the hardness of the ground.

QUARTER MILE RACE.

C McLachlan, Herne Hill H	1
G W White (holder), Northampton Rodley H ...	2
E H Montague, South London H	3
C W Packford, Reading A C	4
R B Cowley, South London H	5

After going a few strides White took the lead, and came away from Montague and McLachlan, with Cowley last. At the half-distance Montague ran past and led into the straight, where, however, he gave way to White. The last-named appeared to have the race in hand, but, dying away in the last score, he was caught by McLachlan, who finishing strongly, won by three yards ; one yard between second and third. Time—52⅖secs.

TWO-MILE WALKING RACE.

E J Negus, Northampton	1
G A Bush, Northampton Institute H	2
T O'Gorman, Polytechnic H	3
W Martindale, Polytechnic H.	4
W Endean, Polytechnic H	5

At the mile the order was Bush, Negus, O'Gorman, Martindale and Endean. The last-named was never dangerous, but in the final circuit Bush and Negus had a great race. Three hundred yards from home Bush spurted past Negus, but when winning well he pulled up at the wrong post and Negus regained the lead and scored a lucky victory by fifteen yards ; about the same distance divided the next two. Martindale was fourth, a foot behind O'Gorman. Times : One mile, 7mins. 15secs ; two miles, 14mins. 44⅘secs.

TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE.

S J Robinson, Northampton and C A A C and Alp H ...	1
A Russell, Walsall H A C	2
A A Nicholls, Northampton Alpine H	3
P J Randall, Birchfield H	4
E J Bricknell, Birchfield H	0
Thos Edwards, Salford H	0
E H R Redfearn, Finchley H	0
F James, Herne Hill H	0

About the best race of the day, Nicholls and Russell made joint running for nearly a mile, closely attended by Robinson and Randall. A furlong later the last-named went to the front, but he lost ground at the water jump and gave way to Robinson. Nicholls now fell away slightly, and Russell went up to Robinson. For two laps the leaders ran stride for stride, but finally Robinson drew out when taking the water for the last time, and having most speed, he won by about a dozen yards. Nicholls was twice this distance away, third. Time—10mins. 58secs.

THE WEASEL.

Pigsticking.

THE LAST BOAR

With apologies.

"'Tis the last boar of the woods
Left sulking alone ;
All his female companions
Are speared and are gone.
Not a pig of his kindred,
No squeaker is nigh,
To grow such fine tushes
Or cock such an eye.

"I'll not leave thee, then, lone one,
Life's hazards to stem ;
Since thy wives are all sleeping,
Go, sleep thou with them.
Thus, kindly, I spear thee,—
To the dust bring they head,
For the mates of thy boarhood
Are speared and are dead.

"Ah, soon may I follow
When hunters decay,
And the family circles
Of pig die away ;
When sows are all speared
And squeakers are flown,
Oh! who would inhabit
The jungles alone?"

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

THE meet on the 18th instant was at the Kennels, when a small field turned out. A jack was started in Mills' Cover and led them over Ragman, through Jackal Shola, down below Monkey Shola, then to Leeds Shola, where he turned and going back to Monkey Shola went to ground. Another line was opened on near One Tree Hill and hounds ran him through Monkey Shola to Owl Crossing, where he went to ground.

On the 20th instant, hounds met at the Rifles Butt, and a couple of jacks were started from the nullah between Hanging Shola and Middle Covert. One took the direction of Aramby and hounds were stopped and when they were tried on the other scent it was found to be cold. A jack was started on the hill opposite Brooklands and away he went towards Newmarket, but crossing the stream in the Demon Valley made for Rocky Cover, thence for the Ghats and hounds finished him up in the open. They opened on a line below Wapshare's Hare Shola and crossing the Pykara Road near Windy Gap went into the Yemakal Valley, where hounds were stopped. On the homeward journey a jack crossed the Krurmund Bridle Path and hounds were immediately after him down the Krurmund Valley across the stream to Mr. Hodgson's Lodge past which he was lost in a big shola.

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POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

FAIR Diana, Goddess of the chase, is in very truth turning a frowning face on this celebrated pack and what poor Colonel Sheringham or the members of the Hunt have done to incur her divine displeasure poor mortal man can never know. Certainly the humble scribe who pens these sorrowing lines wots not. For his pen is of wormwood and his ink of gall and the gallant Master must seriously be thinking of turning his pink coat to one of sack cloth and ashes. The worst of bad luck clings to hunting just now and yet another sportless day has to be recorded. *Lakri Pul* or the Wooden Bridge is never I am told a very popular meet owing to the diabolical going (big jagged stones covered with long grass on a hill—it sounds tempting, doesn't it ?) which few men with hunters worth more than a "pound a leg" care to batter them over. Nevertheless the popularity of the Master and ever springing hope induced quite thirty lovely women and brave men to put in an appearance in the grey dawn. The extensive sugarcane coverts have I am solemnly assured been in previous seasons a certain find even though their very expanse have occasionally rendered it as impossible to evict the varmint as ar Irish tenant. But jacks of this locality evidently considered it was not part of their mission in life to become amphibious on purpose to delight the blood-thirsty heart of a keen Master of hounds. Acre after acre of a slushy cane fields did hounds draw up to their hocks in mire at times with the most commendable patience and determination, but never a whimper raised a hope in rapidly depressing hearts. Wet covert and dry covert was tried with unvarying lack of success. Small game of many kinds but never a sign or symptom of the varmint that everyone desired to make the hero of the morning.

On and on past Kothrud Village even unto the limits of far off Warja, the field dropping off one by one or in little detachments, while the Master (one of the hard-bitten sort who never knows when he is beaten or at any rate refuses to admit it as long as he can so I hear) kept on in grim determination. But you can't kill a jackal if there isn't a jackal to kill and the bravest heart must yield to the inevitable, and it was past noon I hear when the Master in sorrow and anguish gave the orders for kennels. Presumably the continuous rain has driven jack from low-lying coverts to the hills. Certainly the complete destitution of so extensive an area was remarkable.

"My heart is sad" quoth the king "in that there is no tree in yonder field."

"My liege," responded the astute courtier, "the evil can be readily rectified by *planting* one there."

He that hath ears to hear let him hear.

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If the *Indian Field* keeps a supply of red ink let it be brought forth and laid on with a trowel, for truly I have a "red letter" day to record. So brilliant a run was it indeed and such a remarkably select few were there really 'in it" and up to the end of it that it has been with the greatest difficulty that I have been able to get, I trust, an accurate description, for, as a stranger in a strange land, my sources of information are not numerous and I find that here as in English hunting fields, it is those who go straightest that talk least and so it has been only by putting little scraps, gathered here and there together, that I have been enabled to build up the joyous song I have to sing. *Lohogaon* on a week day, on a rainy morning and after the sad series of practically blank days, was enough to make many hesitate as to whether a seven-mile hack to covert (half of it at least a bad country cart track) was good enough. Some I know answered the self-given query in the negative and sought solace in slumber. But there were a gallant score or more including I hear three ladies whose love of sport and confidence in the gallant Master never wavered, who while fearing the worst hoped for the best and for good or ill, met hounds on the outskirts of the village. Whatever was her grievance chaste Diana had clearly relented and wholly forgiven her faithful worshippers. So full was her divine pardon that she refrained from even straining their fidelity for a needless moment. For scarcely had hounds been thrown into the neighbouring cactus covert than a great burst of music proclaimed in joyous strain (doubly welcome at so long a silence of the merry chorus) that long suffering was at an end and sport once more before the eager field. No time for dalliance this. If the confirmed "coffee-houser" had one of his pet antiquated anecdotes on the tip of his tongue he was disappointed in the utterance. The fidgety horseman whose stirrup leathers *never* seem to be of the right length had either to start galloping in imaginary lop-sidedness and presumable misery or miss his start. All one had apparently time to do was to squash one's hat down and breath a fervent prayer. *Ard Patrick* let that thrice blessed jack be called, for a finer galloping jack never I fancy laid pad to Deccan country. No need was there for the Master to piteously entreat "Hold hard gentlemen, hold hard. *Please* give the hounds a chance." Everyone that morning had Colonel Sheringham's full permission to catch his mottled darlings who could. Ten minutes of the fastest going imaginable meant bellows to mend for many—and the first flighters began to get away from the crowd. The going was good enough I hear considering the previous prolonged rain, but ravines and water courses, hills, rocks and holes and an occasional soft bit made real galloping and keeping "with hounds" possible only to the select few who *meant* to be there and had horses fit to respond to that most commendable desire. Past "Temple Hill," leaving it well on the left and in among a range of hills—now over the brow—now sinking the vale this gallant jack led hounds and horsemen at racing speed. Never a falter, never a check—never a minute to get one's wind or make up a bad start. Past a hillock of sheet rock took the happy few close to a broadening of the far-famed Indryani river, forming with its overflow a dyke which most just escaped but into whose unknown depth one gallant little sportsman I am told plunged recklessly. Hounds were in front and he meant to be with them. Following the bend of the river hounds raced going in wonderful style I believe till eventually hounds threw their heads up on the river bank. A mistaken "view holla" raised false hopes for a brief moment, but there seems not the slightest reason to doubt that this dauntless jack braved the torrent of the Indryani. Seldom can hounds have deserved blood better and seldom has a jack better deserved his freedom. The time of the run varies I find from 30 to 35 minutes and a local sportsman tells me he works out the run as ending close to but on the opposite side of the river to (one of the several) Dhanora Villages and about three miles from Alandi, which I trust may enable keen sportsmen who missed this fine run to follow the line taken. In looking up past chronicles of my estimable predecessor, *Mr. Sponge*, I see that he was greatly averse to mentioning names in the belief that it encouraged the enormity of riding over hounds Since I am informed that such a tendency has not been apparent this year at any rate, I trust I may be committing no indiscretion if I place in honourable record the lucky and distinguished few whose great good luck and good horsemanship (not forgetting the gallant steeds that carried them) enabled them to see this run from start to finish. It gives me all the more pleasure since a lady was among the few. Those present when hounds threw their heads up at the river side were, I hear, Mrs. Beatty on her wonderful little mare, Colonel Sheringham, the Master, on a weight-carrying bay, who looked I am told and apparently must be "as clever as a man," Major England, R.A., on a useful looking brown, Mr. Armstrong, 1st whip, on a very handsome brown Australian that I am assured takes a lot of beating over a hunting country, and last on my list though, I gather, by no means last in the hunt, Mr. Graham, a keen young sportsman (attached to that very sporting regiment The Buffs) who on a raky flea bitten gray took full advantage of his light weight. A glorious run

it must have been, and though I can pretend to know but little of Indian hunting, if the feelings engendered thereby even approach those of being in the first flight of an English run then indeed do I envy the lucky few whose names I have mentioned and even those who humbly followed after.

A run like this would have been enough for most hounds, but on the homeward journey and a long journey it was, hounds got on a line and ran at a great pace an ambitious pye dog joining their select throng—and eventually lost their jack in some garden land. But even this failed to suffice. Fate seemed determined to shower its blessings on the Master's head. For while jogging back to Lohogaon was met heading straight for hounds, and before he could remedy so great a tactical error was after a short burst rolled over and killed and who could deny hounds blood on such a day. Was I therefore exorbitant in my demand for *red* printer's ink.

SCARAMOUCH.

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Third Day, Saturday, 18th July 1903.

LEICESTER REGT. *vs.* 14TH M. I.

First Chukker.—Up-and-down play at the start, in which the Leicesters had the best of matters, ended in a long shot by Puckle going through. Shortly after Puckle got in a fine run and scored a second goal, up and-down play closing the chukker. Score: Leicesters, 2 goals; 14th M. I., *nil*.

Second Chukker.—The ball was kept in midfield for some time, then Tronson got away and passing to Puckle, the latter scored. The 14th lost a chance at goal and the ball was taken back to their line, Tronson sending in a shot which went wide. Score: Leicesters, 3 goals; 14th M. I., *nil*. Teams:—

LEICESTER REGT.			14TH M. I.		
Mr Gaitskell	...	1	Major Graham	...	1
Captain Puckle	...	2	Mr. Dickson...	...	2
Mr Tronson ...	...	3	„ Cowan ...	...	3
Captain Dent	...	4	„ Oldfield...	...	4

Umpires.—Colonel Younghusband and Captain Ballantyne.

2ND MADRAS LANCERS *vs.* MUSKETRY A.

First Chukker.—Play ruled up and down the field till McEwen got the ball, and running down had a shot which was well saved, and the Lancers getting possession Ballantyne scored a goal. Both teams got in shots which were saved and the chukker ended with the score: 2nd M. L., 1 goal; Musketry A., *nil*.

Second Chukker.—The Lancers nearly scored at the start, but the goal was cleared and fast play followed. Then Henderson got away and Wheatley put it through. The Musketry men got in a couple of shots without result and then time was called. Score: 2nd M.L., 2 goals; Musketry A., *nil*. Teams:—

2ND M. LANCERS.			MUSKETRY SCHOOL A.		
Mr. Wheatley...	...	1	Mr. Manson, 1st M. P.	...	1
„ Henderson	...	2	„ McEwen, 1st L. H. C....		2
Capt. Ballantyne	...	3	„ Gwyer, 6th C.	...	3
Col. Younghusband	...	4	Capt. Rice, 4th Pioneers	...	4

Umpires.—Captain Goldie and Captain Dent.

UBIQUE TEAM *vs.* MUSKETRY B.—The two chukkers ended without score, but the Ubique team had the best of the game and were unfortunate in not scoring. Teams:—

UBIQUE.			MUSKETRY B.		
Mr. Waller, R. F. A.	...	1	Mr. Yates, Leices. Regt.	...	1
„ Senior, Royal Irish	...	2	„ Johnston, 2nd M. L.	...	2
„ Gillett, A. V. D.	...	3	„ Marriot, R. War.	...	3
Capt. Goldie, R. F. A.	...	4	„ Garsia, Durham, L. I....		4

Umpires.—Colonel Younghusband and Captain Ballantyne.

Fourth Day, Monday, 20th July, 1903.

UBIQUE *vs.* MUSKETRY A.

First Chukker.—A team had the best of the opening and after a couple of shots scored a goal. They continued to have the advantage and several times took the ball down, the shots going wide. Score: Musketry A., 1 goal; Ubique, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Manson got possession, ran down and shot wide, then Gwyer brought the ball down and scored. Up-and-down play ended in Rice scoring with a long shot. Then Ubique got going and Gillet sent it through. Score: Musketry A, 3 goals; Ubique, 1 goal. Teams:—

UBIQUE.			MUSKETRY SCHOOL A.		
Mr. Waller, R. F. A.	...	1	Mr. Manson, 1st M. P.	...	1
„ Senior, Royal Irish	...	2	„ McEwen, 1st L. H. C.	...	2
„ Gillett, A. V. D.	...	3	„ Gwyer, 6th C.	...	3
Capt. Goldie, R. F. A.	...	4	Capt. Rice, 4th Pioneers	...	4

Umpires.—Colonel Younghusband and Captain Ballantyne.

2ND MADRAS LANCERS *vs.* LEICESTER REGIMENT.

First Chukker.—Henderson took the ball to the other end, where, from a foul against the Leicester, a goal was scored. Then Colonel Younghusband scored a subsidiary and followed it up with a goal. Wheatley scored two subsidiaries. Score: Lancers, 2 goals 3 subsidiaries; Leicesters, *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Henderson opened by scoring a goal, then a combined run by Colonel Younghusband, Ballantyne, and Wheatley resulted in the last named scoring. Up-and-down play followed, a good run by Ballantyne ending in another goal. Another combined run resulted in Colonel Younghusband putting through. Score: Lancers, 6 goals 3 subsidiaries; Leicesters, *nil*. Teams:—

2ND M. LANCERS.			LEICESTER REGIMENT.		
Mr. Wheatley ...	...	1	Mr. Gaiskell	...	1
„ Henderson	...	2	Capt. Puckle	...	2
Capt. Ballantyne	...	3	Mr. Tronson ...	...	3
Col. Younghusband	...	4	Capt. Dent ...	...	4

Umpires.—Captain Rice and Captain Goldie.

MUSKETRY B *vs.* 14TH MADRAS INFANTRY.

First Chukker.—Off side against the 14th gave B team a free hit from which a subsidiary was scored. Then Johnson scored a goal, which was followed by another. Garsia adding a third just before time. *Score*: Musketry B, 3 goals 1 subsidiary; 14th M. I. *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Garsia got the ball and scored a subsidiary to which two more were added a little later. Then Johnston came away with a good run and scored a goal. The 14th could not get through and the game ended with the scores: Musketry B, 4 goals, 4 subsidiaries; 14 M. I., *nil*. Teams:—

MUSKETRY B.			14TH M. I.		
Mr. Yates, Leices Regt.	...	1	Major Graham ...	...	1
„ Johnston, 2nd M. L.	...	2	Mr. Dickson ...	...	2
„ Marriot, R. War	...	3	„ Cowan ...	...	3
„ Garsia, Durham L. I.		4	„ Oldfield ...	...	4

Final Day, 22nd July 1903.

The finals came off to-day, and resulted in a win for the 2nd Madras Lancers. They have played splendidly throughout, and not a single goal or subsidiary has been scored against them.

2ND MADRAS LANCERS *vs.* MUSKETRY B.

First Chukker.—Henderson led off with a goal, a free hit later resulting in a subsidiary. A second goal was put on by Wheatley and then play ruled up and down. A foul against the Musketry gave the Lancers a free hit and a subsidiary was scored, Wheatley adding another goal almost immediately. Score: Lancers 3 goals 2 subsidiaries, Musketry *nil*.

Second Chukker.—After some up and down play, during which Colonel Younghusband's pony came down, the Lancers got away and Wheatley scored, Henderson following up with a subsidiary. A bit later the same player put on a goal and the chukker ended with the score: Lancers 5 goals 3 subsidiaries, Musketry *nil*. Teams:—

2ND M. LANCERS.			MUSKETRY B.		
Mr. Wheatley	...	1	Mr. Yates, Leics. Regt.	...	1
Mr. Henderson	...	2	Mr. Johnston, 2nd M.L.	...	2
Capt. Ballantyne	...	3	Mr. Marriot, R. War.	...	3
Col. Younghusband	...	4	Mr. Garsia, Durham L.I.	...	4

Umpires.—Captains Goldie and Dent.

LEICESTER REGT. *vs.* MUSKETRY A.

First Chukker.—Play ruled very even throughout, both teams making good runs. Puckle and Gaitskell took the ball down and the latter put it through. Score: Leicesters 1 goal, Musketry *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Play was up and down throughout and very even: both teams had shots, but no change in the score took place and the Leicesters won by a goal to *nil*. Teams:—

LEICESTER REGT.			MUSKETRY SCHOOL A.		
Mr. Gaitskell ...	...	1	Mr. Manson, 1st M.P.	...	1
Capt. Puckle ...	...	2	Mr. McEwen, 1st L.H.C.	...	2
Mr. Tronson ...	...	3	Mr. Gwyer, 6th C.	...	3
Capt. Dent ...	...	4	Capt. Rice, 4th Pioneers	...	4

Umpires.—Col. Younghusband and Capt. Ballantyne.

UBIQUE *vs.* 14TH M.I.

First Chukker.—The Ubique had the best of the start and after a couple of shots Gillett scored a goal. Senior put on another and play followed up and down. The 14th ran down towards the end of the chukker and put the ball through, but were ruled off-side. Score: Ubique 2 goals, 14th M.I. *nil*.

Second Chukker.—Neither side had any advantage in the chukker and no further scoring took place. Teams:—

UBIQUE.			14TH M.I.		
Mr. Waller, R.F.A.	...	1	Major Graham ..	...	1
Mr. Senior, Royal Irish	...	2	Mr. Dickson ...	...	2
Mr. Gillett, A.V.D.	...	3	Mr. Cowan ...	...	3
Capt. Goldie, R.F.A.	...	4	Mr. Oldfield ...	...	4

Umpires.—Capt. Rice and Capt. Ballantyne.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, *Friday, 10th July 1903.*

THE seventeenth annual open hill-climbing competition of the Catford Cycling Club, held on 4th July at Westerham Hill, Kent, proved one of the most successful competitions of the kind ever held, attracting as it did, no less an entry than forty-seven. Last year's climb received an entry of thirty-two, and this at the time was considered good. F. S. Bale, last year's winner, repeated the performance of riding the hill in the quickest time, *i.e.*, 4mins. 3secs., and thus winning the scratch race, whilst the handicap run in conjunction with the scratch race, fell to F. G. Elliott who received a start of eighty seconds. The scene of the contest is a long hill with a gradient as steep as 1 in 6 in places and although possessing a good surface is too formidable an ascent for the majority of riders to surmount. In last week's race no less than twenty-six riders made their maiden appearance in hill-climbing, twenty successfully climbing the hill.

Can an intoxicated person cycle? This question was brought up at the Pontypridd Police Court, when a man was charged with being drunk whilst riding a machine, the case against the defendant being that he rode through the streets of the town "bumping" persons with his cycle. The defendant stated that he was not intoxicated, and maintained that a man in that condition would be unable to ride. The Stipendiary thought otherwise, and imposed a fine of 10s. This calls to mind an incident which happened some years ago when cycling with our club. At a country inn we came across a farm labourer who had imbibed too freely of England's good old beer. He was in a talkative mood, and insisted on joining in our conversation. Of course things cycular proved the topic, and one of our men wagered that the labourer could not ride up a hill in the neighbourhood without falling. He took on the bet, and we proceeded to the hill in question to witness a scene which promised some fun. To our surpise, although the man could scarcely walk, he mounted the bicycle and rode up the hill with the greatest of ease.

The members of the committee who had the management of the Liverpool Cyclists Parade, have at last been able to give the figures of this year's collection. The task of opening hundreds of boxes and counting the contents, proves a heavy one, for the total of last year's collection was well exceeded. £442 was the sum collected on 22nd June, an amount which many of the local hospitals can well do with.

It is wonderful what a little money will do. The treasurer of the Ripley Road Menders' Fund,—a fund which is subscribed to by cyclists for providing an annual dinner to the labourers engaged on this popular highway,—has just issued his report in which the total receipts amount to £36 14s. 3d. By the help of good management he has been able to provide no less than 128 dinners besides giving away a matter of 64lb.s of tea to the wives of the road menders. There is a balance of £6 4s. 8d. in hand, from which it will be seen that this charity has been achieved on the small expenditure of £30 odd. From out of the fund, two road menders have been able to enter the Surrey Convalescent Home at Seaford, for rest and change.

The majority of accidents are undoubtedly caused through sheer carelessness on the part of certain riders who fail to exercise any reasonable care when cycling on public highways. A prevalent custom with such wheelmen is the habit of making use of the fast travelling electric tramcars for towing purposes. Only last week we referred to a fatal accident which occurred to a rider taking hold of the side of a car and in side slipping, coming in contact with the bogie wheels; and now we hear of an accident which occurred in South London, through two riders hooking themselves one on each side of a car. The conductor noticed their presence and immediately ordered them off, but in clearing the car one of the riders collided with a pedestrian and fell against the tram. Marvellous to relate he received but slight injuries although it was quite possible that the catastrophe might have proved fatal. It is a common trick of some riders to travel in this way, and if they are ignorant of the risk they run the sooner it is impressed on them the better.

Death has removed a well-known personage in the cycling world in Paul Hardy, the British representative of many foreign cycling papers. He had undergone an operation, and everything seemed favourable for complete recovery, when it was found necessary to operate afresh which the tried physique was unable to withstand. He represented the foreign press more commercially than on the literary side, acting as advertising agent in this country, and amongst the trade with which his duties brought him, he was highly respected, as well as by a large proportion of those interested in the pastime of cycling. To his relations and friends we offer our sincere sympathy.

The return match between the team composed of members of the Polytechnic Cycling Club and a team of French amateurs selected by the Union Velocipede of France, drew an enormous crowd of spectators to the Crystal Palace track on 4th July. The match was run on similar lines to those introduced in Paris when the English team visited the Frenchmen on their own track, that is, that each of the four riders in the French team should meet each of the members composing the English team. This necessitated four heats, in the first of which the English gained first and fourth positions, whilst in the three remaining heats they finished first and second on each occasion, thus winning the match by no less than 14 to 26 points. The French team was minus Herbert, Espeit takin his place.

The roll of membership to the Cyclists' Touring Club still continues to diminish, the July *Gazette* just published showing a falling of a matter of 4,000 members as compared with the corresponding period last year. The reduction is due to a falling away in the number of renewals, as during the first six months in the year the number of new members exceeded last year's total by 500. We cannot help thinking that there must be something very wrong in the management of the C. T. C., since the membership continues to decline in spite of the fact that cycling is more popular than ever. Year after year the members continue to fall away, and unless something is done to stay the stream, the C. T. C. will become a mere shadow of its former self, and but a grade stronger than many of the private cycling clubs.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT DHARWAR.

DHARWAR *vs.* BELLARY.—This two days' fixture was brought off last week: the home team had an easy victory. N. Sinclair played a fine game in the second inning. Chenai, Bhasker, Mackenzie and Gibb also materially helped the scores. A. Cowan was top scorer for Bellary. Score:—

DHARWAR.

First Innings.			Second Innings.		
Mr C Sinclair, c Watnez, b Manson ...	...	11	c Manson, b McEvan	...	4
Mr M Gibb, run out	...	43	b McEvan ...	...	0
Mr J Monteath, b Dawson		1	c and b Manson	...	7
Mr P J Chenai, b McEvan		37	c Fuller, b Manson	...	15
Mr H Sinclair, b McEvan		5	c Rogers, b Dawson	...	106
Mr E G Oliver, b McEvan		0	not out ...	...	30
Mr D Bhasker, b Dawson		44	c Manson, b McEvan	...	3
Mr G C Harrison, c Fuller, b Manson ...	...	4	did not bat		
Mr G S Wilson, b Manson		2			
Mr E Milne, not out	...	6			
Mr N Mackenzie, c Dickson, b Dawson	...	16	c Watnez, b Eley	...	60
Extras ...	...	23	Extras	...	11
Total	...	192	*Total	...	236

*Innings declared closed.

BELLARY.

First Innings.			Second Innings.		
Mr B Manson, b Bhasker	...	20	b Bhasker ...	...	16
Mr B McEvan, b Bhasker	...	37	st Chenai, b Bhasker	...	13
Mr E Dickson, c Milne, b Bhasker ..	...	0	c Sinclair, b Oliver	...	10
Mr C Watnez, c C Cinclair, b Gibb ...	...	17	c Chenai, b Bhasker	...	0
Mr H Dawson, b Bhasker	...	4	l-b-w, b Bhasker	...	1
Mr W Eley, run out	...	4	c Oliver, b Bhasker	...	20
Mr A Cowan, run out	...	60	c Sinclair, b Mackenzie	...	1
Mr Mullings, b Gibb	..	4	c Monteath, b Sinclair	..	0
Mr J Fuller, b Mackenzie	...	15	run out ...	...	16
Mr Triven, c Oliver, b Mackenzie ...	...	14	b Bhasker ...	...	6
Mr C Rogers, not out	...	1	not out ...	...	2
Extras ...	...	5	Extras	...	12
Total	...181		Total		97

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE I. F. A. SHIELD COMPETITION.

K. O. S. B.'s. *vs.* SOVA BAZAR.—The Borderers had out a strong team when they met Sova Bazar on the Rangers' ground last Friday. The Baboos were on the defensive throughout the game and were eventually beaten by four goals to *nil*. The Borderers got away at once and Cassidy scored their first goal. Play ruled very one-sided till the interval, but no further scoring took place. On resuming the Sova Bazar men secured a corner but nothing came of it and the ball was brought back to the other end, where from a penalty kick against the Baboos Byers put on the second goal. Massey added a third and Cruickshanks found the net once more just before time. Teams:—

K. O. S. B.—Atkinson, *goal*; Goldie and McDonald, *backs*; Stewart, Tait and Bradley, *half-backs*; Byers, Bruce, Massey, Cassidy and Cruickshanks, *forwards*.

SOVA BAZAR.—S. Mookerjee, *goal*; K. Mookerjee and C. Mullick, *backs*; M. Bose Deo and Laha, *half-backs*; Dass, Mitter, Bagchie, Roy and N. Bose, *forwards*.

Referee.—Sergt. Wallace, 93rd Highlanders.

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS *vs.* ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—A large crowd assembled on the Highlanders' ground last Saturday to witness the match between the above champions. As was expected a great game was witnessed, and though the visitors were defeated by two goals to *nil* they made a fine fight. The first half saw the play very even, both teams had forced some corners add both goal-keepers had rendered good service so that when the interval arrived there was no score. On changing ends after a few minutes' level play the Highlanders made great efforts and taking the ball down bombarded the Irish goal. Elphick rushed out to save cleared and fell and the ball was banged in by Lockhart amidst the wildest excitement. The Irishman played up and tried hard to equalise, but the High-

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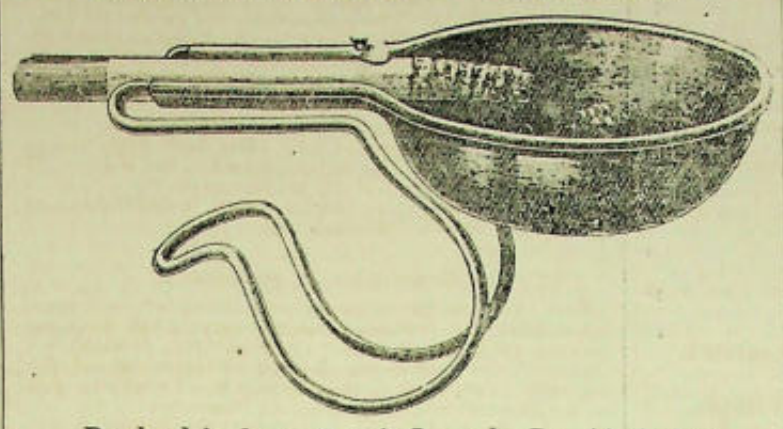

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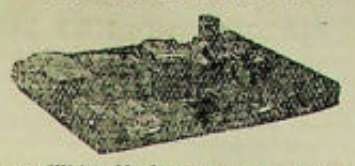

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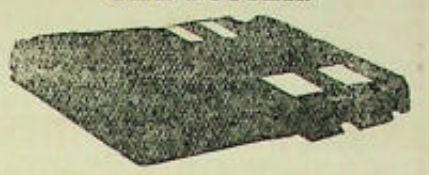

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landers came away once more and a neat bit of passing enabled Montgomery to head the ball in. With twelve minutes left the visitors made strenuous efforts and for the last part of the game were several times nearly dangerous, but they were unable to score and the game ended in a win for the Scotchmen. Teams :—

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Elphick, *goal*; Morris and Hanner, *backs*; Creig Wallace and Haggarty, *half-backs*; Smith, Ross, Edmundson, Lewis and Fisher, *forwards*.

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan and Mowat, *half-backs*: Pollock, Lockhart, Quin, Montgomery and Hogg, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. N. G. Pritchard, of the C. F. C.

DALHOUSIE *vs.* HOWRAH.—These teams met on the Dalhousie ground on the 25th instant and according to expectations the trans-Hooghly team won by a goal to *nil*. The Dalhousie played very raggedly and but for the excellent goal-keeping of Peake would have lost by a larger margin. Howrah made their goal in the first half. In the second moiety the home team tried hard to equalise, but without success, the game ending as stated. Teams :—

HOWRAH.—Donnithorne, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Kirkman, Osborne and Morrow, *half-backs*; Burns, Smith, Wood, Jackson, and Kerr, *forwards*.

DALHOUSIE.—Peake, *goal*; Anderson and Stimson, *backs*; Phelps, Wallace and Dalling, *half-backs*; Rosser, Smith, Watts, Woods and Stewart *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Remfry.

K. O. S. B. *vs.* HOWRAH.—Played on the Dalhousie ground on the 28th instant. The turf was slippery owing to the rain during the day and the game was rather a disappointing one. Howrah started the game and for some time had the best of it: Byers and Cassidy then got away but without success and fast and even play followed, the interval arriving without any score. On changing ends the Howrah men again attacked, but the Borderers soon got possession and Donnithorne was given plenty to do, a rush ending in Cassidy scoring. Tait and Byers each added a goal after this and the Borderers won as was expected. Teams :—

K. O. S. B.—Atkinson *goal*; Goldie and McDonald, *backs*; Stewart, Tait and Bradley, *half-backs*; Byers, Bruce, Massey, Cassidy and Cruickshanks, *forwards*.

HOWRAH.—Donnithorne, *goal*; F. Bennett and H. Bennett, *backs*; Morrow, Osborne and Sinclair, *half-backs*; Smith, Burns, Wood, Jackson and Kerr, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Remfry.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As was generally expected Sova Bazar proved no match for the K. O. S. B. when these two teams met to decide as to which was to qualify for the semi-final of the Shield competition, for although the Baboos played pluckily throughout at no period of the game did they look like winning and they eventually had to acknowledge defeat by 4 goals to love. The Borderers, for whom Massey, Cruickshanks and Byers reappeared, were represented by the strongest team they have yet placed in the field this season, and it was distinctly a good performance on the part of the losers to have only one goal scored against them during the initial half. During the second period, however, Sova Bazar were completely outplayed, and except for one or two fine individual efforts by Bagchi, their centre forward, they seldom crossed the half-way line. The shooting of the winners was very erratic and they were repeatedly penalised for the offside tactics of Cassidy and Bruce. Mukerjee, the Sova Bazar custodian, played well throughout, but he was especially conspicuous during the first half. During the progress of the League competition the opinion was often expressed that the combined forces of Howrah United and Burns would be found capable of lowering the pretensions of many of their rivals and such has proved to be the case by their latest victory over Dalhousie which was thoroughly well merited. The match was played on the ground of the Trades team and was keenly fought out from start to finish, but the home team gave yet another of their disappointing displays and appeared to be unable to cope with the speed of the forwards opposed to them. The only point was scored during the first half as the result of a stinging shot by Wood which Peake could not possibly have saved. After the interval Dalhousie pressed for some time but could not get past the brothers Bennett, both of whom showed a magnificent defence, and the long shots which were subsequently sent in by Rosser and Watts were easily dealt with by Donnithorne. Dalhousie have a fine set of players, but they have experienced a disappointing season, a result which I attribute to the constant reshuffling of positions which has been taking place ever since the opening of the football campaign.

An enormous concourse of spectators were present to witness the meeting between the 93rd Highlanders and their old rivals the Royal Irish Rifles, which took place on the ground of the former on Saturday last and resulted in a win for the local champions by two goals to love. The game, which was contested in a most sportsmanlike manner by both teams, proved extremely interesting during the initial half, as each side attacked in turn, and the interval arrived with the score sheet a blank. After the restart, however, the very pretty and effective combination of the Fort team proved too much for the weak defence opposed to them and both Lockhart and Mongomery found the net.

The Rifles were much the heavier team but they were deplorably slow and showed a decided lack of combination. Although Edmonson, their centre forward, did one or two good things, he was of little or no use to his side, and he will if he is well advised, retire from active participation in the game of which he was at one time such an able exponent. Hanrahan on the other hand played a magnificent game throughout and it was due to his efforts that the score against the Rifles was not much heavier. The winners played a good sound game throughout—the forwards were speedier than usual and their heading was very accurate, that of Montgomery being especially so. Both McLean and Mowat played rather below their usual form, but this was counterbalanced by the impenetrable defence of McGowan, Silcock, and Wallace.

The Medical College won the Trades Cup after a most exciting game against Seebpore by 1 goal to love. The College were much the heavier team, but the losers, who played a plucky and clever game, should with a little luck have equalised from the penalty awarded them in the second half. Williams, the Medical goal-keeper, saved extremely well on two or three occasions and Apear was untiring in his efforts for his side.

THE CHIEL.

RUGBY NOTES.

Although the club known as the Armenian College Old Boys has ceased to exist the members have started afresh under the name of the "Armenian Rugby Football Club" and the team will be captained by Apear, who, I am told, will have a strong side under his control. The Armenian College Boys all know the game thoroughly, but they experience great difficulty in obtaining a heavy set of forwards, which is essential to enable them to cope successfully with such a side as Calcutta.

A splendid muster turned out for the first practice game on the Calcutta ground last Thursday and two full teams were procured. The ground was unfortunately heavy and the ball wet which militated against good passing, but the game was an interesting one by reason of the fact that so many new men were playing. Of these Brown and Dunlop amongst the forwards, Jacob at half, and the brothers Siddons at three-quarters showed promising form, whilst the younger Sherman gave indications of training on into more than a useful full back. However next week "Rugger" will be in full swing and I will then deal with the prospects of the various teams.

IMPARTIAL.

THE TRADES CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

Mohan Bagan beat E. B. S. Railway (scratched).
Aryans beat Calcutta Boys' School by 1 to 0.
Medical College beat National Association by 1 to 0.
Y. M. C. A. beat Moslem F. C. by 2 to 1.
Seebpore College beat Sporting Union by 2 to 0.
Entally F. C. beat Mahomedan Sporting by 1 to 0.
Calcutta United beat Stalwart Sporting by 4 to 0.
St. Joseph's beat B.-N. Railway by 1 to 0.
Dalhousie "B" beat Howrah Sporting by 2 to 0.
St. Xavier's beat Port Commissioners by 2 to 0.

SECOND ROUND.

Calcutta United beat St. Xavier's by 1 to 0.
Mohan Bagan beat Dalhousie "B" by 3 to 2.
Medical College beat St. Joseph's by 1 to 0.
Y. M. C. A. beat Calcutta Union by 3 to 2.
Entally F. C. beat Chowringhee by 1 to 0.
Seebpore College beat Aryans by 3 to 1.
Gaurangdi beat Jamalpore Gymkhana by 1 to 0.

THIRD ROUND.

Mohan Bagan beat Y. M. C. A. "B" by 1 to 0.
Medical College beat Calcutta United by 5 to 0.
Seebpore College beat Entally F. C. by 1 to 0.
Jamalpore Apprentices beat Gaurangdi F. C. by 1 to 0.

SEMI-FINALS.

Medical College beat Mohan Bagan by 1 to 0.
Seebpore College beat Jamalpore Apprentices 2 to 0.

FINALS.

Medical College beat Seebpore College by 1 to 0.

There was no love lost between the captain and mate of the brig, *Pretty Pollie*, so when each made an entry in his log referring to the other he was careful to draw attention to it, as sea etiquette demands. One day the mate's attention was drawn to an entry in the captain's log: "Mate drunk to-day." He protested that the term was altogether too strong. "It's the simple truth," said the captain, "and it stands without addition or alteration." Next day the captain's attention was drawn to an entry in the mate's log, which read: "Captain sober to-day." He was about to protest, but saw that the mate was waiting for him with his own retort, so smothered his wrath as best he could. "It never occurred to me before," he told his friends, "that a simple statement of fact could look so infernally insulting."

Golf.

GOLF AT POONA.

CIVIL *vs.* MILITARY.—A closely contested match between these teams was played on the 22nd instant on the Yerrowda links, the Civil winning by ten games to five. Score :—

CIVIL.	MILITARY.
H. H. the Aga Khan, 3 down	Colonel Bromfield, 3 up
Mr. H. N. Alexander, 5 up	Colonel Bird, 5 down
Mr. F. K. Boyd, 8 up	Colonel Carter, 8 down
Mr. H. Bromley, 3 up	Captain Watson, 3 down
The Hon. Mr. Edgerey 7 down	Major Anderson, 7 up
Mr. C. Fawcett, 2 up	Captain Stack, 2 down
Mr. T. B. Fry, 6 up	Colonel Onslow, 6 down
Mr Keatinge, 4 up	Captain Newham, 4 down
Sir James Monteath, 2 up	Sir Robert Low, 2 down
Mr. C. Morison, 3 down	Major Young, 3 up
Mr. Muir Mackenzie, 1 up	Major Walker, 1 down
H. E. Lord Northcote, 0	General Greenfield, 0
Mr. H. Rendall 2 up	Mr. Daldy, 2 down
The Hon. Mr. Tate, 1 up	Colonel Feversham, 1 down
Mr. F. Tod, 2 down	Major Hill, 2 up
Mr. F. Young, 7 down.	Major Kemble, 7 up

GOLF AT GULMARG.

THE Bogey competition by couples at handicap points fixed for last Tuesday, when Mrs. Vores and Mrs. Hunter Blair were to be "At Home" and generously intended to give the prize to the winner was unavoidably postponed owing to a sad occurrence in the death by overdose of sleeping mixture of Major Gough, one of the competitors.

The monsoon current from the Arabian sea has been busy finding out Kashmir's unceasing rain for three days and nights caused a general flutter among those who had houses and property down in Srinagar as the river flooded the whole country. The inundation was thorough, the city in many parts and Residency portion of the European quarters was under water, the only safe place was the Munshi Bagh, where the land had been providentially raised sufficiently to keep out the river from overflowing. Of course Gulmarg was not immune, the Polo ground and Golf Links suffered considerably, play would have injured the greens but no sooner the sun dried the greens, the Golf fever seized the community and away rushed some two hundred players of sorts impeding each other and using bad language. Unfortunately the fair sex decline to have a links to themselves so gather on the course and try to learn Golf with Sialkote made clubs, propelling the ball a few feet every stroke and blocking the good players. We all love the ladies anywhere but on the Golf Links, yet some of them are a real sporting bevy playing well and refreshing the men players with tea and cakes, the beginners are the nuisance.

The draws for Tuesday's Bogey handicap took place on Monday. Of course there was heartburning, as all could not draw the best players, or the nicest men. Competition commenced at 4 P.M. with 25 couples to do 13 holes against Colonel Bogey. Men drove off at the first ten over a rise 20 feet high down a drop of 100 feet towards the green guarded by a serpentine stream. The second shot was left to the ladies who did their best and many had the chagrin of seeing their ball riding down the stream which was in flood, then came Hades the ladies driving off, men managing to put the ball on the high ground above the green. The next stroke a hanging lie was fatal to many of the fair sex as the ball usually was deposited 60 feet below in a stoney torrent 20 yards from the green. Colonel Bogey was much too strong and fairly swamped the competitors. When the 13th hole was reached it was found that all had been beaten the best being Captain C. Davies and Miss Young, who were one down the next being, Captain Boyd and Miss Gunning two down. Mrs. Robertson, the donor, handed the prizes to the winner in her usual graceful manner.

GOLF AT BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT *vs.* COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.—The return match between the above was played on the 18th instant at Ganeshkhind, the Government winning by 28 holes to 11, or five games to three. Details :—

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT.	
H E Lord Northcote	13
Sir James Monteath	7
Hon'ble Mr Fulton	0
Mr Muir Mackenzie	4
Hon'ble Mr S W Edgerly	2
Hon'ble Mr J Tate	0
Mr C Fawcett	2
Mr H Rendall	0
BOMBAY COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.	
General Bingham	0
Sir R Low	0
General Greenfield	6
Colonel Bromfield —	0
Major Anderson	0
Captain Watson	4
Captain Sandys	0
Captain Stack	1

Hockey.

THE MADRAS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Madras, 23rd July.—Madras seems to be in a curious position both as regards Hockey and Football. As compared with Calcutta and Bombay, there is very little of either game played in the Presidency town and yet important tournaments in both these branches of sport are organised and run annually with much success. The Madras Gymkhana are practically the only exponents of both game, and for practice, and match purposes they are either dependent on themselves for games, or else on the British Infantry or Garrison Artillery that may happen to be quartered in Fort St. George. The Field Artillery at the Mount can also occasionally be trusted to provide a game. As a general rule the Madras Gymkhana, especially in Hockey, are too strong to permit of scratch local teams extending them. Under these circumstances it argues much for the generosity and sporting spirit of the Gymkhana that they are content for years to go on providing trophies and paying the expenses of tournaments, in which the honours have almost invariably gone to visiting Regimental teams. Hockey this year, mainly on account of the Delhi Durbar, at which there were two competitions, one for British troops, and another for Indian troops, has taken a great hold on the military, and with the exception of the Madras and Bangalore Gymkhanas, all the entrants for the Madras Hockey Tournament—the third which has been held—are military teams, namely, the Durham Light Infantry from Wellington, the Middlesex and Lincolns from Secunderabad, the Royal Warwickshire from Belgaum, the Essex from Bangalore, the Leicesters from Fort St. George, and finally a plucky little scratch team from the Queen's Depôt at Poonamalee.

Hostilities commenced on Monday last, the 20th instant, when four of the visiting teams tried conclusions, namely, Bangalore Gymkhana and the Essex Regiment on the M. C. C ground at Chepauk and the Durhams and Lincolns on the Engineering College ground close by.

The first of these attracted most attention because the two teams were old opponents on the playing fields of Bangalore, and up to date in matches between them the Essex have always had the upper hand. Curiously enough, however, their first meeting on an unfamiliar *terre* resulted in Bangalore winning quite easily by no less than four goals to *nil*. The ground was hard and very fast and it looked in capital condition; but it was apparent at first that it did not suit the players. The Essex never got accustomed to it and paid penalty to their opponents' adaptability to conditions and circumstances. Whatever may have been the position at Bangalore, in Madras there is no doubt that the best team won. The game in its first stage was pretty level, Bangalore crossing over with a lead of a goal—an easy and rather fortunate one secured in the opening exchanges. In the second half after commencing well, the soldiers went to pieces, and Bangalore getting used to the ground and their surroundings went straight ahead and playing a strong attacking game put on no less than three goals in the second half. Catty, their centre forward, was in brilliant form and he was well supported and backed up by Marsden, Ricketts, and Harvey-Kelly. Abbay and Pattison for the Essex were perhaps the two that did most to avert defeat.

The match between the Durhams and the Lincolns was also well worth watching for the reason that people were interested to see whether the present battalion were going to shape as well as their predecessors, the 2nd Battalion, which won the Cup in the two previous years. I had not an opportunity of seeing the previous winners' play; but the present team were tested highly in being pitted against the Lincolns who were I think the runners up last year; that being the case, they played a very great game when they emerged successfully from the struggle, a close and well fought one with a score of 2 goals to nil in their favour. They played no less than three officers, of whom Lieut. Green well in the centre of the forward division, was a tower of strength to his side and was exceedingly well supported by Malone and Fisher. Idlemache for the Lincolns did yeoman service, but his forward division suffered from a lack of combination.

On Tuesday the Leicester Regiment played the Queen's Depot, Poonamalee, and a "scrappy" game rather devoid of science, ended in a draw of 2 goals each. The match was replayed yesterday (Wednesday) when the Leiceters won by 2 goals to 1. The other match played on Tuesday was that between the Royal Warwickshire and the Middlesex. A remarkable game resulted in the two teams being level with 2 goals all at the end of time, and in the extra time which had to be played the Middlesex showed their better stamina and training by putting on no less than 3 goals in this time, and winning eventually by the comfortable margin of no less than 5 goals to 2.

The great match of the tournament, that between Madras and Bangalore, was played yesterday and a great game resulted in a draw of 2 goals each, the extra time was played during a shower of rain to decide the result. The match is worth chronicling in full, but as it has to be replayed again to-day I think I will wait and see what the result is. One thing is certain, namely, that the winners of to-day's replayed tie will be the winners of the tournament. The other tie to be played to-day is that between the Durhams and the Middlesex.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 24th July 1903.

Another three lengths competition was put through at the Baths to-day. Only five starters turned out, and results were as follows:—

		Start.	Nett Time.
1	A L Cox ...	— 14 secs	1min 30⅘secs
2	W S J Willson	... 15 „	1 „ 32¾ „
3	A Stacey ...	... scratch	1 „ 19¾ „
4	H L Harvey	... 14 secs	not taken
5	K M Kennedy	... 5 „	1min 20⅘secs

The next event on the cards is a two lengths handicap on Friday, 7th August. This being the last race before the final meeting, it is hoped that entries will show up well. They have fallen off considerably of late.

It is not often one sees a dog in possession of a medal with six bars, but "Jock," the regimental pet of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, stationed at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor, wears attached to his collar the South African medal, with a bar for each of the following engagements:—Belmont, Modder River, Drict fontein, Johannesburg, Difimond Hill, and Belfast, Jock joined the regiment in south Africa in November, 1899, and went through the war with the 1st Scots, returning with the men to England in 1902. Major Heyworth has charge of Jock, who is much though of in the battalion.

The Naturalist.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the members of the Bombay Natural History Society was held at the Society's Rooms last week, Mr. James Macdonald presiding.

NEW MEMBERS

The election of the following forty-two new members was announced:—

Life Member—Capt. T. M. Foulkes, I M. S. (Waltair). Members—H. E Lady Northcote (Poona); Lieut. A. E. Powell, R. E. (Kirkee); Capt. A. H Morris, R. A. M. C. (Bombay); Mr. Chas. W. White, F.R.G.S. (Bombay); Sergeant-Instructor Alexander Steel (Bolarum); Capt. O. R. Kelly, R. G. A. (Roorkee); Lieut. W. S. Patton, I. M. S. (Bombay); Capt A. H. Ollivant, R.A. (Jutogh, near Simla); Col. H. Hodgkinson (Bombay); Mr. H. B. Holme (Basseiu, Burma); Capt. C. R. Pearce, I.M.S. (Maymyo, Burma); Capt. A. Mears, I. A. (Bombay); Mr. F. W. Strong, I C.S. (Jorhat, Assam); Major F. A. Hoghton (Bellary); Mr. A. L. Hine Haycock (Colombo, Ceylon); Hon'ble M. W. R de Courcy (Ahmednagar); Mr. T. M. Jones (Rangoon); Mr. A. Stehelin (Falam, Chin Hills); Mr. H. King Robinson (Darjeeling); Mr. C. J. Davidson (Bangkok, Siam); Mr J. Monteath, I.C.S. (Dharwar); Lieut. S. Pershouse (Meiktila, Burma); Lieut. E. M Bosanquet, R. A. (Quetta); Mr. H A. Thornton, I.C.S. (Rangoon); Mr. H. Maxwell Lefroy (Surat); Mr. W. C Symes (Bombay); Mr. C. H. T. Whitehead (Wellington); Mr. M. L. Oakes (Gonda, U. P); Mr. C. H. B. Kendall, I.C.S. (Gonda, U. P.); Mr. G. C. Verrieres (Fyzabad); Mr. E. B. Howell (Nanking, China,); Mr. C. V. N. Shortland (Jubbulpore); Mr. L. Robertson, I.C.S. (Ahmedabad); the Hon'ble A. E. Hill-Trevor (Bombay); Mr. W. Aitchison, I.F.S. (Waltair); Mr. F. Coningham (Parvatipur); Mr. L. B. Stephens (Karachi); Major F.C. Muspratt (Shan-hai-kwan, N. China); Mr. R. G. McKerron, M.A., I.C.S. (Rangoon); Mr. Raymond W. Cooper (Karachi); and Mr. Colin Mackenzie (Ootacamund).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. S. Millard, acknowledged receipt of the following contributions since the last meeting:—

Contribution.	Description.	Contributor.
A number of bird skins from Chitral ...	—	Capt. H. Fulton.
1 Jungle cat ...	Felis chaus ...	Do.
1 Waved cat ...	Felis torquata ...	Do.
1 Tiger cub (fœta specimen)	Felis tigris ...	Capt. Goring Jones.
1 Dhaman, juv (alive)	Zamenis mucosus	M. P. Gerbardt.
Some Butterflies from Lower Burma ...	—	Mr. E. McDougall.
2 Skins of white-tailed Bush Chat ...	Pratincola leucura	Mr. S. L. Whymper.
1 Skin of the Redcapped Babbler ...	Timelia pileata ...	Do.
1 Snake (alive) ...	Oligodon subgriseus ...	Rev. F. Dreckmann, S. J.
1 Pheasant-tailed Jacana (alive) ...	Hydrophasianus chirurgus ...	Mr. J. Brand.
41 Skins of birds from S. India... ...	—	Mr. H. S. Ferguson F.Z.S.
1 White-throated Ground Thrush (alive) ...	Geocichla cyanonotus ...	Mr. J. Brand.
1 King Cobra or Hamadryad (alive) ...	Naia hungrans ...	Mr. Norman Davidson.
1 Skin of the Tanrec from Mauritius ...	Centetes ecandatus	Mr. F. Gleadow, I.F.S.
1 Skull of the Indian Chevrotain or Mouse Deer	Tragulas meminna	Capt. C. D. Lester.
1 Crow's nest made of wire	Corvus splendens	Mr. E. H. Elsworthy.
1 Head of Schomburgk's Deer	Cervus schomburgki ...	Mr. C. J. Davidson.
Some fossils from the Godavari River ...	—	Mr. H. F. Beale.
1 Skin and Skull of the Golden Cat ...	Felis temmincki ...	Mr. L. O. Clarke, I.C.S.
1 Snake	Dipsas trigonata	Mr. A. Vlasto.
2 Skins of Scully's Wood Owl	Syrnium bisdulphi	Col. A. E. Ward.
2 Slender Loris (alive)	Loris glacilis ...	Mr. J. Rodgers.
1 Nest of the Malabar Whistling Thrush	Myophoneus horsfieldi ...	Capt. C. D. Lester.
1 Skin of Argus pheasant (female) ...	Argus argusianus	Mr. A. Newbronner.
1 Head of Arabian Thar	Hemitragus Jayakari ...	Maj P. Z. Cox, F Z. S.
1 Skin of Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraetus fasciatus	Mr. H. Vernon Purkis.
2 Skins of Kestrels ...	Tinnunculus alaucarius ...	Do.
2 Skins of Cheer Pheasants	Catrens wallichi ...	Do.
4 Skins of Koklas Pheasants	Pucrasia macrolopha ...	Do.
2 Skins of Monal Pheasants ...	Lophophorus refulgens ...	Do.
2 Skins of Chukor Partridges	Caccabis Chucar...	Do.
1 Skin of Common Teal	Nettium crecca	Do.
1 Skin of Western Horned Pheasant ...	Tragopan melanocephalus ...	Do.
1 Skin of Peregrine Falcon — ...	Falco peregrinus	Do.
1 Viper	Ancistrodon himalayanus ...	Mr. S. L. Whymper.
1 Night Heron (alive) *	Nycticorax griseus	F. G Hutchinson.
1 Golden Tree Snake ...	Chrysopelea ornata	Mr. G. Oakes.
1 Langur or Hanuman Monkey (alive)* ...	Semnopithecus entellus ...	Mr. G. M. Pritchard.
1 Snake (Chitral) ...	—	Capt. R. L. Kennion, F.Z.S.
3 Skins of the large red Flying Squirrel ...	Pteromys inornatus ..	Col. A. E. Ward.
1 Egg of the Mallard ...	Anas boscas ...	Do.

*Forwarded to the Victoria Gardens.

Minor contributions from Lieut. A. Willock, R.I.M., Lieut. W. S. Patton, I.M.S., Major G. S. Rodon, Capt. J. W. Watson, I.M.S., Commander N. Jarvis Wilson, R.I.M., Mr. H. Godwin Austin, Mrs. DuBoulay, Colonel R. Light, Mr. E.C. Cholmondeley and Mr. K. Ringer.

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EXHIBITS.

The attention of members present was drawn to the splendid specimen of an Hamadryad now alive in the Museum. This dangerous snake was captured in the Travancore jungles by a member (Mr. Norman Davidson) who forwarded it to the Society. Another notable contribution exhibited was the head of the Arabian Thar (Hemitragus Jayakari) presented by Major P. Z. Cox, F.Z.S., of Muscat. This goat was discovered some ten years ago by a member of the Society, Colonel A. S. Jayakar, after whom it was named, and the head now exhibited is one of the few specimens which have been obtained. Mr. F. Gleadow, I.F.S., also exhibited the skin of a curious animal peculiar to the island of Mauritius, called the Tanrec or Feurac (Centetes ecaudatus). These insectivorous animals are almost tailless. Their food consists principally of earthworms, slugs, snails, etc. They burrow in the soil and are most evident in the warm season. They are greatly prized as food by the Malay creoles who organize poaching parties to catch them on moonlight nights digging them up out of their holes.

PAPERS READ.

Papers on the following subjects were read:—Kills by carnivorous animals, by W. A. Wallinger I.F.S.; Notes on Anopheles in Ceylon, by Major N. Manders, R.A.M.C., F.E.S.; The Trees and Shrubs of the Lonaula and Karla groves, by Prof. G. A. Gammie, F.L.S.; The Enemies of Butterflies, by Major C. G. Nurse, F.E.S.; and Curious Accident to a Kingfisher, by E. C. Cholmondeley, all of which will appear in full in the Society's Journal.

American Sport.

A BIG JACK-RABBIT DRIVE.

While in Europe the skin of the rabbit is a thing of value, and the total collection of skins a commercial industry rated at several million dollars annually, the animal in the North-West of this country is regarded as a pest, to be ruthlessly exterminated. It may be that the Pacific Coast States are now possessed of too much wealth to take the time to skin and market the thousands of rabbits slaughtered there, but it is expected that someone some day will start an industry to make the American rabbit a commercial object, elevated from a pest to a potential bank account. His skin and hair have uses and values proportionate to those of other animals. His flesh can be made to figure in cold storage warehouses and the canning industry. His hind foot, mounted with silver, has a value as a luck token among the superstitious. When every part of the bullock was put to a commercial value, the way was paved for the industrial future of the present despised jack rabbit. The following account of a jack-rabbit drive in Oregon is given by one of the participants:—

"When a schoolboy I thought it rare sport to jump up and down on a brush heap and, with other boys, 'pepper' a scared bunny as he scooted for safety. It was considered a great bag when we got several of the small rabbits, and perhaps a hare, as the result of one day's tramping. In 1890, in Mississippi, I was initiated in rabbit coursing on horseback, and learned how to 'knock over' a bunny while in motion without 'knocking off' the ears of the horse, which in the excitement one was liable to mistake for the game. It was not until I went to Pendleton, Ore., recently that I saw enough jack-rabbit slaughter to satisfy me for a lifetime, and I do not believe I shall have the heart to kill another bunny as long as I live.

"We started from Pendleton one morning on a special train of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company for the mouth of Butter Creek, where the drive was to come off. There were three hundred men and boys, of assorted ages and sizes, on the train. Those who missed the special train came a little later on an accommodation train, and were let off at Mile Post No. 199, about a half-mile from the centre of interest, or, perhaps, I should say, the community of interest. From Heppner and Ione, to the westward, another special train came with several hundred men and boys. Out of the bottoms of the Big and Little Butter creeks and the Umatilla came other hundreds in wagons, carriages, and varied vehicles, afoot and on horseback, until eight hundred men were assembled, in addition to a throng of sightseers, mostly women and children.

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"The beginning of the drive and the slaughter pen were three miles apart. The latter, or death trap, was a corral, 100ft. square, enclosed by a closely-woven wire fence 8ft. high, and having arms a half-mile long extending in opposite directions to assist in driving the rabbits into the pen. At one o'clock the grand marshal stood up in his wagon and gave his orders as to the conduct of the drive. The Pendleton men were ordered to take the left wing, which the marshal personally commanded, as well as the centre. Heppner and Ione men were ordered to take the right wing under separate commanders; while the local men were ordered to the centre. All the horsemen were ordered to the extreme outskirts of a driving line of men two miles long. The driving line was V-shaped, the men being armed with all sorts of clubs. On a given signal the march began toward the slaughter pen. Eagerly and excitedly the drivers beat the sage brush. At first only a few bunnies showed themselves, but as the army advanced they became more and more numerous Those which escaped the clubs of the beaters sped with characteristic leaps toward the slaughter pen. When they attempted to leap through the line on a retrograde movement death from a club surely followed. Hundreds of dead bunnies marked the path of the invaders. As the army of rabbits approached the netting, followed by the army of drivers, the frightened bunnies leaped over each other, and in all directions, seeking to avoid the death-dealing clubs. With the loud yells of the crowd and roar of voices, the excitement became intense. The rabbits that had escaped up to the netting made frantic leaps to get into the corral. Here they were piled two and three deep, leaping over and on each other, and fiercely attacking the netting. Occasionally, by a giant leap a bunnie cleared the 8ft. fence and escaped.

"The scene within the corral as the clubbers entered dealing death blows was nauseating in the extreme. The rabbits, when wounded or dying, uttered their peculiar and pitiful cries. Some men clubbed away with fiendish delight, and others kept stolidly at it because of the necessity, as it seemed to them. Fully six hundred of the animals were captured alive and taken away for a live rabbit shoot. A few tender-hearted persons saved some alive, and liberated them at the first opportunity. Still others carried away many live rabbits to kill and eat when desired. Altogether, the rabbits slain and taken away alive amounted to thirty-five hundred. Personally, I took the part of spectator only, and that only to a limited extent.

"It is conceded that the rabbits are a menace to stockmen, and that their wholesale elimination is a necessity. They destroy the alfalfa, and where their numbers are large, clean the ground as a herd of sheep would do. It is only by the aid of these periodical drives that their numbers are sufficiently kept down to prevent the stock from starving. On the ground where the present drive took place it was stated that in ten days the rabbits would be as numerous as ever, and that another immediate drive would be a necessity, followed by still others. As soon as snow flies the rabbits desert the hills and flock to the protection of the sage brush of the lowland. It is then that the inhabitants plan the greatest slaughter. The propagation of coyotes is here protected, as the coyote is a natural exterminator of the rabbit. After the drive a free luncheon was served, and the people dispersed to their homes."

The Story Teller

THE WRONG CORPS.

WELL! good-bye, my boy; good-bye! Send us a line before very long: we shall want to know how you get on and all about the regiment. Take care of yourself and—Good-bye!

Old General Heaviside wrung the hand of his young hopeful walked several steps alongside the moving train, and, with a final wave of his arm turned away in search of the best-horsed hansom he could find, in which to drive from King's Cross Station to Pall Mall with the intention of a good long chat with two or three old cronies in the "Rag"—about my son Jack, you know. Just seen him off to York—joining the Southdown Regiment, the old 210th you remember them—the "Woolly lambs" we used to call 'em in the old days when they lay with us at Gurmpore. He'll make a good fellow, Jack will, yet. Bit windy in the head and collar and cuffified, but he'll turn out all right. You know, Eh what!

Meanwhile "my son Jack," as his fond parent called him, had not been long in making himself as comfortable as circumstances would permit. As soon as his father had turned to go, the dutiful son lolled back amongst the comfortable cushions, of the first class carriage in which he was, put his feet on the opposite seat, stuck his eye-glass in his right optic, shot his cuffs, pulled up his collar, winked with the utmost effrontery at a rather nice looking girl at the end of the platform—who, by the way, did not in the least appreciate his kind attention—and remarked "Haw!" He then lit a cigarette and feeling himself quite a modern Alexander Selkirk in a collar at least an inch and a half too high for him, gazed with a vacant stare at the buttons on the seat opposite.

After two or three minutes he yawned—mental effort was always a tax on his physical capabilities—and turned his eyes to look admiringly at his immaculate patent leather boots.

Yes, by Jove! he *was* a devil of a swell no doubt, this unjoined second Lieutenant of a line regiment. Unsympathising seniors *might* have called him a "*scart*," and considered him a mere excrescence, unshaped and unsightly, on the body of the gallant corps to which for one short month he had belonged, but ne-er seen. What did that matter! These same unsympathising seniors were not present to express their sense of the fitness or otherwise of things, and for the fleeting moment, the carriage was scarcely big enough to hold him His up and down collar was nearly as high as the roof, his little moustache—certain lively female cousins had called it a cricketer's, seeing there were only eleven hairs aside—was waxed and tipped into two little points with enough Pomade Hongroise to have made a miniature steeple of the hair of Absolom, had not that unfortunate gentleman previously fallen a victim to too great a cultivation of his locks; and what space was still unoccupied in the compartment was filled to bursting point by the amount of "side" the youth carried, which seemed quite to overcome a middle-aged gentleman, who had the misfortune to be a fellow-passenger, and compress him into the very farthest corner of the compartment.

But what young Jack Heaviside prided himself on more than aught else was the absolutely blank expression of his countenance. He thought it looked blase, and calculated to conceal, but at the same time to suggest, the most unfathomable wisd m. Unfortunately it left quite another impression on the rest of mankind with whom he came in contact; so much so, that instead of his usual ejaculation "Haw" one would expect that the most natural sound to come from his flaccid lips and proboscian nose would more nearly resemble "Hee-haw!" Up to the present time he had given no indication of having any brains at all: you don't require them when the Powers that be have been good enough to confer an honorary Queen's cad-ship on one. Had they not done so this lucky youth would not have been on his way to join any regiment at all.

The train passed through Finsbury Park, and young Heaviside's features assumed an assinine grin. On past Muswell Hill, and the grin remained. Then a fresh cigarette had to be lighted, and the labour involved in effecting this was too severe to admit of any more facial contortions

His fellow-passenger, a quiet, sedate-looking gentleman, asked most politely if he would mind having his window open.

"Haw!" said young Heaviside, with a look of "dash your impertinence—what do you mean by addressing your pelebeian remarks to me"—"what?

"I asked you if you would mind having the window on your side open. It's rather oppressive, don't you think!"

"Haw! Open it if you like."

The gentleman got up, moved across the carriage and did so. Possibly he thought the manners of the rising generation required a little mild correction, but he made no further remark and returned to his seat to study the pages of the *Field* whilst his ineffable companion remained wrapped in his own dignity and importance, alternately reading the Pink Un and looking at the pictures in *La vie Parisienne* Thus occupied the train bore them swiftly north-wards till they whizzed through Huntingdon, when the younger man relapsed into his former occupation of studying the wall opposite. This might have been interesting, and possibly was; but even the greatest minds cannot concentrate their thoughts upon one subject for ever, and before long the advertisements of the G. N. R. Company's hotels at various places along the line had ceased to attract. Besides the owner of the great mind—according to his own valuation of it—thought it was not fair to keep it all to himself. Some one else ought to be benefited by so much transcendent genius and have the privilege of conversing with so great a personage as he. The youth accordingly condescended to speak to his fellow-traveller.

"Haw! fine day—Ah!"

The gentleman very politely put down the periodical he was reading and cordially agreed with him.

"Haw! going fa—ar?"

His companion said he was going to York.

"Haw! So'm Ah."

This announcement did not seem to fill the quiet gentleman with any huge amount of wonder or delight. Unlike Angelo Cyrus Bantam Esquire, M. C. and general bottle washer of Bath, he did not hasten to inform the new comer that he was indeed an acquisition, or that his arrival was re—markable. In fact he took it so quietly that Jack Heaviside felt really quite hurt, and itched to impress this insensible clod with a due appreciation of his own magnificence: having thought for some time how he could best make the astounding and delightful announcement he at length remarked

"Haw! Yes. Ma wegiment's quartered there. D'ya know the place?"

"Yes,"—said his companion with a hastily concealed smile. "I have been near York for some time"

With true Sherlock-Holmes perspicuity Jack Heaviside immediately put his new acquaintance down as tiller of the soil—a grower of turnips—or in other words as a farmer in a well-to-do position. The train of reasoning would have been quite excellent had he followed it out: the neighbourhood of York was an agricultural one, his companion lived there, he was much too brown and healthy looking to have lived a sedentary life, and he had been reading the *Field*. Quite enough; no doubt the fellow was a rustic individual who used York as his market town; drove there once a week to dispose of pigs, sheep, and cattle, to return home at night with a small cargo of ribbons and such like, calculated to rejoice the heart of his buxom wife and half-a dozen blowzy daughters. What a treat it must be for a person like this to come into close contact with one of the garrison! So the youth commenced to instruct him in things military, and the older man got quite interested—as well he might. In this improving manner they reached Grantham, where the train made its first stop since leaving London.

"Haw!" said Mr. Heaviside—Ah think Ah must wefwesh the innah man. Not much in your line, but will ya have a whisky and sodah with me? ya'll find it a pleasant change from beer and-ah-cider."

This polite invitation given with such delicate tact was politely declined, so Heaviside went off alone in search of the refreshment room. There he met a former acquaintance whom he called "Mauh-die" in the person of one of the golden-haired nymphs selected by Messrs Spiers and Pond to grace their bar. Maudie, though haughty to a degree with the ordinary individual who visited her shrine in search of the succulent sandwich and the humble glass of beer, was charmingly free and easy with our hero, at whom she giggled and ogled until they had attracted the attention of every one in the room, especially that of the manageress who had a word or two to say to Maudie subsequently. Then the bell rang, and Jack Heaviside, having snatched a kiss from the tittering Hebe, swaggered back to the train as if he had just put down the entire purchase money for the station, line, rolling stock and bevy of barmaids included.

"Haw! d—d nice little girl in there; old love of mine ya know" was his first remark to his companion after his return. Pity Ah could not have taken her on with me to York yaknow—Eh!" and the graceless young idiot winked and simpered a simper which might have taken a prize at Colney Hatch. The quiet gentleman did not seem much interested in Mr. Heaviside's amatory affairs; in fact anybody but Heaviside would have been inclined to think he had somewhat of a contempt for them and found it hard to conceal. However the young man was not in the least cast down by his companion's want of appreciation, and immediately went on to his next remark.

"Ah spose ya go in for sort of farming—got many sheep!"

"Yes" was the other's reply given with a curious smile and a sharp look at his questioner. "I have what may be called my flock of—yes, sheep; there are nearly a thousand of them and I believe I am likely to secure a rather unique specimen this very day. But won't you tell me a little more about the Army! it is so interesting what you have to say about it, and I'm afraid my own little yarns about my 'flocks of sheep" would be hardly appreciated by you. Is your's the only regiment in York!"

"Haw! Ah blieve not, some other wegiment there: don't know much about them; shoddy sort of show: trades-union ya know."

It was evening when the train steamed into the long curved platform of the Cathedral town. Heaviside's companion, who had been dismissed by that polite youth with "Haw! good-night to ya, ma man," got his few traps together in a quiet methodical manner and disappeared, whilst our hero lounged about with at least six porters in attendance. Then he and the lighter articles of his kit were put in a cab, whilst instructions were given for the heavier things to follow after.

"Where to, Sir!" enquired the cabby.

"Haw! Officah's Mess of the 210th replied Heaviside in his most inflated manner.

"Right you are, Sir. H've you there in no time. Come up 'oss"

"Hit's the young h'earl of Guaner you've got on board, Bill!" Im, wots nephew to the h'arch-bishop o' Radely Ha Ighway h'own 'arf brother to the dookdom O Seving Dials. Take care of 'im; 'e 's preshus 'e is" shouted a a grimning porter as the cab drove off.

They rattled through the narrow Streets of York, Heaviside admiring himself in the little strips of looking glass in front of him, and losing no time in ingratiating himself with the female population of the town by staring hard at every girl he passed and winking at them if he managed to catch their eye. Oh! he was the devil of a fellow! York was all right now; he had come there.

When they got to the barracks and had found their way to the Mess, Heaviside got hold of a waiter, and with all the assurance in the world commanded him to show the way to the

ante-room. The door was thrown open: Heaviside swaggered in and found two or three men taking things easily and trying as best they might to kill the half hour before it was necessary to dress for dinner.

The loungers greeted him, and perhaps looked somewhat enquiringly at the intruder. People dressed so ultra resplendently as Heaviside were not seen every day in the Mess of their particular regiment, besides it was somewhat late for an ordinary call

"Haw!" remarked Heaviside, with a more utterly ass-like ring in his bray than usual "Au've come to join."

Two of the men looked surprised, but an innocent looking youngster gave them a wind and said hurriedly, Oh yes, thats' all right. I've got a room for you next to mine."

Brooks, that innocent looking youth, went outside whilst Heaviside proceeded to ingratiate himself with the others. Brooks shortly returned and said that no doubt the new comer would like to tub and dress, as it was getting on for dinner time, and offered to conduct him to his room. As soon as the door had shut on their departure one of the men exclaimed—"What on earth does that chap mean by coming here; Come to join us, great Scot! To join *us*! We *can't* have got to that sort of *thing* yet, I hope. What does it mean!"

"Some devilment of young Brooks, old fellow. I expect it's going to be rather fun, so we'd better sit tight and see it out The youngster will be back directly and he'll tell us all about it".

Brooks did not keep them long in suspense. "Well, what is it young 'un" they asked him as soon as he returned.

"Dont you see the joke, you fellows!" shouted young Brooks between explosions of laughter. "Don't you see it? I've heard of this chap before from a brother of mine who knew him; and I heard only to day—when I was lunching with them—that he was expected to join the Southdowns—the 210th Foot. Well, he's come to join the 210th, that sort of idiot always *does* call its regiment by its ante-diluvian and generally forgotten number; it thinks its swagger. And the ass has joined the 210th; only instead of the 2 0 mud crushers, it's joined the 210th Lancers, and don't the 210th Lancers love that sort! I wonder how long he'll be before he tumbles to the fact that he's made a slight mistake and joined the wrong regiment. Sit tight, you fellows, and don't give the show away. He's dressing in Stanley's quarters who went away on ten days' leave this afternoon."

At five minutes to eight exactly that resplendent and exquisite young noodle, Jack Heaviside, had the most severe shock he had experienced for many a day. He had arrived at the ante-room door, which he threw open as if none but he had the right of entry, and strode in. Strode in! Well scarcely that. He made one swaggering step forward, and then staggered back as if he had received a blow in the face. His assurance was gone to the winds, his face paled, and his knees—not particularly strong ones at the best of times—knocked together and trembled under him.

"Why—why—" he stammered "I thought we wore red!"

Brooks went to his rescue and explained that the 210th used to wear red, but it has been changed. This was strictly true, but the change from red to blue had taken place fully one hundred years ago; there was no necessity to inform him on this point.

"Why—why—but the Army List puts it down "uniform red, facings white."

"Ah! it's really disgraceful how behind the times they are at the Horse Guards" remarked Orlebar, the senior subaltern.

But, but—my tailor told me it was red almost blubbered the stricken Heaviside. "He said the whole regiment got their things from him: he did indeed."

"Yes you know, that's a very common dodge of Army tailors,-said another sympathising individual. "They stick you with, one kit which is all wrong, and then you have to get another, so they get a double profit out of you."

"But what *am* I to do now?"

"Never mind"—said young Brooks "the Colonel isn't here, or he might have gone down your throat, spurs and all, so it doesn't matter for a night or two. You can easily get a new kit later on, if you require it."

That dinner was not exactly a source of pure unmixed enjoyment to one individual at all events. What those blue-jacketed well-set-up looking fellows thought about it need not be expatiated on: at any rate they were model hosts, and did their guest as well as the very ample resources of their Mess, kitchen and cellar would allow. It was the cellar part of the entertainment that mostly affected young Heaviside, so much so indeed that by twelve o'clock they found it necessary to kindly but forcibly conduct him to the room he occupied. They were on the whole extremely good to him: he certainly laid himself open somewhat by coming there at all, and a good deal more so by indiscreetly imbibing more liquid refreshment than his silly head could carry. He deserved a certain amount of ragging, and the opportunities were so great that they might easily, had they chosen, have made a zebra of him by painting his person with black streaks of ink without any resistance on his part, but they refrained. After all he belonged to another corps in the garrison, and it was for that corps, and not for them, to teach their new addition by some means or other, the way he should go.

Heaviside awoke the next morning with a very dim recollection of what had occurred the night before. Brooks' soldier-servant brought him some soda-water and recommended a strong dash of Worcester sauce to be followed by a cold bath. Both prescriptions seemed to do him good, especially the bath, after which he dressed and went to the mess for some breakfast. Everybody was very kind, asked him if he had slept well and seemed remarkably anxious to pay him polite attention. Two of the Subalterns took him in with them to breakfast where he played with various most excellent dishes without being able to do much justice to any of them. He wondered in a stupid dreamy sort of way why everyone wore a braided frockcoat and a couple of gold stripes on their overalls, but concluded that this was only another of these mysterious changes of uniform, which had made him so uncomfortable the night before. Somehow it all seemed very odd.

Presently a tall grey-moustached soldierly-looking man came in, accompanied to Heaviside's very intense surprise by none other than his companion in the train yesterday—the rustic individual, the grower of turnips, the proud owner of a thousand sheep. Heavyside looked at him with a horror-stricken countenance. "Who — who is that?" he asked.

Which! The one in uniform is our Colonel. The one in plain clothes is Colonel Chamberlain, commands the Southdown Regiment — the 210th Foot, you know. They are our neighbours here"

There was no more spirit left in him. Knife and fork fell from his nerveless hands, his jaw dropped, his eyes stared with wide open consternation. What the deuce had he not done that he ought to have left undone. This then, this quite individual, whom in his crass stupidity he had put down as some ignorant rustic, whom he had patronised in the most offensive manner whom he had been actively rude to, was Colonel Chamberlain, C B., V. C, commanding the regiment he had come to join. Visions of returning at once to the bosom of his family flashed before him, but one point must be cleared up first.

"Then what are you? he asked his immediate neighbour, rising from his chair preparatory to a rapid retirement elsewhere.

"we? oh *we* are the 210th Lancers", was the reply. Didn't you know?"

At that moment and before he could effect his retreat Colonel Chamberlain walked across the long room and came up to him. "You are Mr. Heavyside, I think, are you not?"—he said, offering his hand as he spoke. "We were expecting you at our quarters last night, but I am glad you have found some friends here already. If you care to come with me after you have finished your breakfast I will drive you over to your own domain."

What could Jack Heaviside do but murmur feebly and as for Colonel Chamberlain he was just, a right thorough-going trump. He had captured his very lost new lamb and bore him off with kindly solicitude, intent only on softening things for him, and giving him a chance to recover himself. Never a word did he let out to his officers—or to anybody else for that matter—what an arrant young idiot the last joined had made of himself. And the Lancers, seeing to what an abject state their unbidden guest had been reduced, kept silence on all material points which could have made things unpleasant for him, and only the mildest chaff on the confusion of regimental numbers and joining the wrong corps ever passed outside their own circle. The boy had learnt his lesson, and a few quiet words of sound advice from the Colonel during their drive, went well home. Three-quarters of Heaviside's swagger and idiocy were spoken off from that day forth, never to return.

Though not a very bright specimen, he is now quite a presentable officer of that fine old regiment the 210th Foot, and perhaps it is unnecessary to add that amid universal enthusiasm, there is nobody in the whole corps, who swears more stoutly by Colonel Chamberlain than Jack Heaviside.

GEOGE RAVENDALE.

The Garden.

GARDENING IN MIDNAPORE.

MELONS *Cucumis melo*, are as difficult to grow in Midnapore, as they are more or less so all over Bengal. But for the last two years, I have succeeded fairly well in raising melons. The *modus operandi* I have been using for these past two seasons is as follows, and is, I think, well worth trying. Take ten cart loads of alluvial soil from the bed of any river or stream, the same amount of coarse sand with small pebbles in it, if possible, five cart loads of well-decomposed stable litter, cowdung or any other suitable manure and one cart load of small *ghooting* or lime stone, mix and incorporate well with about the same amount of any ordinary garden soil. The soil thus prepared should be laid out in ridges 18 inches high, between which the seed should be sown and the plants trained over the ridges so as to be out of reach of moisture. The seeds should be sown six feet apart, half a dozen or so being put down together. When making these ridges care should be taken to see that the trenches between *are properly sloped, so as to allow of easy 'rrigation.*

The best time for sowing melons is from the beginning of December to the middle of the following month. The great mistake we generally makes out here when growing melons, is to sow the seeds too late. If the seeds be fresh and good, they should germinate on the fifth or sixth day. A good plan to force the seeds to germinate and to taste of their vitality, is to steep them in wet wood ashes, then wrap them up in plantain leaves. Seeds thus treated and if sound will usually sprout out in forty-eight hours, and as soon as they have done so, they should be put out. The worst of melon, is that they are, like all *Cucumis*, very apt to be preyed upon, by those small red beetles with black spots, *Coccinello*, a kind of ladybird. Sprinkling over the plants with wood ashes or Keating's insect powder are useful in their way, but as this sprinkling over has the effect of closing the pores of the leaves, it cannot very well be recommended. A better plan is to get a few small sized empty wine or any other kind of boxes, and to knock the bottoms out, over which pieces of leno or musquito nettings should be nailed down and the plants covered up with them. Plants so protected will grow up rapidly, and when 6 to 8 inches high, will be safe from further depradation, for though the beetles may reappear, they cannot do much more harm. When the plants are about a foot high, they should be trained on the ridges and should have the point of the shoot taken off so that several other shoots may branch out; the point of these should also be taken off until there are only a dozen of branches left. Not more than one or two fruits should be allowed to remain on each branch, and any new ones that appear should be pinched off. Water should be applied thrice a week, but as it is harmful to wet the plants and leaves, it should be poured in at one of the trenches, and if the sloping has been carefully attended to, will run right through Melons should never be taken up, *until perfectly ripe*, their signs of ripeness vary a good deal but generally the rich perfume and soft feel are very fair indications. The imported varieties, when ripe, show a soft ring near the stalk, so one should be careful to watch for such signs Most of the fruits exposed for sale in the New Market at Calcutta, have been taken up unripe, so cannot possibly be compared to a melon that has been allowed to ripen on the plant. But if one is not over careful, he is easily taken in by these fruit dealers who usually take a knife and boldly cut out a piece from one of the fully ripe and highly perfumed fruit they specially reserve for the purpose.

There are several varieties of melons grown by the natives of Bengal and most of these are grown on those large *chars* or new alluvial formations, which are such a feature of some of the bigger rivers in Bengal. But except perhaps in shape and colour all these melons are very much alike in everything else, in flavour, texture, etc., though they are to be recommended for their perfume and are not to be despised, when nothing better is available.

The best melons grown in India come from Lucknow, so seeds of some of the choice kind among these should be sown. I have been getting seeds of these for the past ten years from Mr. Gollan, Superintendent of the Government Botanical Garden at Saharunpore and the results obtained have been at least for the past two years very satisfactory. Among the imported kinds only the seeds of those sent out from America come to anything, and the following should be given a trial: Emerald Gem, Miller's Cream and Early Hackensack. The seeds of the above three kinds should be *sown early in December*, the plants do not seem to make much growth and one or two fruits is what each usually bears. But even this is well worth the trouble and labour spent in their cultivation, for the few melons one gets are unsurpassable for flavour, aroma, and texture, specially if one is lucky enough to succeed in raising what is known as Emerald Gem. As the melon, like other of its tribe—pumpkins, gourds, etc—has the female and male organs in separate flowers and sometimes on separate plants, hybridising the indigenous with the imported varieties would be well worth trying, as such hybrid would be sure to give better results than either of the two.

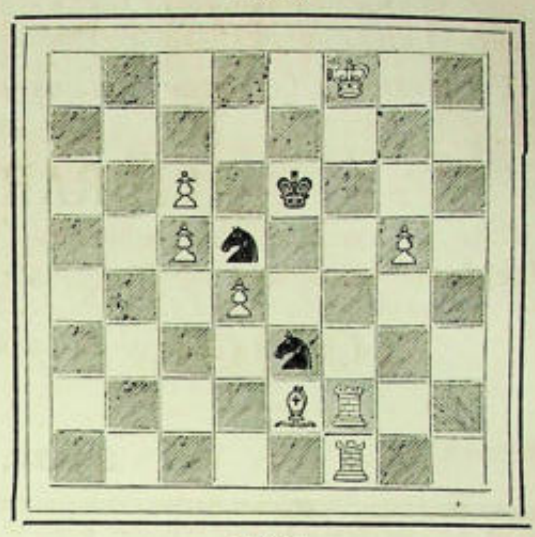
MUSTA D, *Sinapi nigra*, should be treated exactly as detailed for cress. The kind usually sown is from imported seed, the colour of which is a pale yellow. But what is known as country mustard and which has a dark blackish brown seed answers equally well for the purpose and what is more may be grown nearly all the year round. Mustard if cut when a couple of inches high will be found a valuable addition to salad and it is also well known for its antiscorbutic properties. Unlike cress mustard requires more light and sun and rarely succeeds well in boxes or pans, unless it is cut when very small, in which state it may be used for sandwiches.

RAOUL.

Chess.

PROLEM NO. 22.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME NO. 23.

White.	Black.
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3	2. Kt to Q B 3
3. B to Q Kt 5	3. Kt to K B 3
4. P to Q 4	4. Kt takes K P
5. Castles	5. Q Kt takes Q P (a)
6. Kt takes Kt	6. P takes Kt
7. R to K sq	7. B to K 2
8. R takes Kt	8. P to Q B 3
9. B to K Kt 5	9. P to K B 3
10. B takes K B P (b)	10. P takes B
11. Q to K R 5 ch	11. Kt to B sq
12. Q to K R 6 ch	12. K to B 2
13. R to K Kt 4	13. B to B sq
14. Q to K R 5 ch	14. K to K 3
15. R to K 4 ch	15. K to Q 3
16. Kt to Q R 3	16. K to Q B 2
17. R to K 8	17. B takes Q Kt
18. R takes Q	18. R takes R
19. P takes B	19. P takes B
20. Q to Q B 5 ch	20. K to Q Kt
21. Q to Q 6	
Mate.	

(a) This is a great oversight. (b) From this point White plays with remarkable skill and vigour.

Cards.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM NO. 11.

I.

1. Z leads Diamond Ace; B trumps it.
2. 3. 4. 5. B wins four rounds of Trumps; A discards four Diamonds.
6. B leads Spade 2, A wins.
7. A leads Club Ace.
8. A leads Club Kv; Z discards Diamonds.
9. A leads Club 10; Z discards Diamonds, B wins it.
10. B leads Club 9; Z discards Diamonds, A discards Spade 4.
11. B leads Club 8; Z discards Spades or Diamonds. A discards the opposite to Z.
12. 13. A must make last two tricks.

It will be the same if X leads Diamonds.

II.

1. 2. 3. 4. B leads, and wins four rounds of trumps; A discards Diamond 2 and three Clubs.
5. 6. 7. 8. B wins four rounds of Clubs; A discards Diamond 3, 4, 5, and Spade 4; Z discards Club Queen and Diamond 10, Knave, Queen.
9. B leads Club 6; Z discards Diamond King; A discards Spade 9. (A.)
10. B leads Spade 2, A wins.
11. A leads Diamond 6, B trumps.
12. B leads Spade 3, A wins.
13. A leads thirteenth Diamond.

(A).

9. B leads Club 6; Z discards Spade 10; A discards D 6.
10. B leads Spade 2, A wins.
11. A leads Spade Ace.
12. A leads Spade 9.
13. B makes thirteenth trump.

This will also stand if X or Z lead trumps.

III.

If A, X or Z lead Clubs B wins it, and continues exactly as in Var. II.

IV.

If X or Z lead Spade, A wins trick one, and leads Club Knave won by B, and the play continues as in Var. II.

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"ZEBROIDS" FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES.

THE "zebroid," to use Baron de Parana's convenient term for the hybrid produced by crossing the zebra stallion with the mare, is beginning to receive the attention to which those who have knowledge of its merits have always maintained is his due. It is reported that the German authorities in East Africa have started a breeding stud on the flanks of Kilimanjaro which is to be given up to the business of producing zebra mules for transport purposes: and it is the intention of those responsible for the project to make experiments in the shape of crossing the zebra with the donkey and to cross "both ways," with the horse and the mare, to wit. We believe that a similar experiment is on foot in Uganda, but the work, we imagine, is as yet in its infancy and there are no particulars available: perhaps our fellow-countrymen in Africa have deemed it wise to stay their hands until they can profit by their German neighbours' experience. The question of transport animals, it is needless to say, has been, and always must be, one of the first importance in Africa: and having regard to the increasing difficulty of procuring mules suitable for military work in this country, the German experiment may well be fraught with results of no small interest to us.

Professor Ewart, as everyone knows, has made a considerable series of experiments in zebra mule breeding, but the "Penycuik experiments," as they are generally called, were made with a scientific object in view rather than a practical: and if the zebra mules born in course of the attempt to prove or disprove the actuality of telegony, have been put to work for their proprietors' living nothing has transpired concerning their qualities as beasts of draught or of burden. For information concerning the zebroid we have to go afield to Brazil, where Baron de Parana some years ago began crossing zebra stallions upon horse mares and achieved a very considerable measure of success. The interest of his achievements is enhanced by the fact that he used mares of various breeds, Arabs, Norman carriage horses and even with the heavy breeds, Clydesdales, Suffolks, and Percherons. The supply of zebra in Brazil being apparently limited the Baron used the same Burchell's stallion in all the matings of whose results we have record. The produce of the several crossings presented many features in common. In the first place the young zebroids displayed none of their sire's disagreeable vice of biting; they were full of spirit, but at the same time were gentle and extremely docile, possessing extraordinary muscular strength in every case they followed their respective dams in size, make, shape, and pace. Their disposition, too, they took from the distaff side. This exceptional muscular strength is the first great recommendation of the zebroid: had this hybrid been lacking in strength it would have been futile to pursue the experiment and attempt its development into an industry: but since the zebroid whatever the breed of his dam was conspicuous for his muscle it only remained to Baron de Parana to select the mares. "It is only necessary to select the mare possessing the qualities desired in the offspring." The cross with the heavy mare resulted in a very large and powerful mule, but as we should of course expect, less heavy and massive than the dam. Crossed with the Arab or Norman horse, a taller and lighter mule was the result, fully as muscular as the zebroid dropped by

the Clydesdale or Suffolk mare but more tractable (the Arab strain is apparent here) and more active.

The Baron has used these zebroids for such work in harness or saddle as their qualities and character indicated as suitable and was greatly impressed with their value. He professed himself convinced that the zebroid would prove an animal of great economic importance and would when its merits were recognised eventually displace the donkey-horse or horse-donkey mule for all the purposes for which the latter are now employed. It would be going too far to express entire concurrence with the Baron's sanguine view: but it must be frankly acknowledged that he has made out a case and a very strong case for creating the zebroid on a large scale and giving it a fair trial.

The Burchell's zebra has been used as a harness animal in South Africa and has proved a success within certain limits. They are quiet in the team, have better mouths than the ordinary mule, are stout and willing in the collar: from the African point of view also they have the great recommendation that they are susceptible neither to horse-sickness nor to the poison of the tsetse fly. The objection urged against the zebra is that he loses heart and spirit after a term of servitude. This objection applies to the zebra which has been caught when of full growth as we believe all the zebras used for harness work heretofore have been: whether a zebra foaled in captivity and taught from his infancy that labour was his portion remains to be discovered. It is reasonable to suppose that the animal which had never known freedom would be less susceptible to the depressing influences of hard work.

The superiority of the zebroid over its sire, so far as knowledge presently extends, lies in its greater muscular strength and in the ease with which its size and shape can be determined by the selection of mare. Beyond this point we are in the dark and only experience will tell us whether the zebroid possesses the qualities which distinguish his pure-bred sire: we have yet to learn whether the possession of one-half horse-blood will render him liable to that scourge of South Africa, horse sickness and to that other fruitful source of trouble the poison of the tsetse fly. If the sire's characteristics predominate in these respects, then indeed the African traveller and transport officer will have found his ideal beast.

We can hardly doubt but that the zebroid will have great longevity in common with the ordinary mule, a quality which goes far to give that animal his value. Beyond these matters it remains to ascertain whether the zebroid possesses the mule's hardiness, staying power and independence of luxury: whether he will serve for transport in a cold climate or whether his zebra blood will declare itself—when he is required, say, to take part in a cold weather campaign on the North-Western Frontier. The mule supply question is one of the most important that those responsible for the remount department have to consider and any experiment that promises solution of the difficulty must command our attention. The supply of zebra is, if the present system of protection be maintained, practically inexhaustible: the choice of mares of a class fit to breed zebroids is sufficient and there is nothing in the way of the new industry being developed on commercial lines. The zebra thrives well in this country and it would be well worth trying the experiment of crossing him upon a few selected country-bred mares with an eye to the production of a light and active pack zebroid.

Special Telegrams.

THE GOODWOOD CUP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

THE GOODWOOD CUP.—Of 2,000sovs (a Cup value sovs, and the remainder in specie), by subscription of 5sovs each, 5sovs more for those left in after the last Tuesday in March, 1901, 10sovs more if left in after the last Tuesday in March, 1902, and 10sovs more if left in after the last Tuesday in March 1903 the second to receive 300sovs, and the third 100sovs out of the race; three years olds 7st 7lbs, four 8st 12lbs, five and upwards 9st. 2lbs: mares allowed 3lbs; the winner of any race of a mile or upwards value 300sovs 3lbs, 1,000sovs 7lbs, 2,000sovs 10lbs, 4,000sovs or the Ascot Cup, 14lbs extra: horses which have not won as three year olds or upwards, a race of a mile or upwards allowed, if three year olds 6lbs, if four or upwards, 16lbs: horses that have not won at all in 1903 allowed 3lbs, but not in addition; two miles and a half.—112 subs, 18 of whom pay 5sovs each. Closed September 18th 1900.

LONDON, *Friday, 31st July 1903.*

Mr A James's b c RABELAIS, by St Simon —Satirical, 3yrs, Watts 1
Mr W B Purefoy's b c CAPPA WHITE, by Buckingham—Eivir, 4yrs, Halsey ... 2
Sir J Blundell Maples' br c MERRY SAINT, by St Serf—Mereden, 3yrs, Trigg ... 3
Mr W M G Singer's b h HEARWOOD, by Glenwood—Hear Hear aged 0
Mr Whitney's b c SLIPTHRIFT, by Spendthrift—Varina, 4yrs 0
Prince Soltykoff's b c SNOWBERRY, by Ayrshire—Perce Neige, 4yrs 0
Mr L Brassey's b c ALDERMAN, by Isinglass—Butterfly, 3yrs 0
Mr H C White's b c WALLABY, by Lochiel —Muta, 3yrs 0

(Winner trained by R Marsh, Newmarket).

BETTING: 5 to 4 against Rabelais, 100 to 14 Cappa White, 20 to 1 Merry Saint. Won by 4 lengths; two lengths dividing second and third.

PEDIGREE OF THE WINNER.

REBELAIS (Bay, 1900).

SATIRICA 14 (Ch. 1891).				ST. SIMON 11 (B. 1881).			
Chaff (Ch. 1880)		Satiety (2) (Ch. 1885.)		St. Angela (B. 1865)		Galopin 3 (B. 1872).	
Coleorton (Ch. 1862)	Will o' the Wisp 14 (B. 66)	Wilson (Ch. 1876)	Isonomy 19 (B. 1875)	Adeline (B. 1851)	King Tom 3 (B. 1853)	Flying Duchess (B. 1853)	Velocity 19 (Br. 1851)
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Hackaway (2) (Ch. 1884)		Hampton (1874)		Vedette (1854)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Hermione (1873)		Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Ion (4) (B. 1825)		La Fille Helene (1866)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Golden Horn (Ch. 1855)		Y. Melbourne (1845)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849)		Ly Lascelles (1860)		Velocipede's dam (1849)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		The Baron 21 (B. 1843)		Lord Clifden (1860)		Bay Middleton (1) (1833)	
Little Fan (B. 1839)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Adeline (1851)		Dabchick (1849)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Pantaloon (1844)		Little Fairy (1852)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Wild Dayrell 7 (Br. 1852)		Newminster (45) (1848)		Velocipede's dam (1849)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Golden Horn (Ch. 1855)		Ion (1825)		Economist 36 (1846)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849)		Pocahontas (1837)		Fanny Dawson (1846)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Hartrock (1847)		Glencoe (1) (1846)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Cremorne (2) (B. 1839)		The Slave (1838)		Marpessa (1846)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Lady Mary (B. 1841)		Kettledrum (1838)		Chain 3 (1846)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Melbourne (1851)		Margaret (1846)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Splitrose (1841)		Charles (1846)		Hornsea 15 (1846)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Ion (4) (B. 1825)		St. Albans (1857)		Laverta (1846)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Ellen Middleton (1844)		Tetterima (1869)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		The Baron (1842)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Beeswing's dam (1844)		Pocahontas (1837)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		The Baron 21 (B. 1843)		Teddington (1845)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Sir to Sing (1852)		Bay Middleton (1) (1833)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Pantaloon (1844)		Alice Hawthorn (1855)		Dabchick (1849)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Blinkhoolie (1859)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Parmesan (1851)		Delhi (1858)		Velocipede's dam (1849)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Pantaloon (1844)		Gladiateur (1865)		Economist 36 (1846)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Leamington (1853)		Fanny Dawson (1846)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Pantaloon (1844)		Thormanby (1857)		Glencoe (1) (1846)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Rigolboche (1857)		Marpessa (1846)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Parmesan (1851)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Chain 3 (1846)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Pantaloon (1844)		Splitrose (1841)		Margaret (1846)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Stockwell 3 (1849)		Hornsea 15 (1846)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Wild Dayrell 7 (Br. 1852)		Isollae (1860)		Laverta (1846)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Golden Horn (Ch. 1855)		Oxford 12 (1849)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849)		Whisper (1860)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Isollae (1860)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Cremorne (2) (B. 1839)		Fernando 7 (1857)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Lady Mary (B. 1841)		Rigolboche (1857)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Splitrose (1841)		Splitrose (1841)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Stockwell 3 (1849)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Ellen Middleton (1844)		Isollae (1860)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Oxford 12 (1849)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Beeswing's dam (1844)		Whisper (1860)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		The Baron 21 (B. 1843)		Fernando 7 (1857)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Rigolboche (1857)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Pantaloon (1844)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Splitrose (1841)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Parmesan (1851)		Stockwell 3 (1849)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Pantaloon (1844)		Isollae (1860)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Oxford 12 (1849)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
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Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Fernando 7 (1857)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Parmesan (1851)		Rigolboche (1857)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
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Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Splitrose (1841)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Wild Dayrell 7 (Br. 1852)		Stockwell 3 (1849)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Golden Horn (Ch. 1855)		Isollae (1860)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Stockwell 3 (Ch. 1849)		Oxford 12 (1849)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Touchstone (B. 1831)		Whisper (1860)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Cremorne (2) (B. 1839)		Fernando 7 (1857)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Peeshootes (B. 1837)		Lady Mary (B. 1841)		Rigolboche (1857)		Man Darrell 11 (1849)	
Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Orlando 13 (1841)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Sheet Anchor (Br. 1846)		Splitrose (1841)		Splitrose (1841)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Voltigeur (7) (Br. 1857)		Ion (4) (B. 1825)		Stockwell 3 (1849)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
Mrs Ridgeway (B. 1849)		Ellen Middleton (1844)		Isollae (1860)		Voltaire 12 (1849)	
Fly Dutchman 3 (B. 1846)		Harkaway (2) (Ch. 1834)		Oxford 12 (1849)		Martha Lynn (1849)	
Mercoe (B. 1841)		Beeswing's dam (1844)		Whisper (1860)		Birdcatcher 11 (1833)	
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have belied their appearance, but that's a mere detail —and we may take that as an indication that the campaign during the Extras is going to be a vigorous one. To one who has witnessed the growth of these "Extras" and the improvement each year in the class running at them, there can come only one conclusion, namely, that owners find it worth competing for two hundred rupee stakes and what they can get on with the noble army of fielders. The racing is described elsewhere, so that I have no intention of going over the same ground here, but one incident of the meeting is worthy of mention. The only entrants likely to have stretched Picture who, in the opinion of the touts, was bound to win the "July Plate," were supposed to be Fando or Five Up, and with both of these scratched at the last moment the new pony Picture was backed at 5 to 4 on, as if the public were accepting credit notes on the Bank of England. La Regina was next in demand, but the bulk of money was on Picture, even the owners having to accept a short price about their mare. The result was altogether unexpected, the despised Nancy Till, who was giving Picture 1st. 9lbs., winning easily from Madeira, so that even place money went astray, the favourite finishing third in a field of only five.

Paddy Melon promises to be as good in India as she was in the Colonies; but she owed her victory as much to Aga S. Shah's good riding as to her own pace. At the bend Ena went very wide and carried one or two others out. That Neera should have beaten Haydn proves that she is a clinker. This mare was imported by Mr. R. J. Hunter, the well-known shipper, and fell in her stall at Bombay cutting herself badly. Her pace was discovered by C. B. Mahomed, and now that she has got over running wide at the bend she has become a most valuable property. The other races do not call for special comment, the failure of Grey Fox being the item that cost backers a tidy sum.

Jockeys Carter and Johnson are returning to India from Australia and are expected here in a few days.

It is to be hoped that the visit of Dr. Willey to Delft Island will clear up the mystery shrouding the mortality of horses and stock. Our impression is that in some way or other venomous snakes have been introduced, for the carcases exhibit no trace of known disease, nor does the *post-mortem* help in elucidation. The stricken animal staggers, falls and expires. It will be a subject for regret should the place be abandoned, as the examination on selection showed it to be an ideal stock raising ground; open to the sea air on all sides, with good water and excellent grazing. Shaving the limbs down from knee and hock, with close microscopic examination of the skin, would detect snake punctures on them, while treating the muzzle and face in the same manner ought to decide this surmise.

An army of bandicoots is reported as advancing across Upper Burma in the direction of the Assam hills, the people fearing a repetition of the invasion of 1876-77. Sportsmen of ratting proclivities possessing smart terriers might find distraction from the *ennui* of the close game season in the North Cachar Hills We hear cats are at a premium in the frontier bazars, having gone up to two annas per kitten. To those who have never witnessed the march of these mischievous rodents the sight is worth going some distance to see. The column advances in close order several yards in width, spreading out when any cultivation is reached. When engaged in the work of depredation they appear to regard with stolid equanimity the gaps made in their ranks by the incessant swooping of eagles and kites who hover over them in flights, being equally indifferent to the sticks and stones of human pursuers. The cats and pies that hang on their flanks don't appear to trouble them at all; nothing impedes the march: hill tops and ravines are all the same to them and the main body, though reduced by many thousands, usually disappears into the asylum of the still heavily timbered ravines in the Garo hills, where they disappear. What becomes of them is a mystery, for they never put in an appearance in the plains, and certainly do not return by the same route as they advance.

Last week we extracted from our Allahabad contemporary a paragraph regarding the shooting of a tiger at Etawah; we see the hero of this little adventure has addressed a letter to our contemporary on the subject and this is what he says:— In your account of the "Etawah tiger" an inaccuracy has crept in which reflects on my conduct as a sportsman. You say that I gave up the chase and handed my rifle to my shikari to follow up the tracks of the wounded tiger. Such conduct would, I consider, be highly unsportsmanlike, not to say cowardly, for it would be exposing the shikari to risks which only I should be justified in taking. What happened was that after tracking the wounded tigress for some time she was put up and wounded again. As, however, she went off apparently "strong" I decided it would be better to stop following her up for some time, so as to give the wounds time to stiffen. I knew the ravine she had gone to, and thus there would be no difficulty in taking up the tracks again. No one at all followed up the tracks any further. A few hours later some cowherds on the high land saw the tigress lying under a bush on the slope, on the further side of a ravine. Information was brought to me and I started out at once, but, meanwhile, out of pure curiosity, one of the men climbed down the ravine and up the other side to the tigress and struck the ground with his *lathi* to see, as he said, "whether she was dead or alive." She had sufficient life to maul and bite him, and then rolled down to the bottom of the ravine where she lay. The other men rushed off to the forest jemadar, who, taking his master's rifle from the chauki, finished her off. I should be obliged if you would publish this, as I have never yet let a shikari finish off any kind of wounded animal for me much less a dangerous one.

Elephants and tiger appear to be much in evidence in the eastern districts. A lively tusker in the Ja'ai Subdivision of the Jaintia Hills, has immolated an unfortunate woman as also running *amok* generally among crops and houses. Any skikari flooring him will get Rs. 100 and be permitted to keep the tusks. This latter concession is a step in the right direction for retaining and selling these trophies and mutilating the skins of tigers deter many hunters from following up destructive animals; the spoils of the chase realising very much more than the paltry reward offered. A couple more frisky pachyderms apparently dominate the Mangaldai District, of whom we shall probably hear more when the autumn floods circumscribe their beats. A month ago a tiger made a sudden appearance among the leaf pluckers on a tea garden and the Tipperah man-eater who divides his attention impartially between the eastern portion of that district and the adjoining one of S.-W. Sylhet is still unaccounted for, having brought the total of his tale of victims up to 14. We suggest to the Assam-Bengal Railway authorities putting on cockloft carriages for the use of sportsmen, at least on the Brahmaputra line, in case of a repetition of trains being stuck up as happened last year on the Nowgong section, for elephants appear to be holding a congress in those wastes.

Here is an amusing dog story from Vienna:—

The owner of a dog was sued by an engineer, who claimed damages for a bite from the animal, which he stated had incapacitated him for work. He also denounced the dog as a vicious one. At the trial a veterinary surgeon who was called in tried his utmost to irritate the dog by teasing him, but the animal kept its temper.

The complainant then demanded that its owner should be turned out of court and the dog let loose among the audience. This was done after the animal had been muzzled.

The dog, however, continued to display the greatest good humour, holding up one paw after another, and wagging its tail. Finally it ran to the Judge, before whom it sat on its hind legs begging in a most pathetic manner. The Judge thereupon pronounced the dog to be a veritable lamb, and gave judgment for its owner, referring the complainant to the civil court.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The chief attraction of the week has, of course, been the *café chantant* at the Gymkhana Club in aid of funds for St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, and between two and three thousand

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rupees was, I believe, the amount gathered in, but past experience has shown that in amateur-run shows the expenses are so heavy that they make a sadly large hole in profits. I remember once—however, "let the dead bury their dead." Among the many attractions were high class music—a trifle above the ordinary soul perhaps, and some really clever conjuring by Mr. Branson. The time-honoured "wax works," the inevitable "Tommy Dodd" were among the many admirable side shows. Mr. Stewart, the well-known professional photographic artist, without whose artistic efforts no show in Poona seems to be complete, assisted by Major Beevor, R.A.M.C., who adds to his many and versatile accomplishments that of scientific photography of the highest order, provided an entertainment of the most enjoyable nature. An interval for refreshments (at exorbitant prices, readily paid) was followed by the Cake Walk, the ghastly form of motion which can please only by its abominable eccentricity. Mrs. Drake's song and dance, the *Toy Monkey*, from the *Geisha*, was extremely dainty, and was fully appreciated, and the demand for a repetition was irresistible. Captain Bayford, A.-D.-C., and Mr. Anderson made merry in the *French Maid*, and there was no doubt as to the audience being pleased, while to make certain of sending us away in a happy frame of mind Mrs. Drake, assisted by Mrs. Windle, Mrs. Prior, Miss G. Price, and Miss Izoz Pile delighted eye and ear with *Keep off the Grass*. And so to bed.

I am glad to see that our illustrious Municipal Fathers—to whom all reverence be due—are "taking steps to put a stop to the intolerable nuisance of led horses in Cantonment limits. *One* led horse is bad enough, more especially in the face of the fact that the Aryan brother with the strange perversity of his nature almost invariably leads on the wrong side; but when it comes—as it has come to the sand rides being occupied by incompetent idiots riding one horse and leading one on *each* side, it becomes more than a joke and positive danger. So while applauding the efforts of the Committee in a right direction, one would like to hope that their cogitations may bear fruit just a little before the very end of the season.

In a recent case in the Cantonment Magistrate's Court of Judicature a Zoroastrian declared that a certain distance was "about the length of a horse." Pressed to explain a trifle more explicitly he answered that he meant *six yards!* A nice "lengthy" horse that—standing over a lot of ground!

Quite excellent was the first day's "Extra" racing postponed from Saturday till last Wednesday—all the more enjoyable from a point of interest in that the somewhat heaviness of the going completely upset form and the calculations of the most astute turfites. One's only regret in seeing outsiders roll home is that our friends the enemy have such a needlessly (as it seems to us) good time, and when in our poverty we stand a-baking in this land of Ind, year after year, it is a trifle hard to see our friends the bookies' names in the Passenger List with unvarying consistency. Not but that they are excellent fellows.

Having fought the battle of the encouragement of closed racing (in moderation, and two races out of seven is surely moderation?) I would be more than human if I refrained from expressing satisfaction at the success of the two races of that description.

The Bangalore Horse and Dog Show opened on the 4th instant; full details in our next.

Run in a drizzle the Poona Second Extra Meeting was a great success and, despite the heavy going, form was well maintained. Picture has once more been beaten so that she cannot be quite ready, or her Colonial form has been exaggerated. She was, however, beaten by no mean antagonist for Key West has a record that is quite as brilliant as that of any pony of her class in India. Good old Beadsman once again showed that he can keep up his speed in the best company, and when the high-rated Kingston had pumped himself out at the five furlongs, the old one came away and won any how. To state that the fittest Arabs won their events is the quickest way in which to describe the victories of Mainawa Young Kohinoor, and Grey Fox. Details in our Turf Columns.

The Secunderabad Races have been postponed till the 15th and 17th instant owing to the recent heavy rains.

The following teams have entered for the Poona Junior Polo Tournament:—The Buffs, 2nd Lancers (Hyderabad Contingent), 3rd Bombay Cavalry, Oxford Light Infantry, Army Veterinary Class, 4th Lancers (Hyderabad Contingent), 1st Lancers (Hyderabad Contingent), Poona Gymkhana (Colonel Onslow's team), and Poona Gymkhana (Captain Davies' team).

The First Moonsoon Meeting has produced fair entries, and as in this case the races are all on terms there should be no great falling off in the number of starters. The Trial Hurdle race has attracted eight only, of whom we like Kittylea a good deal the best, though Corydon is looking A-1. and should run well.

Of the ten nominated for the Stand Plate, we think that Pearson's selected—probably Western Queen—should about land the stakes. As a second string we fancy Yellow Mantle. The July Plate should fall to Killnerin as she is carrying only 9-10 to Springlock's 10-10, which latter is a big lump to convey should the going be at all heavy. Sweet Talk should account for the Pony Trial Plate with Eileen as runner up, and in the Maiden Horse stakes there is, we think, nothing to beat Euryalus.

Athletic Notes.

THE annual Tournament of the Royal Western India Golf Club will be held at Nassik from September 14th to the 21st.

A. F. Duffy was running magnificently the week the last mail left England. At the Birmingham A. C. Sports on Saturday, the 11th July, he won the scratch hundred in 9⅘secs.

The Swimming races for the King's Cup created a good deal of interest at home. All three races were won by Englishmen, as will be seen from the details given in our London Sporting letter.

A poor old ped named Joe Spencer, ætat 85, is now engaged at the Kensal Rise Athletic Grounds, London, in the attempt to walk 10,000 miles in 260 days.

Commenting on our recent article on Football in Calcutta, the *Rangoon Times* remarks; "Well, whatever may be written of the game as played in Calcutta, we cannot find any grounds to complain of the conduct of the military teams which have played here for a good many years now, or of T.A. as a spectator. Officers still play in our regimental teams, and our soldiers do not misbehave themselves by howling at the referee: and let us hope we shall never have the bad fortune to witness it." Happy Rangoon!

The "Upstairs" and "Downstairs" babus of Messrs. Birkmyre Brothers brought off their walking competition last Saturday. Mr. Wilson started them from the south gate of Government House, Barrackpore, and they walked to the junction of Lower Circular Road and Park Street, Mr. Birkmyre acting as judge. The upstairs babus won, securing first, third, fifth, eighth and ninth places. The first man in was Lolit Kristo Mookerjee, who completed the distance in 2hrs. 55mins.

Yorkshire beat Surrey by an innings and 97 runs on the 31st ultimo, Worcester beat Sussex by an inninigs and 176 runs, Notts beat Kent by an innings and 36 runs, and Middlesex defeated Essex by seven wickets. The match between Lancashire and Gloster was drawn owing to rain.

The Chutter Munzil Club at Lucknow held a very pleasant regatta on the 1st instant. The regatta committee were "At Home" and the band of the Gloucester regiment enlivened the proceedings. The Grand Challenge Cup was won by the 48th Pioneers, Messrs. Andrew, Riddell, Boyce, Johnson, and Hewett, (cox.) who beat the Railway team—Messrs. Addis, Keelan, Cooper, Gardiner and Scott. (cox.) by one length.

The Gumti Plate was won by Capt Compton and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Saunders (cox.), beating Mr. Addis and Miss Gordon, Mrs. Ross (cox.), by a length. Gould beat Hodgkinson easily in the Diamond Sculls. In the Silver Goblets Messrs. Craster and Barnes, Mrs. Ross (cox.), beat Messrs. Cooper and Gardiner, Mrs. Manson (cox.)

Messrs. Appleyard, Cooper, Ethridge, Burnaby with Mrs. Manson, (cox.), beat Messrs. Compton Boyce, Craster, Barnes, with Mrs. Ross (cox.), in the Scratch Fours.

The second attempt to arrive at a decision in the final for the I. F. A. Shield ended on Tuesday evening in a draw.

General Notes.

IT is quite on the cards, we hear, that the programme of the Viceroy's tour in Kashmir will have to be a good deal altered or modified on account of the recent disastrous floods there.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote gave a children's party at Poona, on the 28th ultimo, to which a large number of little guests were invited. They all went in fancy dress and were photographed. Tea was followed by a dance and games in the ball-room, Her Excellency taking part in the romps.

Messrs. Mason, Hill and Rogers accentuate their present big sale by the issue of *The Calcutta Express*, which, according to the title, is published *pro bono publico*, and in which we find no end of information connected with the firm's stock and business, judiciously blended with matter of wider interest—scientific, humorous, instructive and interesting. We congratulate the firm on its enterprise.

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London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 17th July 1903.*

THINGS are a little flat here this week now that the French invasion—Presidential and theatrical—is over. President Loubet appears to have made an extremely favourable impression on those who came in contact with him. His simple dignity, ready appreciation of the attention shown him, and evident desire to see and do as much as could be crammed into his short visit, won a genuine liking.

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The fact that on his visit to Windsor he was received at the station by Lord Cawdor, Chairman of the G. W. R., has given those remarkable people who delight in "curious coincidences" of the "history repeats itself" order, the opportunity of improving our historical knowledge. They inform us that on the occasion of a former French "invasion"—to be precise in 1797—an attempt was made to land a force near Fishguard, in South Wales. Two frigates and a corvette, threw 1,200 men on shore, and, leaving them to their fate, sailed gaily away and were speedily captured. The 1,200 invaders were "received" and induced to surrender by the Lord Cawdor of that day, great grandfather of the Lord Cawdor, who more than a century later, in happier circumstances, greeted the President of the French Republics, the guest of the English King.

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The international contest for the Palma trophy at Bisley on Saturday was exceptionally interesting, the number of competitors being larger than has ever been the case before. Seven countries actually competed, the Russians, owing to a misunderstanding as to the date, not putting in an appearance The contest soon became virtually a duel—between our team and the Americans, and though our men made a plucky fight the Americans won by 15 points, Canada coming third with 37 points less than the English score. The Americans—shot with the improved Krag-Jorgensen rifle, with "aperture" sights—Our men using the Lee-Enfield, with the usual open sight—and expert opinion appears to be that the American victory was in no small measure due to the advantage conferred by the use of the "aperture" sight, which blots out the target except the bull's-eye. Truly the ways of our War Office are past finding out, for it is said that the use of this "aperture" sight has been urged on them for years, without success. The more optimistic of those present on Saturday afternoon hoped that the military powers that be may now reconsider the matter, but that, perhaps, is hoping too much. Both teams had their ammunition specially manufactured for the occasion. The British used a "special" make with cordite powder; the Americans the 300 Thomas bullet.

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The goodfellowship and friendly feeling between the rival teams was very marked. That it should be so between our men and the teams from the United States, Australia, Canada, and Natal, goes without saying, but it was at least equally noticeable in the case of the Norwegians and French, and the good humour, brightness, and vivacity of the lastnamed, contributed in no small degree to the general enjoyment. It was a plucky thing for the Norwegians to enter the contest at all, accustamed as they are to shoot standing and at shorter distances. The French men, too, are unaccustomed to our long ranges, but as they frankly said, they "came to learn." The congatulations to the Americans were loud and obviously sincere.

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The main provisions of the "Motor Car Bill" as introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, are as follow:—

1. Speed limit is abolished.
2. Reckless and dangerous driving "having regard to all circumstances" is to be severely punished, even though the actual speed be not very great.
3. Present limit of speed in Urban districts retained, but areas for lower maximum may be proclaimed by local authority.
4. All cars to be registered, and the numbers placed where they will be plainly visible.
5. All hired drivers must be licensed not as a guarantee of skill but for purposes of registration.
6. Penalty of £20, or three months' imprisonment, for the first offence. £50 fine, or six months, for the second.
7. Any one refusing name and address, or giving false ones, will be liable to penalties.
8. Maximum weight of car increased from 3 to 4 tons.

Of these provisions No. 3 excites a good deal of discussion. It is urged and with some reason, that under it the maximum rate of speed allowed will vary greatly according to the bias of the local authority, in adjoining districts, and that it will be difficult for drivers to inform themselves accurately on this point. Of No. 5, no one has a good word to say—and, indeed, it is not easy to enter into the minds of its drafters. Undoubtedly all drivers should be licensed, but if one class is to be exempt it is reasonable that it should be the paid driver, since we may presume he would not be paid unless he knew at least the rudiments of his business. The incompetent amateur is the terror, and as the Bill originally stood he is to be allowed to work his wicked will without let or hindrance. All drivers should be required, as in France, to show that they possess some knowledge of handling a car before they receive a license. And there should be a minimum age below which a license will not be granted.

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The Bill was read a second time on Tuesday after a debate both useful and amusing. Lord Granby in contending that anyone driving a car—paid or unpaid, male or female—should be required to hold a license, was so strongly supported that Lord Balfour of Burleigh promised an amendment accepting the principle. The proposal that a license be not given without a test of competence was also strongly supported, but Lord Baltour of Burleigh was not inclined to accept it. To the ordinary mind it is difficult to see why the rule that applies to the owner of a yacht, should not apply equally to the owner of a motor car. Lord Camperdown in an amusing speech narrated the evil deeds that had come to his knowledge: his story of the policeman who on stopping a motor car for excessive speed at Strafford-on-Avon was induced to enter it and carried off to Banbury, seventeen miles distant, being especially good. Although Lord Balfour of Burleigh did not see his way to accepting many of the amendments pressed upon him, and which in the general opinion would greatly strengthen the Bill, there is no doubt that even as it now stands it will be a considerable check upon the "motor fiends."

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It is said that the owners of "motor" broughams will much resent their carriages being registered and numbered; and that motorists are displeased that the Bill empowers magistrates, in specially aggravated cases, to imprison without the option of a fine—a particularly wholesome provision in view of the wealth of many motor-car owners. But it is a case of catch your motor before further steps can be taken, and that is by no means easy. Yesterday in Cranley Gardens a motor dashed past me in a cloud of dust, crossing the Fulham Road, a fairly busy thoroughfare, at the same rate of speed. If it had carried a number in figures a foot long, no one would have been advantaged one whit. I dont pretend to be much of a judge of speed, but that the rate was excessive was proved by the amount of attention the car excited as it passed. A few hours later I met it returning at almost an equally high speed. There is no doubt that motor-car legislation will be welcomed by the best class of motor-car owners, but unfortunately a large proportion belongs to a set that is certainly new and may be "smart," but whose manners and customs leave much to be desired. Motoring gives them the opportunity of exhibiting to an awestruck world those charming traifs which ordinary mortals (neither new nor "smart") associate with 'Arry and 'Arriet at 'appy 'Ampstead on Bank 'oliday.

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The result of the Eton and Harrow match at Lord's on Saturday was decidedly popular as well as unexpected, as not only did the Dark Blues thoroughly deserve their victory, but it was felt that in the past fifteen years they have had their full share of ill-luck. Harrow was decidedly the favourite before the game began, and when they won the toss outsiders at least felt little doubt of the result. Another instance that it is unwise to prophesy unless you know! The Eton game was good all round—batting, bowling, and fielding—the special heroes being Hatfeild whose bowling was really remarkable, and Crankshaw, who made the first hundred that has been hit for Eton at Lords since 1896. I believe it is by no means an original remark, that however interesting the cricket may be at the Eton and Harrow match, the boys themselves are a long way the most interesting sight, but nevertheless I will repeat it. An element of mystery surrounds the average school-boy, which enhances the interest, even if it also inspires an uncomfortable awe. A ten-minutes' conversation with a boy between the ages of 14 and 17 is an ordeal from which the stoutest heart may shrink. He receives your remarks (and affects to agree with them) in the blandest manner, but with an air of critical detachment which makes you painfully conscious of the baldness and futility of your observations, and sets you pining for the moment of release.

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The English world of letters has sustained a heavy loss by the death of Mr. W. H. Henley which occurred on Saturday night, at Heather Brae, Woking, at the age of 53. He began writing for the London Magazine in 1875, and in 1877 helped to found, and edited *London*, the journal in which most of his early palms appeared. In 1889, he became editor of the *National Observer* to which he also contributed largely, in addition to writing many critical articles for the *Athenæum* and *Saturday Review*. His personality attracted a band of brilliant young men who wrote for him when he edited the *National Observer* and the *New Review*, among whom may be mentioned Mr. J. M. Barrie, Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. Arthur Morrison, the late Mr. G. W. Steevens, and many others. The four plays which he wrote in conjunction with R. L. Stevenson failed to appeal to theatrical audience, but his volumes of verse are probably destined to raise his name in the future to a higher pinnacle that it now occupies.

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The theatrical news this week is neither important nor interesting. On Tuesday afternoon, "The Merchant of Venice" was performed at Drury Lane by a "Star" cast, for the benefit of the Actors' Association. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry appeared in their well-known characters, and as the cast also included Mr George Alexander, Mr. Charles Warner, Mr. H. B. Irving, Mr. Norman Forbes, Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Lionel Brough, Mr. Seymour Hicbe, Mr. Edward Terry, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Evelyn Millard, there can be little doubt that the result must be extremely satisfactory to the funds of the Association. Miss Terry's Portia was charming as ever, but for Sir Henry's Shylock I cannot say much. Formerly it certainly was one of his best impersonations, dignified and pathetic. It is neither now—only melodramatic and exaggerated. Both he and Miss Terry received a wonderful demonstration at the close of the performance, the cheering continuing for almost ten minutes.

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Mrs. Patrick Campbell re-appeared as Paula Tanqueray at the new Theatre on Saturday afternoon, and proved that in this character she need not fear her foreign rivals. Mr. Arthur Bourchier has returned to the Garrick, and reappeared on Monday night in "The Bishop's Move." Miss Violet Vanbrugh is again the Duchess, and Mr. H. B. Warner the Bishop's nephew. Miss Jessie Bateman's impersonation of Barbara has distinctly improved, and altogether the piece ran with smoothness and ease.

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LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.

MY LAST SHOOT.

MAY *6th 1901*.—Having bagged five tigers from this one place R., all within two miles of it, we hardly expected to find any more about anxious to take our kills; but the skins of those we had slain had to be dried, so we thought we might as well stay on a couple of days longer, especially as, beside the hope of bagging just one more tiger, we had fairly encouraging reports of bison and bara-singha in the neighbourhood. Accordingly to-day I was out very early and did a long round after bison, but with no results, not coming across anything but very old tracks. N. took it easy and did not go out at all. On my return to camp I found, as I expected, no kills reported; so N. and I both determined to enjoy life quietly in camp in the afternoon, writing letters, reading, and so on.

Camp R., 7th May.—We were both out early this morning in search of bison. N. did succeed in discovering some fresh tracks, but we have not a decent tracker amongst us, and so he soon lost the tracks in difficult stony and grassy ground. I saw no signs of bison, but came across a very fine solitary blue bull, whom I attempted to stalk and circumvent. I thought I had him "on toast," but he eluded me in some extraordinary way, and I have no notion to this day where he disappeared to. Later on I heard a bara singha stag belling some distance off. I took great trouble over the stalk, and, after walking to the sound of the bell for some time, found myself, in very noisy jungle, about 300 yards from the stag, who had a very decent head, though nothing brilliant. Very careful stalking brought me to about 200 yards from him, when he spotted me, and was off, to be seen no more. Thus ended my morning. At breakfast N. and I determined to move camp the next day to B. about ten miles off; and so, in the afternoon, having done with the R. jungles, we determined to have a general beat. It resulted, as usual, in nothing. I must say I am not a believer in this sort of beat, though I once got a tiger out of one; nor do I think it quite "sporting," but occasionally one is lazy enough to try such a beat, with almost invariably, I am glad to say, no result. These remarks I have thrown in, and of course I mean them to apply only to the antelope and deer tribes. The feline and ursine races are legitimate prey in beats.

Camp B, 8th May.—Changed camp to-day, a march of ten miles. N. worked through the jungles from camp to camp but saw nothing but a blue bull that he could not get a shot at. I was lazy, and rode the whole way, being met, about a mile from camp, by the zemindar

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and his retinue. An uninteresting specimen of petty royalty I found him to be, but, with great effort, I managed to keep the conversation going till we got into camp, and then I succeded in showing him, and all his following, what a rotten shot I could be at times. As we rode in, a herd of antelope was pointed out to me about 300 yards off There was a nice buck in the herd, and I determined to have him! Taking my rifle from the shikari I started off to stalk the herd, and in time got within 120 yards of the buck, unnoticed. It could not have been a simpler shot, but I succeeded all the same, in making a most egregious miss. The buck dashed off with his harem, but only for a few yards. Bang went the left barrel at him as he stood for a second, trying to find out who was disturbing him. Over him again! Another miss, by all that's holy! Now of course he turned and bolted for good, and I had nothing to do but walk back and face the crowd that had been watching the whole performance. The zemindar and my shikari had the cheek to rub it in a bit, and ask how I came to miss such an easy shot, but they found me uncommunicative, and so left me. No kill were reported to-day so, in the afternoon, N. and I determined to examine the country, each taking different lines. I saw nothing till it was nearly dark, when I saw a solitary doe antelope which I deliberately shot for the pot, we having had nothing but chickens for days. Had I heard N.'s shots I should not have killed this poor beast, for I should have counted on meat from him. N., as it turned out, had had two shots—one at a blue bull which was unsuccessful, and the other at a black buck which got away wounded, increasing darkness preventing N. from following it.

Camp B, 9th May.—We were both of us out early this morning in search of bison, of which we had received somewhat encouraging reports. I had barely left camp half an hour, and the sun was not yet up, when I spotted a bear feeding some 40 or 50 yards ahead of me. Advancing on tip toe, I got within 20 yards of him without his spotting me, and then let him have one, as he fled away from me, behind the off shoulder. He tumbled to the shot, but instantly picked himself up again, then wheeled to his left, and dashed off at speed. As he crossed me, at about twenty yards, I let him have the left barrel, on which he turned sharp, and came straight for me. I had an empty rifle in my hand and there was no time to reload, so there was nothing to be done but bolt. Luckily for me, just on my left there was a tall patch of grass I jumped behind this, thus getting out of sight of the bear, and made a clean bolt of it trying to reload as I ran. Before I had gone 15 or 20 yards I realized that the bear was not following me having evidently lost me, for I could hear him in the small patch of tall grass I have already spoken of, walking up and down and making most unpleasant noises. By now I had reloaded, and was prepared for my friend; and it was my turn, I now felt, to advance. I did so cautiously, as he could not be seen in the long grass; but now, it seems, Bruin's nerves failed him, for he left the grass suddenly and quietly, and I did not discover he had gone till one of my men spotted him making off some 40 or 50 yards away. I remember once writing to an Indian paper and saying I had never had a rough and tumble with a bear, and that I hoped I one day would, as I had never, up to date, found them show any fight. I will not write again in that strain, for I am sure that to-day I should have fared very badly, being unloaded, if it had not been for the cover from view that I got behind the grass. As it was, the adventure ended in nothing, for the bear and I never got on terms again. He bled most profusely, poor beast, and the tracking was easy, but slow, as he took me over the most awful country. Once I caught sight of him and had a long shot at him across a ravine, but missed. I followed on for miles, up and down hills with slopes that I could only negotiate on my hands and knees. Poor brute, I never came up with him, and eventually had to give him up as I was afraid N. might be waiting for me in camp to tackle a tiger kill which we hoped might be reported to-day. As it turned out, however, there was no kill, and I ought to have stuck to my bear. N. had had a disappointing morning. He came across fresh tracks of bison, but his trackers failed him directly the country became at all difficult, and eventually he had to give the job up as hopeless. Having no tiger to tackle we again, in the afternoon, prowled round in different directions. N., whose luck is out just now, again saw nothing. I came across a sounder of pig, just at the last, and blazed into the middle of it in the dark, without being able to see any sights. No result, which I was not sorry for. I only fired to try and get some meat for the shikarries and villagers. There is not much sport to be got here, so we shall move camp to M. to-morrow.

Camp M., 10th May.—A six-mile march for the carts by road. N. and I came by different routes through the jungle, but no shootable creature crossed our paths. On arrival in camp we found that one of the "garas" we had sent on yesterday had been taken by a tiger, so breakfast was hurried up, and preparations were made for a beat. When we got out and saw the ground, it looked an absolutely certain beat. Only one narrow nullah with steep sides to guard, and two guns to watch it! How could the tiger escape us? Well, I don't think he could possibly have done so had he been at home; but he was not at home when we called, and evidently had not been for a long time, judging by tracks, so once more a failure, has to be recorded. The tigers in these parts seldom seem to lie up near their kills. The Bygas are the cause of this, for whenever a tiger succeeds in seizing any of their cattle they invariably chip in for a feed off it themselves in the early morning. The tiger learns by experience that he will only get one feed of his kill, and almost always, therefore, leaves it for good towards dawn, after he has thoroughly gorged himself on it during the night. This, I am sure, accounts for so many of our beats being failures: and I find that several other men, who have shot in these parts, have met with the same disappointments over tigers, and they account for them in the way I do.

Camp M., 11th May.—Both out early, in different directions, exploring the new country. N. with the luck that is at present sticking to him, saw nothing. All I did was at the end of my prowl, to come across a herd of antelope with a fine black buck, possessing a better pair of horns than one usually comes across in this part of the C. P. I did a good stalk, but spoilt it by a poor shot at no great distance. Poor brute, I broke his off fore and he went off at a great pace into a long stretch of high grass in which, though I searched for two hours or more, I lost him. I would rather have missed altogether than see him go off in this miserable state. On returning to camp we found none of our numerous "garas" has been touched, so we decided on a lazy afternoon, only going out for a short stroll round about camp with our guns, one rifle apiece being carried for us by beaters, in case anything too large for a charge of No. 8 should turn up. I bagged a couple of green pigeons, and then we spotted, across the plain, a fine old boar slowly making his way into the jungles on the other side of it. Hastily changing guns for rifles we dashed in pursuit, I coming round behind him while N. dashed across to head him It was a most successful manœuvre, though it took some time to execute. Eventually I found myself within 80 yards or so of the pig, who was stern on to me, steadily feeding. I was just preparing for a shot, when bang went N.'s rifle, then bang again, and the pig was over, dead We had both, as it happened, come on him simultaneously, though each had been moving in ignorance, more or less, where the other was and where the pig was Quite satisfied with the result of the evening's stroll we now turned for home, but before we had gone many yards N. put up a barking deer at which he missed two or three running shots. I followed this up with a couple of misses at a hare, and then darkness put a stop to more sport. At dinner, an hour or so later, we were told that a tiger had, that evening, taken a cow out of a large herd of cattle grazing homewards close to where and while we were letting off our guns and rifles at the green pigeon, pig, etc. Such are the ways of the tiger!!

Camp M., 12th May.—This morning one of our "garas" was reported to have been taken by a panther, but N. who went to verify the report, found that the kill was the work of wild dogs, so nothing could be done with it. The carcase of the village cow that was taken by the tiger last night was found half eaten, but, as we half expected, the tiger's tracks led clean away into space, and there was no locating him, so, a beat being out of the question, it was settled that N. was to sit up over the kill. At about 4 o'clock, just as N. was starting, and I was meditating what I should do, some of our camp followers hurried up to say that a herdsman had that moment come in to say that a tiger had carried off one of his cattle in the open, about four miles away. I said, at once, that I would go with them forthwith and sit up over the carcase till dark, there being no moon. We were thus each provided with an evening's amusement. In my case there was no time to be lost, as I had four miles to go, then to find the kill, and lastly rig up the *machan*. N.'s kill was close at hand, with the *machan* already up, so there was no need for him to hurry, and he accordingly waited to see me off. It was a little after 5 when I was told I was nearing the spot where the cow had been seized, and was having the approximate spot pointed out to me, across the open plain, some 500 or 600 yards off, when suddenly I, and all my little party, saw a tiger leave the fringe of the jungle on the opposite side and walk right out into the maidan, as if making for the water which we knew to be in the middle of the plain lying between the two strips of jungle, by the edge of one of which we were walking, while the tiger had emerged from the other. He was a good 500 yards away, but I could see very clearly through my glasses all he was doing, for he was right out in the open with the setting sun playing full on him. He strolled slowly on, quite unconscious of us, and then suddenly up went his head, and in the next second he was down flat on the ground with not a blade of grass to cover him, for it had all been burnt only a few days before, and yet, in this position, he was hardly visible to me watching him through a pair of glasses. We soon saw what had upset him for we discovered a man walking along our path some 300 or 400 yards ahead. Mr. Stripes did not stay long in his prone position, but jumped up, and trotted off into his own jungle again, being soon lost to view. It was an interesting scene while it lasted. Looking through my glasses I now discovered a lot of vultures perched up in trees close to where the tiger had disappeared, so I at once made up my mind that his kill must be somewhere near them, and started across the plain to try and find it. The vultures, however, were not by any means close to the kill, and it was a long time before I discovered it some way off through the caw of a crow, and by walking to the bush I saw him fly out of. There, sure enough, was the kill, half eaten, with an excellent tree for a *machan* almost alongside. A good sign, I thought, none of the vultures coming down to the kill—it meant, without doubt, that the tiger was somewhere close at hand, probably watching everything I was doing. It was now 6 o'clock, and the sun was nearly down. I can't say I was very hopeful of success, but was determined to have a try. My men very soon had my *machan* up, and after giving them a few hasty instructions to make a bit of a show walking away so that the tiger might satisfy himself that we had all gone, I climbed up into it. I must mention that the local people all said I was dealing with a very bold tigress, in possession of two hungry young cubs. My view of the tiger across the plain did not lead me to think it was a very big one, so I thought they were probably right. However, I changed my mind a little later on. My men took some time disappearing from view, as the country was very open, but when, eventually, they were out of sight, out stepped a huge tiger from the jungle on my right: no tigress was ever that size I am sure. This was delightful. I had never had such a short sit up in my life. His Majesty was about 120 yards from me, broad side on to me, walking very leisurely in the direction my men had gone in, and I could have shot him quite easily But it never entered my head to fire at him at that distance when, as I thought, I had only to wait a few minutes and get him quite close to the kill. The light was still pretty good, and I could see his every movement quite distinctly. Slowly he marched after my men on and on, till at last I lost sight of him, and it began to dawn on me that perhaps I was not going to see him again. And, by Jove, I never did see him again. How I did gaze out in the direction I had last seen him, begging and praying him to return, but as I watched and watched, the shades of night fell faster and faster till at last I knew I had lost him! It was a bitter pill to swallow, but I don't think anybody can say I did the wrong thing. Surely you don't take a shot at 120 yards at a tiger when you expect, within a few minutes, to get him almost walking up to the muzzle of your rifle! My men did not come for me till it had been dark a long time, and I had a wearisome wait in pitchy darkness in consequence, thinking the whole thing out again and again. By the time I got into camp I found N. had finished dinner, and that I had a go of fever creeping over me. N. had had no luck either, never seeing a sign of his tiger. These confounded tigers neither lie up near their kills after the first meal, nor return to them for a second gorge, so it is hard to know how to deal with them. N. propounded a novel plan to-night of sitting up in a tree amongst a lot of grazing cattle, and then allowing them to gradually feed away, homewards, in the evening, leaving one poor victim behind tied to a stake within easyrange of the tree. I think we shall probably try this. We must get even with these cattle lifters somehow.

Camp M., 13th May.—Having shaken off my fever I asked N. to accompany me this morning and look up the kill I sat over last night, and if it had been again visited, to try and circumvent the tiger in a beat. As we expected, Stripes had never come near his kill again, so a beat was useless unless we could locate him We had, by the way, on arrival at M., picked up a new local shikari, Chandun by name. A right good fellow he turned out to be, young and with lots of go in him, a keen hunter, and a first-class tracker, and, above all, staunch in times of danger. We soon realized what a treasure he was compared with the other so-called shikaries we had with us, and both of us made him liberal offers of regular employment with good pay if he would but leave his hearth and home and return with us when the trip was over. But he had two wives, (he told us this with shame), whom, he said, he could not leave, though we assured him we would give him quarters large enough for himself and all his family.

And so it was that a really good shikari was lost to us after the trip was over. I hope if anybody ever comes across him again he will enlist him into his service, for he is too good to be lost. At present he is not spoilt, and so long as he remains as he is he will be a shikari well worth having. This long digression has taken me off the scent. What I really wished to do was to introduce Chandun to my readers, before I proceeded to explain the adventure he and I had together this morning. He was out with N. and myself on this occasion, and was the only man who could explain to us the lie of the country. He stoutly maintained that it was the tigress with cubs that had killed the cow, and that undoubtedly we shou'd find traces of her in a nullah which lay about a quarter of a mile off, and had water in it or, failing that, in another nullah across the maidan. N. and I therefore agreed to separate, and each search one of these nullahs. I took the nearer one, having Chote Khan and Chandun with me, while N. went across the plain with two other men to the distant nullah. N.'s search turned out to be a fruitless one, so it was a great pity, as it happened, that we had not gone to inspect the near nullah together. Chandun soon took me to a little pool of water in a secluded spot, and here we at once discovered comparatively fresh tracks of the tigress, and, not far off, of her cubs too.

I was then shown another little piece of water where, it was evident, the tigress was in the habit of drinking. It was plain I was in the midst of her haunts, and so, being on the spot, it seemed to me I could not do better than thoroughly examine her nullah, find out how it ran, and settle upon a plan of operations for a beat should

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she kill again anywhere near the nullah. I was doing this, moving along the top of one of the banks of the nullah, when Chandun suddenly touched me on the shoulder, and pointed excitingly down into the nullah, saying "Bagh, Bagh." Well, I looked and could see nothing. "There it goes," he said, "it's very small." There was a lot of grass in the bed of the nullah, and I could not, for the life of me, see what he was pointing out. I hurried forward in the direction he said it was going, but could catch no glimpse of it. Well, the long and short of it was, we none of us ever saw it again. I suppose it was one of the cubs. After a longish search for it, I concluded my inspection of the nullah and satisfactorily settled, in my own mind, how I would beat it if the tigress obliged again by killing This done, we turned for home, making our way back, this time, by the bed of the nullah. In the centre, the whole way down, was a strip of long grass, while the sides of the nullah sloped away upwards from the grass. I had practically gone through the whole nullah, and was nearing its mouth, opening on to the maidan I have already spoken of, when there was a fiendish roar from the opposite side, and down came a tiger, (the tigress no doubt), charging down the far slope at me and my men as we stood in the centre of the nullah with only the strip of grass between us and the infuriated beast. Chandun and Chote Khan, who were with me, both retreated a yard or two as if to bolt, but on my hurriedly whispering "Bagho mat, bagho mat," both, I am proud to say, stood like men just behind me. The story takes some time to tell, but really the whole thing was over in a second or two. The instant I saw the tigress charging down at me my rifle was up, but she was coming down in such leaps and bounds that I could not get on to her, and in less than no time as she reached more nearly to my level, the long grass between us hid her from view. How I should have stopped her if she had charged through the grass I don't know; but the actual crisis never came, for, in the next second, to my intense relief, I realized that she had funked at the last moment, and not pushed home the charge; and then I caught sight of her dashing away as hard as she could up the opposite slope again, but not in the direction she had originally come from. Aiming well in front of her, for she was going a great pace, I let fly, but she gave no answer, except a sort of lurch, and galloped on as hard as ever. I saw her once again, climbing the slope on my side of the nullah, after having crossed it some way up, and I suppose I ought to have fired again, but I lost the opportunity and she was gone for ever. I made certain I had hit her, but could never find any blood though I took her tracks on until the hard banks of the nullah made tracking impossible. Then I made my way back to where I had taken my shot, and searched high and low for the mark of my bullet on the trees and rocks she had dashed through as I fired, but no trace of it could be found. A miss I suppose it was, but I found it hard to convince myself of the fact. A weary trudge back followed, for the fever had come on again, and all I could do when I got back to camp was to go to bed. N. also took it easy this afternoon, reading and writing. We decided to move camp to-morrow morning to J., only two miles off, as Chandun held out great hopes of our getting bison there, and we should still be in easy reach there of the tigers that had so far defeated us at M. if they should again show up.

C. R. O. W.

(To be continued.)

THE IMPORTED FEATHERED GAME OF THE NILGIRIS.

IN former years many sportsmen on the Nilgiris spent large sums of money in introducing pheasants, peafowl, partridges, guinea fowl, chickor, etc., etc., which were liberated in various parts of the district, but very little success has attended these efforts, inasmuch as they were spasmodic and no protection was afforded to the birds by legistation, consequently they were either shot or trapped within a very short time. The Nilgiri Game Association, however, undertook in 1890 or 1891, I am not sure in which of these two years, what it considered to be more systematic operations, but it is really regretful to say that up to date the Association has not achieved much.

After a few years' unsuccessful efforts the importation of feathered game was given up. With new blood amongst the Association members importations were resumed in a half-hearted manner, inasmuch as only a few kinds of birds were brought up and it was impossible to note any regular or sustained policy in the operations of the Association.

In 1891-92 chickor were obtained and turned out; but it is a pity these birds were not let loose in some one jungle spot instead of being spread over the district. In the following year a covey consisting of about fifteen was alleged to have been seen about ten miles away from this station near the Billical plantations; but since then nothing has been heard of them, and the Game Association did nothing afterwards.

A similar plan was adopted with pheasants, and in 1892 the Hon'ble Mr. H. Percival Hodgson, an ardent sportsman, and an enthusiastic member of the Game Association, brought up about one dozen of these birds for the Association, and was permitted by the Executive Committee to tend and care for them himself on his estate at Craigmore. Out of the dozen let loose only eight were accounted for in the following year, but three chicks were hatched out. Kartairy, where pheasants were also placed, was found to be too hot, so the big birds as well as the chicks were removed to Snowdon, where for a time they were found to be doing well. The hens laid as many as thirty eggs, but not fertile ones, consequently there was no addition to the pheasant stock. On the other hand the old birds died off, apparently when perfectly healthy for they were in splendid plumage when found by the game watchers. In 1896 there was only one cock and one hen left. Such unfavourable results led the Association to the conclusion that the experiments were hopeless, and that it would be more advisable to spend money on birds of the country than on European importations.

In 1896 a trial was made with country pheasants, kalij and koklass, but nothing came of it and with them the introduction of pheasants came to an end; the Association decided that they should not have too many irons in the fire, and should give up everything that had not proved successful, and confine themselves to what promised good results.

In the matter of partridges the Association acknowledged its obligation to those sporting gentlemen who, at their own expense, had endeavoured to benefit the district by introducing these birds. Mr. Percival Hodgson liberated some imported birds on his estates at Kartairy and there was reason to believe that they afterwards bred. Mr. Marc Clementson got up a dozen from Coimbatore, and set them free in the sholahs in Ootacamund. They evidently migrated to the plains for they were never seen again.

With peafowl the Association saw better prospects, for at one time these birds were plentiful in the country about Musnagadi and on the confines of the Mysore province, but in order to snare them the *pardees*, an indigenous class of bird catchers, was required, but they were not to be found.

The *pardees*, at one time, lived in the Mudumallai forest and their services were easily obtained by sportsmen; but the Forest Department being under the impression that they were destroying all the feathered game hunted them away, and since then they have entirely disappeared and nobody can say where they have gone to. With the disappearance of the *pardees* the peafowl also has disappeared, and there appears to be no hope that the Association is carrying out its long cherished intention of replenishing the Nilgiri District with this bird.

Guinea fowl were obtained in 1892 by the then Honorary Secretary of the Association at their own cost. The number of these birds in the years 1893 and 1894 was about three dozen, and the game watchers reported that they were all doing well. It was thought the only feasible way of propagating guinea fowl was by substituting its eggs for those of jungle fowl, and making the latter the foster parent of the guinea fowl chicks, but nothing came of the experiment, and the recent reports of the Association are barren of information on this subject.

The first allusion made to jungle fowl is in the year 1894, when the Honorary Secretary said that this indigenous game bird had increased very satisfactorily in numbers in all the big sholahs and elsewhere, except in the small and isolated sholahs, where they had become extinct in consequence of would-be sportsmen(?) shooting the female birds. It was proposed at a Committee Meeting to obtain a few couple of jungle fowl from the Berars in order to improve the indigenous breed, and after the difficulties and risks incident to the journey were fully discussed, it was resolved to procure a supply nearer home, and in the meantime to try an experiment with eggs, which, however, ended in a failure.

In 1897 some fifty strong and healthy birds carefully selected in Madras were brought up and set at liberty on these hills, and in the following year it was reported that the stock was increasing, but it was surmised that jungle fires were destroying many nests and chicks, and the protection of the hens was provided for by an extension of the close season for them. How far this was successful deponent sayeth not; but still importations of jungle fowl from the plains was continued, and some of the red species was procured from the Ganjam District. These were handed over to Sir Frederick Price, (who takes a very great interest in the Association) for breeding purposes. These were, however, subsequently handed over to Mr. Gordon Hadfield, the Honorary Secretary of the local Game Association and located at Snowdon, where fifty hybrid chickens were obtained and turned into the Sheffield, Tiger, and Governor's Sholahs, all three of which are closed to shooters.

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A SUGGESTED NIGHT SIGHT.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Like "A. R." I too am greatly interested in finding a really efficient night sight.

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BRIDGE QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Four hands in Bridge were as follows:—

Dealer's ...	Hearts, 5, 4, 3. Diamonds none. Spades, Kg., Qn., Kn., 10, 9, 7, 5, 2. Clubs ace.
Leader's ...	Hearts, 9, 6. Diamonds, ace, 8, 5, 3, 2. Spades, 8, 3. Clubs, Qn, 9, 4, 3.
Dummy (Dealer's Partner).	Hearts, Kg., Kn. Diamonds, 10 6, 4. Spades, ace, 4. Clubs, Kg., Kn, 8, 7, 6, 5.
3rd or Leader's Partner.	Hearts, ace, Qn., 10, 8, 7, 3. Diamonds, Kg., Qn., Kn., 9, 7. Spades, none. Clubs, 10, 2.

Dealer called "No Trumps" (Sans Atout), leader's partner doubled.

Query (1) should "leader's partner" have doubled, not knowing what dealer had, and (2) should dealer have gone "No Trumps" trusting to his partner for Hearts and Diamonds.

Some of your readers might care to know that leader and his partner got 5 odd tricks.

BRIDGE.

[*Query 1.* Leader's partner was not justified in doubling.
Query 2. "Dealer" had not a good enough hand to go "No Trumps" except as a case of extreme desperation.—ED.]

THE COMMON KITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I have read with interest your correspondent "Swevtown's" letter anent the exodus of the common kites. I have noticed about here that they leave a couple of weeks earlier and return three weeks or so later, and not until the middle of September. A few, probably confirmed bachelors or old and sickly birds, may be seen all the year round.

It is true kites, like most other birds of prey, mostly breed in the cold weather, but though hundreds, nay perhaps thousands, of these kites appear here during the cold weather months, the nests that one comes across are few and far between. Certainly not more than 5 to 10 per cent. of the kites that turn up here appear to breed, so the bulk of them must have some other breeding ground probably among the Central Indian hills.

MIDNAPORE, 3rd *August* 1903. RAOUL.

The substitution of one horse for another in a race is a trick of the Turf that has more than once proved successful. But it was never more nearly effected than in the case of Ruby, the supposed winner of the Althorpe Park Stakes. After the race, which he won in a canter, he was taken back to the weighing enclosure, his saddle taken off, covered up with immense cloths, and immediately hurried away. The haste of the jockey excited some suspicion, but it was not until long afterwards that the truth was known. A horse named Brocket, who in the year following won the Royal Hunt Cup with 8st 5lbs., in the saddle, was taken down to Northampton, and placed in the next box to Ruby. When it came to the morning of the race Brocket was taken out instead of Ruby, and the latter slipped into the former's place. Pretending the horse was fractious, the jockey had him saddled at the post, so that previous to the race no one not interested in the swindle caught a glimpse of him, and after it was over he was too heavily swathed to be recognised.

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LOAN NOTIFICATION.

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2. The debenture will have a currency of (30) thirty years, from the 1st October, 1903, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st October and the 1st April of each year.

3. The form of the debentures will be that given in the Sixth Schedule of Act III (B.C.) of 1899.

4. No debentures will be issued for any sum less than Rs. 500, and above that amount debentures will be issued only for multiples of Rs. 100.

5. Tenders for the whole or any part of the above loan of Rs. 30,00,000 will be received by the Secretary to the Corporation, up to 2 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 29th August, 1903.

6. Each tender must be made out in the form annexed to this Notification, and enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Secretary to the Corporation, and superscribed—"Tender for Municipal Loan of 1903-1904."

7. Each tender must be accompanied by an earnest-deposit in Government promissory notes, Calcutta Municipal Debentures, currency-notes or cheques, for not less than 3 per cent. of the amount tendered.

8. When a tender is accepted, the earnest-deposit, when made in currency-notes or cheques, will be held as a payment in part of the amount tendered, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum from the date of acceptance of the tender, provided that the whole amount tendered is paid up in the manner hereinafter prescribed; but no debenture will issue for the amount of the earnest-deposit so long as the entire amount of the tender is not paid, but debentures may be issued for each instalment paid in full, the earnest-deposit not being included in any but the last instalment.

9. The earnest-deposits on tenders which may not be accepted will be returned on application, and no interest will be payable on such deposits. If an allotment after being made is not taken up, or the full amount allotted is not paid as hereinafter prescribed, the earnest-deposit shall be forfeited.

10. The rate at which a tender is made must be specified in Rupees, or Rupees and annas, but not in any fraction of an anna. If a rate containing a fraction of an anna is inserted in any tender, such fraction will be struck out, and the tender treated as if the rate did not contain such fraction of an anna. A tender in which the rate is not specified in Rupees or Rupees and annas will be rejected as null and void.

11. The whole amount of each allotment will be divided into three equal instalments as follows, payable into the Bank of Bengal:—

Instalment I—As near as possible to ⅓ payable on 5th September, 1903.

Instalment II—As near as possible to ⅓ payable on 12th September, 1903.

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15. A minimum having been previously fixed, tenders will be opened by the Loans Committee of the Corporation, at 2 P. M. on Saturday, the 29th August, 1903, at the Municipal Office.

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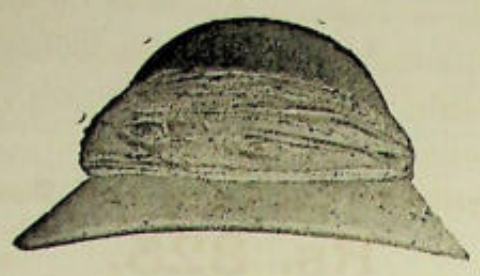

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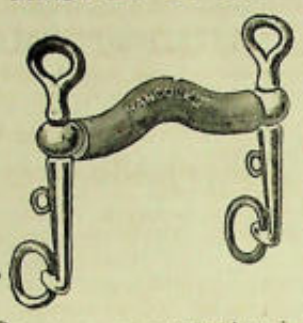

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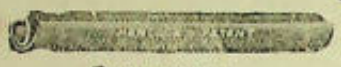

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Poona 3rd Extra	Aug.	7	
" 4th "	"	8	
" 5th "	"	15	
" 6th "	"	22	
" 7th " ..	"	24	
" 8th "	"	29	
First Calcutta Monsoon	"	5	
Second do do	"	15	
Third do do	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Quetta Autumn ..	"	22, 24 & 26	
Gotscammund Hunt	"	22 & 23	
Poona Races & Steeplechases ..	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3 & 5	
Dehra Autumn Sky ..	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Ootacamund	"	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn ..	Oct.	6 & 8	574
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	5, 6 & 7	522
Rangoon Autumn ..	"	5, 6 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	"	10	
Hyderabad	"	1 & 14	
Meerut Autumn ..	"	2, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 25 & 26	572
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	"	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting ..	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting ..	Jan.	1, 5 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ..	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	
Madras Winter	"	14, 21 & 22	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	20	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 7	
Bombay	"	10, 12, 13, 17 & 20	
Ootacamund Hunt Races	Sep.	22 & 24	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ..	First ..	1st Sept
	Second ..	14th Oct
Calcutta First Extra	..	8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ..	..	15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting ..	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting ..	First ..	1st Dec.
	Second ..	8th Jan.
	Third ..	15th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First ..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	2nd Jan.
Poona	Second ..	25th "
	Final ..	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third ..	1 th Sept
	Fourth ..	1st Dec.
	Final ..	24th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First ..	1 th Aug.
	Second ..	1st Oct.
	Third ..	14th Nov
Dehra Autumn Sky	First ..	14th Aug.
	Second ..	10th Sept.
Tezpore	First ..	1st Nov.
	Second ..	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	First ..	22nd August.
	Second ..	25th Sept.
	Third ..	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn ..	First ..	21st Oct.
	Second ..	25th Nov.
	Final ..	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First ..	20th Sept
	Second ..	17th Oct.
	Final ..	24th "
Hyderabad	First ..	15th Oct.
	Second ..	2nd Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	24th to 29th August.
Poona Junior Tournament	From 16th to 31st August.
Cawnpore Tournament	Week following Army Cup
Extra Challenge Cup	Begins 11th January.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Bombay)	13th, 14th & 15th Sept.
Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September

THE HORSE.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.
Poona Horse Show	In September.
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November.

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament ..	Begins 11th September

GOLF.

Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August
The Nasik Week	14th 21st September

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Autumn Meeting	19th September.

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Calcutta R. C. Horse Cup	15th August.
Madras C.B. Hot Weather Regatta ..	15th August.

THE DOG.

Murree Dog Show	13th August.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Challenge Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournament	14th to 19th September.
Poona Open Tournament	Commences 14th Sept.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs) ..	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Eser Handicap (1¼ miles) ..	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stake (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards) ..	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards) ..	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ..	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles) ..	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles) ..	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs) ..	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ..	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire stakes (1 mile furlongs) ..	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1¼ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1¼ miles) ..	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

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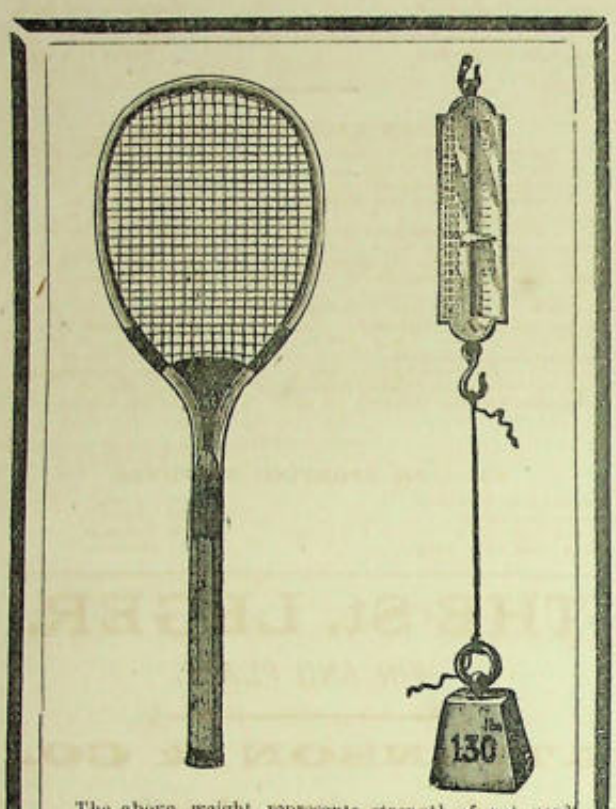

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THE company which witnessed a splendid afternoon's racing to-day would have been a very much larger one had the weather gods been more propitious and not compelled the postponement of the initial meeting of the season from Saturday to a work-day. In this respect, however, history only repeated itself as the vagaries of the meteorological engineers caused a similar postponement last year. Rain had fallen heavily up to Monday, and the course was sodden, the going being anything but on top. This in a measure accounts for the poor time records, but it hardly accounts for the small difference of $\frac{2}{5}$ths of a second between the waler ponies and the Arabs, Paddy Melon winning in 56$\frac{1}{5}$, while Hamilton won in 56$\frac{2}{5}$. The time being correct, the walers must be reckoned a poor lot, despite Paddy Melon's rather brilliant Colonial record.

But to the racing in the order of events!

Flying Childers on *recent* Bombay form was selected to win the Maiden Arab Plate, and on paper certainly his chance looked *colour-de-rose*. Silvermane, who now keeps his legs well down when galloping, was, however, looked upon as a possible, while the Bedouins fancied Young Kohinoor. Musketeer, belonging to a clever stable and ridden by Robinson, was well looked after and altogether the race was considered a very open one indeed. The favourite never had a serious say in the issue, and Young Kohinoor judiciously ridden by Penton came gamely away when asked to and won easily from Silvermane.

Picture was expected in the July Plate to repeat the performance of her stable companion Olga who last year beat the second class horses at the Extras. She had been well tried and her maiden *debut* it was confidently expected would result in a winning bracket. But Nancy Till, despised and rejected by backers, caused a complete upset by winning from Madeira, an American mare with the favourite third and La Regina, in whose interest the stable scratched five up, who was fancied next best to the favourite last. It was wise of Mr. A. W. P., not to ask Fando to flounder through the mud with 10st up, and it was a happy stroke of luck that Nancy Till should carry his colours to the front. Picture having been beaten by Nancy Till, it remains to see how she will shape amongst the 14-2's on Saturday.

Aga S. Shah, despite his rather generous proportions, still aspires to G. R. honours and he rolled our money home safely on Paddy Melon—in the Amateur Plate. A five pot might have been landed on this race, but for the pony's Colonial *dossier* getting abroad during last week. That Tom King should have finished a head behind the winner in 14-2 waler class stamps him as a countrybred of exceptional merit.

The combination of Sanaiya and Robinson was looked upon as the road to fortune by backers; but Kour Saheb, who failed to justify the confidence on him at Bombay, carried too many guns for even the pony Nainara whose gallop was so good as to induce the stable to back him with some degree of assurance. For a new pony he ran well in the company he met.

A match, as I intimated in my notes last week was what the Lilliputs resolved itself into. Haydn if he were himself, should have won this but Veera, who is fitter than she has ever been, though left four lengths at the start, wore the gelding down steadily and won a good race. Much fancied and well backed, Erhan was not good enough to win the Closed Plate, which Hamilton won from start to finish, and so retreived a lost reputation. Erhan managed to be third only.

That Grey Fox with 7st 12lbs up should have lost the Arab Pony Trail Plate, was an indication that the Grey was clean "off colour" and it was hardly on the cards we thought that Tigris should beat Arabistan. Details:—

THE MAIDEN ARAB PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arabs. W. A. reduced 10lbs. Penalties—Winners, since 31st March, 1901, of race value Rs. 150 or over: once, 5lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; three times, 14lbs.; oftener, 18lbs. Allowances—Ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr A R Amer's g a h Young Kohinoor, 8st 5lbs, ...	Penton	1
Mr N Mehta's ch a h Silvermane, 8st 11lbs	Oomerkhan	2
Aga S Shah's b a h Musketeer, 8st 7lbs	Robinson	3
Mr S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips, 8st 7lbs	Nama	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass's g a h Flying Childers, 8st 2lbs	Southall	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Galston, 8st 11lb ...	C B Mahomed	0
Mr F Nowrojee's g a h Propeller, 8st ...	Hoyt	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h New Moon, 8st 7lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Bikanir, 7st 8lbs	Kamad	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Flying Childers, 3 to 1 Young Kohinoor, 4 to 1 each Musketeer and Silvermane, 6 to 1 each Sweetlips and New Moon, 10 to 1 each Bikaneer and Propeller.

Won by half a length; a head between second and third. Time 1min. 30$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE JULY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100, third, Rs. 50. For horses which have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000. W. A. and C reduced 10lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of race value Rs. 150 or over: once, 5lbs; twice, 10lbs; three times, 14lbs; oftener, 18lbs. Winners since the above date race value Rs. 200: once, 5lbs, oftener, 10lbs, in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies 14-2 and under, 7lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr A W P's br aus m Nancy Till, 9st ...	O'Neill	1
Vety-Colonel Hazelton's b nth am m Madeira, 8st 9lbs	Hoyt	2
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas's b aus m Picture, 7st 5lbs	Melsom	3
Mr Baldock's b aus m Miss Windsor, 9st 4lbs	Penton	0
Mr Baldock's br aus m La Regina, 8st 4lbs	Robinson	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Picture, 4 to 1 La Regina, 5 to 1 Nancy Till, 6 to 1 Madeira, 8 to 1 Miss Windsor.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time 1min. 8$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained by A. W. Fowler.*)

THE AMATEUR PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs 50. For ponies 14-2 and under, which have not won a flat race value Rs. 200 since 31st March, 1901. 14-2 to carry 12st, 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1901, race value Rs. 100 or over: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times, 10lbs.; oftener, 14lbs. Allowances—Maidens 5lbs.; C. Bs. 18lbs.—$\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Capt Harding Newman's br aus m Paddy Melon, 11st 10lbs	Aga S Shah	1
Capt the Hon C F Greville's b eb g Tam Ring, 10st 5lbs	Owner	2
Major England's bl aus m Ena, 11st 5lbs	Owner	3
Mr F J Preston's ch aus m The Dane, 11st 13lbs	Capt Forbes	0
Capt Hickman's b aus m Saucebox, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0
Mr Alston's b aus m Temptress, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0
Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 11st 11b ...	Mr Ponsonby	0
Major Edward's ch sth am g Quickstep, 8st 13lbs (car 9st 2lbs)	Mr Boase	0

BETTING: Evens Paddy Melon, 4 to 1 agst. Ena, 5 to 1 each The Dane and Quickstep, 6 to 1 Tam Ring, 6 to 1 Saucebox, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a head; 1$\frac{1}{2}$ lengths between second and third Time—56$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

THE NEW COMERS' PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab ponies 14 hands and under landed since 1st July, 1902. 14 hands to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winner of a race value Rs. 150 or over: once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 12lbs. Allowances—Landing allowance as per General Condition. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Saheb, 7st 10lbs	Southall	1
„ Ebrahim bin Talib's g a h Nainava, 7st 13lbs	Heeroo	2
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass's g a h White Fox, 9st 11b	Penton	3
Mr Baldock's g a h Capt Kettle, 8st 8lbs ...	Native	0
„ Percy Fischer's g a h Sanaiya, 8st 2lbs	Robinson	0
„ Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 7st 10lbs	Kamad	0
Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 7st 8lbs ...	Dhondi	0
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's ch a h Rex II, 7st 7lbs	Hoyt	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Sanaya, 4 to 1 each Nainava and Little Joker, 5 to 1 each White Fox and Kour Saheb, 8 to 1 the others.

Won comfortably by 1$\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; a length between second and third, Time—56$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.*)

THE LILLIPUT PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third Rs. 50. For Maiden ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement. 14 hands to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, race value Rs. 150 or over: once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs.; three times, 10lbs.; oftener, 14lbs. Allowances—C. Bs. 18lbs.—5 furlongs.

Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera, 9st 2lbs	Heeroo	1
Mr. R J Hunter's ch aus g Haydn, 8st 9lbs	Egan	2
Mr. A W P's b aus m Sunflower, 8st 13lbs	Robinson	3

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Veera, Evens Haydn, 4 to 1 Sunflower.

Won by a length; Sunflower a long way behind for third place. Time—1min. 8$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained by T. Tingey.*)

THE CLOSED PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under which have never won a flat race value Rs 50. 14 hands to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. G. R.'s Professionals extra.—$\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Major Murray's and Capt Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 11st 4lbs, ...	Capt Hickman	1
Major Edward's b a g Daimyo, 11st 7lbs	Owner	2
Messrs Foulkes' and Owen's b a h Erhan, 9st 2lbs	Robinson	3
Mr Norton's b a g Malakite, 11st 7lbs ...	Capt Greville	0
Major England's b a h Prince Diamond, 11st 4lbs	Owner	0
Capt Wilson's br a h Eston, 11st 11b ...	Major Beaver	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Erhan, 3 to 1 Eshton, 5 to 1 Hamilton, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by 1$\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; half length between second and third.—Time—58$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

THE ARAB PONY TRIAL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, which have never won a flat race value Rs. 2,000. 14 hands to carry 9st 12lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 1,80 , 4lbs; Rs. 1,300 7lbs; Rs. 900, 12lbs; Rs. 200, 18lbs; Rs. 100, 24lbs, (not accumulative). 5 furlongs.

Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris, 8st 2lbs ...	Heeroo	1
Aga S Shah's b a h Arabistan, 8st 2lbs ...	Robinson	2
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas's g a h Grey Fox, 7st 12lbs	Southall	3
Thakur Srijal Singh's ch a h Omar, 8st 13lbs	C B Mahomed	0
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 8st 2lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
„ S A Wahed's b a h Salvation, 7st 13lbs	Kamad	0
„ R R S's ch a h Najaffi, 7st 4lbs ...	Dhondi	0

BETTING: Evens Grey Fox, 2 to 1 Arabistan, 8 to 1 Tigris, 10 to 1 Alexis, 15 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 11$\frac{1}{5}$secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

POONA SECOND EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 1st August 1903.

Several showers fell during the afternoon; not in sufficient quantities to make much difference to any one. The track was very soft; but, considering the heavy going, the times recorded were remarkably good.

The well-known Arab dealer Ali Talib and his brother have for years been the possessors of some of the smartest Arab ponies performing in Western India and their latest *debutant*, Nainawa, is a wonderful little grey who on the first day had the worst of the run and so just lost to Kour Saheb. On this running we all tipped him to win the "New Comers' Consolation Plate" which he was given. He was bumped by Najaffi near the stand and being thrown out of his stride, Najaffi won, but was subsequently disqualified, the Stewards upholding an objection for interference with Nainawa who was awarded the race. The fact that Nainawa was in the last race did not weigh with punters as the grey had had a hard tussle and Hermit was expected to make small beer of the field, but Nainawa came out again and won in the most decided manner the favourite failing even to get a place, although getting off well and having a clear course up the straight. After this exhibition Nainawa should be good enough to win even the Arab Pony Derby at the September Meeting and should be reserved, but the ways of the Arab owner are peculiar and I expect to see Nainawa a regular Saturday dish till he breaks down or chucks trying to win.

Grey Fox is an honest pony. He is a *budmash* at the gate, but he is wonderfully clever at making up lost ground. Despite his failure on Wednesday when "his coming" was deferred altogether, he was heavily backed this afternoon. Getting off in the ruck he challenged the leaders in the run home and won handsomely, but he really had nothing of much account to beat. It looks as if Picture must be associated with second classers in the future. She nearly caught Key West, and when she seemed done with came again; but Robinson kept Key West going and won though it was a bit near the knuckle at the finish. Mr. Percy Fischer is still in bed, so that he was not able to see his pony win.

Follow an Arab when he is in winning vein, and those who had this rule in mind had no reason to regret having backed Young Kohinoor: Arabistan with Heeroo up had the best following but finished behind the former, while Silvermane is getting nearer being first every time he runs.

Old Beadsman went out favourite for the "August Plate," but there was a lurking suspicion that Kingston would gallop away from everything, and so he did, but, alas only for five furlongs where he shut up and Beadsman romped home an easy and popular winner.

The closed race was considered a moral for Mistry but he got off badly in an indifferent start and only struggled into third place. Details:—

THE NEW COMERS' CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under landed since 1st July, 1902, which have not won a race

value Rs. 50 or over. 14 hands to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. (No landing allowance.) ½ mile.

Mr Ebrahim Bin Talib's g a h Nainawa, 8st 3lbs	Heeroo	1
„ Jackson's ch a h Daylight, 8st 12lbs ...	Oomerkhan	2
„ S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 8st 9lbs ...	Nama	3
Captain Wilson's br a h Eshton, 8st 12lbs...	Robinson	0
Mr A M Shamlan's b a h Turn of Luck, 8st 12lbs	Penton	0
„ B R S's ch a h Najaffi, 8st 6lbs	Southall (disq)	0
„ Jairoola Bin Talib's b a h Mint Master, 8st 3lbs	Dhondi	0
„ Mohamed Hajee Ebrahim's g a h Grey Pearl, 8st	Kamad	0
Messrs A A Saif & E Rasheed's b a h Nusser, 8st	C B Mohamed	0
Mr D S Mehta's ch a g Avenger, 8st	Noor Mahomed	0
„ Faraj Bin Sanad's ch a h Rex II, 7st 11lbs	Yelloo	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Nainawa, 3 to 1 Daylight, 5 to 1 Najaffi, 6 to 1 Skylark, 10 to 1 the others.

Najaffi won by a length; 1½ lengths between second and third. Time—56½secs.

An objection was lodged against Najaffi for fouling Nainawa which was upheld by the Stewards and the race was given to Nainawa.

(*Winner trained by Bin Jamal.*)

THE LITTLE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arabs 13-3 and under, new measurement, which have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,500. 13-3 to carry 9st. 10lbs. W.I. Allowance—Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 1,800, 4lbs.; Rs. 900, 7lbs; Rs. 200, 12lbs.; Rs. 100, 18lbs. (not accumulative). 5 furlongs.

Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' g a h Grey Fox, 8st 12lbs	Penton	1
Mr Sassoon Hiskeil's g a h Kyam, 8st ...	C B Mahomed	2
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 6st 13lbs ...	Dhondi	3
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 7st 8lbs	Kamad	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Trafalgar, 7st 8lbs	Jakoo	0
Messrs A A Saif & E Rasheed's b a h Settler, 7st 8lbs	Melsom	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Grey Fox, 4 to 1 Little Joker, 6 to 1 each Kyam and Settler, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by two lengths anyhow; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 12secs.

(*Winner trained by T. Kendall.*)

THE PONY HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs 200; second, Rs 100; third, Rs 50. A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 8st 10lbs	Robinson	1
Messrs A Nanjee & M Goculdas' b aus m Picture, 8st 13lbs	Penton	2
Captain Harding Newman's br aus m Paddy Melon, 7st 2lbs	Kamad	3
Mr A W P's ch aus g Free Trade, 7st 9lbs	O'Neill	0

BETTING: Evens Key West, 5 to 4 Picture, 10 to 1 each Free Trade and Paddy Melon.

Won by a head; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min 22⅖secs.

(*Winner trained by A. W. Fowler.*)

THE ARAB TRAIL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arabs which have never won a flat race value Rs. 2,000. W. A. raised 7lbs. Allowances—Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 1,800, 5lbs,; Rs 1,300, 10lbs.: Rs. 900, 14lbs.; Rs. 200, 21lbs.; Rs. 100, 28lbs. (not accumulative). Ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, 7lbs. 7 furlongs.

Mr A R Amer's g a h Young Kohinoor, 7st 10lbs	Southall	1
Aga S Shah's b a h Arabistan, 7st 10lbs ...	Heeroo	2
Mr N Mehta's ch a h Silvermane, 8st 11b	Oomerkhan	3
Mr A A Amer's b a h Fakir II, 8st 3lbs	Native	0
Mr R D Sethna's ch a h Sandow, 8st 3lbs	Melsom	0
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 7st 10lbs ...	O'Neill	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' g a h Flying Childers, 7st 7lbs... ...	Etul	0
Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Connaught, 6st 7lbs	Dhondi	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Arabistan, 3 to 1 Kohinoor, 4 to 1 each Flying Childers and Silvermane, 10 to 1 each Fakeer and Sandow, longer odds the rest.

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 44½secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE AUGUST PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For horses which have never won a flat race value Rs. 2,000. W. A. & C. raised 7lbs. Allowances—Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 1,800, 5lbs.; Rs. 1,300, 10lbs.; Rs. 900, 14lbs.; Rs. 200, 21lbs.; Rs. 100, 28lbs. (not accumulative). Ponies 14-2 and under, 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman, 9st 7lbs	Robinson	1
Mr A W P's ch aus g Fitz Eros, 9st 7lbs ...	O'Neill	2
„ Noble's b aus g Planet, 9st 2lbs ...	Oomerkhan	3
„ R R S's ch aus m Wedlock, 9st 2lbs ...	Penton	0
Messrs M Pestonji R Bhikaji's b aus g Kingston, 9st 2lbs ...	Egan	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Beadsman, 4 to 1 Fitz Eros, 6 to 1 each Wedlock and Kingston, 10 to 1 Planet.

Won in a canter from Fitz Eros by two lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 20½secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

THE LITTLE MAIDEN PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement. 14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, race value Rs. 150: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times, 10lbs.; oftener, 14lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr Ebrahim Bin Talib's g a h Nainawa, 8st. 2lbs	Heeroo	1
Mr S. A. Wahed's b a h Salvation, 8st. 8lbs.	Nama	2
Mr C. F. Cooper's b a h Duldul, 8st. 6lbs.	Kamad	3
Mr Meydwell's g a h Titus II., 9st. 4lbs....	A. Hoyt	0
Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit, 9st. 11b. ...	Oomerkhan	0
Messrs A A Saif and E. Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer, 8st. 6lbs ...	C.B. Mahomed	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 against Hermit, 3 to 1 Nainawa, 4 to 1 each Titus and Young Taisseer, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

Won easily by two lengths; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 1⅘ secs.

(*Winner trained by Bin Jamal.*)

THE NOVICE HORSE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For horses which have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 since 31st March, 1901. W A and C raised 2st 7lbs. G. R's. Jockeys penalized. Allowances—Maidens 5lbs; Ponies under 7lbs. ¼ mile.

Mr G O Boase's b aus g Dawn, 11st 2lbs ...	Owner	1
„ Sabyne's br aus g Chimes, 11st 2lbs ...	Capt Wogan Brown	2
„ Mills' bl e h Mistry, 11st 5lbs ...	Capt Randall	3
Major England's b aus h Teepookhana, 11st 10lbs	Owner	0
Capts Benn and Alexander's bl aus g Charcoal, 11st 2lbs ... — ...	Mr Cooper	0
Mr H Keighley's br aus g Recluse, 11st 2lbs	Owner	0
Major Edwards's ch aus m Runaway Girl, 11st 2lbs	Owner	0
Capt the Hon'ble C F Greville's b aus m Stockbell, 11st 2lbs	Owner	0
Major Cleveland's br aus g Rising Sun, 11st 2lbs	Major Beaver	0

BETTING: 5 Evens Mistz, 4 to 1 Stockbell, 6 to 1 Teepookhana, 8 to 1 each Dawn and Runnaway Girl, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a head; two lengths between second and third. Time—53⅗ secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

V. R. C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.—Of 20 sovs each, with 1,500 added; second 300 and third 150 from stake. About three miles and a furlong.

Mr T Blunt's g g Grafnell, by Grafton—Little Nell, 4 yrs, 10st 4lbs ...	M Mooney	1
Messrs Lazarus Brothers' ch g Freedom, by Postmaster—Kathleen, aged, 12st 2lbs	D Mahoney	2
Mr H D Parkinson's b g Plunger, by Skipper—Elsie, aged, 10st 10lbs ...	E Connolly	3
„ C Watson's b m Isis, by Leroy—Olivette, aged, 11st 5lbs ...	M Whelan	4
„ S Miller's b g Error, aged, 12st 8lbs ...	C Dickenson	0
„ W Gullum's br g Brokerage, aged, 12st ...	G Phillips	0
„ M Doyle's b g Fiddlestring. aged, 11st 10lbs	Crossin	0
„ H A Armytage's ch g Syringa aged, 11st	J Chevalley	0
„ S Margrett's b g Sloth II, aged, 10st 12lbs	J Barbour	0
„ J T Leampriere's b g Drummer, aged, 10st 12lbs	F Burn	0
„ J Anderson's b g Springfield, 6 yrs, 10st 8lbs	Tomlin	0
Messrs Hall & Casey's ch g Sir Harry, 4yrs, 10st 2lbs	J Sutherland	0
Mr E Finn's b g Anchor, 6yrs, 9st 12lbs ...	T Curtin	0
Messrs J C & E Manifold's g g Burghos, aged, 9st 8lbs	D Allan	0
Mr J I Hinter's br g Bush Lad, aged, 9st 4lbs	D Coleman	0
Sir Rupert Clarke's b m Wongleburnie, 5yrs, 9st 2lbs	F P Glennon	0

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst. Sir Harry, 5 to 1 Freedom, 10 to 1 Anchor, 11 to 1 Error, 12 to 1 Grafnell, 15 to 1 Fiddlestring 20 to 1 each Drummer and Springfield, 25 to 1 each Brokerage, Isis, Sloth II., and Wongleburnie, 33 to 1 each Burghos and Plunger, 50 to 1 Syringa, 100 to 1 Bush Lad.

Won by nearly four lengths from Freedom, who was two and-a-half lengths clear of Plunger, with Isis six lengths off, fourth, Then at all sorts of intervals succeeded Burghos, Sloth II., Anchor, Fiddlestring, and Error, while Drummer walked in. Time. 6m. in. 31½ secs.

JULY HANDICAP.—Of 3 sovs each with 150 added; second 39 and third 15 from stake. one mile.

Messrs H and C Hughes's b g Combat, by Carnage—Maid of Honour, 6yrs, 9st...	F Fielder	1
Mr F J Mitchell's b m Yum Yum, 6yrs, 8st 4lbs	W H Jordan	2
Mr J Boyd's b h Godwin, 5yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	G Wheeler	3

Other Starters—Wait a-bit, 9st. 10lbs. (A Price); Undecided, 9st. 7lbs. (W. Burn); The Snail, 8st. 9lbs. (W. Burke); Witchelm, 8st. 6lbs. (J Carson); Chassepot, 8st. (W. Redfern); Presto, 7st. 9lbs. (R. Lewis); Admiration. 7st. 4lb. (B Carslake); Althea, 6st. 10lbs. (B. Poter); Macdonovan, 6st.8lb. (F. Foulsham); and Scottish King, 6st. 7lbs. (G. Ross).

BETTING: 5 to 1 each, agst. Admiration, The Snail, Presto, and Macdonovan; 8 to 1 each. Undecided, Combat, Yum-Yum, Witchelm, and Chassepot; 12 to 1 Godwin.

Won by half a length with Godwin two lengths off third. Witchelm was fourth, succeeded by Undecided, Macdonovan, The Snail, Admiration, Presto. Chassepot, and Scottish King, with Wait a-bit last. Time.—1min. 44secs.

CALCUTTA COURSE CHAT.

LAST SATURDAY morning saw things more than usually busy on the course in view of next Saturday's actual trying of conclusions, and all of the strings in training, that intend having a look in, were hard at it.

I saw Mr. Dudley putting in a power of work, first with one and then another of the little lot of his connection, notably Mr. Curtis Hayward's Sylvia, and Mr. J. W. Orr's Dundonald. These are a likely pair for the amateur, and other races, within their class.

Mr. Bell-Irving on Naiades, and Mr. Wheeler on a bay put in a spin, and the former then went the Pony Course on Yule Tide, who negotiated all the hurdles in good style, finishing up well.

Next Moss Rose had a fling at The Captain, with Bond up, and the former went to the front at the last hurdle with a bit of a flourish.

Mulwalla (Smallman), and a chestnut, with an amateur up, went over the Horse hurdles, in which deal the former was finishing gradually alone. Bar the first two flights, Mulwalla put in sound work, and will want taking down when the colors are up. He's real fit, and reflects credit on Hard.

Loch Maree (Hard) and Mr. Galstaun on Gunmetal went the 5 furlongs fairly fast, the mare more than holding her own. Then our old friend and gay deceiver, Loch Arden, with Garratt, and Springlock (Hard) went a fast gallop, probably in view of the July Stakes, Loch Arden pulling double.

Kittylea went the jump course like an artist. She seems to quite like the illegitimate game, and will take a good bit of chasing when the question is being asked.

W. White and Fred Gerrard had a set-to with Little Doris and Reveillé, and Mr. Bell-Irving later on sent Metalwing a fast gallop. I also noted W. White on Mr. Bannerjee's Second Thought, trying conclusions with another, with Garratt in the saddle, while Syd White was putting through a number of Mr. Pugh's string, who saddle up away on the north side of the course.

Bloss and Syd White worked Wishart's string, from their old accustomed spot near the New Stand end. They have got the new hurdler Fairlight, but he's very backward yet. The rest are all old friends, and in such capable hands are well forward.

Mr. Dutton's Golden Tip was out putting in a bit of work.

Walker looks after Trollop, in Mr. Dass' interests, and the horse, as usual, is on the big side, but as he races thus best, its as well he is so. He is not intended for the early meets, so is not yet in fast work.

Mr. Dass himself puts in a few passing half hours with some of his old favourites, notably High Tide, and doubtless derives much pleasure from so doing.

Marwari was going along in his own peculiar style. He has his own way of going, but is not quite fast enough at present; he is, however, absolutely one of the soundest horses in India to-day.

Jack Spillain quite upset the popular opinion on the rigidity of the present hurdles, by carrying one completely away with him, after several attempts, when schooling an aspirant for jumping honors, as a wind up to Saturday morning's work. He however, I must admit, got well over the pony hurdles a few moments later. In fact, what won't be got over a jump, when Spillain is in the saddle?

From a glance at Frank Smallman's string the master's hand is apparent. As they are one and all in the tippest of tip top condition and he's got something to work with.

Harry Hard, too, has all his horses as forward and well looking as anyone could wish.

I notice from an exchange, that M. Trahan has picked up for India, the New Zealand three-year-old Northumberland, by Seaton Delaval-Campania, describing him as a very compact, powerful chestnut, full of quality, and who moves along nicely.

The weather on Monday and Tuesday was greatly against work on the Course, though it was open on Tuesday morning and a number of gallops were put in: High Tide went the Horse hurdles, and if he did not go particularly fast, he at all events made no mistake.

Gassima (Hard) and Loch Maree (native) went the five furlongs, as did also Not Yet and Florin; but the time was nothing, though in the latter spin the little mare could have gone away at any moment.

Loch Arden, with Hard up, put in a fairly good 5 furlongs, but was evidently not trying much.

Granny (Bond) and Miss Prominence went a spin, of which Granny had evidently the best.

Next the two Arabs, Bin Rishaid (Bond) and Pekin (native), had a set-to; and Lady Pronte (Bond) and Lord Lieutenant (Barrow) also did a bit of moderately fast work. The First Water colt, Shirley, and Euryalus put in some work; but taken all together, the morning was unproductive of anything startling, the constant showery weather driving everything to cover early.

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Florin	My Fancy
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Entries for Races.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

FIRST MEETING.

SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST 1903.

Entries closed, Tuesday, 4th August 1903.

TRIAL HURDLE RACE.—About 1¼ miles over 7 flights.

Dr W Forsyth's b aus g Corydon.
Mr Roy's bk aus g Dundee.
„ Cowper's b aus g Bushey.
„ Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea.
„ A N Dass' b ch h High Tide.
„ Dudley's b aus g Dundonald.
„ Patterson's b or br aus g Uma.
„ Galstaun's b aus g Mulwala.

STAND PLATE—5 furlongs.

Mr Gye's br aus m Snapshot, late Ruby. 14-0½.
„ Harper's ch aus m Western Queen, 13-3½.
„ Harper's b aus m Rezia. 14 0.
„ Evers's b aus g Blair Athol.
Capt T B Sellar's br aus m Heather, 13-3½.
Mr Cowper's b c g Mocassin, 14-0½
„ Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 14-0½.
„ A R Chowdhury's b aus m Lady Fromde.
„ H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris, 13 3½.
„ S T Creet's b aus m Yellow Mantle, 14-0½.

JULY PLATE—5 furlongs.

Mr H B Pike's b aus g Autocrat.
„ Roy's ch aus h Altamas.
„ G B Paris' ch c m Kellnerin.
„ S T Cree's ch c m Gassima.
„ Galstaun's b aus g Springlock.
„ „ br aus m Loch Maree

PONY TRIAL PLATE—5 furlongs.

Mr D C Gelroy's br aus m Eileen, 13-3
„ S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 13-3.
„ Shillingford's br c b m Comely, 14-0
„ Rodocanachi's gr aus m Sweet Talk 13-1½.
„ A N Dass' gr c b m Lucy Grey, 14-0½.
„ R G D Thomas' ch a h Pekin II., 13-2½.
„ P J DeLauney's ch c g Lord Lieutenant, 13-2½.
Messrs Mallick and DeLauney's ch a p Ben Rashid, 13-2½
Mr H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris, 13-3½

MAIDEN HORSE PLATE—5 furlongs.

Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress.
„ Evers' b aus m Sunshine.
„ A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus.
„ „ bk aus g St Gaze.
„ A J Manning's ch aus g Shirley.
„ Beagle's b aus g Seaview.
„ Baleaus' br aus g Sir Humphrey.
„ W O Rees' b or br aus g Dom Paul.
„ S P Creet's ch c m Gassima.
„ Galstaun's br aus g Royal Artillery.

Prince Soltykoff, although a Russian, has so thoroughly acclimatised himself that he would pass for an Englishman with anyone who did not know his nationality. Few more popular sportsmen at present adorn the Turf, and no colours are more gladly welcomed first past the post than the pink and black cap.

When the Russo-Turkish War broke out in 1878 the Prince was the recipient of not a little good-humoured "chaff" as to the necessity having arisen for a return to the land of his birth.

"Prince," a friend said to him one day, "you will have to join your countrymen in the war against Turkey."

"If I do," his Serene Highness gravely replied, "I shall have New Holland to take me onto battle, but Baife to bring me out."

Those of our readers who were racing at that period will remember that New Holland, though a glutton over a distance of ground, was terribly troubled with the slows; whereas the handsome little Baife was a veritable flyer out of the slips, and had no equal over half-mile courses.

Ponies.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

THE following ponies were classed, aged, and measured by the Official Measurer, W.I.T. Club, at Poona, on the 18th July 1903:—

Name. Description. Owner's Name. Age. Height. Period.

Estelle ch aus mare Captain H. G. Penn Aged 14-0 For life
Sequin gr a h Captain J. L. Alexander Five 13-3¾ Until 31st March 1904

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(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 17th July, 1903.*

THE TURF.

LINGFIELD PARK SUMMER MEETING.

THE Lingfield Park Summer Meeting almost invariably clashes with the Eton and Harrow match, but, notwithstanding that some of the leading lights of the Turf were attracted to Lord's to assist at one of the most fashionable functions of the season, the general attendance at Mr. Fowler's picturesque gathering was but slightly affected. The specials from London contained their full complement of passengers, and the Brighton and South Coast contingent was unusually strong. The local folk also made a brave show in the Members' enclosure—where the band of the East Surrey Regiment played a cheery selection of music—the fair sex almost outnumbering their male admirers. The stands and offices were nearly hidden from view by the rosevines, heavy with a profusion of blossom, and the vivid hues of the tent-like Japanese umbrellas erected on the lawn added to the brightness of the scene. Typical midsummer weather favoured the meeting. In town hardly a breath of air was stirring, but a gentle breeze tempered the tropical solar rays at Lingfield, and, though a "scorcher," the day was not unbearably hot. The ground was firm without being too hard, and, as usual at this venue, huge fields tried conclusions for most of the events and brisk sport was witnessed.

THE LINGFIELD PARK PLATE.—Of 2,425sovs.; weight for age, etc. A mile and a quarter

Sir E Cassel's b c Love Charm, by Love Wisely—Omaha, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	Hardy	1
Mr C T Pulley's b c Fariman, 3yrs, 8st 5lbs	Maher	2
Lord Durham's br c King's Limner, 4yrs, 9st 3lbs	Watts	3
Mr J B Joel's His Lordship, 4yrs, 9st 3lbs	M Cannon	0
„ W M G Singer's Bellivor Tor, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs	Halsey	0
„ L de Rothschild's Royal Ivy, 4yrs, 8st 8lbs	K Cannon	0
„ W C Whitney's Zaza, 3yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Merry Saint, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Mr Fairie's Rinaldo, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	O Madden	0
„ Brodrick Cloete's Cerisier, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs	Miller	0
„ Brodrick Cloete's Guigne, 3yrs 6st 10lbs	Griggs	0
„ A Walton's St. Enogat, 4yrs, 8st, 2lbs...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Fariman, 9 to 2 Love Charm, 10 to 1 Rinaldo, 100 to 8 each His Lordship and Bellivor Tor, 100 to 7 Royal Ivy, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won by three-parts of a length, four lengths between second and third. St. Enogat was fourth, Merry Saint fifth. Cerisier sixth, His Lordship seventh, Bellivor Tor eighth, Guigne ninth, Royal Ivy next, and Zaza last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 8⅘secs.

The glorious weather which had signalised the opening of the Summer Meeting here extended to the closing stage, and but for a certain sense of anxiety regarding the condition of the popular American jockey, D Maher who had met with a terrible accident the previous evening, the day would have been one of unalloyed enjoyment. Alarmist rumours were afloat early in the day, but happily these proved to be unfounded, and, though Maher's condition is doubtless critical, there are good grounds for hoping that a sound and vigorous constitution will serve to pull him through. The atmosphere, oppressive in London, was several degrees cooler in the Garden of Surrey, and, after the glare and dust of the Metropolis, the rustic environments and fresh verdure of the picturesque estate were refreshing to the eye and soothing to the senses. The band of the East Surrey Regiment again enlivened the proceedings with a tuneful selection of music, which was rastly appreciated by the large gathering. The attendance may have been equalled, but it is safe to say that it had never previously been exceeded, the half holiday folk making a prodigious show in the public rings, whilst the long rows of cosy lounge chairs on the lawn barely sufficed to meet the requirements of the members. In contrast to the previous day, backers succeeded in more than holding their own, and the entertainment passed off in enjoyable fashion.

THE EIGHTH YEAR OF THE GREAT FOAL PLATE.—Of 835 sovs, for two year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs with penalties, etc. Five furlongs

Mr H Lindemere's ch f Orienta, by Orion—Miss Hoyden, 8st 3lbs	W Lane	1
„ C J Pulley's ch c Winning Week, 8st 11lbs	Miller	2
„ S B Joel's ch c Week End, 8st 11lbs ...	Halsey	3
„ R Croker's Herbert Vincent, 8st 8lbs ...	J H Martin	0
„ T E Liddiard's Chicory, 7st 12lbs ...	Hardy	0
„ Ivor E Hughes's Cypka, 7st 12lbs ...	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained by Wright, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING: 11 to 4 on Orienta, 8 to 1 agst Week End, 10 to 1 Winning Week, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

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Won by two lengths; a neck separated the second and third. Herbert Vincent was fourth, and Cypka last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 59secs.

NEWMARKET SECOND JULY MEETING.

No more unpretentious programme is issued by the ruling powers of the Turf than that of the Second July Meeting, which is ever the tamest of all the fixtures decided at head-quarters. Its duration is limited to three days, and the card each afternoon contains but half a dozen events, with hardly a race of more than passing interest amongst the lot. Indeed, but for the presence of the King the initial stage of the gathering would have been almost featureless. On the 13th instant, the High street seemed almost deserted. Few visitors had made the journey from town with the exception of the handful of intrepid journalists who had tried conclusions against the Jockeys and Trainers in the annual cricket match and met with a crushing reverse, and only a few idlers were to be seen eagerly perusing the latest bulletin, considerately affixed to Messrs. Simpson's window, regarding the condition of D. Maher, who happily appears to be progressing very favourably. The arrival of the morning trains from town considerably altered the aspect of the streets. A fair number of racegoers were astir by noon, and by the time the ball was opened behind the old Roman encampment, the muster all round quite reached expectations. The conditions could hardly have been improved upon. Thanks to the prevailing northerly airs the atmosphere was refreshingly cool, and never for a moment were there any grounds for the usual complaints on the score of the heat. The going was on the hard side, and fields ruled small.

THE BEAUFORT STAKES.—(Welter handicap) of 415 sovs. winners extra. Beaufort Course (Seven furlongs.)

Mr Sydney Loder's b h Mandelay, by Mortagon—Carculuie, 5yrs, 8st (car 8-1	Randall	1
„ A Stedall's ch c Rayleigh, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	Hardy	2
„ J R Keene's ch c Kearsage, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs	Lyne	3
Sir J Kelk's Mirus, 5yrs, 9st 11b ...	M Cannon	0
„ J Blundell Maple's Simony, 4yrs, 9st	W Lane	0
„ E Vincent's Pistol, 4yrs, 8st 12lbs ...	Trigg	0
„ E Cassel's Assiout, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	Halsey	0
Mr S Platt's Sizergh, 3yrs. 7st 13lbs ...	H Aylin	0
„ W C Whitney's Pan Michael, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs	J H Martin	0
„ R W B Jardine's Tar Brush, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs	O Madden	0
Prince Soltykoffe's Volpone, 5yrs, 7st 9lbs	Watts	0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3yrs 7st 3lbs ...	Keeley	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Gallymawfry, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs ..	Miller	0
Mr T Southall's Energetic, 5yrs 7st 6lbs	Boardman	0
„ J A Miller's Muriel II, 3yrs. 7st 2lbs	Griggs	0
Duke of Westminister's Fairfield, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs	Molloy	0

(*Winner trained by Mr Gilpin, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING; 6 to 1 each against Mandelay and Gallymawfry, 8 to 1 each Kearsage and Energetic, 10 to 1 Mirus, 100 to 8 each Simony, Pistol, and Tar Brush, 100 to 7 each Assiout and Muriel II., and 100 to 6 each Volpone and Salute, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by four lengths; half a length between second and third. Energetic was fourth, Pan Michael fifth. Pistol sixth, Muriel II., seventh, Assiour eighth, Mirus next, and Volpone last.

THE DULLINGHAM PLATE.—of 430 sovs; weight for age, etc. Stakes course (one mile and four furlongs)

Sir J Miller's, b f Rondeau, by Bay Ranald—Doremi, 3yrs 8st 10lbs ...	J H Martin	1
Sir E Vincent's ch c Countermark, yrs 8st 13lbs	W Lane	2
His Majesty's br c Persistence 3yrs, 7st 12lbs	Watts	3
Mr J Reiss's Intaglio, 4yrs, 8st 4lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr J Joicey's c by Grand Duke—Ramelton Lassie, 3yrs 7st 12lbs	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Persistence, 9 to 4 Rondeau, 5 to 1 Countermark, 7 to 1 Ramelton Lassie colt, and 10 to 1 Intaglio (offered).

Won by half a length; six lengths separated the second and third. Ramelton Lassie filly was fourth.

THE SOLTYKOFF STAKES.—Of 290 sovs, for two year olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 3lbs, etc., New T. Y. C. (five furlongs 140 yards).

Mr Jersey's b f Vergia, by Prisoner—Petrovna, 8st 5lbs ...	O. Madden	1
„ A L Duncan's b c Extradition 8st 12lb	J. H. Martin	2
Lord Falmouth's b c Esquire, 8st 9lbs ...	Randall	3
Mr J J Bell Irving's c b by Isinglass—Huelva 8st 9lbs	Halsey	0
Count de Berteux's Mulligatawny, 8st 9lbs	Hardy	0
Mr E Dresden's c by Orme—Cambushinnie, 8st 9lbs	Lyne	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Long Glass, 8st 9lb	M. Cannon	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Flordelice, 8st 5lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Sir R W Waldie Griffith's Mem Sahib, 8st 5lbs	Croft	0
Mr. J. Lewis's Cragthorne, 8st 5lb ...	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by F Webb, at Newmarket*)

BETTING.—11 to 8 agst Vergia, 3 to 1 Esquire, 6 to Long Glass 7 to 1 Extradition, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won by two lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Long Glass, was fourth, Mulligatawny fifth, Cragthorne sixth, Mem Sahib seventh, Flordilice next, and Huelva colt last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 11⅘secs.

There was every indication on the 14th that the much-needed rain was imminent, and doubtless many devoutly hoped that the night would bring a prolonged downpour. A falling glass and overcast skies certainly pointed to a substantial visitation of the kind, but folks were doomed to disappointment, for with the exception of a shower which barely sufficed to lay the dust, nothing was felt of the threatened storm. The morning broke gorgeously bright, and the wind having veered round into the south-west, there was an appreciable rise in the temperature. The condition under which the early gallops were performed were delightful, and lots of keen spectators brushed the dew from the Heath in their eagerness to witness some of the most important spins, Rock Sand, who went a strong mile and a half gallop on the Racecourse Side, being the supreme attraction. Later the sales occupied the attention of buyers of bloodstock, but it was not a very enthusiastic assemblage that gathered at the ringside, and though two of Lord Rosebery's yearlings realised good prices, many of the others changed hands below their value.

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THE ZETLAND PLATE.—Of 500 sovs. for three-year olds, colts 8st. 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st. 7lbs: penalties, etc. One mile and-a-half.

Mr L Brassey's b c Alderman, by Isinglass—Butterfly, 8st. 10lbs	J H Martin	1
„ L de Rothschild's b c Gourgaud, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	2
Sir S Scott's b G by St Simok—Sierra 8st 2lbs	O Madden	3
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 8st 5lbs ...	Croft	0
Prince Soltykoff's Khemi, 8st 5lbs ...	Halsey	0
Mr Fairie's Ranaldo, 8st 5lbs... ...	M Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by H. Sadler, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst. Alderman, 11 to 4 Gourgaud, 9 to 2 Morgendale, 7 to 1 the Sierra gelding, 10 to 1 Rinaldo, and 100 to 7 Khemi.

Won by half a length; four lengths divided the second and third. Morgendale was fourth, and Rinaldo last.

THE JULY HANDICAP.—Of 525sovs; winners extra. Exeter Course (six furlongs).

Sir J Blundell Maple's gr c Nabot, by Le Sancy—Nighean, 4yrs 7st 10lbs ...	W Lane	1
„ E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs	Halsey	2
Mr H J King's br f Mimicry, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Hardy	3
„ J R Keene's Chacornac, 6yrs, 8st 7lbs	Lyne	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Imperious 3yrs, 7st 11lbs	Miller	0
Mr A James's Achaicus, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	Watts	0
Sir E Vincent's Seringapatam, aged, 6st 12lbs	Janek	0
Mr R Dalgleish's Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs	J Jarvis	0
Lord Durham's Caparison, 5yrs, 6st 4lbs ...	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Speculator, 9 to 2 Nabot, 11 to 2 Imperious, 6 to 1 Caparison, 10 to 1 Mimicry, and 100 to 8 each Chacornac, Achaicus, Seringapatam, and Pitch Dark.

Won easily by three lengths; a length between second and third. Pitch Dark was fourth, Chacornac fifth, Caparison sixth, Imperious, who got very badly away, next, and Seringapatam last.

It was a very near thing whether the two Newmarket July Meetings would pass off without encountering the hostility of the elements, but the weather underwent a change on the morning of the 16th and the last stage of the reunion was concluded under somewhat dismal conditions, inasmuch as the rain which set in after breakfast continued, lightly but steadily, throughout the day, only ceasing just before the penultimate race was decided. Messrs. Tattersall's Bloodstock Sales seldom extend to the final day of a July fixture, but such was the case to-day, and the most important business of the week, perhaps, was transacted at Park Paddocks this morning, when the horses in training of Mr. J. Lewis, a draft of Mr. J. R. Keene's, and five beautifully-bred animals the property of the King were submitted under the hammer. Happy Slave (1500gs), Sundorne (1050gs), Boss Roy (910gs), and Maori Chieftain (900gs) realised the highest prices, and money thus expended in ready-made racers was, doubtless, better invested than in yearlings, however well bred. With the exception of the Chesterfield Stakes no event of the first importance was down for decision, but there was only a slight falling off in the attendance, and the King was again present, remaining on the course until the last race had terminated to the satisfaction of the "talent," who did pretty well on balance.

THE CHESTERFIELD STAKES.—Of 830 sovs, for two year olds; colts 8st. 10lbs., fillies and geldings 8st. 7lbs; winner extra; Last five furlongs of B.M.

Lord Falmouth's b f Fiancee, by St Frusquin—Wise Virgin, 9st ...	Randall	1
Mr Douglas Baird's b c Islesman, 8st 10lbs	H Aylin	2
His Majesty's b f Piari, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	3
Mr L Brassey's Galapas, 8st 10lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Sir E Cassel's Hark, 8st 10lbs ...	Halsey	0
Mr Fairie's Charmus, 8st 10lbs ...	O Madden	0
Prince Soltykoff's Bonnie Wee Thing, 8st 7lbs	Watts	0

(*Winner trained by J. Chandler, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Fiancee, 11 to 2 agst. Piari, 20 to 1 any other (o).

In an excellent start, Fiancee, on the left, held a fractional lead of Bonnie Wee Thing and Hark, with Islesman, Galapas, and Piari in close attendance, till a quarter of a mile from home, when Islesman slightly headed Fiancee and Piari, but gave way inside the distance to the favourite, who won cleverly by a neck: a head separated the second and third. Hark was fourth, Bonnie Wee Thing fifth, and Galapas last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 4⅘secs.

THE SUMMER HANDICAP.—Of 825 sovs.; winners extra. Summer Course (two miles and 24 yards).

Sir E Cassel's b c Lovat, by Love Wisely—Hildesheimer, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	Plant	1
Mr H J King's br c Prince Florizel, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	Lyne	2
Mr H E Beddington's b c D'Orsay, 3yrs, 6st...	Griggs	3
Mr W B Purefoy's Cappa White, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs	Halsey	0
Lord Cadogan's Elba, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Mr W M G Singer's Pradella, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	O Madden	0
Sir E Vincent's Parody, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Janek	0
Mr C Russell's Florinda, 3yrs, 6st 6lbs ...	Murray	0
„ A James' Alcaeus, 3yrs, 6st ...	Heppell	0
„ T E Liddiard's Departed, 4yrs, 5st 9lbs (car 5st 10lbs)...	J Jarvis	0
„ E D Heinemann's Avocation, 3yrs, 6st (car 6st 3lbs)	Dawson	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. F. Lambton, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Elba, 6 to 1 Lovat, 7 to 1 each Cappa White and Florinda, 8 to 1 each Pradella and Departed, 10 to 1 D'Orsay, 100 to 8 Prince Florizel, 100 to 7 Parody, and 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won by three lengths; four lengths between second and third, Pradella, a long way off, was fourth; Parody fifth, Florinda sixth, Departed seventh, Elba eighth, Cappa White next, and Avocation last.

I have just time to append the result of the Eclipse Stakes which was one of the finest races ever seen.

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Oriole made the running from Rock Sand and Ard Patrick, with Duke of Westminster last till rounding the bend for home where Ard Patrick went in front, and was joined by Sceptre. A magnificent finish resulted in a neck victory for Ard Patrick; three lengths divided the second and third.

CRICKET.

ETON *vs.* HARROW.—Played at Lord's on 10th and 11th July. Eton won by an innings und 184 runs. There can be no question that this match still holds its own, and that it shows no signs of waning popularity. After all it is the most important school match of the year, and even to the most blase cricketer there is left some interest in seeing what sort of players the best schools are turning out, and whether the old traditions are being observed, or are gradually giving place to more modern methods. But although there is perhaps more latitude allowed to individuality than there used to be, there is still somewhat too much of a similarity between the styles of the players, and it is seldom that anything unusual in the way of a style is seen Perhaps this is only natural, for after all, a cricketer, like an artist, generally copies somebody else until the time comes when he feels strong enough to go on in his own way. It is almost a matter of pure speculation as to which of the two schools is likely to win, for there is practically no chance of comparing their strength until the actual match between them. But it was rumoured that if the luck were even, Harrow ought to have an easy victory. There was nothing whatever on the first day to lead one to suppose that this rumour would be verified, for although they won the toss, the Harrovians quite failed to distinguish themselves with the bat, while their bowlers were thrown off their balance by the way in which they were treated by the first two Etonians. The Harrow batting was timid and too cautious by half to be successful, and runs came so slowly as to encourage the bowlers greatly. Wickets fell with some approach to regularity, and when 78 runs had been made six men were out. Crake and Foster tried to put a better appearance on the game by knocking up runs pretty, quickly but the total of the innings was only 115, and naturally enough excuses were made that it was a bowler's wicket. The Etonians adopted different tactics when they went in just before lunch, and in the course of three overs Nicholl and Crankshaw put on 24 runs. This satisfactory beginning was followed up afterwards by some extremely brisk and attractive batting, and the bowlers were never allowed a rest There was no hesitation about the methods of either batsmen, and any ball which looked as if it might be made use of was not left alone. In the course of three-quarters an hour the total was taken to 87, and then Nicholl, the Eton captan, was bowled for 44. If the Harrovians had been lucky enough to get rid of the next man quickly, they might have regained confidence, but Williams had come to stay. He and Crankshaw both took charge of the bowling which they hit to all parts of the field, and in the course of an hour they increased the total by 123. Crankshaw, who had just completed his hundred, was then bowled by Clutterbuck, his brilliantly hit innings having lasted for an hour and three quarters; it included sixteen fours. By this time their was nothing in the bowling to cause alarm to incoming batsmen; it was not even straight, and the consequense was that although the next three men did not do much their were several others who took advantage of the situation, notably Tod, who made his 59 in a little over an hour. The innings at last came to an end at five minutes to seven. It had only lasted for about four hours, but in that short time 425 runs had been scored, so that Harrow had to go in on the next morning against a a balance of 310 runs. Any hopes that Harrow may have had of saving the match were dissipated in the course of a few minutes on Saturday. Hatfeild, the slow to medium left-hand bowler who had been so successful for the Etonians in the first innings, created consternation in the Harrow ranks, and in the course of an hour six wickets were down for only 27 runs. The situation was more than desperate, when Baily and Bolton came together and made a defence which, under the circumstances may be regarded as heroic. For a time the tide of disaster was stayed, and while they were together they put on 101 runs. But their effort was too late to be of any value to the side except as an exhibition of pluck, and as soon as they were parted the bowlers once more gained the upper hand.

HARROW.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B W Magnay, b Hatfeild ...	24	c Aspinall, b Scholfield ...	8
C S Rattigan, c Nicholl, b Scholfield	5	b Hatfeild ...	6
W S Bolton, b Hatfeild ...	7	c Boles, b Hatfeild	37
R E H Baily, c Boles, b Tod ...	23	c Lambert, b Hatfeild ...	61
R W P Henery, b Hatfeild ...	4	b Hatfeild ...	0
R Gorell Barnes, b Boles ...	5	st Aspinall, b Hatfeild ...	0
E H Crake, c and b Lambert ..	18	c Boles, b Scholfield	1
F Forster, b Hatfeild ...	17	run out ...	7
T R Clutterbuck, c Aspinall, b Lambert	2	b Hatfeild ...	14
G A Phelips, b Hatfeild ...	0	not out ...	10
R Foster, not out	0	c and b Hatfeild ...	0
B 6, lb 4	10	B 8, lb 2, w 1, nb 1	12
Total ...	115	Total ...	156

ETON.

First Innings.

K. I. Nicholl, b Foster ...	44	C E Lucas, st Baily, b Magnay	23
E. N. S. Crankshaw b Clutterbuck ...100		A F Lambart, c Baily, b Clutterbuck... ...	11
P. F. C. Williams, lbw, b Barnes	89	R B Scholfield, st Baily, b Phelip	26.
D. C. Boles, b Barnes ...	24	C E Hatfeild, not out ...	8
G C Campbell, b Barnes...	10	B 12 lb 9, w 3, nb 4 ...	28
G Aspinall, b Phelips ...	3		
W N Tod, c Clutterbuck, b Barnes	59	Total ...	425

HARROW.

	First innings.					Second innings.			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Scholfield	15	2	42	1	...	17	6	35	2
Hatfeild	22	8	33	5	...	25·3	7	58	7
Tod	11	4	22	1	...	3	1	11	0
Boles	6	4	7	1	...	4	2	6	0
Lambert	21	1	1	2	...	10	0	34	0

Scholfield bowled one wide and one no-ball.

ETON.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W
Phelips ...	21·5	2	85	2	Magnay ...	10	0	41	0
Barnes ...	18	3	81	4	Rattigan ...	3	0	15	0
Foster ...	15	4	70	1	Clutterbuck	11	1	56	2
Crake ...	8	0	42	0					

Phelips delivered three no-balls, Crake one no-ball, and Foster three wides.

GENTLEMEN *vs.* PLAYERS.—The Oval Match played on 9th, 10th and 11th July, Gentlemen won by 54 runs. Although the Surrey committee had found the usual difficulty in getting really representative teams together, on account of so many of the counties being engaged, the sides for this match were decidedly strong, and very few of the men who played had no claims to take part in such an important game. It was pleasant to see W. G. once more turning out for the Gentlemen; as usual he acted as captain, while Hayward, as at Lord's led the Players. The good fortune to win the toss fell to the lot of the Gentlemen, and although some of them played very uninteresting—it might almost be said feeble—cricket, the total of the innings was by no means unsatisfactory. This was chiefly due to Beldam, Jessop, and Burnup. The value of Beldam's 89 to the side was enormous. When he began his innings things were going very badly for the Gentlemen, for W. G., C. J. B. Wood, and L. O. S. Poidevin were all out for 39 runs. But he was impervious to the attack, and although it was not his policy to hurry himself, there was so much firmness and absence of hesitation about his batting that his play could not but be admired. M'Gahey did not stay long enough to make his presence greatly felt although he was at the wickets for an hour and ten minutes, but Jessop for a delightful twenty-five minutes enlivened the proceedings immensely. Burnup came in, and at last, after commencing in rather a timid manner, he played up to his reputation, his innings being quite worthy of him at his best. He lost Beldam when the latter was getting very near his hundred, after batting for two hours and three quarters, during which he made no mistakes. Six wickets were now down for 177, so that the Gentlemen were doing none too well, and it was quite on the cards that the total would not exceed two hundred. But Burnup and Simpson-Hayward added 57 in three-quarters of an hour, and at the end Odell and Bradley made a valuable stand, the latter surprising the bowlers by knocking up 26 in twelve minutes. Burnup's fine innings of 77 lasted for two hours and a quarter The only bowler on the side of the Players who had a good analysis was Arnold. At the end of the innings a quarter of an hour remained for play, during which the Players scored 16 without loss, Hayward being not out 4 and Tunnicliffe not out 12. The very first ball on the next morning disposed of Tunnicliffe, and for a long time afterwards the Players dared take no liberties. Hayward was dismissed after taking an hour over his 16, and then Denton and W. G. Quaife put on 61 in an hour and-a-half for the third wicket. No one was quite comfortable with Bradley, who, being very fast, kept the ball a little short. At lunch time four wickets were down for 66 runs. Bradley getting rid of the last three men in five balls for a single run; he had bowled splendidly all the time that he was on. Quaife alone did himself justice; his innings of 79 was a masterpiece in its way. The Gentlemen began their second innings with a lead of 123 runs, and before stumps were drawn they had increased this by 128 for the loss of half their wickets. Beldam and Burnup again played fine cricket, but no one else could make any headway against the bowling. Grace and Jessop were together when stumps were drawn, the former with 4 to his credit, and the latter with 5. On Saturday morning Jessop made runs much more slowly than usual, not being in the best of health; he was out in trying to make a short run to Quaife at cover-point, and after his dismissal the innings came to a sudden conclusion. Dr. Grace was batting for an hour and-a-quarter for his 19 The Players had now to make 296 to win in about four hours and-a-half. There was some very slow cricket at the commencement of the innings, and as nobody ever became really settled, except Quaife, there was never much improvement in the rate of scoring. The first three men all fell to good catches by Poidevin in the slips. Nearly every man who came in made a useful score, and when half the wickets were down it was anybody's game But although Quaife played a very fine innings for the second time in the match, he could get nobody to give him sufficient assistance. He was out eighth for an exceedingly good innings of 72, and then the end soon came, Simpson-Hayward bowling his lobs with marked effect.

GENTLEMEN.

First Innings		Second Innings.	
W. G. Grace, c Tunnicliffe, b Richardson	15	c Trott, b Hearne ...	19
C. J. B. Wood, c Strudwick, b Richardson	2	lbw, b Arnold ...	15
G. W. Beldam, c Strudwick, b Hearne	80	c Trott, b Richardson	54
L. O. S. Poidevin, c Trott, b Hearne	3	c Trott, b Rhodes ...	0
C. McGahey, c Rhodes, b Arnold	19	c Strudwick, b Richardson ...	9
G. L. Jessop, c Rhodes, b Arnold	40	run out	19
C. J. Burnup, c Denton, b Arnold	77	c Hayward, b Hearne	39
G. H. Simpson-Hayward c Trott, b Rhodes ...	21	c Hayward, b Trott ...	7
C. Robson, c Strudwick, b Rhodes	6	c Quaife, b Trott ...	6
W. W. Odell, not out	18	not out	1
W. M. Bradley, b Arnold ...	26	b Trott	0
B 3, w 1 ...	4	B 1, w 1 ...	2
Total ...	311	Total ...	171

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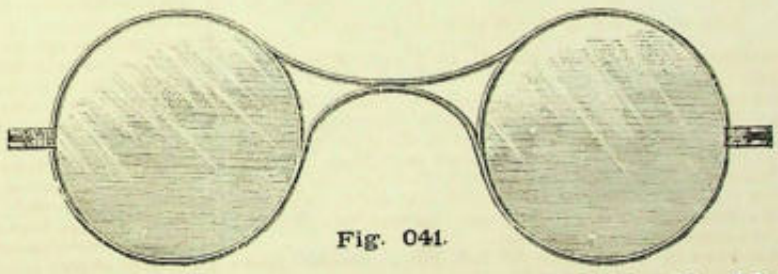

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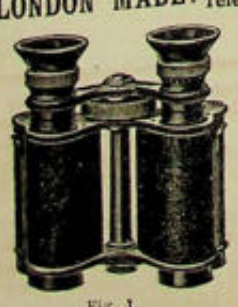

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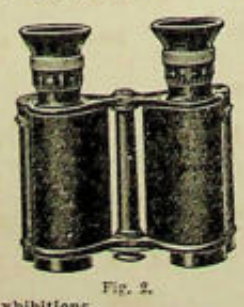

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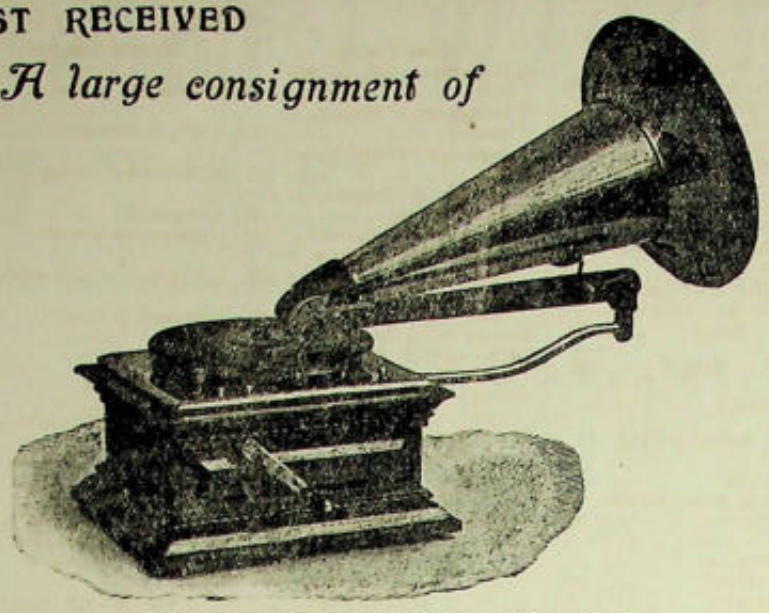

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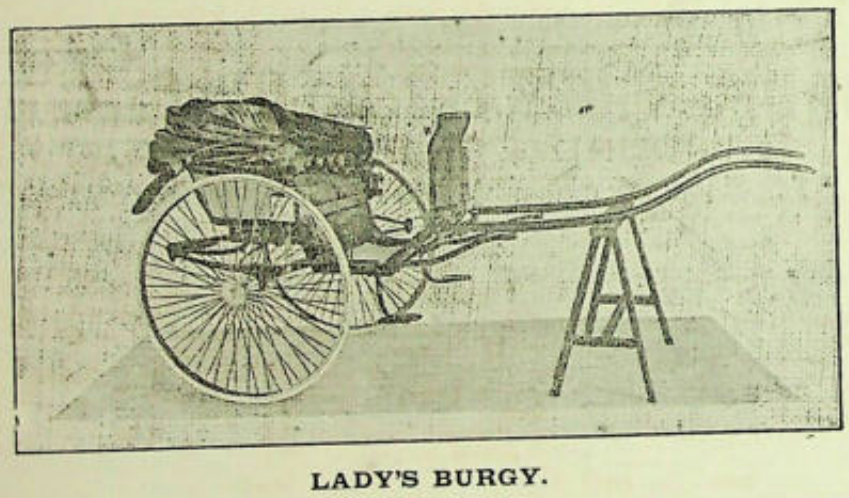

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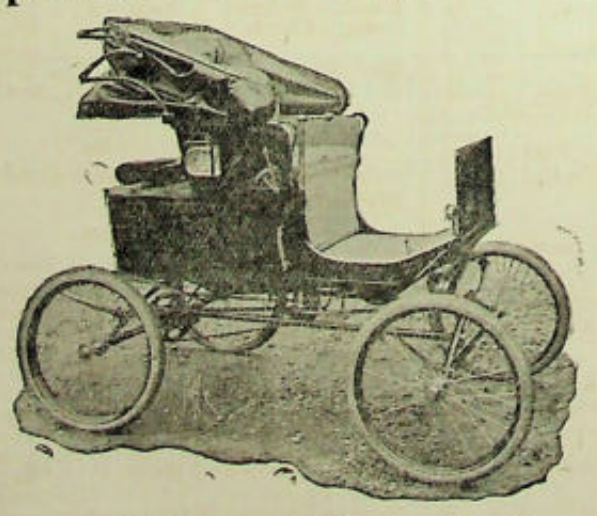

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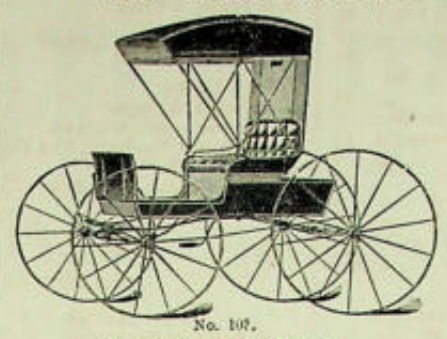

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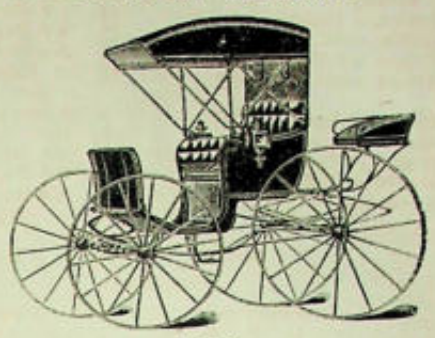

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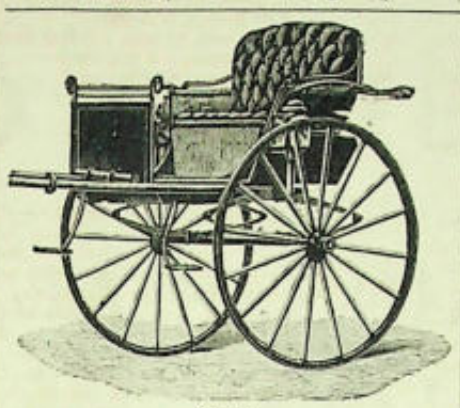

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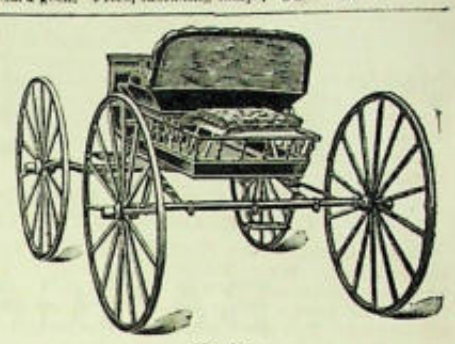

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Denton, c Poidevin, b Odell	...	42	c Poidevin, b Odell	26
Quaife, c sub, b Bradley	...	79	b S-Hayward ...	72
Knight, c S-Hayward, b Odell	...	5	b S-Hayward ...	32
Arnold, c sub., b Bradley	...	11	st Robson, b Beldam ...	28
Trott, c Poidevin, b Odell	...	7	c Jessop, b Bradley	6
Rhodes, run out	...	7	lbw, b S-Hayward	18
Hearne (J T), c Robson, b Bradley		0	not out ...	2
Strudwick, b Bradley	...	1	b S-Hayward ...	2
Richardson, not out	...	0	b S-Hayward ...	6
B 1, w 2	...	3	B 1, w 1 ...	2
Total	...	188	Total	240

GENTLEMEN.

	First Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.		Second Innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Richardson	24	5	75	2	...	21	3	61	2
Hearne	34	13	72	2	...	16	8	22	2
Rhodes	21	4	55	2	...	13	7	18	1
Trott	18	0	61	0	...	17·5	7	40	3
Arnold	17·3	6	44	4	...	10	2	28	1

Trott and Arnold each bowled a wide.

PLAYERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
S-Hayward	11	3	29	0	...	7·1	0	17	5
Bradley	28·5	4	82	6	...	20	3	71	1
Beldam	14	7	19	0	...	25	8	73	2
Grace	2	0	6	0	...				
Odell	22	9	45	3	...	23	6	77	2
McGahey	1	0	4	0	..				

Beldam and Bradley each bowled a wide.

THE PHILADELPHIAN'S TOUR.

THE WARWICKSHIRE MATCH.—Played at Edgbaston on 9th and 10th July. Warwickshire won by seven wickets The visitors were unfortunate enough in this match to lose the services of their chief bowler, J. B. King, who strained his side after his second over. This loss handicapped them sadly, but they contributed to their own misfortunes by the weakness of their batting. In the first innings they could only make 112, and although they seemed to play Hargreave easily enough they could make nothing of Moorhouse and Field. In the absence of King, Cregar came to the front with the ball, and in taking eight wickets for 35 he did a brilliant performance. Fishwick, Charlesworth, and Rotherham, the old Uppinghamian, all played very attractive cricket for Warwickshire, who on the first innings had a lead of 41. Before stumps were drawn the Americans knocked off this lead for the loss of two wickets, and were ten runs on. Sharpless was not out 21 and Bohlen not out 25. On the next day Bohlen played a splendid game, but received very little assistance Thanks chiefly to him the visitors were able to give Warwickshire the task of making 151, but as King was unable to bowl for them, they cannot have had much hope of pulling off the match. As it happened, Warwickshire knocked off the runs without any difficulty at all.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
N Z Graves, c Lovit, b Field	...	29	c Rotherham, b Field ...	4
F C Sharpless b Hargreave	...	14	c Lilley, b Moorhouse	33
J A Lester, c Charlesworth, b Moorhouse	...	13	b Field ...	1
J B King, c Fishwick, b Moorhouse	...	8	b Moorhouse ...	1
F H Bohlen, b Moorhouse	...	10	lbw, b Moorhouse	93
A M Wood, c Hargreave, b Field		19	c Fishwick, b Field	11
F A Bates, c Fishwick, b Field	...	1	c Lilly, b Field ...	10
R D Brown, c Moorhouse, b Field		3	b Field ...	5
P H Clark, c Lilley, b Field	...	1	not out ...	11
E M Cregar, not out	...	6	c Lilley, b Hargreave	11
T C Jordan, c Rotherham, b Moorhouse	...	1	c Kinneir, b Field	0
Extras	...	7	Extras ...	11
Total	...	112	Total	191

WARWICKSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J F Byrne, c Clark, b Cregar	...	6	c Cregar, b Sharpless	22
T S Fishwick, c Clark, b Cregar		54	c sub., b Clark ...	31
Kinneir, c Graves, b Cregar	..	2	not out... ...	30
F R Lovitt, b Cregar	...	0	lbw, b Cregar ...	19
Lilley, b Clark	...	7	not out... ...	42
Charlesworth, c Wood, b Clark		35		
H Rotherham, c Clark, b Cregar		33		
Moorhouse, not out	...	10		
Whittle, c Wood, b Cregar	...	1		
Hargreaves, c Graves, b Cregar	..	0		
Field, b Cregar	...	0		
Extras	...	5	Extras ...	7
Total	...	153	Total (3 wkts)	151

THE WORCESTERSHIRE MATCH.—Played at Worcester on 13th, 14th and 15th July. Worcestershire won by 215 runs. The Americans not only had the misfortune to be unable to make use of the services of King and Lester, but soon after the Worcestershire innings commenced, accidents happened to Scattergood and Bates, whose places were then taken by Jordan and Graves. Thus severely handicapped they had but little apparent chance of coming out of the match with much credit and by the time that the first day's play was ended they seemed likely to be easy victims to Worcestershire, who had scored 388 against 71 for six wickets, of which Graves made 35. In the absence of King, who was, of course, very greatly missed Le Roy bowled very well indeed. In their uphill task the Americans showed the greatest pluck on Tuesday, P. H. Clark, Jordan, and Morris all greatly distinguishing themselves. But despite these fine efforts Worcestershire had a lead of 155 runs, and although they did not do so well in their second innings as in the their first, they were 313 runs on at the close of the day with four wickets in hand. After play ended rain fell heavily for hours, and the Americans were placed quite out of the running, although Graves, Haines, and Clark all played up most plucaily.

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WORCESTERSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Arnold, c Le Roy, b Clark	...	86	c Le Roy, b Clark	26
Bowley, lbw, b Le Roy	...	28	b Clark ...	50
H K Foster, b Clark	...	55	b Clark ...	4
Wheldon, b Clark ...	...	10	c Wood, b Clark ...	11
W B Burn, c Haines b Clark	...	2	c Haines, b Sharpless ...	20
Cuffe, b Le Roy ...	...	91	b Le Roy ...	31
Gaukrodger, b Cregar	...	49	c Wood, b Clark ...	10
W W Isaac, c sub, b Graves	...	20	c Haines, b Clark...	7
G H Simpson-Hayward, b Le Roy		19	not out	13
Burrows, not out ...	..	6	c Morris, b Clark ...	0
Martin, c Jordan, b Le Roy	...	4	c Le Roy, b Clark...	9
B 13, lb 2, w 3 ...	...	18	Extras ...	24
Total	...	388	Total	205

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A M Wood, st Gaukrodger, b S-Hayward ...	...	6	b Cuffe ...	5
F C Sharpless, b Arnold		1	c S-Hayward, b Cuffe	1
H A Haines, c Foster, b Arnold		18	b Burrows ...	20
F H Bohlen, st Gaukrodger, b S-Hayward ...	...	5	b Burrows ...	3
N Z Graves, c Foster, b Arnold		35	b Arnold ...	50
R D Brown, b Arnold	...	0	b Arnold ...	0
P H Clark, ht wkt, b S-Hayward		67	c Arnold, b Cuffe...	52
T C Jordan, b S Hayward	...	22	c Isaac, b Cuffe ...	0
C C Morris, b S-Hayward	...	47	c and b Arnold ...	3
E M Cregar, b S-Hayward	...	17	b Arnold ...	1
P N Le Roy, not out	...	9	not out ...	4
Byes ..	...	6	Extras ...	6
Total	...	233	Total	145

SUSSEX *vs.* HAMPSHIRE.—Played at Brighton on 9th, 10th and 11th July. Sussex won by ten wickets. No matter how badly the Hampshire men may have been doing, or how low they are in the championship table, they generally succeed in making Sussex go all the way. But their prospects of doing this were not very bright by the time that stumps were drawn at the end of the first day, for Sussex, who won the toss, had enjoyed themselves on a perfect wicket, and with only six men out had run up a total of 403. C. B. Fry and Vine helped considerably towards this satisfactory position by scoring 133 in an hour and three-quarters for the first wicket, most of the runs coming from Fry, who was again in great form. Relf and Fry then put on 124 in about an hour and a-half, and by the time that the partnership was dissolved by the dismissal of Relf, the bowling was about played out. Just before the tea interval Fry brought his score to 159, but after adding a single he was caught at short slip. He had been batting for three hours and-a-quarter, and except that at the commencement ot his innings he gave two tremendous chances of c and b in quick succession to Llewellyn, his batting was irreproachable, and the chances were of the kind which no man ever takes except by accident. It was not one of Ranjitsinhji's days, but George Brann was in great form and when stumps were drawn was, not out, 62. On Friday morning he increased this score to 111, thus making his first hundred of the season; he was at the wickets for two hours and forty minutes. Going in against the huge total of 492, the Hampshire men distinguished themselves, putting on 305 in the course of the day for the loss of seven wickets. The best and longest stand of the innings was that between Steele and Sprot; it produced 103 runs in an hour. Sprot was most aggressive at times and in the course of his fine innings he made 30 runs off two consecutive overs from Tate. Altogether he was batting for an hour and three-quarters. Unfortunately on Saturday, the last three men did not make enough runs to save the follow-on, and the result was disastrous, for although several men made a plucky effort to save the game there was time for Sussex to win by ten wickets. If the follow-on had been saved, Hampshire would in all probability have made an honourable draw.

SUSSEX.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B Fry, c Webb, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	160	G Brann, c Llewellyn, b Webb ...	111
Vine, c and b Soar	...	49	Cox, c Sprot, b Soar	46
Killick, c Webb b Llewellyn ...	...	15	Butt, c Bacon, b Webb	12
Relf, c Sprot, b Llewellyn		61	Tate, not out ...	0
K S Ranjitsinhji, b Llewellyn ...	...	10	Bland, c Webb, b Soar	0
C L A Smith, c Bacon, b Llewellyn ...	...	17	B 5, lb 4, w 2	11
			Total	492

Second innings :—Fry not out, 22 ; Vine, not out, 14 ; extras 1 ; total (for no wicket) 37.

HAMPSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
D A Steele, c Butt, b Bland	...	66	c Tate, b Relf ...	4
Rev. W V Jephson, c Butt, b Killick ...	...	27	b Cox... ...	0
E M Sprot, b Bland	...	103	b Bland ...	50
Webb, st Butt, b Killick	...	35	c Bland, b Tate ...	37
Llewellyn, c Relf, b Killick	...	35	c Butt, b Tate ...	10
Bowell, b Bland ...	...	8	st Butt b Cox ...	22
F H Bacon, b Bland	...	13	c Vine, b Cox ...	39
Stone, c Butt, b Cox	...	6	not out ...	17
Soar, not out	...	11	c Relf, b Cox ...	4
T A Chignell, c Butt, b Cox	...	4	b Cox ...	0
H Hesketh-Prichard, b Killick	...	1	c Butt, b Cox ...	15
B 9, lb 3, nb 4	...	16	B 1, lb 1, w 2, nb 1	5
Total	...	325	Total	203

LANCASHIRE *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Old Trafford on 9th 10th and 11th July Somerset won by 182 runs.

SOMERSET.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
O M Samson, c Sladen, b Littlewood ...	...	0	c Spooner, b Barnes ...	29
Braund, c Maclaren, b Barnes		59	c Worsley, b Littlewood	36
P R Johnson, b Littlewood		1	c Worsley, b Cuttell...	45
F A Phillips, c Maclaren, b Barnes ...	...	4	b Cuttell	27
Lewis, c Maclaren, b Cuttell	...	11	c Worsley, b Barnes ...	52
Robson, c Maclaren, b Barnes		27	c Cuttell, b Sladen ...	23
Major W C Hedley, b Barnes		16	b Sladen	4
J Daniell, b Littlewood	...	8	b Cuttell ...	23
F M Lee, not out ...	...	25	c Worsley, b Sladen ..	73
A E Newton, b Cuttell	...	18	not out	21
Cranfield, b Littlewood	...	6	c Worsley, b Barnes...	9
B 1, lb 1	...	2	B 13, lb 3, nb 3 ...	19
Total	...	177	Total	361

LANCASHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H G Garnet, c Lee, b Cranfield	..	13	b Cranfield ...	2
R H Spooner, c Hedley, b Braund ...	...	52	c Lee, b Braund	8
Tyldesley, c Phillips, Cranfield ...	...	11	st Newton, b Braund	13
A Eccles, st Newton, b Cranfield ...	...	25	b Cranfield ...	4
A C Maclaren, b Braund	...	24	c Samson, b Braund	25
A H Hornby, c Johnson, b Cranfield ...	...	81	c Newton, b Cranfield	0
Cuttell, c Samson, b Cranfield ...	...	25	c Samson, b Cranfield	8
Barnes, and b Braund		7	not out ...	30
Littlewood, c Phillips, b Braund ...	...	0	b Braund ...	12
Sladen, c Samson, b Cranfield ...	...	2	c Samson, b Braund	1
Worsley, not out	...	0	b Braund ...	4
Leg-byes...	...	5	Byes ...	4
Total	...	245	Total	111

SURREY *vs.* MIDDLESEX.—Played at Lord's on 13th, 14th and 15th July Middlesex won 221 runs.

MIDDLESEX.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
P F Warner, c Richardson, b Lockwood ..	...	47	c Strudwick, b Lees	25
L J Moon, c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	...	0	c Hayes, b Lees	2
G W Beldam, c Hayward, b Lockwood ...	...	89	b Holland	118
R W Nicholls, c Strudwick, b Richardson ...	...	3	b Richardson	35
B J T Bosanquet, b Lockwood		52	b Miller ...	97
F H E Cunliffe, b Lockwood...		5	c Lockwood, b Clode...	16
Trott (A. E.), c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	...	2	c Holland, b Dowson	10
G MacGregor, c Strudwick, b Lees ..	...	8	lbw, b Lees	22
J H Hunt, c Strudwick, b Lockwood ...	...	28	c Lees, b Holland	45
Rawlin, c Dowson, b Lockwood ...	...	51	run out ...	0
Hearne (J. T.), not out	...	6	not out ...	2
B 3, lb 1, nb 5	...	9	Extras	4
Total	...	360	Total	376

SURREY.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Holland, c Trott, b Bosanquet		50	c Trott, b Hearne ...	4
Hayward, c Bosanquet, b Beldam ...	...	7	st MacGregor, b Beldam ...	58
Hayes, c MacGregor, b Trott...		77	c Moon, b Trott ...	13
N Miller, b Trott	...	7	c Trott, b Bosanquet ...	29
L Walker, b Trott	...	5	c Warner, b Bosanquet	45
E M Dowson, not out	...	52	c Cunliffe, b Beldam ...	27
Lees, b Trott ...	..	0	b Bosanquet ...	23
Lockwood, b Hearne	...	5	b Bosanquet ...	19
Clode, b Hearne ...	...	2	c Beldam, b Bosanquet	10
Strudwick, c and b Trott	...	1	not out	1
Richardson, b Trott	...	5	c Beldam, b Bosanquet	0
B 4, lb 4, w 1	...	9	B 4, w 2 ...	6
Total	...	220	Total	345

ESSEX *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Edgbaston on 13th, 14th and 15th July. Warwickshire won by an innings and 78 runs.

WARWICKSHIRE.

First Innings.

T S Fishwick lbw, b McGahey ...	...	106	Moorhouse, b McGahey ...	18
Kinneir, c Russell, b Young		16	Whittle c Perrin, b Kortright	16
J F Byrne, b Mead ...		37	Hargreave, c Douglas, b Kortright. ...	0
Quaife, c Russell, b Young		74	Field, c Sewell, b Kortright	1
Lilley, st Russell, b McGahey ...		16	B 7, lb 8, nb 2 ...	17
Charlesworth, b Young ...		41	Total	396
F R Loviett, not out ...		54		

ESSEX.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F L Fane, c Lilley, b Field ...		73	c Byrne, b Hargreave	19
Sewell, c Quaife, b Field	...	23	b Hargreave ...	0
P Perrin, run out...	...	7	c Lilley, b Hargreave	6
C McGahey, c Lilley, b Hargreave ...	...	37	b Charlesworth ...	6
J Douglas, c Fishwick, b Field		2	c & b Hargreave ...	11
Rev F H Gillingham, st Lilley, b Hargreave ...	...	9	b Charlesworth ...	6
Buckenham, b Hargreave		0	c Byrne, b Charlesworth	14
C J Kortright, not out	...	31	not out	1
Bussell, c Fishwick, b Quaife		26	c Lilley, b Hargreave	0
Young, c Kinneir, b Hargreave		11	c Whittle, b Hargreave	12
Mead, not out ...	...	1	c Byrne, b Charlesworth	6
B 9, w 1, nb 1	...	11	Extras ...	6
Total	...	231	Total	87

KENT *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played on 13th, 14th and 15th July. Lancashire won by six wickets.

KENT.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J Burnup, b Barnes	...	18	c Tyldesley, b Barnes	54
E W Mann, c Cuttell, b Webb		2	c Worsley, b Sharp ...	0
Seymour, c Maclaren, b Barnes		7	lbw, b Barnes ...	0
E W Dillon, c Tyldesley, b Webb ...	...	21	c Tyldesley, b Cuttell...	17
Hearne (A), c Cuttell, b Barnes		20	c Worsley, b Cuttell ...	79
R N R Blaker, c and b Barnes		5	c Garnett, b Barnes ...	9
K L Hutchings, b Barnes ...		4	c Worsley, b Cuttell ...	63
Huish, c Webb, b Cuttell ...		24	c Worsley, b Barness ...	13
Fairservice, c Worsley, b Webb		15	b Sharp	15
Blythe, not out ...	...	8	c Macklaren, b Cuttell	25
Fielder, c Worsley, b Webb ...		0	not out ...	19
B 11, nb 1 ...	...	12	Extras ...	18
Total ...	...	136	Total	312

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LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.			Second Innings.	
H G Garnett, b Fielder	...	4	c Blythe, b Fairservice	54
B H Spooner, c Blaker, b Fielder	...	0	c Seymour, b Fielder	1
Tyldesley, b Fairservice	...	97	c Blythe, b Fielder	16
A Eccles, b Blythe	...	9	not out	66
A C Maclaren, c Blythe, b Fielder	...	76	c Hutchings, b Fairservice	7
A H Hornby, b Blythe	...	7	not out	33
Sharp, b Fairservice	...	14		
Cuttell, b Fairservice	...	18		
Barnes, not out	...	14		
Webb, b Fielder	...	11		
Worsley, run out	...	0		
B 8, w 1	...	9	Extras	13
Total	...	259	Total (4 wkts)	190

OTHER MATCHES.

Derbyshire beat Notts by 114 runs in the match played at Derby on the 9th, 10th and 11th July. Ollivierre (71 and 41) and Storer (44 and 37) were in great form, while W. Gunn (41 and 69, not out) and A. O. Jones (19 and 50) were the only players to score freely for Notts.

Yorkshire and Somerset drew at Bradford on the 13th, 14th and 15th July. Hirst (142) and Brown (96) where the highest scorers for Yorkshire.

The match between Notts and Essex at Trent Bridge on 13th, 14th and 15th July ended in a draw. Iremonger made 100 for Notts.

FIRST CLASS AVERAGES.

BATTING AVERAGES (11 innings) UP TO 13TH JULY.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B ...	24	4	1754	234	87·70
Perrin, P A ...	15	2	720	170	55·38
Foster, H K ...	24	2	1206	216	54·81
Gunn (J) ...	24	2	1170	294	53·18
Quaife (W G) ...	17	3	736	130	52·57
Jessop, G L ...	17	0	860	286	50·58
Ranjitsinhji, K S ...	21	3	881	162*	48·94
Tyldesley ...	24	2	1055	248	47·95
Hirst ...	16	1	719	153	47·93
Knight ...	25	3	1030	144*	46·81
Dowson, E M ...	20	1	883	135	46·47
Hawke, Lord ...	15	4	475	79	43·18
Maclaren, A C ...	28	5	979	168*	42·56
Gunn (W) ...	20	1	765	139	40·26
Bowley (F) ...	24	1	909	164	39·52
Poidevin, L O S ...	15	1	521	172*	37·21
Wright, L G ...	22	1	776	133	36·95
Killick ...	24	2	804	116	36·54
Iremonger ...	21	1	724	125	36·20
Hayes ...	31	3	1009	102	36·03
Jones, A O ...	23	2	753	137	35·85
Denton	29	0	1035	133	35·68
Murdoch, W L ...	11	1	352	155	35·20
Hayward ...	36	0	1248	130	34·66
Arnold ...	25	3	752	128	34·18
Eccles, A ...	19	5	471	126	33·64
Wheldon ...	21	1	670	112	33·50
King, J H ...	26	2	788	167	32·83
McGahey, C H ...	17	2	491	110*	32·73
Llewellyn ...	20	4	508	148	31·75
Fane, F L ...	13	1	377	90	31·41
Garnett, H G ...	14	1	408	122	31·38
Lilley ...	16	2	438	59	31·28
Martyn, H ...	11	0	342	79	31·09
Bohlen, F H ...	15	0	449	93	29·93
Braund ...	25	2	668	73	29·04
Lee, F M ...	15	3	347	73*	28·91
Wood, C J B ...	31	2	834	101	28·75
Sewell (E H D) (Essex) ...	20	2	517	90	28·72
Grace, W G ...	16	0	454	150	28·37

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES (22 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Ringrose ...	138·3	35	356	30	11·86
King, J B ...	303	74	771	60	12·85
Hearne (J T) ...	429·2	147	1022	79	12·93
Mead ...	465	168	890	66	13·48
Hargreave ...	542·1	168	1053	73	14·42
Hirst ...	261·3	64	650	45	14·44
Blythe ...	295·5	101	638	44	14·50
Young (H) (Essex) ...	236·2	69	528	36	14·66
Bradley, W M ...	169·4	40	437	28	15·60
Evans, W H B ...	282·2	72	751	48	15·64
McDonell, H C ...	200·1	34	567	36	15·75
Buckenham ...	220·3	39	643	40	16·07
Fielder ...	141·5	32	395	23	17·17
Lees ...	419·2	118	1031	60	17·18
Cranfield (B) (Somerset) ...	394	87	1224	71	17·23
Trott (A E) ...	349·3	78	1087	62	17·53
Burn, R C W ...	281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Jackson (Surrey) ...	175·2	37	410	23	17·82
Killick ...	166·4	34	467	26	17·96
Barnes (S) ...	623·1	218	1456	81	17·97
Santall ...	262	72	598	33	18·12
Lockwood ...	319·3	72	852	47	18·12
Hulme ...	253·2	56	731	40	18·27
Ernsthausen, A C Von ...	158·5	40	460	25	18·40
Field (Warwickshire) ...	276·2	61	852	46	18·52
Rhodes ...	699·1	228	1404	75	18·72
Martin, E G ...	322·1	117	697	37	18·83
Whateley, E G ...	132	25	418	22	19·00
Bland ...	431·4	105	1082	57	19·01
Roberts (F G) (Gloucestr) ...	305·1	90	748	39	19·17
Relf	529·4	189	1210	63	19·20
Haigh ...	479·3	136	1205	62	19·43
Clode ...	307·4	64	863	44	19·61
Warren (A) ...	314·2	61	987	49	20·14
Richardson (T) (Surrey) ...	475·4	101	1390	69	20·14
Braund ...	499·3	114	1416	70	20·22
Hesketh-Pritchard, H ...	294·5	67	834	41	20·34
Robson (E) (Somerset) ...	166·5	34	586	28	20·92
Beldam, G W ...	200·3	66	487	23	21·17
Bird (Worcestershire) ...	358·4	61	953	45	21·17
Huggins ...	322·4	103	792	37	21·40

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Middlesex ...	6	4	0	2	4	100·00
Sussex ...	13	5	1	7	4	66·66
Essex ...	10	4	2	4	2	33·33
Lancashire ...	15	6	3	6	3	33·33
Warwickshire ...	11	3	2	6	1	20·00
Yorkshire ...	14	6	4	4	2	20·00
Somerset ...	9	4	3	2	1	14·28
Worcestershire ...	11	4	3	4	1	14·28
Notts	13	2	2	9	—	—
Surrey	14	4	6	4	—2	—20·00
Derbyshire ...	10	3	5	2	—2	—25·00
Hampshire ...	5	1	3	1	—2	—50·00
Kent	7	1	4	2	—3	—60·00
Leicestershire ...	11	1	5	5	—4	—66·66
Gloucestershire ...	9	0	5	4	—5	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th, and 9th May, Kent and Sussex fixed for Tonbridge on 15th June &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's, 15th June &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath, 15th June &c. were abandoned without a ball having been bowled and are therefore not included in the above table.

ROWING.

THE WINGFIELD SCULLS.

Without the slightest trouble F. S Kelly (Balliol College, Oxford, and Leander Club) put the seal on his fame, and his right to be considered the greatest amateur sculler of the day—if not, indeed, of all time by defeating A Hamilton Cloutte, the previous champion, by no less than 1min 22sec over the University Course Putney to Mortlake (four miles and-a-quarter), yesterday evening. Rarely, indeed, could a race be more easily described, as from the first the Diamonds winner went away, and increasing his lead at every stroke won more easily than was the case on Tuesday his work throughout exciting the keenest admiration of all. Although the result was a foregone conclusion, there was a large crowd in the vicinity of the clubhouses and the race was followed by numerous admirers of aquatics who anticipated seeing the record (22min 50sec) made by C. V. Fox in 1900 disturbed. In this, however, they were disappointed, as Kelly was never pressed, and for the last mile had a nasty stretch of water to go through. At the same time, Cloutte rowed a good and plucky race all along, and he was the first to admit that he was not "in the same street" with his conqueror.

Kelly was the first afloat, and came out shortly after half-past five in a drenching downpour of rain, and at once paddled down to his station, the Surrey side. The Londoner followed five minutes later, rain still falling heavily. There was a delay at the stake boats, as the challenger's left scull got fastened in a huge piece of timber studded with nails, and he had some trouble in clearing, and then in avoiding the obstruction subsequently. When eventually they got away on level terms, the Leander man, as usual, dashed away at a rare burst, putting in 20 strokes to, Cloutte's 18 in the first thirty seconds. Before Messrs. Ayling's was reached, in a shade over a minute, he was two lengths ahead and had increased this lead a length when he passed Mr. Jno. H. Clasper's. Virtually the race, barring accidents, was then over, and as Kelly showed in every stroke that he was also a fine-water man, there was little to fear of this. At the half-mile the times were—

	M.	S.
Kelly	2	7
Cloutte	2	16

Both were then rowing 32 to the minute, but there was far more power in Kelly's stroke than that of his opponent. The leader passed the steps in 2min 49sec, and was going further away. Shortly afterwards Cloutte ran clean over an oar marking the start for the Hammersmith Town Regatta, and though it did not injure his boat the shock could not have helped him in his stern chase. The times at the mile were—

	M.	S.
Kelly	4	53
Cloutte	5	7

Both were then rowing 30, and still Kelly seemed to go further away. His time at the Crab Tree was 6min 16sec, and at Harrod's Wharf it was—

	M.	S.
Kelly	7	19
Cloutte	7	40

There was a large crowd on Hammersmith Bridge, shot by—

	M.	S.
Kelly	8	45
Cloutte	9	13

It continued to be a procession, especially when along Chiswick they encountered quite some lumpy water. At the Steps they were timed—

	M.	S.
Kelly	11	14
Cloutte	14	54

Crossing over to the Meadows, they encountered a strong head wind, but here Kelly was going much the easier, while the Londoner stuck gamely to his task. They reached Barnes Bridge.

	M.	S.
Kelly	19	45
Cloutte	20	52

and were timed at the finish—

	M.	S.
F. S. Kelly, Leander Club	23	32
A. H. Cloutte, London R. C.	21	52

Mr. Fred Fenner, L. R. C., officiated as judge.

SWIMMING.

THE KING'S CUP.

The impetus given to swimming by the Prince of Wales's presentation of a cup to the Life-Saving Society last year is, perhaps, one of the most gratifying features connected with the sport of natation in the whole of its short history. It caused the aims and objects of that body to become even more widely known than ever, notwithstanding the fact that branches of the Society had already sprung up in almost every European capital, and in the most important British Colonies. It had been uphill work for the Society's workers previous to this, for, existing only on the amounts subscribed by its members, and all too few subscribers, it had been hampered in its progress. However, as a result of this, many friends were gained, and Jarvis, the English champion, won the cup. Then Mr. W. H. Grenfell, M. P., the acting president of the Society, approached the King on the matter of the presentation of a trophy, and was successful to such an extent that not only did His Majesty give a cup, but promised to be present at the Bath Club to witness the first race. It was decided that for this year the cup should be for swimming, the distances being 220 yards, quarter-mile and half-mile.

The 440 yards race was decided on the 10th instant at the Bath Club in the presence of a very big gallery which included Their Majesties and H. R. H. the Princess Victoria. Appended are details.

Psn.			Time. M. S.
1. D. Billington (Bacup), ...	England	...	5 49
2. Zoltan de Halmay (Budapest),	Hungary	...	6 18
3. Clevenot or de Cuyper (Paris),	France	...	6 55
4. Joseph Ross Wilson (Toronto),	Canada	...	6 57
5. Chas. Norelius (Stockholm),	Sweden	...	7 4

M. Bascilici (Rome, Italy, retired.

Halmay was smartest off the board, and trudging as if it were a sprint, at once showed the way to the other competitors. Billington lay behind him, with Wilson, of Canada, third, and de Cuyper fourth. At the end of the first length, Halmay led by a yard and-a-half, but it was early evident that he could not stay at such a pace. Billington, progressing in his usual method, gradually drew nearer, and after 100 yards took first place, the Hungarian having now lost all his steam. However, he was quite good enough to beat all the others easily In the meanwhile, Billington could hardly go slow enough to make a race of it, and in the end won by forty yards; the same divided second and third; and two yards third and fourth. Laurence D. Phillips, of Sydney, New South Wales, should have started but was too ill to compete.

The second and third races were brought off at the Highgate Bathing Ponds the next day when England again assisted her supremacy by winning all three events. It was generally expected that Jarvis would win the Half-mile, and this he did in quite his best style, the home second string finishing second, but the 220 Yards on the breast was thought to be an open affair, as in that particular branch of natation the Continental swimmers are, generally speaking, greatly in advance of Englishmen. However, in this event, Robinson, the captain of the Liverpool Club, practically an unknown man outside his district, was good enough for all the other competitors and won handsomely. Thus, England was first in all three events, and won the Cup Appended are details :—

220 YARDS BREAST STROKE RACE.

Psn.			Time. M. S.
1. W. W. Robinson (Liverpool)	England		3 33
2. Chas. Norelius (Stockholm)	Sweden	...	3 45
*3. Erik Erikson (Stockholm)	Sweden	...	3 53
4. M. Biscilici (Rome)	Italy	...	4 18
5. Dr. Arpad Biegelbauer (Budapest) ...	Hungary		4 20
6. P. Blache (Paris)...	France	...	4 51

* Not counted in the Cup contest.

The Englishman cut out the work at the start, and immediately took a yard lead of the two Swedes. He increased this as the race progressed, and at the turn was fully ten yards in front of Erikson and Norelius, who were swimming level, Robinson's time for the first lap being 1min 38 sec., and the Swedes 1min 48sec. From thence to the finish the Liverpool man forged ahead, and eventually won easily by thirteen yards, Norelius beating Erikson for second place by five yards. Thirty yards off Biscilici, of Italy, was fourth.

880 YARDS, ANY STROKE.

Psn.			Time. M. S.
1. J. A. Jarvis (Leicester)	England	...	13 22⅘
*2. W. Curwen (Liverpool)	England	...	14 13
3. Zolton de Halmay (Budapest) ...	Hungary	...	14 42
4. Joseph Ross Wilson (Toronto) ...	Canada	...	15 8
5. J. Clevenot (Paris)	France	...	15 42
6. Chas. Norelius (Stockholm)	Sweden	...	16 28
*7. Erik Erikson (Stockholm)	Sweden	...	16 58
*8. G. de Cuyper (Paris)	France	...	Retired

*Not counted in the Cup contest.

The race calls for little description, as after Halmay had taken a temporary lead, Jarvis drew up and went in front after fifty yards, a position he retained to the end of the race. Halmay kept in front of Curwen for a while, but after 150 yards the English second string came out and took second place, gradually increasing his lead to the end. The Hungarian swam with the greatest determination, and made a very fine show indeed; in fact, that he was the best of all the visiting swimmers there is no doubt whatever. Jarvis won by about 55 yards Curwen being 30 yards in front of Halmay, with Wilson 30 yards behind fourth.

POLO.

INTER-REGIMENTAL TOURNAMENT.

Nearly all London society journeyed to Hurlingham on Saturday the 11th instant, in order to witness the final tie of the Inter-Regimental Tournament, which carries the title of the Army Polo Championship, and the scene at the enclosure was one of the most brilliant in the history of the club. There was a fine array of coaches—some dozen or more—and from the tops of these an excellent view of the proceedings was obtained Grand weather prevailed, and the scene was charmingly picturesque, and one that will long live in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be present. At four o'clock exactly the band of the Royal Horse Guardes, which was in attendance, struck up the opening bars of the National Anthem, heralding the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children, while a few moments later came the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Alexander of Teck, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck. Among other distinguished visitors were Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, Viscount Valentia, and the Earl of Haddington, who has apparently quite recovered from the accident that he met with while judging in the polo pony and hack show three or four weeks ago. As soon as the Royal personages had been conducted to their seats—the bandstand had been tastefully decorated and converted into a Royal box—the match was begun. The teams to meet in the final were: 17th Lancers—Capt. R. Carden, Major A. Tilney, Mr. A. Fletcher, and Col. Douglas Haig (back); Royal Horse Guards—Capt. the Hon. Reginald Ward, the Duke of Roxburgh, Mr. H. E. Brassey, and Capt. the Hon. Dudley Majoribanks (back) Umpires: Mr. C. Nickalls and Mr. W. S. Buckmaster. A fast game was fought out on turf that was in good condition. On the ball being thrown in the Guards broke away in the direction of their opponents' post. Mr. Brassey was ruled off-side, and the Blues paid the penalty by having to hit off from their own goal line. The Lancers took full advantage of this opportunity by keeping play in the quarters of their antagonists until Mr. Fletcher commenced the scoring on their behalf about five minutes from the start. Exchanging ends, the Guards bore down on the Lancers' goal, which was the objective of a smart fusilade, and at length the defence of the latter gave way to a shot by Capt. Ward, who ran the ball through a scrimmage. On resuming, the Guards were penalised for a foul, and subsequently for a "cross," but nothing came of either of the free hits, and when the bell announced the end of the period the Lancers were acting

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on the defensive. Returning to the field on fresh mounts, the star of the Blues appeared to be in the ascendant, for they were attacking hotly for some minutes, and it seemed only a question of time before the Lancers would again be forced to strike their colours. However, to such advantage were No. 3 and the back seen that danger was averted, and three-parts through the second bout the Lancers came racing down the field, and Capt. Carden gave them the lead, but from this point to the second bell the Blues had the better of the game, w thout being able to improve their position. Early to the third instalment Capt. Ward was given offside, and in consequence his team had to take the willow from their own end, and this resulted in the Lancers going further ahead, Capt Carden judicially riding up and placing the ball between the uprights after the opposing hacks had mis-hit. Thus at half-time the Lancers led by three goals to one. The subsequent play calls for little description. The Blues were continually doing the wrong thing, and their bad combination and hitting was the cause of their missing many good openings. Such a sorry exhibition did they give, indeed, that one failed to realise that this was the same team that gained such a handsome victory over the Inniskilling Dragoons on Thursday last. On one occasion Mr. Brassey rode clear of the field and managed to get another goal, but the point was disallowed through an infringement of the offside rule. This happened in the fourth stage, at which juncture the Lancers had the game well in hand, so well were they playing together. Before the close Major Tilney hit two more goals for his team, who were therefore successful by five goals to one. On the conclusion of the match the players on the winning side were invited to the Royal box, where the handsome trophy was presented by the Duke of Cambridge. A club quartette, constituted by Mr. Wright, Mr. W. Roylance Court, Mr Foxhall Keene, and Mr. Edward Ezra (back), next opposed Burlingame (California), represented by Mr. Walter McCreery, Mr. F. C. G. Menzies, Mr. F. Jay Mackay, and Mr. J. Lawson (back). Capt. F. Blacker umpired. Hurlingham soon took the lead, and won by 6 points to 4.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

WITH what a capricious hand does wanton fortune cast her favours—at times with sordid parsimony, at others with thriftless prodigality. Day after day it was my mournful duty to chronicle a series of de. ressing days till the brilliant run from Lohagaum came like a beam of sunshine on the funereal gloom, and now I have two more excellent days sport to record.

Kalas Ford was the order of the day for the 26th and fired, presumably, by the soul-inspiring accounts of the previous day's gallop a largish field turned up. The weather itself was depressing enough to the keenest heart. A persistent drizzle all the way to the meet and, indeed, for the greater part of the morning which kept one cool—even if not dry—was completely forgiven and forgotten in the excellent sport enjoyed. The hour of meeting has, by the way, been altered finally from 5-30 A.M., to 6 in deference, I hear, to numerous suggestions and truly half a dozen miles or more away from home by the former hour "takes a bit of doing" when men have hard days and late nights to live through as one needs most in the Poona season, so that the Master's gracious compliance in respect to the hour of assembling has met with universal approval. But with 6 o'clock no law can be given to laggards, and on the tick of the hour the Master moved off first trying the river bank along to Kalasgaum. A pair of keen eyes detected the pad spoors of a jack in the mud of a *nullah* and hounds were laid with commendable promptitude and straightway owned to it. Across the Kalas Dighi cart track, with the Twin Sister hills for his point, the jack headed. But scent was fitful and galloping was as a natural consequence in snatches. But hounds worked the line out beautifully and eventually the jack, looking none too fresh, was viewed by one of the whips, and scent improving hounds ran a rare pace up to and round the brow of the hill. Here a *chink* diverted the attention of the greater portion of the pack, and seeing that any attempt to stop them must prove futile, the Master wisely determined to take whatever gifts the gods might send him and a delightful gallop was the consequence. Away along the slope (selecting after the instinct of its kind the dry head lands) the cheery little *chinkara* led hounds and field a merry dance over the dip of the hills and for Dighi Hillock and away to the direction, I hear, of a village called Charholi near the Indryani river. Then anticipating no doubt the danger of the torrent in front and relentless foes behind the sprightly little quarry ran a big ring heading back for his home pastures by the Sister Hills. Twice he lay up in water courses, but whether this was due to weariness or instinctive reservation of strength in view of unpleasant eventualities, I as yet know not enough of Indian venery to say. I am assured by men, whose opinions on sport I have learnt to respect, that a full-grown *chink* in health and condition takes a deal of catching by foxhounds in this country. One is on its native heath, while that most delicate of high-bred animals, the pure bred foxhound, can never, I gather, reach his highest form in this climate. Be that as it may, the merry little fellow who was the hero of this run, completely beat Colonel Sheringham and his hounds and made good his sanctuary on the smaller of the two hills. A gallant brave hearted little buck and no one can have been sorry that he won the life he ran so well to keep I am told that Colonel Sheringham has declared the ability of his hounds to run a full-grown *chink* down "fair and square" but others smile and shake their heads.

Meanwhile to return to the jack that set the ball a-rolling: it was said that the few couple of hounds who had resisted the subtle attraction and stuck to lawful business had killed their jack half way up the hill. But information was vague and a bit wavering, and whether they killed a jack or a hare or nothing at all was apparently an open question; surely an inspection *and a sniff* at hounds' muzzles would have put the matter beyond a doubt.

On the way home hounds got on to the line of another jack and an enlivening little gallop ensued for those that had not already had enough of it, but scent failed and hounds were wisely whipped off and taken to their cart.

How pleasant a task it is to chronicle success. Even the poor sporting scribe can write with a certain degree of confidence. For under such gilt-roseate circumstances no sword of Damocles hangs o'er his head turned grey with care, lest in writing truth he should wound the sensitive feelings of good sportsmen, and on the other hand a natural disinclinat ion to deceive, by honeyed "tarradiddles," a confiding public. And so it is with an easy conscience that I endeavour, for the benefit and edification of those who for one reason or other be it poverty, or an inordinate supply of adipose tissue, or slothfulness, or old age or saddest cause of all loss of nerve—when every fence seemed twice its size—to relate yet another most most excellent morning's sport with Colonel Sheringham on, the 30thJuly. The village of Harapsra on the Sholapur road was the meet and it took more than the little rain there was to keep a large field away after the previous fine day's sport. The fact that the Master was able to show twenty-four couple of hounds speaks eloquently to his Kennel management and a great matter for satisfaction and congratulation, more especially in a climate where I understand lack of knowledge in management leads to such disastrous results. Moving off through Harapsar, hounds were without delay thrown into some likely looking sugarcane in which it was, I believe, a fiver to a gooseberry a jackal would be found and the taker of odds would have had to provide the gooseberry before settling day for a whimper was followed by a joysome response and further confirmed by the soul-inspiring "ga-an-awai" of a watchful whipper in. The field had I believe been skilfully located and hounds slipped away with no fear of being ridden over at the start—that just horror of all Ma-ters in every land—and it was a case of catch em who can. Those who had failed to acquire the gentle art of "getting away" had little chance of repairing the error, for the pace was, I am assured, a cracker and the ground none too elastic—to say nothing of sticky. But there was little time to pick and chose for hounds were carrying great head and scent evidently of the "made to order" sort. After galloping between two and three miles the jack was viewed still going great guns. But so were hounds and they evidently meant having blood that morning, for running from a breast high scent to view they really never gave him any real hope of living to run another day. An intervening canal may have given him one faint flicker of hope, but hounds were on his brush and took no longer to negotiate the water than he did, and the water line was no line of sanctuary and this excellent jack only just topped the further bank when hounds rolled him over. Of those up at the time when the jack was killed I can only hear of the M. F. H. Mrs. Beatty on a bay mare (who generally seems to be there or thereabouts in a fast thing, and is, I have since heard, a wonderful, "lepper," and prize winner); Mr. Armstrong the 1st whip on a breedy looking brown waler mare; Mr. Todd, on a clever little Arab; Mr. Ross on a Varminty country-bred, while others came up at intervals with obvious signs of bellows for repairs.

After a rest, to let man and horse get their winds and the lucky "second horse" folk to change on to a fresh one, the Master moved on to 'coverts new.' A promising looking patch of sugarcane proved disappointing, but after drawing some jowari crops hounds owned to a scent and to the horror of all made for the railway line where a train was seen approaching and "the boldest held his breath for a while" in dread of some terrible calamity to the pack. The driver, however, rose to the occasion like a good man and true and slackened down, and what looked like being a nasty affair was happily averted. With a sigh of relief the field took up the running, hounds running a fair pace to the highlands of this part of the Deccan, and rough going it must have been I gather. A big hill found the field of two minds, some few would have it at all costs, while others skirted it. Away towards the Bapter Ghaut and changing his mind this stout rover bent towards a village called Peesoli as far as I could catch the name. The pace was fair and a timely check let many up who otherwise would have had to ride a stern chase. But the stoutest jack has still his work cut out to escape from Colonel Sheringham and his pack and 40 minutes was insufficient for the escape of this straight-necked one and he died a glorious death such as one likes to think all good jack wish to die. Several were up but no one went better in the run than Mrs. Stockley who, I hear, thoroughly deserved the brush which the Master presented her with, while Miss Anderson and Miss Low also were well up throughout the run. A fine hunting gallop and great hand work it must have been.

SCARAMOUCH.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday*, 17*th July* 1903.

IT it some years now since we witnessed a match between a cyclist and an equestrian, but on reading of a similar event taking place in Yorkshire, our minds were carried back to the days when Jack Keen, on his high bicycle, raced round the old cinder track at the Crystal Palace, whilst the equestrian, with three changes of horses, galloped round the inner circle. But the Yorkshire match was of a different type. An engineer drove his old mare harnessed to an ordinary spring cart a distance of nineteen miles, against a cyclist who conceded him twenty minutes' start. It does not say much for the speed capabilities of the cyclist that the mare not only beat him, but beat him by the handsome margin of fifteen minutes. Although an old animal it could cover the ground, the nineteen miles occupying only 1hr. 32mins.

There is every promise of a capital race on 3rd August, when the Dibble Shield will again be put up for competition at the Crystal Palace. It is a six hour's event, opened to amateurs and which G. A. Olley has only once again to win to make the shield his own property. Tandem pacing will be allowed, and there is bound to be a keen struggle between two at least of the competitors, for there is little doubt that Meredith will be a starter, and after the somewhat personal correspondence which has been going on in the cycle press anent Meredith's win in the Carwardine Cup race there is every promise of a hard fought race. Olley is putting in some, very careful training for the race, and is bound to start a hot favourite.

Jimmy Michael, the famous pace follower, and record breaker, has returned to his home in Wales in order to take a complete rest. He has not been able to get over the effects of his bad spill in Berlin, and his present condition causes his friends considerable anxiety. Michael has made a great name for himself in the cycle racing world, and when under the charge of the late Choppy Warburton was the leading man at the game.

A seasonable warning concerning the riding of cycles on the sea-shore. One often reads of glorious spins at low tide along the hardened sands, but one very rarely hears of the results. Unless the machine is very amply mudguarded and gear-cased and carefully oiled and wiped dry after a ride on the sand, it will be found that the water which has been picked up and thrown in the bearings very quickly stiffens and corrodes the running parts, and, beyond this, there is nothing more fatal to plating than strong sea-air. Any cyclist who goes in for the enjoyment of a spin near the sea-side should be careful to see that his machine is thoroughly well guarded and that when he has finished the ride it is well oiled and cleaned.

The British Empire Championships were decided at the Celtic Park track, Glasgow, on 11th, July and favoured with magnificent weather, a very good muster of spectators put in an appearance. The racing too was good, and of an exciteable nature, the defeat of A. L. Reed in the fourth heat of the quarter-mile championship by R. S. Stewart particularly pleasing the Scotch element which mainly composed the body of spectators. The surprise of the meeting, however, was the fine display of riding achieved by the amateur crack, J. S. Benyon. This rider had never before been known to ride with such dash and judgment, he winning the quarter-mile and one mile events and finishing a good second in the five miles. The five mile championship was won by A. L. Reed who also gained second position in the one mile. The riding of A. S. Ingram was disappointing, he only succeeding in winning third position in the one and five miles' championships.

The Bill introduced by Lord Balfour of Burleigh on behalf of the Government, for the regulation of motor-car traffic, is not likely to satisfy either motorists or motorphobists. The latter section are already up in arms against the abolition of the speed limit, and they also clamour for the licensing of all drivers—owners as well as the paid chauffeur or mechanician. On the other hand, automobilists are dissatisfied with the draconic severity of the penal clauses, by which furious driving may be punished by imprisonment. Moreover there is a large majority amongst motorists who object to any system of numbering cars for the purpose of identification, for they hold that police persecution will be made more easy than it is at present. The great bulk of public opinion appears to be in favour of the Bill, though it is somewhat divided as to the total aboiltion of the speed limit.

With the growing popularity of trailers, more especially in conjunction with motor bicycles the question of brake power again comes prominently to the front, for it is essential in view of the increased weight of a trailer and passenger, that the braking power should be perfect and reliable. At present, brakes are made to actuate on the bicycle; but is it expedient to concentrate all the strain of retardation on the one machine; would it not be better to have a brake attached to the trailer as well? Such a brake might be treated as an emergency brake, to be used on exceptionally steep hills, and manipulated by the occupant of the trailer. We do not remember ever hearing of such a brake being fitted, but we feel sure that many ladies would take more kindly to the trailer if they were assured of security.

One wonders why it is that the special train for cyclists run on Sundays by the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway from Victoria, should receive such poor support from wheelmen, especially as cheap inclusive tickets for passenger and machine are issued to some of the finest spots in Surrey and Sussex. The advantage these trains offer cyclists, of bridging over great Suburbia, is sufficient, one would think in itself, to make the venture of the railway company a success, but we find that such is not the case, and the railway company intimates that unless they receive more patronage the service will cease after this season. We believe the train has not been sufficiently advertised; at least, not in the quarter where travellers are likely to hail from, for if it was generally known amongst London wheelmen, they would be bound to jump at the advantage offered.

Another accident to a cyclist through the careless driving of a motorist has occurred in Warwickshire, resulting in the wheelman sustaining three broken ribs besides bodily disfigurement. The victim was the general manager of a well-known cycle firm, and the accident occurred through the driver of the motor trying to cut through between the cyclist and a reaping machine, and in doing so, catching the back wheel of the bicycle with the splash board. We do not wish to brand motorists, but this we say, if certain members of their fraternity do not mend their ways, the whole body of motorists will be held in disrepute, not only by cyclists, but by all other members of the community. To give credit where credit is due, we would mention that in the accident under notice, the motorist drove the cyclist to his home and has since made numerous enquiries as to his progress.

Cricket.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* HINDU GYMKHANA—Played on the 25th ultimo, the Hindu Gymkhana winning by the narrow margin of 3 runs. Score :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr H Cheetham, b C V Mehta	8
Mr P J Mead, c Seshachari, b Talpade	0
Lieut A Langhorne, c Seshachari, b Talpade ...	35
Mr H E Harrington, c Date, b Talpade	3
Mr F J Clark, c Bhatvadekar, b Talpade	16
Lieut H O Carroll, c Seshachari, b Talpade	2
Mr S N Powell, c Purshotam, b Talpade	4
Capt H Bond, c Bhatvadekar, b Banda	1
Mr H J Richardson, run out	0
Mr Stileman, b Banda	2
Mr E E Coombs, not out	7
Total	75

HINDU GYMKHANA.

Mr A G Deshmukh, c Carroll, b Coombs	2
Mr P K Telang, c and b Cheetham	20
Mr G R Banda, b Coombs	0
Mr C V Mehta, l-b-w Cheetham...	5
Mr W R Talpade, not out	21
Mr J Purshotam, b Coombs	1
Mr K Seshachari, c Mead, b Coombs	0
Mr N V Pai, b Coombs	0
Mr D A Date, b Clark	14
Mr G Bhatvadekar, c Coombs, b Richardson ...	4
Mr R V Agaskar, l-b-w Clark	4
Extras	4
Total	78

NORTH STAFFORDS *vs.* GYMKHANA RESERVES.—These teams met on the 25th instant and the Military were victorious by 88 runs. Lieutenant Lyon put up a good innings of 59 not out. Score :—

NORTH STAFFORDS.

Lieut W J Locker, c Street, b West	5
Lieut R J Armes, b West	10
Lce-Corpl Shelley, c Deverelle, b McDonald ...	24
Lieut P Lyon not out	59
Capt. Fox, c Cooke, b McCausland	3
Capt. Lely, c S M McCausland, b Harrington ...	2
Sergt-Major Downs, c West, b Harrington	3
Lce-Corpl Shelley, c Street, b West	11
Lieut B Greville, b Ward	18
Pte Cutler, c McDonald, b Ward	4
Lce-Corpl McDonalb, l-b-w, b West	5
Extras	7
Total ...	151

GYMKHANA RESERVES.

Major Street, c Cutler, b Fox	4
Major Hind, l-b-w, b Lyon	0
Mr C M Ward, b Lyon	7
Mr West, b Fox	5
Mr S M McCausland, b Fox	28
Mr Harrington, b Lyon	0
Mr Dawson, c Downes, b Fox	0
Mr Cooke, c Armes, b Fox	2
Capt Deverelle, b Lyon	0
Capt McDonald, not out	6
Mr McCausland, b Lyon	3
Extras	8
Total	63

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* BUFFS.—Played on the 30th ultimo, the Gymkhana winning on the first innings by 30 runs. Score :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mr Airy, c Trueman, b Templeton	1	b Templeton ...	4
Capt Frith, b Faviell ...	22	c and b Hardy ...	7
Capt Tregear, c Groombridge, b Templeton	5	c Smith, b Cadman ...	3
Mr Weatherby, c Hopkinson, b Groombridge	0	c Hopkinson, b Templeton	29
Mr Forsyth, not out ...	41	did not bat.	
Mr Tancred, lbw, b Faviell ...	15	c Green, b Templeton	0
Mr Wallinger, c Wilkinson, b Faviell	5	c Cadman, b Templeton	5
Capt Grant c Green, b Faviell	0	did not bat.	
Col Hazelton, c Hopkinson, b Cadman	1	b Hopkinson ...	0
Mr Kirwan, c Green, b Baker	1	not out	8
Mr Hawley, lbw b Cadman	7	not out	12
Extras	2	Extras ...	3
Total ...	100	Total ...	71

BUFFS.
First Innings.

Mr Faviell, not out	41
Capt Knight, c and b Wallinger...	0
Pte Templeton, b Wallinger	5
Corpl Hopkinson, b Hawley	2
Mr Howard-Smith, lbw, b Wallinger	3
Mr Hardy, b Hawley	0
Mr Green, b Tregear...	10
Mr Trueman, c Frith, b Hazelton	3
Corpl Cadman, lbw, b Tregear	3
Sergt Goodbridge, st Grant b Tregear	0
Corpl Oakes, c Wallinger, b Hazelton	0
Extras	3
Total ...	70

Football.

FOOTBALL IN CALCUTTA.

THE I. F. A. SHIELD.

CALCUTTA *vs.* A. and S. HIGHLANDERS.—These teams ment for the second time on the 30th ultimo, their first encounter having ended in a draw. A huge crowd turned out last Thursday, when, after a splendid game, the civilian team had a sensational win by a goal to *nil*. Calcutta started the brel and rushing down forced a corner. A couple of shots well saved by Coventry and then the Highlanders got away, Buckley easily clearing. They came down once more but were checked by Todd, and the Calcutta men brought the ball to the Argyll's quarters, and when half time arrived were having rather the best of it. On resuming the Civilians went away at a great pace and after one unsuccessful attempt the ball was put through by Cooper, amidst the wildest enthusiasm. The Highlanders played up at this reverse, but the Calcutta backs and goal keep were "all there" and they were unable to break through. The Calcutta men kept their lead throughout the remainder of the half winning as stated. Teams.—

CALCUTTA F C.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Gillespie *backs*; Maunder, Fyfe and Pierson *halves*; H. Sberman Cooper (Jr.), Cooper (Sr.), V. Sherman and Stewart, *forwards*.

93RD HIGHLANDERS.—Coventry, *goal*; Wallace and Silcock, *backs*; McLean, McGowan and Mowat, *halves*; Pollock, Lockhart, Quin, Montgomery and Hegg, *forwards*.

Referee—Mr. Percy Wilder, I. R. A.

THE FINALS.

CALCUTTA *vs* K. O. S. B's—A huge crowd assembled on the Calcutta ground on Saturday to witness the finals for the shield. The charities amongst whom the gate money was divided should be considerably benefited. The game was a disappointing one and ended in a draw with nothing scored. The Calcutta men seemed off colour, did not put up nearly such a good game as when they met the Highlanders. The Borderers started the game, but Calcutta soon got possession and got away. They were stopped, however, and Byers made a pretty run, the Borderers losing some opportunities in front of goal. They forced a corner which proved abortive and the home team going away in turn obtained a corner. Fast and even play followed till the interval when both teams crossed over with a clean sheet. On resuming Calcutta went away, but the Borderers got the ball and a shot from Bruce went wide. Byers then went away and Calcutta had to concede a corner, and for a while their goal was menaced, but the Dum-Dum men were kept out. Then Calcutta had their turn, and when time was called they were pressing.

On Tuesday the match was replayed and once again no definite result was arrived at. The Borderers scored during the first half through Cassidy, and though Calcutta tried hard they were unable to equalise till well in the second moiety when H. Sherman found the net. Time arrived with no further score and extra time was played. Both teams strove hard, but were unable to add any more points and the game ended in a draw of one all. Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Buckley, *goal*; Todd and Gillespie, *backs*; Maunder, Fyfe and Pearson, *half backs*; H. Sherman, V. Cooper, H. Cooper, V. Sherman and Stewart, *forwards*.

K. O. S. B's.—Atkinson, *goal*; McDonald and Goldie, *backs*; Stewart, Tait and Bradley, *half-backs*; Byres, Bruce, Massey, Cassedy and Cruickshanks, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. P. Wilder.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE high standard of football displayed by both the 93rd Highlanders and Calcutta in the two matches in which they were opponents, more than atoned for the general mediocrity which characterised the games in the earlier stages of the shield competition, and the excitement engendered by the meetings of these two teams expelled the fears which were at one time entertained that the absence of foreign competitors would cause the tournament to lose much of its interest. Two such splendidly contested and exciting matches have seldom, if ever, been witnessed in Calcutta, and there is no doubt that these two games have done more to increase public interest in "soccer" than any number of superfluous competitions would ever have accomplished.

However to commence with the first match of the semi-finals, *viz.*, that between the K. O. S. B. and Howrah, which was played on the Dalhousie ground before a large crowd who were singularly lacking in enthusiasm, due probably to the very indifferent display given by both teams. Rain during the day had made the ground heavy and slippery, but not sufficiently so to account for the slowness of the game, during the first half of which the trans-Hughli team more than held their own. Wood, the Howrah centre forward, was responsible for some good work during this period, and his speed enabled him to repeatedly outpace the opposing backs, but his, and his colleagues attempts to shoot from long range proved futile and showed bad judgment in view of the heavy ball which travelled slowly and thereby gave Atkinson lots of time to clear. The interval arrived with no score, but after the resumption the Borderers had quite as much of the play as their opponents, and during the closing stages they proved themselves immeasurably the better team, eventually winning by 3 goals to love.

Many promising combined efforts on the part of the Dum-Dum forwards were spoilt by Cassidy who played a selfish game throughout and his "gallery" play seldom gained ground. Byers did not have many chances, but on the few occasions when he had opportunities, he proved fast and tricky and scored one of the goals, another being notched by Tait who is indefatigable and quite the best man in the back division. For Howrah, Wood, Kerr, and Smith were the pick of the forwards, but the latter, who is one of the fastest men in the team, was given little to do. Morrow was far and away the best of the backs, in both defence and attack, and his display in this match is the best he has given this season.

An enormous concourse of spectators turned out to witness the first meeting between Calcutta and the 93rd Highlanders which took place on the ground of the former on Wednesday the 29th ultimo. Through various causes the Premier Club were without the services of Cooper, Todd, Walker, and Crawford for whom the younger Cooper, Pierson, Gahan, and Baker were substituted, whilst the Fort team were at full strength. With their side so seriously weakened, few thought that the homesters would stand any chance of success against the redoubtable 93rd, but so magnificently did the substitutes rise to the occasion, that not only were the visitors kept at bay, but Calcutta had, if anything, the best of the game.

During the first few minutes the Highlanders, assisted by the fact that Calcutta were only playing 10 men, pressed and one or two dangerous rushes, combined with miskicking by Baker and Gillespie, looked ominous for the premier Club. Soon afterwards, however, Gahan was pressed into service and from that moment Calcutta settled down to a stubborn defence, with repeated flashes of brilliancy by the forwards. The match ended with the score sheet a blank, and Stewart, exercising his option, rightly declined to play extra time, and it was subsequently decided that the match was to be re-played on the following day.

On Thursday Calcutta were strengthened by the inclusion of both Todd and the elder Cooper in place of Baker and Gahan, but the Fort team were represented by the same eleven as on the previous day. On this occasion Fyffe played centre half and Gillespie returned to his regular place at back. Another close and intensely exciting game resulted, but on this occasion the Calcutta Club were undoubtedly the better team, the half backs and forwards especially proving superior to those of their opponents. The Highlanders played with a listlessness which gave the appearance of their being over-trained—the forwards lacked dash and both the half backs, McLean and Mowat, were quite out of form. Coventry, their custodian, was, on the other hand, at his very best—time after time he brought off seemingly impossible saves, whereas the goal which was eventually scored in no way detracted from his excellent performance.

For Calcutta all played well, but especial praise must be given to Fyffe, Buckley, the two Shermans, H Cooper, and Pierson. Of these Fyffe was without doubt the bright particular star, and the eventual victory of his side by one goal to love was in a great measure due to his untiring efforts and sound judgment, both when breaking up his opponents combination or feeding his own forwards.

The final on Saturday last between the K. O. S. B. and Calcutta was disappointing in the extreme, the standard of play being very poor in comparison with the match on the previous Thursday. The Borderers had their full team, but Calcutta had again to take the field without one of their regular side—Fyffe on this occasion being compelled to stand out owing to an injured foot. Gillespie filled Fyffe's place at centre half and Baker was again drafted into the team. The K. O. S. B. forwards played a much brighter and more combined game than those of their opponents, and the backs, especially Tait, tackled well and kicked with precision. Cassidy, renouncing his usual tactics, gave a very much improved display, and Cruickshank was noticeable for one or two dodgy runs.

Calcutta seriously felt the loss of Fyffe, as Gillespie, who it must be remembered was playing out of his usual position, was far from an efficient substitute, and this appeared to throw the entire team out of gear. Buckley, Pierson, the younger Sherman, and Todd were the only members of the team who played up to their usual from, Sherman, especially during the last ten minutes of the game, doing brilliant work.

A second attempt to arrive at a decision last Tuesday evening resulted in another draw with a goal each.

THE CHIEL.

Golf.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE VIZIANAGRAM CUP.—The second competition for this trophy was decided last week, when Commander Mitchell beat Mr. C. E. Ross by 2 up after a good match. Details :—

First Round.

F. A. Dene (5) w.o. C. Morrison (scr.) scratched.
C. E. Ross (6) beat D. Annan (2) by 1 hole.
A. E. Lawson (scr.) beat C. H. Payne (5) by 4 up and 3.
G. Broadbent (6) beat A. W. Smart (6) by 4 up and 2.
Comdr. Mitchell (3) beat G. Fraser (5) by 1 up.
H. K. Beauchamp (6) beat R. T. Gibbs (6) by 1 up.
W. Taylor Mitchell (4) beat Colonel Pope (4) by 3 up and 1.
O. J. Sykes (4) beat C. H. Straker (6) by 4 up and 3.

Second Round.

Ross beat Dene by 3 up and 2
Lawson beat Broadbent by 3 up and 2.
Michell beat Beauchamp by 1 hole.
Sykes beat Taylor Mitchell by 1 hole

Third Round.

Ross beat Lawson by 2 up.
Mitchell beat Sykes by 2 up.

Final Round.

Mitchell beat Ross by 2 up.

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GOLF AT KARACHI.

THE PRITCHARD CUP.—This competition, played on the 25th, ultimo, produced a big entry and good scoring. The conditions were most favourable for low returns, and of the 18 scores handed in no less than half were 50 or under. Mr. S. B. Taylor did the round in 45, a stroke worse than the record for the course. Details.—

Names.	Gross.	H'cap.	Net.
Mr S B Taylor	45	2	43
„ D Miller	49	4	45
„ J R Creagh	54	6	48
„ C B McConaghy	56	8	48
Revd A Cant	47	+2	49
Major Stables	55	6	49
Col A C Cubitt	61	12	49
Mr Dalyell	53	3	50
„ Earle	56	6	50
„ Rogers Harrison	53	1	52
„ Cameron	57	4	53
„ Cumming	59	5	54
„ Humphrey	60	6	54
„ Rodgers	57	2	55
Capt Lowsley	63	8	55
Mr Yeo	67	12	55
„ Smith	63	6	57
Dr Summers	67	7	60
Mr Nicoll	No return.		

Hockey.

THE MADRAS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, *26th July*. In my last notes on this Tournament, I dealt with the first half of the Tournament, and referred to the drawn game between Madras and Bangalore, two teams supposed to have the best chance of looking on at the finals. The drawn game was re-played on Thursday when another terrific stringgle ensued. Both teams played up all they knew, but Bangalore were the first to score and at one time led by 2 goals to *nil*. In the second half Madras managed to score and then made a supreme effort to equalise. Never at any stage of the Tournament has such splendid play been seen as during those five minutes. The Madras attack was fierce, vigorous, and, withal, scientific; but the Bangalore defence was capital, and Bangalore eventually emerged victorious by 2 goals to one. On the other ground—the M.C.C. ground—the 1st Durham L. I. made sure of a place in the finals by defeating the Middlesex Regiment by 2 goals to one. The game was a slow one and calls for little comment. On Friday the semi finals were played when Bangalore met the Leicesters. On form the result should only have been one way—Bangalore winners and the Leicesters no where. But in Hockey as in other things the unexpected often happens and in this match Bangalore, who ought to have won hands down, were in the end beaten and disgraced. In mitigation the only thing that can be said is that perhaps they were not as fresh as they might have been. Three hard matches during the four previous days was enough to take the fine edge of the temper of their team; but this does not sufficiently account for a team which on paper and on previous form during the Tournament were little than a scratch team gathered together at the Poonamalee Invalid Depôt. Where Bangalore made their great mistake is when they underrated their opponents. They started badly and when they scored their first goal they got worse. When the Leicesters who were playing doggedly and pluckily throughout equalised in the second half, Bangalore tried to put on a spurt, but the task was twice as difficult as if they had started with a *rim*. Result, the Leicesters held them safe and when time was called the result was drawn, the score being one goal all. Extra time was played when the Leicesters through Lieutenant Creagh, at once scored and made sure of the game by preventing the Bangalore team becoming at all dangerous to the short period left of the extra time. Bangalore lodged a protest against the first goal scored by the Leicesters on the ground that the ball was hit from without the hitting circle, and went through after touching the stick of a Bangalore back, but after hearing the umpire concerned, the Committee disallowed the protest. The finals were played yesterday between the Durhams and the Leicesters when the Light Infantry team upheld the prestige of the 2nd Battalion which won the cup in the two previous years of the Tournament, by beating the Leicesters by four goals to one. Thus ends the Tournament on the whole a very successful and interesting one. I would be the last to suggest that the best team has not won. The Durhams have done their work cleanly and well, disposing of their opponents in the three matches that they have played in no uncertain fashion. Where anticipations have been belied is in the absence of either Madras or Bangalore in the finals; and if the truth must be told the fault lies with those teams I have already criticised Bangalore's temerity in depreciating the Leicesters. Madras, however, were not such flagrant offenders. They could not afford under any circumstances to depreciate Bangalore, but if they had only played against Bangalore in the opening stages with one half of the endeavour they put into the game when there was a chance of pulling it out of the fire, there would have perhaps been a different ending to the Tournament. As matters stand, however, the winners of the Tournament were never tried against either Bangalore or Madras, two teams undoubtedly more worthy of their metal than the others they were called upon to meet.

Lawn Tennis.

THE POONA TOURNAMENT.

THE following is the result of the Men's Doubles just concluded.

Jackson ...	Bye	.....			
Whymper ...					
Duxbury ...	—	Duxbury Hawley 6-4 6-4	Duxbury Hawley 6-2 5-7 6-4	Lawrence, Daldy, 6-5 6-4	Lawrence, Daldy, 6-0 6-3.
Hawley ...					
Sargent ...	—				
Tibbs ...					
Gresson ...	—	Gresson Hood w. o.	Lawrence Daldy		
Hood ...					
Tulloch ...	—				
Powell ...					
Lawrence ...	—	Lawrence Daldy 6-2 6-4			
Daldy ...					
Vincent ...	—				
Shuttleworth ...					
Knight ...	—	Knight Fooks 6-3 3-6 6-2	Elderton Alexander w. o.	Betham, Delap, 6-3 6-1	
Fooks ...					
Sandys ...	—				
Elliot ...					
Elderton ...	—	Elderton Alexander			
Alexander ...					
Bagshawe ..	—				
Kirwan ...					
Boyd ...	—	Betham Delap 6-1 6-2	Betham Delap 6-1 6-3		
E Anderson ...					
Betham ...	—				
Delap ...					
Rendall ...	Bye	.....			
Owen-Dunn ...					

Badminton.

THE POONA TOURNAMENT.

THE following is the full result of the Badminton Tournament just completed:—

MIXED DOUBLES (Handicap).

1st Round.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. T. Jackson (+1) beat Mrs. Allen and Mr. Macpherson (+2) 15-8, 15-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent (owe 1) beat Captain and Miss Laing (+6), 15-12, 15-10.

Miss O'Sullivan and Mr. Beale (owe 10) beat Miss Anderson and Mr. Birdwood (scratch), 12-15, 13-5—13-0, 15-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury (owe 5) beat Miss Brady and Mr. Swifte (owe 5), 15-12, 8-15, 14-3—14-0.

2nd Round.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson beat Mr. and Mrs Vincent, 15-10, 15-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury beat Miss O'Sullivan and Mr. Beale, 15-2, 15 5.

Finals.

Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury beat Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, 15-3, 15-3.

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THE INDIAN SNIPES.

BY F. FINN, B. A., F. Z. S.

THE WOOD-SNIPE.—*Gallinago nemoricola*, Blanford, Faun, Brit. Ind. Birds, Vol. IV, p. 285. Native names:—*Ban-chaha*. Napaulese.

This is a large snipe of dark appearance, with comparatively short bill, wings, and tail, the quill-feathers are broad and soft, and on each side of the tail are four very narrow feathers, though the middle pairs are broad; there should be eighteen tail-feathers in all. The upper plumage is a mixture of black and dull buff; the lower white, strongly pencilled with dark brown; the quills are plain dark brown. The bill is dark brown at the end becoming paler towards the base, the legs are grey passing into flesh-colour behind.

This is a big snipe being about a foot long; but the bill and wing are only about as long as in the common or fantail snipe, being about two and a half and five and-a-half inches respectively. The shank is rather long, nearly an inch-and-a-half from hock to toes. Altogether, in size, make, and colour this bird has an appearance intermediate between the Woodcock and the other snipes. It is not a common bird, and is confined to the Indian Empire, where in summer it inhabits the Himalayas between Dalhousie and Sikkim, at elevations of from six to ten thousand feet It is also found in the hills south of Assam, Manipur, and sometimes Burma as far as Tenasserim. In winter it occurs on the hills of Southern India, and a few casual specimens have turned up on migration in various localities—Calcutta, Russelkonda, Sirjuga. Once it has even reached Ceylon. But little is known of its movements, and as it is a shy bird and seldom seen, it may be more widely distributed than is supposed. It flies slowly and heavily, much like a Woodcock, and is easy to shoot; it is solitary, and affects swampy patches on the outskirts of jungle, lying very close, and rising reluctantly and in silence as a rule, though it appears sometimes to utter a hoarse croak. It does not seem to feed much upon worms, rather affecting grubs and other insects, especially small black beetles; small black seeds have also not unfrequently been found in its stomach. It is believed to breed in our hills, but the authenticity of the eggs hitherto attributed to it is questioned. Altogether, few of our game species need more study than this bird.

THE HIMALAYAN SOLITARY SNIPE.—*Gallinago solitaria* Blanford, Faun. Brit. Ind. Birds, Vol. IV, p. 290. This is also a big snipe slightly exceeding a foot in length, with a wing of six-and-a half inches, and bill two and three-quarters. The shank, however, is less than one-and-a-half, not longer than that of the Pintail Snipe, which on a larger scale, this bird much resembles.

The upper parts are a particularly mixed mottling of black, buff, and white, showing more of the last colour than most snipes; but the details of the markings are rather variable. The underparts below the breast are white, barred with dark brown on the flanks. The tail-feathers may be as many as two dozen or as few as sixteen, but in any case some of the outer pairs are stiff and narrow. Those pin-feathers are white with dark brown bars, whereas in the Wood-snipe they are plain brown. This point, with the longer bill and clear white belly, will easily distinguish the present bird from the Wood-snipe, with which it is frequently confounded. One has only to see specimens of the two, however, to observe the difference, the wood-cocky" look of the Wood-snipe being unmistakeable.

This is an East-Asiatic bird, ranging from Eastern Central Asia to Japan, with us it is found all along the Himalayas, and in winter has been got at their bases, at Kelat in Baluchistan, on the Garo and Khasi hills, and near Dibrugarh; once, even, near Benares and near Devala in the Wynaad. It probably often gets passed over as a big Pintail, which it resembles in its flight and movements; when roused, also, it goes off with a harsh screeching version of a common Snipe's call. It frequents open country, and feeds on grubs and insects. It breeds in the Himalayas, commencing in May; the males then soaring up with a sharp call, and coming down with spread tails and quivering wings, making a harsh buzzing sound. This is much what the common snipe does, but the noise made by the Solitary is shriller and louder, though it descends more slowly. It would be interesting to know what particular antics the Wood-snipe plays at this time. The eggs of the Himalayan Solitary Snipe are very characteristic of the species, being pinkish buff with blotches and spots of chocolate and purple. It seems that eggs formerly attributed to the Wood-snipe really belong to this species.

STRAY NOTES.

BEAVERS are said to be greatly on the increase in certain parts of Canada. The Secretary of the Tourilli Sporting Club, which holds land in the St. John's Country, Tanquenay

Quebec, says: "This year the increase has become alarming, and to-day innumerable lakes, streams, and rivers have been dammed by these hard-working and interesting animals. I may note a few remarkable cases, such as the damming of Lake George. This large sheet of water, 12 miles in circumference, has been raised four feet above its ordinary level. Tourilli River has been dammed at three different points, at one place 120ft. wide. On the west branch and many other points small streams have been dammed and our trails swamped. A large number of small lakes heretofore offering excellent feeding-grounds for caribou now present glistening sheets of water in lieu of long grass."

The report that eagles have been observed in the North of England has inspired the *St. James's Gazette* to relate several yarns concerning the strength of these birds. It must be said that ornithologists do not credit the courage or strength of the eagle, but there are several stories told which controvert these ideas. For instance, Sir Osbert Mordaunt's father was witness of a strange battle between an eagle and a stag, which completely dispels any theory that the ornithologist may put forward as to eagles not attacking large animals. The bird singled out from a herd one particular buck, which it succeeded in driving from the rest. It struck the animal repeatedly with its powerful wings, knocked it down, and finally killed it. Baron Schroeder witnessed a still more remarkable spectacle. An eagle attacked the calf of a hind, which was one of a herd in the Highlands. The cries of the little one were answered by its dam, which sprang upon the eagle and struck it repeatedly with its forefeet. Calf, hind, and eagle rolled headlong down a declivity, and the bird was dislodged from its hold and the kid rescued. But Sir Kenneth Mackenzie knows a more thrilling story than either of these for, according to report, an eagle was rent in two during a battle in his forest of Gairloch. Fixing its talons in the quarters of a roe, the bird was dashed against a tree, to a branch of which it endeavoured to hold, to stay the flight of its captive. The bird was halved in an instant.

A nesting swan, or one with cygnets, as most people are aware, is inclined to resent the intrusion of strangers, and sometimes their attacks can be really dangerous, as a correspondent points out. He says: "Some years ago I was swimming in a Sussex stream, when suddenly a swan swooped down upon me, and struck me a blow between the shoulders. Turning on my back to kick at him, I was dealt a blow above the breast-bone, the bruise of which painted my pectoral region all the colours of the rainbow. Had I not been near the bank, and able to seize the roots of an overhanging alder bush, and so scramble out, I should have most certainly been drowned. As I had previously driven this bird and his brood away from the place where I wished to swim, I do not desire to complain of his conduct; but merely to draw attention to his craft in concealing himself round the corner until I was well in the water, to the undoubted force of his blows, and to the need of caution when bathing near a brood of these powerful birds."

The Story Teller

THE PLUNGER.

PEOPLE said that Watson made a large sum of money, when his horse, The Plunger, won the Lawn Stakes. Well, and if he had! surely it was his own affair, but then they added, that he decamped with it all, leaving his numerous creditors lamenting it was really too bad. He that always was so anxious to pay them, never knew a man more so. I have seen him moved almost to tears when explaining to some more importunate member, that it was beyond his powers to square up. Now they are wrong, all of them, he did not win anything, the very reverse, he was therefore not in funds when he went, I think I should know, seeing that besides owning a small share in The Plunger (part of the near hind leg I believe) I had one or two horses training in the same stable, Gilders'. Let me tell the truth of the matter: Watson & Gilder from being owner and trainer, had in time become fast friends, and partners on the quiet. W. knew G. for what he was, a good fellow, a wonderfully clever trainer, a capable jockey, and straight, as much as any how as it is possible to be for a man who has to make both ends meet at the game. Only millionaires can run their horses to win every time. Well the stable got into a run of awful luck, good things just went down, horses out for a gallop won unexpectedly, I was hit myself. W. I know was in very low water. Desperate at last he and G. determined to risk the sea voyage and send two ponies down to C. where, providing no i l effects from the journey, they could not well lose They swept the board, and thanks to the fatuity of some people backing local animals, with an easily-made reputation, they got very fair prices, and won a good stake. And then with what was left of the money, after squaring up, The Plunger was bought. You see, he always paid when he had the money to do it with.

Poor old Plunger, a most sorry looking animal he looked when walked into the sale ring at Cook's auction. His shipper had refused several good offers for him, then came fever, and now he was going for what he would fetch, we got him very cheaply, and in Gilder's hands he soon began to mend, and once well he never gave an anxious moment. I remember well the day we tried him, one of those misty mornings it was, when the fog hangs late. G. rode The Plunger, and a native boy was on Bardley, a horse just rather more than useful. W. and I. stood at the Grand Stand, trying to make them out, when bang they came out of the mist, with a suddenness that struck one. The native boy was riding hard, G. sitting tight. The Plunger won anyhow. We knew then we had a real good 'un. Unfortunately early as we were out some one else had also been up betimes, seen the gallop, and told Bayers, a rival trainer with a reputation not altogether savoury. Had he only known we decided to make the Lawn Stakes our race! There were about 20 entries, but the only horse with any chance of beating us, and we thought it a small one, was a mare belonging to Bayers named Muslin.

The day came round on which our fortunes were to be retrieved. The P. was as well as could be and trained to the hour, we looked forward to success confidently. We picked up a bit on the first two races, and then came ours, we had a last look at the horse and then went to the ring. Judge of our surprise, disgust, and mortification, it meant so much, to find our animal a hot favourite. I could not understand it. I knew G never gave anything away, we had done nothing in public no one we fondly imagined had seen him do anything on the training track; then an idea struck me. Muslin, who on public form had a great chance, was out at tens, and I knew Mr. B. never let a good thing run loose, and to him I thought it must have appeared as such. What did this mean? Could they have seen or heard of that trial? I went to a bookmaker who was usually willing to give me any information he could, in confidence of course. "Who's backing our horse" I asked him. "Well" he said, "you need not say I told you," but it is "Bayers' man," and they are backing their own to be placed for a little, one of their games on I suppose. I saw the whole thing in a flash, they had seen the trial, knew we must win, and had got into the market before us. I found Watson at once, told him what I had found out. Never were two madder men, it was such a low down game. We neither of us ever cared about buying money and could not think what on earth we should do; then I offer no excuse for what I did, I acted on the spur of the moment; rushed out of the ring, found G just mounting, told him how things were, and said "For God's sake lose somehow, get left, anything." He nodded, he was standing in with us, and was I fancy a bit pushed himself, or he would never have done it.

I then flew back to the ring found W. and we proceeded to back Muslin, I for all I had. W. the same, with a great deal more he had not added. We must win we thought with our horse out of it. B. backing Muslin for a place showed he had the same idea as ourselves, namely, that only The Plunger could beat him. The starting bell rang in the "Tote," and we went to see the race, not a little excited, as you can well imagine. The P. did get left, more by accident than by design, I still like to think, for he whipped round the moment the gate went up I knew he was not much used to it G. got him round and started in pursuit so as to make a show of some kind. He seemed so absolutely out of it that I stopped looking at him, and followed Muslin intently. On they came, the mare going well, and lying very handy, as they came to the bend into the straight. I made sure she was going to win and looked to see what G. was doing. I almost dropped. He was overhauling his field at a tremendous pace. The P. seemed in fact out of hand. At the Cup starting post he was 5th, I saw G. had forgotten everything, in the pure love of riding a great horse in a good race. The next moment I had myself, and W. also, I think, for we both started to shout and yell, as if we wished for nothing better in the world than to win. Muslin's jockey was also riding for all he was worth, could not afford with his reputation to do otherwise in front of the stand With only a few yards to go, they were neck and neck, then G. with a tremendous effort got The P. in front. A short head the verdict was; we ran down the steps, led the horse in, shook hands with G. "By Jove" said W. "That was a great race, is'nt he a game one." "Yes Sir, better than I had any idea of." "Might win the Cup" began poor W. and then, I think, we both remembered at the same time, what this all meant. W. turned a little pale, and went on "But I am afraid G, old man, that this is the end." I'm beat now, been an ass, gone wrong at the end, or meant to any how, its all the same, and its got to be paid for, thank goodness there is the War, the blessed War, it s saved many a man now its my turn." We saw him off that night, G. and I, a passenger in a cargo boat to Durban. He soon got his commission and good luck to him, a better chap I never knew. Ah, well, I am a trooper myself now. Rum world is it not? *Facilis descensus Averni.*

W. W.

The Garden.

"THE ORCHID JUNGLE."

OUR old friend, Mr. S. P. Chatterjee, the eminent florist, is a man of pleasant surprises. Few who visit his up-to-date nursery and gardens at Narcoldangah fail to carry away impressions of pleasurable astonishment at what is there presented for their delectation Years ago, with his orchid houses, his ferneries, palmeries, croton and foliage plant houses, his flower beds and all the surroundings of the modern, progressive florist, it seemed to us that Chatterjee had reached his limit. Not a bit of it: he went far afield and acquiring a very large piece of ground at Baidyanath on the E.I.R. transformed it into the lovely garden whence he draws his seemingly inexhaustible supply of roses, annuals and the choicer flowers that play such an important part in Calcutta's big society functions. A visit to Baidyanath some years ago convinced us that Messrs. S. P. C. & Co. had in the accomplishment of this enterprise, carried their business operations as far as they could go. Mistaken again! We now find "S. P." Senior bobbing up serenely at Mihijam, a picturesque spot a hundred and fifty miles from Calcutta and completely eclipsing all his previous efforts in the magnitude of the scheme upon which he is now busily engaged.

The "Orchid Jungle" is the appropriate name selected for the estate for orchids, even the rarer imported varieties, grow out of doors in a way calculated to turn green with envy the orchid raiser in less favoured climes. It faces the main road about 100 yards from Mihijam Railway Station (E.I.R.), is a mile in length and a mile and a half in depth, and the owner is in treaty for a another large slice of land which adjoins it. The estate is at present densely wooded, Sal, Mhowa, Sissoo predominating, and the value of the timber alone is considerable. It is on undulating ground with a gradual descent towards the north, and one of its chief features is the practically inexhaustible water-supply. A other is the extraordinary fertility of the soil in which almost everything grows as in the best parts of Ceylon. The very sticks put in to support plants often themselves begin to sprout! The climate is, even at this season of the year, pleasant, and in the cold weather it is downright bracing.

The view from one of the little hills on the estate is simply charming. The "Orchid Jungle" lies below with its refreshing verdure all around, its avenues opening up fresh vistas of beauty, its deep shady nooks, its cool grots and mossy dells with mountain streamlets trickling along sandy courses or tumbling over moss covered boulders into pools fringed with silver and other fern, and overhung with creepers growing in almost aggressive luxuriance. Here and there are level areas which suggest sites for fairy cottages; anon great mounds of rock, for the property is rich in stone; on some of the terraces under cultivation are rice, dall and other grain and seed crops. And the babbling of the brooks serves as an accompaniment to the "wild-wood notes of duty" from many feathered throats or the hum and chirp of the tiny workers lower down in the natural scale who seem to have an irresistible inclination to burst into song—and (collectors please note) Mihijam teams with insect life from the gaudiest butterfly to the humblest little beetle. On every side stretch the emerald rice fields terraced on the rising ground which away in the distance merge into the Sonthal hills with Panchkote well standing out from his smaller brethren and old Parishnath looming dimly in the far horizon towards Barrakur. And here and there we catch glimpes of the little river that winds among the valleys and further on runs into the Roopnarain.

Retracing our steps we climb up the slopes and find ourselves on the plateaux where Mr. Chatterjee's jovial, tireless Sonthal gangs work among the gay flower beds, the orchards and vegetable gardens, in which are raised some of the choicest varieties to be found in the catalogues of home and American seedsmen.

We have referred to the orchids: it would open the eyes of those who go in for them to see how they thrive here, and though large houses are being built for their accommodation, Mr. Chatterjee is confident that he will raise many kinds out in the open, in the nooks and dells aforesaid, with as little trouble and attention as are required by the commoner ferns. The resources of the "Orchid Jungle" appear almost unlimited—abundant timber and stone water galore, a rich, climate and other natural advantages specially suited to the operations of the florist—and in two years an immense amount has been accomplished. But much remains to be done and to this task Mr. Chatterjee intends to address himself closely for the next few years.

Here in this pretty spot he with labour will a free hand, backed by the experience his other enterprises have given him, and supplemented by the special knowledge imbibed in his travels. And some day he will create in distant Mihijam a sylvan paradise that may challenge Calcutta's Botanic Gardens while boasting certain features due to its peculiar natural advantages and which anything in Calcutta can never aspire to rival

Chess.

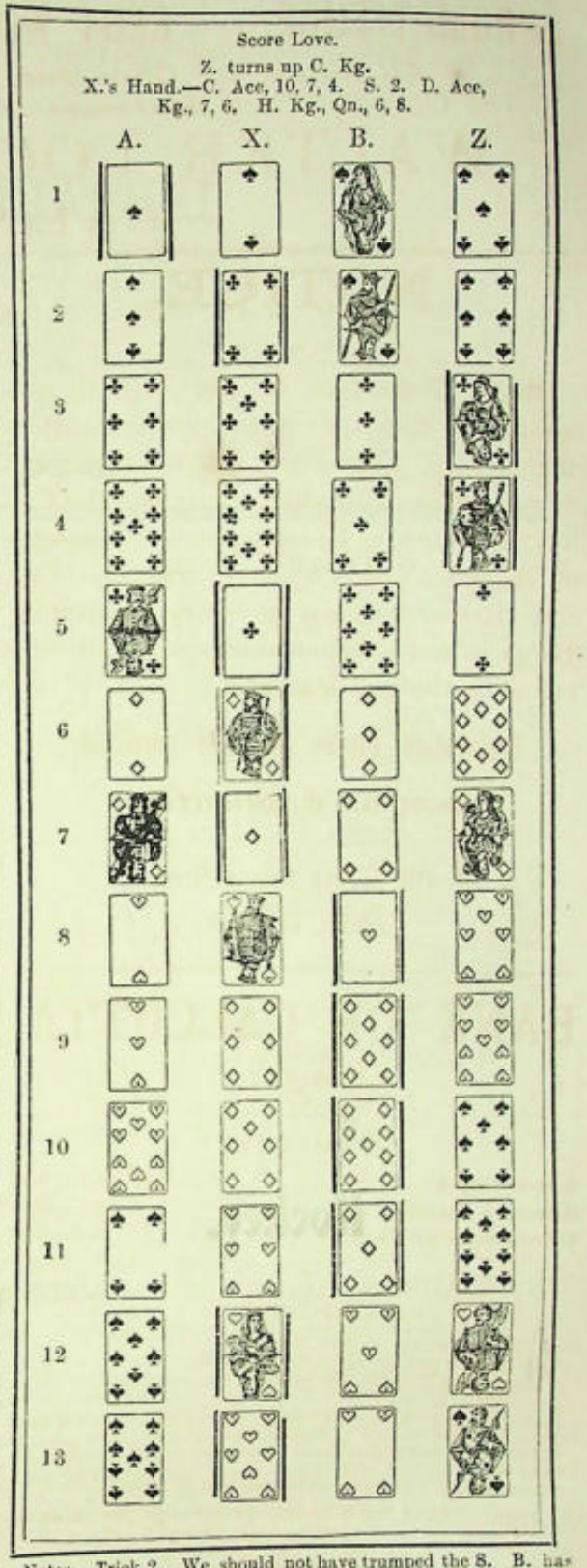
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 22.

White.	Black.
1. R to K B 5	1. Kt takes R
2. R to K sq	2. Anything
3. B mates	

WHIST.

WHIST HAND NO. 12.

A and B play X and Z. A leads. The card with the double rim wins, and the card below the rimmed card is the next one led.



Notes.—Trick 2. We should not have trumped the S. B. has the King or nothing; in the former case B. is led up to, and he wins the game. By trumping he completely destroys his hand.

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MORE OF UGANDA.

MAJOR AUSTEN'S book was written with the object of describing the events of the Soudanese mutiny, which interrupted the work of exploring the country north of Mount Elgon, and the explorations which were continued after the outbreak was suppressed. We must confess that an endeavour to follow the operations of three distinct columns has not left upon our minds a very clear idea of the whole of the unfortunate and anxious business, comparable in some respects to the Indian mutiny on a small scale; but operations conducted abreast of one another by independent forces against a common foe are notoriously difficult to describe, more particularly we conceive when the writer's anxiety to render justice to his fellow-workers has to struggle with the vivid recollection of matters which came under his personal observation. Accepting the book as a contribution to the literature of travel in a region which must ere long become more accessible as Uganda proper becomes colonised we find in it much to interest us.

Whatever the traveller's mission in Africa sport is practically forced upon him and whenever graver considerations permitted the author took advantage of his opportunities. It is interesting to see that the policy of creating reserves is producing effect: on an early page Major Austen remarks on the abundance of game on the Athi plains, now a reserve, and shows that this same abundance is fully appreciated by lions which are both numerous and bold. Glancing at the same district on his return journey he says: "As we crossed the game reserve between Nairobi and the Atti River game was extraordinarily plentiful and apparently quite aware that they were on holy ground, for they were most confiding, and showed little signs of fear on the approach of the caravan." Having regard to the circumstance that this district lies on the direct route between Mombasa and the Lakes, and has probably been shot over as often as any region in Central Africa, this tameness of the game shows a wonderful readiness to realise safety.

Familiarity with man seems to have had the effect of inspiring the lion with contempt; their boldness appears to be something incredible. We can well understand a solitary sentry being bowled over, but only those who were engaged on the construction of the railway have a real knowledge of their extraordinary coolness and impudence. One anecdote is worth repeating to illustrate the "reign of terror" under which the unfortunate coolies lived:—

"While we were still at Mombasa a horrible scene was enacted at this small changing station (Voi). It appears that the wife of one of the employé's and her husband were occupying a small tent some little distance from the station when, during the night, a lion entered, seized her husband from his camp bed and dragged him out. Her screams attracted the attention of the sentry who fired, and the brute made off, relinquishing his victim. The poor woman then proceeded to bathe the mutilated head of her husband in a basin of water, when the lion again entered and literally lapped up the blood-stained water in the basin! She was so paralysed with fear that she could not utter a sound, and nearly lost her reason through the awful situation in which she now found herself. The lion was eventually driven off, but the wretched man had already been killed."

A curious incident which came under the immediate notice of Mr. Patterson, one of the railway officials who went to Uganda from this country indicates that the lion makes a strong distinction between white man and black. Mr. Patterson had been entertaining a friend at dinner and the friend left his quarters preceded by his servant carrying a lantern. The lion, a notorious man-eater, as he proved to be, attacked and knocked down the European ; then, apparently recognising that he had made a mistake, left him and secured the negro !

Dealing as it does, largely with the operations against the Soudanese rebels, (who were actuated by the idea of setting up a Mahomedan kingdom of their own in Uganda and not by any real or imaginary grievance) Major Austen's book necessarily differs a good deal from the ordinary run of books on African travel. It is full of adventure and incident and if not conspicuous for literary finish is eminently readable. We may doubt whether the vast game regions between Elgon and Lake Rudolf will be much disturbed for many years to come owing to the difficulties of feeding a caravan. If, as Mr. Austen says, it were possible to train a hundred men to live on roots, one could go anywhere in Africa ; it is the dependence of porters on cereals that circumscribes the explorer's scope of operations and in still greater degree the necessarily more leisurely work of surveying.

The protection of game over large areas coupled with the exemption of the lion must be fruitful of effect in the near future, and as the fertile regions of Uganda are brought under cultivation, the game regulations must, in the interests of the cultivator, be relaxed. Then, for a time at least, the country north of the Victoria Nyanza and the slopes of Mount Elgon will be a sporting paradise which, we need not fear, will be shot out. The vast "hinter land" offers a retreat to the game which when harried will change its habitat for districts whither man cannot follow it and carry on sustained persecution.

Sporting Notes.

THE first Monsoon Meeting provided a good day's sport in spite of the heavy going resulting from the recent rain. Fields were, on the whole, eminently satisfactory, and though, as is inevitably the case at the opening meet, the favourites did not in the majority of cases justify their support, still backers had not a bad day on the whole, as two warm favourites rolled home in the last two events ; while in the first a well-supported second favourite won by far enough to make her backers wish they had pawned their wardrobes to augment their investments. The finishes were not, for the most part, particularly exciting, and the closest of them—Springlock's win by half a length—might we think without difficulty have been extended had his jockey thought it necessary.

One or two of the starts were very ragged, notably the Pony Trial Plate and the Maiden Horse Plate, but the full acquirement of the art of starting a field of horses on level terms is, like the building of Rome, not accomplished in a day, and in justice to the starter it must be added that in the Maiden Plate he had two or three very unruly brutes to deal with. A good thing was possibly upset, however, when Sweet Talk was left ten lengths at the post.

Sweet Talk was the street corner tip for the first race, though we believe that her owner did not greatly fancy her chance in the deep going. Little Doris was also warmly supported, though there were doubts as to her behaviour at the start. It happened, however, that she got well away, was never collared, and won, pulling up, by twenty lengths.

A field of seven went to the post for the hurdle race, of whom Mulwala and Kittylea were most fancied. Some delay was occasioned at the post by the vagaries of Uma, who seems a bit of a mad horse, but eventually the flag fell to a good start and Dundonald and Bushey went to the front. At the first flight Bushey slipped as he took off, and crashing into the hurdle fell and broke his neck, death being instantaneous. From the stand it looked as though his rider were killed also, as the horse in falling rolled over him : but though a bit shaken no great damage was done. While on this subject we may once more endeavour to emphasise what we have alluded to so often before, to wit, the necessity of more cinders in front of the hurdles in this sloppy weather. We prophesied that neglect in this matter would result in grief, and now it has cost the life of a good horse.

A field of nine faced the machine for the Maiden Horse Plate, or rather it would be more correct to say that six faced the machine, while the remaining three declined to have any dealings with it whatsoever. One of these was Euryalus who had gone out a hot favourite, but whether his chance was as good as was supposed, he completely destroyed it by his display of temper at the post. Actress, who was second favourite at fours could get no nearer than fourth, the race being won very easily by Gassima with Oom Paul second and Sunshine third.

For the Stand Plate a hot favourite rolled home in Western Queen who won in a common canter by four lengths from Yellow Mantle, First Guide securing third money.

Only five went to the post for the last race which was won by the favourite Springlock, well ridden by Hard, the second favourite Altamas being half a length away. Kellnerin who was tipped in most of the papers as the probable winner, made no show, being last but one.

There is one little matter to which, on the representation of several race-course habitues, we would like to draw the attention of the executive of the C. T. C., and that is the absence of anything like proper shelter for the book-makers and punters. The present arrangements do not include any sort of light canvas or matting roof to protect the poor bookie working hard at his business or temper the burning rays of the afternoon sun to the sweltering investor. A temporary erection such as we suggest would be a boon to all and render still more enjoyable the comfort of the Grand Stand when the investments have been made and the field glasses are brought into requisition.

The Calcutta Subscription Rooms, for which the bookies and those who like their little flutter have to thank Mr. Atkinson, were opened last Monday with every promise of of success. They occupy the entire top flat of No. 7-2 Wellesley Place, are airy, light, and furnished with a careful eye to the requirements of those who will transact their business therein. The big hall, intended for the use of subscribers only, is liberally supplied with electric fans and lights ; writing and reading tables and easy chairs, etc., are handy everywhere ; there is a retiring room, an office and a public room in which those who do not belong to the rooms can settle their business with the book-makers, and altogether, from its central situation and the undoubted convenience it represents to layers and backers alike, the venture should be well supported. It has our best wishes for its success. Messrs. Atkinson and Co., Charlie Goldspink, J. Hamilton, J. Pymm, and R. Pymm were on hand ; and we are glad to learn that they are sanguine of accomplishing their end.

Tuesday morning saw some schooling on the Calcutta course, Altamas (late Lochaber) going a full school "on his lonesome," with Garrard up. He seems a fair lepper, but appears to want a little assistance from the "persuaders" in making up his mind. The Captain (Bond) and another (Hard) went a full school over the pony hurdles, the former falling at the last flight but one. Rumour has it that Bond dislocated his shoulder in the fall, but we trust that the damage may prove to have been exaggerated. Metalwing, Yuletide, Warrigal and Mocassin from Mr. Cowper's string were all sent along, the rest doing slow work. Moss Rose we saw go a sprint down the straight, looking very fit and well after her gallop on Saturday.

One or two of Garrard's lot were out spinning, but on the whole not much fast work was indulged in. The going was fairly good as regards the ground, but we devoutly trust that the weather will be deemed sufficiently settled to cut and carry the luxuriant hay crop on the monsoon course before next Saturday, said crop being now a foot or so high.

The Dacca prospectus is published among our Turf announcements to-day. The dates are the 7th, 9th and 12th January 1904, a month later than last year and a more convenient selection we venture to think. The programme follows the lines of last year in most respects and with Messrs. Garth and Holder as Joint Honorary Secretaries prospects of good sport and the usual excellent arrangements seem assured.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes :—A full description of the Bangalore polo tournament which has just been concluded with signal success, should appear in your issue of the 13th. A couple of curious points cropped up during the tournament, one of which at least will, I believe, go up to the I. P. A. for decision although it made no difference to the eventual result of the game in which it occurred. This point is as follows : A defending player can just save a goal but cannot clear. He saves the goal and in doing so scores a subsidiary for the attacking side Query—does the defending side in addition to the subsidiary against them incur a penalty for hitting behind their own line ? Many different opinions were expressed, but, on the whole, the "ayes" seemed to have it. The other point occurred in the match between the IVth Hussars and the Q. O. Sappers and Miners. "Off-side" was claimed against the Hussars and allowed by the umpire, but at the moment a Sapper who had hastily retired to change ponies during the progress of the chucker, was just coming on to the ground again, and from his position technically put the Hussars "on-side" again. Here the "noes" predominated over the "ayes," it being considered that the Sapper in question was, from a practical point of view, not in play. However there the question is, for polo players to consider.

A wire from Colombo tells us that the opening day of the August Meeting was a great success. The Governor's Cup was won by the favourite Gabelle, who beat Regalia by a neck, with Auster third. Herbert won the Omnium Stakes, Boverie the Lawyers' Purse, Tirah the Desert Stakes, Caloola the Bachelors' Purse and Bros the Griffin Derby.

The Finals in the Bangalore Polo Tournament came off on the 8th instant, the 4th Hussars beating the Carabineers "A" team by 5 goals and 1 subsidiary to 2 goals 4 subsidiaries.

The First Entries for the Poona Races and Steeplechases are most gratifying and judged by them we should see some first-class racing next month. A cursory glance through the columns of names reveals many new ones in every class. The big pots of the meeting will be contested by classic fields for India. In the Western India Stakes are Acetine, who ran second for the Viceroy's Cup a now much improved horse, and a host of old Cup rivals. Presbyterian is among the entrants and it is evident that he is to be trained over a distance ; his real *forte*, however, is sprinting, though he has put up a wonderful record over a mile at home. Milos will make his first appearance in this event, and it will be interesting to see how he shapes. Why is old Leonidas entered for this event ? In the other big horse events also several new names appear, notably Dr. Barnado, while the Sultan of Johore has entered those smart horses Myosotis and Pepper Corn, lately the property of Mr. Barney Allen. While there are a few new names among the horses, there are a very large number of ponies which have but recently been imported. Among these in the International Stakes are :—Tragedian, Russley Rose, and S. P. owned by Mr. Bass. And other new names appear in the Coronation Stakes, *viz.* :—The Clump, Golightly, Come Back, Rifleman and Pride of Dharamtolla, while one also notices Western Queen, Rezia and Good Chap among the recently imported ponies. The races for second-class English and Colonial horses have all filled well and the C.-B. races will provide some good racing. Mr. J. B. has been breeding from Nobleman at Poona. We shall see what this stock is worth when Noble Eye and Miss Ascot meet the Northern and Southern India C.-B.'s. These two are clean bred both sides, and if blood counts for anything, should gallop fast enough in any company, although only three-year olds which will give them a great pull in the weights. We expect the second entries will swell this class as we miss the names of Mr. Jack Scott's smart performers. With regard to Arabs their name is legion and all the Arab races have filled exceedingly well as indeed they always do.

The Governor's Cup, Poona Derby, etc., will be contested by very large fields and the pony events promise equally well.

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We regret to hear of an accident to Captain Greville, Military Secretary to His Excellency Lord Northcote. While playing polo at Poona on the 4th instant his pony slipped and rolled over him. No bones were broken, but he had slight concussion of the brain and was badly bruised. We are glad to hear, however, that he is progressing favourably and was able to attend the Poona races.

Messrs. W. Newman and Co. of Calcutta have in the press a new edition of that excellent work *The Anglers' Handbook*, a volume of reference which no fisherman in this country can afford to be without. The compilation of a book of this kind embracing as it does the fishing to be had from Kashmir to Southern India and from Assam to Bombay is necessarily a serious undertaking; but if fishermen will only assist with information and suggestions, the value of the work will be much enhanced. *Verb sap.*

Madras is giving Calcutta a lead in a matter to which we have in this paper and elsewhere frequently drawn attention, namely, the destruction of our surplus pariah dogs. A lethal chamber experiment is being tried by the S. P. C. A. down there, and on this subject the *Madras Mail* writes as follows:

The temporary apparatus which the President (the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Boddam) has had constructed for the painless destruction of dogs, is in the form of a large wooden chamber, 36ft. long, 30ft. wide, and 35ft. high, lined with zinc. The chamber is closed all round except at the top, through which a cage, in which the dogs are previously placed, is introduced, and the door then closed. The chamber has been constructed for the purpose of experiment, but it is intended to build a permanent air-tight brick chamber as soon as the land is acquired for the Home for Lost and Starving Dogs. In fact the President has already had a large charcoal stove made for the permanent chamber, whose stove has just been constructed and is ready for use.

There are two modes by which dogs and other small animals may be put to death painlessly in the lethal chamber, namely, one by anæsthesia, which is death by sleep, and the other by asphyxia, which is death by deprivation of air. The former process is a very expensive one. The narcotic vapour is generated by boiling chloroform in a kettle and the vapour passed through a pipe leading from the kettle into the chamber. Before the dogs are placed in it, the chamber can be fully charged with the vapour. The dogs in the cage are then rapidly introduced and anæsthesia is induced in a minute, when the reservoir of the chamber is properly charged, and death usually occurs in three minutes.

The other process is the destruction of dogs by carbonous oxide gas, which is far cheaper than the former method. Charcoal gas is generated in a stove, and the gas passed through a pipe carried from the stove into the chamber. Some time after the stove has been burning, the dogs in the cage are put into the chamber through the door at the top, which is at once closed. In a very short time the dogs become insensible and cease to breathe, but the chamber is not opened for eight or ten minutes, in order to make sure that life is entirely extinct. The gas being heavier than the air, remains in the chamber and can be utilised again. This process has been successfully experimented with by the officers of the Society.

The Committee hoped to have been able to start the temporary Home by this time, but the subscriptions that have come in amount to only Rs. 2,315, which will hardly pay for the land alone. All dog-lovers, who have not as yet subscribed, are earnestly requested to do so, in order that the requisite sum of Rs. 5,000 may soon be subscribed, and the brutal practice of clubbing dogs to death in the public streets be stopped.

The cossetting and coddling of the so-called wild fowl in the British preserves, especially in the southern English counties, is credited with having generated a disease pretty closely allied to enteric fever in human beings, few sporting home papers being without reference to it. Opinions are divided as to the primal cause of the malady; some attributing it to deleterious ingredients in the artificial food so freely given in these days; others, though unable to account for the origin, maintaining that at any rate infection is spread by overcrowding. Probably both are to a certain extent right, for in the first instance though the foods supplied by reliable houses may be depended on, in these days of universal adulteration, a whole host of cheaper imitations have either been imported or concocted within the country, with much the same result attending similar frauds in the case of the celebrated Dobbin's greaves for dogs some seventy years ago, when it came to light that putrid offal and damaged meal was the cause of the "hound cholera" that nearly put an end to hunting throughout the United Kingdom. But when we read of shootings under 300 acres of woodland advertised for the coming 1st October with a guarantee of 6,000 birds, the overcrowding theory is well sustained. The sarcasm conveyed in Leech's cartoon of the "ferocious pheasants" might well apply in these days. We are not likely to be troubled here as to artificial food, but our acclimatisation societies bent on importing foreign game birds, should be on their guard against introducing infected stock.

A Fishing Society has been inaugurated in Nagpur, the first, in the annals of that town. The scene of action is the Ambajharry Lake and the Telinkheri Tank.

No one expected that the Chinese and Tibetian officials deputed to meet our's for settlement of issues on the frontier would be up to time; it is not in their nature. But from all accounts our officers will be able to beguile the weary monotony of waiting with a little shikar among novel animals and in a decidedly novel region, though the exertion of chasing the snow leopard or stalking the thar at an elevation of 15,000 feet may try both wind and limb. We trust for the benefit of future hunters the inevitable blue book will contain a chapter or two on the subject our readers are more interested in than what is certain to prove a dreary record of political dissimulation so characteristic of the "heathen Chinee."

The terrible accident which has led to the absence of D. Maher from the saddle deprived the riding of the week ending 17th July of a considerable amount of interest, and it is sad to think that so accomplished a horseman cannot follow his profession for some time to come. He has achieved a prominent position in the list of winning jockeys, in which his name is bracketed for sixth place with that of Watts, and they are included in the lot who have won 30 races or over. Lane continues to hold his place well, and is now (with 69) a dozen in front of Halsey, while Madden, who had the distinction of riding Ard Patrick in his memorable race for the Eclipse Stakes, is not far behind. The changes to record this week are few, but it may be noted that E. Wheatley, the Baumber apprentice, has gone a step or two higher in the weekly table appended hereunder :—

(Compiled from 23rd March to 17th July.)

		Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W.	...	338	269	69
Halsey, W.	...	294	237	57
Madden, O.	...	348	294	54
Trigg, C.	...	260	221	39
Cannon, M.	...	200	164	36
Maher, D.	...	183	148	35
Watts, J. E.	...	285	250	35
Wheatley, E.	...	177	149	28
Hardy, F. W.	...	258	230	28
Cannon, K.	...	213	187	26
Murray, J.	...	160	135	25
Martin, J. H.	...	261	236	25
Randall, H.	...	146	123	23
Dillon, B.	...	136	114	22
Miller, T. L.	...	165	143	22
McCall, G.	...	165	146	19
Boardman, J. E.	...	150	132	18
Dalton, J.	...	96	80	16
Griggs, W.	...	178	162	16
Heppell, T.	...	83	68	15
Lyne, L. A.	...	79	67	12

Our special telegram and the details given in our London Sporting letter last week informed us that the race for the Eclipse Stakes, and the finish between Ard Patrick, Sceptre, and Rock Sand was a spectacle to be treasured in the memories of all who were lucky enough to see it. "Vigilant" in his

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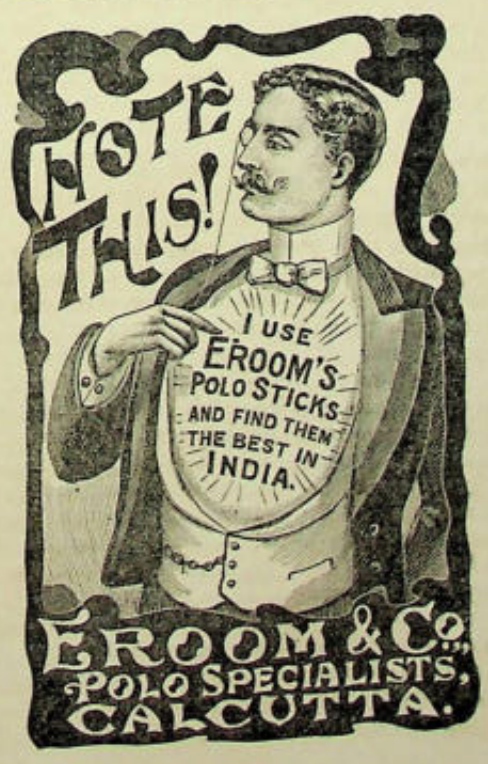

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Note Book, dealing with the subject in *The Sportsman* to hand this week writes :—

"I never remember to have seen three horses more perfectly trained, and Blackwell, Darling, and Taylor had every reason to be proud of their respective charges. Ard Patrick had evidently done plenty of work since his triumph in the Princess of Wales's Stakes, and looked all the better for being considerably lighter than he was upon that occasion. When I write that Sceptre looked even better than she did at Ascot, I cannot give higher praise, and it is quite certain that Rock Sand has never been in quite such trim as he was yesterday. The last-named always easily held the premier position in the betting, but, whilst he and Sceptre shortened in price, Ard Patrick drifted out, until 5 to 1 was easily obtainable about him. The parade, which was led by Ard Patrick, and naturally brought up by Sceptre, was watched with the keenest interest, and I think that the filly went best, and Rock Sand worst, in the preliminary canter, though no attention was paid to the scratchy style of going of the son of Sainfoin, to which we are now thoroughly accustomed. I have written nothing about Duke of Westminster or Oriole, as both of them, though useful enough in their way, were out of place in a race of this character. The latter, however, carried out her mission of pace-maker in satisfactory fashion, although she might have gone considerably faster with advantage in the first half mile. Any shortcomings is this respect, however, were amply atoned for when they were once in the line for home, and the winner only missed breaking the record for the race by a fraction of a second. As they reached the bend, Rock Sand and Ard Patrick were lying close together, the former being slightly in advance, but, whilst he seemed to take a rather wide sweep, Mr. Gubbins' colt was beautifully handled by Madden, and obtained the advantage of the inside berth. More than a quarter of a mile from home Martin was hard at work on Rock Sand, and he soon dropped away, leaving the issue to the two four-year-olds. Opinions differed as to whether Sceptre ever got her head in front, and, at such a distance from the stand, it was impossible to decide this point with any certainty, but my own impression is that she never quite reached Ard Patrick, who always seemed to me to be going slightly the better of the two. A hundred yards from home all doubt as to the actual result was over, and although Ard Patrick only won by a neck, I think it was a clever one. The result of the race, as far as these two were concerned, was just what I anticipated, for I thought they would make a great fight of it, and Ard Patrick would just prove the better, but I fully expected to see Rock Sand a length or so in front of them, instead of three lengths behind. I hate to make excuses for beaten horses, but most of us who fancied the three-year-old would have liked to see Maher on his back. Up to the present time he has taken part in twelve races, of which he has won ten. He has never been beaten when Maher has been in the saddle, but on the four occasions when other jockeys have ridden him he has only won twice. This may be merely a curious coincidence, but it is quite certain that he never seems to gallop for anyone else quite as he does for Maher.

His Holiness the late Pope was at one time an ardent sportsman, and extremely fond of shooting. In the old Pecci Home at Carpineto, the favourite gun of the Pope is still to be seen. Of late years the infirmities of age prevented the Pope indulging in his favourite recreation, but up to two or three years ago he took a great delight in the netting of birds in the Vatican Gardens which are of great extent.

The efforts to domesticate the zebra seem to be meeting with some success in the East African Protectorate. A stockade was recently erected on the Morendal River, enclosing about 50 acres, and then some hundreds of natives surrounded a herd of zebras and drove them towards the enclosure. Twelve or so were got into the neck, and the rest charged back towards the beaters. Mr. Story himself guarded the prisoners. Headed back, the large herd got the wind of the smaller herd, and entered the neck at full gallop. Subsequent counts showed the number of animals to be 85; two foals have since been born in the boma, and the old and young are becoming wonderfully tame. They now frequently graze within a few feet of the tents in which the men are encamped, which have been pitched within the boma. Mr. Story says he believes that shortly they will be able to start the handling and breaking of the young animals.

The entries for the Second Calcutta Monsoon Meeting are highly satisfactory, ten being nominated for the August Plate, eleven for the Monsoon Plate, and twelve for the Fort Plate. Of the first, however, two are double entries for the Hunters' Hurdle Race and will probably go for the latter. Should they not do so the hunters' event will provide but a small field. Before the publication of the weights it is working somewhat in the dark to make selections, but given an easy burden we shall expect to see Corydon run well in the August Plate, though Altamas will very likely take some beating. In the pony jump race The Captain, if he stands up, is, we think, the quickest at the game and no doubt his mistake on Tuesday will instil a bit of caution into him. Should the going be deep, Moss Rose, unless very hardly dealt with in the matter of weight, will quite likely win. Clynder with any reasonable weight should be good for the Monsoon Plate, and in the Pony Plate Second Thought is, in our opinion, a bit better than anything.

Beeswing if in the right frame of mind should capture the Hunters' Plate and in the Fort Plate Euryalus, if he gets off, is, we think, bound to win and should he show temper Oom Paul is about the pick of the remainder.

Mr. W. Bell-Irving is, we are sorry to hear, down with a bad attack of diphtheria and his condition is causing his friends some anxiety.

Athletic Notes.

MR. F. S. KELLY, the winner of the Diamond Sculls, is shortly coming out to India on a visit.

Kent beat Essex by ten wickets on the 5th August; Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by nine wickets. Lancashire was defeated by Yorkshire by five wickets. Gloucester and Sussex drew; the match between Somerset and Middlesex ended in a win for the latter. Derbyshire beat Hampshire by an innings and 59 runs and Notts defeated Surrey by 118 runs.

Lancashire beat Derbyshire on the 7th instant by nine wickets.

Tyres are often supposed to be punctured when really the valve is at fault. To test same, inflate the tyre hard, immerse the valve part in water, if any air bubbles arise, take the valve in pieces, and replace the rubber sleeve with one of the valve tubes which will be found in the box of chalk packed in all Dunlop tyre repairing outfits.

The race for the Hoare Cup, will be held by the Calcutta Rowing Club at Kidderpore on Saturday afternoon. There are only two crews in it this year; but, as they are fairly level and have both got in about the same amount of work, there may be a good race. The crews are:

A.		B.	
Coached by Mr. Power.		*Coached by Mr. Burke.*	
H. W. Hales	*Bow.*	P. Blumenthal	*Bow.*
H. F. Maxwell	... 2	C. Killick	... 2
T. A. Tassie	... 3	H. Day	... 3
W. M. Crawford	*Str.*	C. A. Pearcy	*Str.*
Lt. J. P. Musson	*Cox.*	O. Williamson	*Cox.*

"B." has had bad luck in losing Stephenson, their stroke, who is now nursing a dislocated knee as the result of trying to play footer and train for boat racing concurrently; but Pearcy who fills his thwart is both hefty and keen, and will give those behind him a lively time down the course if we are not mistaken.

At the last Burma Athletic Association Council Meeting the protest of the Rangoon Club against the issue of the football match against the 70th Co., R. G. A., was considered. The grounds of the protest were that the Club was pressing during the last few minutes and that by the game being stopped five minutes before the proper time, through a mistake of the Referee, it was deprived of a possible victory. The Club wished the game to be replayed. After considerable discussion, it was decided that a telegram be sent to the Football Association in England asking it if any similar occurrence had come to its knowledge, and if so what was the usual procedure adopted in such cases and whether this match should be replayed or only the five minutes lost.

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—After nearly a month's continuous rain, we are now enjoying a spell of fine weather, and during the past few days we have had plenty of cricket and football. The Harwood Association Football League continues to be the centre of attraction, but the play shown in most of the games decided this week has not been of a very high order. In the early part of the week, when the ground was still in a very sloppy condition, the Bombay Gymkhana met the "B" team of the North Staffords. In several places the ground was practically under water, while frequent showers fell during the progress of the match. As a result good combination was out of the question, and play was of a very scrambly nature. From the outset the military players asserted their superiority, and had all the best of matters. In the first half they scored a couple of goals, and added a third during the second moiety, eventually leaving the ground winners by three goals to *nil*. Considerable interest was evinced in the game played off last (Saturday) evening between the "A" and "B" teams of the North Staffords. Both are well up in the league table, and this was the first time they had met. Naturally there was considerable rivalry, and a large crowd of spectators turned out in anticipation of witnessing a good game. And in this they were not disappointed, for it was one of the best contested games that has been seen so far this season in connexion with the League. Encouraged by the shouts of their respective supporters both teams played for all they were worth, and there were many exciting bits of play. Taken all round there was not much to choose between the two elevens, but the "A" team showed slightly the better combination, and eventually won. Another match played during the week was that between the Royal Garrison Artillery and the Telegraph Recreation Club. The result was an easy win for the gunners by seven goals to *nil*.

The chief topic of conversation in Bombay just now is the approaching cricket match between the Presidency and the Parsees, which is down for decision on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next, and speculation is rife as to who will win. Encouraged by their previous successes in Bombay the Parsees seem fairly confident of victory, and personally, I am inclined to think they will win. There are many, however, who are of a different way of thinking, and I hope they may be right. At the time of writing neither team has been selected—four men have been asked and accepted for the Presidency, while three places remain to be filled in the Parsee eleven. The certainties for the Europeans are Mr. E. L. Sale, who is both batting and bowling well this season, and who will, I understand, captain the side, Mr. M. R. Jardine having intimated his inability to play. Then there is Mr. H. Cheetham, a reliable bat and a very useful bowler; Mr. H. C. John (Satara), who is selected for his bowling; and Mr. Walcott, the wicket-keeper. The other seven places will be filled after the test match, Civil *vs.* Military, which commences to-morrow. As to the Parsees, they will be represented by very much the same eleven as last year. They will, however, greatly miss the services of A. H. Mehta, who has always bowled with such success in these matches. The Gymkhana Committee have been at a good deal of pains to have the new pitch ready for the match and are hopeful that it will play well, but this, of course, depends on the kind of weather we have during the coming week.

The walking craze has reached Bombay, and a few evenings since about forty of the employees of the Bombay Improvement Trust turned out for a six miles walking race. The competitors were started in three different batches at intervals of five minutes, and some exciting finishes were witnessed. The first prize was won by Bapoobhai Bhimji Desai, who covered the distance in 1hr. 15mins. 15secs, the next to finish being Rustomji Sorabji in 1hr. 16mins., followed by Kumrudin Mirale in 1hr. 16mins. 30secs. and G. R. Date in 1hr. 18mins.

In the spring of 1865—the year famous for the triple victories in Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger of Gladiateur—a gentleman having won a "pony" at cards, asked the loser to back an animal named Planet for him with the money. The horse won and the "pony" was run into £300. Of this sum £200 was invested on Gladiateur for the Two Thousand Guineas, and realised £1,300; a thousand being subsequently placed on the same horse for the Derby, it produced £6,500, or over £8,000 in all. What a pity history has not told us why this fortunate individual did not continue his lucky run by supporting the son of Monarque for the St. Leger!

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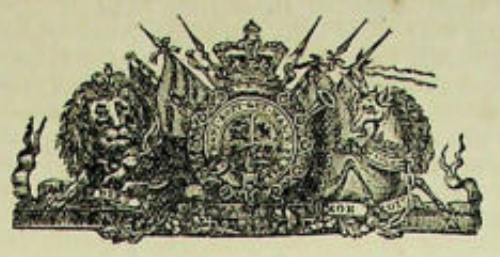

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General Notes.

THE Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bourdillon leave Calcutta for Darjeeling on Monday, the 17th instant.

We regret to hear of the death of Sir John Muir, head of the firm of Finlay, Muir and Co., Calcutta, at the age of seventy-five years.

Sergt. Stone of the 72nd Field Artillery, charged with assaulting and causing the death of a native driver, was acquitted at the High Court Criminal Sessions at Allahabad on the 5th instant.

With much regret we learn by wire of the death in London of Mr. W. B. Colville at the age of 52. He was well known, beloved and respected in Calcutta and his death will leave a gap not easily filled.

We regret to hear of the death at Murree of Mr. W. L. Holman. He was the oldest resident and one of the original founders of that station. His connection with India and the Punjab dated back to the annexation of the province.

Lady Curzon's "Bal Poudre" at Simla on the 6th instant was a great success. About four hundred were present, the ladies with wigs and powder and the men in mess dress. Unfortunately Lady Curzon was slightly indisposed, and only attended the dance for a brief period to welcome her guests.

We are sorry to learn of two accidents at Coonoor last week. Colonel McArthur was thrown from his horse and broke his collar bone in two places. Captain Caldbeck of the 4th Hussars also broke his collar bone, the result of a fall at polo. We are glad to say both sportsmen are doing well and will soon be about again.

Messrs. G. F. Kellner & Co have been very unfortunate with regard to their managers on the railway line the last week. Mr. Tums died at Ghaziabad of cholera, Mr. Ray, the Superintendent of the line, also died a few hours afterwards; while Mr. Johnston, the Manager of Dinapore refreshment rooms in trying to stop a fight between railway employés died from a kick which he received during the *mêlée*.

The Calcutta Amateur Dramatic Society continue to make a great success of *The Dandy Fifth*. The performance improves with every repetition and is quickly approaching amateur perfection. The principals have rubbed off all the "corners" since the opening night and, ably assisted by the chorus, make the piece go with a great swing. Some new songs have been introduced and the topical verses of Messrs Zimmerman and Matthew are vociferously encored. *The Dandy Fifth* continues to draw crowded houses and the season ought to be a most successful one for the A. D. S.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 24th July 1903.*

I AM under the impression that at various times lately I have "grousèd" rather extensively respecting the weather and other untoward conditions, but having had my grumble out, I rested "aisy," and had no desire to search out the cause of these dispensations of Providence. I vaguely attributed the rain to spots in the sun, or to the moon having thought proper to "change" at an unpropitious hour, or to a rainy cycle having set in or to some other antiquated and utterly improbable theory. But there is no longer room for speculation, and it is not an enemy who has done us this ill-turn, but His Majesty King Edward VII. The *Rock* has discovered that the British defeat in Somaliland is the just retribution which has fallen upon this unhappy land in consequence of the King's visit to Pope Leo XIII.; and to the same cause the vicar of Christ Church, Burton-on-Trent, attributes many of our late afflictions. He gives a catalogue of the evils brought upon our unhappy land by this truckling to the "Scarlet Lady." The heavy rains which destroyed the crops; the snow in Kent on the 19th of June; the floods at Windsor, *the residence of the King* (but unluckily for poetic justice—also the residence of many innocent persons who suffered considerably from the flood while the Castle escaped scotfree). And His Majesty is not the only sinner! The Government, by buying out the Irish Protestant landlords, is preparing the way for "Home Rule and Rome Rule," and is already reaping the reward of its evil deeds. Associations are being openly formed for the purpose of defying the law, and resisting the payment of rates. A condition of affairs prevails that has had no counterpart for I am afraid to say how long, and "the greatest Government of modern times is tottering to its fall!" How truly satisfactory to be able to trace effects so clearly to their first cause!

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The interest excited by the recent debate in the House of Lords on the question of physical degeneration seems to increase rather than decrease. It is devoutly to be hoped that the memorandum by the Director-General of the Army Medical Service will draw attention to the question as it affects the Army. It tells us that between 1893 and 1902, one man out of every three examined for enlistment was rejected by the doctors as medically unfit, and this does not include the large number rejected by the recruiting sergeant. Sir William Taylor suggests that the conditions of life among the very poor in towns (and it is from this class that our recruits mainly come) are responsible for this degeneracy. A few facts appear to be beyond dispute. One, that the physique of the upper and middle classes—especially of the women—is improving. The Bishop of Ripon said in the House that the average height has increased three-quarter of an inch in the last thirty years. Secondly that the physique of the classes below the artizan class is degenerating in at least an equal degree—the result of overcrowding, bad air, and not only insufficient but improper food. The Duke of Wellington says the average height, weight and health of the English recruit are decreasing, while the German recruit is improving, and he contends that "the old duty of personal service to the State, which was allowed to lapse during the period when nations were acquiring wealth, must be put in force again." The inquiry on the subject that the Goverment proposes to address to the chiefs of the medical profession is a step in the right direction and the result will be awaited with eager interest by most of us.

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The chief theatrical events of the past week have been "farewells," and for the next few months those of us who perforce remain in town are left lamenting. Yesterday week Sir Charles Wyndham said "farewell" for some time to the theatre bearing his name. It is said that Mr. John Hare will probably occupy it in his absence. Last Friday night saw the end of the run of delightful *Old Heidelberg* but as Mr. Alexander has given up his projected tour in America he will re-appear at the St. James's early next year, the American loss being distinctly our gain. And on Saturday night Sir Henry Irving said "farewell to London audiences, it is said, for at least a year." *Dante* had been a most successful production from the pecuniary point of view, and has "caught on" with a class of playgoers whom it would seem hardly likely to attract.

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Glittering Gloria produced by Mr. James Welsh, at Wyndham's Theatre on Tuesday night, evidently left those who were privileged to see it in a state bordering on delirium. I have struggled in vain to get a coherent account of the plot. I am assured there is not one—at least not one that it was possible to follow. Nothing but a series of most amusing and utterly improbable situations which left the audience helpless from laughter. All the accounts I have heard agree that the stage management was wonderful and *Glittering Gloria* a decidedly cheerful entertainment.

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Shrewsbury is celebrating the five hundreth anniversary of its battle—chiefly memorable it must be confessed in connection with Falstaff, and Mr. Benson's company has been down twice, giving *Richard II.*, *Henry IV.*, and *Henry V.*, in historical sequence. *Richard II.*, is one of Mr. Benson's best parts—if not his very best, and the two other plays must have been interesting under the circumstances. Shrewsbury is one of the most fascinating of old world towns. In the days of my extremely gullible youth I used to look with great awe on a clock in the old Market Square which some one assured me was the identical one by which Falstaff fought an hour.

One begins to asks oneself how much of the London that one has known (and loved) will be left to us in a few years' time. I much fear it will be "improved" beyond recognition, and personally I resent the removal of my ancient landmarks. Passing the Piccadilly end of the Burlington Arcade the other day I felt there was something wrong—a sense of an unwonted gap—a strangeness—that bothered me for some minutes, until I realised that the old familiar newspaper stall in the gateway had departed, never to return. It was not an ornamental object—it had never been a useful one to me—yet a gentle, pensive regret stole o'er me when I realised that its place would know it no more.

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I now read that the Improvements (?) Committee of that august body, the London County Council, have drawn up a report "on the proposed scheme for the widening of Piccadilly between Sackville Street and Piccadilly Circus at an estimated cost of £209,500." The Committee proposes to treat the work in four sections "having regard to the length of the leases in the property"—Section I, between Sackville Street and Swallow Street; II, between Swallow Street and Piccadilly Place; III, between Piccadilly Place and Air Street; IV, between Air Street and Piccadilly Circus. The report regrets that the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods and Forests (to whom the free-hold belongs) have hitherto not seen fit to assist the Council in this scheme, out of consideration for the old occupiers in the thoroughfare. Now, however, that difficulty appears to have been surmounted, and if the Westminster City Council agrees to contribute the one-fifth of the total expense required by the London County Council, the sections between Swallow Street and Air Street will be dealt with within the next few months. The widening of that portion of Piccadilly is much to be desired, and is another step towards the completion of the scheme for a broad thoroughfare between Kensington High Street and Piccadilly Circus—the buildings between Walsingham House and the Green Parks having for some time past presented the properly desolate appearance that precedes being improved off the face of the earth. There is no special delight in being "blocked" in Piccadilly at intervals of every few yards, on a broiling June day, but all the same (being truly Conservative) I feel that the new, widened, improved, County Councilled Piccadilly won't be the Piccadilly of my youthful affections over which I utter my lament.

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Clifford's, the oldest Inn of Chancery recently sold by auction for the sum of £100,000, was a most interesting relic, and its demolition is a cause for lament. It is, however, a satisfaction to hear that the beautiful 17th century woodwork and carving, ascribed to Grinling Gibbons, and now fitted in a room in the Inn, was purchased yesterday for the Victoria and Albert Museum for 550 guineas. The carving is of exquisite design, and is said to be the finest of its kind in existence. The set consists of a beautiful moulding, a chair rail, deep panelling, and a grand chimney-piece, carved with foliage and flowers.

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"Black Michael" is generally credited with possessing an abundant and vigorous vocabulary when he desires to ban a foe, but should he feel "disposed" to bless a friend he will now not have far to seek for a choice assortment of complimentary epithets. He need only turn to the memorial lately presented to him by his admirer, "an Indian Prince. Never, surely, has there been a more comprehensive catalogue of virtues! Most of us are vaguely aware that "laying it on thick" is an Oriental accomplishment, but the memorialist must be gifted beyond the common. His memorial states that "your parental lordships" (*i.e.* B. M.) is a sagacious, intellectual, lustrious, (?) predominant, complaisant, refulgent, sumptuous, vivid, polite, cautious, receptive, upright, righteous, impartial, prudent, philanthropic, compassionate, gracious, merciful, benevolent, magnanimous, and inimitable blessed party"! The last, by the way, is rather an anti-climax after the magnificent adjectives that precede it, moved by these "lustrious" qualities the Oriental gentleman "palpitates to serenade" the object of his admiration by "touching the chords of my invaluable lute, the property of my ever-renowned grandfather."

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The three amendments to the Motor Cars Bill, which have been carried, remedy its most glaring

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defects. The first makes the provisions as to reckless driving applicable to all roads to which the public has access—not only to the public highways; the second requires any person driving a motor car to be licensed; and the third prohibits any person under sixteen receiving such a license. The question of a speed limit led to the most interesting part of the debate. Lord Camperdown, speaking with genuine feeling, advocated a maximum speed of 20 miles an hour, but although he was supported by Lord Kelvin, the proposal was rejected, on the ground that there are stretches on which that speed is not necessarily dangerous. It is to be regretted that the proposal to require a certificate of competence before a driver is licensed was considered impracticable by Lord Balfour of Burleigh. And it is much to be desired that something may be done to mitigate the nuisance, as well as the dangers caused by the motorists. In fact the appalling clouds of dust raised by the cars under certain conditions are not only a nuisance but a very serious danger on roads where there is even a moderate amount of traffic.

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The death of Mr. Whistler last week at his house in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, removes not only an artist of exceptional gifts, but an interesting unconventional personality. His thorough enjoyment of his numerous combats was refreshing, and his various law suits made entertaining reading, especially his own comments thereon. His genius was first made known to the general public by an exhibition of some beautiful Japanese pictures which had been painted almost 30 years before, and in the catalogue he printed all the adverse criticisms on them which he could collect. Of recent years he did comparatively little work, and came less prominently before the public. That "the gentle art of making enemies" had left him many friends was apparent at the funeral service last Tuesday.

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The accounts from Ireland point to the visit of the King and Queen proving an unqualified success. The most interesting part of the visit, and the one most productive of far-reaching results should be the tour in the West, and though the time allotted to it will be short, the King may be trusted to make the best possible use of it.

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LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.

MY LAST SHOOT.

(*Continued from page 325.*)

Camp J., 14th May.—Marched here this morning, I riding the whole way in as I was a bit feeble from yesterday's fever. N. had quite an interesting morning. He began by sending in a doe antelope for the pot, which was much needed, supplies having been very difficult to get. We were obliged to do this now and then when supplies ran out, and preferred, on these occasions, if a shootable buck could not be found, to kill a young doe, rather than a young buck, the former sex being out of all proportion to the latter in these parts. I waited on in camp for N. for a long time. At last he turned up and told me what he had been up to. He had the famous Chandun to guide him, and, with him, soon hit off fresh tracks of bison which they followed, succeeding before long in getting in touch with the herd. N. did not at once, however, get a shot; and while he was jogging along in pursuit of the slightly suspicious herd, an old she bear with two fair-sized cubs emerged from a thicket, almost on top of him He lost no time in shooting the old lady, and tried to make his men catch the cubs, but they were rather too big to handle, and easily escaped from their pursuers. N. then followed on after the bison, hardly expecting to see them again after his shot at the bear which he now rather regretted. However, the bison appeared to have been little scared for he soon came on them again, managing this time to get a shot into the bull, (a chest shot I think he told me), which knocked him over and, as N. thought, settled him for good. But when he came to the spot where he expected to find the dead bull, lo and behold, he was gone. There was nothing to do then but to follow on his tracks, which N. did, till late in the forenoon, without success. He then returned to camp for some food, leaving again, after breakfast, to continue the tracking: but it was no good, the bull had got too long a start, and in the evening N. had to give him up. On his return to camp he came across and shot a decidedly fine blue bull. I practically did nothing this afternoon, preferring to take it easy and not give the fever another look in.

Camp J., 15th May.—To-day I persuaded N. to try, with the tigress that charged out at me on the 13th, the plan that he himself suggested for these tigers that we cannot get to revisit their kills. He gave his day up to it, like a man, though bison tracking would have been much more to his taste. We both, however, felt that it was our duty to make an effort to defeat this tigress; and as she (*i.e.*, if the tiger I saw from my *machan* on the 12th is the one that tried to assault me on the 13th, which I doubt) had twice done me in the eye, it was certainly N.'s turn to have a go at her. He spent the morning selecting his tree, and having his *machan* tied up in it, commanding the mouth of the nullah I was charged in, and at 2 o'clock he sallied forth again from camp with a herd of cattle. Under cover of these cattle he got into his *machan* and had one of them tied within easy range of his tree in the nullah, while the remainder were kept grazing up and down near the mouth of the nullah, and over all ground that he could command. The day was very hot, with not a breath of air, and he had a very trying time in his *machan*; but though he did not get a shot he actually saw the tigress and proved that the plan was a good one. As the sun went down the grazing cattle were gradually withdrawn and taken tinkling home; and as they disappeared N. saw the head of a tiger some sixty yards off, up the nullah, looking wickedly at the poor beast that was tied up before him. But it was only for a second that he got this view, and what became of the tiger, or tigress, he never knew, for he or she never showed up again; and eventually when darkness came on, N.'s men turned up to help him down from his *machan*, and he returned to camp with a strong go of fever on him, brought on by the baking he had had in the sun. As wary as she can be is this old tigress. My day was a very uneventful one. I was after bison with Chandun both in the morning and evening. We found fresh tracks, but they crossed and recrossed so often that we got hopelessly mixed over them and eventually had to give them up as a bad job.

Camp J., 16th May—N. was very chippy all day with fever and did not attempt to go out. As for myself I sinned so disgracefully in the morning with bison that I dare not tell the tale. Suffice it to say that I was covered with shame when I had to return to camp and confess to N. the terrible mistake I had made. In the afternoon I was again a victim of an atrocious piece of bad luck with a tiger. When I got back to camp I was told that a tiger had killed a huge buffalo that morning right out in the open, not a mile from camp As N. was too seedy to go out, I said I would stroll out in the afternoon and sit up over the kill till dark. I confess I did not expect anything to come of it, but felt that I was bound to try it. The kill was right out in the open, a very large buffalo; evidently, by the marks, pulled down by a very big tiger. Near it were two small, but thick, trees, very little more than bushes. In one of these I had to put my *machan*, not more than four feet from the ground. I had with me Chote Khan, and a couple of local men, to tie up the *machan*. Sita Ram, N.'s shikari, also came; but when I got into my *machan* I told him I did not want him and that he had better go back to his master. Chote Khan and the other two men I sent to where a lot of cattle were herded for the night, only about quarter mile off I told them to come for me as soon as it was dark—there was no moon. It seemed to me a hopeless sit up; there was no jungle within half a mile, and the kill, as I have said was absolutely in the open. However, I sat on and did my duty like a man; and as the shades of night crept on watched and listened as keenly as I have ever done. It was almost dark, and I had raised my rifle to see if I could still take any sort of aim with it, when I heard a voice about 100 yards behind me, that I at once recognized to be Sita Ram's, calling out to Chote Khan to know if he had a lantern.

Just at the very witching hour of approaching night that one would expect a tiger, this shout came At the same moment I thought I heard a slight rustle under me. Then came another yell from Sita Ram, which was answered by a low growl from almost under me. There, of course, was the tiger! I never saw him, only heard him give this growl in answer to Sita Ram; and then, of course, he vanished into thin air; at all events I never saw him or heard more of him. It really was too exasperating. What brought Sita Ram back heaven only knows. N. never sent him to me and I never told him I wanted him again. It really was too bad! In another minute or two I ought to have had that tiger nicely on the kill. My feelings I cannot describe and the language I used when I got down from the *machan* I must not repeat, so there's an end of it.

Camp J. 17th May.—To-day, I am sorry to say quite unintentionally and through a misunderstanding, I took a line of country which should have fallen to N., and succeeded in bagging a very decent bull bison, which I should have been quite as pleased to see fall to N.'s rifle. There was nothing very exciting about the morning's work, though it was decidedly interesting to see Chandun worry out the tracks. We struck them at about 6 A.M., and I finally came up with the bull at about 10 A.M., so it was a pleasant morning's walk. For a long time it looked as if we should never have a look in, for the tracking was all with the wind, and more than once we saw by the tracks that we had been fairly close on the bull, and that he had moved on in a hurry, having evidently winded us. Eventually we had about half an hour's tracking up wind, and in that half hour I came up with him and got a shot into him about 60 yards off, behind the off shoulder which prevented him going far, though he wanted one or two more shots afterwards to kill him, poor brute. He made no attempt to charge. His measurements were:—From tip to tip, round the horns and a cross the frontal brow, 69¼ inches; from tip to tip straight across, 19¼ inches; widest spread, *inside* 27 inches; widest spread *outside*, 33 inches; girth of horns, 15½ inches. N., I regret to say, saw nothing. In the afternoon after a late breakfast I made one more effort, as we were moving camp the next day to circumvent our friend the tigress. I did not try any sitting up, but stealthily walked up all her haunts taking care not to be caught in the centre of the nullah again, but saw no sign of her. N. again was out of luck, and saw nothing in his evening stroll.

Camp U., 18th May.—Moved camp to day, a march of 15 miles for the carts, and 10 for us, taking short cuts on our horses. We did not attempt to shoot on our way and therefore had a very long wait at U. before our carts came in. While waiting for them we were shown the remains of what we were told was a panther kill. I sat up over the few bones that were left in the afternoon but saw nothing. We had very little doubt afterwards that I had been wasting time over a wild dog's kill. While I was sitting up N. took an evening stroll but saw nothing.

Camp U., 19th May.—Both out in the morning to explore the new country. Both back early in the hopes of hearing that one or other of our numerous kills had been taken. I saw no sign of game anywhere, while N. had the bad luck to wound and lose a cheetal stag. On returning to camp we were glad to find there had been a kill, fairly close to camp, so breakfast was hustled up and we got off with our beaters as soon after it as we could. This was another absolute certainty to look at, an ideal two-gun beat, each gun having an equal chance. However, no tiger turned up, and whether he was absent when we started the beat, as most of these tigers are, for they have learnt by experience that they gain nothing by lying up near their kills, the Bygas being much too fond of meat to give them a chance of a second feed, or whether we lost him through really bad beating I cannot say. But undoubtedly the beat was brought up disgracefully, and not at all as we had planned, and much good ground was left out. Anyhow, whatever the cause, we had once more to jog home disappointed and defeated.

Camp U, 20th and 21st May.—Uneventful days, both of them. We had merely stopped on in the hope of getting a tiger to kill, but none were so obliging. All we succeeded in bringing to bag during these two trying days was one green pigeon! A move to C, six miles off, was settled on for to morrow.

Camp C., 22nd May.—On my way here I shot a really fine specimen of a male wild dog, who insultingly squatted himself down on my path and declined to move. I am very much afraid my shot disturbed some bara singha that N. very unexpectedly hit off very shortly after leaving U. They were too wary for him and would not let him get within range. The same thing happened with some cheetal that he afterwards came across—nothing would persuade them to wait for a shot. On continuing his march to C., N. came across a wild dog (the place is infested with them), which he knocked over, though it picked itself up afterwards and managed to get away It was not worth following and N. left it to its fate. There is no doubt these brutes have spoilt our sport at U., for there are numbers of them about and very little sign of game anywhere. We found C. a most unpromising looking spot, and decided at once not to waste time over it, but to retrace our steps homewards by a slightly varied route. In the evening we took a stroll with our guns, and N. bagged two brace of black partridge, and a hare, while I missed everything I fired at.

Camp B., 23rd May.—Our leave was drawing to a close and this, the first of our return marches, brought it home to us that we must make the most of the few days that are left us. We had meant to encamp the village of B. but found that, owing to the proximity of large swarms of bees, it was dangerous to do so. The only alternative was to go down and camp by the river side, which we did, though I firmly believe we lost a tiger or two by doing so. The nullah, or rather river bed, showed fresh marks to-day of at least three tigers, and we were very hopeful, with all our garas out in likely spots, that we should find one or two taken the next day; but as the diary for the next few days will show, we never got one to take the proffered bait. In fact, after to-day, a fresh track of a tiger was not again seen by us in the river bed; and I feel convinced that our camp on its banks drove them all away. We worked our way here this morning through the jungles but saw nothing. In the evening we were out again exploring the very attractive jungles we were in. I missed an easy shot at a muntjac to begin with and later on knocked over a sambur stag with, I am sorry to say, a very small head. This is the second time I have shot sambur in May with horns in proper order and strange to say both were shot on the 23rd May, the first in 1898 and the second now. N.'s luck was out and he saw nothing. We were both caught in a very heavy thunderstorm this evening.

Camp B., 24th May.—Both out early. Jungles excellent, but neither of us came across anything owing, no doubt, to wild dogs, of which there are numbers about. On my way home I shot one, cut off her brush and left the carcase.

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N. also saw numerous tracks of them about. Possibly they have had something to say to the departure of the family of tigers that was undoubtedly here when we marched in yesterday. Anyhow, whether it is the proximity of our camp, or the presence of the wild dogs, that have driven them away, they have all gone. In the afternoon we were out again and N. brought home a small bara singha stag that he had bowled over with a long shot, proving that there are a few of these animals about here, in spite of the protestations of the local people that there were none. In fact when N. shot his stag most of them pretended they had never seen such a beast before. My afternoon brought no fun, for I only saw a four-horned antelope at which I could not get a shot.

Camp B., 25th May.—We hung on here another day in the hopes of getting a tiger to take one of our garas; but no good came of it as far as Stripes was concerned. Master Spots I did come across as I will relate. I determined last night to give my whole morning up to the tigers and to try and discover what had become of them. I visited every kill and near the first one I found fresh tracks of a small tiger which eventually led into jungle, where, of course, they were soon lost. Why this tiger did not touch a kill I do not know, for he passed fairly close to two of them. Shortly after I had lost his tracks I heard monkeys yapping in the direction that he had apparently gone in. I walked to the sound till the yapping ceased, and I had then nothing to guide me; so what it was that disturbed my monkey friends I cannot say. I steadily and conscientiously went to every kill, seven in number, so before I had done I had covered a deal of ground. And then I turned and walked along the banks of a branch nullah up which the whole family of tigers had evidently gone three days before. It was a very tigery nullah, and I was quite prepared to find one enjoying a siesta, but that sort of thing does not happen every day, and it did not come off on this particular day. After finishing with this nullah I turned for home, and, on way back, heard monkeys yapping violently at something only a few hundred yards to my right. I invariably walk to this sound whenever I hear it, but never before to-day have I been lucky enough to come on the beat that was annoying the monkeys. To-day, however I had some fun. Walking stealthily towards the infuriated monkeys I at last got close enough to see them, and, to make out that they were really very angry with something immediately under them. Branches of trees were being violently shaken, and the well-known half cough, half bark, denoting rage and alarm, was echoing from every side when I spotted a panther making quietly off at a slow walk. He had not seen me and did not apparently suspect danger, so I rather foolishly tried to get closer to him, being hardly certain enough of making the shot good at the distance which then separated us. As far as I myself was concerned, I don't think he ever noticed me, for he let me get to a nice spot from which I intended to take my shot when he passed between two trees I had marked. My rifle was up, and he was coming nicely and quietly to the opening, when suddenly his head was raised and in a twinkling of an eye he was gone, and I had not fired! I was very disgusted, for it was my men who had spoilt the show. Instead of lying low when I went ahead they got impatient after a while, and determined to follow, and see what I was up to; and just at the critical moment exposed themselves to the view of the only too sharp eyed panther, and made a mess of the whole job. I was annoyed because I have so often explained to my shikari, Chote Khan, that I like to be absolutely alone when stalking, and the difficult work of getting up to a beast begins and he had in his excitement forgotten all my instructions on this particular occasion. I had a word of blame for myself too for not taking the first chance of a shot that was offered me. There was nothing for it now but to go home, and as we were within half-a-mile of camp I thought all shooting was over and handed my rifle over to Chote Khan. The monkeys were still coughing and barking, but I really did not think anything of this, merely putting it down to the fact that their tempers had not yet cooled down. However, there was something in it after all, for before I had gone a couple of hundred yards, leading the way and smoking a cheroot—(I was not in a Government fire preserved forest, good reader, believe me)—I suddenly saw another panther strolling along in the somewhat tall grass in front of me. Chote Khan saw me stop sharp, and hold out my hand for the rifle, and was alongside me with it in no time. But neither he nor Chandun had any idea what I had seen. Luckily for me, within a yard or too of me, there was a friendly antheap on to which I jumped to get a better view of my quarry. If it had not been for this antheap I doubt whether I should have been able to see him again in the long grass. As it was I got an easy shot into him at the back of the neck as he walked on quite unconscious of my presence. He fell over at once, but continued growling for some time in the long grass in which I could not now see him. However, he was but a small chap, and after firing one or too random shots into the grass where I thought he was, I walked him up and found him dead. I must now admit that I had never before believed in there being two sorts of panthers, for I have hitherto always shot the bigger chap measuring, as a male, from about 6 feet 9 inches to 7 feet 3 inches; but here was a full grown, fully developed, panther as shown by his teeth and claws, measuring only 5 feet 9 inches. He was no cub, or three-quarter grown panther of the larger sort, of that there could be no doubt. But what would account for his smallness I cannot say; unless there are two district *jats* of panthers, and I am bound to say, that before to-day I never really believed there were two *jats*. When I got to camp I found N. had shot a muntjac, and that he had wounded and lost a cheetal stag. In the afternoon he was out again and saw a blue bull, but declined to fire at him. I also went out in the afternoon with the express view of trying to find the kill the two panthers I came across in the morning were feeding off. Long before I reached the spot I heard the monkeys yapping away as furiously as ever, but was not lucky enough to see my first panther again, and, though I hunted high and low, I could find no trace of his kill. There are no tigers about here now, so we shall push on with our return journey to-morrow.

C. R. O. W.

To be concluded.

Shooting.

CALCUTTA REVOLVER CLUB.

THE fifth monthly prize meeting was held at Milton Park on Saturday last. The shooting was with the right hand and the range 20 yards. The 1st prize was won by Mr. E. Thompson and the Nursery prize was won by Mr. W. Bryant.

The following were among the best scores returned :—

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Mr. E. Thompson	...	37—3=34
Mr. M. Mertig	...	38—6=32
Mr. W. Boeckel	...	35—3=32

NURSERY CLASS.

Mr. W. Bryant: 20 scratch.

THE SAUCER CLUB.

The Club has recently held a couple of shoots at Messrs. Lyon and Lyon's range. Appended are the best scores in each :—

MATCH I—SCRATCH. 10 birds

											Total.
A H T Raban	...	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1=9
A P Stewart	...	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	2=7
J Mitchell	...	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2=6

MATCH II—HANDICAP. 20 Birds.

											Total.
W S Burke	...	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0=7
		1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0=8 +8=23
J Mitchell	...	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1=8
		0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1=7 +6=21

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CRICKET QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDIAN FIELD.

SIR,—To settle a bet will you kindly let me know how many batsmen made two hundreds in a match in first-class cricket at home last year and whether C. B. Llewellyn, the Hampshire cricketer, hails from Australia or South Africa.

A. P. S.

[A. Shrewsbury, playing for Notts against Gloucester at Nottingham made 101 and 127 not out, and V. Trumper for the Australians against Essex at Leyton made 109 and 119. Llewellyn went to England from Natal.—ED.]

A CRITIC CRITICISED.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—A most amusing article which appeared in *The Indian Field* some time back has just been brought to my notice. It is entitled "Sporting Pictures at the Royal Academy" (by our London correspondent). The writer is evidently a humourist—of sorts, and perhaps a sportsman; but the "expert eye" he mentions is that of a sportsman who is no longer an "expert" when confined within the walls of Burlington House.

It is a trifle astonishing that one of the two leading wild animal painters of the day, namely, Mr. Arthur Wardle should be dubbed a dog-painter! May I ask if this is the first Academy exhibition your correspondent has attended? Before he "does the show" again, I should like to recommend a course of Natural History—Lydekker might be useful. He writes "Jaguar (?)" so is apparently not clear about the identity of this animal; also he seems very hazy in his notions of a Siberian tiger, which happens in the picture to be a tigress.

However, apart from these merely technical shortcomings, your writer is quite a wag. He objects to animals being painted in a spot where they can be seen and would, I presume, prefer to see the mouth of a cave with a notice affixed: "Beware the feline within!"

He is touchingly sympathetic towards Mr. Wardle's unfortunate leopard who, he fears, if constrained for very long in his present attitude, will suffer dreadfully from cramp. I would suggest that your critic should, in future, turn his attention to the Bioscope. I sincerely hope for the sake of his tender heart, that there is no hitch which brings the works to a stand still, leaving some miserable horse poised on one leg.

A closer examination of Mr. E. H. Fischer's picture "Habet" might, in the matter of length of coat, relieve this same tender-hearted correspondent's fears as to the animal feeling the cold too bitterly. To my surprise, he takes a rather blood-thirsty turn and is not satisfied with the gory wound in the belly of the tigress (which by the way has as certainly not been caused by a bullet—badly aimed, or otherwise—as it evidently *has* been inflicted by the powerful horn of some opponent). It is truly a pity that he cannot get to the offside of the beast for, perhaps, he would find that sufficiently lacerated even for his own particular sporting taste.

It would be too flattering to take the article as serious criticism, but it does seem a pity that such sparkling wit should be founded on such meagre information!

LONDON, *20th July 1903.* PORTAX.

[Our correspondent can very well take care of himself; but as he isn't here and our friend "Portax" may like to know on what he bases his claim to expert opinion we may say that the author of this particular criticism was a well-known big game shot in India and Burma, is the author of sporting books and jungle stories that have earned for him a reputation for close observation and knowledge of shikar and forestry. He is also, as the editor of one of the leading sporting journals in London, an accepted authority on sporting matters, and a well tried old Indian shikari, though he may not appreciate nature as presented to him at Burlington House, may have received impressions as the result of long stalks and patient vigils that paint and canvas can never satisfactorily convey. And if "our correspondent," after this, doesn't consider himself as liable to offer us some slight refreshment when next we meet we shall be surprised—ED.]

NIGHT SHOOTING.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—If "Ubique" goes through the shikar matter published in a contemporary of 30th May and of 6th and 13th June 1903, he will find that shooting with electric light has become a total failure. "Virgil," the writer on the subject, left no stone unturned to make the shooting a success with a ten horse power electric light, Out of six attempts in not even in a single one did he succeed, and in the majority of cases, the moment the light was on, the animal, far from being taken by surprise rushed off, before the shooter had time to level his gun.

A. N. R.

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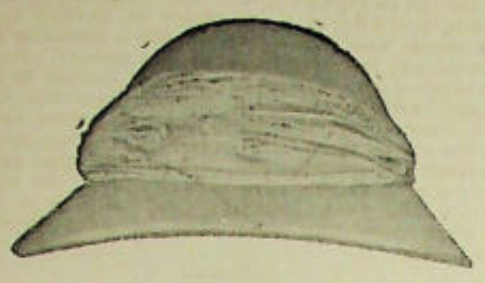

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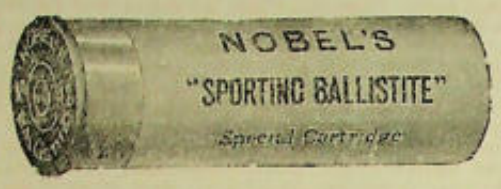

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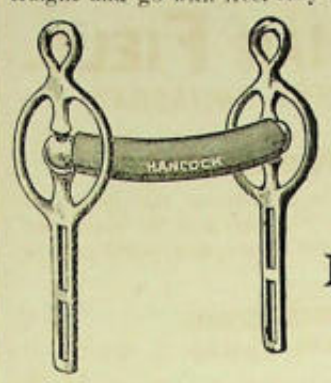

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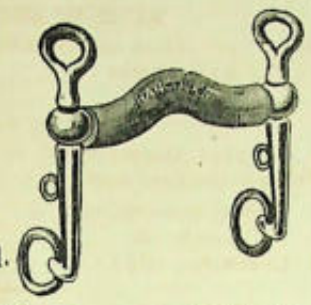

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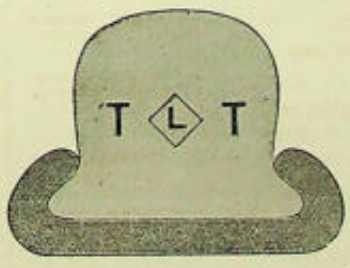

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Fifth do do	„	12	
Quetta Autumn	„	22 & 25	
Ootacamund Hunt	„	23, 26, 28 &	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	„	Oct. 1, 3, 5 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky	„	29 & Oct. 1	
Cocanada	„	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	374
Lucknow Autumn Sky	„	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	522
Rangoon Autumn	„	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	„	26	
Hyderabad	„	13 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	„	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	„	24, 26 & 28	373
Karachi Autumn	„	3, 5 & 7	
Terpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	„	5 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	„	12	
Second Extra	„	19	
First Meeting	„	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	„	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	„	2 & 9	
Dacca	„	7, 9 & 12	
Madras Winter	„	19, 21 & 22	
Calcutta Third Extra	„	30	
„ Fourth „	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	„	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	„	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	„	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	
Ooty Hunt Races	Sep.	22 & 25	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	First	1st Sept.
	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Race Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
	Second	25th „
Poona	Final	8th Sept.
	Third	16th Sept
	Fourth	1st Dec.
Civil Service Cup	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	First	15th Aug.
	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	Second	10th Sept.
Terpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	First	22nd August.
	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	20th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th „
Hyderabad	First	15th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.	
Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	18th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	21th to 29th August.
Poona Junior Tournament	From 15th to 31st August.
Cawnpore Tournament	Week following Army Cup.
Ezra Challenge Cup	Begins 11th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
CRICKET.	
Bombay vs. Parsees (Bombay)	13th, 14th & 15th August
Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September
THE HORSE.	
Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.
Poona Horse Show	In September.
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November.
FOOTBALL.	
Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Begins 11th September.
GOLF.	
Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August
The Nasik Week	14th 21st September
SWIMMING.	
CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.	
Plunge Hep	14th August.
Autumn Meeting	12th September.
ROWING	
Calcutta R. C. Hoare Cup	15th August.
Madras C.B. Rec Weather Regatta	15th August.
THE DOG.	
Murree Dog Show	12th August.
LAWN TENNIS.	
Poona Open Challenge Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournament	14th to 19th September.
Poona Open Tournament	Commences 14th Sept.
BADMINTON.	
Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Great Northern Leger (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Great Ebor Handicap (1½ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire Stakes (1 mile furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

America Cup First Race	20th August.
Dublin Horse Show	25th August.
Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

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First Meeting, Saturday, 8th August 1903.

THE afternoon turned out bright and fine and admitted of the inaugural meeting being held under conditions favourable to man and beast. There was a good attendance and the enclosures, betting ring, and refreshment booth presented busy and animated scenes throughout the afternoon. Honours were fairly easy between fielders and punters, for favourites did not have it all their own way and there were a couple of upsets. The course, after the rain of the two previous days, was of the real monsoon pattern, consequently times were not calculated to break the clock. Fields were good enough, but the starting, as we feared, was hardly what it might have been. A regrettable accident in the Hurdle Race ended in the death of Mr. Cowper's promising hurdler Bushey, ridden by Mr. Raban, who was lucky to get off with a bad shaking and a few bruises, seeing that his mount took a very bad fall and rolled over him. This and other matters connected with the afternoon's sport are dealt with in our notes; it will be sufficient to append details.

THE PONY TRIAL PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1, and other ponies 13-3½ and under measured since 31st March 1899, which have never won a flat race value Rs. 500 or upwards. Above heights to carry 10st, W. I. Penalties.—Winners once 7lbs.; twice 10lbs.; oftener 14lbs. Allowance.—Arabs 14lbs. Five furlongs.

Mr H P Banker's ch aust m Little Doris, 9st 11lbs	W White 1
„ S G McCall's ch aust m Moss Rose, 10st 4lbs, ...	Mr Barrow 2
Messrs Mullick and DeLauney's ch a h Ben Rashid, 7st 12lbs	Native 3
Mr Rodocanachi's gr aust m Sweet Talk, 10st	Mr Smith 0
„ A N Dass' gr ch m Lucy Grey, 9st 8lbs	Hard 0
„ Shillingford's br ch m Comely, 9st 2lbs	Mr Dudley 0
„ P J DeLauney's ch c g Lord Lieutenant, 8st 13lbs ...	Bond 0
„ R G D Thomas' ch a h Pekin II, 7st 11lb	Richardson 0

(*Winner trained by Gerrard.*)

BETTING :- 6 to 4 against Little Doris, 6 to 4 Sweet Talk, 4 to 1 Moss Rose, 6 to 1 Comely, 10 to 1 Lucy Grey, 10 to 1 each Ben Rashid, Lord Lieutenant, and Pekin.

Totalisator paid Rs. 28 on the winner; Rs. 16, Rs. 17, and Rs. 69 for places.

Little Doris first and the rest nowhere. The much-fancied Sweet Talk was out of it from the start and the winner, making all her own running, won in a hack canter by ten lengths; half a length between second and third. Time—1min 12⅗secs.

THE TRIAL HURDLE RACE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A Hurdle Race for horses that have never won a Hurdle Race value Rs. 800 or over. C. W. A. and C. raised 1st. Penalties.—Winners once 7lbs.; twice 10lbs.; oftener 14lbs. About one and half mile over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr Dudley's b aust g Dundonald, 10st 10lbs	Mr Dudley 1
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aust m Kittylea, 10st 3lbs	Luckoo 2
Dr W Forsyth's b aust g Corydon, 10st 3lbs	Mr Barrow 3
Mr Cowper's b aust g Bushey, 10st, 3lbs	Mr Raban (fell) 0
Mr Patterson's b or br aust g Uma, 10st 3lbs	Bloss 0
Mr Galstaun's b aust g Mulwala, 10st 3lbs	Smallman 0
Mr A N Dass' b ch h High Tide, 9st 9lbs ...	Hard 0

(*Winner trained privately*)

BETTING :—2 to 1 against Kittylea, and Mulwala, 2½ to 1 Dundonald 10 to 1 Corydon, 10 to 1 High Tide.

Totalisator paid Rs. 49 on the winner; Rs. 24 and Rs. 21 for places.

Kittylea showed the way over the first jump with Dundonald and Corydon next and the rest abreast. Bushey slipped up at this hurdle, owing to the insufficiency of cinders on the take off side, and coming down broke his neck and knocked his rider out of time for a while. Kittylea led to the culvert when Dundonald got on terms and racing together till the final hurdle, the latter, nicely ridden, came away and won easily by several lengths. A bad third. Time—3mins. 18secs.

THE MAIDEN HORSE PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs 50 to the third, For Maiden horses. C. W. A. and C. Five furlongs.

Mr S T Creet's ch e m Gassima, 9st 3lbs ...	Hard 1
„ W O Rees' b or br aust g Oom Paul, 4yrs, 9st 11b	Mr Dudley 2
„ Evers' b aust m Sunshine, 9st 3lbs ...	Owner 3
„ G B Paris' gr aust m Actress, 9st 3lbs	Mr Deakin 0
„ A N Dass' b aust g Euryalus, 9st 3lbs	W White 0
„ A N Dass' b aust g St Glaze, 9st 3lbs...	Native 0
„ J A Manning's ch aust g Shirley, 9st 3lbs	Bond 0
„ Beagle's b aust g Seaview, 9st 3lbs ...	Mr Barrow 0
„ Raban's br aust g Sir Humphrey, 9st 3lbs	Owner 0

(*Winner trained by H. Hurd.*)

BETTING :- 6 to 4 on Euryalus, 3½ to 1 against Gassima, 4 to 1 Actress, 10 to 1 Shirley, 10 to 1 each Sir Humphrey, Seaview. Sunshine, Oom Paul, and St Glaze.

Totalisator paid Rs. 56 on the winner; Rs. 34, Rs. 58, and Rs. 19 for places.

Oom Paul led with Gassima and Sunshine close up Euryalus and St. Glaze getting a wretched start, and bringing up the rear. As they got into the straight, Gassima went to the front and won by two lengths; a bad third. Time—1min. 9secs.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arabs and C. B.'s 14-2, and other ponies 14-1 and under measured since 31st March 1899, which have never won a flat race value Rs. 500 or over. Above heights to carry 10st. W. I-Penalties.—Winners once 7lbs.; twice 10lbs.; oftener 14lbs. Allowances.—Arabs 35lbs.; C.B.'s 14lbs. 5 furlongs

Mr Harper's ch aust m Western Queen, 8st 13lbs	Jarrard 1
Mr S T Creet's b aust m Yellow Mantle, 9st 8lbs	Hard 2
„ Cowper's ch aust h First Guide, 9st 5lbs	Mr Raban 3
„ Gye's br aust m Snapshot, 9st 11lbs ...	Mr Dudley 0
„ Harper's b aust m Rezia, 9st 2lbs ...	Bond 0
Capt T B Sellar's br aust m Heather, 8st 13lbs	S White 0
„ Evers' b aust g Blair Athol (4 yrs) 10st	Owner 0

(*Winner trained by F. Pearson.*)

BETTING :—6 to 4 on Western Queen, 4 to 1 against Yellow Mantle 4 to 1 First Guide, 5 to 1 Rezia, 10 to 1 each Blair Athol, Heather and Snapshot.

Totalisator paid Rs. 19 on the winner; Rs. 14 and Rs. 17 for places.

Led from start to finish and won easily by many lengths; an indifferent third. Time—1min. 12secs.

THE JULY PLATE.—Rs. 50 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. For horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 5,000 or over. C. W. A. and C. Penalties.—Winners of a race value Rs. 500 or over, once 7lbs.; twice 10lbs.; oftener 14lbs. Winner of a race value Rs. 1,200 or over to carry lbs. in addition. 5 furlongs.

Mr Galstaun's b aus g Springlock, 10st 10lbs	Hard	1
„ Roy's ch aus h Altamas (late Lochaber), 9st 3lbs	Bond	2
Mr H B Pike's b aus g Autocrat, 9st 13lbs	Owner	3
„ G B Paris' ch e m Kellnerin, 9st 10lbs	Bloss	0
Mr Galstaun's br aus m Loch Maree, 9st 3lbs ... ... —	Mr Raban	0

(*Winner trained by H. Hard.*)

BETTING :—Evens Springlock, 3 to 1 Altamas, 4 to 1 each Autocrast and Kellnerin, 15 to 1 Loch Maree.

Totalisator paid Rs. 21 on the winner; Rs 14 and Rs. 16 for places.

Altamas and Springlock were the first to show out and led them throughout the latter passing Altamas after the distance and winning by a length; a bad third. Time—1min. 8secs.

POONA THIRD EXTRA MEETING.

Friday, 7th August 1903.

THE specials were well filled, the attendance was large and the business brisk. Shades of the past! Swiftsure, at level weights, beat the one time great Veneda in hollow fashion in the first event: and Swiftsure was once a lady's hack. The other jump event was the next item on the programme and backers vacillated between Free Trade and Malice, but the winner turned up in Major Hazelton's Patrician, who was once considered only gymkhan form. She was vigorously ridden by Captain Randall of the 3rd Madras Lancers and his victory was as much due to the fine manner in which the pony was ridden all through as any thing else. Free Trade was well up in front and looked a winner till he felt the impost and went back to his field at the mile. To leaven the good with the bad backers were permitted a look in over the Monsoon Plate. A heavy shower fell as the field marshalled at the gate and of these Young Kohinoor was well backed; but the confidence with which Aga S. Shah supported his grey carried the public mostly in the direction of Achilles and game little fellow that he is the pony won nicely from Regret, who has improved wonderfully; any chance Young Kohinoor may have had was dissipated by a bad start and a stern chase with mud coming back at him. The splendid trial given by Money Spinner was evidently public property, as he was picked to win the Maiden Closed Plate, but his stable companion, Titus II, upset the pot after a well-ridden finish. Kour Sahib romped away from his field and won anyhow. It is not often that we get a ten to one chance in these days, and it is refreshing when such a one sails home, all unbacked as Propeller did in the Hopeful Plate. I prophesied that Stockbell would make up for Saturday's disappointment the next time she was saddled; and so she did, but it was a circumstance of regret that a recent accident on the polo field kept Captain Greville out of the saddle which, however, Mr. Meynell filled with distinction. The following are details :—

MAIDEN HURDLE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For horses which have not won Hurdle race value Rs. 200. W. A. and C. raised 28lbs. 1½ miles over 6 flights.

H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Swiftsure, 11st 5lbs ... —	Penton	1
Mr J B's b aus h Veneda, 11st 5lbs ...	L C Hoyt	2
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Stoddart, 11st	A Hoyt	3

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Swiftsure, 6 to 4 agst Veneda, 8 to 1 Stoddart.

Won by one and a half lengths; Stoddart nowhere. Time—2mins. 35secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah*).

PONY HURDLE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Hurdle race for ponies 14-2 and under, new measurement, which have never won Hurdle race value Rs. 200. 14-2 to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. 1¼ miles over 6 flights.

Vety-Col Hazelton's br aus g Patrician, 11st	Capt Randall	1
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus m Malice, 11st —	A Hoyt	2
Mr Percy Fischer's g aus g Good Boy, 11st 3lbs	Morrison	3
Mr A W P's ch aus g Free Trade, 11st 9lbs	L C Hoyt	0
Mr C F Cooper's br e g Fizzer, 8st 6½lbs ...	Mr Boase	0

BETTING: Evens Malice, 2 to 1 Free Trade, 6 to 1 Tree Frade, 8 to 1 Good Boy, 10 to 1 Fizzer.

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time.—2 mins. 37½ secs.

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

THE MONSOON PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. 6 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's g a h Achilles 9st 10lbs ...	Robinson	1
Captains Benn and Alexander's g a h Regret 7st 9lbs	A Hoyt	2
Mr S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips. 7st 4lbs ... — ...	Kamad	3
Mr A R Ameer's g a h Young Kohinoor, 9st 3lbs —	Penton	0
Captain Forbes' b a h Chancellor, 7st 13lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr R B S's ch a h Najaffi. 7st 11b ...	Melsom	0
„ Faraj bin Saaad's b a h Mosumma, 6st 13½lbs	Etul	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Achilles, 2 to 1 Chancellor, 4 to 1 Young Kohinoor, 6 to 1 Najaffi, 10 to 1 and longer odds the others.

Won by half a length; same distance between second and third. Time—1 min. 27secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

THE MAIDEN CLOSED PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab Ponies 14 hands and under. new measurement. 14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. 5 furlongs.

Mr Meydwell's g a h Titus II, 11st 8lbs ...	Mr Meynell	1
Colonel Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 11st 3lbs	Mr Annesley	2
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 10st 10lbs	Owner	3
Major Murray and Capt Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 11st 8lbs — ...	Capt Hickman	0
Mr Norton's b a g Malakite, 11st 4lbs ...	Major Beevor	0
Major Edwards's b a g Daimyo, 11st 4lbs	Owner	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 10st 10lbs ...	Capt Randall	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Money Spinner, 3 to 1 Duldul, 6 to 1 each Titus II and Hamilton 10 to and longer odds the others.

Won by two lengths, three lengths; between second and third. Time—1min. 18secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

THE BEGINNERS' PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arab Ponies 13-3 and under landed since 1st July 1902. 13-3 hands to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. ¼ mile.

Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Sahib, 8st 13lbs	Oomer Khan	1
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 7st 5lbs ...	Dhondi	2
„ Abdulla ul Shamlan's ch a h Galib, 8st 10lbs	C B Mahomed	3
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's g a h Grey Pearl 8st 6lbs	Lalla	0
Messrs A M Shamlan and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 8st 4lbs ...	Heeroo	0
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Guinea Fowl, 7st 8lbs	Brown	0
Messrs M Sahan and N Thomas' g a h Tartar, 6st 7lbs	Kamad	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Kour Sahib, 4 to 1 Ehran, 5 to 1 Galib, 6 to 1 Clever Boy, 15 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—55½secs.

(*Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.*)

THE HOPEFUL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 50. W. A. reduced 7lbs. 7 furlongs.

Messrs F Nowroji and H Jamsetji's g a h Propeller, 8st 2lbs	A Hoyt	1
Mr A M Amer's b a h Adonis, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs	Oomer Khan	2
Aga S Shah's b a h Musketeer, 8st 10lbs...	Robinson	3
Mr Frank's g a h Mohr, 8st 4lbs ...	O'Neil	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Najeed, 8st	CB Mahomed	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 7st 11lbs ...	Dhondi	0
„ Artin A Essayee's b a h Bikanir, 7st 11lbs	Kamad	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Connaught, 7st ... 10lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr A R Amer's b a h Bendigo, 6st 10½lbs	Melsom	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Musketeer, 3 to 1 Connaught, 6 to 1 each Bendigo and Bikanir, 8 to 2 Adonis, 10 and 12 to 1 Propeller 15 to 1 and more the others.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Connaught fourth. Time.—1min 43secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

WELTER PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs 50. For Ponies 14-1 and under, new measurement, which have not won flat race value Rs. 50 since 31st March 1901. 14-1 to carry 12st. W I. 5 furlongs.

Capt Hon'ble C F Greville's b aus m Stockbell, 11st 3lbs	Mr Meydwell	1
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 11st 6lbs...	Major Edwards	2
Mr L C Swifte's b e m Pinwire, 11st 3lbs ...	Major Beevor	3
Capt Lloyd's b aus m Lady Alys, 11st 6lbs	Mr Annesley	0
Mr Weatherby s br e m Wembley, 11st 3lbs	Capt Randall	0
Capt Benn's ch aus m Estelle, 10st 8lbs ...	Capt Wogan Brown	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Stockbell, 3 to 1 Pinwire, 6 to 1 each Wembly and Estelle, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by three lengths easily; twolengths between second and third. Time—1min. 9½secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

BANGALORE FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

(*By Special Telegram.*)

Tuesday, 11th August 1903.

Very good sport was had this afternoon, and perhaps the most popular win was that of H. H. the Maharajah's Doris in the Polo Scurry. There was a slight drizzle; but it did not spoil the racing. Details :—

THE PALACE STAKES.—Rs. 200; second Rs. 50. For Arabs 14-1 and under. 1 mile.

La Col Sprott's Harefoot, 8-7	dead heat	1
Mr Moss King's King Cobweb, 8-4		
Capt Bell's Essex, 9-8		3

Also ran: Sovereign (late Ladas), 7-12.

Won by four lengths from Essex. Time—1min. 1sec.

THE POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 200; second Rs. 50. 3 furlongs.

H H the Maharajah's Doris, 10-5		1
Major Lawless' Black Michael, 12-1	dead beat	2
Capt Cole's Dersion, 10-6 ...		

Also ran: Burgundy, 12-2; Warrior, 10-12; Bijili, 10-12; Black Maria, 10-12; Hamram, 8-10.

Won by four lengths. Time—44½secs.

THE HIGH GROUND PLATE.—Rs. 200 and Rs. 50. For Horses. 1 mile.

General Prettyman's Mainspring, 9-12 ...		1
Mr. Anketell Jones' Ombree, 9-8 ...		2

Also ran: Rule, 8-7; Rubicon, 8-0.

Won by a neck. Time—1min. 56secs.

THE SCURRY.—Rs. 200 and Rs. 50. For ponies. 3 furlongs.

Mr West's Firefly, 8-7		1
„ Kindesley's Freda, 9-10		2
Capt Dougal's Lancer, 11-4 ... —		3

Also ran: Goldflow, 9-6; Kepplar, 9-6; The Peer, 8-5; Whitefield, 7-12; Greydawn, 7-0.

Won by a head. Time—43½secs.

THE NOVICE PLATE.—Rs. 200 and Rs. 50. For ponies. ¼ mile.

Mr Moss King's King Cobweb, 7-4 ...	—	1
„ Strickland's Rosemond, 8-5 ...	...	2
„ Graham's Shot Silk, 10-10 ...	...	3

Also ran: Dolly, 10-4; The Cat, 7-0.

Won by half a length. Time—58½secs.

CALCUTTA COURSE CHAT.

THURSDAY and Friday were quite against anything like work on the course which, owing to the continued downpour of rain, was rendered very heavy, making things anything but pleasant for those horses fully loaded. But as this sort of thing is all in the game, one doesn't hear much complaining, sporting owners hoping by the time the convincing hour comes round that our old friend Sol will have panned it out a bit right for them. And so it turned out.

Saturday morning saw everything very early astir and the horses intended for the afternoon, were sent pipe openers, Smallman, as usual, being particularly busy, as was also Harry Hard.

Hard had Lucy Grey (one of Mr. Dass' string) out. "Who has not heard of Lucy Grey," but here I stop, as I may be anticipating, and spoil a good thing, as I have found grey horses—invariably good ones. The color is certainly not common among racers, but we have known them carry off the highest honours of the Indian Turf.

Mr. Rees' Oom Paul put in a bit of useful work, as did also Fred. Gerrard's little lot. With Mr. Pugh's and Wishart's, as is their wont, doing their work generally away from the gaze of the curious.

Saturday afternoon was certainly an ideal one and quite in the fitness of things, as a return to those who have to be out betimes of a morning to attend to business. I was glad to see that good sportsman and capable rider Mr. Dudley get home in the Hurdles in such good style with his old favourite Dundonald. Personally I thought there were others in the race that would have outpaced him at the finish, but I offer my congratulations on the win as also on the excellent bid for a further win made on Oom Paul in the Maiden Horse Plate. Mr. Cowper has much sympathy over the loss he sustained through the death of Bushey in the Trial Hurdles. His rider, Mr. Raban, had a lucky escape, as from the stand, when he fell it looked none too well for him, but he was pluckily soon about again, and went near getting a place a little later with First Guide. Like Joe Bagstock He's "tough Sir, devlish tough."

Mr. Harper handed us up a hot'un in Western Queen. Hard rode a real good race on Springlock in the July Plate, nursing the top weight judiciously, and winning nicely at the end. He also scored his second win with Gassima and in good style. Hard is generally at the top of the monsoon averages and again starts with two firsts and a second. This sporting stable is certainly doing a great deal towards raising the standard of monsoon racing by the quality of horses they run, and Saturday's racing would compare not unfavourably with many a more ambitious meeting.

There were also a goodly number of ring men at hand to oblige you when inclined to back your fancy, to say nothing of the throng outside, who must do a lucrative business, judging by their numbers, with all and sundry. I really do not remember seeing these popular races better attended than was the case on Saturday and the executive deserve credit for the good fare provided.

Pearson left on Monday evening, well pleased with his Western Queen little coup. He had bad luck over Dundee, who could not leave Lucknow, on account of fever; also through bungling in the name and entry of Eileen, which threw the mare out. He got home, however, with the Queen, and had another in the race also, that might about have won. This other one we may find nearly doing the trick in the Pony Hurdles next Saturday.

The S. S. *Euryalus* which arrived early this week brought up Dulcima, Idler, and the New Zealander, Northumberland, for the Kour Sahib of Patiala. Also Mr. Billy Griffiths' lot. They are quartered at the popular Tattersall's stables, Bhowanipore, and I am glad to see the lot landed well. But the Nawab of Dacca had real hard luck in losing his new purchase, Sandboy, who died just before the steamer arrived at Madras.

A couple of new jockeys, whose names I did not get, also came by the same boat, and were on the course, and are on hand for riding. One had a mount on Revellie from Gerrard's string, and a young son of M. Trahan was also down: he is a chip of the old block.

Tuesday morning was very lively. Wishart was particularly busy away on the Ellenborough: but it is difficult to get any count of the work. Syd. White also works Mr. Pugh's horses on the same course.

Metalwing went a nice gallop with a native up. Then Yellow Mantle (Smallman), The Captain (Bond) went the Pony Course; at the last hurdle but one from home in the straight, the latter clouted the hurdle heavily, causing him to peck badly landing Bond a nasty one He was picked up and driven to hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

Gerrard put Altimas for the first time over hurdles: he put in a by no means bad performance, and when he gets more used to the game he will have to be reckoned with.

Second Thought went a spin with W. White in the saddle, and Bond prior to his fall, moved Shirley a bit. Hard put in a fast five furlongs on Loch Arden, who went by as usual full of fire and pulling like anything. When the colors and the right weight are up our old friend will not be wanting, as he is as fit as a big fiddle.

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Garrard sent Rezia the Pony Jump Course and he went it well. He will about win this race on Saturday. Bin Rashid and Lord Lieutenant put in fast work, as also did Euryalus.

Not Yet (Hard), Florin (Mr. Galstaun) and a native on My Fancy, went the 6 furlongs, the deal going to the first named.

Lady Froude and Granny put in a smart ½ mile. The latter is a nice mover, and I opine will run her sporting owner's colors well forward, at the first time of asking. Mr. Dudley went over the Horse Course with one that was not new at the game, and later on went a smart gallop with Oom Paul—nice goer this.

On Wednesday morning there was no fast work done, but all the strings in training were being exercised. Smallman had out a couple of new arrivals, Piper and Johnston, since Bond has been put out of it with a shoulder dislocated, as the result of yesterday morning's fall.

Among further new arrivals I noticed in the stand enclosure, M. Trahan, R. Bence, Carter, so that there will be more than the usual cross-country jockeys available, and as Carter has a mount or two on Saturday, calculations are apt to be upset at the hands of this very capable rider.

Placing horses before the weights are out, is a flight of fancy, as regards the handicaps, but apportioning their loads according to my lights I give you an idea of the way the results are likely to panout, on Saturday:—
The August Plate.—1 Dundonald, 2 Fairlight, 3 Kittylea. The Pony Hurdles.—1 Rezia, 2 Yule Tide or Yellow Mantle. The Monsoon Plate.—1 Mr. Galstaun's selected (Springlock for preference), with Altamas for a shop and Clynder. The Pony Plate—1 Not Yet, 2 Little Doris, 3 Perfect. The Hunters' Plate.—1 Sylvia, 2 Mr. Pugh's selected (Ladybird or Beeswing), 3 The Jewel. The Fort Plate.—1 Oom Paul, 2 Shirley, 3 Euryalus.

TIN TACK.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES

TRAINERS' LOTS.

MESSRS. BELL-IRVING AND COWPER.

First Guide	Peeping Tom
Metal Wing	Sir Humphrey
Mocassin	Warrigal
Naiades	Yule Tide

FRANK SMALLMAN.
Jockey F. Bond.

Bin Rashid	Major Cook
Blazes	Merry Xmas
Clynder	Miss Prominence
Corydon	Pekin II
Euryalus	Red Rose
Granny	Sea View
Hello	Shirley
Lady Froude	Timekeeper
Lord Lieutenant	Yellow and Black

H. WISHART.
Jockeys Bloss and White.

Alan	Flashlight
Autocrat	Fairlight
Corick	Kellnerin

H. HARD.

Light Artillery	Loch Maree
Captain	Lucy Grey
Florin	Mulwala
Gassima	My Fancy
Gunmetal	Not Yet
Heather Honey	Orsino
Loch Arden	Shooting Star
	Springlock

F. PEARSON.

Lochaber	Eileen
Rezia	Dundee
Western Queen	

MR. DUDLEY.

Sylvia	Comely
Dundonald	Oom Paul
Snapshot (late Ruby)	

FRED GERRARD.

Little Doris	Reveille
Second Thought	

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Entries for Races.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

Second Meeting, Saturday, 15th August 1903.

THE AUGUST PLATE.—About 1½ miles over 7 flights.

Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird.
„ G B Paris gr aus m Actress.
Dr W Forsyth's b aus g Corydon.
Mr Roy's ch aus m Altamas.
„ Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea.
„ F Dowling's br aus g Fairlight.
„ Patterson's b or br aus g Uma.
„ Galstaun's b aus g Mulwala.
„ J Pymm's b aus g Marwari.
„ Dudley's b aus g Dundonald.

THE PONY HURDLE RACE.—About 1 mile over 6 flights.

Mr W Bell Irving's bk aus m Yuletide, 14-1.
„ Harper's b aus m Rezia, 14-0.
„ S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 13-3.
„ Galstaun's b aus g The Captain, 14-0.
„ S T Creet's b aus m Yellow Mantle, 14-0.
„ J Pymm's bk aus g Puck, late Whimper, 13-3

THE MONSOON PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr H B Pike's b aus g Autocrat.
„ W Bell Irving's br aus g Metalwing.
„ Roy's ch aus h Altamas.
„ D L Stewart's b aus g Major Cook.
„ A N Dass' b e m Clynder.
„ Gal Gregory's ch aus h Loch Arden.
„ J M Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea.
„ Paris' ch e m Kellnerin.
„ Paris' b e g Corick.
„ Galstaun's b aus g Springlock.
„ Creet's ch e m Gassima.

THE PONY PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr J B Crichton's ch aus m Florin, 14-0½.
„ Cowper's b e g Mocassin, 14-0½.
„ Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 14-0½.
„ H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris, 13-3½.
„ B B's b aus m Second Thought, 14-1.
„ B B's b ch h Reveille, 14-1.
„ Rodocanachi's b aus m Perfect, 14-0½.
„ Galstaun's b aus m Not Yet, 13-3½.
„ Dudley's br aus m Snapshot, 14-0½.

HUNTER'S PLATE.—About 1½ miles over 7 flights.

Mr T E Curtis Hayward's b aus m Sylvia.
„ Evers' b aus m Sunshine.
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird.
„ R A C Pugh's bk aus m Beeswing II.
„ J W Orr's ch ausg The Jewel.
„ Dr W C Hossack's ch aus m Lucy Glitters.
„ G B Paris gr aus m Actress.
„ Antram's br aus m Myrene.

THE FORT PLAT.—6 furlongs.

Mr Evers' b aus m Sunshine.
„ H D Carey's b or br aus g Chirnside.
„ Pugh's b aus m Firefly.
„ Rees' b or br aus g Oom Paul.
„ B B's ch e m Reinzette.
„ A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus.
Do bk aus g St Glaze.
Mr J A Manning's ch aus Shirley.
„ MacJohn's b or br e g Trenton Prince.
„ Galstaun's br aus m Gun Metal.
„ Deakin's b aus g Invincible.
„ Raban's b aus g Sir Humphrey.

POONA RACES AND STEEPLECHASES, 1903.

1st Entries closed on Tuesday, 4th August, 1903.

1st Day, Wednesday, 23rd September, 1903.

THE TRIAL STAKES. Distance—1 mile.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
2	Mr Spooner Hart's	g aus g	Acetine
3	„ Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs'	b aus g	Gum
4	Messrs Galstaun & Avasia's	ch e h	Presbyterian
5	Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's	b aus g	Spithead
6	Ditto	b aus g	Stand Off
7	Maj Vans Agnew's	b aus g	Corrie Roy
8	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch aus m	Loch Clieveden
9	Ditto	b aus g	Glen Albyn
10	Mr Kelso's	bl aus g	Milos
11	„ J C Galstaun's	b aus g	Hoop Iron

H. H. THE FIRST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE. Distance—1½ miles.

1	Mr R R S's	ch a c	Seagull
2	Ditto	g a h	Officers, 13-3½
3	„ Krishnarao Gopalrao Gaikwad's	b a h	Reminder
4	„ Ali bin Talib's	b a h	Mameluke
5	Ditto	b a h	Magtoom
6	„ Mustapha bin Talib's	g a h	Chungiz
7	„ Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's	ch a h	Gallant, 13-2½
8	„ F M Gard's	br a h	Narunjee, 14-0
9	Messrs M Gocaldass, A Nanjie & A M Amer's	b a h	Hyderi
10	Messrs A A Saif & E Rasheed's	g a h	Galston
11	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	b a h	Arthur, 13-3
12	Messrs F Nowrojee & H Jamsetjee's	g a h	Propeller
13	Mr R D Sethna's	ch a h	Sandow

THE BREEDERS' PLATE. Distance—6 furlongs.

1	Col J P Grant's	ch cb h	Philistine
2	Mr G K's	b cb h	Triumph
3	„ Fry's	b cb m	Lady Newbrook
4	H H Aga Khan's	b cb m	Recollect
5	Mr J B's	b cd m	Miss Ascot
6	Do	b cb m	Noble Eye
7	Mr Liebenrood's		Landwind
8	„ Potter's	br cb g	Wisdom
9	„ Allardice's	b cb g	Upstart

THE MAIDEN STAKES. Distance—7 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	b a h	Sirjamal, 13-2½
2	Ditto	ch a h	Mint, 13-3
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	Delight, 10-0
4	Mr R R S's	ch a h	Najaffi, 13-3½
5	„ A R Amer's	g a h	Young Kohinoor, 14-0
6	„ Ali bin Talib's	b a h	Moon, 13-3½
7	Ditto	b a h	New Moon, 14-0
8	Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's	g a h	Tigris, 13-3½
9	Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's	g a h	Nainava II., 13-3½
10	Messrs G K and D D's	g a h	Dispute, 13-3
11	Mr George's	g a h	Alexis, 13-3
12	Messrs M Goculdass, Nanjie and A M Amer's	b a h	Bay Middleton, 13-3
13	Aga S Shah's	b a h	Arabistan, 13-3½
14	Mr S A Wahed's	g a h	Skylark, 13-2½
15	„ Abdulla ul Shamlan's	ch a h	Galib, 13-2½
16	Capt Benn and Alexander's	g a h	Regret, 13-3½
17	Messrs A A Salf and E Rasheed's	g a h	Najeed, 14-0
18	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's	b a h	Young Tasseer, 13-2½
19	Col Kavanagh's	g a h	Money Spinner, 14-0
20	Maj Murray and Capt Lloyd's	ch a h	Hamilton, 13-3½

THE NEW STAKES. Distance—6 furlongs.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Minimus, 14-1½
2	Mr Spooner Hart's	b aus g	Rifleman, 14-2
3	Col Baring's	b e h	Golightly, 14-1½
4	H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's	b aus m	Malice, 14-1½
	Ditto	br aus g	Tragedian, 14-1
6	Messrs G Goculdass and A Nanjie's	b aus m	Picture, 14-2
7	Mr Kelso's	b aus m	Russley Rose, 14-1
8	„ Hajibhoy Vishram's	ch aug g	Indabba, 14-2
9	„ J C Galstaun's	h or br aus h	Metalgia, 14-1
10	„ R G Baldock's	b aus g	Comeback, 14-2 (by wire)
11	„ A W P's	b aus m	Min, 14-1½
12	„ Percy Fischer's	br e h	Wink, 14-1½
13	Capt Harding Newman's	br aus m	Paddy Melon, 14-2

THE STAND PLATE. Distance—½ mile.

1	Mr G Murdoch's	b aus m	Bandicoot, 13-3½
2	„ Harper's	b aus m	Rezia, 14-0
3	Do	ch aus m	Western Queen, 13-3
4	„ Franklin's	ch aus g	Cocos, 14-0
5	Messrs G K and D D's	ch aus m	Veera, 14-0
6	Mr R G Hunter's	ch aus g	Haydn, 14-0
7	Aga S Shah's	br aus m	Ethel II., 14-0
8	Mr Finch's	br aus m	La France, 14-0
9	„ A W P's	b aus m	Nanette, 13-3½
10	„ C D's	b cb m	Namuna, 13-2½

2nd Day, Saturday, 26th September, 1903.

THE WESTERN INDIA STAKES. Distance—1¼ miles.

1	Lt-Col Desaraj Urs'	b aus g	Trenton
2	Ditto	ch aus g	Leonidas
3	Mr Spooner Hart's	g aus g	Acetine
4	Mr Goff's	b aus g	Walgrove
5	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia's	ch e h	Presbyterian
6	Honble Mr A A Apcar's	b aus g	Stand Off
7	Ditto	b aus g	Goldsmith
8	Ditto	br aus g	Milburn
9	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's	ch aus m	Lock Cliveden
10	Ditto	b aus g	Glen Albyn
11	Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjie's	br aus g	Tubal Cain
12	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's	b aus m	Ailie
13	Mr Kelso's	bl aus g	Milos
14	„ J C Galstaun's	b aus g	Hoop Iron
15	„ J B's	b aus h	Venedia

THE CRITERION. Distance—7 furlongs.

1	Mr J Murdoch's	b aus g	Spark
2	„ Lutchmi KantharajUrs'	b aus g	Gum
3	Honble Mr A A Apcar's	br aus g	Milburn
4	Ditto	br aus g	Spithead
5	Maj Vans Agnew's	b aus g	Corrie Roy
6	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's	b aus g	Dioptrics
7	Capt Hennessy's	b e h	Amber Heart
8	Mr R J Hunter's	b aus m	Repetition
9	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's	b aus m	Careewick
10	Ditto	br aus g	Firecracker
11	Mr Noble's	b aus g	Planet
12	„ R G Baldock's	b aus g	Fire Up
13	Ditto	b aus g	Windsor
14	Capt J Randall's	ch rn e g	Dr Barnardo
15	Mr A W P's	b aus g	Fando

THE POONA DERBY. Distance—1½ miles.

1	Mr R R S's	ch a c	Seagull
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	ch a h	Rubric
3	„ Col Sports	ch a h	Harefoot
4	Mr A M Amer's	b a h	Adonis
5	„ Krishnarao Gopalrao Gaikwad's	b a h	Reminder
6	„ Ali bin Talib's	b a h	Hakum, 13-3½
7	Ditto	b a h	Magtoom
8	Ditto	b a h	Connaught
9	„ Mustapha bin Talib's	g a h	Changiz
10	„ N Menta's	ch a h	Silvermane
11	Messrs M Goculdas, A Nanjie and A M Amer's	b a h	Bay Middleton, 13-3
12	Mr S A Wahed's	ch a h	Isinglass
13	Ditto	g a h	Skylark, 13-3½
14	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's	g a h	Najeed, 14-0
15	Ditto	g a h	Galston
16	Col P K L Beaver's	g a h	Bridge
17	Messrs F Nowrojie and H Jamsetjee's	g a h	Propeller
18	Mr R D Sethna's	ch a h	Sandow

THE DEALERS' PLATE. Distance—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S's	g a h	Officer, 13-3½
2	Ditto	b a h	Rose, 13-3
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	b a h	Delight, 14-0
4	Mr R R S's	ch a h	Najaffi, 13-3½
5	„ A R Amer's	g a h	Young Kohinoor, 14-0
6	„ A M Bushari's	b a h	Panalla II., 13-1

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7	Mr Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	... Moon, 13-3½
8	Ditto	... b a h	... New Moon, 14-0
9	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... b a h	... Brigand, 13-3
10	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... ch a h	... Gallant, 13-2½
11	„ George's ...	... g a h	... Alexis, 13-3½
12	„ F M Garda's	... br a h	... Narunjee, 14-0
13	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's	... g a h	... Grey Fox, 13-2
14	Aga S Shah's	... g a h	... Achilles, 13-3½
15	Ditto	... b a h	... Arabistan, 13-3½
16	Mr B D Jewell's	... b a h	... Shaiboob, 13-2
17	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	... Arthur, 13-3
18	Col Kavanagh's	... g a h	... Money Spinner, 14-0

THE ARAB PONY DERBY. Distance—6 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's	... b a h	... Sirjamal, 13-1½
2	do do	... ch a h	... Mint, 13-3
3	„ Jackson's	... b a h	... Hermit, 13-3
4	„ Artin A Essayie's	... g a h	... Little Joker, 13-1½
5	Messrs A A Saif and G H S Mahomed's	... g a h	... Mooreed, 13-3
6	Mr Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	... Minting King, 13-3
7	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's	... ch a h	... Shah Jehan, 13-2
8	Messrs G K and D D's	... g a h	... Dispute, 13 3
9	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... g a h	... Grey Pearl, 13-3
10	„ Fox's ..	... b a h	... Erhan, 13-1½
11	Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjie and A M Amer's	b a h	... Middleton, 13-3
12	„ M Goculdass and A Nanjie's	... g a h	... Silver Fox, 13-3
13	Capt Wilson's	... g a h	... Greyleg, 13-2
14	Abdool Razack's	... b ah	... Sybarite, 13-2½
15	Mr Abdool Sattar's	... b a h	... Cobo, 13-2½
16	Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's	... g a h	... Clever Boy, 13-2½
17	Mr Abdulla ul Shamlan's	... ch a h	... Galib 13-2½
18	„ Faraj bin Sanad's	... b a h	... Mosumma, 13-2½
19	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's	... b a h	... Young Taisseer, 13-2½
20	Mr Percy Fischer's	... g a h	... Sanaiya, 13-2
21	„ Sasson Ezekiel's	... g a h	... Kyam, 13-2½

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES. Distance—5 furlongs.

1	Mr Spooner Hart's	... b aus m	... Pride O' Dharamatala, 14-1
2	Mr J Murdoch's	... b aus m	... Bandicoot, 13-3
3	„ Harper's ...	... ch aus m	...Western Queen, 13-3½
4	„ Franklin's	... ch aus g	... Cocos, 14-0
5	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... br aus g	... Tragedian, 14-1
6	Messrs G K and D D's	... ch aus m	... Veera, 14-0
7	Mr R J Hunter's	... ch aus g	... Haydn, 14-0
8	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's ...	... b aus m	... Annie Laurie, 14-0½
9	Ditto	... b aus m	... Olga, 14-1
10	Mr Kelso's ...	... b aus m	... Russley, Rose 14-1
11	„ Noble's ...	... b aus m	... Miss Birnie, 14-1
12	„ Hajeebhoy Vishram's...	br aus m	... Nautilus, 14-1
13	Ditto	... b aus m	... Miniehaha, 14-1
14	„ J C Galstaun's	... b or br aus h	Metalgia, 14-1
15	„ R G Baldock's	... b aus m	... Matilda, 14-1
16	„ Percy Fischer's	... b aus m	... Key West, 14-0½
17	„ Bass' ...	... b aus m	... S P A, 14-1

Third Day, Monday, 28th September, 1903.

THE POONA GRAND NATIONAL. Distance—about 2½ miles.

1	Mr Lock's ...	... g aus g	... Badger
2	Do ...	... ch aus g	... Baron II
3	„ Goff's ...	... bl aus g	... Oberon
4	H H Sultan of Johore's	... b aus g	... Gaulme
5	Mr F Reynold's	... b aus g	... Rickshaw
6	„ R M Roy's	... ch aus h	... Altamas
7	Do	... bl aus g	... Dundee
8	„ G O Boase's	... b aus g	... Dawn
9	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... bl aus g	... Pope
10	Do ...	... br aus g	... Stoddart
11	Mr Westropp's	... ch aus g	... Vedette
12	„ J B's ...	... b aus h	... Veneda

THE KIRKEE CHASE. Distance—about 2 miles over the Pony Steeplechase Course.

1	Mr R C Brown's	... br ch g	... Sin, 14-0½
2	Mr Spooner Hart's	... br aus g	... Goodchap, 13-3
3	Mr Harper's ...	... b aus m	... Rezia, 14-0
4	„ R J Hunter's	... br aus m	... Beryl, 14-0½
5	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's	... ch aus g	... Funny, 14-1
6	Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's	... br aus m	... Nautilus, 14-1
7	Lt, Col Hazelton's	... b aus g	... Patrician, 14-0½
8	Mr A W P's	... bl aus m	... Black Swan, 13-2½
9	„ Percy Fisher's	... g aus g	... Good Boy, 14-0½
10	„ L C Swifte's	... b e m	... Pinwire, 14-0½

THE SEPTEMBER STAKES. Distance—1 mile.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... ch aus g	... Leonidas
2	Mr Goff's... ...	... b aus g	... Walgrove
3	„ J Murdoch's	... b aus g	... Spark
4	Hon Mr A A Apcar's	... b aus g	... Peninsula
5	Do	... br aus g	... Milburn
6	Mr R M Roy's	... ch aus h	... Altamas
7	Major Vans Agnew's	... b aus g	... Corrie Roy
8	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... br aus m	... Alix
9	Do	... b aus g	... Dioptrics
10	Capt Hennessy's	... b e h	... Amber Heart
11	Mr Clarke's ...	... br aus g	... Richmond Hill
12	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's ...	... ch aus m	... Gnullo
13	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ...	... br aus g	... Swiftsure
14	Do	... br aus g	... Firecracker
15	Do	... b aus m	... Carreewick
16	H H Aga Khan's	... br aus g	... Beadsman
17	Mr Noble's	... b aus g	... Planet
18	„ A W P's ...	... ch ausrg	... Fitzeros

THE AGA KHAN'S PURSE. Distance—1 mile.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a c	... Seagull
2	Do ...	... g a h	... Officer, 13-3½
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... ch a	... Rubric
4	Mr Krishnarao Gopalrao Gaikwad's ...	... b a h	... Reminder
5	„ Alibin Talib's	... b a h	... Hakum, 13-3½
6	„ Mustapha bin Talib's...	g a h	... Chungiz
7	„ Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... ch a h	... Gallant, 13-2½
8	„ F M Garda's	... br a h	... Naranjee, 14-0
9	Messrs M Goculdass A Nanjie and A M Amer's	... b a h	... Hyderi
10	Aga S Shah's ...	g a h	... Achilles, 13-3½
11	Do ...	... b a h	... Musketeer
12	Mr S Shah's ...	... ch a h	... Isinglass
13	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's	... g a h	... Galston
14	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	... Arthur, 13-3

THE WANOWRIE STAKES. Distance—6 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... b a h	... Rose, 13-3
2	Do ...	... b a h	... Sirjamal, 13-1½
3	Do ...	... ch a h	... Najaffi, 13-3½
4	„ A R Amer's	... g a h	... Young Kohinoor, 14-0
5	„ A M Bushari's	... b a h	... Panalla II., 13-2
6	„ Artin A Essayie's	.. g a h	... Little Joker, 13-1½
7	„ Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	... Moon, 13-3½
8	Do	... b a h	... New Moon, 14-0
9	Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's	... g a h	... Tigris, 13-3½
10	Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's...	g a h	... Nainava, 13-3½
11	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ..	... b a h	... Brigand, 13-3
12	Messrs G K and D D's	... g a h	... Dispute, 13-3
13	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... ch a h	... Gallant, 13-2½
14	Mr George's ...	.. g a h	... Alexis, 13-3½
15	Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjie and A M Amer's	b a h	... Bay Middleton, 13-3
16	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's ...	... g a h	... Grey Fox, 13-2
17	Aga S Shah's...	... g a h	... Achilles, 13-3½
18	Do ...	... b a h	... Arabistan, 13-3½
19	Mr B D Jewell's	... b a h	... Shaiboob, 13-2
20	Capt Bann and Alexanders	g a h	... Regret, 13-3½
21	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... g a h	... Najeed, 14-0
22	Ditto	... b a h	... Young Taisseer, 13-2½
23	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	... Arthur 13-3
24	Mr Percy Fischer's	... ch a h	... Governor, 13-2½

THE LILLIPUTS. Distance—½ Mile.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... b a h	... Sirjamal, 13 1½
2	Ditto	... ch a h	... Mint, 13-3
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... g a h	... Ptarmigan, 13-1½
4	Mr A M Bushari's	... b a h	... Panalla, II. 13-2
5	„ Jackson's ...	... b a h	... Hermit, 13-2
6	„ M Alibin Talib's	... b a h	... Minting King, 13-3
7	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... ch a h	... Shah Jehan, 13-2
8	Mr Mahomed Haji Ebrahim's ...	... g a h	... Grey Pearl, 13-3
9	„ Fox's ...	... b a h	... Erhan, 13-1½
10	Capt Hennessy's	... b a h	... Early Bird, 13-2
11	Messrs M Goculdass A Nanjie's ...	... g a h	... Silver Fox, 13-3
12	Mr Abdool Razack's	... b a h	... Sybarite, 13 2½
13	„ „ Sattar's	... b a h	... Cobo, 13-2½
14	Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's	... g a h	... Clever Boy, 13-2½
15	Mr Faraj bin Sand's	... b a h	... Mosumma, 13-2½
16	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... b a h	... Settler, 13-1½
17	Mr Percy Fischer's	... g a h	... Sanaiya 13 2
18	„ Sassoon Ezekiel's	... g a h	... Kyam, 13-2½

4th Day, Thursday, 1st October, 1903.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP. Distance—R C and distance.

1	Mr R R S's	... ch a c	... Seagull
2	Do ...	... g a h	... Officer
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... ch a h	... Rubric
4	„ „ Sprot's	... ch a h	... Harefoot
5	Mr A R Amer's	... b a h	... Turkish Flag II.13-3
6	„ A M Amer's	... b a h	... Adonis
7	„ Krishnarao Gopalrao Gankward's	... b a h	... Reminder
8	„ Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	... Mameluke
9	Do	... b a h	... Magtoom
10	Do	... b a h	... Connaught
11	Do	... b a h	... Hakum, 13-3½
12	„ Mustapha bin Talib's ...	g a h	... Chungiz
13	„ Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's	... ch a b	... Gallant 13-2½
14	„ F M Garda's	... br a h	... Narunjee 14-0
15	Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjie's and A M Ameer's	... b a h	... Hyderi
16	Do	... b a h	... Bay Middleton, 13-3
17	Mr S A Washed's	... g a h	... Skylark, 13-3½
18	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's	... g a h	... Najeed, 14-0
19	Do	... g a h	... Glaston
20	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	... Arthur, 13-3
21	Mr R D Sethna's	... ch a h	...Sandow

THE GANESHKHIND STAKES. Distance—6 furlongs.

1	H H Sultan of Johore's	... b aus m	... Mysotis
2	Ditto	... b aus g	... Peppercorn
3	Mr Lutchmi Kantharaj	... Urs b aus g	Gum
4	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia's ...	... ch e h	... Presbyterian
5	Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar s	... b aus g	... Stand Off
6	Ditto	... b aus g	... Malto
7	Maj Vans Agnew's	... b aus g	... Corrie Roy
8	Mr R R S's ...	... ch aus g	... Wedlock
9	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... ch aus m	... Loch Clieveden
10	Ditto	... b aus g	... Glen Albyn
11	Ditto	... ch aus h	... Vigorous
12	Mr D D's ...	... b aus g	... Roscommon
13	H H Aga Khan's	... br aus g	... Beadsman
14	Mr Kelso's ...	... bl aus g	... Mile
15	Do	... b aus g	... Harpist
16	Capt J Randall's	... ch rn e g	... Dr Barnardo

THE STEWARDS' PURSE. Distance—1¼ miles.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... ch aus g	... Leonidas
2	Mr Goff's ...	... b aus g	... Walgrove
3	„ J Murdoch's	... b aus g	... Spark,
4	Honble Mr A A Apcar's	... b aus g	... Peninsular
5	Ditto	... br aus g	... Milburn
6	Mr R M Roy's	... ch aus h	... Altamas
7	Ditto	... bl aus g	... Dundee
8	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... br aus m	.. Alix
9	Capt Hennessy's	... b e h	... Amber Heart
10	Mr Mill's ...	... b e n	... Misty
11	Messrs Goculdass and A Nanjie's ...	... ch aus m	.. Gnullo
12	H H Aga Khan's	... br aus g	... Beadsman
13	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ...	... br aus g	... Swiftsure
14	Mr A W P's ..	.. ch aus g	... Fitzeros
15	Do ...	... b aus g	... Fando
16	Do ...	... br aus m	... Fancy Till

THE MERCHANTS' CUP. Distance—1 mile.

1	Col J P Grant's	... ch cb h	... Philistine
2	Ditto ...	... b cb h	... Prime
3	Mr J K s ...	... b cb h	... Triumph
4	„ Fry's ...	... b cb m	... Lady Newbrook
5	H H Aga Khan's	... br cb m	... Evensong
6	H H Aga Khan's	... b cb m	... Recollect
7	Mr J B's ...	... b cb m	... Miss Ascot
8	Do ...	... b cb m	... Noble Eye
9	„ Lichenrood's	.....	Land Wind
10	„ Allardice's	... b cb g	... Upstart
11	„ Potter's ...	... br cb g	... Wisdom

THE CORONATION STAKES. Distance—7 furlongs.

1	Capt F C Stratton's	... b e g	... The Chump, 14-1½
2	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... b aus g	... Minimus, 14-1½
3	Mr Spooner Hart's	... b aus g	... Rifleman, 14-2
4	Ditto	... b aus m	... Bride O Dharamtola, 14-1
5	Col Baring's	... b e h	... Golightly, 14-1½
6	Mr J Murdoch's	... b aus m	... Bandicoot, 13-3½
7	„ B S Chenoy's	... b aus m	... Alma, 14-1½
8	„ H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... br aus m	... Malice 14-1½
9	Ditto	... br aus g	... Tragedian, 14-1
10	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's ...	... b aus m	... Picture 14-2
11	Ditto	... b aus m	... Olga, 14-1
12	Capt Harding Newman's	... br aus m	.. Paddy Melon, 14-2
13	Mr Kelso's ..	... b aus m	... Russley Rose, 14-1
14	„ Hajibhoy Vishram's	... b aus m	.. Minnichaha, 14-1
15	„ J C Galstaun's	... b or br aus h	Metalgia, 14-1
16	„ R J Baldock's	... b aus g	... Comeback, 14-2
17	„ A W P's ...	... bl aus m	... Cinder, 14-1½
18	Do	... b aus m	.. Min 14-1½
19	„ Percy Fischer's	... b aus m	... Key West, 14-½
20	Do	... br e h	... Wink, 14-1½
21	„ Bass' ...	.. b e m	... S P, 14 1

THE LAWN STAKES. Distance—5 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a h	... Mint, 13-3
2	Do ...	... b a h	.. Rose, 13-3
3	Do ...	... b a h	... Sirjamal, 13-1½
4	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... g a h	... Ptarmigan, 13-1½
5	Mr A M Bushari's	... b a h	... Panalla, II 13-2
6	„ Jackson's ..	... b a h	... Hermit, 13-3
7	„ Ali bin Talib's	.. b a h	... Minting King, 13-3
8	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... b a h	... Brigand, 13-3
9	Ditto ...	ch a h	... Shah Jehan, 13-2
10	Messrs G K & D D's	... g a h	.. Dispute, 13-3
11	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... g a h	... Grey Pearl, 13-3
12	Messrs M Goculdas & A Nanjie's	... g a h	... Grey Fox, 13-2
13	Capt Wilson s ...	... g a h	... Greyleg, 13-2
14	Aga S Shah's ...	... b a h	... Oriental, 13-2½
15	Do ...	... ch a h	... Chester, 13-0½
16	Mr B D Jewell's	... b a h	... Shaiboob, 13-2
17	„ Abdool Razack's	... b a h	... Sybarite, 13-2½
18	„ Abdool Sattar's	... b a h	.. Cobo, 13-2½
19	„ Abdulla ul Shamlan's	... ch a h	... Galib, 13-2½
20	„ Faraj bin Sanad's	... b a h	... Mosumma, 13-2½
21	Messrs A A Saif & E Rasheed's ...	... b a h	... Young Taisseer, 13 2½
22	Mr Percy Fischer's	... ch a h	... Governor 13-2½

5th Day, Saturday, 3rd October, 1903.

THE ORIENTAL STAKES. Distance—1½ miles.

1	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... b aus g	... Trenton
2	Ditto	... ch aus g	... Leonidas
3	Mr Goff's	... b aus g	... Walgrove
4	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia's	... ch e h	.. Presbyterian
5	Hon ble Mr A A Apcar's...	b aus g	... Stand Off
6	Ditto	... b aus g	... Goldsmith
7	Ditto	... br aus g	... Milburn
8	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's	... ch aus m	... Loch Clieveden
9	Ditto	... br aus g	... Glen Albyn
10	Ditto	... br aus g	... Alix
11	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjie's	... br aus g	... Tubal Cain
12	H H Aga Khan and Aga Shah's	... b aus m	... Alie
13	H H Aga Khan's	... br e g	... Ayrdale
14	Mr J C Galstaun's	.. b aus g	... Hoop Iron
15	„ A W P s	... b aus m	... Min 14-1½

THE OCTOBER STAKES —Distance 6 furlongs.

1	Mr J Murdoch s	... b aus g	... Spark
2	Mr Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs'	b aus g	... Gum
3	Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's	... b aus g,	... Peninsular
4	Ditto	... br aus g	... Spithead
5	Mr R M Roy's	.. ch aus h	... Altamas
6	Major Vans Agnew's	.. b aus g	... Corrie Roy
7	Mr R R S's	.. ch aus g	... Wedlock
8	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's	... b aus g	... Dioptrics
9	Ditto	... ch aus m	... Cer se
10	Mr D D's	... b aus g	... Roscommon
11	Mr R J Hunter's	... ch aus g	... Victory
12	Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's	... ch aus m	... Gnullo
13	H H Aga Khan's	... br aus g	... Beadsman
14	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's	... br aus g	... Firecracker
15	Ditto	... br aus m	... Carreewick
16	Mr Noble's	... b aus g	... Planet
17	Messrs M Pestonjee and R Bhikajee's	... b aus g	... Kingston
18	Captain J Randall's	... ch rn e g	Dr Barnardo
19	Mr A W P's	... ch aus g	... Fitzeros
19	Ditto	... b aus g	... Fando

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THE WINNERS' HANDICAP:—Distance 1¼ miles.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a c	...	Seagull
2	Ditto	... g a h	...	Officer, 13-3½
3	Lt-Col Sprot's ...	... ch a h	...	Harefoot
4	Mr A R Amer's	... b a h	...	Turkish Flag II, 13-3
5	Mr Krishnarao Gopalrao Gaikwad's ...	... b a h	...	Reminder
6	Mr Ali-bin Talib's	... b a h	...	Mameluke
7	Ditto	... b a h	...	Magtoom
8	Ditto	... b a h	...	Hakum, 13-8½
9	Mr Mustapha bin Talib's	... g a h	...	Chungiz
10	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's	... ch a h	...	Gallant, 13-2½
11	Mr F M Garda's	... br a h	...	Narunjee, 14-0
12	Messrs M Goculdass A Nanjee and A M Amer's	b a h	...	Hyderi
13	Mr S A Wahed's	... g a h	...	Skylark, 13-3½
14	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... g a h	...	Galston
15	Mr R D Sethna's	... ch a h	...	Sandow

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Distance 1¼ miles.

1	Col J P Grant's	... ch cb h	...	Philistine
2	Ditto	... b cb h	...	Prime
3	Mr G K's ...	... b cb h	...	Triumph
4	H H Aga Khan's	... br cb m	...	Evensong
5	Ditto	... b cb m	...	Recollect
6	Mr J B's ...	... b cb m	...	Miss Ascot
7	Ditto	... b cb m	...	Noble Eyes
8	Mr Liebenrood's	...	...	Landwind
9	,, Allardice's ...	... b cb g	...	Upstart

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Distance 5 furlongs.

1	J Murdoch's ...	... b aus m	...	Bandicoot, 13-3½
2	Mr Harper's ...	... b aus m	...	Rezia, 14-0
3	Ditto ...	... ch aus m	...	Western Queen, 13-3½
4	,, Franklin's ...	... ch aus g	...	Oocos 14-0
5	Messrs E K and D D's	... ch aus m	...	Veera 14-0
6	Mr R J Hunter's	... ch aus g	...	Haydn, 14-0
7	Aga S Shah's ...	... br aus m	...	Ethel II, 14-0
8	Mr Finch's ...	... br aus m	...	La Franc, 14-0
9	,, A W P's ...	... b aus m	...	Nanette, 13-3½
10	Ditto ...	... b aus m	...	Sunflower, 14-0

THE KIBKEE CUP.—5 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a h	...	Mint, 13-3
2	Ditto ...	... b a h	...	Rose, 13-0
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs	... g a h	...	Ptarmigan, 13-1½
4	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a h	...	Najaffi, 13-3½
5	Mr A R Amer's	... g a h	...	Young Kohinoor, 14-0
6	Major Edwards's	... b a g	...	Diamyo, 14-0
7	Mr Jackson's	... b a h	...	Hermit, 13-3
8	,, Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	...	New Moon, 14-0
9	Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's	... g a h	...	Tigre, 13-3½
10	Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's	... g a h	...	Nainava, 13-3½
11	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... b a h	...	Brigand, 13-3
12	Ditto ...	... ch a h	...	Shah Jehan, 13-3
13	Captain Forbes'	... b a h	...	Chancellor, 13-3½
14	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's ...	... g a h	...	Grey Fox, 13-2
15	Aga S Shah's	... g a h	...	Achilles, 13-3½
16	Mr S A Wahed's	... g a g	...	Sweetlips, 14-0
17	Ditto	... b a h	...	Salvation, 13-3½
18	Messrs A Mosben and M Shamlan's ...	... g a h	...	Clever Boy 13-2½
19	Captains Benn and Alexander's ...	... g a h	...	Regret, 13-3½
20	Mr Percy Fischer's	... ch a h	...	Governor, 13-2½
21	Aga S Shah's ...	... b a h	...	Arabistan, 13-3½
22	Major T P England's	... ch a h	...	Scorn, 14-0

THE GHORPURI STAKES.—DISTANCE, 7 furlongs.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... b a h	...	Rose, 13-3
2	,, R R S's ...	... b a h	...	Sirjamal, 13-1½
3	,, A M Bushari's	... b a h	...	Panalla II. 13-2
4	,, Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	...	Minting King, 13-3
5	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... b a h	...	Brigand, 13-3
6	Messrs G K and D D's	g a h	...	Dispute, 13-3
7	,, M Goculdass A Nanjee and A M Amer's	b a h	...	Bay Middleton, 13-3
8	Aga S Shah's ...	... b a h	...	Oriental, 13-2½
9	Mr B D Jewell's	... b a h	...	Shaiboob, 13-2
10	,, Abdool Sattar	... b a h	...	Cobo, 13-2½
11	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... b a h		Young Taisseer, 13-2½
12	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	...	Arthur, 13-3

6th Day, Monday, 5th October 1903.

THE POONA GRAND ANNUAL.—Distance—2¼ miles.

1	Mr Lock's ...	... g aus g	...	Badger
2	Ditto ...	... ch aus g	...	Baron II
3	,, Goff's ...	... bl aus g	...	Oberon
4	H H the Sultan of Johore's	b aus g	...	Gulme
5	Mr F Reynolds'	... b aus g	...	Rickshaw
6	,, R M Roy's...	... ch aus h	...	Altamas
7	,, Ditto ...	... bl aus g	...	Dundee
8	,, G O Bonse's	... b aus g	...	Dawn
9	H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... bl aus g	...	Pope
10	H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... br aus g	...	Stoddart
11	Mr Westropp's	... ch aus g	...	Vedette
12	,, J B's ...	... b aus h	...	Veneda

THE GANESHKHIND CHASE.—Distance, about 2 miles over Pony steeplechase course.

1	Mr R C Brown's	... br cb g	...	Sin, 14-0½
2	Mr Spooner Hart's	... br aus g	...	Goodchap, 13-3½
3	Mr Harper's ...	... b aus m	...	Rezia, 14-0
4	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... br aus m	...	Malice, 14-1½
5	Mr R J Hunter's	... br aus m	...	Beryl, 14-0½
6	H H Aga Khan and Aga, Shah's	... ch aus g	...	Fanny, 14-1
7	Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's	... br aus m	...	Nautilas, 14-1
8	Lt-Col Hazelton's	... b aus g	...	Patrician, 14-0½
9	Mr A W P's ...	... ch aus g	...	Freetrade, 14-2
10	,, Percy Fischer's	... g aus g	...	Good Boy, 14-0

THE POONA HANDICAP.—Distance 5 furlongs.

1	H H Sultan of Johore's	... b aus m	...	Mysotis
2	Do ...	... b aus g	...	Peppercorn
3	Mr J Murdoch's	... b aus g	...	Spark
4	,, Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs'	b aus g	...	Gum
5	Messrs Galstaun & Avasia's	ch e h	...	Presbyterian
6	Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's	... b aus g	...	Stand Off
7	Ditto	... b aus g	...	Malto
8	Mr R M Roy's	... ch aus h	...	Altamas
9	,, R R S's ...	... ch aus g	...	Wedlock
10	H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's ...	... ch aus h	...	Vigorous
11	Ditto	... ch aus m	...	Loch Clieveden
12	Ditto	... br aus g	...	Glen Albyn
13	Mr D D's ...	... b aus g	...	Roscommon
14	,, R J Hunter's	... ch aus g	...	Victory
15	H H Aga Khan's	... br aus g	...	Beadsman
16	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ...	... br aus g	...	Carreewick
17	Mr Noble's ...	... b aus g	...	Planet
18	,, Kelso's ...	... b aus g	...	Harpist
19	Ditto ...	... bl aus g	...	Milos
20	,, R G Baldock's	... b aus g	...	Fire Up
21	Messrs M Pestonjee and R Bhicajee's ...	... b aus g	...	Kingston
22	Captain J Randall's	... ch rn e g	...	Dr Barnardo

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Distance 1 mile.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... b a h	...	Rose, 13-3
2	Ditto ...	... g a h	...	Officer, 13-3½
3	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... b a h	...	Delight, 14-0
4	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a h	...	Najaffi, 13-3½
5	,, Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	...	Hakum, 13-3½
6	Ditto	... b a h	...	Moon, 13-3½
7	Ditto	... b a h	...	New Moon, 14-0
8	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... b a h	...	Brigand, 13-3
9	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... ch a h	...	Gallant, 13-2½
10	Mr George's ...	... g a h	...	Alexis, 13-3½
11	Mr F M Garda's	... br a h	...	Narunjee, 14-0
12	Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjee and A M Amer's	... b a h	...	Bay Middleton, 13-3
13	Aga S Shah's ..	... g a h	...	Achilles, 13-3½
14	Ditto ...	... b a h	...	Arabistan, 13-3½
15	Ditto ...	... b a h	...	Oriental, 13-2½
16	Mr B D Jewell's	... b a h	...	Shaiboob, 13-2
17	Mr S A Wahed's	... g a h	...	Skylark, 13-3½
18	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... g a h	...	Najeed, 14-0
19	Aga Mirza Ahmed's	... b a h	...	Arthur, 13-3
20	Colonel Kavanagh's	... g a h	...	Money Spinner, 14-0

THE LILLIPUT HANDICAP.—Distance—½ mile.

1	Mr R R S's ...	... ch a h	...	Mint, 13-3
2	Ditto ...	... b a h	...	Rose, 13-3
3	Ditto ...	... b a h	...	Sirjamal, 13-1½
4	Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs'	... g a h	...	Ptarmigan, 13-1½
5	Messrs E Amer and O Mahomed's...	... b a h	...	Greatorex, 13-2½
6	Mr A M Bushari's	... b a h	...	Panalla II, 13-2
7	,, Jackson's ...	... b a h	...	Hermit, 13-3
8	,, Ali bin Talib's	... b a h	...	Minting King, 13-3
9	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... ch a h	...	Shah Jehan, 13-2
10	Messrs G K and D D's	... g a h	...	Dispute, 13-3
11	Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ...	... g a h	...	Grey Pearl, 13-3
12	Captain Hennessy's	... b a h	...	Early Bird, 13-2
13	Aga S Shah's ...	... ch a h	...	Chester, 13-0½
14	Mr Abdool Razack's	... b a h	...	Sybarite, 13-2½
15	,, Abdulla ul Shamlan's	... ch a h	...	Galib, 13-2½
16	Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ...	... b a h	...	Young Taisseer, 13-2½
17	Mr Percy Fischer's	... ch a h	...	Governor, 13-2½
18	Ditto	... g a h	...	Sanaya, 13-2

THE COMMISSIONER'S PURSE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

1	Mr Spooner Hart's	... b aus m	...	Pride O'Dharmtala, 14-1
2	Mr Harper's ...	... ch aus m	...	Bandicoot, 13-3½
3	,, Harper's ...	... ch aus m	...	Western Queen, 13-3½
4	H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ...	... br aus g	...	Tragedian, 14-1
5	Messrs G K and D D's	... ch aus m	...	Veera, 14-0
6	Mr R G Hunter's	... ch aus g	...	Haydn, 14-0
7	Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's	... b aus m	...	Annie Laurie, 14-0½
8	Ditto	... b aus m	...	Olga, 14-1
9	Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's	... br aus m	...	Nautilus, 14-1
10	Ditto	... b aus m	...	Minnichaha, 14-1
11	Mr Kelso's —	... b aus m	...	Russley Rose. 14 1
12	,, J C Galstaun's	... b or br aus h		Metalgia, 14-1
13	,, Percy Fischer's	... b aus m	...	Key West, 14-0½
14	,, Bass' ...	... b e m	...	S P, 14-1

Second Entries close on Tuesday, 25th August 1903.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

POONA, *5th August 1903.*

Races to Come.

PROGRAMME OF THE DACCA RACES.

Season 1903-1904.

Under C. T. C. Rules of Racing.

STEWARDS:

THE HON'BLE NAWAB SALIMOLLAH BAHADUR
H. SAVAGE, ESQ. I.C.S.
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First Day, Thursday, 7th January, 1904.

THE MUKTAGACHIA PURSE.—Rs. 750, of which Rs 500 is presented by the Muktagachia Zemindars of Mymensingh, to the Fund with a starting sweepstake of Rs. 20; second horse to receive Rs. 200 out of the entire stakes. For maiden horses W. A. and C. raised 7lbs. Entrance 2nd November, Rs. 20, 1st December, Rs. 30, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 50. 1,000 yards.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 500 with a starting sweepstake of Rs. 20. Second horse to receive Rs. 100 out of the entire stakes. For horses that have not won a flat race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards since 31st March 1901. W. A. and C. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners after 31st March 1901, of a race value Rs. 500, or over once 7lbs, twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. (not cumulative). Allowances—Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 500 or over 5lbs; maidens 10lbs. (not cumulative). Entrance—2nd November, Rs. 20, 1st December, Rs. 25, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 40. 1¼ mile.

THE GUNNY MEAH PURSE.—Rs. 600 with a starting sweepstakes of Rs. 30; second pony to receive Rs. 150 out of the entire stakes. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2, and other ponies 14-4 and under measured since 31st March 1899 that had not won a flat race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards to 31st March 1903.

C-B	ponies 14-2	to carry	8-7	W. I.
Arab	ponies 14-2	to carry	7-7	
English	ponies 14-1	to carry	9-7	
Australasian	ponies 14-1	to carrp	9-3	

Penalties.—Winners after 31st March 1901, of a race value Rs. 200 or over 7lbs, twice or oftener 10lbs. (not cumulative) Winners of races value Rs. 200 or upwards amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March 1902, 7lbs, in addition to other penalties.

Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 30, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 50. ¼ mile.

THE DWARF DERBY.—Rs 300, out of which Rs. 75 will go to the second and Rs. 50 to the third pony. For C.-B. ponies 12-2 and under. Ponies 12-2 to carry 9-7. W. I. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, 7lbs. No licensed jockeys allowed to ride. 1¼ miles. Entrance—Rs. 8 to close on 22nd December.

THE NARAINGUNGE PURSE.—Rs. 500 with a starting sweepstake of Rs. 20, second pony to receive Rs. 100 out of the entire stakes. For maiden English and Australasian ponies 13-2 and unnder. Arabs and C.-B.'s 13-2 and under, and other ponies 13-1 and under.

Maiden English and Australasian ponies			13-2 to carry	10-7
Arab	ponies		13-2 to carry	9-4
C.-B.	ponies		13-2 to carry	8-4
English and Australasian		ponies	13-1 to carry	9-9

W. I.

Penalties.—Winners after 31st March 1902 of a race value Rs. 200 or over 7lbs. of a race value Rs. 400 or over 11lbs. (not cumulative).

Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 25, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 40. 1,000 yards.

Second Day, Saturday, 9th January 1904.

THE ATTICKOLLAH PURSE.—Rs. 500 presented to the Fund by Khajeh Attickollah of Dacca to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second. Handicap for horses that have not won a flat race value Rs. 2,000 or upwards since 31st March 1901. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 15th December when race will close Rs. 30 with Rs. 20 extra for horses not struck out by 7 P. M. on Thursday, 7th January. 6 furlongs.

THE K. A. O. PURSE.—Rs. 1000 presented to the Fund by the heirs of the late Nawab Sir Ahsunollah Bahadur, K.C.I.E., of which Rs. 300 to the second and Rs. 200 to the third. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2, other ponies 14-1 and under that have not won a flat race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards since 31st March 1901.

C.-B.	ponies	14-2	to carry	8. 7.	W. I.
Arab	ponies	14-2	to carry	7. 7.	
English	ponies	14-1	to carry	9 7	
Australasian	ponies	14-1	to carry	9. 3	

Penalties.—Winners after 13st March 1901 of a race value Rs. 200 7lbs, of a race value Rs. 900, or over 11lbs (not cumulative). Winners of races value Rs. 200 or upwards amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1902, 7lbs., in addition to other penalties. Entrance—2nd November Rs, 1st December 75, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 100. 7 furlongs.

THE SALIMOLLAH PURSE.—Rs. 1,000 presented to the Fund by the Hon'ble Nawab Salimollah Bahadur, of which Rs. 200 to the second. Handicap for ponies entered for the Narayangunge Purse. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December 30, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 50 with Rs. 20 for ponies not struck out by 7 P. M. on Thursday 7th January. 7 furlongs.

THE STEWARDS PURSE.—Rs. 250, of which Rs. 50 to the second. Rs. 30 to the third, Rs. 20 the fourth.e For C.-B's 12-1 and under. Ponies 12-1 to carry 9-7. W. I. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over 7lbs. No licensed jockeys allowed to ride Entrance—Rs. 8 to close 22nd December. 7 furlongs

THE HARENDRA LALL PURSE.—Rs. 500 presented to the Fund by Babu Harendra Lall Roy of Bhagyakul with a starting sweepstake of Rs 16. Second to receive Rs. 100 out of the entire stakes. Handicap for horses that have not won a flat race of Rs. 2,000 or upwards since 31st March 1901. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 15th December when race will close Rs. 30 with Rs 20 extra for horses not struck out by 7 P.M. on Thursday, 7th January. 1½ miles.

Third Day, Tuesday, 12th January 1904.

THE ICH DIEN CUP.—A cup value Rs. 300 presented to the Fund by Messrs. Hamilton and Co., and Rs. 200 from the fund to the winner. Rs. 100 to the second. Handicap for horses entered the first and second days. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 25, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 30 with Rs. 20 extra for horses not struck out by 7 P. M. on Saturday, 9th January. 1,000 yards.

THE CRITERION HANDICAP.—Rs. 250, of which Rs. 50 to the second and Rs. 25 to the third. Handicap for C.-B.'s 12-2 and and under. Entrance 2nd November Rs. 8. 22nd December when race will close Rs. 10 with Rs. 10 extra for ponies which are not sttuck out by 7 P.M. on Saturday, 9th December. No licensed jockeys allowed to ride, ¾ mile.

THE MERCHANTS' PURSE.—Rs. 750, of which Rs. 200 to the second. Handicap for Arabs and C.-B's 14-2 and other ponies 14-1 and under. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 30, 22nd December when race will close Rs 40 with Rs. 20 extra for ponies not struck out by 7 P.M. on Saturday, 9th January. 1¼ miles.

THE JOYDEBPUR PURSE.—Rs. 1,000 presented to the Fund by Kumar Ranendro Narayan Roy of Joydebpur, of which Rs. 200 to the second, Rs. 100 to the third. Handicap for ponies entered for the Naraingunge Purse. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 30, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 50 with Rs. 20 extra for ponies not struck out by 7 P.M. on Saturday, 9th January. 1¼ miles.

THE JANUARY PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second. Handicap for horses entered the first and second days. Entrance—2nd November Rs. 20, 1st December Rs. 25, 22nd December when race will close Rs. 30 with Rs. 20 extra for horses not struck out by 7 P.M. on Saturday, 9th January. 7 furlongs.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. In the event of there being less than six entries for any race, such race shall be void.

In the event of a walk-over only half the added money will be given under Rule 140.

2. All riders to ride in colours, starting declarations (which must include rider's colours and weights to be carried) to be made to the Honorary Secretaries at 10 A.M. the day before the race. Jockey's fee for losing mount, if not already paid, must accompany starting declaration.

3 In all races, other than selling races and handicaps, a landing allowance of 6lbs. will be given to every English and Australasian horse and pony landed in India direct from the country of foaling on or after the 1st July, 1903, the allowance to be reduced to 3lbs. on a horse or pony winning one race and to cease on his winning two races.

4. C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. certificates accepted.

5. Owners are entirely responsible for the weight their own horses or ponies should carry, and any mstakes in the programme shall be notified by owners or trainers in charge to the Clerk of the Scales, who will notify such alteration on the Stewards' Notice Board.

6. A course fee of Rs. 5 will be charged for each horse or pony entered for the Dacca Meeting and trained or schooled on the Dacca course between 1st November and 20th December, and a course fee of Rs. 10 for every horse or pony between those dates and not so entered.

7. When a race is advertised to close on a particular day, it shall, unless otherwise specified, close at 7 P. M. on that day.

8. Entries must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of such entries otherwise they will be declined.

9. When a remittance is made to the Secretaries, without specifying the way in which it is to be applied, the money will be credited *to the stakes* in the order of the Programme.

NOTICE.

Admission to grand stand enclosure, Rs. 5 a day. Ladies Rs. 2. Subscribers of Rs. 16 to the Fund free.

Losers must settle their account on or before the 19th January.

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A POLO TOURNAMENT

Will be held during the meeting, the terms of which will be published hereafter.

HYDERABAD RACES, 1903.

(*Under C. T. C. Rules of Racing.*)

To be held on the Futteh Maidan Race Course.

STEWARDS:

COL. AFSUR-UL-MULK, BDR., C.I.E., A.-D.-C. | CAPT. R. DEL. FAUNCE D.A.A.G.

COL. A. F. WESTLAKE, 1ST MADRAS LANCERS. | CAPT J. E. S. MACCARTHY.

M.A.J. R. H. HAYES, MIDDLESEX REGT. | HUGH GOUGH, ESQ.

Hony. Secy.—CAPT. C. R. BONIFACIO.
Clerk of the Scales.—T. GARDINER, ESQ.
Starter.—R. C. L. CARY, ESQ.
Handicapper.—MAJOR R. H. HAYES.
Judge.—H. GOUGH. ESQ.

First Day, Thursday, 12th November.

THE TRIAL HURDLES.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—W. A. & C. raised 2st. Allowances—Horses that have never won a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs. Penalties—Winners of a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 1¼ miles over 6 flights of hurdles.

THE HYDERABAD PLATE.—Rs 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—W. A & C raised 2llbs Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs Penalities—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE CHUDDERGHAUT PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—English and Australasians 14-2 to carry 12st. 7lbs C.-B's 14-2 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-2 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs Penalties—Winners of race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4 lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or over 1st. extra. Cumulative. 6 furlongs.

THE ASIATIC PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Weights- C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-1 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 5 furlongs.

THE BEDOUIN PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arabs. Weights—For age raised 1st. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs., ponies 13-3 and under. allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or more, 1st. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE MALLET PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Arab polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over, allowed 5lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 3 furlongs.

Second Day, Saturday, 14th November.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 100 and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—Handicap. 3½ furlongs.

THE COLONIAL HANDICAP.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—Handicap. 1 mile.

THE SAIFABAD PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—Handicap. 7 furlongs.

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arabs. Weights—Handicap. 1 mile.

THE ORIENTAL HANDICAP.—Rs 150 and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arab and C-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—Handicap. 6 furlongs.

THE DECCAN PLATE.—Rs. 100, and Rs. 25 to the second. For C.-B. horses. Weights—Weight for age. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs. Ponies 13-3 and under allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 4 furlongs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entrance money goes to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.

2. A course fee of Rs. 3 will be charged for every horse or pony trained on the course between the 1st of October and 15th of November 1903.

3. Entries for all races close as follows:—1st Entries Rs. 10 on the 15th October 1903 at 9 P. M.; 2nd Entries Rs. 15 on the 2nd November 1903 at 9 P.M.

4. If, in any race, there are less than three entries in *bonâ fide* separate interests, such race will be declared void, under Rule 140.

5. All Telegrams must be confirmed by letter.

6. Starting declarations, accompanied by a jockey's fee for a losing mount, if not already paid, must be sent in on forms which will be supplied by the Honorary Secretary, showing correct weight, colors, and name of rider to be placed in a box kept for the purpose at the Grand Stand Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

7. In W. I. Races, the height, and in W. A. Races, the age, must be stated at the time of entry.

8. Nizam's C.-B.'s will be allowed 7lbs. in all races except handicaps.

9. C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. Certificates and Certificates by Local Stewards under Rule 39, only accepted.

10. There will be a measurement by the Local Stewards (Rule 39) at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, on the 9th of November 1903, at 8 A. M.

11. Handicaps will be published at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, the Officers' Mess, Futteh Maidan, and at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, by 9 A.M. on the day before the race, and acceptances and starting declaration to be placed in the Declaration Box at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

12. Gentlemen riders who have never ridden the winner of a race value Rs. 50 allowed 3lbs. in all races except handicaps.

13. Licensed jockeys penalized 7lbs. in all races, handicaps included.

14. Any three Stewards form a quorum.

NOTICE.

1. Rupees throughout the Programme mean Government Rupees.

2. There will be a totalizator on the ground; tickets Rs. 2.

3. 10 per cent. of the totalizator to go to the Fund.

4. Entrance to the Grand Stand and Enclosure Rs. 4 per diem, or Rs. 6 for the meeting. Ladies and owners free.

5. Drag accommodation inside course Rs. 5 per diem, or Rs. 8 for both days.

6. All communications to be addressed to

The Hony. Secy., Hyderabad Races,
Chudderghaut.

C. R. BONIFACIO, CAPTAIN,
Honorary Secretary,
Hyderabad Races.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)
LONDON. *Friday, 24th July 1903.*

THE TURF.

SANDOWN PARK SECOND SUMMER (ECLIPSE) MEETING.

THE air, heavily charged with electricity, had been sultry and oppressive throughout the Eclipse Stakes afternoon, and the thunderstorm which seemed imminent broke over London with sudden violence shortly after midnight, accompanied by a torrential downpour. Nothing could have been more welcome after the recent drought, and the parched land absorbed the moisture greedily. The threats of further visitations of the kind during the day had their effect upon the attendance, which, though up to the average, looked scanty in comparison with yesterday. Sombre clouds brooded overhead throughout the afternoon and rain fell sharply at times, but it was not of long enough duration to interfere very seriously with the entertainment. An item of such value as the National Breeders' Produce Stakes was alone sufficient to invest the programme with intense interest, and, notwithstanding the fact that the last event fizzled out to a walk over, the spectators had good cause to be satisfied with the sport provided. The King again graced the scene with his presence but unhappily his two-year-old, Perchant, did not run up to expectations in the big race. Having regard to the numerous difficulties with which they were confronted, the stands in chaotic condition and the attendance on the first day nearly double what might have been anticipated, the indefatigable managing director, Mr. W. J. Compton, and his able assistant, Mr. N. A. Loraine, must be congratulated upon the successful issue of a meeting the counterpart of which may not be seen for many a day.

THE COBHAM PLATE.—Of 192 sovs; weight for age, etc.; winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Five furlongs

Mr G Cottrill's ch g Impious, by Chittabob—Pardone, aged, 9st	W Lane	1
Mr E Foster's br h Blue Diamond, 6yrs, 9st 3lbs	Halsey	2
Mr C Hibbert's b g Tin Soldier, 5yrs, 9st ...	Walkington	3
Mr G Thursby's St Bernard II., aged, 9st	Owner	0
Mr J Buchanan's Claudius, 2yrs, 6st 8lbs...	Compton	0
Mr T Cannon's f by Jaquemart—Dutch Girl, 2yrs, 6st 5lbs	Parsons	0
Mr A Knowles's f by Juggler—Double Barrel, 2yrs, 6st 10lbs	Griggs	0

BETTING:—3 to 1 agst Impious, 7 to 2 Blue Diamond, 4 to 1 each Tin Soldier and Double Barrel filly, 6 to 1 St Bernard II., and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a length; four lengths between second and third. St. Bernard II. was fourth, Claudia fifth, and Dutch Girl filly last. The winner was bought in for 155gs. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 3secs.

THE ROYAL HANDICAP—Of 382 sovs. One mile.

M. E. de Blaskovit's b c Hazafi, by Orwell—Ollyan Ninos, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs ...	W. Lane	1
Mr. H. J. Newman's br c Cock of the Roost 3 yrs, 6st 11b	J. Jarvis	2
Mr. L. Pilkington's ch c St. Rollox, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs	Miller	3
Mr. Spencer Gollan's Australian Star, aged, 9st	Halsey	0
Mr. J. Gubbin's Port Blair, 4 yrs, 8st 11lbs	M. Cannon	0
Sir E. Vincent's Pistol, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs ..	Martin	0
Mr A F Cunliffe's Merry Methodist, aged, 7st 11lb	J. Dillon	0
Lord Carnarvon's Minnie Dee 5 yrs, 7st 5lb	Trigg	0
Mr C Wood's Newtown, 5 yrs, 7st 8lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	O Madden	0
Mr. George Edwardes's Country Girl, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Compton	0
Mr Murray Griffith's Angel Court, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs	Plant	0
Mr H V Foy's Twine the Plaiden, 6 yrs, 6st 6lbs	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by C. Waugh at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Hazafi, 9 to 2 Minnie Dee, 7 to 1 St Bollox, 100 to 14 Newtown, 10 to 1 Country Girl, 100 to 8 each Port Blair, Pistol, Cock of the Roost, and Merry Methodist, 100 to 7 Australian Star, and 100 to 6 any other.

Won a fine race by a neck; a length and a-half between the second and third. Country Girl was fourth, Minnie Dee fifth, Newtown sixth, Angel Court seventh Merry Methodist next, and Twine the Plaiden last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 46⅘secs.

THE NATIONAL BREEDERS' PRODUCE STAKES—Of 4,357sovs for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Major Eustace Loder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiration, 9st 6lbs	Halsey	1
Mr Foxhall Keene's br c Bobrinski, 9st ...	Lyne	2
Mr A Stedall's b g Marsden, 9st 6lbs ...	W Lane	3
Mr L Brassey's Merryman, 9st 2lbs ...	K Cannon	0
His Majesty's Perchant, 9st	M Cannon	0
Miss Knox Goro's Royal Arch, 9st ...	Higgs	0
Lord Rosebery's Gloriana, 8st 11lbs ...	Watts	0
Mr W Cooper's Ravensboe, 8st 9lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr J Musker's The Warrior, 8st 4lbs ...	O Madden	0
Mr C J Blake's Flying Star, 8st 4lbs ...	Martin	0
Mr A Heath's Kate Angelo, 7st 11lbs ...	Dixon	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Gilpin, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING:—2 to 1 agst Pretty Polly, 5 to 2 Flying Star, 7 to 2 The Warrior, 100 to 8 Marsden, 100 to 7 Perchant, 100 to 7 Bobrinski, 100 to 6 Royal Arch, 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by two lengths; three lengths divided the second and third. The Warrior was fourth, Perchant fifth, Flying Star sixth, Merryman seventh, Gloriana eighth, Ravenshoe next, and Kate Angelo last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 3⅕secs.

LEICESTER SUMMER MEETING.

The severe storms that visited the South and Midlands towards the end of last week came at a very opportune moment. Agriculturalists had already began to feel the effects of a three-weeks' drought, and the growth of the crops would have been considerably retarded had it lasted much longer. The beneficial effects of the copious rain upon the country generally were noticeable to a degree all along the route from London to Leicester, and at Oadby in particular the vegetation looks delightfully fresh the herbage on the course had attained a vigorous growth since being mown and the ground yielded excellent galloping. The public were early astir in the streets of Leicester on the morning of the 21st. The double execution of the two murderers Porter and Preston, for killing a policeman in the neighbourhood last May, attacted large numbers of the morbid minded into the main thoroughfares. They were augmented later by a stong force of metropolitan race-goers, further contingents arriving in due course from the Midlands and North. The muster by the time they foregathered in the enclosures was much above the average. The morning had been inviting enough, but it clouded over by mid-day, and there was a sprinkling of rain during a great part of the afternoon. It did not interfere much with the enjoyment of the proceedings, however, and runners being plentiful, the entertainment panned out satisfactorily.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S PLATE (HANDICAP)—Of 282 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr W Johnston's b h Longford Lad, by Kilwarlin—Whitethroat, 5 yrs, 8st 2lb (inc 6lb ex)	B Lynham	1
Mr E Foster's ch c Coldra, 4 yrs, 8st 11lbs (inc 6lbs ex)	Halsey	2
Mr E A Wigan's b m Sorciere, 5 yrs, 7st 12lbs	J Dillon	3
Mr J Dyball's Parramatta, aged, 7st 11lbs	G McCall	0
Mr W Hall Walker's King's Idler, 6 yrs, 7st 5lb	J Jarvis	0
Mr A Kyte's Fits and Starts, 5 yrs, 6st 5lbs	East	0
Mr J Wallace's Logan Rock, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs	H Chapman	0

(*Winner trained by Owner, at Whitsbury.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 agst Longford Lad, 11 to 4 Logan Rock, 6 to 1 Fits and Starts, 7 to 1 Coldra, 100 to 12 Sorciere, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won easily by three lengths; four lengths between second and third. Parramatta was fourth, Fits and Starts fifth, and King's Idler last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min 8⅘ secs.

Leicester is falling into line with other go-ahead towns in the Midlands and North by laying down a new electric tramway system throughout the borough. The work is as yet incomplete, and some of the thoroughfares are in a state of chaos in consequence, but before many weeks are over the new service should be in general operation, and it will be interesting to see whether it exerts any beneficial influence upon the future attendances at Oadby. The threats of a stormy night were fulfilled to the letter, the wind howling dismally, attended by a torrential downpour. Had it ceased at daybreak, as at one time seemed likely, no harm would have been done, but, unhappily, heavy showers fell at frequent intervals during the morning, and to this doubtless the slightly diminished attendance on the race-course was due. The outlook about the time that a resumption was made was decidedly ominous, but the rain happily blew over by three o'clock, and during the remainder of the afternoon the weather was delightfully fine. The entries for the second stage of the meeting were in keeping with those of the opening day, the card containing no fewer than 162 names. The number of combatants was hardly commensurate with this huge aggregate, but runners were plentiful, nevertheless, and any lack of quality was made up for by quantity.

THE APPLEBY PLATE HANDICAP—Of 184 sovs. 5 furlongs, straight.

Sir Eldon Gorst's b f Pansy Masters, by Westminster—Firelight, 3 yrs, 8st ...	W Lane	1
Mr. H Braime's ch f Club Ball, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	E Wheatley	2
Mr W H Millard's b f Fair Anna, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs	O Madden	3
Mr W H Schwind's Castlewise, 6 yrs, 9st...	Watts	0
Mrs Sadleir Jackson's Ferriera, aged, 8st 7lbs	R Davies	0
Major J D Edwards's Robino, 6 yrs, 8st 2lbs	Compton	0
Mr. Murray Griffith's Angel Court, 4 yrs, 8st 5lbs	Halsey	0
Mr G Cottrill's The Eagle, 4 yrs, 8st ..	B Lynham	0
Mr. H T Barclay's Holme Lacy, 3 yrs, 7st 12lbs	Hardy	0
Major E Loder's Cat Bird, 3 yrs, 7st 9lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr R McGreery's Brill, 3 yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Trigg	0
Mr J Atkinson's Penderma, 3 yrs, 6st 2lbs	East	0

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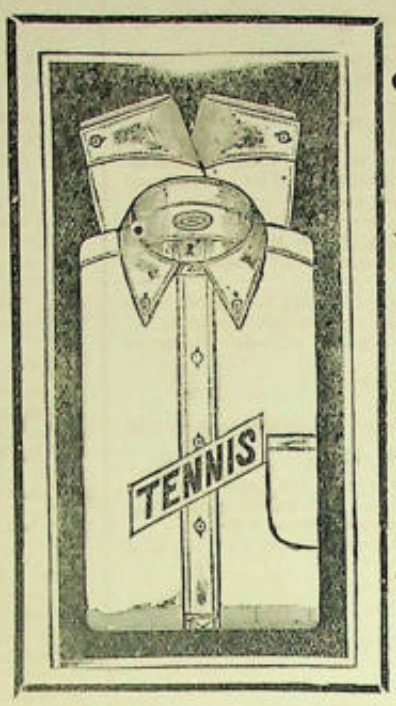

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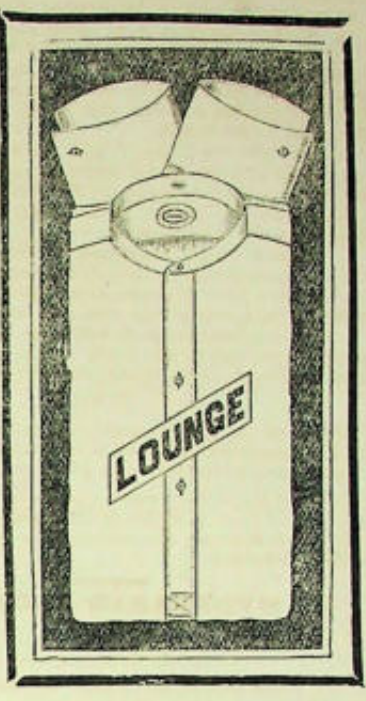

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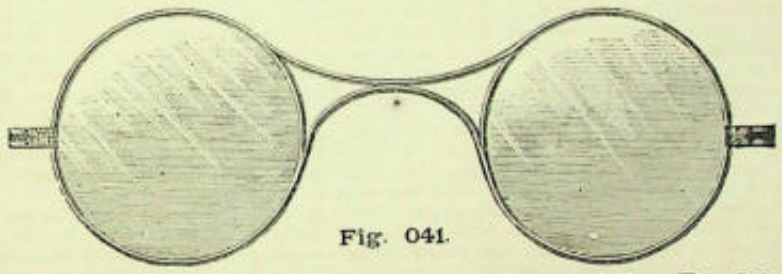
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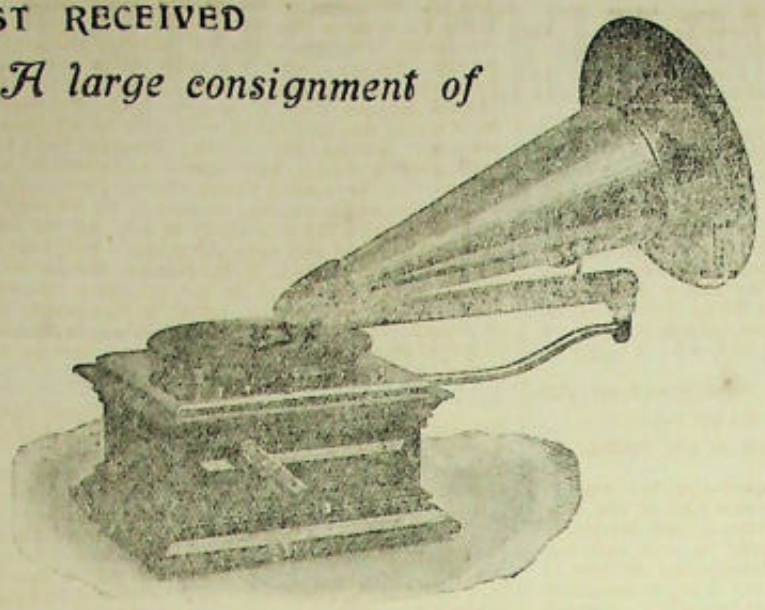

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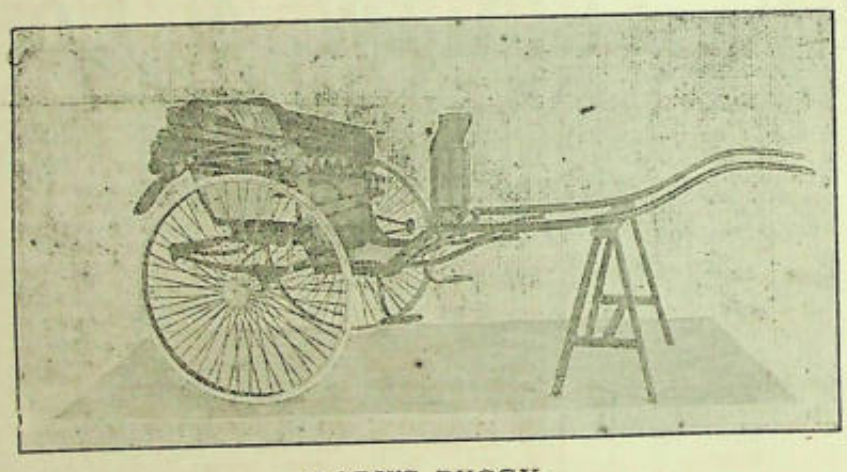

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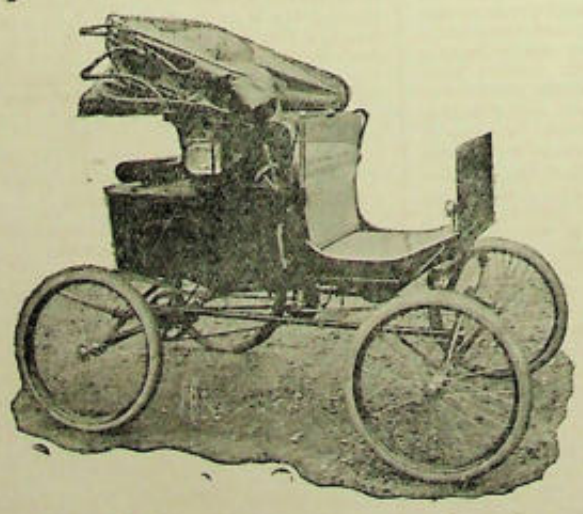

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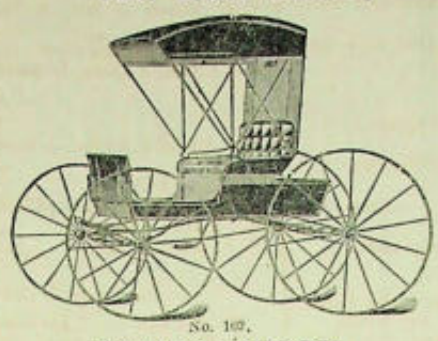

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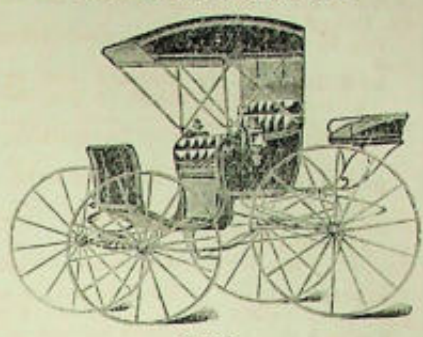

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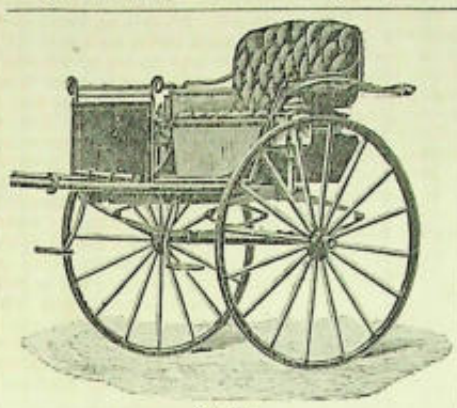

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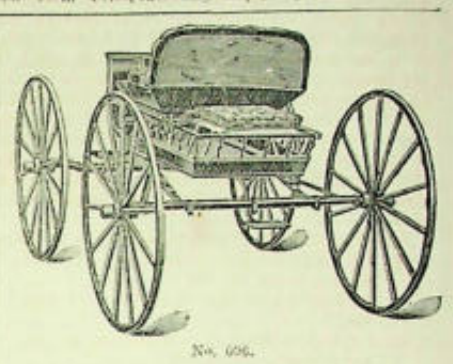

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Won by a length and a half from Club Bail, who took second place below the distance ; three lengths between second and third. Castlewise was fourth, Holme Lacy fifth, Cat Bird sixth, Robino seventh, Pendenma eighth, Angel Court next and Brill last throughout.

THE TOWER HANDICAP PLATE.—Of 142 sovs. One mile and half.

Mr W Johnston's b h Longford Lad, by Kilwarlin—White Throat, 5 yrs, 9st (inc 9lbs ex)	B Lynham	1
Mr W Nichols's br m by St Leger—Hilda, 5 yrs, 7st 11lbs	C Madden	2
Mr C M Russell's ch c Never Say Never, 4 yrs, 6st 11lbs	East	3
Mr M Butcher's f by, Aughrim—Miss Gun 3 yrs, 6st 2 lbs	Templeman	0

(Winner trained by Owner at Whitsburn.)

BETTING :—11 to 8 on Longford Lad, 3 to 1 agst the Hilda mare, 4 to 1 the Miss Gun filly, and 10 to 1 Never Say Never.

Won by a length ; six lengths between second and third.

LIVERPOOL JULY MEETING.

There are no more staunch and liberal supporters of any racing venture than Lord Derby, Lord Stanley, and Lord Farquhar, particularly of the various gatherings at Liverpool, and it is bad luck that they should have found themselves under the necessity of scratching the whole of their combined fleet for this week's Aintree engagements, owing, it is understood, to an epidemic of pink eye in the stable. Mr Lambton's fashionable establishment levies heavy toll upon the prize list as regularly as the Liverpool fixtures come round and the summary elimination of all his charges will have a marked effect upon the meeting. Bistonian, the solitary survivor of the nine candidates who originally represented Stanley House in the Liverpool Cup, will thus be an absentee, and nine horses disappeared from the various events in yesterday's card.

THE MOLYNEUX PLATE (hand cap.—Of 900 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr J B Joel's b c His Lordship, by Ayrshire—Emita, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb ...	Watts	1
Sir E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, 4 yrs, 8st	Halsey	2
Sir J Blundell Maple's gr c Nabot, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs (inc 10lbs ex)	W Lane	3
Sir E Vincent's Seringapatam, aged, 7st 6lbs	Miller	0
Mr G G Tod's Melete, 6 yrs, 7st 6lbs (car 7st 7lbs	G McCall	0
Mr A M Singer's O'Donovan Rossa, 6 yrs, 7st 4lbs (car 7st 5lbs)	O Madden	0
Mr J C Sullivan's The Page, 3 yrs, 6st 10lbs	J Jarvis	0
Mr J Thursby's Grave and Gay, 4 yrs 7st 11lb	Trigg	0
Mr T Pilkington's Burnie, 3 yrs, 6st 9lb ...	Murray	0

(Winner trained by Morton at Wantage.)

BETTING : 7 to 2 agst O'Donovan Rossa, 9 to 2 Grave and Gay, 6 to 1 each Nabot and Speculator, 8 to 1 His Lordship, 10 to 1 Melete, 100 to 8 The Page, 100 to 7 Burnie, and 20 to 1 Seringapatam.

Won easily by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third. O'Donovan Rossa was fourth, Grave and Gay fifth, Seringapatam sixth, Melete next, and The Page last.

THE ST. GEORGE STAKES.—Of 1,709 sovs., for three-year olds; colts 9st; fillies 8st 9lbs ; penalties, etc. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr G A Prentice's br c General Cronje, by Gallinule—Moira, 8st 7lbs ...	Halsey	1
Sir E Vincent's ch c Countermark, 9st 6lbs	Watts	2
Mr J Musker's ch c William Rufus, 9st 6lbs	O Madden	3
A James's Rabelais, 9st 6lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Merry Saint, 8st 4lbs	W Lane	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, 8st 4lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Ellesmere's Intelligence, 7st 13lbs ...	Hardy	0

(Winner trained by J. Powney, at Grateley.)

BETTING :—9 to 4 agst General Cronje, 5 to 2 Rabelais, 9 to 2 William Rugus, 6 to 1 Intelligence, 10 to 1 Gourgaud, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won in a canter by five lengths ; a length between second and third. Gourgaud was fourth, Rabelais fifth, and Intelligence last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 22⅗secs.

THE GREAT LANCASHIRE BREEDERS' PRODUCE STAKES :—Of 1 611 sovs. for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs; penalties, etc. Five furlongs.

Mr L de Rothschild's gr c Bass-Rock, by Grey Leg—Pindi, 9st 5lbs ...	K Cannon	1
Capt Bewicke's ch f Irish Gal 8st 11lbs ...	Hardy	2
Mr J A Miller's b f Pressed Hay, 6st 11lbs	Halsey	3
Mr D R O'Callaghan's Christian de Wet, 9st	M Cannon	0
Mr J Musker's Jack Hawthorn, 8st 4lb ...	O Madden	0

Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.

BETTING :—13 to 8 on Bass Rock, 5 to 2 agst Jack Hawthorn and 20 1 any other (offered).

Won by a head; three lengths between second and third. Jack Hawthorn was fourth.

CRICKET.

THE PHILADELPHIANS' TOUR.

MATCH *v.* HAMPSHIRE.—Eleventh of the Tour Played at Southampton on July 16th, 17th and 18th. Abandoned.

It was a dismal day when the Americans began their match with Hampshire, and the heavy rain which fell in the early morning kept spectators away. Dr. Lester was able to take his place in the team again, but both King and Scattergood were still absent on account of injuries. When the visitors won the toss they batted on a very slow wicket, and owing to frequent showers there was so little play that when stumps were drawn at half-past three only 130 runs had been made for the loss of six wickets. The commencement of the innings was dispiriting, for before lunch six wickets were down for 60, and no one seemed able to play Llewellyn and Hesketh-Prichard. But when Cregar joined Lester he at once began to hit out, and chiefly by means of powerful drives he scored 50 in 25 minutes, and when play ended for the day he was not out 55, with Lester not out 19. On the next morning Cregar was out before he had time to increase his total, but Lester played a beautiful game, and as he received excellent support, the total was much better than was anticipated. Lester was batting for an hour and-a-half for a faultless innings of 67. For the rest of the day the Hampshire men made hay of the bowling of the visitors, and when Hill and Llewellyn got together they put on 105 runs in an hour. Hill's 121 was made in two hours and Llewellyn reached his hundred in two hours, being still at the wickets with 136 to his credit when stumps were drawn. The total was 372 for seven wickets. At a quarter past three on Saturday it was decided to abandon the game as there was no prospect of any play.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

N Z Graves, l-b-w, b Llewellyn	12	E M Cregar, c Sprot, b Llewellyn ...	55
A M Wood, b Llewellyn .	5	P N Le Roy, c Black, b Llewellyn ...	18
H A Haines, c Webb, b Prichard ...	13	T C Jordan, not out ...	14
F H Bohlen, b Prichard ...	8	F C Sharpless, c and b Llewellyn ...	20
C C Morris c Hill, b Prichard	12	Leg-byes	2
P H Clark, b Llewellyn ...	4	Total ...	230
J A Lester, c Stone, b Black	67		

HAMPSHIRE.

D A Steele, c Jordan, b Lester	35	Llewellyn, not out ..	116
Webb, b Clark	9	Bowell, b Clark ...	16
E M Sprot, c Wood, b Clark	8	E M C Ede, c Jordan, b Clark ...	30
A J L Hill, b Clark ..	121	Stone, not out ...	4
W N White, b Lester ...	0	B 7, lb 3, w 3 ...	13
		Total (7 wickets)	372

Black and Hesketh-Prichard did not bat.

MIDDLESEX *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 20th, 21st and 22nd July. Drawn.

Middlesex, the still unbeaten county, had rather the worst of the first day's play, for against the Lancashire total of 176 they had only made 81, and Warner, Moon, Beldam, and Macgregor were out. No rain had fallen at Manchester for some days, but the wicket was slow, and the bowlers generally had the best of matters. Several men played good cricket, but no one succeeded in getting anything like a command over the bowling. Perhaps the most useful innings of the day was the 34 not out of Findlay, for he kept up his wicket while the Lancashire tail were trying desperately hard to make runs. For Middlesex both Warner and Beldam did so well that they seemed likely to carry their bats ; they put up 68 for the first wicket in an hour and twenty five minutes. When stumps were drawn, E. A. Beldam, who on the strength of his fine performance at the Crystal Palace, was included in the Middlesex team, was not out, 0. He played a very strong defensive game on Tuesday morning and finding no one able to offer him any assistance carried his bat for 80, thus making a most successful *début* for his county under great difficulties. Rain began to fall as soon as the Middlesex innings was over, and there was no more play. Again during the night there was heavy rain and play was not possible until three o'clock, when Lancashire could do nothing on a sticky wicket against Trot and Hearne. But when their innings closed they had a lead of 106, and Middlesex had not time to make the runs, although, with only four wickets down for 64, they were in a fine position.

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A C Maclaren, b Hearne ...	28	l-b-w, b Trott ...	3
R H Spooner, c Rawlin, b Hearne	26	b Rawlin ..	0
Tyldesley, c Nicholls, b Bosanquet	23	l-b-w, b Trott ...	8
A Eccles, b Rawlin ...	2	b Trott	0
A H Hornby, b Hearne ...	14	b Trott	0
W Findlay, not out ...	34	l-b-w, b Hearne ...	1
Sharp, b Hearne ...	10	b Hearne ...	6
Hallows, c G Beldam, b Trott	15	not out	14
Cuttell, b Hearne ...	5	b Hearn	3
Barnes, b Trot	3	not out	4
W Brearley, c Trott, b Hearne	8		
B 7, nb 1	8	Extras ..	13
Total ...	176	Total (8 wickets)	*82

* Innings declared closed.

MIDDLESEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
P F Warner, b Barnes ...	32	c Findlay, b Cuttell ...	5
L J Moon, c Findlay, b Barnes	0	c Findlay, b Barnes ...	0
G W Beldam, b Cuttell ...	28	not out	1
E A Beldam, not out ...	30		
G Macgregor, b Barnes ...	9		
B J T Bosanquet, l-b-w, b Barnes	2	b Barnes	10
R W Nicholls, c Maclaren, b Barnes	12	b Cuttell	5
F H E Cunliffe, c Maclaren, b Brearley	9		
Trott, run out	0	not out	35
Rawlin, c Findlay, b Brearley	0		
Hearne (J. T.), c Findlay, b Brearley	1		
B 8, lb 2, w 2, nb 2 ...	14	Byes ...	7
Total ...	137	Total (4 wkts) ...	36

SURREY *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at the Oval on 20th, 21st and 22nd July. Surrey won by 246 runs. In the gloomiest weather good progress was made in this match on Monday, although on account of the very bad light it was only possible to play for three hours and-a-half. At the end of the day there was not much to choose between the two sides, for against the Surrey total of 165 Somerset had made 42 for the loss of three wickets. The game began shortly after midday, but at the end of a quarter of an hour it was found necessary to cease operations until after lunch, as the light was about equal to that of a late November afternoon. Although on a difficult wicket the batsmen were uncomfortable when the game began, Somerset felt the want of Cranfield very much. With Braund in such fine form as he was and Cranfield at the other end, things might have gone badly with Surrey. As it was Hayward played a very steady innings, lasting for an hour and-a-quarter, while, at the critical time when it was a question whether the innings would not come to an abrupt conclusion, Walker once more showed determination and skill, and made an invaluable 39. Lockwood, who was in with him for some time, hit out boldly as soon as he left, and it began to look as if he would make 50 or 60, when, with the last man in, he was run out in an attempt to secure a short run. Braund, who bowled nearly all through the innings, had a splendid analysis, but Tyler, who reappeared in the team was not successful. Somerset went in to bat at about half-past five, but ten minutes before time stumps were drawn on account of the bad light. S. M. J. Woods was able to play again, and went in first. On Tuesday, Richardson was even more successful with the ball than Braund had been on the previous day, and although P. R. Johnson and Braund made a useful stand, none of the rest could do anything, and the total was 63 behind that of Surrey. All went well for Surrey until the last over before lunch, when Holland, who had hardly been at his best, was stumped off Tyler with the total at 72. Hayward was then not out 29. A long partnership followed between Hayes and Hayward, producing 139 in an hour and-a-quarter, the former, who made some brilliant hits, making 80 of them. There was no holding Surrey now, although Hayward was bowled for 88 after a stay at the wickets of a couple of hours, during which he made no mistakes, while he often punished the bowling severely. At the tea interval Dowson and Walker were together. These two men took advantage of the bowling being rather loose, and in thirty-five minutes they increased the total by 75. Then three wickets fell in the space of a few minutes, and seven were down for 313. But the innings was by no means over, for Clode and Lockwood scored even faster than Dowson and Walker, making 71 runs between them in half an hour. The result of all this rapid scoring was that Surrey were able to set their opponents the task of making 456 to win. Somerset had a few minutes' batting before stumps were drawn, and scored 10 without loss. The next day they made a plucky effort to put a good appearance on the game, and in this they succeeded, for although they were badly beaten they did well enough to keep up the reputation of their side for good play under difficulties. But what they badly wanted was a man like L. C. H. Palairet, capable at a crisis of making a score big enough to give his side a chance, and such a man was not forthcoming. But F. M. Lee greatly distinguished himself, while Samson, Johnson, Lewis, Braund, and Hardy all played good cricket. In both Somerset innings Richardson bowled admirably.

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Holland, c Samson, b Braund	0	st Newton, b Tyler ...	38
Hayward, c Samson, b Braund	37	b Braund ...	88
Hayes, c Tyler, b Braund ...	18	c Lewis, b Johnson ...	80
E M Dowson, c Woods, b Braund	5	b Lewis	42
N Miller, c Samson, b Braund	5	c Newton, b Braund ..	6
L Walker, c Johnson, b Robson	39	c Woods, b Tyler ...	47
Lees, c Samson, b Braund ...	10	c Braund, b Lewis ...	0
Lockwood, run out ...	43	b Braund... ...	32
Clode c Lee, b Braund ...	2	c Daniell, b Braund ...	34
Strudwick, b Braund ...	1	not out	3
Richardson, not out ...	2	b Lewis	1
Leg-byes	3	B 21, w 1 ...	22
Total ...	165	Total ...	393

SOMERSET

First Innings		Second Innings.	
O M Samson, c Hayes, b Richardson	0	st Strudwick, b Lees ...	22
S M J Woods, b Richardson ...	12	b Hayes	4
P R Johnson, b Lees ...	0	b Richardson ...	23
Lewis, c Strudwick, b Richardson	25	b Lockwood ...	21
Braund, b Richardson ...	22	st Strudwick, b Hayes	36
F M Lee, c Hayes, b Richardson	0	c Strudwick, b Richardson	51
Robson, c Richardson, b Lockwood	6	b Lockwood ...	7
J Daniell, not out ...	10	b Richardson ...	0
Hardy, l-b-w, b Lockwood ..	6	b Richardson ...	23
A E Newton, c Hayward, b Lees	9	not out	13
Tyler, b Richardson ...	9	b Richardson ...	3
Byes	4	B 5, lb 1 ...	6
Total	103	Total ...	209

YORKSHIRE *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at Leeds on 20th, 21st and 22nd July. Yorkshire won by 164 runs.

In an unfortunate moment Mr. Jones, when he won the toss, decided to send Yorkshire in to bat. The result was that they scored 339 runs on a wicket which seemed likely to be much more difficult on the next morning. Five of the Yorkshire team were seen to great advantage. For the first wicket Brown and Tunnicliffe put up 75. Denton was missed directly after he came in, and he and Brown were together at lunch time when the total was 119 for one wicket. This was a very promising commencement, but directly after the game was resumed Brown was l-b-w for a beautiful innings of 57. After Wilkinson was dismissed Denton soon followed him ; his attractive innings of 69 had taken him an hour and forty minutes to compile. Smith and Lord Hawke were disposed of without difficulty, but Hirst and Rhodes added 68 for the seventh wicket in three quarters of an hour, Hirst for once playing a purely defensive game. The innings closed just before the time for drawing stumps. Notts soon met with disasters when play began on Tuesday, but Jones and Dixon both made a plucky attempt to put a better appearance on the game. Four men were out including Jones, for 75, but G. Gunn and Dixon made a long stand, shewing the greatest patience. At half-past three rain came down heavily, when the total was 154 for six wickets. After an hour and-a-quarter the game was resumed, and when the next wicket fell, 32 runs were required to save the follow on. If they were made Notts had a possible chance of making a draw ; otherwise they would almost certainly lose. But Dixon continued to bat splendidly and the innings closed for 202—that is to say only 137 behind that of Yorkshire. In their second innings Yorkshire had lost two wickets for 34 when stumps were drawn, and were thus 181 runs ahead. A lot of rain fell on Tuesday night, and the wicket yesterday was very difficult. Hence when his side was 227 runs ahead at lunch time, Lord Hawke declared his innings, feeling confident that Notts could not make the runs on the wicket against Rhodes and Hirst. Nor was he disappointed, for these two bowlers disposed of the Notts men in an hour and-a-quarter.

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, l-b-s, b Hallam ...	57	b J Gunn	19
Tunnicliffe, c Jones, b Anthony ...	30	b Hallam	15
Denton, b J Gunn ...	69	c J Gunn, b Hallam ...	13
Wilkinson, b Hallam ...	9	not out	5
Hirst, l-b-w, b Anthony	64	c Iremonger, b J Gunn	29
Smith, b Hallam ...	3		
Lord Hawke, b Hallam ...	9	c Iremonger, b J Gunn	0
Rhodes, not out	51	c Jones, b J Gunn ...	3
Haigh, b Hallam ...	17	not out	5
Hunter, l-b-w, b Hallam ...	0		
Ringrose, b Hallam ...	19		
B 10, w 1	11	Extras	1
Total	339	Total (6 wkts)	*90

* Innings declared closed.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes ...	48	run out	13
Iremonger, b Hirst ...	9	c Hawke, b Hirst ...	6
Gunn (W), b Haigh ...	0	c Haigh, b Hirst ...	3
Gunn (J), c Denton, b Rhodes	13	c Denton, b Rhodes ...	1
J A Dixon, c Brown, b Hirst	77	c Haigh, b Hirst ...	0
Simpson, b Hirst ...	2	c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst	9
Gunn (G), st Hunter, b Rhodes	35	c Wilkinson, b Hirst...	0
Anthony, b Rhodes ...	2	b Hirst	4
Oates, b Rhodes	7	c Wilkinson, b Hirst ...	1
Hallam, not out ...	1	c Denton, b Rhodes ...	17
Wass, c Rhodes, b Hirst ...	0	not out	9
B 3, lb 4, nb 1 ...	8	Extras	0
Total	202	Total ...	93

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YORKSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Huddersfield on 16th, 17th and 18th July. Drawn.

In this curious match there was no play on the first day owing to rain, which began at about eleven o'clock, and showed no signs of cessation until after the luncheon hour. On the next day there was only a couple of hours' cricket, but a vast amount of progress was made in a short time Whatever may be thought of Rhodes as a good wicket bowler, he is unquestionably as skilful as ever when it comes to bowling on a pitch which suits him, while Hirst is almost as difficult at the other end. It was on a wicket which exactly suited both Rhodes and Hirst that the Worcestershire men had to bat, and they fared no better than did the Australians last year against Yorkshire bowling. With the total at 2, H. K. Foster was caught at mid-off; at 4 Arnold was stumped. Rhodes missed Wheldon 'from an easy chance of c and b, and Bowley was c and b by Hirst. At 11, Wheldon, after enjoying another escape, was, caught at short leg. Caldwell now hit a couple of fours off Hirst but after thus nearly doubling the score, he was caught at the wicket at 21. The next to fall was Gaukrodger, who was caught at slip with the total at 22 There were thus six wickets down. At 23 Pearson was bowled, and Bird caught at slip, and at 24 Wilson was caught at third man Nine wickets down. There was now a delay of three-quarters of an hour owing to rain, and then with the total unaltered, Isaac was bowled. At a quarter to six Yorkshire went in, and by six o'clock Tunnicliffe and Brown had passed the Worcestershire total By half-past six the total was 76 for one wicket. In the course of his fine innings of 38 not out, Tunnicliffe hit four 4's in an over off Arnold. About the only hope that now remained to Worcestershire was that rain might come to their assistance It was not until half-past four that there was any play on Saturday and then, Lord Hawke having wisely closed his innings, Worcestershire entered on their exceedingly difficult task of trying to play Rhodes and Hirst on a completely ruined wicket. For a time it was more than likely that they would not be able to hold out long enough to save themselves from defeat, and the first four wickets fell for eight runs. But Arnold and Isaac then got together, and by the most careful play added five more runs in the next half-hour, and enabled their side to breathe again, although they were by no means out of the wood. Wheldon and Pearson, after two more wickets had fallen, came together, and had the satisfaction of playing out time.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H K Foster, c Hirst, b Rhodes	0	b Hirst ...	0
Bowley, c and b Hirst	3	c Brown, b Hirst ...	4
Arnold, st Hunter b Rhodes	1	not out	13
Wheldon, c Brown, b Hirst	4	st Hunter, b Rhodes	1
W S Caldwell, c Hunter, b Rhodes ...	11	c Hunter, b Hirst ...	0
Gaukrodger c Tunnicliffe b Rhodes	1	c Hirst, b Rhodes ...	0
Pearson, b Hirst ...	1	not out	4
Bird c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst ...	0		
Wilson c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	0		
A W Isaac, b Hirst ...	1	c and b Rhodes ...	3
Keene, not out ...	0		
Lb 1 nb 1 ...	2	B 1, nb 1 ...	2
Total ...	24	Total (6 wkts)	27

YORKSHIRE.

Brown c Gaukrodger, b Arnold	26
Tunnicliffe, not out	38
Denton, not out	10
Wides	2
Total (one wicket)	*76

*Innings declared closed.

Hirst, Wilkinson, Lord Hawke, Smith, Rhodes, Haigh, Hunter, and Ringrose did not bat.

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* KENT.—Played at Catford on 20th and 21st July. Kent won by an innings and 76 runs.

HAMPSHIRE

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
D A Steele c Blaker, b Fielder ...	5	c Humphreys, b c Fielder ...	2
Webb, b Blythe ...	0	b Hearne ...	3
E M Sprot, c Hearne, b Fielder	16	not out ...	63
Rowell, b Fielder ...	14	b Fielder ...	0
E G Read, c Mason b Blythe	0	c Seymour b Mason ...	24
Llewellyn, c Huish, b Fielder	11	b Fielder ...	3
Smoker, c Huish, b Fielder	2	b Hearne ...	0
Stone l-b-w b Blythe ...	3	c Dillon, b Blythe ...	10
E M C Ede c Mason b Blythe	2	run out ..	7
Soar, c Hearne, b Fielder ...	2	c Fairservice, b Blythe	3
H Hesketh-Prichard, not out	0	b Fairservice	0
B 1 lb 3 ...	4	B 5 lb 1 nb 1 ...	7
Total ...	57	Total ...	122

KENT.

E W Dillon, c Smoker, b Hesketh-Prichard ...	0	Humphreys c Stone, b Soar	1
Hearne (A), c Webb, b Llewellyn	51	Huish, c Stone, b Hesketh-Prichard	7
Seymour, c Sprot, b Hesketh Prichard ...	11	Fairservice, st Stone, b Llewellyn ..	11
C J Burnup, l-b-w, b Hesketh-Prichard ...	70	Fielder, not out ...	2
J R Mason b Soar ...	9	Blythe, c Steele, b Llewellyn	0
R N R Blaker, c Sprot, b Steele ...	89	B 2, w 2 ...	4
		Total ...	255

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Bristol on 16th, 17th and 18th July. Warwickshire won by nine wickets.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
L D Brownlee l-b-w, b Moorhouse	40	c Fishwick b Moorhouse ...	17
Wrathall, b Field ...	31	b Hargreave ..	4
T Fowler, b Field ...	4	c and b Hargreave ...	0
R T Godsell, not out ...	39	c Fishwick, b Moorhouse	19
G L Jessop, b Hargreave ...	7	c Quaife b Moorhouse	0
Langdon, c Santall, b Hargreave	15	b Santall	3
F Thomas, c Moorhouse, b Hargreave	4	c Lilley, b Field ..	40
F Robinson, b Hargreave ...	0	c Fishwick, b Hargreave	3
Huggins, b Moorhouse ...	2	not out	57
Spry, c Byrne, b Moorhouse...	5	c Moorhouse, b Quaife	39
Bewick, b Hargreave ...	0	c Fishwick, b Moorhouse ...	5
B 3, lb, ...	4	B 3, lb 1, w 2 ..	6
Total	154	Total ...	193

WARWICKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
T S Fishwick, c Langdon, b Spry	54	l-b-w, b Spry ...	12
F R Loveitt, c Fowler, b Spry	25	not out	62
J F Byrne, c Jessop, b Bewick	10	not out	77
Quaife, c Robinson, b Jessop	22		
Lilley, st Robinson, b Spry ...	14		
Charlesworth, Dew, b Spry ...	4		
Kinneir, c Thomas, b Spry ...	7		
Moorhouse, not out ...	29		
Santall, c Jessop, b Spry ...	0		
Hargreave, c Fowler, b Spry	2		
Field, st Robinson, b Spry ...	2		
B 10, lb 3, w 1 ...	14	B 6, lb 6, w 2 ...	14
Total	183	Total (1 wkt) ...	165

ESSEX *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Glossop on 20th, 21st and 22nd July. Essex won by 232 runs.

ESSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Sewell, c Ollivierre, b Bestwick	1	c Storer, b Bestwick ..	66
F L Fane, c Storer, b Warren	29	st Humphries, b Storer	8
P Perrin, b Storer ...	52	c Lawton, b Bestwick	66
C McGahey, c Morton, b Warren ...	73	st Humphries, b Storer	12
C J Kortright, c Cadman, b Warren	13	c Else, b Storer ...	33
Rev F H Gillingham, b Warren ...	0	not out	15
J H Douglas, c Needham, b Bestwick	8		
Buckenham, c Lawton, b Bestwick	36		
Russell, st Humphries, b Storer	6		
Young, not out	5		
Mead, c Wright, b Storer ...	0		
Leg byes ...	2	Extras ...	5
Total	220	Total (5 wkts)...	*282

*Innings declared closed.

DERBYSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
L G Wright, c Russell, b Mead	6	run out	0
Else, b Buckenham ...	5	b Mead	2
Storer, c Mead, b Douglas ...	28	c Douglas b Mead ...	40
C A Ollivierre, b Mead ...	43	b Mead	36
Cadman, b Kortright ...	10	c Perrin, b Young ...	0
Needham, b Young ...	0	c and b Kortright ...	5
A E Lawton, st Russell, b Kortright	1	b Kortright ...	4
Warren, b Kortright ...	0	c Sewell, b Mead ...	8
Morton, b Young	17	c Gillingham, b Mead	18
Humphries, run out ...	10	c Fane b Kortright ...	4
Bestwick, not out ...	1	not out	9
B 12, lb 6	18	Extras ...	14
Total	139	Total ...	181

OTHER MATCHES.

The match between Gloucestershire and Warwickshire was drawn. Loveitt played a good innings of 110 for Warwickshire.

London County beat Derbyshire by an innings and 81 runs in the match played at the Crystal Palace on 16th, 17th and 18th July. W. Smith (123) was top scorer for the London County.

London County beat M. C. C. and ground at the Crystal Place on the 20th, 21st and 22nd July by seven wickets. Doll 151 and Relf 120 did best for the M. C. C. and ground, while Ranjitsinghji put up 132 for the winners

The match between Leicester and Worcestershire ended in a win for the latter by an innings and 10 runs. The matches between Essex and Leicestershire at Leicester, Surry and Lancashire at the Oval, and Kent and Middlesex were all abandoned.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

RELATIVE POSITIONS TO 22ND JULY.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Per-centage.
Middlesex ...	8	4	0	4	4	100·00
Sussex ...	13	5	1	7	4	66·66
Essex ...	12	5	2	5	3	42·85
Lancashire	17	6	3	8	3	33·33
Warwickshire	13	4	2	7	2	33·33
Yorkshire ...	16	7	4	5	3	27·27
Worcestershire	13	5	3	5	2	25·00
Somerset ...	10	4	4	2	—	—
Surrey ...	16	5	6	5	—1	9·99
Notts ...	14	2	3	9	—1	—20·00
Derbyshire ...	11	3	6	2	—3	—33·33
Kent ...	9	2	4	3	—2	—33·33
Hampshire	6	1	4	1	—3	—60·00
Leicestershire	13	1	6	6	—5	—71·42
Gloucestershire	11	0	6	5	—6	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th, and 9th May, Kent and Sussex fixed for Tonbridge on 15th June, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's 15th June, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath 15th June, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled and are therefore not included in the above table.

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POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

FOR 3rd August Chinchwad station on the direct line to Bombay was the *rendezvous*. It is I am told a long seven miles from the heart of fashionable Poona, and as the day drew near it was interesting to hear at the Gymkhana and elsewhere, animated discussion as to whether (looking to the fact that the persistent rain we have been having showed no sign of ceasing and that some enterprising sportsman who had driven out to the scene of action reported miles of country in that direction unrideable) the game was quite worth the candle. It soon became obvious to the casual observer that several sportsmen were 'not for it.' One facetious young gentleman regretted that he kept his boat at Rosherville, not Chinchwad and that his parents had neglected to have him instructed in the art of natation in early youth. Another distinguished veteran opined that his old moke went best on the top of the ground and failed to put up record performances when the mud was much over his hocks. So distant a meet in such weather certainly did not gain universal approval, but nevertheless a good few staunch sportsmen whom neither storm nor rain, wind nor tempest could deter from the stern enslavement of sport turned up to meet the Master at the appointed hour which on "this occasion only" was fixed at 7-30 instead of 6, and a few moments' law was given to some who elected to come by train instead of hammering along the hard high macadamized route. A small patch of *jungle* (what a comprehensive word that seems out here!) was the first draw I hear; nor were fond hopes blighted for it was promptly apparent that bold reynard's Aryan prototype was "at home" to his Poona visitors, though not anxious to receive them. Coming out from "Home" it is strange to read in a local account (the descriptive eloquence of which I envy) of the 1st whip's *whistle!* and that the Master at once toos hounds to this peculair form of "hallos." But they seem to do a lot of strange things out here. The black brother beckons downwards and even Robins wear their hunting colour in the opposite place. But to cease the cackle and come to the hunting it appears that a jackal broke cover with a *pariah* dog coursing at his tag—(a nasty mean unsporting sort of trick to play a pal) and the hapless jack was evidently so run off his legs at the start that what might have been a good run was frustrated and after seven minutes over heavy going hounds tumbled the jack over, though whether the spoil-sport *pariah* met with the ignominious death his untimely interference merited history doth not record. Not a very exciting run I am told, but the luck was on the wrong side.

Nearly all the sugarcane coverts were I hear inaccessible as all the low-lying land was one vast slush of swamp and a horse is after all not quite a hippopotamus The Master consequently showed an obviously wise discretion in making for the upper ground and, after drawing a likely looking hill for foxes blank, drew down towards a nullah. Here hounds soon gave assurance of the recent presence of their "friend the enemy' and feathering gaily joined in glad chorus towards some village called Chincholi, where it was feared that the practically impregnable prickly pear was his intended haven. But a right sporting jack was this, for he scorned what would I gather have been safe harbourage from his foes and skirting the town made a wide sweep towards a big hill. Hounds were I am told hunting to admiration and a pretty sight it must have been, but for much of the distance horsemen had of necessity to ride cunning as any attempt to really ride to hounds was rendered futile owing to the sticky clay soil and it was on the well drained slopes only that horses could make any pretence of moving freely. A spry little chinkara offers cruel temptation, but only one couple I believe fell to its blandishments very creditable to discipline and a prompt 1st whip, indeed I hear on all sides that Mr. Armstrong's assistance is invaluable as he is I believe finely mounted and always handy for cases of emergency. Over some terribly heavy plough land—amounting almost to a quagmire and here hounds had to puzzle out the line and for a moment or two were at fault till a skilful lift by the Master put them on the line once more and away they raced for an adjacent hill where for some unaccountable reason the pack divided, luckily to unite on the further side and sinking the hill they ran to the nullah beneath and in the jungle land close by this very stout jack found safety, for Colonel Sheringham wisely considered hounds had had enough of running for one day bearing in mind the weary miles between them and kennels and stopped them. It was from what I can gather a good sporting run, the hound work being worth going all the way to watch, but the continuous rain and heavy going naturally prevented the run from being as enjoyable as it might otherwise have been and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the popular wish would more generally be met by avoiding such needlessly distant meets in such very precarious weather.

To make up for the remoteness of Chinchwad the ever-familiar Bund Bridge, equidistant from Poona and Kirkee, was wisely selected as the trysting place for Thursday, the 6th, and the consequent enlargement of the attendance was very pronounced and after all in all subscription packs here, I take it, no less than in "Merrie Englande" it is the majority and not the select minority that must be catered for. The river bank between the Bridge and His Highness the Aga Khan's palace, so well known to all of us who enjoy the balmy breezes of Yerowda (I naturally refer to those of us still resident *outside* the famous prisons walls) and indeed one of the landmarks of the surrounding country was the first draw, and after drawing the riverside reeds and rushes assiduously, hounds announced their appreciation of the grateful aroma in the nullah behind the palace demesne and shortly after a well known feather weight away on the left viewed away the wild rover as he slunk over the Ahmednagar Road and head for the distant hills, a very sporting line of country as I happen to know, though more suited to a Deccan hunter than an old English pede-strian as I know to my cost! A few couple of hounds had struck off the line a little before, unfortunately the main body of the pack could be holcked on and the leading hounds took a deal of catching. Right through (and for a time up) stoney glen (well dubbed in very truth) and away, still at a great pace bearing the heaviness of the going (and how horses travel at the pace I gather they do, over such innumerable rocks and holes is little short of a marvel) and straight for Lohogaon. Swinging left-handed Kalas of the ford was this good galloping jack's next point. Hounds were carrying a great head and the field were stretching out as pace and heavy going told on those not "hunting fit." Crossing the big gripe the jack struck away over the Alandi Road and made for the open, but from this point hounds were running to view and would take no denial and tumbled a real galloping jack after a most sporting twenty-three minutes. Throughout this capital little run few went better than Miss Low and Miss Anderson and the Master presented each with the usual mementos of the jack that had led them so good a gallop.

After giving all a much-required breather the Master jogged back over the latter part of the recent line to pick up, tailed off

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hounds. Approaching stoney glen hounds began to "feather" in unmistakeable hint of something being on foot—nothing more probable that one of the merry little silver foxes—whose acquaintance I greatly desire to make, but working industriously into some jowari crops a fine jack put matters beyond a doubt by showing himself. No straight traveller was this one and it weariers both scube and persuser to deal with the gyrations of "a ringer' (them dirty *bellmen* as I once heard a distinguished hun tsmen call them). Suffice it to say that the centre of his many circles was terminated in the midst of an appreciative pack A capital morning's exercise and some very pretty hunting on the part of hounds I am assured on all sides. Verily the luck has turned and Colonel Sheringham must be a happy and contented man.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

THE BANGALORE TOURNAMENT.

THE Annual Bangalore Polo Tournament opened on Monday, the 3rd August, with a game between the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers and "B" Team of the Carabiniers. The tournament was continued on the 4th, 6th, and 8th instant, the semi-final and the final being played on the beautiful polo ground of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore who presents the Cup for competition. With regard to the play on the opening day there was nothing very special to be noted. The Durham Light Infantry scratched to the Carabiniers "A" Team, and below will be found a brief account of the game between the Carabiniers "B" Team and the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers.

First Chucker.—The Carabiniers pressed for a minute, but Macquoid cleared grandly, and Anandji Kadm and Murad Beg went down the ground together and a subsidiary opened the Lancers' score. For the rest of the chucker, the Lancers were continually on the aggressive and Anandji Kadm scored a goal. Score: Imperial Service Lancers 1 goal 1 subsidiary, Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*.

Second Chucker.—Three subsidiaries were scored by the Lancers in quick succession, Anandji Kadm and Murad Beg being very conspicuous for them, and then Kennard relieved with a good run. Murad Beg, however, pulled him up finely in dangerous proximity to the goal and nothing more was scored, although the chucker was a long one. Score: Imperial Service Lancers 1 goal 4 subsidiaries, Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*.

Third Chucker.—Anketell Jones broke away with a fine run, but missed his final shot badly and the ball came back to the Carabiniers' end, where Nunjaraj Urs got a clear chance near the goal and easily scored. Score: Imperial Service Lancers 2 goals 4 subsidiaries, Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*.

Fourth Chucker.—The Carabiniers hit the ball behind their own line, and Anandji Kadm taking advantage of the situation which ensued, added another goal. The Carabiniers then made an effort, and play quickening they invaded for a while. But the Lancers were again out playing them when the chucker closed. Score:—Imperial Service Lancers—3 goal 4 subsidiaries. Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*.

Fifth Chucker.—For some time play ruled fairly even, but the Lancers were the more accurate and Nunjaraj Urs with a long shot only just missed the posts, a subsidiary accruing. Then the Lancers practically penned their opponents and before the chucker ended, both Macquoid and Nunjaraj Urs added goals, placing the final result beyond doubt. Score: Imperial Service Lancers 5 goals 5 subsidiaries, Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*.

Sixth Chucker.—Only a couple of minutes remained for play, and nothing more was scored, the Lancers winning easily as above described. Final score: Imperial Service Lancers 5 goals 5 subsidiaries Carabiniers "B" Team *nil*

TEAMS.

MYSORE IMPERIAL SERVICE LANCERS.	CARABINIERS, "B" TEAM.
1 Jemadar Nunjaraj Urs	1 Captain Cole
2 Ressaldar Murad Beg	2 Mr Anketell Jones
3 Jemadar Anandji Kadm	3 Colonel Sprot
Back: Capt Macquoid, D.S.O.	*Back*: Mr Kennard

Umpires.—Colonel Cox and Mr Irvine, R. E.

Second Day, 14th August 1903.

On the following morning two matches were played and both produced some goodish polo, although in neither case was the result ever much in doubt. The first game was the best, the first Madras Lancers offering little resistance to the Bangalore Gymkhana. It was hard lines on the Lancers, however, that Captain Arnold their No. 1 was ill and his place had to be taken by a native substitute. Faunce and Popham worked hard but unavailingly for the Lancers, and Peel was brilliant for the Gymkhana. In the previous match all the Hussars were good, whilst the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners fought the match out most pluckily to the end. The ponies of the Hussars were, however, decidedly superior and repeatedly outpaced those of the Sappers, several of them being most handy into the bargain. Towards the latter part of the play the attendance was large, H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore and Sir Donald Robertson being on the ground, but the counter-attraction of the Horse Show, which was in simultaneous progress on the high ground, kept some people away.

4TH (Q.O.) HUSSARS *vs.* Q. O. SAPPERS AND MINERS.

First Chucker.—The Hussars pressed at once, the Sappers seemed bothered by the pace of their opponents' ponies, and from a pass by Bell, the Hussars Commanding Officer opened the score. Subsequently Bell got in a good run, and a long shot, which only just missed the goal posts and scored a subsidiary. The Sappers then invaded, but Barnes, a member by the way of the erstwhile 4th Hussars team which won the Inter—regimental Polo Tournament at Meerut, cleared finely and the chucker ended. Score: 4th (Q. O.) Hussars 1 goal 1 subsidiary, Q. O. Sappers and Miners *nil*.

Second Chucker.—Play was somewhat slow at first, but quickened up, and after a subsidiary Colonel Kincaid Smith again scored for the team from Secunderabad. They pressed for the remainder of the chucker, but were unable to score. Score:—4th (Q. O.) Hussars 1 goals 2 subsidiaries, (Q. O.) Sappers and Miners *nil*.

Third Chucker.—After some give-and-take play, Bell got in an excellent run, but a foul against the Hussars neutralised the advantage gained. Only a subsidiary was scored in a rather uninteresting chucker. Score 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 2 goals 3 subsidiaries, Q.O. Sappers and Miners—*nil*.

Fourth Chucker.—Irvine repulsed a determined attack by the Hussars, and shortly afterwards scored a good goal for his own side, Wagstaffe following suit amidst applause immediately after ends were changed. A subsidiary to the Cavalry was the only other score during the chucker. Score:—4th (Q.O.) Hussars—2 goals 4 subsidiaries. Q.O. Sappers and Miners—2 goals 0 subsidiaries.

Fifth Chucker.—The Hussars went off with a rush and a "dangerous foul" against the Sappers helping them barnes shot into the goal mouth. The shot was stopped, but the Cavalrymen returned to the attack and Colonel Kincaid Smith scored. This goal was followed by another from Bell, and then sticky play near the Sappers' goal prevailed until the chucker ended. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 4 goals 4 subsidiaries, Q.O. Sappers and Miners 2 goals 0 subsidiaries.

Sixth Chucker.—Only 2 minutes 25 seconds remained for play during which Bell from a pass by Neilson scored a final goal for the Hussars. Final score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars: 5 goals 4 subsidiaries, Q.O. Sappers and Miners 2 goals 0 subsidiaries.

TEAMS.

4TH HUSSARS.	Q. O. SAPPERS AND MINERS.
1 Lieut Neilson	1 Lieut. Bushell
2 Colonel Kincard Smith	2 Capt. Marshall
3 Lieut Bell	3 Lieut. Irvine
Back: Capt. Barnes	*Back:* Lieut. Wagstaffe

Umpires.—Capt. Macquoid and Capt. Kirby.

SECOND DAY.

BANGALORE GYMKHANA *vs.* 1st MADRAS LANCERS.

1st Chucker.—Even play in mid-field was followed by Popham putting the ball behind the Gymkhana line. Tufnell got away in a fast run, but was well stopped by the Lancer back, the Essex officer was not, however, to be denied and again getting well away scored a brilliant goal. After changing ends the Gymkhana still pressed and Gwyer scored with a beautiful slanting back-handed shot. Score: Bangalore Gymkhana 2 goals 0 subsidiary, 1st Madras Lancers *nil*.

2nd Chucker.—The Gymkhana still played well and Malet getting clear away ran half down the ground and scored the third goal for his side. Shortly afterwards, however, Faunce for the Lancers had a chance and on a remarkably fast pony left his opponents standing still and scored a fine goal. A vigorous retaliatory run by Peel and a final shot which narrowly missed closed the chucker. Score: Bangalore Gymkhana 3 goals 0 subsidiary, 1st Madras Lancers 1 goal 0 subsidiary.

3rd Chucker.—The Lancers for a time held their own, but their weakness at No. 1 was apparent, and Peel getting a fairly easy chance made no mistake in his shot. The Lancers were soon afterwards penalised for hitting behind their own line, and Peel again added to the Bangalore score. A fine run by Faunce which, however, was unproductive and a subsidiary to the Gymkhana were the only other points of interest during the chucker. Score: Bangalore Gymkhana 5 goals 1 subsidiary, 1st Madras Lancers 1 goal 0 subsidiary.

4th Chucker.—The Lancers made a great effort and Faunce and Popham were very conspicuous, but they were not well backed up. The latter, however, scored with a good shot, and after changing ends the same pair were dangerous for a time, in fact Peel only just cleared one shot. Then the effort died away, the local team came down again, and Tufnell scored a goal. Score: Bangalore Gymkhana 6 goals 2 subsidiaries, 1st Madras Lancers 2 goals 0 subsidiary.

5th Chucker.—Tufnell scored a goal which was an absolute "sitter" after several players had missed the ball, and then play slackened, an additional subsidiary to the Gymkhana being the only other point in a somewhat uninteresting chucker. Score: Bangalore Gymkhana 7 goals 3 subsidiaries, 1st Madras Lancers 2 goals 0 subsidiary.

6th Chucker.—With only 55 seconds left for play, this chucker was naturally more or less of a farce. The Lancers managed to notch a subsidiary just as the "cease fire" sounded. Final score: Bangalore Gymkhana 7 goals 3 subsidiaries, 1st Madras Lancers 2 goals 1 subsidiary.

TEAMS.

BANGALORE GYMKHANA	1ST MADRAS LANCERS.
1. Captain Tuffnell, Essex Regt.	1. (Native)
2. " Peel, R. H. A.	2. Captain Faunce.
3. Mr. Malet 4th Madras Pioneers *Back:* Mr. Gwyer, 6th Dragoon Guards	2. Lieut Popham. *Back:* Col Westlake.

Umpires:—Captain Macquoid, D S O. and Captain Kirby.

THIRD DAY.

THE SEMI-FINALS.

Throughout the tournament six chuckers of five minutes each or thirty minutes' actual play, with intervals of three minutes between chuckers was the rule. The four teams still left in the tournament tried conclusions on the Maharaja's polo ground on Thursday, the 6th August. The Mysore Lancers made a most plucky fight against the Hussars, and although the fact that Captain Barnes was knocked out of time in the opening chucker was hard lines on the gallant "IVth," Lieutenant Lewin, who pulled off his coat and played in trousers with handkerchiefs tied round his knees, made such an efficient substitute that the handicap although it no doubt existed could not be described as a very heavy one. For the rest the Gymkhana were well beaten by the Carabiniers, the attendance was very large, the beautiful ground looked level and green as a cricket pitch—a great improvement on the dusty hog-back appearance presented by the Maidan ground in the former games. H H. the Maharajah. the Yuvaraja, the British Resident, and Lady Robertson were present, and the 6th Dragoon Guards dispensed lavish hospitality to their many friends whilst their fine band played an excellent selection of music. With the exception in fact of a strongish wind across the ground conditions were perfect both from a polo and a general enjoyment point of view. Captain Macquoid, D. S. O., was a host in himself for the Mysore Regiment. Details of play:—

4TH (Q O) HUSSARS *vs.* MYSORE IMPERIAL SERVICE LANCERS.

1st Chucker.—The Lancers attacked, but after some clever exchanges, the winners of the tournament at Meerut broke away and were only stopped by Herculean efforts on the part of Macquoid. Then an accidental collision between Barnes and Macquoid resulted in the former coming down and play was stopped for a few minutes. Barnes attempted to continue play but was unable to manage it and Lewin took his place at short notice, Colonel Kincaid Smith then opening the scoring with a really pretty slanting shot. A subsidiary had previously been hit by the Hussars and the score represented the play in the first chucker very fairly. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 1 goal 1 subsidiary, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers *nil*.

2nd Chucker.—There was nothing particularly striking about this chucker although some fast galloping took place and each end of the ground was visited alternately. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 1 goal 1 subsidiary, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers *nil*.

3rd Chucker.—During this chucker the Lancers had at least their share of the play, Murad Beg being especially good and Macquoid again and again checking the invasions of the Hussars in splendid style. In fact although playing at back he was almost ubiquitous during this chucker and did quite invaluable work. Murad Beg eventually got a chance and scored for the Lancers with a very fine long shot. A subsidiary to the Hussars closed a good chucker in which Lewin was most useful at back to his side. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 1 goal 2 subsidiaries, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers 1 goal 0 subsidiary.

4th Chucker.—Colonel Kincaid Smith scored a subsidiary which was very nearly a goal and then the Lancers were penalised for a foul. Even exchanges and another subsidiary to the Hussars, who as in their former game now began to outpace their opponents were the only other salient features of this chucker. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 1 goal 4 subsidiaries, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers, 1 goal 0 subsidiary

5th Chucker.—The Hussars, ponies were evidently the fresher and they came down with a rush. A desperate scrimmage took place in front of the Lancer goal and the ball was put through but by whom deponent knoweth not. The Hussars still pressed but nothing further was scored. Score: 4th (Q.O) Hussars 2 goals 4 subsidiaries, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers 1 goal 0 subsidiary.

6th Chucker.—The Lancers still worked like Trojans although only one minute and 21 seconds were left for play. Their opponents, however, were always with them and nothing further was scored. Final score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 2 goals 4 subsidiaries, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers 1 goal 0 subsidiary.

TEAMS.

4TH (Q.O.) HUSSARS.	MYSORE IMPERIAL SERVICE LANCERS.
1. Lieutenant Neilson.	1. Ressaldar Murad Beg.
2. Colonel Kincaid Smith.	2. Jemadar Nunjaraj Urs.
3. Lieutenant Bell.	3. Jemadar Anandji Kadm.
Back: Captain Barnes.*	*Back:* Captain Macquoid D.S.O

* Substitute early in 1st chucker and for remainder of game Lieutenant Lewin.

Umpires:—Captain Faunce, 1st Madras Lancers, and Captain Marshall, R. E.

THE CARABINIERS "A" TEAM *vs.* BANGALORE GYMKHANA.

1st Chucker.—The Carabiniers at once went off with a rush and Swifte scored in the first minute with a fine back-handed shot which brought forth loud applause from the gallant "Carabs'" many supporters. The "Gym" goal was in danger throughout the chucker, but nothing farther was scored Score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 1 goal 0 subsidiary, Bangalore Gymkhana *nil*.

2nd Chucker.—The renegade Gwyer, who was playing against his own corps having been away in Bellary until just previous to the opening of the tournament cleared very cleverly on several occasions during this chucker, and the Gymkhana became the aggressors for a minute or so, but just before the chucker closed Dormer added another goal for the cavalrymen, this score being the concluding point of a fast run. Score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 2 goals 0 subsidiary, Bangalore Gymkhana *nil*.

3rd Chucker.—The Gymkhana played vigorously, and Tufnell and Peel were much to the fore. Dormer, however, again broke away for his side and travelling very fast added a goal to the score. After the re-start there was some determined riding off and Malet came down, but no damage was done. Fast even play, a pass from Dormer to Swifte, a good goal by the latter and a chucker which had gone considerably over time ended. Score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 4 goals 0 subsidiary, Bangalore Gymkhana *nil*.

4th Chucker.—Swifte got an easy chance and scored, and then the Gymkhana made an effort, Ker having a good deal to do at back and doing it well. Kirby's riding off was also a feature of this chucker, and a subsidiary was all that was scored during the remainder of the play, although both this and the previous chucker were so lengthy that ponies were fairly well baked before the close. Score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 5 goals 1 subsidiary, Bangalore Gymkhana *nil*.

5th Chucker.—So prolonged had been the two preceding chuckers that only 55 seconds were left to play, and a sixth chucker was entirely out of the question. Nothing more was scored in the short time that remained and the Carabiniers earned the right to meet the Hussars in the final with much ease. Final score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 5 goals 1 subsidiary, Bangalore Gymkhana *nil*.

TEAMS.

THE CARABINIERS "A" TEAM.	BANGALORE GYMKHANA.
1. Lieutenant Dormer.	1. Captain Tufnell, Essex Regt.
2. Captain Kirby.	2. Captain Peel, R. H. A.
3. Lieutenant Swifte.	3. Lieutenant Malet, 4th Madras Pioneers.
Back: Lieutenant Ker.	*Back:* Lieutenant Gwyer, 6th Dragoon Guards.

Umpires:—Captain Faunce, 1st Madras Lancers and Captain Marshall, R. E.

THE FINAL.

4TH (Q. O.) HUSSARS *vs.* THE CARABINIERS "A." TEAM.

A record crowd tramped and biked and rode and drove out to the Maharajah's beautiful polo ground to see the final game of the Bangalore tournament on Saturday, the 8th August. Sir Donald and Lady Robertson and H. H. the Maharajah, were again present and His Highness was "At Home" in a beautiful *marquée* pitched on one side of the ground. Several drags were in evidence and whilst the whole of Bangalore society was present, the general public lined the sides of the ground four deep.

Captain Barnes was still unable to play owing to having strained his arm and broken a bone in his wrist in his fall in the opening chucker on Thursday, and Lieutenant Lewin again played back for the Hussars. With regard to the game, it cannot be said that the losers had the best of luck, although probably the best team won. Their back was off the ground when the first goal was scored against them and several of their subsidiaries went marvellously near the post. Still the Hussars played a good game, were better together perhaps than their opponents and towards the end of the play as in their previous games the excellence of their ponies told. At the conclusion of the play an adjournment was made to the front of the *marquée*, where Sir Donald Robertson said:—"Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before Lady Lobertson complies with the request of H. H. the Maharajah to deliver this cup to the winning team I ask to be allowed to say a few words and I promise you they shall be very few. To begin with I think we should all offer our cordiae thanks to H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore who came to the rescue in 1901 when the polo cups had been won outright by the Golconda team, and presented the very handsome trophy which has to-day been won by the 4th Hussars. We should I think also thank His Highness for allowing the Semi finals and the Final to be played on his beautiful polo ground which is perhaps one of the best grounds in India. (Hear, hear and a voice "It is the best".) The game to-day has been an excellent one and we must all congratulate our gallant friends the 4th Hussars on their well-earned victory. The losers—the Carabiniers—do not require our sympathy. They gave the Hussars a very good game and I think that two goals and 4 subsidiaries is a very good response to 5 goals and 1 subsidiary. (Hear, hear.) I have no doubt that when the Carabiniers get more used to India, they will improve even upon the excellent game they now play. (Hear, hear.)"

Lady Robertson then presented the grand cup given by H. H. the Maharajah to Colonel Kincaid Smith and the smaller cups to the members of the winning team, and with cheers for Lady Robertson, the Maharajah, the winners and losers, the Bangalore Polo Tournament of 1903 came to an end. Details of play:—

1st Chucker.—Play had only been in progress for a few seconds when the Carabiniers scored a subsidiary by an invasion in which Kirby was very prominent. Kincaid Smith then got away with a fast run but was pulled up by Ker and give-and-take play succeeded, which was followed by Dormer taking a pass from Kirby and missing his shot which nevertheless was not far wide as the chucker closed. So far the Carabiniers had had distinctly the best of matters. Score: The Carabiniers "A" Team 1 subsidiary, 4th (Q. O.) Hussars *nil*.

2nd Chucker.—Play opened at the Hussars' end, and the Carabiniers secored a scond subsidiary. From the bit out the "Carbs" returned to the attack but the game continued to be somewhat sticky. Neilson at length got away and Ker breaking a stirrup leather was forced to retire for a moment, and during his absence the Hussars scored a goal through the agency of Neilson. Ker's enforced absence being a distinct piece of bad luck for the local team. Hardly had play been re-started when Neilson again got away and scored another goal with a fine back-handed shot. The Hussars continued to be irresistible

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and once more a goal accrued to their score as the chucker ended, Colonel Kincaid Smith this time steering the ball through the posts. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 3 goals 0 subsidiary, The Carabiniers "A" Team 0 goal 2 subsidiaries.

3rd Chucker.—The Carabiniers gained ground, and amidst loud applause Lieutenant Dormer scored very cleverly for his side. The game improved, the players losing their initial nervousness and the hitting becoming more accurate. When the chucker closed, however, the Hussars were looking very dangerous. Score: 4th (Q.O.) Hussars 3 goals 0 subsidiary, The Carabiniers "A" Team 1 goal 2 subsidiaries.

4th Chucker.—The Carabiniers quickly cleared, but the Hussars returned to the attack and a grand drive by Colonel Kincaid Smith gained much ground. The same player shortly afterwards completed a point, in the negotiation of which the whole team could claim to have a hand. After change of ends the ball was taken behind the Carabiniers' line and then Swifte was responsible for a great run, play being transferred to the Hussars' end, but only a subsidiary resulted. Score: 4th (Q.-O.) Hussars 4 goals 0 subsidiary, The Carabiniers "A" Team 1 goal 3 subsidiaries.

5th Chucker.—The Hussars hit out, but the ball was returned and Kirby hit a goal for the Carabiniers to the tune of hearty applause. Restarting Swifte got away, but his stroke unfortunately hit the Umpire's pony and the effort was spoilt. The "Carbs" still played like demons and scored a subsidiary which narrowly missed the posts. Excellent play and vigorous riding off by both sides, of which the Carabiniers had rather the best followed and then Neilson got clean away with Ker in hot pursuit. He was not caught, however, and scored a very fine goal for the Hussars.

Score: 4th (Q.-O.) Hussars 5 goals 0 subsidiary, The Carabiniers "A" Team 2 goals 4 subsidiaries.

6th Chucker.—Two minutes and 10 seconds remained for play, and though the game seemed hopeless the Carabiniers continued to work very hard. The Hussars, however, were now playing a great game and scored an additional subsidiary, play soon afterwards ceasing and an excellent game and tournament coming to a close.

Final score: 4th (Q.-O.) Hussars 5 goals 1 subsidiary, The Carabiniers "A" Team's 2 goals 4 subsidiaries.

TEAMS.

4th (Q.-O.) Hussars.	The Carabiniers "A" Team.
1. Lieutenant Nelson.	1. Lieutenant Dormer.
2. Colonel Kincaid Smith.	2. Captain Kirby.
3. Lieutenant Bell.	3. Lieutenant Swifte.
Back: Lieutenant Lewin.	*Back:* Lieutenant Ker.

Umpires:—Captain Marshall, R. E. and Lieutenant Irvine, R.E.

Racing.

IS THE HAVELOCK RACE COURSE (COLOMBO) A FAST ONE.

ON this subject the *Times of Ceylon* recently published some correspondence which is not without interest to Indian readers. Capt. A. Channer opened with the following letter:—

It may interest those fond of our race-course to know if it is fast or slow. In my opinion, which I know is upheld by very few racing men, the course in August (in normal weather) is a very fast one for a turf track. Taking as 5 feet from the rails to be the distance the winner runs, the distance travelled for the Governor's Cup is 1¼ miles and 35 yards. This race was won by Devoted last year in 2mins. 17secs., which is 15·32s., under even time, a very good performance. And if the Australian Turf Club Register is consulted it will be found that this time will win many valuable races in Australia, where the going is all on the top of the ground. The crabbe of our racecourse is the uneven surface; horses are galloping on the top of the land, and run into a surface like meadow land from before the six-furlong post to the ½ mile. They again get light going until round the home turn, when the last two furlongs goes deep to the winning post. This must lengthen and shorten a horse's stroke, and it makes it very difficult for the rider to clout his mount home scientifically, as a blind man can see a horse stopping if he gets the stick in the middle of his stride.

I trust next year the stewards will allow me to make the surface of the course even. It will cost between 400 and 500 rupees:—Yours, &c.

A. CHANNER.

31st July.

This elicited the following reply from a sportsman who has evidently given the subject some attention. He writes:—

The question raised by Capt. Channer is an interesting one, but one very difficult to prove consequent upon varying conditions in different places, such as, for instance, if the time list is to be taken as proof of whether a racecourse is fast or slow, and the quality and class of the horses engaged. But, taking Capt. Channer's letter as the basis of showing that the Havelock Course is a fast one, it is somewhat difficult to reconcile the two statements made in his letter. It is asserted that the performance of Devoted last year goes to show that the course is fast, as the horse ran 1¼ miles and 35 yards in 2mins. 17secs., and that this time is good enough to annex valuable races in the Colonies. He then describes the course as being composed of "going on the top of the land," "running into meadow land," "light going," whilst the last two furlongs "goes deep," and from these varying conditions of the course horses are obliged to "lengthen and shorten their stride." Now the obvious inference from such conditions must be that the course is not fast. Capt. Channer omits, by the way, to say that, in the latter portion of every race horses have to breast a steady rise in the ground.

Let us, however, hark back to the performance of Devoted. The time cannot be regarded, in comparison with many courses as fast. I have before me several Colonial Turf Registers, and quite an average performance is to cover 1¼ miles in 2mins 12 secs., whilst, as an example of first-class form, may be quoted La Carabine, who won over this distance in 2mins 9secs., carrying, it is true, 7st 3lbs.; but she had a field of good horses, to whom she was giving weight, behind her. Taking the time, therefore, of Devoted as against an average this shows the course to be 5 seconds slower, but, to make an equal comparison, we must allow far the extra 35 yards covered by the horse. This should represent a little over 17 yards to the second of time, so that a deduction of 2 seconds must be made, which gives Devoted's time as 3 seconds worse than the average, and no one knows better than a racing man what that implies!

Following Capt. Channer's line of argument, it will be interesting to compare here examples of speed on Indian courses with Colombo. I take the following at random, but, as I am acquainted with the course I have noted against them whether they are favourable or unfavourable to fast times:—

Calcutta *a*	Stand Off	8-13	1¼	mile	2-10⅘ = 19⅘	under
,,	Cherry	9-3	1	,,	1-13⅞ = 16⅛	,,
Poona *b*	Swiftsure	9-0	1¼	,,	2-13⅘ = 16⅘	,,
,,	Misrule	9-7	1	,,	1-15⅞ = 13⅛	,,
Bombay *a*	Loch Clieveden	8-2	1¼	,,	2-11⅘ = 18⅘	,,
,,	Beadsman	9-7	1	,,	1-14⅘ = 15⅘	,,
Colombo *b*	Devoted	9-0	*1¼	,,	2-17 = 15	,,
,,	Glenfield	8-0	*1¼	,,	2-19½ = 12½	,,
,,	Southern Cross	8-7	*1¼	,,	2-19 = 13	,,
,,	Boniface	9-10	1	,,	2-0	—even time

* in these 2 secs. allowed for the 35 extra yards.
a—favourable: *b*—unfavourable.

The relative times of all other classes are much the same. For instance, I have seen a second-class horse cover 5 furlongs in Calcutta in 1min 3⅘secs carrying 8-2: in Bombay in 1min 2⅘secs carrying 9-2; and in Poona in 1min 5⅘ secs carrying 9-9. And a similarratio exists amongst the waler gallowys.

In the foregoing I have purposely refrained from mixing up the question of "class," but have confined myself to the points raised by Captain Channer, *viz.*, as to whether the Havelock Course is a fast one judged by the performance of Devoted and the peculiar conditions of the course, which, by his letter, appear to prevail. And whilst it is one of the most delightful courses to be seen anywhere, whether from a spectator's or owner's point of view, it is not possible to regard it as a fast one.—Yours, &c.,

A.

Colombo, 1st August.

P. S.—Since the foregoing was written I have been informed that the distances of the Havelock Course were measured on the rails, instead of, at customary, a certain distance from the rails, and this may have something to do with the slow times.

A.

Athletics.

THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

THE report of the Committee of the Bombay Gymkhana for the half-year ended 30th June states that:—

The total number of members of the Gymkhana is 2,165, of which 521 were resident on 30th June, 1903 Eighty new members have been elected during the past half-year, and 25 members have resigned. Fifty-four temporary members were elected during the half-year.

The following changes have taken place during the half-year:—

Cricket—Mr. A. H. S. Aston undertook the duties of Cricket Secretary in place of Mr. A. C. Rumboll, resigned.

Polo.—Mr. W. E. Crum accepted the post of Polo Secretary, on the resignation of Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, until he went home, when Mr. R. F. R. Cooke undertook the duties.

Additional Members.—Messrs. F. A. Prevost, H. E. E. Proctor and Marshall F. Reid accepted the invitation of the Committee to join them as additional members in place of Messrs. F. C. Macrae, A. Muirhead and W. E. Crum, who had left for England.

Cricket.—Gymkhana cricket, in spite of a reverse at the commencement of the season, has opened satisfactorily. The attendance at the nets has been good, and the ground itself has shown a remarkable capacity for drying after heavy showers. Owing to the large number of playing members, it was found possible on July 4th, to put three teams into the field. Since that date the Executive Engineer has kindly granted the Gymkhana the use of an addition cricket ground, so that if the requisite fixture can be obtained it is hoped that three teams will be regularly played. A corner of the ground, which has been renewed, was tried on July 4th, and an excellent pitch was procured.

Polo.—Polo has not been as well supported as could be wished but there are now a fair number of regular players, and it is hoped that the excellent condition of the ground this season will encourage more members to play.

The Polo Committee hope to hold a tournament in October in Bombay and to send a team to Poona for the Junior Tournament.

Racquets—The court was fairly well attended during the half year under report, the average number of players per month being nineteen. The annual Single Tournament was held during February, for which, unfortunately, there were only three entries. The Cup was won by Mr. E. S. Sandys, R. E. The usual monsoon repairs were carried out to the roof during May. The roof, however, is becoming harder to keep watertight every year, and some more permanent repairs will need to be carried out before the next monsoon.

Lawn Tennis was as popular as ever during the early part of the year and up to the monsoon, and the various tournaments were well contested. Mr. W. Reid won both the open (Singles) events, while Messrs Rumboll and Cheetham carried off the Doubles. The Committee have it in contemplation to provide an additional tennis court before the end of the rains.

Boats.—The boats have all recently been re-painted and are in excellent condition. They have not latterly been patronised as much as could be wished on account of the lowness of the water at ebbtide, but if Mr. Tata's Salsette Reclamation Scheme is carried out, the water should be greatly improved in character.

Golf.—The interest in the game has been more than maintained during the past six months and the number of playing members has increased. After the season's competitions were concluded, a number of team matches were successfully arranged, and an endeavour is now being made to get up home and home matches with outstations where golf clubs exist.

The results of the concluding competitions of the season were as follows:—

St George's Medal, scratch, won by Mr. Osborne Marshall.
Wimbledon Silver Cup, scratch, won by Mr. R. Aitken.
The "Forty-Two," handicap, won by Mr. E. F. Nicholson.
The Golfers' Cup, handicap, won by Mr. Osborne Marshall.

Football.—Practice games started in June under both codes. As regards Rugby we have only one club to play against, namely, the B. A. We have a heavy pack this year and ought to do well in the tournament which will probably be held during the last week of September.

Association Football.—A meeting of those interested in Association Football was held at the Gymkhana at the beginning of June, and was well attended, twenty-one members present putting down their names as playing members. So far three matches in the Harwood League have been played, of which two have been won and one lost, the team at this time being unfortunately disorganised owing to accidents, but with the season young and keenness displayed, it is hoped that the Gymkhana will have a successful season.

Hockey.—Twenty teams competed in the Aga Khan Tournament which is a record. The Gymkhana were defeated in the first round by the Elphinstone College after a draw. No one could have wished for a better struggle than we witnessed in the final between the Buffs and Cathedral Old Boys; and it was only after three hard games that the Buffs retired defeated by three goals to one.

Bowls.—Bowls have been fairly well patronised. The Challenge Cup was won by Mr. W. Reid; the runner up being Mr. J. D. F. Engel.

Many and wonderful were the tricks resorted to in olden times by owners and trainers anxious to deceive touts as to the true merits of their animals, when they have required to "know the time o' day" previous to having a plunge.

At Hambleton, some sixty years ago, a great deal of ingenuity was displayed by Harry Stebbing in outwitting the horse-watchers. Harry combined tavern-keeping with training horses, and very well did he find those occupations run in double harness. All the touts dealt at his establishment, and the wily trainer always saw that they were well served, though whether they were profitable customers is much to be doubted Whenever any of the touting fraternity had a successful time it was considered the correct thing for him to place a certain proportion of his winnings in a box kept for the purpose, which at certain periods was opened, and the contents, if sufficient, devoted to a dinner.

Rowing.

THE MADRAS BOAT CLUB

HOT WEATHER REGATTA.

The following heats have been drawn in the different events of the above Regatta which is fixed to take place on Saturday next, the 15th instant:—

JUNIOR SCULLS.

1st round to be rowed on or before Wednesday, the 12th instant.

1	E P Corlett	*vs.*	Capt F Domenichetti
2	R C M Strouts	,,	R Simpson
3	G K Walker	,,	C W Layard
4	A A Laing	,,	W H Johnston

Second round to be rowed on or before Friday, the 14th instant.

1	Winner of No 1	*vs.*	Winner of No 2
2	Winner of No 3	,,	Winner of No 4

Finals.

Winner of No 1		*vs.*	Winner of No 2

SENIOR PAIRS.

First round to be rowed on or before Friday, the 14th instant.

R C M Strouts (bow) / H N C Campbell (str)		*vs.*	K Kay (bow) / F H Wilson (str)

Finals.

Winner of above		*vs.*	H V Noone (bow) / C Moresby (str)

CLUB FOURS.

1	C W Layard (bow) / C Moresby (2) / H K Warren (3) / A H Wellman (str)	*vs.*	E Wilson (bow) / A A Laing (2) / H K Beauchamp (3) / H V Noone (str)
2	H K Gillon (bow) / H M Gibson (2) / H N C Campbell (3) / Capt Domenichetti (str)	*vs.*	W B Stephens (bow) / J B Cunliffe (2) / M Miersch (3) / F H Wilson (str)

Finals.

Winner of	(1)	*vs.*	Winner of (2)

JUNIOR PAIRS.—As this event has not filled, a Tub Sailing Race will be substituted.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs* BARONET C. C.—This match was concluded on the 4th instant, the Gymkhana winning by 62 runs. Score:—

POONA GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Faviell, b Kapadia ...	9	l-b-w, b Meherhomji ...	30
Mr Carroll, c Doctor, b Kapadia.	12	c Colabawalla, b Meherhomji	22
Mr Willinger, c Kapadia, b Pavri	1	st Chinoy, b Pavri ...	4
Mr Weatherby, c Pavri, b Meherhomji	17	hit wicket, b Pavri ...	13
Mr MacDonogh, b Meherhomji	17	b Pavri	0
Capt Davy, b Kapadia, ...	3	b Meherhomji ...	16
Mr Forsyth, c Raja (jr), b Pavri	21	c Dootor, b Pavri ...	5
Mr Green, c Raja (sr), b Kapadia	7	b Mehermomji ...	7
Capt Tancred, b Kapadia ...	3	c and b Pavri ...	2
Mr Maitland Kirwan, not out	8	b Pavri	5
Col Hazelton, run out ...	4	not out	2
Extras ...	2	Extras ...	12
Total	104	Total	118

BARONET CLUB.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Dr Pavri, c Faviell, b MacDonogh ...	7	b MacDonogh ...	0
Mr Colabowalla, b MacDonogh	16	b MacDonogh ...	5
,, Meherhomji, b MacDonogh...	9	b MacDongh ...	23
,, Masani, b MacDonogh ...	7	c Forsyth, b Faviell...	24
,, Raja (sr), c Weatherby, b Carroll	0	b Carroll ...	13
,, P J Chinoy, b Carroll ...	0	b MacDonogh ...	8
,, Raja (jr), c and b MacDonogh	4	c and b Hazelton ...	5
,, Mehta, b Carroll ...	0	l-b-w, c Faviell ...	4
,, Doctor, b Carroll ...	0	b Wallinger ...	0
,, Ranji, b MacDonogh ...	11	c Faviell, b Hazelton	9
,, Kapadia not out ...	3	not out ...	0
Extras ...	7	Extras ...	5
Total ...	64	Total ...	96

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

POONA GYMKHANA.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
*Mr Kapadia ...	23·2	3	52	0	10	5	27	0
Dr Pavri ...	13	4	22	2	19·3	2	46	6
Mr Meherhomji ...	10	3	22	2	13	3	28	4
,, Ranji ...	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	0

*Bowled two wide balls.

BARONETT C. C.

Mr MacDonogh ...	21·5	8	37	6	14	5	27	1
,, Wallinger ...	7	3	9	0	10	1	29	1
,, Carroll ...	8	5	6	4	3	1	10	1
,, Faviell ...	6	2	5	0	9	0	21	2
,, Hazelton ...	...	...	...	...	8	5	4	2

THE BUFFS *vs* 52ND L. INFANTRY.—The Light Infantrymen won by six wickets. Score:—

THE BUFFS.

Mr Faviell, l-b-w, Sgt Hills ...	...	...	9
Captain Knight, l b-w, Sgt Hills	...	...	14
Pte Templeton, b Mr Carroll ...	...	...	9
Captain Hopkinson, b Mr Carroll	...	...	0
Mr Green, c Weatherby, b Sgt Hills	...	...	32
Mr Lee, c Carroll, b Hills ...	...	...	12
Pte Hewlett, b Hills ...	...	...	3
L C Cadman, c sub b Carroll ...	...	...	1
Mr Trueman, b Sgt Hills ...	...	...	0
Pte Inglis, not out ...	...	...	3
Pte Dyas, b Sgt Hills ...	...	...	1
Byes	...	...	2
	Leg Byes	...	3
	Total	...	89

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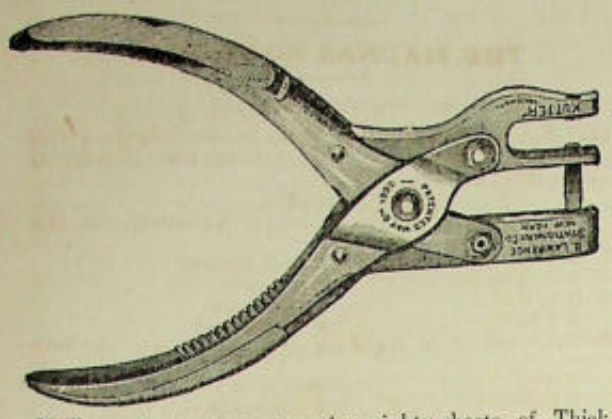

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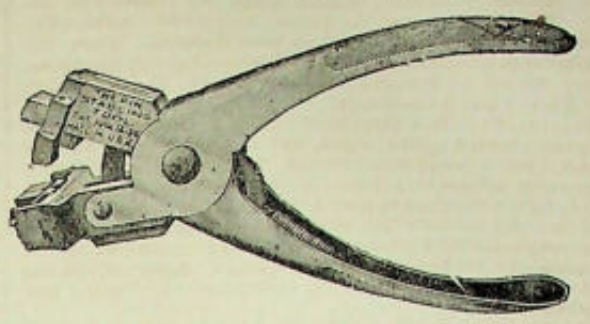

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52ND L. INFANTRY.

Mr Carroll, b Pte Templeton	...	30
Mr J T Weatherby l-b-w, Mr Faviell	...	13
Captain C H Frith, b Mr Faviell	...	5
Mr J O Airy not out	...	23
Sgt Hills, c Hewlett, b Hopkinson	...	17
Mr A Ponsoby	Did not bat	
" B H Shaw		
" C J Mitchell ...		
Pte Cowtice		
Pte Clark		
Mr D R Keyworth ...		
Byes ...	...	3
Total ...	...	91

CRICKET AT BOMBAY.

NAGPUR GYMKHANA *vs.* SECRETARIAT C. C.—The Nagpur Gymkhana had an easy victory over the Secretariat Club on the 5th instant. Messrs Cleveland (57). Ali Hussain (46), and Gowan (35) played well for Nagpur, while Mr. Sharman with 32 was the top scorer for the Secretariat. Score :—

NAGPUR GYMKHANA.

Capt Hill, c Robertson, b Kirke	...	14
Mr Cleveland, c Dodd, b Kirke	...	57
" Gowan, c Fugrade, b Godfrey	...	35
" Hullah, run out	...	3
Hon Mr Hewett, c Duckworth, b Thipthorpe	...	2
Mr Ali Hussain, c and b Godfrey	...	46
" Wills, b Godfrey	...	4
" Hogarth, c Fugrade, b Godfrey	...	9
" Playfair, c Duckworth, b Godfrey	...	2
" Lowsley, b Kirkee	...	2
" Beddy, b Thipthorpe	...	15
" Wilford, not out	...	27
Extras	...	15
Total	...	241

SECRETARIAT CRICKET CLUB.

Mr Webster, c and b Cleveland	...	7
" Kirke, c Beddy, b Hullah	...	17
" Sharman, c Playfair, b Hill	...	32
" Robertson, c Beddy, b Hogarth	...	14
" Nuttall, b Hill	...	9
" Cowsell, b Hill	...	0
" Godfrey, c Wills, b Hogarth	...	4
" Duckworth, c Wills, b Hogarth	...	0
" Thipthorpe, c Fanshawe, b Hill	...	4
" Fugrade, b Hill	...	1
" Scutt, b Hill	...	0
" Dodd, not out	...	1
Extras	...	8
Total	...	97

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH *vs.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Played on the 6th instant the Telegraph winning by 64 runs. They made 124 for six wickets and declared, and the R. A. only put up 60. Score :—

TELEGRAPH.

Mr A Silva, not out	...	43
" F Rodrigues, run out	...	10
" R Osborne, b Mason	...	6
" J Troyal, run out	...	2
" V D'Souza, c and b Jones	...	26
" Montgomery, l-b-w, b Mason	...	5
" B Game, not out	...	2
" T Cassels, b Mason	...	24
" E Perkins	Did not bat	
" A Barry		
" W Linfoot ...		
Extras ...	...	6
Total (for 6 wickets)	...	124

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Gr Bookham, b Troyal	...	1
" Mason, b Troyal	...	0
" Munt, b Cassels	...	0
Br Pooler, c Osborne, b Linfoot	...	29
Capt Stiffe, c Osborne, b Linfoot	...	22
Br Jones, c Osborne, b Linfoot	...	0
Gr Mathews, c Troyal, b Osborne	...	2
" Dibben, c V D'Souza, b Osborne	...	1
" Postill c Linfoot, b Cassels	...	1
" Jackson, not out	...	3
" Brown, c D'Silva, b Cassels	...	0
Extras	...	1
Total	...	60

BOMBAY GYMKHANA RES. *vs.* BARONET C. C. RES.—These teams met on the 7th instant, the Gymkhana winning on the first innings by 49 runs. Mr. Aston played well for the Gymkhana and Mr. Wadia was in good form for the Baronet C. C. Score :—

GYMKHNA RESERVES.

	1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Mr S M McCausland, c Lam, b Kapadia	39	
Capt McDonald, b Mehta	0	
" Bond, c Mody, b Hiraji	25	b Mehta ... 5
Mr A N S Aston, b Hiraji	33	not out ... 52
Capt Moore, b Hirajl	6	l-b-w, b Mehta ... 20
Maj Hinde, c and bc Hiraji	0	
Mr Dawson, run out	0	not out ... 9
" Lazenby, c Kapadia, b Hiraji	21	
" G McCausland, l-b-w, b Hirajl	1	
" L Stansfield, not out	4	
" Innes Kerr, c Darabseth, b Kapadia	0	
Extras	9	Extras 3
Total	138	Total (for 2 wkts.) 89

BARONET C. C. RESERVE.

Mr Kashinath, c McDonald, b Hinde	0
" Darabseth, c Aston, b Lazenby	4
" B Mehta, c Stansfield, b Hinde	1
" H Kapadia, b Lazenby	1
" R Mody, c McCausland, b Lazenby	17
" Jhavnagri, b Hinde	1
" H Daruvala, c Bond, b Hinde	1
" Wadia, not out	47
" J Lam, b Hinde	13
" P Bhapron, b Hinde	1
" M Bottlewala, run out	1
Extras	1
Total	89

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* BARONET C. C.—These teams met on the Gymkhana grounds on the 7th and 8th instant. The visitors having an easy win by eight wickets. Score :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr P J Mead, c Gagrat, b Bapasola	2	c Meherhomji, b Kapadia — 12
" E L Sale, c Bottlewala, b Meherhomji	43	c Bapasola, b Kapadia 6
Lieut A Langhorne, l-b-w, b Meherhomji	13	c Raja, b Kapadia 13
Lieut J Armes, l-b-w, b Meherhomji	0	l-b-w, b Kapadia 3
Lieut H St G Scott, c Bapasola, b Kapadia	0	l-b-w, b Meherhomji 12
Mr E Priestley, c Bapasola, b Kapadia	0	b Meherhomji 0
Lieut H O Carroll, c Bapasola, b Kapadia	3	l-b-w, b Meherhomji ½
Mr C G Stileman, b Meherhomji	4	c Kaka, b Kapadia 9
Lieut W S Locker, b Meherhomji	10	not out 7
Mr S N Powell, c Raja, b Meherhomji	0	b Kapadia 0
" E E Coombs b Meherhomji	14	c Meherhomji, b Kapadia 5
" H L Richardson, not out	0	c Kapadia, b Meherhomji 0
Extras	10	Extras 4
Total	99	Total 63

BARONET C. C.

Mr B D Gagrat, b Coombs	4	
" D C Daruvala, b Coombs	37	
" D M Raja, c Mead, b Sale	11	b Coombs 0
" E P Masani, c Powell, b Carroll	2	
" R P Meherhomji, b Carroll	2	
" N C Bapasola, c Powell, b Sale	36	
" N K Bottlewala, l-b-w, b Sale	6	not out 13
" P J Chinoy, b Sale	0	b Sale 4
" N M Mody, b Coombs	4	not out 21
" Kapadia, c and b Sale	1	
" D N Writer, c Priestley, b Sale	3	
" S N Kaka, not out	1	
Extras	15	Extras 1
Total	122	Total (for 2 wkts) 42

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Bapasola	5	0	15	1	—	—	—	—
" Kapadia	22	5	38	3	16	5	27	7
" Meherhomji	17·5	1	36	7	64	2	7	4
" Kaka	—	—	—	—	12	2	19	—
" Writer	—	—	—	—	2	0	6	—

Bowled three wides.

BARONET C. C.

Mr Coombs	22	7	34	3	7	3	16	1
" Richardson	7	1	12	0	—	—	—	—
" Sale	13·3	3	27	6	10	7	5	1
" Carroll	8	1	16	2	—	—	—	—
" Stileman	2	0	8	0	3	0	13	3
" Powell	4	1	10	0	—	—	—	—
Lieut Langhorne	—	—	—	—	1	0	7	0

Football.

RUGBY IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA *vs.* CASUALS.—These teams met on the Calcutta ground on the 7th instant, the home team winning by 8 points to nil ; neither side had their full complement of men, but a good game was witnessed. White and Lees played well for the visitors. their tackling being very good. Martelli and Siddons got over in the first half and the first try was converted. Nothing was scored in the second half, though the Calcutta forwards were constantly in their opponents twenty-five.

CALCUTTA *vs.* BALLYGUNGE.—This match was played on the Calcutta ground on the 11th instant, the home team having an easy victory by 20 points to *nil*. They had the best of matters all through, the three-quarter line giving a fine display. Martelli, the brothers Siddons, the half-backs and Berridge and Bishop were in especially good form. For the Suburban Team the brothers Sherman Bagshawe and Hemmingway tackled well. Martelli got over with the first try for Calcutta but the place failed ; the second try was scored by A. Siddons, but again no goal resulted. In the second half Berridge dropped a splendid goal. Then F. Siddons got over after some clever passing, his brother converting. Dunlop got in towards the end of the game and Siddons adding the extra points. Calcutta thus won by three goals (one drop and two tries (20 points) to *nil*.

CALCUTTA *vs.* CITY.—Played on the Calcutta ground last Saturday, the visitors winning by two tries to *nil*. Ewing got over in the first half and Williams made the second try just before time : neither was converted.

THE I. F. A. SHIELD.

THE FINALS.

CALCUTTA *vs.* K. O. S. B.'s.—These teams met for the third time on the 5th instant the *venue* being the Dalhousie ground and a splendid game resulted in a win for the local team by two goals to one. The Dum-Dum men were without Cassidy, but they played a great game. Calcutta got away at the start and had the best of the play for the first ten minutes, a neat bout of passing by A. Sherman, Binning and Cooper resulting in the last-named finding the net. Even play followed till a penalty against Calcutta gave Byers his chance and the teams crossed over with a goal each. The Borderers played up in the second half and a hard tussle ensued.

Calcutta, however, got away and Stewart sending across to Cooper the latter beat Atkinson with a fine shot.

The Borderers played up hard but were unable to score despite the fact that both Buckley and Todd were hurt. Calcutta thus won a well-deserved victory by two goals to one. Teams:—

CALCUTTA.—*Goal*, Buckley ; *backs*, Todd and Gillispie ; *half-backs*, Maunder, Fyfe, Pearson ; *forwards*, H. Sherman, Binning, Cooper, V. Sherman, and Stewart.

K. O. S. B's.—*Goal*, Atkinson ; *backs*, Go'die and Macdonald ; *half-backs*, Tait, Stewart, and Bradley ; *forwards*, Byers, Bruce, Massey, Doggart and Cruickshanks. Appended are complete results.

First Round.

Sova Bazar beat Rangers by 2 to 1.
Howrah United beat Hare Sporting by 1 to 0.
Calcutta F. C. beat Chinsurah (scratched).

Second Round.

93rd Highlanders beat R. I. Rifles by 2 to 0.
Howrah United beat Dalhousie F. C. by 1 to 0.
K. O. S. B. beat Sova Bazar by 4 to 0.
Calcutta beat Customs F. C. (scratched).

Semi-Finals.

K. O. S. B. beat Howrah United by 3 to 0.
Calcutta F. C. beat 93rd Highlanders by 1 to 0 after a pointless draw.

Finals.

Calcutta F. C. beat K. O. S. B. by 2 to 1 after two draws, the first pointless, the second one all.

LIST OF WINNERS.

1893	... Royal Irish ...	...	13 Entries
1894	... Do. ...	...	15 "
1895	... Royal Welsh ...	...	11 "
1896	... Calcutta F C ...	...	12 "
1897	... Dalhousie F C ...	...	13 "
1898	... Gloucesters ...	...	11 "
1899	... South Lancashires	...	14 "
1900	... Calcutta F C ...	...	13 "
1901	... Royal Irish Rifles	...	14 "
1902	... 93rd Highlanders	...	13 "
1903	... Calcutta F C ...	...	11 "

Old Sam Darling, the famous Jockey, and father of the present Beckhampton trainer, had a peculiar habit of closing one eye when he was saying anything particular. On one occasion he had backed a horse on some racecourse with a stranger for a couple of sovereigns, and on the following day he was asked for the money.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Sam, opening both eyes very wide indeed, as if astonished at the request. "I bet you two sovereigns!"

His interlocutor regarded him with a puzzled expression of countenance for a moment, and the said, apologetically—

"On! I beg pardon, sir ; the gentleman I made the bet with had only one eye. I must have made some mistake."

And he was turning away, when Sam, having enjoyed his joke, called him back and paid him the money.

Golf.

GULMARG GOLF.

NUMBERS of people have had to run down to Srinagar to look after their property as the inundation has been unprecedential. All the old houses tenanted by Europeans have been swept clean away. Enormous loss of life and property has ensued throughout the valley.

Last Tuesday the men's Married *vs.* Single was played, which resulted in a win for the singles as they had a very strong side. Most of the men going in for the Championship of Upper India which is fixed to be played on 19th August. The favourites are MacAllan, Boyd, Hill, and Mitchell. For the ladies shield, Mrs. Davies, Miss Nicholetts, Miss McDonell, and Mrs. Kennedy. All four would give the best players among the men a lot of trouble to beat.

On Saturday, 1st August, there was a great tussle between the Married and Single "foursome's." For a long time there was no telling which was forging ahead, eventually the Singles ended by winning by 13 holes. Captain Boyd and Miss Nicholetts were 10 up against such strong players as Captain C. Davies and Mrs. Kennedy. R. Robertson and Miss Bond were 11 up against Captain Fenner and Mrs. Brownlow. The former year champions Captain Hill and Miss McDonell were beaten by Mrs. C. Davies and W. Mitchell There were 14 couples a side. Great number of the singles were disappointed as they could get no opponents among the married lot. The reason appears to have been the contest was 18 holes, which is very trying for ladies. If the usual 14 holes had been settled on the entries would have been five times as many.

GOLF AT POONA.

CIVIL *vs.* MILITARY.—The return match between these teams was played at Yerrowda on the 6th instant, the military winning by 51 notes to 31. Details :—

MILITARY.		CIVIL.	
Col Bromfield	... 13 down	H H Aga Khan	... 13 up
Lt Col Feversham	... 7 up	H N Alexander	... 7 down
Major Young	... 3 down	F K Boyd	... 3 up
Capt Watson	... 5 down	H Bromley	... 5 up
Capt Laing	... 1 down	E Clements	... 1 up
		Hon'ble Mr S W Edgerley	... 3 down
Col Onslow	... 3 up	C Fawcett	... 7 down
E W Browne	... 7 up	T Fry	... all sq.
Major Anderson	... all sq.	Hon'ble Mr E M Fulton	... 2 up
Genl Bingham	... 2 down	E Giles	... 5 up
Genl Greenfield	... 5 down	Sir James Monteath	4 down
Sir Robert Low	... 4 up	W T Morrison	... 1 up
A S Mariott	... 1 down	J Muir Macknzie	... 6 down
Major Walker	... 6 up	J T Mungovan	... 10 down
A W Daldy	... 10 up	Hon'ble Mr J Tate	... 4 down
Major Bayard	... 4 up	F Tod	... 1 up
Major Hill	... 1 down	F Young	... 10 down
Major Kemble	... 10 up		

Lawn Tennis.

POONA TOURNAMENT.

THE following are the results of the Mixed Doubles Handicap :—

Miss Muir McKenzie / Wilson	owe 15	Miss McKenzie Wilson 4-6 6-3 6-0	Miss Muir McKenzie Wilson 6-4 6-3
Miss Brady / Betham	owe 15		
Mrs Rouse Knight	× 3-6 15	Mrs Rouse Knight w. o.	
Miss Bromfield / Lawrence	owe 3-6 15		
Mrs Rendall / Rendall	scr	Game not played	Miss Muir McKenzie, Wilson, 6-1 6-3
Miss Smith / Whymper	× 15		
Mrs Bain / F de B Young	owe 30	Mrs Bain F de B Young 6-2 6-1	Mrs Bain F de B Young w. o.
Mrs Lawrence / Khati	owe 3 6 15		

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 7th August 1903.

The two length handicap was brought off this evening and resulted in a win for G. Brown. Mr. G. W. H. Batho acted as judge and Mr. H. P. Henderson as timekeeper and starter, and there was a fair gathering of spectators. Details :—

1st Heat.

J. Chaplin (14 secs. start ; time, 60½ secs.)	... 1
W. S. J. Wilson (11 secs. start ; time, 57¼ secs.)	... 2
W. Govan (5 secs. start ; time, 52 secs.) ...	... 3
H. L. Harvey (8 secs. start ; time, 50¼ secs.)	... 4
E. H. Cann (9 secs. start ; time, 60¼ secs.) ...	... 5

2nd Heat.

G. Brown (3 secs. start ; time, 47¼ secs.) ...	... 1
F. L. Blockley (12 secs. start ; time, 56¼ secs.)	... 2
J. Knox-Ord (8 secs. start ; time 55½ secs.)...	... 3
A. L. Cox (6 secs. start : time, 57 secs.) ...	... 4
C. J. F. Allen (5 secs. start ; did not finish.)	

Final Heat.

G. Brown (3 secs. start ; time, 47 secs.) ...	... 1
W. S. J. Wilson (11 secs. start ; time, 57 secs.)	... 2
J. Chaplin (14 secs. start ; time, 60¼ secs.) ...	... 3
F. L. Blockley (12 secs. start ; time, 58 secs.)	... 4

The next event will be the Plunge Handicap, which will take place on Friday next, the 14th instant.

Shows.

THE BANGALORE HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

THE Bangalore Horse and Dog Show occupied two days and the Judges and Honorary Secretaries worked hard. Captain Dougall, The Carabiniers, and Captain Marshall, Q. O. Sappers and Miners, occupying the latter two unenviable positions. The 4th and 5th instant were the dates of the Show and so numerous were the entries—so lengthy the proceedings—that I hardly know where to begin in my notes on the subject. If entries were numerous, the merit in the different classes can only be described as uneven, although undoubtedly excellent in some instances. It will perhaps be best to take each class separately and say a few words regarding it.

Heavy weight hunters then to begin with were disappointing and neither H. H. the Maharajah's Southern Cross nor Mr. Anketell Jones' Grand Duke can be described as typical weight-carriers. They were, however, superior to the company in which they were shown, and the better manners of the Maharajah's representative gained him first place Light-weight hunters were better, and the second horse was especially well balanced for his age. Major Birdwood may look forward to more than a few prizes with Yeoman, who is only three years old. The winner of the first in this class, Mrs. Sharpe Smith's Cocky is on the other hand a good old horse, but long past mark of mouth. Proceed we to pony backs where the first three were undoubtedly nice animals. It was a question of shape *versus* action with the first and second prize-winners, and action got it in Miss Brereton's Nutmeg, a grey mare which moved round the ring like a machine with Colonel Armstrong, the well-known G. R., on her back. Colonel Desaraj Urs has a rare shaped one in Doris, the second pony. In thorough-breds what could win but Great Scott, and numerous were the admiring glances which followed the grand horse as he paraded before the judges. He also won the prize for the best horse in the Show without difficulty. Wild Raven second in the thorough-bed class, is too well known to the Calcutta public, and equine fanciers in general to need description.

These notes are already assuming a considerable length and it is necessary to be brief. Upstart, another well-known performer on Indian race-courses, took the first in country-breds, but the second horse—a Kunigal farm-bred colt of Colonel Grant's which easily won the C.-B. event at the late Bangalore meeting, shows great promise and must improve. Tabba (Colonel Armstrong's) was the best of a rather moderate lot in cobs, and H. H the Maharajah won the prize for single turn-outs in horses. Pony turn-outs were good and showy, Captain Ward, Captain Bell, and Mr. Anketell Jones all swinging round the ring in great style and this brought us to the jumping for horses of which, sad to say, the least said the better. It was bad as a whole, and only moderate in the case of Mr. Kidd's Paddy and Mr. Anketell Jones' Grand Duke, a pair which the judges found some difficulty in separating. The event for the best turned-out men-at-arms, English and Native, produced some remarkable smart soldiers. Southern Cross and Royal Duke were first and second in cavalry chargers as in heavy weight hunters ; whilst Mr. Bushell's Cygnet and Mr. Robertson's Sally occupied similar positions in the class for infantry chargers. Ladies' saddle horses are always a pretty class, and Mr. Wace's unnamed exhibit ridden by Mrs. Tufnell was fairly easily first, Major Birdwood again scoring a second with his promising young horse Yeoman. Miss Brereton's Nutmeg gained another first in a good show of ladies' hack ponies, and the winner of the children's ponies was a picturesque little figure. A little chap of four summers, dressed in the uniform of the 3rd Madras Lancers, with a double row of medal ribbons, doubtless belonging to his father who has served the British Raj well, rode Ismail Khan's Sultan, and was lifted on to the table by the British Resident at the presentation of prizes, to receive a watch which he promptly dropped but did not damage.

This concluded the judging on Tuesday, and on the following day, Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, began with a walk-over in the Tandem driving. Great was the competition in the single driving, Mrs. Tufnell scoring a most popular win with Captain Stirling's turn-out, and our well-known and sporting trainer Oscar Dignum beating Captain Morris after a tie for second place. Horse hacks were a numerous, but only a fair class, Colonel Daniell's Rosebud winning after much deliberation on the part of the judges from Yeoman, who thus scored his third second prize at the Show Polo ponies, Australian, English and Cape were a pleasant change from a considerable amount of mediocrity which had been apparent the day before, for they were a very fine class, and both Captain Kirby's Walty and H. H. the Maharajah's Dainty were as pretty as paint and as handy as the proverbial fiddle. Captain Kirby was again to the fore in the Arab and country-bred polo panies, winning with Pilsener, whilst that fine polo player, Captain Peel, R. H. A., came second with Bijli. This again was an excellent class and several were kept in the ring for a considerable time. Curiously enough the pony jumping was as a whole even worse than that of the horses, but in this event an exception must be made in favour of the winner Colonel Desaraj Urs' Countess, for the little mare is a great "lepper" and the popular Colonel also possesses a very fine pony in Ptarmigan, who was out and away the best of the Arabs, and also annexed the prize for the best pony in the Show. Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers, won the driving for teams, Captain Adams of the same gallant corps was second and Major Birdwood with a grand lot of browns was judged to have the best turn-out. Jutka ponies, in which licensed jutkas were driven by brave officers who sat within an inch of the pony's tail and carried a lady inside the jutka produced much amusement, and this remark brings my "ower long tale" of the Horse Show to a conclusion.

With regard to the dogs, some of the exhibits were excellent, notably Mr. Gale's pedigree fox terriers and Mrs. Hulke's ditto Airedales. Watson, the trainer, won two prizes with his really handsome Show dog Chinekee, that animal being first in the miscellaneous class and being also adjudged by public vote the handsomest dog in the Show. A similar vote was taken with regard to the ugliest dog in the Show and Mr. Ker's "The Sausage Dog" gained the distinction. Hounds only produced half-a dozen entries, Miss Brooke Leggatt winning with Prodigal and neither Bull nor Irish terriers were numerous, although Dr. Smeeth's Bogie, and Captain Cole's Mike were fair representative of their respective breeds. Finally in the class for country dogs and hounds, Mr. Irvine, R.E., won with a fine powerful black hound named Barbican, and with this remark, Mr. Editor, I will cease to occupy your space and tax your patience. Yet no—I must just mention some delicious little Pekinese dogs which were brought by Colonel Mackenzie-Kennedy from the siege of Tientsin. At least the parent dogs were found there deserted and scared to death, and a pup was adjudged the second prize in the miscellaneous class at the present Show. The father of this pup is dead, and the mother to this day cannot hear the sound of fire arms, owing to the thorough scare the poor little mite got at Tientsin. Details :—

THE HORSES.

CLASS I.—HEAVY WEIGHT HUNTERS (Horses)—A Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore.

H H the Maharajah's br aus g Southern Cross	... 1
R Anketell Jones's ch aus g Grand Duke ...	... 2

Judges.—Colonel J. P. Grant and Major Logan Home.

Judges' Remarks.—The Judges remarked that the class on the whole was disappointing. There was not much between the two prize-winners, but Southern Cross's superior manners turned the scale in his favour.

CLASS II.—LIGHT WEIGHT HUNTERS (Horses.—)A Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore.

Mrs Sharpe Smith's Cocky	... 1
Major Birdwood's b w g Yeoman...	... 2
H H the Maharajah's br aus g Bobs	... 3

Judges.—General Nixon, C. B.

Judges Remarks.—The Judges considered the class to be a fairly goodone. The winner was a well-known old horse who had carried off many prizes. With regard to the second, he was a wonderfully well balanced young one, showed great promise and had probably all his prizes before him.

CLASS III.—PONY HUNTERS.—A Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore.

Captain Kirby's b w g Watty	... 1
Miss Brereton's g aus m Nutmeg...	... 2
H H the Mharajah of Mysore's b aus m Doris	... 3

Judges.—Colonel Grant, Colonel Jones and Major Birdwood.

CLASS IV (*a.*) CHARGERS (Cavalry and Artillery).

H H the Maharajah of Mysore's Southern Cross	... 1
Mr R Anketell Jones' Grand Duke ...	... 2

Judges.—Colonel Armstrong and Major Birdwood.

CLASS IV (*b*).—CHARGERS (Infantry).

Mr F H Bushell's Cygnet	... 1
„ W Robertson's Sally	... 2
„ S B Watson's Viscount	... 3

Judges.—Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Sprott and Major Birdwood.

CLASS V.—HACKS. (Horses.)—A Cup presented by Sir P. N. Krishna Murti, K.C.I.E., Dewan of Mysore.

Lieutenant-Colonel Daniell's Rosebud ...	... 1
Major Birdwood's Yeoman	... 2

Judges.—General Nixon, Major Kincaid Smith and Major Logan Home.

Judges, Remarks.—The Judges remarked that the class was a very fair one and there was some difficulty in discriminating between the first and second.

CLASS VI. HACKS (PONIES.)—A Cup presented by Colonel Georges.

Miss Brereton's g aus m Nutmeg	... 1
Colonel Desaraj Urs's bl aus m Duchess ...	... 2
H H the Maharajah's b aus m Doris ...	... 3

Judges.—Colonel J. P. Grant and Major Logan Home.

Judges, Remarks.—The Judges remarked that the class was fair ; the winner showed great action, especially from a hack point of view. With regard to the second her shape was very fine, but as a hack her action was hardly so good as that of the winner.

CLASS VI.—LADIES' SADDLE HORSES.—A Cup presented by Colonel Desaraj Urs.

Mr S L Wace's—(ridden by Mrs. Tufnell,	... 1
Major Birdwood's Yeoman	... 2
Mrs. Sharpe-Smith's Cocky	... 3

Judges.—Sir Donald Robertson, Major Birdwood and Captain Dougall.

CLASS VIII.—LADIES' COBS AND PONIES.—A Cup presented by the Hon'ble Colonel Sir Donald Robertson, K. C. I. E., Resident in Mysore.

Miss Brereton's g aus g Nutmeg	... 1
Mr W Robertson's c b m Salby	... 2
Mrs Armstrong's b aus g Tabba	... 3

Judges.—Sir Donald Robertson, Major Birdwood and Captian Dougall.

CLASS IX.—THOROUGH-BRED HORSES.—A Cup presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore.

Hon ble A A Apcar's c a h Great Scott ...	... 1
N B Chowdhury's br aus g Wild Raven ...	... 2

Judges Remarks.—The winner stood out far above the other and the rest were a fair class.

CLASS X.—ARAB PONIES.—A Cup presented by the Hon'bles Colonel Sir Donald Robertson, K. C. I. E., Resident in Mysoer.

Colonel Desaraj Urs's g a h Ptarmigan ...	... 1
Major Gough's ch a p Mass	... 2
Captain Bell's g a p Essex	... 3

CLASS XI.—COUNTRY BRED HORSES AND PONIES.—Cup presented by the Hon'ble Colonel Sir Donald Robertson, K.C.I.E., Resident in Mysore.

Mr W P Allardice's Upstart ...	... 1
Colonel Grant's b ch h Prime	... 2
Colonel Grant's c ch h Philistine ...	... 3

Judges.—Colonel Armstrong and General Nixon, C. B.

CLASS XII (*a.*)—POLO PONIES.—(Australian, English and Cape). A Cup presented by Messrs. Barton Son and Co.

Captain Kirby's Watty	... 1
H H the Maharajah's Dainty	... 2

Judges—General Nixon, Major Logan Home and Colonel Kincaid-Smith.

Judge' Remarks.—The Judges remarked that this was an exceedingly good class

CLASS XII (*b.*)—POLO PONIES.—(Arab and Country bred

Captain Kirby's Pilsener	... 1
Captain Peel's Bijili	... 2

Judges.—General Nixon, Colonel Kincaid Smith and Major Logan Home.

Judges' Remarks.—A very good class indeed and the judging difficult.

CLASS XIV.—CHILDREN'S PONIES.—(To be ridden by children).

Ismail Khan's b ch p Sultan	... 1
Mr Bernard Hawkins's bl w m Judith ...	... 2

Judges.—Sir Donald Robertson and Major Birdwood.

CLASS XV.—SINGLE HARNESS.—(Horses) Postponed. A Cup presented by Messrs Barton, Son and Co.

Lieutenant-Colonel Armstrong's Tabba ...	... 1
Mrs Benton's	... 2

CLASS XVI.—SINGLE HARNESS.—(Ponies). Postponed. A Cup presented by Colonel A C. Daniell.

Major Jackson's dun w m Peril	... 1
Captain Bell's One	... 2
Mr R Anketell Jones' ch a p Golden Sunshine	... 3

CLASS XVII (*b*).—JUMPING COMPETITION—(Ponies).

Colonel Desaraj Urs's Countess	... 1
Colonel Robert West's Thangagee ...	... 2

Best Horse in the Show Great Scott.
Best Pony in the Show Ptarmigan.

CLASS XVIII*a*.—DRIVING COMPETITION—Teams.

Captain Claridge, 3rd Madras Lancers ...	... 1
Captain Adams, 3rd Madras Lancers ...	... 2

CLASS XVIII (*b.*)—DRIVING COMPETITION—(TANDEMS).

Captain Claridge	... 1

CLASS XVIII (*c.*)—DRIVING COMPETITION. (Singles.)

Captain Stirling's g w m Vixen	... 1
Mr O Dignum's turn out	... 2
Captain Morris' ch ch Mare Jeos	... 3

CLASS XX.—BEST TURNED-OUT MAN.

No. 55 C Squadron, Carabiniers	... 1
No. 12 A „ Carabiniers	... 2

THE DOGS.

CLASS I.—Terriers, Fox rough and smooth A.

Mr A Gale's Master Roddy	... 1
„ A Gale's Fearless Maiden	... 2
„ A Gale's Dot	... 3

Judges.—Messrs. Murray Aynsley and Watson.

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Mr E D Irvine's Barbicon 1

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Corporal W T Pickles (R E) Jack 1
Q M S Colson's (R H A) Satan 2
Corporal Clarke's (the Carabiniers) 3

CLASS VIII.—Miscellaneous.

Mr J Watson's Chinekee 1
Mrs N Mackenzie Kennedy's Pekinese terrier ... 2
Mr O S Fisher's Hound Gipsy 3

The Story Teller.

A CHANGE OF IDENTITY.

A STORY OF SIMLA AND CALCUTTA.

IT was a miserably dull afternoon in the early autumn when a lady-like girl or young woman, for in these days it is not easy to draw any hard-and-fast line between the two, was the single occupant of a compartment in a corridor-carriage in a fast train running from Euston to Rugby. A new paper, not often seen in England outside the charmed circles frequented by Anglo-Indians, was on her lap open at the last page of the advertisements. After idly toying with the fluttering leaves she picked it up, scanned through the page rapidly, and finally fixed her attention on a somewhat unusual announcement. It ran as follows :—

"*Wanted, in December, a governess for girl aged nine. Calcutta in cold weather; hills or England in the hot. Applicant must be able to teach German, French, music, including the violin, calisthenics and drawing; have a thorough knowledge of all the ordinary preliminary subjects and a liberal acquaintance with literature, history and higher mathematics. Must be active, energetic, and a horsewoman. Nobody brought up in India, or specially trained in any existing form of Education (Froebel's particularly objected to) need apply. K. c/o Messrs. Wrigley Broome and Co., Vine-Axe Street, E. C., or 21-4., Kiwardine Crescent, Calcutta.*"

"It might be some good" thought the girl, but it looks as if it were either a hoax or inserted by a lunatic. Some one with ideas perhaps like the old gentleman in "The Golden Butterfly"—only I thought they had no existence outside the pages of a novel. Let me think how I fit the advertisement.—"No training in any form of education"—that I certainly have not. Active?—well yes, energetic—not so bad. Good horsewoman? hum! yes, I think I'm all right there. Now what else can I do? German? French? I can make myself understood in Cologne and get about Paris without coming to actual grief. Sketch? I wonder if Phil May and water would be any good. Calisthenics? I thought they had gone out with the flood. Preliminary subjects? Depends upon what you consider as such. Literature, history, and higher mathematics? Well I could give most of the girls at Girton five pounds and a beating in those same subjects four years ago, and I can fiddle after a fashion. I wonder whether it will do? My attainments without certificates and my energies without training seem to be a drag in the market so far as obtaining employment at other than the wages paid to a third-rate cook; in this country at all events. Let us see what India may do—at any rate I'll try, and try she did as soon as ever she got to the little Warwickshire village where she had made her home since the death and general smash up of the estates of her father, well known in the Belvoir country as the racing squire of Blankburgh.

Constance Hunt's story was not an altogether unknown one among the offspring of sporting families. A clever girl naturally, she had had all the advantages in the way of education which could be given to the only child of fairly well off, but extravagant parents. The advantages offered had acted on an ambitious disposition, and caused certain vague longings for distinction, real distinction and not mediocrity in the paths of scholarship. The vague longings took form and in time led her to Girton where she was soon looked upon as one of their most promising candidates for honours in a future tripos. She was far from being a blue-stocking; her mental reckoning up of her capabilities expressed, in racing parlance, as to the amount of handicap she could give others, would effectively dissipate this idea and show that she was not unacquainted with the slang of a training stable, though to give her her due it was not very prominent. She had early set up as her motto the suggestive sentence *Mens sana in corpore sano* and her tall well knit figure, skill and activity in all out-door games, and her capacity for enduring any amount of fatigue and exertion showed that she pretty well realised it. Distinction in scholarship, however, was not to be. The death of her mother had called her to fill that lady's place at home, and living in a fool's paradise, she had every expectation of succeeding to the comfortable circumstances which she and all the rest of the world had ever associated with Blankburgh Manor. But heavy losses on the turf, necessitating mortgages on land highly over valued for days of agricultural depression, together with the wrong-going of several concerns in which he was pecuniarily interested, shares not fully paid up—made the squire's estate, when he broke his neck out hunting, an utterly insolvent one. Absolutely nothing remained for her but the interest, amounting to about fifty pounds per annum, on money held in deposit by Messrs. Wrigley, Broome and Co., which she had inherited from her mother, a member of a family well-known amongst the East India Company's administrators of pre-mutiny days. The change from the cheery-life of a well-kept country house to the very meagre establishment of two extremely maiden aunts, living entirely within the precincts of a narrow ecclesiastic society near a would be fashionable island watering place, was a fairly startling one; but the girl made the best of it, and rapidly won the hearts of her very sedate maiden relatives by her kindly disposition and cheerful unselfishness; though if they had told the truth they could not but admit that on first acquaintance they had been horribly shocked at the broad views and somewhat mannish disposition exhibited by their young charge. A bicycle was anathema Maranatha to them, and short skirts and—ahem—knickerbockers—the forbidden thing.

But the two maiden ladies were far from being well-off, and their neice felt that she was ever a burden to them, straining their slender pecuniary resources to the utmost. It was on this account that she felt she must do something towards earning her own living; and then the rub came in. A good education, but no certificates and no special training seemed an absolute bar to obtaining anything otherwise than on starvation wages. Schools would have nothing to do with her; true she could have had her choice of places as daily governess in the neighbouring town at twenty pounds a year and one meal a day. There were dozens of girls with comfortable homes only too ready to accept employment, such as this, giving them a little pocket money and a certain respite from home restraint; but Constance Hunt, considering that the labourer was worthy of her hire, absolutely declined to make herself a partner to any such artificial lowering in the educational market. It is to be wondered whether cheapness in this matter is true economy in the long run either mentally or morally. Still the fact remains that employment at a fair remuneration was not to be got, and heart-breaking work it was seeking for it.

It was a visit to Messrs. Wrigley, Broome and Co.'s offices which had placed "The Overland Budget," containing the extraordinary advertisement, in her hands, and it was another visit to those same offices which eventually caused her to be engaged as governess for the little daughter of James Cullen, Esquire, East India merchant.

What a multitude of objections the dear maiden aunts raised to the scheme, and how they fussed and worried over her outfit when they discovered that she was really determined upon going! A passage had been engaged for her by Mr. Cullen in the P. and O *Athens* leaving Tilbury for Calcutta towards the end of November, on which day she stood by the taff-rail watching the tender carry away her elderly relatives fussy to the last and weeping unrestrainedly at the parting with a curious tightening in her throat and a half-defined question at heart whether she was right in leaving them. For one foolish minute she felt as if she could cry out to them to take her off too and let the ship go without her. Then choking a sob she turned to go below.

"Why'Connie?" cried a pleasant enthusiastic voice. "What on earth are *you* doing here? Have *you* joined the noble army of Globe-trotters?"

The choking feeling relapsed, the tears went back to their fountain head, and wreathed in smiles Constance Hunt affectionately greeting a distant cousin, Frances Constance Hunton Browne, whom she had not seen for several years, and with whom she had kept up no correspondence.

The two girls had been firm friends at school, and had both gone to Girton the same time, but differences between their respective families had barred any other intercourse between them. They were singularly alike in many ways, displaying in form and feature the common ancestry from which they had come, whilst their mental capacities were very much on a par. The great points of difference between them were these: Frances Browne had completed what Constance Hunt had only begun; Frances Browne was a very wealthy young lady with the absolute disposal of her income, whilst Constance Hunt had practically nothing; and finally Frances Browne had a wealth of golden hair, whilst Constance would have termed her own mouse-coloured.

"And now Connie" said her vivacious companion as soon as mutual explanations had been exchanged: "the first thing to be done is to get a cabin together."

This was easily arranged; but the purser, good man, not knowing which was which, confused their names; and before long Constance Hunt was known throughout the ship as the wealthy Miss Browne, whilst pretty Frances Browne was looked upon as Miss Hunt.

"Connie" said Frances, who was as full of mischief as an egg is of meat. "I'm going to keep this up. I'm tired to death of being hunted and proposed to on account of my money. You shall have a turn of it and see how you'll like it, whilst I have a little peace and look on at the fun. It will be *jogons;* oh joyous!"

"Thank you; but I don't quite see it in that light" replied Constance "Sailing under false colours may be all very well for you in your position and no harm done.

but what about **me**? I have got a character for sedateness and mild demeanour to keep up at the other end of this voyage, and a practical joke like this would hardly tend to enhance it."

"But what does it matter? We can put things right before we get to Calcutta. And as for any trouble from admirers of your supposed five thousand a year, well, if *you* cant keep them in proper order and at arm's length, no one else can. Now don't be a spoil-sport, cousin mine, but keep up the gay delusion I do so *yearn* to be the 'poor' Miss Hunt, or the 'poor' anybody just for a change."

Constance Hunt was not proof against this pleading, and finally—somewhat after the young lady of Don Juan's youthful acquaintance—"saying she would ne'er consent, consented."

She had to admit that it was rather amusing this same masquerading. The promised admirers were not wanting from an elderly Commissioner in the C. P.—not that she had the wildest idea what that meant—to a junior assistant "in hides", which likewise conveyed no impression to her. It cannot be said that any of this devotion touched her particularly, and she certainly took good care not to engender any false hopes, so no serious harm was done to anybody, elderly, middle aged, or juvenile. Meanwhile Frances Browne—or rather Miss. Hunt as we must now call her—enjoyed herself immensely. The evening after leaving Colombo she came to her cousin and said, she wanted a serious talk with her.

"Well! what is it?" asked the assumed Miss Browne, when the two ladies had settled themselves in comfortable deck chairs well away from the rest of the passengers. "It is a new thing for you, my cousin, to want a 'serious' conversation—or, indeed, anything serious."

"But this is: and I have set my heart on it."

"And what is it?"

For sometime the lady with the golden locks remained without answering. Then with a little sigh terminating in a nervous laugh she said:

"No I can't give it up. It's no use, I can't."

"Cant give up what, dear?"

"Being Miss Hunt."

"But you'll have to: it can't be helped. What on earth would be said if we get to Calcutta with two Richmonds in the field in the shape of two ladies called Hunt, and the mysterious disappearance of Miss Browne: how would you explain that?"

"But there'll be no mysterious disappearance. *You'll* be Miss Browne, and as such will join forces with Lady Lackcash who has never seen the original, whilst I go to the Cullens and begin operations as an instructor of youth."

"Impossible."

"Nonsense: it's nothing of the sort. The Cullens don't know you either." Why should not I do just as well?

"But it would be a case of personation, of regular fibbing, and obtaining money under false pretences. The Cullens have engaged Constance Hunt. That is not your name."

"Isn't it, my dear? I was under the impression it was, and I have seen documentary evidence in support of the fact. Cut out my first and last names—and there is no crime in doing that so far as I know—and Constance Hunt remains. I believe you also bear the very ordinary name of Browne amongst your Christian names, and if you apply the same process, what is to prevent you continuing to be Miss Browne?"

"For one thing because *you* are pledged to Lady Lackcash I am not. She has agreed to chaperone a certain young lady: if another is palmed off instead of her I should imagine that Lady Lackcash would have a very just cause of offence. Imagine my position if the fraud—for it is nothing else—were discovered!"

"It won't be discovered, and if it were I don't think it would matter much so far as Lady Lackcash in concerned. Listen, my dear, I'll let you into a little secret. It's all a matter of hard cash."

"What is?"

"Why Lady Lackcash chaperoning me. What else did you imagine she was going to do it for? She is a ferocious but convenient old woman with a taste for globe-trotting and a

wonderful eye to the main chance. So long as my—or in this case your—rather more than fair share of expenses are paid and the additional sum of two hundred and fifty pounds quarterly in advance, it is my candid opinion that she would not mind chaperoning a convicted felon or a Hotentot. You may take my word for it that all this will be paid into her Ladyship's account with the utmost regularity. Result—she will be content, you will have a good time, and I shall be doing exactly what I want to do."

But it is impossible. The whole thing would be wrong, and how could we manage about our boxes and things?

This somewhat lame conclusion showed that the sham Miss Browne's determination was weakening, whilst on the other hand the would-be Miss Hunt's was every moment growing stronger. The temporary release from poverty and somewhat galling dependence had been very sweet; sweeter than Constance Hunt had realised until the time came to give it up, if give it up she did. The denouncement was put off and put off until they had almost reached the mouth of the Hooghly. One more like conversation and a few more persuasons had done the rest, and finally when they landed at Calcutta, Frances Browne was claimed by Mr. Cullen as the newly-arrived governess for his child under the name of Miss Hunt, whilst Constance Hunt was effusively welcomed by Lady Lackcash as the wealthy Miss Browne.

Mr. Cullen's establishment—as he was rather fond of calling it—was remarkable even amongst the best that the City of Palaces could boast of Himself a widower, he had persuaded an elder sister to keep house for him, an arrangement which suited that lady admirably and at the same time gave the master of the house unbounded satisfaction. Constance Hunt found everything extremely pleasant with the exception of her charge, who proved to be so spoilt and disagreeable a child as the East could produce. The touch of eccentricity evinced in the advertisement in the "Overland Budget" was soon further apparent both in Mr. Cullen and the lady who presided over his household. They had an absolute horror of all modern *system* of education, whilst at the same time hoping that Ella, the nine-year-old daughter, might prove to be a prodigy in all polite learning, science, and art. Hence the many and various accomplishments looked for in the new governess.

Constance Hunt, as we must now call her—the successful clipping of the first and last names having been dully effected—quickly settled down to work, and found it far from uncongenial. Though freed from the boredom of unwelcome suitors with—as she chose to look at it—half an eye on herself and rather more than one on her gold, she was far from being shoved into a corner kept out of sight, and treated with the scant sympathy or even lack of ordinary courtesy which so many girls in a like position have only too just reason to complain of. In fact matters went rather too much the other way. She was expected to dine as one of the family, go with them into society, and in fact be quite as much of a companion to Miss Cullen the Elder—and on almost equal terms—as governess to Ella Cullen, the younger. She found the child to be clever, but very 'scrappy' in her attainments so far and of a precocity she had never yet met. It was a fair-and-square struggle between them from the outset, in which eventually Constance Hunt did not not come off second best.

The great point she had to go upon in gaining the necessary ascendency over her wayward pupil was the child's great love of horses and her admiration for anyone who could manage them. Hitherto the succession of ladies who had acted as guide, philosopher, and friend had at the outset gained her scorn and contempt by their ignorance of the noble animal and their woeful attempts to drive even the little rustic cart with ordinary skill and safety round the maidan. When the child found that, if the slightest difficulty presented itself, it was far better to snatch the reins from her nervous companion and manage things herself, it is not to be wondered that she came to consider that she could do the same sort of thing in other matters; but with Constance Hunt it was altogether different. Never had Rory gone so well as he did on the first occasion the two had gone out for a drive together, and Rory was a waler pony with a decided will of his own

"Loosen the curb-chain, and take the kicking strap up two holes" was the quiet remark the governess had made almost immediately after the start. The English-speaking syce had demurred: The pony was harnessed according to custom and if otherwise treated would run away."

"Very well, then I'll do it myself'—and do it she did with a quiet adroitness which gained not only the syces respect, but the good will and friendship of the fretted Rory. Far from running away the pony ceased all these signs of irritation which had been so obvious when driven by less skilful hands.

Then again the first ride, which Mr. Cullen, Ella, and Miss Hunt had taken together, was a further revelation. A badly made habit of cheap stuff was what Ella had expected to see—for the child was an all-too close observer and knew what garments were workmanlike and what were not. But there were no signs of skimping economy in the turn-out Miss Hunt wore; from the soles of her neat patent-leather riding boots to the cut of her coat and sit of her tie everything was as smart, correct, and up to date as could be. A little spur twinkling on her left heel, her gloved hand holding a light, gold-mounted crop, and the easy grace with which she sat Sobersides and the light, caressing touch on his mouth made that exemplary but highly sluggish animal move and carry himself like a prouder horse than he had done for many a day.

"I must put you on a better mount another time"—said Mr. Cullen "I have had to use a good deal of discrimination so far, finding that 'absolutely quiet' was the first and only recommendation necessary for Ella's ladies."

They went down to the big tree on the race-course, saw some of "the Cup" candidates at work, and met many acquaintances of Mr. Cullen's, several of whom chatted with them, amongst others was a big good-looking man, riding a blood-like weight carrier of remarkable make and shape, who was doing escort to "Miss Browne." The cousins greeted each other warmly.

"Well Ridley"—said Mr. Cullen as the two gentlemen and Ella dropped behind—"who are you taking to see your string this morning?"

By the way where *are* your horses? I haven't noticed them this morning." "No" replied Ridley, answering the second question and ignoring the first. "I like them to get their work over early, and they have gone home."

"And how do you like being 'Miss Browne'?' asked 'the Governess' with a merry twinkle in her eye. "Is Lady Lackcash kind to you?"

"To tell you the truth;"—said Miss Browne—"that is about the only trying part of my share in the character. She is only two effusively kind. I wish she would not insist in kissing me quite so much in public, but I suppose she considers it is all in the bargain and that she must make full return for value received."

"Anything else to complain about?"

"Well, perhaps, it would be a little more comfortable if she would not advertise the fact of my supposed wealth quite so prominently. Every time I go out with her I feel as if a string of Sandwichmen were parading behind us with "Walk-up! Walk up! Walk up, and see Miss Browne! the five thousand pounder!!" in large letters on their backs."

"Oh I know the feeling! I know the feeling so well"—laughed her merry cousin. "*Do* you wonder at my wanting to get a little respite from it? It's always the same, always the same; and how the men's eyes positively glitter when they think of all that wealth which they may possibly obtain at the cost of taking a certain incumbrance with it."

"Don't you think you are inclined to take rather a jaundiced view of these matters? I mean cannot you imagine anybody finding you sufficiently attractive in yourself, without thinking of what you have? I can."

"No I cannot *quite* do that. The best I could imagine in my case, handicapped by the public knowledge of my belongings, would be that some one might act on the Quaker's advice "Doan't thou marry for munny, but goa whear munny is"—and that is not good enough for me."

"Then you mean that you will never marry?'

"I didn't say that; no I never said that—but I'll never marry any one who asks me knowing that I am well-off."

A light seemed to break upon her cousin. "I understand now" she said. "This masquerading on your part is in hope that Mr. Right may come along."

Oh, no! no! How can you say such a thing? At least I think not. It's too bad of you."

both Ella and Mr. Cullen, who just then turned and joined the ladies, were surprised to see how vexed and annoyed the new governess looked; but as the party broke up immediately Mr. Ridley and his companion making their way towards the Ellenburgh course whilst the others completed the circuit, the clouds very soon passed away and 'Constance Hunt' was her usual smiling self again.

"Who was the lady with Mr. Ridley?' asked Mr Cullen. "You seem to be well acquainted with her."

Miss Hunt told him that she was a distant cousin of her's who had come out to spend the cold weather with Lady Lackcash, and that they had made the voyage on the same steam-ship.

"That will be very nice for you said Mr. Cullen, and I hope we shall see a good deal of them whilst they are here. I will get Miss Cullen to call on them at the Grand" you say? Very well. By the way, this Miss Browne, is she not the great heiress that people are talking about?

"Oh this horrible advertising" thought "Constance." "But I'm out of it. Christmas week brought all the excitement of the best racing in India, and also, as a guest, Captain Geoffrey Strange of the 8th Dragoon Guards, a favorite nephew of Miss Cullen's. It cannot be said that Mr. Cullen regarded him with quite the same favorable eye on account of the young man's extravagance, impecuniosity, and somewhat rapid mode of living, but he had come down on ten days' leave to have a good time, and it behoved Mr. Cullen as a good host to see that he got it. The governess was at first scarcely remarked by this very exquisite young man, a circumstance which in her heart of hearts rather rejoiced Miss Cullen. She looked upon it as not only advisable, but almost absolutely necessary that her nephew should contract a wealthy marriage on the earliest possible occasion; hence the attractions exhibited by pretty governesses should not be too much regarded.

The good lady was in some ways considerably puzzled. From what she had heard from a sister at home who had done the interviewing and engaging, she had quite expected the new governess to be a striking girl, accomplished, and one who could do most things entering into the life of a vigorous young woman brought up in a good country house. But the girl's belongings amazed her; everything she had was so good, complete, and costly.

"My dear" she said on the evening after the Viceroy's Cup, where she had spent her time manœuvring to get Geoffrey Strange and the 'wealthy' Miss Browne to take an interest in each other, "how is it you have got such very nice things? I assure you there was not a nicer dress than your's in the paddock."

"Oh I don't know" was the reply. "They—they were just got."

'Yes, my dear but, but surely they must have been very costly; And you must excuse me, I was given to understand that you were not very happily circumstanced as regards pecuniary matters."

No—o: That's true "said the governess, meaning something very different to what Miss Cullen did. "But you see they were all got whilst I—I mean of course my near relatives—were solvent."

"Then they must have been solvent very lately" replied the elder lady shrewdly—"for your things are everything that is the fashion now."

"But you forget: they were made in London and—and Paris; and this is Calcutta. It must take a long time for things to get out here."

"Not so long as you seem to think. I assure you that dozens—well *almost* dozens of the frocks worn to-day were made in Paris a very few weeks ago. But there's another matter I wanted to speak to you about; only I have scarcely liked to and have put it off from day to day."

"Yes; what is it?"

"It's—its your hair, my dear?"

"My hair! Why, what about that?"

"It's—it's very pretty, you know—and suits you so well: but—but—I had been told that it was brown."

For one awful moment "Constance Hunt" thought that the game was up. Then the idiotic words of a comic song suggested rescue, but at a price which she felt must forfeit Miss Cullen's good opinion for ever.

"Washing Soda does it—and—and other things."

For one minute Miss Cullen seemed to regard her with what she felt rather than saw was stern disapproval. She was a sham, a worse than a sham, a painted Jezebel. The throwing out of such a suggestion had proved almost more bitter than admitting she was the wealthy Miss Browne. Then in nervous tones the elder lady spoke:

"Could you,—would you—*do* give me the recipe? It's simply wonderful!"

The relief was too much, and almost hysterical with laughter the governess promised to get something made up which she hoped might be satisfactory, but strongly suspected would not; and Miss Cullen went off full pleased at the idea of getting an article which really would improve those grey patches off her elderly head, which was to be no more bothered with troublesome questionings regarding Miss Hunt."

GEORGE RAVEN DALE.

(To be continued).

At Windsor, some twenty years back, a good thing came untied in Hornpipe, who was beaten a neck by Acheron for a selling race. Among the company present was Sir George Chetwynd, who bought the defeated animal from his disgusted owner, Tom Brown, for £200. What Sir George saw in the race did not transpire, but his good judgment was afterwards made apparent.

Upon taking his new purchase home, the Leybourne baronet tried him to be a bit above the class in which he had been running, and entered him for a race at Newmarket. During the short time he had been in possession of his new owner he had made wonderful improvement. So confident was Sir George that he said to the commissioner who worked the stable investments, "It's good enough to put on what you like for yourself." That Sir George had not overrated the animal was shown by the way he smothered his seventeen opponents, beating them by six lengths.

The commissioner implicity believed in his patron, and resolved to put on a good lump; indeed, he was so busy that he was quite ignorant of the fact that the event was run upon the new T.Y.C., and the first intimation that the race had been run was received by him when he asked a bookie, "How much on the field?"

"No, thank you," retorted the layer, with a grin; "the favourite has already won in a canter."

Poetry.

THE MOSQUITO.

I am the Almighty Mosquito,
I'm the Spirit of Evil let loose:
And I wage in my might one unendable fight,
Asking and giving no truce.
Man, he is pitted against me,
And I, I am pitted 'gainst man:
And though great is his size in his own little eyes,
He still is just where he began.

Oh I am the Essence of Fever,
I am the Soul of Disease:
And I reign in my pomp in my poisonous swamp,
Whence I issue my deadly decrees.
My minions go forth by battalions,
To slaughter and slay and destroy,
And the Scientist grave is my veriest slave,
And the Sage, in my hands, is a toy.

Commissions have sat to discuss me,
Bacteriologists toil
Through experiments deep in endeavour to sweep
My race from the face of the soil.
I laugh at each futile endeavour:
I scoff at each desperate plan:
And the War cry they fear they hear hummed in their ear,
While I wage my crusade against Man.

Let be! I will cry for no quarter.
I ask for no Court at the Hague:
Let them fight as they please—My weapon's Disease—
My Marshals are Fever and Plague.
Best becursed beast of my species—
Shall I care? Nay, to curses I'm used:
Be the fight short or long, I shall still hum my song
When the curses have gone home to roost.

JOSS CHINCHINJOSS,
Singapore Times.

Chess.

PROBLEM NO. 23.

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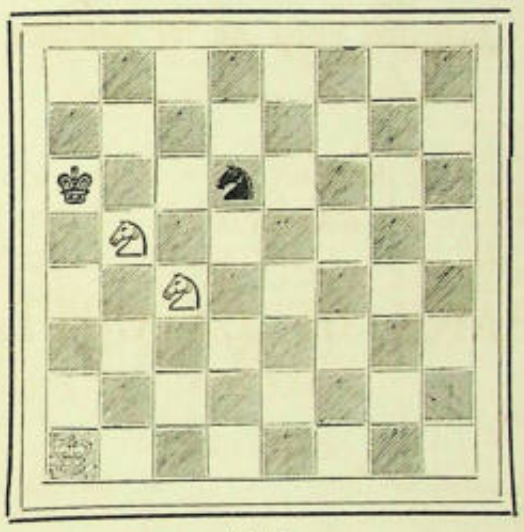

WHITE.

White to move and mate in six moves.

GAME NO. 24.

	White.	Black.
1.	P to K 4	P to K 4
2.	Kt to K B 3	Kt to Q B 3
3.	B to B 4	B to B 4
4.	P to Q Kt 4	B takes P
5.	P to B 3	B to B 4
6.	Castles	P to Q 3
7.	P to Q 4	P takes P
8.	P takes P	B to Kt 3
9.	P to Q 5	Kt to R 4
10.	B to Kt 2	Kt to K 2
11.	B to Q 3	Castles
12.	Kt to Q B 3	Kt to Kt 3
13.	K to K 2	P to Q B 4
14.	R to B sq	P to K B 3
15.	K to R sq	R to B 2
16.	Q to Q 2	B to B 2
17.	K Kt to K sq	P to Q R 3
18.	P to K B 4	P to Kt 4
19.	K Kt to B 3	B to Q 2 (a)
20.	P to B 5	Kt to K 4
21.	Kt to B 4	Kt takes B
22.	Q takes Kt	P to B 5
23.	Q to K 2	Kt to Kt 2
24.	Kt to K 6	B takes Kt (b)
25.	B P takes B	R to B sq
26.	Kt to Q 4	Q to K sq
27.	Kt to B 5	Kt to B 4
28.	Q to Kt 4	P to Kt 3
29.	Kt to R 6 (ch)	K to Kt 2
30.	R takes B P (c)	R takes R
31.	R to K B sq	B to Q sq
32.	Q to R 4	Q to B sq
33.	Kt to B 7	Kt to Q 2 (d)
34.	Kt to Kt 5	P to K R 4
35.	P takes Kt	K to Kt sq
36.	B takes R	B takes B
37.	Q to Kt 3	P to Q B 6
38.	Kt to K 6	Q to K R 3
39.	Q takes Q P	Q to Q 7
40.	P queens	R takes P
41.	Kt takes R	
	And wins (e)	

(a) We should have prefered B to Kt 3 here. (b) Black is almost forced to take the Knight here. Had he played B to Kt 3 on his 19th move, however, he need not have done so for the K Kt could not then have been played to Q 4, &c. (c) White has now got the attack, and maintains it capitally to the end. The sacrifice is perfectly sound, and, moreover, seems to us to be the onlyway to win. (d) Apparently his best move. (e) white's play throughout exhibits good style and finish.

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BREEDING.

IN our issue of 30th ultimo we commented on "Fox Terrier Type"; it is now proposed to carry the subject a step further. It is supposed that the matter of type is settled and that the novice has made up his mind to breed in a small way. He has then to possess himself of, say, a couple of good bitches. He can purchase these in the country, as puppies, at a comparatively small figure; or obtain adults fit to breed at once at higher price. If he desire to make a beginning without delay, the latter will be the better alternative. The bitches should be terriers of good and guaranteed pedigrees, and, if possible, have themselves proved winners. The chances of breeding are so uncertain, even with the very best that money can buy, that it is sheer waste of valuable time to start operations except with the very best the owner can afford. Pedigree is essential, but not *any* pedigree. A pedigree may be a very bad as well as a very good one. It may indicate a splendid lineage or many a bar sinister. With the desired type of winning terrier borne in mind, it may or may not be very easy to decide whether the pedigree is satisfactory, but let it come from a reliable source. "Fly high" is a grand maxim in such cases. It may mean increased expenditure to purchase from a kennel of reputation, but it is worth it. If the bitches have themselves taken however in the ring, it is the more satisfactory. Improvement in any species of animal lies in breeding from judicious selections of the most valuable stock produced. It does not always follow, but obviously by breeding from masters of good blood, there must be a backward, rather than a forward, tendency. Such inferior specimens have thrown back to some undesirable ancestor in the race, and by breeding from them, objectionable points may be crystallised. The bitch may be the litter sister of a champion, but if she is in herself bad, there will be a tendency to reproduce her bad features. "Blood will tell" is a valuable motto, but there is another breeder's axiom in "like produces like." If the purchase of a valuable pedigree winning bitch means a prohibitive figure, it is better to use an indifferent terrier of real good blood, than a far better one of bad pedigree, or of no pedigree at all. The blood must be obtained, but if possible obtain both blood and merit.

The bitches being secured, the next step lies in the choice of a sire. If the purse is long enough for the purchase of a really good stud dog, a dog on the premises has many advantages. Long journeys for the purpose of service in themselves mean expense and frequently disappointment. Unless in charge of a reliable kennelman, there is always the risk of a misalliance,—the bitch may arrive too late, not be properly looked after, and all the other possible contingencies. But even if the owner possesses his own dog, he may often find it desirable to send his bitches elsewhere, to a still better stud terrier, or for the purpose of a suitable outcross. In choosing a sire, select the very best that can be had for love or money,—a terrier, a known winner, of the best blood, and who appears to have the faculty of throwing winning stock. The two qualities are not always combined. The largest prize winners are not invariably those who are the most successful at stud. Some stud dogs unable to win in the ring are remarkably prepotent in improving the value of the strain they represent on their progeny. They may be unable to win on account of some trifling or important defect. There may be, for instance, the defect of

slight over-size. Many a good terrier, superlatively good in other points, is a trifle too large for show. The defect may be very significant if the dog comes of a strain notoriously large; it is then as bad a feature as any other disqualification, but a chance over-sized terrier of a generally nice-sized breed, and good in every other way, offers no objection. He may even be desirable for this reason to counteract a defect in the other direction. That is the main point to consider, is the fault an inherent one of that particular strain? If so, avoid such a stud dog as the devil is said to avoid holy water. Old Belgrave Joe, one of the pillars of the fox terrier stud book, was, owing to a defect in ear, debarred for exhibition; but the fault was not characteristic of his strain and he was a remarkably successful stud dog. Pickle II had a deformed foot and was highly patronised by all the best breeders of his day. But a dog with strikingly bad feet and of a strain remarkable for bad feet, with soft coat, or with large, full eyes, or broad chest, of faulty ear carriage, or coming from ancestors known to fail in such respects, should be scrupulously avoided. He shows in himself, in a marked degree, a distinct, inherited, objectionable feature, and is therefore likely to impress the fault on his offspring. *Cæteris paribus*, select the most successful winner, who is also a known success at stud; but remember that a dog may be a champion and of no value for breeding, and he may be disqualified for exhibition by some defect and yet a most valuable sire.

There is also the question of in-breeding. To secure a fixed type and adhere to it, in-breeding is essential. In-breeding intensifies pronounced merits if they exist, and also pronounced defects. To in-breed with inferior specimens must, therefore, be disastrous. The same course of action with super-excellent terriers is advantageous, if not carried too far. "Never be afraid of in-breeding, and never in-breed except when it is necessary" is a good axiom. The danger in India, in small kennels, and when there is a difficulty in obtaining fresh blood, is to over do the virtue. Therefore with a choice of two sires, equal in other respects, choose the least related. A really good, complete out-cross is most valuable. Having obtained it, it is simple to subsequently in-breed to any desirable extent. It must also be remembered that some strains stand severe in-breeding far more than others.

Moral qualities have to be considered as well as mere externals. The most perfectly-shaped terrier in the world will fail to score if it be constitutionally timid. Style and gameness in the ring are very important characteristics. A bold, gay-spirited terrier, who "asks for the money," as the phrase is, will often beat a far superior one, who refuses to show, and sulks or shivers with shyness with the tail between the legs. There is nothing so hard to breed out as shyness and nervousness, and such defects should be avoided as carefully as physical deficiencies. Speaking generally, the dam is the more likely to transmit her mental qualities, the sire his external features. A really game bitch rarely throws timid whelps; a nervous one will produce shy progeny litter after litter. The importance of breeding terriers who will not fail to make the most of themselves under the eyes of the judge cannot be over-estimated. Novices, who breed at random and with little forethought, may be surprised at their want of success; but they should remember that the eminent breeders of the day do not owe their reputation to mere good luck, they give the subject immense thought, and starting with the best materials, derive a vast deal of their good results from judicious meeting.

The bitch is in season, as a rule, twice a year, but it is not advisable to breed from her on every occasion. Once a year will keep a bitch in good health and not over tax her strength. An aim should be made to obtain litters at a suitable time for the puppy classes. Thus, if the most prominent show is at Christmas, puppies born in January stand the best chance. The definition of a puppy is a dog under twelve months of age, and the nearer that age, without exceeding it, the better the chance. The youngster has not only the advantage of more maturity when competing with younger puppies, but is also able to hold its own with the adults in the open events. With a Christmas Show, puppies born late in the year are too young to exhibit, and too old to appear, as puppies, at the succeeding show. A puppy exhibited at an unformed age, when all legs and wings, appears ungainly by the side of an older one. It is therefore a point to exhibit at a favourable period of life with the view to securing at a bound every possible honour in all events for which the exhibit is eligible. The subject of puppies is, however, one on which we intend to enlarge on another occasion.

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Sporting Notes.

ANOTHER day in the mud for the Second Calcutta Monsoon Meeting, though the rain held off long enough to raise hopes that we should see some galloping on top of the ground. On the morning of Saturday, however, it came down in torrents and the going was consequently as heavy as the most inveterate sticker could desire. In spite of the weather, however, a good day's sport was witnessed and as monsoon backers soon get to know pretty well what candidates can act in the dirt, backers did not take much harm over the day, though one or two fancied good things ran very disappointingly. In the Pony Plate, Second Thought was served up a red hot favourite, but she could carry her big burden no nearer than fourth, the race being won very easily by her stable companion Reveille.

In the Pony Hurdles, Moss Rose was rightly supposed the best able to cope with the sloppy ground, and she never gave her backers an anxious moment as she won her race from start to finish. Had the going been firm, however, it is probable that two or three of the others would have finished in front of her.

In the Horse Hurdles, Dundonald was the most fancied, though not a few were backing Fairlight on the strength of his colonial running. The ultimately winner, Ladybird, was completely ignored by punters and sixes and longer odds could have been easily obtained about her. It is, of course, easy to be wise after the event and many authorities were subsequently busy trying to prove that Ladybird was what should have been backed all along, but we cannot see that had the going been a bit better she would have had a ghost of a chance, and even as it was we think her win a somewhat fortunate one, owing partly to S. White's fine riding and partly to a notion that Fairlight's jockey thought he had the race won at the last flight and took things just a little bit too easy. Dundonald ran a very much worse horse than on his last appearance, and, moreover, was not fencing too well.

The betting on the Hunters' Plate opened with Actress a strong favourite, but at the close she had gone out a point or two and Beeswing II was being more heavily backed. There was never anything else in the hunt, but Actress and Mr. H. Smith had a very comfortable ride, as the little mare was fencing perfectly and he had never to call upon her for an effort.

In the Monsoon Plate, Springlock's declaration having miscarried, Major Cook at 7st. 5lbs. was selected to carry the bulk of the public money, Altamas being next in demand. How Major Cook would have run is hard to say, as he was badly left at the post and never really joined his horses. Altamas and Metalwing were best away and the former quickly assumed the lead and held it to the distance, where Kittylea came with a run and won nicely by half a length.

Ten went to the post for the Fort Stakes, of whom Euryalus was most fancied. His behaviour at the post on this occasion was most exemplary and he got away with the leaders and going to the front led to the 2 furlongs, where Oom Paul drew up and obtained a slight lead. Hard, however, made an effort inside the half distance and a dead heat was the verdict. In the run off Oom Paul won somewhat easily.

We publish to-day under "Races to Come" the prospectuses of the Madras Winter and Umballa Autumn Meetings.

First Entries for the Dehra Autumn Sky Races are good, as will be seen from the list we publish further on. Second and final entries close on the 10th proximo.

This mail brought us the nominations for the Derby and Oaks of 1905. In each instance they are numerically well up to the average, but it is not a little singular that two of our leading owners, Lord Howard de Walden and Sir Blundell Maple, are each without a representative in the Blue Riband. It would seem, indeed, that last year the mares at the Childwick stud threw little else but fillies, for Sir Blundell is responsible for nine young ladies in the Oaks, for which the owner of the "apricot" jacket has nominated a daughter of Isinglass and Go Lightly and a filly by Love Wisely out of Sierra, both purchased at the Newmarket July sales. His Majesty is well represented in both races, and there is no doubt that a lot is thought of his two Persimmon colts out of Vane and La Carolina respectively. The first-named mare is an own sister to Flying Fox, which celebrity is responsible for several of those engaged, M. Blanc having entered a half-brother to Vinicius, and a colt by the same sire out of the Oaks, winner, Airs and Graces. The Duke of Westminster has nominated four young Ormes, three colts and a filly, in the Derby, and the last-named, it is of interest to note, is an own sister to Flying Fox; while the half-dozen standing in the name of the Duke of Portland are all highly bred, and whereas two of them are the produce of Oaks' winners, Ormsby, by Orme out of La Roche, is, if we mistake not, the first foal of his dam. One is glad to see among the subscribers to the race the name of the Earl of Zetland, for few racing banners have been more missed than the "spots of Aske"; while the fact that Mr. Henry Chaplin is responsible for a colt by Sir Hugo out of Mother Seigel suggests that it may not be long before at home they see the "all rose" of the Blankney squire again unfurled.

Friar Tuck, who ran third in last year's Derby and Leger, has been purchased for India and is now on his way out in the *Kalibia*. Special Telegrams and other announcements notwithstanding, we have the best authority for saying that the colt has been bought by Mr. J. C. Galstaun and *not* by Mr. Hamar Bass. Running under the Duke of Portland's colours in 1901 he failed to secure a place in the two engagements he fulfilled, and as a two-year-old did not show much promise. Last year his successes included wins in the May Plate at Kempton Park, the Coombe June Plate at Sandown Park, the Duchess of York Plate at Hurst Park and the Newmarket St. Leger Stakes, starting favourite in the last three events. He was twice placed second and twice third in the other four engagements he fulfilled, running a tolerable third to Ard Patrick in the Derby and to Sceptre in the St. Leger. He was beaten by First Principal in the October Plate at Kempton Park, there being no other runners; and he was an indifferent second to St. Windeline in the Ascot Biennial Stakes. This year Friar Tuck has done nothing to distinguish himself; he was nowhere in the Manchester Cup won by Zinfandel and was rather easily beaten by Arizona in the Alexandra Plate at Ascot last June. He is a brown colt by Friars Balsam, dam by

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It is with infinite regret and disgust we have to chronicle another instance of senseless brutality under the plea of testing the endurance of horses. Reuter tells us of an experiment in cruelty made under the auspices of the French military authorities, that, if true, should call forth expressions of execration from every right minded individual. The fiends who could urge a horse through heavy ground over the distance recorded till the poor brute dropped dead ought to be killed in a similar manner themselves. One would have imagined that the severe denunciations evoked on a former occasion of similar barbarity would have prevented any repetition, but the occurrence proves that savagery is still inherent in some of us.

A Horse and Dog Show will be held at Mussoorie on the 26th September, entries closing on the 10th proximo. There will be ten classes for horses and twenty-three for dogs.

The Wild Birds Protection Act, we are glad to see, has been declared applicable to the civil and military station of Bangalore.

We have received from Messrs. Cassells & Co. a complete volume of the *Sports of the World*, the first few numbers of which we had the pleasure of noticing some time ago. The volume is handsomely bound and the last few parts in every particular are up to the standard of the early ones, the whole forming an elegant and useful addition to the sportsman's library.

The letter regarding the destruction of game in Assam, which appears over the well-known signature of "Rekab" in our Correspondence columns to-day, will interest and distress sportsmen, while it is deserving of the special attention of the authorities and those who are strenuously endeavouring to bring about proper regulations for the general preservation of game in India. The wholesale slaughter of females and immature animals therein referred to is revolting to any real sportsman who must feel humiliated when reflecting that, while raising the outcry against the cruel and wanton destruction of animal and bird life by the ignorant and savage native, a great deal of blame should rightly be laid at the door of the very people who should set the example.

The elephant of Southern India has an unfriend in Mr. W. L. Edmiston, the Managing Director of the Madras Mule Breeding Company, Limited. While we are not disposed to accept all his arguments in favour of the removal of the protection now extended to these animals we consider there is a good deal in his remarks that invites careful consideration, especially in view of the periodical destruction and mischief caused up Assam way nowadays when the *hathi* either goes on the war path or plays his ponderous pranks. This is what Mr. Edmiston says in his letter to the *Pioneer* :—

Sir,—I wish through the medium of your columns to ask how long the Government of India propose to foster that most destructive and now practically useless beast, the elephant. The small revenues accruing to the State from the very few catches in each year cannot possibly meet one of the items to be set against his account, viz.—(1) the damage and devastation he works to forest growth: (2) the fearful havoc he works in cultivated lands: (3) the sacrifice of human life which can be recorded against him. With regard to (1) a long observation of elephant-frequented forest, extending over 25 years, has shown me that in trampling and treading, in tearing to pieces and uprooting, any one elephant must in one year do damage far exceeding his value, and as his average life is some 75 years, his existence on this one score alone is not justified. As regards (2) elephants have now so long been protected that they have in the last 20—25 years probably quadrupled their numbers, in Southern India at any rate, and now every village and hamlet near a forest they frequent must either submit to regular systemtic visits of devastation of their crops, or the unfortunate cultivators must themselves spend the whole night for weeks on end shouting, burning fires, beating tom-toms and blowing horns and rendering themselves unfit for work by day, or must pay others to do so. And then the brutes won't be kept out of the fields, seeming to know that they are protected and favoured. (3) The death-roll to be credited to elephants is serious indeed, many an unfortunate that one knows of being killed, besides the probably larger number we do not hear of. Now, I have within the last few years seen a printed slip of paper giving notice that sportsmen camping in the jungle should remember that (I forget the exact wording) they were not entitled to cut sticks for huts or firewood, or tentpegs, or toothpicks, or whatever it was. Any observant man, who is familiar with any elephant jungle, knows that one single elephant in the ordinary course of his 24 hours feed and amusement will do more damage than a sportsman would do in 12 months.

On what pretext, then, is the ugly brute fostered and protected and encouraged to increase in his hundreds? An absolute devastator of light forest, a cruel enemy and a curse to the cultivator near his haunts (which daily become wider) and a menace to human life, obsolete as a means of locomotion and (save the few employed in the Forest Department) obsolete for all practical purposes, bringing in practically no revenue to the State, becoming from long immunity from molestation daily more intrusive, fearless and destructive,—can any one propound or conceive a reason for his encouragement? Twenty years ago, it was a subject of remark and ridicule, that while the antediluvian depredators were fostered by the British Government (for whose benefit a very limited number were annually caught in pits and a good many more killed by the same device), they wandered off annually into Mysore, I speak now of those in Coimbatore and the Nilgiri Districts, there to be caught in keddahs and sold often to the British Government (I believe I am right in saying) and to others. Of late years keddah operations have almost or entirely ceased, and the elephants here do not wander so far away, but, in their increased numbers, put out into the open country now and are the more troublesome, and, of course, the more dangerous. I am, as Managing Director, running for the Madras Mule Breeding Company a breeding and farming establishment on a block of fairly open forest, leased from the Madras Government. Having one particularly fine area of *harrialli* I used every endeavour to scare the brutes away, putting up many big and noxious looking scare-crows. Most of these were pulled down and tossed about the very first night, and terrible damage done, not in eating mark me well, but in purely mischievous trampling and treading and general mess-making. Next morning I counted 27 elephants in one lot close to my dwelling place and saw these meet another herd which had been amusing themselves at the company's expense (as above stated). This latter herd, my people told me, numbered over 23. Here on one farm, at one time, were 52 of these useless pests, half having done, and half going to do, destruction. Why is this scourge permitted? And for how many more years are the useless loafers to breed and multiply and to be a wasteful, dangerous nuisance?

I do not advocate the extermination of the brutes, but I maintain that years ago the time had arrived when protection should have ceased, and that now there is every reason for a systematic reduction of their numbers—even for decimation—which would still leave more than are desirable to satisfy sentiment, the only possible argument for their existence. Not many years ago the then Governor of Madras, Lord Wenlock, had a distinguished guest stopping with him. This gentleman wanted to shoot an elephant, and I believe I am right in saying *it could not be arranged by the Governor* and he had to go to Travancore! It would be laughable were the matter not so serious Because once upon a time, long years ago, when these were few, and hundreds had been destroyed and were being destroyed, it seemed that elephants required protection (*and then they were of some use* and there was therefore some reason for protection); now there is no relaxation of the Protective Act, when they are all over the place, when their employment in almost any work has ceased, when, accordingly, their value to the State is *nil* and when they have but one rule in life—destruction.

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In our Correspondence Columns will be found a letter in which the writer opposes the above views and suggests that India without elephants would be not unlike *Hamlet* with the part of the Prince of Denmark eliminated.

Some business has lately been done on the Viceroy's Cup—Friar Tuck at 4 to 1 and Carabine at fives. Other prices, as we go to press, are fives Great Scot, sixes Vasto, sevens Cretonne, tens and longer odds the rest.

We are glad to see, by the receipt of a very neatly turned out little volume which reflects credit on the *Times of Ceylon* office, where it was printed, that the Ceylon Turf Club has made a good start in the direction of preserving an official record of the races held under their rules. The. C. T. C. "Racing Calendar" now before us gives details of all the meetings which have taken place on the island between 1898 and 1902, and throughout there is evidence of careful compilation, though here and there certain details are wanting owing to the data hitherto available being more or less incomplete. Therefore the Club, in issuing this volume, neither hold themselves responsible for the accuracy of the contents nor is it intended to treat this volume of the Calendar as *official*; but in all future publications of the kind the Club will assume this responsibility and place in the hands of Ceylon sportsmen valuable and correct information.

The advocates of game sanctuaries in India should be encouraged by the success which seems to attend the introduction of the sanctuary system to certain parts of Ceylon. Writing of the operations conducted in the Southern Province Mr. Horsburgh, the Assistant Government Agent, says in his Report for 1902: "Perhaps the work most removed from routine was my visit of inspection in March to the game sanctuary. Much of the sanctuary was demarcated by a ten-foot cleared line. In the sanctuary I find game plentiful and fearless. Numerous herds of deer were seen! One herd at Pottana I estimated at about 200 in number. Buffaloes seemed to be doing well. Absolute proof of the strict preservation and undisturbed state of the sanctuary was furnished by the behaviour of the sambur.

"At one large open pool I came upon eight sambur lying and standing round it quite unconcealed, two fine stags being in the open in the middle of the shallow water. Nor did they betray any signs of fear at seeing us and hearing our voices. We showed ourselves in the open, talked to them, and had regularly to 'shoo' them away, whereupon they took their departure in a very leisurely fashion, stopping and looking back every now and then. This experience was repeated at other pools, in one of which the sambur were cheek by jowl with a herd of buffaloes. The Pallepotana abandoned tank has been restored, so as to hold up water for the increasing number of game in the dry season. Two more tanks were similarly selected for restoration. The condition of the game and of the sanctuary is steadily improving."

Mr. Brodhurst, the Government Agent, who visited the spot later, adds: "In August I visited the game sanctuary with the Assistant Government Agent. Deer and peafowl were seen in considerable numbers, and the way in which the deer trotted off a little distance and stood to watch us ride past shows that the deer are not molested. Pig were seen in large herds, and moved out of the way reluctantly as we approached. It would perhaps be as well to thin out the pigs, as all the available water is required for game. Some work has been done on the old tanks, but water is still scarce in the dry weather."

Our Poona correspondent writes:—

Lorgnette who has shown such marked antagonism (in that admirable little paper the *Indian Sporting Times*) to closed races on this side of India during the present season can apparently see but little good in the actions of the W. I. T. C. or its executive officers. Their latest delinquency in his eyes was their decision disqualifying Najaffi for jostling Nainawa. This is how *Lorgnette* deals with it. After referring to the unanimity of the Stewards and their promptitude in settling the appeal, he writes: It is all the more surprising that several very sound judges of racing who were seated near the writer on the top of the stand, put an altogether different interpretation on the incident and vowed that had Nainawa won, Southall *would most certainly have lodged an objection.* The italics are mine, but the last sentence is delightfully vague. The "sound judges" may possibly have been correct in their prognostication regarding Southall's supposititious objection, but happily it is on the decree of the executive and not on groundless objections that such matters are determined. *Lorgnette* then with somewhat questionable logic arrives at the following peculiar deduction: "Either those with good glasses on the roof saw what did not actually take place or that point of vantage is much better than the floor below. I incline to the latter belief." The disingenuous assertiveness of this argument is charming. The *possibility* of equally "sound judges of racing" with equally good glasses arriving at a more correct decision downstairs *Lorgnette* apparently cannot for a moment admit. But surely these are posibilities; and a deduction on faulty premises is never entirely convincing.

But out of curiosity let us turn to the *Indian Sporting Times'* reference to the race in question in the previous week's issue. There one reads: Certainly Najaffi was *bumped on to the rails.* Now at the time of the jostle the pony Daylight was between Najaffi and the rails! If therefore *Lorgnette* thought he saw Najaffi "bumped on to the rail" then one can only humbly hope that he will in future adopt a less exalted attitude!

Lorgenette's writings as a rule go to prove him so excellent a sportsman as well as gifted a writer that his active hostility in such matters is all the more a matter of surprise. In the subject of closed races (giving too attentive an ear perhaps to the greedy croakings of millionaire natives) he fell into the indiscretion of prophesying before he was certain! We may not unnaturally presume that the Stewards of the W. I. T. C. are not elected on the grounds of lack of intelligence, or ignorance or inexperience of Indian racing affairs and the large majority at least of the present executive have the reputation of not only not being large bettors but of not betting at all, and may therefore be all the more trusted to look after our racing affairs from an absolutely disinterested point of view. In Mr. Gray they have an adviser of ripe experience and great natural aptitude, with incomparable facilities for gauging the public feeling on racing affairs. It was a rash critic therefore who stepped in where an angel might discreetly "fear to tread." And the angel would in this instance appear to be the wiser of the two.

But apart from all this such determined radical opposition to constituted authority comes ill from a popular writer in a sporting paper. After all it is from the members of Clubs and Services (whose interests *Lorgnette* has of late assailed and not from the numbers of professional racing men that the racing clubs, all the world over, elect their executives.

With what prolonged period of personal Indian experience *Lorgnette* ventures to criticize the actions of the W. I. T. C. executive (the ever-increasing success of whose efforts renders most criticisms futile) I, of course, cannot say. But criticisms to *do* good must be accurate—and successful. Criticism based on incorrectness ceases to be impressive or effective. *Lorgnette* seems from his general writings to be far too good a fellow and excellent a sportsman to be made a "cat's paw" of by greedy and prejudiced advisers. The attitude of hostility he has of late adopted towards the "aristocracy of sport" does no good to sport in its highest form and naturally gives a good deal of offence, and there are, I know, many beside the writer of these lines who earnestly hope that so good a sportsman and brilliant a writer as *Lorgnette* will hesitate before continuing in his recently adopted attitude of hostility.

Everyone was distressed to hear that Captain Greville had met with an accident. It is always irritating to hear of a good sportsman who is ready to take the legitimate risk coming to grief in a silly sort of way and in the present instance Captain Greville was merely "tittuping" about the Polo ground when his pony came down and rolled over him with the result that that popular sportsman and G. R. received a slight concussion of the brain and was insensible for a sufficient number of hours to cause considerable anxiety. Luckily no serious harm seems to have accrued, but it was more sporting than discreet of him to be out and racing even as an onlooker so soon after so serious a description of injury.

Only a few days after Captain Rowlandson took a bad toss on a game of polo and was insensible (from concussion of the brain) for several hours. He was wisely taken to the Sassoon Hospital, where his many friends are glad to hear he is doing well.

It will be with universal regret that the Bombay Presidency will part with Lord and Lady Northcote. Though not as great a sportsman as some of his illustrious predecessors, His Lordship has always been keen on the encouragement of sport in others. His gentleness of disposition and Lady Northcote's generous charity in times of affliction have made them, however, very popular with all classes.

A real good old sportsman in the shape of Surgeon-General Price is shortly being lost to India. A keen polo player, one of the staunchest supporters of the Bombay and Poona Hunts and a first-class judge of horses General Price is of a truth one of the "hard bitten sort." His reference, at the dinner given in his honour, to it being "time for the old hound to kennel up" would have been very pathetic, but that all who know him feel that there is "a deal of life in the old dog yet."

Australia's gain is India's loss, for we can ill spare such promising G.R.'s as Captain Greville and Captain Meynell, both on His Excellency's staff. The former is a sportsman of the best description and we could well do with a lot more of that sort both as owners and riders and the latter could not well do more than win all the races he has started in and impressed every one by the neatness and quietness of his style which was artistic far above the average.

Everyone was glad too to see that well-known veteran G. R. Major Edwards have a win on his pony Daimyo, a big pot being upset thereby on the defeat of Money Spinner, who ran in unaccountably bad form.

In Captain Greville's pony Scattercash we probably see the future winner of big races. The other day he came out and upset the favourite from his own stable—rather a sad error since he was, it is said, absolutely unbacked and on the following Saturday with little money on him won in considerable comfort a mile W. A. race with such useful animals as Wild Fox and Magtoom behind him in 1min. 56secs—surely an excellent performance for a four-year-old fourteen hander in his first season.

In Russley Rose we were introduced to an Australian who from her appearance and *début* promises to be quite at the top of the 11-1 class. The secret of her excellence was well kept and the coup well-worked and the astute Parsee trainer Byramjee, deserves the highest credit for the condition in which he brought her to the post within so few months of her landing on these shores.

Among the few converts to the "crouch" system at present riding out here are the little English professional Melsom (Mr. Bass' lad) and that well-known G. R. Captain Randall. Both are, I hear, strong believers in it and indeed it is difficult to grasp how slowly it is being accepted by the leading professionals in this country since it is in such universal vogue in every other racing country in the world. Captain Randall, to everyone's interest, adopted it successfully in the hurdle race on Colonel Hazelton's Patrician crouching throughout except actually over the hurdles and again successfully on his own mare Blue Blood. Melsom's successes at Mysore and Bangalore are still fresh in one's memory and one only wonders why a system, the superiority of which is proved almost beyond possible doubt and which must be accepted as such out here in time is so long in coming into general acceptance.

Jimmy Robinson gave his many friends and admirers a start. Fando stumbling and rolling over on him after pulling up in the Midsummer Plate and it looked at first as if the popular jockey might be seriously injured. To everyone's relief it was found that he got off with a shaking and a slightly bruised ankle.

I suppose it would never do for mortal man to have perfection in this life. Everything with the race course now seems nearly as perfect as mortal arrangement can ensure. But the plagues of Egypt are upon us in the shape of flies and fleas! A fortune awaits the lucky wight who can relieve us of these pests.

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Mr. Harry Yeend always brings us up something worth looking over and buying in the way of horse flesh ; but, taken all round, it is probable that the shipment he has just landed ex the *Euryalus* is the best he has yet put on the Indian market. Contrasted with many lots one sees fresh off vessels the horses now standing at "Newmarket Lodge," Ballygunge, have landed wonderfully well and in a few days they ought to be almost in show condition. There are among them many most attractive cobs, polo ponies and trappers 14-1, a few fast trotters with big reputations, a nice selection of paperchasers and other lots worthy of special mention and all of them thoroughly made. The first to arrest attention in the boxes close to the gate when we saw them last Thursday was a fine grey saddle and harness nag 14-1 and a good polo pony, too, we were told. Close to him was a trotting mare by King of Brontë, one of the standard American trotting sires ; she is described as very fast and one to go as straight as a bee. A nice mare by Wycombe—an ideal lady's hack—came next and in the next boxes were a couple of mares by Dandy II, whose get are reckoned among the best in Australia. Then came a little marvel of the " all heart and no peel " stamp, a cream roan pony named Dainty, a perfect picture in saddle, though we understand she shows even better in harness ; she is a big little 'un and carries herself like a big horse. A trotting mare by Honesty, another fashionable American sire, a light chesnut named Goldleaf, whose jumping qualifications include the ability to clear a pocket handkerchief held up at 4ft 2ins. and Snowy, a fine grey built on perfect lines, with tremendons quarters and thighs, a gee fairly bristling with good points, were among the many others we saw in their boxes or at exercise in the yard. They are all young and good looking, some as handsome as paint, and almost without exception they are remarkable for the quality they display.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Bell Irving is convalescent. He leaves for England early next month, and from an advertisement elsewhere it will be seen that he is disposing of his stable.

Athletic Notes.

THE Heavy Weight Boxing Championship was decided at San Francisco on the 14th instant, Jefferies beating Corbett in ten rounds.

Sussex beat Hampshire by an innings and 20 runs, Somerset defeated Worcestershire by four wickets. Kent was beaten by Gloucester by 219 runs and Lancashire beat Essex by 119 runs. The matches between Yorkshire and Derbyshire, and Notts and Middlesex were abandoned.

Jack McAuliffe is down in Colombo, where he recently gave a boxing and athletic display. After some exhibition bouts between soldiers from the Royal West Kent Regiment a fifteen-round contest between Pickering from Calcutta and Roberts of the West Kent was brought off. A good fight was put up, the Calcutta man getting the verdict.

As will be seen from the report included in our London Sporting Letter this week, for the sixth successive time J. A. Jarvis, of Leicester, has won the Long-Distance Swimming Championship, which was decided on Saturday, the 25th ultimo, over the usual course, Kew to Putney, a distance of five miles and sixty yards. Jarvis never had to swim harder for his victory, for, as was generally expected, Billington, of Bacup, a lad of eighteen summers, who has made marvellous progress during the past few years, gave him such a race, and at one time held such a long lead, that there were many critics who thought that the famed Leicester man had taken the pitcher to the well once too often. However, stamina and experience are of the greatest value in such a struggle of endurance, and gradually Jarvis drew up and eventually won rather easily. Still, it is satisfactory to know that at length we have a swimmer who can measure blades with Jarvis, and, but for an attack of cramp, it is thought that Billington might have won outright. Since this Jarvis has won the world's Championship held at Paris as wired out by Reuter.

The much talked of fight between Govia and Fisher was brought off at the Corinthian Theatre last Thursday. Mr. R. B. Naylor acted as referee, Messrs. C. Goldspink and Walker as judges and Mr. Frank Chapman as time-keeper. The heavy and muscle-bound Govia was no match for the lithe and active Fisher, who was all over his opponent from start to finish. He cut Govia badly over the right eye at the beginning and kept jabbing him on the wound. Govia tried hard to make up points in the sixth round, but it was his last effort and he retired after the seventh round, the verdict going to Fisher. The winner was in good form and has improved greatly since he knocked a soldier out in an exhibition bout at the Corinthian Theatre a couple of months ago. Three minor contests of six rounds were put through. In the first Connell beat Wilson on points, Pease and Denham, middle weights, next gave a good display, the bout ending in a draw, and Smith and Muldownie put up a game match, the former gaining the verdict.

The Annual General Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Cricket Club was held at the Association premises on the 18th instant with Mr. J. F. Parker in the chair. The report of the past season was taken as read and the following office-bearers elected for the ensuing season : Mr. D. A. C. Cruden, Honorary Secretary ; Mr. H. J. Clarke, Captain ; Mr. F. A. Ratcliff, Vice-Captain ; and Messrs. M. Remfry, P. Willder, J. G. Martin, and D. M. Hamilton (Jr.), Committee.

The season will start in the middle of October and the returfing of the pitch is being taken in hand at once. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—Another Presidency match has been played, and, as I anticipated would be the case, the Parsees have once more proved victorious in Bombay. When cricket enthusiasts commenced to talk about the match two or three months ago the prospects of the Presidency appeared far from bright, and it looked as if great difficulty would be experienced in getting together any thing like a good eleven. Since then, however, quite a number of new players have come on the scene, many of whom have been showing excellent form in club matches. As a result the Selection Committee had no easy task, the claims of so many players to Presidency honours having to be considered. General satisfaction was expressed with the Committee's final selection, but it was felt that it was not a strong side either as regards batting or bowling and this was fully demonstrated by the result of the match. The Parsees had on the field practically the same team as last year, the only notable absentee being A. H. Mehta, the fast bowler, who has proceeded to England to qualify for Lancashire. On the opening day the Parsees batted first and ran up a score of 170, after which they dismissed the Presidency for the poor total of 69. In both batting and bowling departments the Europeans failed and the general opinion expressed when stumps were drawn was that the eleven was about the weakest that had ever done service for the Presidency. With the exception of Macdonogh and John none of the Presidency bowlers gave the Parsees much trouble, and when it came to batting they failed miserably. Had it not been for the splendid stand made by Cheetham, who was at the wicket nearly two hours for fifteen runs I am inclined to think that their innings would have been a record one for brevity in these matches. The bowling of K. M. Mistri was much too good for them—he captured seven wickets for 27 runs. As to the Parsee innings, the chief feature was the batting of K. M. Mistri, than whom it would be difficult to find a more finished batsman in India.

When play was resumed on Friday things looked none too easy for the Presidency, and it was felt that they would have to show very much improved form in order to escape a heavy defeat. Overnight the Parsees had, in their second innings, lost two wickets for 14 runs, and the third was not very long in going down. After this, however, Mistri and Colabawalla became associated, and the Presidency team were treated to a leather hunt, about 60 runs being put on before Mistri was out, having scored 40—he should have been out when he had only scored four, Weatherby dropping him at point. The innings eventually closed for 164, the Presidency being left with 265 runs to make to avert defeat. A feature of this innings was the bowling of Cheetham, who went on when the score stood at 90 and captured five wickets for 25 runs. We have always been accustomed to see Cheetham bowl slow breaks, but on this occasion he gave us all a bit of a surprise, going on bowling fast and in his first two overs captured three wickets for half-a-dozen runs. And here I might say that in my opinion the Selection Committee made one fatal mistake, and that was in not including in the team a really fast bowler as it was their attack lacked sting. They will do well to bear this in mind in connexion with the selection of the team for the Poona match next month, for it is a well-known fact that certain of the Parsee batsmen " funk " fast bowling. As to the Presidency's second innings, the start was a most disastrous one, four wickets going down for a dozen runs. Then, however, a grand stand was made by Weatherby and B. M. Carroll, the former of whom scored 66 and the latter 28, and eventually the innings closed for 116, the Parsees being left victorious by 149 runs. Weatherby's innings was a grand one—he didn't give a chance, and hit freely all round the wicket. As I have mentioned above, the return match will be played at Poona next month. In former years the Presidency have usually won up there, but I am rather doubtful whether they will this year. To do so they will have to show very much improved form.

The weekly mounted sports held in connexion with the Bombay Gymkhana always attract a lot of interest. This year they have started late, three or four postponements having been occasioned by rain. As it was, they commenced on Wednesday last, when a good programme was carried through. There was a large attendance of spectators and a very lively interest was evinced in the various events. The programme opened with a tent-pegging competition (horses), which was won by Mr. T. L. Roberts, Mr. H. S. Symons being second, and Captain Creagh third. A similar competition with ponies followed, and this was won by Mr. F. J. Rome, Mr. T. D. Moore being second and Mr. W. H. Scott third. The jumping competition was productive of some very good jumping, the winners being :—1st, Mr. F. J. Rome's Mischief ; 2nd, Mr. Spence's Crowbar ; 3rd, Mr. Johnson's Lothian. Mr. R. F. R. Cooke easily won the polo ball race. The programme wound up with a couple of scurries. In that for horses there were about a dozen starters, the race being won by Mr. T. L. Roberts' Reminiscence (Mr. S. M. McCausland up), while Mr. H. S. Symons' Surprise, ridden by Mr. Pooley, was second. The pony scurry also attracted a good entry and resulted as follows :—Mr. F. J. Rome's Mischief (Mr. S. M. McCausland); 2nd, Mr. O. G. Owen's Bunker (owner); 3rd, Mr. T. D. Moore's Squirrel (owner). The secretarial duties have this year been entrusted to Messrs. T. L. Roberts and A. Hill Trevor, and, judging by the success by which Wednesday's programme was attended, we may look forward with confidence to these weekly meetings proving as attracive as those of previous years.

A number of games have been played off in connexion with the Harwood Association Football League during the past week. The North Stafford's "A" team simply walked round the Telegraph Club, beating them to the tune of six goals to *nil*. On Wednesday evening the Royal Engineers played their seventh League match, and suffered their seventh defeat, the winning team on this occasion being the Bombay Gymkhana. From start to finish the latter had the best of matters, but the soldiers defended very pluckily indeed. In the first half two goals were scored against them, whilst just previous to crossing over the Engineers scored their first goal of the season in League matches. In the second half the Gymkhana scored one more goal, and left the ground winners by three goals to one. A game in which great interest was evinced, especially among the military element, was that between the R. G. A. and the North Staffords' " B " team. The teams were fairly evenly matched, and as a result a fast and particularly interesting match was witnessed,

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the Staffords eventually winning by one goal to *nil*. The Staffords' "B" team still heads the League table, with their "A" team second, and the R. G. A. third.

General Notes.

HIS Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal left Calcutta for Darjeeling last Monday evening.

An explosion at the Joshi Ice Factory, Benares, on the 16th instant resulted in serious injuries by scalding to eleven people, three of whom have since died.

Many people in Bombay, members of the legal profession and volunteers specially, will read with regret of the death of dear old Fraser Hore, formerly a well-known Solicitor of the Bombay High Court and, as Major in the Bombay Volunteers, one of the most popular officers the corps ever had.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 31st July 1903.*

GOODBYE to the season, 'tis over, as Praed or Mr. Locher—I forget which—said in the far off ages. The signs are unmistakable. And this week, what the newspapers call "the usual holiday traffic" has set in with severity. The railway stations are pandemoniums, especially Victoria, as there one has the din of the alterations in addition to the wild struggle with stacks of luggage, hordes of school-boys and girls, and their distracted guardians, and other presumably sane persons "on pleasure bent." Why any one who can by any possibility remain at home elects to travel the week before the August Bank holiday, is a mystery to me which I seem little likely to solve.

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A feeling seems to be general that in the season just passed away, unlamented if not exactly unsung, there has been rather more than a judicious number of entertainments for the benefit of charities—that in fact the thing has been just a little overdone. We all know that a number of deserving charities are much in need of funds; it is no less patent that the "charity which covers," etc., etc., is an extremely convenient (and becoming) garment, and that philanthropy smooths the upward, and oft times thorny path for many aspiring souls. One hesitates to accept the story, said to be well authenticated, of some ladies of good social position refusing to help a "charity" ball a few weeks ago unless they were paid, but undoubtedly in many cases the *quid pro quo* has been unpleasantly apparent.

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Some years ago, for my sins, I was concerned in the arrangements for a bazaar—a "sale of works" I think it was called, in aid of some of the London charities. The function took place in one of the great London houses, for the opportunity of seeing which hundreds of people paid a substantial entrance fee. The wares included paintings, pencil sketches, leather work, poker work, embroideries, etc., executed by rich women of good social position and presumably given to be sold for the benefit of the before mentioned charities. Though the prices were—to put it delicately—above their market value, the things sold rapidly and in the innocence of my heart I congratulated one of the organizers of the sale on the fact—mentioning the sum I thought the charities must at least receive. The lady evidently much amused, explained that the charitable senders of the wares pocketted the price, giving a fixed percentage to the charities, and that this was a recognised arrangement. Whether it is a general one I am unable to say.

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"Letters of a Diplomat's Wife" (Madame Waddington) make extremely pleasant reading. Madame Waddington accompanied her husband to Moscow, where he went as Ambassadar Extraordinary to represent France at the Coronation of Czar, Alexander III., in May 1883, and the first few letters give a vivid description of all she saw and did while there. The inner point of view from which she writes, makes the account specially interesting. Monsieur Waddington's English connection and training—he was at Rugby and Cambridge, and rowed in the Cambridge boat in the University race of 1849—and Madame Waddington's American nationality make it difficult, except for occasional touches, to realize that they were not English. They stayed a few days in Berlin *en route* for Moscow and it is easy to see that 1870 had not been forgotten, and when Madame Waddington remarks of a gentleman that "he is not at all Prussian" she evidently intends it to be taken as a compliment. Her satisfaction at the superiority of the French State "turn-out" over those of the other Embassies is amusing, as in one of the first letters, describing the arrangements for the Mission, she confesses that the horses for the gala crrriage, and also the coachman to drive them, have to be imported from England. The absolute effacement of the class between the Court and the people—the wealthy and well educated bourgeoisie—impressed her unpleasantly.

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In the autumn of 1883, M. Waddington was appointed Embassador to England, holding the post until 1893,—and the letters written during these ten years give a very bright and pleasant account of her life in England and of the many people of note whom she knew, of the Jubilee of 1887, the death of the Duke of Clarence, and many other events, the inner history of which her position gave her special knowledge. The late Queen impressed her greatly by her dignity and simple straightforwardness, and it is easy to gather that although nothing of a courtier Madame Waddington was something of a favourite. One significant little story she tells. The Queen feared she had kept her waiting for an interview, but she herself had been kept by Mr. Gladstone; on which Madame Waddington remarked "what a wonderful man, such an extraordinary intelligence." The only reply Her Majesty vouchsafed was "He is very deaf"! From the Princess of Wales (Queen Alexandra) Madame Waddington appears to have received unfailing kindness, and she repeatedly alludes to her simple unaffected manner and charm. She gives a pathetic picture of her continued sadness more than a year after the death of the Duke of Clarence, when Madame Waddington had a farewell interview with her before quitting the French Embassy.

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That the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway have at last begun to think of waking up is evident from the trial trip between Victoria and Brighton last Sunday, which beat all previous records. The doubling of the line between Streatham and East Croydon is completed, and on Sunday was used. The train—a light one—a couple of Pullman cars and a brake van did the journey down in forty-eight minutes, and the return journey in under fifty minutes. It is promised that with a heavier train it will still be done within the hour. When the line is quadrupled throughout it is to be hoped that the suburban traffic will benefit, and the present state of uncertainty as to the line on which trains may be expected to arrive, and go out will disappear.

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It would be impossible to conceive a more gruesome, not to say revolting, production than Mr. Arthur Bourchier's adaptation of a tale by Edgar Allan Poe, under the title of *The Soothing System*, produced last night at the Garrick as a curtain raiser. The part of Mallard gives Mr. Arthur Bourchier the opportunity of exhibiting an undeniably clever piece of acting, but beyond that nothing is gained by presenting such a horror. Briefly the story is as follows: A storm drives two men, Austin and Trevor, to shelter in a private mad-house, the inmates of which have, so to speak, mutinied. Under the ringleader, who calls himself Dr. Mallard, they overcome their warders, and confine the doctor, gagged and bound, in a cell. In this state of affairs enter the two young men, who from the shrieks and groans proceeding from adjoining rooms, speedily come to the unpleasant conclusion that they have sought shelter in a madhouse. They are, however, curiously slow in doubting the sanity of Dr. Mallard, who enters, and whom they take to be the master of the house. Their composure is even not disturbed at once, when they are joined by a gang of maniacs, one of whom imagines herself to be a hen and another believes himself to be a donkey. All this time the storm increases, and the thunder grows louder adding to the horrible maniacal excitement which becomes uncontrollable. The demented creatures set on the visitors, who are on the point of being murdered, when relief comes; warders swarm in at the windows, with difficulty rescue Austin and Trevor, and overcome the maniacs. When this is accomplished they enquire for Dr. Fryer, the rightful master of the house. The visitors remember the groans they heard on first entering the house—a door is opened, and Dr. Fryer is discovered horribly injured but still alive. The acting of Mr. Arthur Bourchier as Mallard in the interview with the two visitors is a masterpiece of its kind, and the other parts—they can hardly be described as "characters"—are well filled, but the predominant feeling at the conclusion of the piece was one of genuine relief that it was over, and a determination that one would not see it again, except under compulsion.

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Several announcements indicate that the theatrical recess will be a short one. Mr. Barrie's new play *Little Mary* is promised for 12th September at Wyndham's. Leading parts will be taken by Mr. John Hare, and Miss Nina Boucicault, the latter, an actress, who in her own line has few rivals. Early in September Mr. Cecil Raleigh proposes to produce *The Flood Tide* at Drury Lane. The piece is described as a "spectacular melofarce" and the scenery supplied by Mr. Collins is said to be of a sensational nature.

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Mr. Benson has issued the prospectus of his dramatic school, and it is said to have been very favourably received. The school opens early next month, and instruction in fencing, dancing, elocution, etc., will be given by professors specially engaged for the purpose. Rehearsals will be superintended by Mr. Benson himself, who will award certificates. When the hopelessly unfit are sifted out, a number should be left sufficiently intelligent to profit by the systematic course of study promised, though it is not to a Dramatic School that we must look for actors of the first rank.

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The Bill introduced by Mr. Pretyman in the House of Commons to reorganize the administration of the Royal Patriotic Fund will be welcomed by all who are interested in the well-being of our soldiers and sailors, is not too much to say that the Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund have totally misconceived the wishes of the subscribers whose money they have hoarded instead of applying it to the purpose for which it was given. At the present time the sum so accumulated amounts to a million and a quarter invested, in addition to a valuable estate at Clapham; and there is a general impression, which Lord James's Commission appears to think well grounded, that the aim of the Commissioners when inquiring into cases was rather to throw discredit on the applications rather than to seek out those really in need of help. Mr. Pretyman's Bill does not follow the recommendations of Lord James's Commission, but proposes to create a single body, to be constituted of a certain number of members appointed by the Crown, the Chairmen of all the County Councils in the United Kingdom, every Lord Mayor, the Mayors of every county borough in England and Ireland, and a certain number of co-opted members—some of the last to be representative of local funds.

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This body, which would be called "the Royal Patriotic Commission, would meet once a year, and would appoint an Executive Committee, which would remain in office for a period of three years. The Commission itself would from the nature of its constitution be constantly changing. It is much to be hoped that the Bill will be allowed to pass this Session as a non-contentious measure. A member who spoke in support of it said with truth that the only way for such a body to get the public confidence was by administering its funds in accordance with the wishes and desires of those who subscribed them. At times when there were great calamities or great wars the public subscribed its money for particular objects, intending that the money should be exhausted completely on behalf of those for whom it had been subscribed and not that the resources should be husbanded, as had been done by the Patriotic Commission in the past."

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If there were any who expected the "Poulett case" to develop into a *cause celebre* they were doomed to disappointment. Few claims can have been so speedily and effectually demolished as that

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of "Viscount Hinton," and the only wonder is that he was so ill judged as to bring it. If his story be correct that the late lord expressed his readiness to have an interview with him to discuss the position it is obvious that his weakness is responsible for a good deal of the annoyance and anxiety caused to his legitimate heir.

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The service of four-wheeled motor-driven hansoms, promised in the early summer, is at last being placed upon the streets. How many are at present "in operation" (this seems to be be the correct phrase) I am unable to say, but I saw two in Piecadilly the other afternoon. I am told that they have 12-horse power petrol engines, are fitted with pneumatic tyres, are more roomy than the old hansoms, and by reason of their four wheels have greater stability. The fares will be the same as at present, and an improvement that will specially appeal to the lady passenger of economical tendency and timourous nature is that of punched tickets which will ensure that only the correct fare is charged.

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The weather has much to answer for, and continues consistently unpleasant. It appears to be the one drawback to the perfect success of the King's visit to Ireland; it has done its best to spoil the Goodwood meeting, which from other causes would have been less interesting than usual, even given fine weather; and it prevented the cricket match Rugby *vs.* Marlborough being played to a finish. Marlborough has no reason to regret the draw, as Rugby had the best of matters from the beginning and would probably have won easily had the game been played to a finish. The prospect for holiday makers is at present anything but easy, and under the circumstances I cannot say I yearn for the country or sea side.

ONLOOKER.

Review.

MARKET GARDEN CROPS.*

AT this the most opportune season we have received a pamphlet upon the Manuring of Market Garden Crops, the joint production of Messrs. Bernard Dyer and F. W. E. Shrivell, two well-known authorities in the agricultural world at home. The mere fact of the work being a reprint from the Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society stamps it as a text-book on the subject treated of. Running into 120 pages of closely printed matter, with tables of results obtained from easily procured manures, all of which are obtainable in this country, and further embellished with photographs the value of the several stimulants is brought vividly before the reader; technical jargon is avoided and were the *brochure* translated in to our vernaculars the usually apathetic native cultivator could not fail to be convinced of the advantages of stimulating his crops.

To those who are now preparing their ground for the cold weather vegetables in the plains the instruction will be found specially valuable, while residents in the hills will be astonished at the prodigious outturn obtained from the application of the several manures well within their reach, and though the cost of these at home, owing to their having to be imported, ranges as high in some cases as £10 per acre, it will be found on reference to the book, most of them can be had here for a tenth of that sum. The annual rainfall where these experiments have been carried out averages but 29 inches, so here our gardeners have a great advantage. It is impossible in the space at our command to make selections for extensive notice, but the book ought to be in the hands of every official in the famine tracts and could the ryot be induced to divert his animal manure from fuel to its legitimate purpose, used in conjunction with the easily procured constituents mentioned the supply of edible grain and vegetables might be quadrupled throughout the country. Published at the small price of one shilling we can recommend it to the notice of all, from the raiser of such homely products as figure on the bazar stall to the more ambitious cultivator of European fruits. To the commercial agri-horticulturist the treatise will be found specially valuable, and as it is the first of a promised series. Our readers should lose no time in putting themselves in communication with Mr. Shrivell. Thompson's Farm, Golden Green, Tonbridge, England, when we can confidently say they'll receive an uncommonly good return for the very trifling outlay.

* The Manuring of Market Garden Crops by Bernard Dyer, D.Sc. and F. W. E. Shrivell. Vinton & Co., Ltd., 9, New Bridge street, Ludgate Circus, London, E. C.

Perhaps one of the most extraordinary contests ever arranged was that in which, in the year 1791, a horse was matched to walk a man, "fair heel and toe," a distance of twenty miles. As at that time there was a belief that no horse could compete against a man in fair walking, the odds were all in favour of the biped—a celebrated pedestrain of his day named Horsley.

His antagonist was a hack rejoicing in the not very euphonious title of Sloven; but, contrary to expectation the four-footed animal won somewhat easily, covering the distance in three hours and forty-one minutes. To those who would argue that a pedestrain of good class should have easily covered the distance in less time, it must be pointed out that at that period of history cinderpaths were very much in the womb of the future, and the roads in villainous condition.

Two years later the same animal took on another celebrated pedestrain, and again won, having walked twenty two miles in three hours and fifty-two minutes. This would point to the horse's superiority over man as a "walkist," but who would care to match a present-day quadruped against, say, the Polytechnic Harrier, Butler, on the Brighton Road?

Shikar.

A FEW DAYS' SHOOTING IN AN EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE following notes relate to a few days' shooting my friend B. and I had in March 1867. Several reports having been brought in of a number of tigers devastating the country in and about a place called Mohungunge, some 40 miles south-east of the station, B. and I arranged to have a try there, so collected and sent off 13 elephants with our servants, tents, etc. As we were about to start two baboos, who had lent us several of the elephants expressed a wish to go out and see the fun, we made no objection and it was arranged that they should join us. We reached camp early on the morning of the 14th March and after breakfast got into our *howdahs* and beat some jungles to the north of the camp, but saw only a few pigs. The following day was a blank one. On the 16th March we sent the elephants off at dawn to Patladoab *chur*, distant 5 miles south of the camp, where we heard that tigers were daily seen by the cowherds and where a cow had been killed a day or two before our arrival. After *chota-hazri* we started on our nags for Patladoab zemindari *cutcherry*, where we learnt that a bullock had just been killed close at hand: the *khubereah* stated that three tigers had attacked and carried off the bullock: this was great luck and we were soon in the *howdahs*, arranging guns, ammunition, etc.

Our friends the baboos had reached camp late the previous night and had arranged to be at Patladoab early in the morning. After waiting for them for some time we had given them up and were about to move on to the jungle when their *palkees* came in sight, followed by a *howdah* elephant. On their approaching nearer a curious structure of boards appeared on the top of the *howdah*, this turned out to be a folding lid which our friends had had fitted with hinges, straps, etc., so as to be able to pull it down over them in case the tiger should come to close quarters! It was carrying out this original idea which had prevented their reaching the camp till two days after ourselves.

The baboos having settled themselves, and everything being ready, we moved on to the jungle to the east of the *cutcherry*: it consisted of an immense stretch of heavy kassiah grass, with here and there a few wavy jhow trees. On nearing the spot indicated by the *khubereah*, who had accompanied us on a pad elephant, the grass was observed to move, and shortly after three distinct waving tracks were traceable a few yards ahead of the line: the grass got thinner and thinner as we moved on towards some low ground, and presently a tigress and two well-grown cubs walked leisurely into the open and stood looking at the advancing line of elephants. They were immediately in front of me and only about 40 yards off. I fired at the tigress and dropped her with a ball in the head stone dead. Both the cubs shared the same fate before they could turn. To my disgust the baboos (who began to think tiger shooting must be easy work) when they came up were so excited that nothing I could say could prevent their firing several balls into the animals as they lay dead.

In high good humour with ourselves and all the world we padded the brutes and moved on to try our luck again, but it was decreed that we had had sufficient for that day: crowds of people, young and old, followed the elephants home shouting for joy that their enemies were no more. At each village near the road a request was made that the elephants which carried the tigers might be allowed to go along close to the houses that the women might see their once dreaded foes. It was *hât* (market) day at Mohungunge, and on our reaching camp an immense crowd collected to see the spoil: almost every individual present appeared to have lost either a bullock or a cow, and to judge by the number of exclamations of "Ah, this *'sala* ate my cow" each seemed to recognize his spoiler among the particular animals lying dead before him. The skins were speedily taken off and their carcases dragged to a distance. At dawn the next day not a vestige of meat remained on either of them: the jackals had done their work well.

The following morning (the 17th March) while we were yet at our *chota-hazri*, *khubber* came in of a couple of tigers having killed a bullock the previous evening in one of the jungles which we had beaten the first day. The *howdahs* were soon ready and the whole of the elephants were sent on ahead, we following shortly after on our horses. The place where the kill was said to be was a small *chur* on the banks of the Teesta River: the jungle was principally kassia grass and to the south end were a few thin tall jhow trees. We soon came on the kill and a few yards further two well-grown tigers were turned up. One of them managed to slip behind the line and got off for good, but on beating up towards the end of the jhow I sighted his companion sneaking along a short distance ahead of me: my luck of the previous day still stuck to me, and I brought her down with a single ball in the head. Having padded her we turned to look for her mate, but could see nothing of him; he must have got off clear to the heavy jungles on the next *chur* to the north. To-day's tigress was a young brute 9 feet 2 inches.

On the following day we had intended to have gone out after breakfast, but about 9 A.M. *khubber* came in of yesterday's tiger having returned to the kill, which by the bye had scarcely been touched when we saw it. The elephants were sent on at once and we hurried over breakfast and followed. The tiger presently slunk away off the kill, and after giving us the slip two or three times, by doubling back I bowled him over in some broken ground where a couple more bullets finished him. B., who had not up to this time had a single shot at any of the tigers killed, swore pretty roundly at my great luck in getting all the animals up close to me. While the tiger was yet being padded the tehsilder of the Mohungunge *cutcherry* rode up on a tat to tell us that a large tiger had about an hour before sprung out from some light jungle on a line of boatmen who were towing a boat up the Teesta River, but the *malas* all springing into the river escaped; this had happened within half a mile of the *cutcherry*. The padding operations were hurried on and we returned to camp, where all the pads were left, as we had to cross the Teesta River and evening had then set in, we learnt that one of the baboos (neither of whom had gone out that morning) on hearing of the tiger had gone out with a single elephant fired with the ambition to kill him all to his own cheek before the *sahibs* returned, but on seeing the beast in the jungle his heart failed him and calling out *bap re bap* without the *sahibs* it won't "hoga" he got out of the jungle as fast as he could and up into a jack tree, where we found him. The elephants crossed and the *howdahs* up we entered the jungle pointed out to us; it was a very small piece of scanty young jhow about 2½ft. high only, overlooking a high bank of the river. As we neared the end of the jungle, the tiger was observed crawling along on his belly some 40 yards ahead. B. quickly fired, but the ball striking him in the rump only elicited a roar and had the effect of making him take to the open sand; he cleared the right of the line at a gallop under a volley from us, and from the way he roared he must have got one or two more bullets into him; he, however, got safely into a little patch of very high jhow trees about 150 yards off. The elephants were put in side by side and touching each other, but we could see nothing, the jhow being a couple of feet over our heads as we stood in the *howdahs* we had not gone in ten feet when our friend charged B.'s end of the line and it was with difficulty he could make the elephant go in again. On their doing so a second charge was the result; this time the tiger seized the trunk of one of the elephants, but let go again on getting a random ball from B.; he next came at my end of the line: at his roar every elephant turned tail, and in a moment I found the brute clinging on to my pad behind. I managed to get a shot and knocked him off. None of the elephants could be induced to go in again, and while we were consulting what had best be done, the people from the village and the baboos from the tree called out that the tiger had slunk off to the low jungle where we had first seen him. More fool he to leave such a stronghold. We followed and were soon made aware of his presence by a charge. He could not, however, make it good under the volley with which we received him; he repeated the experiment three or four times in a most plucky way as we gradually drove him onwards, but each time he was more and more spent, having been severely wounded in several places, at last he dropped at the end of the jungle growling a defiance. We found him with his head hanging over the river bank where another shot finished him. He was a noble old brute and had fought gallantly, and great were the rejoicings at his death. Crowds came from the surrounding villages and the baboo came down from his tree to see his tiger. This turned out to be a very old tiger. He measured 10½ft., and was a very heavy animal.

I mentioned before that evening was setting in before we crossed the river, and when the tiger received his quietus the moon was well up and shining brightly. My friend B. had quite recovered his spirits and returned home that night after dinner in great glee with the gory hide of his gallant foe stretched out on the top of his cart, a ghastly spectacle. The baboos also returned home that night, having undergone more fatigue and sun in these few days than usually fall to the lot of their brethren in a lifetime. I remained on a few days longer and bagged one more tigress; she was a young animal and measured 8ft. 1in. I remained about three years in that district and shot over those same jungles two or three times each year, and though I never again came in for such luck as I had during the few days I was out with B., I got good sport and made some fair bags, of which I hope to send you an account on a future occasion.

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Shooting and Fishing.

MYSORE GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1902-03.

GENTLEMEN,—I am pleased to be able to inform you that His Highness the Maharaja has kindly consented to honor us by becoming patron of this Association.

I am also glad to be able to report a certain amount of progress for the past year, but the difficulties are many—the large extent of country over which we endeavour to keep a watch, is too vast to be properly done by private individuals, but if *all* members of the association would help the executive with definite information of offences committed against the Game Regulation we should be able to do much more than has been done. It is a case of every man "his own Game-keeper" and I hope that all sportsmen will come forward and render assistance in preventing illicit killing of game and illegal destruction of fish.

Although several members have left the country, and one or two resigned, the actual number of members remains about the same as last year, and I hope shortly to be able to add the names of several North Mysore men.

Several cases of illegal fishing have been detected, and in some cases convictions obtained, but great difficulty is found in getting independent witnesses to come forward and give evidence. Information has been lodged against 16 unlicensed guns in Manjarabad Taluk, 5 in Belur and 48 in the Mudigere Taluk. A few have been seized.

No cases of illegal shooting have been detected, but I am sure from reports received that a lot of game is illegally destroyed, and captured. Evidence is to hand that the 2,000 skins and 100 live jungle fowl recently advertised for sale in the *Madras Mail*, came from the Mysore State. I hear that quite recently partridges and quail were brought into both Mysore City, and Hassan Town for sale, quite openly. I have to thank the Deputy Commissioners of the following districts for supplying us with some interesting information.

DISTRICT.	No. of gun licenses issued 1902.	No. of shooting licenses issued.	No. of cases tried under Game Reg.	No. of convictions obtained.	REMARKS.
Bangalore ...	2,309	31	Nil		
Mysore ...	1,139	6	2	2	
Kadur ...	772	43	1	3	only 6 shooting licenses taken by natives.
Chitaldrug ...	585	Nil	1	1	
Manjarabad Tq. } Belur " }	466	About 30	8	5	4 .. " "
Mudigere "	507 included in Kadur District.				2 cases under the Regulation pending.

The following districts have not given figures asked for :

HASSAN, SHIMOGA, TUMKUR AND CHAMRAJNAGAR.

The association is pleased to note that the Inspector-General of Police, Mysore, has issued a circular to the Police pointing out their duties, in connection with the Game Regulation,

Our best thanks are also due to the local Sub-Divisional Officer, and to the local Police Inspector for his assistance, in enforcing the Regulation.

We are much indebted to the *Madras Mail* for their readiness in publishing complaints of breaches of the Game Regulation.

I regret to inform you that Government has not thought fit to entertain some suggestions we forwarded to them, *re* Game Regulation and Arms Act, and have not yet offered a reward for the destruction of wild dogs, though these pests are increasing and have lately taken to killing domestic animals (goats and calves) as over 20 head have lately been killed in West Mysore to my personal knowledge. Unless some steps are soon taken to destroy these wild dogs, game on the Ghauts will quite disappear. We hope Government will therefore immediately offer the necessary reward.

I also regret to inform you that the Deputy Commissioner has taken no notice of our suggestion (sent in nearly a year ago) to close all perennial streams against fishing (other than rod fishing) during the spawning season. But this has been done in the Kadur District. As regards the Eastward flowing large rivers till 30th November, *viz.*, the Tunga and Bhadra.—*Thos. Hunt, Honorary Secretary.*

Proposed by Captain Foster and seconded by Mr. G. Gowans "That the report be adopted." Carried.

Mr. Gowans wished to say, "That in the opinion of all members present, game has increased and the Game Regulation has undoubtedly done good."

The officials having resigned, the result of the ballot for the coming year was as follows :—

A. R Park, Esq (President).

Committee { Captain Foster. / Mr. J. A. Harris. / " G. Gowans. / " S. H Dennis. / " H Lamb. / " Thos. Hunt (Honorary Secretary).

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Thomson and seconded by Mr. J. Robinson "That the open season for shooting hares be extended to 30th April." Not carried.

A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.

THE breeding of that famous horse, Gladiateur, with whom our volatile neighbours across the Channel won the Derby in 1865, was largely the result of a fluke. In the Dangie stud there was an old mare named Miss Gladiator, who was considered a *dame pas ser*, and who was so useless that the head groom had given orders to let her run loose, in the hopes that the wolves, with which the adjacent woods were infested, would make a meal of her, and thus rid him of an unwelcome charge. But it happened that one of the stallions of the stud—Monarque—took a great fancy to Miss Gladiator, and the result of an unforeseen alliance between the pair was that one fine morning Gladiateur saw the light. The colt, if not quite of the orthodox make and shape according to the English theories of breeding, was big enough for anything, and that he was one of the greatest racehorses of all time will be admitted by those who are old enough to remember him when in training.

Correspondence.

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The writer's name and address are required with every communication.
Letters and enquiries from anonymous correspondents will not receive attention.
Under no circumstances are questions answered by post.
Correspondents whose questions remain unanswered, will please understand that we are unable to give them the information asked for.

DESTRUCTION OF GAME IN ASSAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Now that so much is being written and printed and, to a certain extent, done towards the preservation of game in India, I think it is high time that some one pointed out how very great the amount of damage is that is done by Englishmen who call themselves sportsmen. During the last three years in Assam I have seen and heard so many instances of ruthless slaughter of cows, does and hen birds during the breeding season, that I have come to the conclusion that such indiscriminate shooting must, and does, have an appreciable effect on the game now obtainable.

A short time ago I was told by a man, with great pride, that he had shot four Florican, all females, in one day, and that he had found a nest with four eggs. As Florican do not pair it would not have mattered very much if he had shot four males, but I have no doubt that if he continues to be successful in his Florican shoots during the breeding season, that fine bird, already rare in Eastern Assam, will soon disappear altogether.

A small, but very successful, shoot was got up in April last by a thorough sportsman. His own bag consisted of one bull buffalo and one bull gaur. The rest of his party got two cows and a buffalo calf, three cow gaur and another half-grown bull.

A man from a different part of India, who has a great reputation as a sportsman, went out in custody of a local planter, a man who is really a sportsman, and killed two tame buffalo cows, one wild cow and calf, and three doe sambhur. These are only a few instances selected from many, but they suffice to show the kind of damage done by men who often really think that they *are* sportsmen.

The fact is Europeans frequently go out shooting buffaloes, etc., with the intention, honest enough to start with, of shooting only good bulls, but finish up by shooting at anything moving in the grass before they can even see whether it is a buffalo at all. Of course I am well aware that cow buff often bring a sudden death upon themselves by their over foolish conduct, but it is not to such deaths I refer. The cow gaur however, is practically never guilty of charging and there can be no excuse for the man who shoots one. The head as a trophy is worthless and the animal once shot is only so much wasted beef.

Globe-trotters are the worst offenders, on the whole, in the way of killing females and young : they are so keen on taking home trophies about which to brag, that they shoot absolutely wildly at everything in the hopes it may carry a head worth keeping. I know of noble sportsmen at home who have magnificent series of heads from various parts of the world. The Indian heads are, some at least of them, purchased : are all the others ? These same sportsmen have been after the game whose heads are represented and have doubtless slaughtered many, but when leaving for home have had to resort to purchase before they could show any respectable heads.

Gowhatty was formerly a magnificent game country, but has now been practically ruined by indiscriminate slaughter. Here, however, the state of affairs is due more to the huge drives got up by Rajahs and others to entertain sporting Lords, etc., handed over to them by the Government of India During these drives, in which the elephants may number anything from thirty to sixty, and from which every element of danger, and therefore of real sport, is eliminated, animals are slaughtered wholesale. Herds of buffaloes are actually wiped out. Rhino with, or even heavy in, young killed by the sheer weight of lead pumped into them, and herds of gaur lose more than half their number before they can escape into their hill retreats.

Of course the outside public see nothing of this. All that they hear is that the Rajah of So-and-So with my Lord This and the Hon. That, etc., etc., have shot 17 tigers, 20 buff, and 8 rhino ; but officials and planters on the spot know that game in the area worked by these so-called sportsmen has been practically exterminated.

It is to be feared that the very lack of danger in these shoots is an additional incentive to the titled globe-trotter to indulge in them. Some twenty years ago a crack shot was shooting deer in Assam in company with two young officials They were on pad elephants and presently came on a tiger: the crack shot, exclaiming that he was not such a d—d fool as to go after a tiger without a howdah, went home, and the two boys went on and got the tiger, whose skin now adorns the crack shot's palace at home. I wonder what his story is.

I have very little doubt that if every globe-trotter was made to shoot his first head of big game on foot, the race of titled and other globe trotting sportsmen would soon become extinct. The rush of an angry bull buff through the Ekra is far more awe-inspiring when one is on foot than when perched in safety on the back of an elephant ; the snarl of a wounded tiger hidden in dense scrub is far more conducive to care when one is on a level with the snarler than when one is practically out of his reach. A very few experiences of this kind would make sportsmen of men who have, at present, not the slightest claim to such a title, and would save the game itself from the gradual extermination now going on.

The amount of damage done, taken as a whole, by the swarms of native pot hunters and meat vendors, is, I admit, the greatest, but no number of native vendors ever ruin a country so completely as does one of these magnificent drives. And, whilst I agree that in regard to deer and small game these some native pot hunters and butchers do nearly all the damage that is committed by individuals, yet I think that the European non-sportsman works more havoc amongst buffalo and gaur. Again, as regards the practical extinction of the rhino, the extensive drives referred to above are almost alone to blame.

REKAB.

INDIA WITHOUT ELEPHANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The Managing Director of the Madras Mule Breeding Company, Limited, writing from a place or region called Annikati Musuagadi, argues with no common energy that Government should cease "to foster and protect that most destructive and now practically useless beast, the elephant." This is very like a proposition to cease to have kings, who are most expensive and have become pratically useless. India without elephants is simply unthinkable. We have lost the pagoda tree, but we cannot afford to lose the elephant. Has Mr. Edmiston reflected that without his "ugly brute," or noble beast, as it is usually and properly called, the Delhi Durbar would have been impossible ? Take away elephants, and the Raja and the Badshah, glories of the Orient, would be things of the past, and would be replaced by private gentlemen like Their late Highnesses Dhuleep Singh and Patiala. The thing is simply unimaginable. As well might a millionaire propose the demolition of some ancient memorial because it obstructed the view from a palace he had erected. Mr. Edmiston's argument is purely utilitarian : the ugly and useless brute destroys young forest, devastates the cultivators' fields and occasionally kills a man. On the same principle, if the Viceroy lived like the American President, the money saved off His Excellency's establishment and retinue would pay for all the damage done by elephants. The truth is that our world has not yet sunk to the level where everything is sacrified to utility. Our higher ideal still is to eat to live, not to live to eat We cheerfully suffer inconvenience and part with our material possessions for the sake of gratifying that part of our nature which craves things far higher than meat and drink and show. We regret the mammoth, and have no will to see the elephant follow it. On the contrary, we desire the Government to take under its fostering protection the few remaining lions and the fast disappearing rhinoceros.

This enemy, or victim, of the elephant does not improve his case when he explains that he does not want the beast exterminated, but only its numbers kept down by the removal of the prohibition to shoot it. For the professed and attempted policy of Government is simply to prevent the numbers of the elephant from being so reduced that it will be a curiosity not available for purposes of pomp and display, instruction and wonderment. The idea is to capture a herd or two annually for sale or use ; and the reasonable occasion of Mr. Edmiston's complaint is that such *khedda* operations have almost ceased of late, so that elephants are multiplying to an extent that makes them a real pest in the neighbourhood of their haunts. Government has always permitted or encouraged the destruction of an elephant that was annoying villagers ; and once, we believe, in South-Western Bengal, where elephants are not captured, a small herd was disposed of. Accordingly, we may expect now that a catch will be ordered at Annikati Musuagadi, or a trustworthy sportsman be turned on there under strict observation of the Police and the Forest Department. Mr. Edmiston's graphic picture of the depredations of elephants where he lives calls to mind the experience of tea planters in Assam before the late Mr. Sanderson was appointed elephant catcher to Government. He says : "Every village and hamlet near a forest they frequent must either submit to regular, systematic visits of devastation of their crops, or the unfortunate cultivators must themselves spend the whole night for weeks on end shouting, burning fires beating tomtoms and blowing horns, and rendering themselves unfit for work by day, or must pay others to do so."

The Americans, most utilitarian of peoples, are making persistent efforts to save the few bison that still survive on their continent. There are movements in Europe to concert measures for staying the extermination of elephants and other large game in Africa. Let us in India not be less careful of the most picturesque inhabitant of our forests, the most characteristic animal of our country, and the most martial feature of our history.

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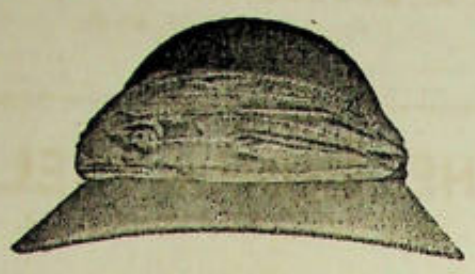

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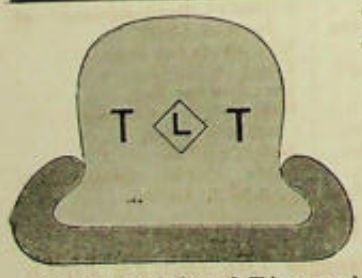

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NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Poona 6th Extra	Aug.	22	
" 7th "	"	26	
" 8th "	"	29	
Lucknow Open Gymkhana	"	27	
Third Calcutta Meeting	"	22	
Fourth do do	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Quetta Autumn	"	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3, 5 & 10	
Debra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Cocanada	"	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	374
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	522
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	
Hyderabad	"	13 & 14	356
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	675
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	"	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 22	
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	
Ooty Hunt Races	Sep.	22 & 25	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	First	1st Sept.
	Second	15th Oct.
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Poona	Second	25th "
	Final	8th Sept.
	Third	16th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Debra Autumn Sky	Second	10th Sept.
Tezpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	First	22nd August
	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	30th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th "
Hyderabad	First	15th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	14th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	24th to 29th August.
Poona Junior Tournament	From 18th to 21st August.
Cawnpore Tournament	Week following Army Cup.
Ezra Challenge Cup	Begins 11th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	1st September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November
Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show	26th September.

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Begins 13th September.

GOLF.

Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August.
The Nasik Week	14th 21st September.

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Poona Open Tournament	Commences 14th Sept.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Great Eber Handicap (1¾ miles)	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
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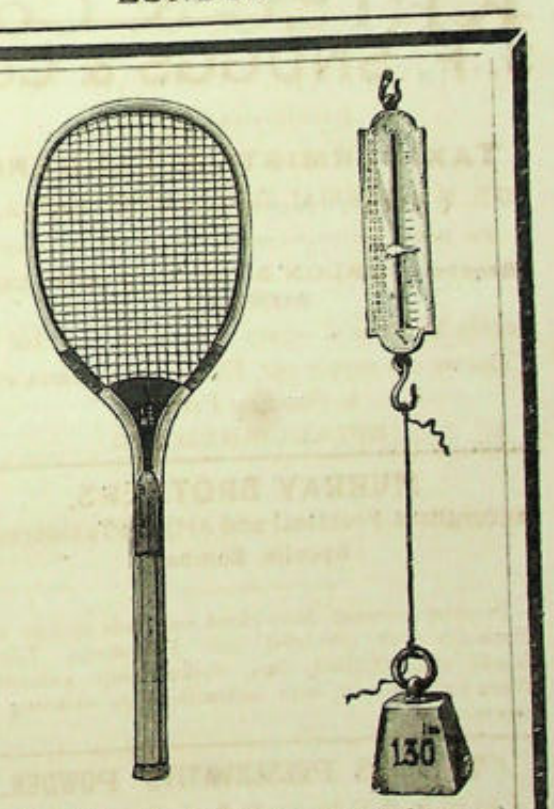

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Second Meeting, Saturday, 15th August 1903.

The racing this afternoon was good, and, judging from the way the favourites failed to come in, we should say the bookmakers found the afternoon good enough. Having dealt with the proceedings in our Sporting Notes we append details:—

THE PONY PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high weight Handicap for Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2, and other ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr B B's b ch h Reveille, 8st 6lbs (dec 11lb)	Hard	1
„ Rodocanachi's b aus m Perfect, 10st ...	Mr Deakin	2
Mr Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 8st (dec 3lbs)	Mr Raban	3
Mr B B's b aus m Second Thought, 11st 7lbs	Smallman	0
Mr Galstaun's b aus m Not Yet, 10st 5lbs...	Owner	0
„ J B Crichton's ch aus m Florin, 9st 12lbs	Morrison	0
Mr Cowper's b e g Mocassin, 7st 8lbs (dec 8lbs)	Native	0

(*Winner trained by Gerrard.*)

BETTING: 3 to 2 agst Second Thought, 7 to 4 Perfect, 8 to 1 Florin, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Perfect, 2 to 1 agst St Florin, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs. 198 to win. Rs. 34 and Rs. 15 for places.

They got off to a good start and after running level for a while Mocassin took the lead till the turn, where Reveille came through and won by two lengths; three lengths between Perfect and First Guide. Time—1min. 29⅘secs.

PONY HURDLE RACE.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2, and other ponies 14-1 and under. About one mile over six flights of hurdles.

Mr S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 8st 12lbs, (dec 2lbs.)	Mr Barrow	1
Mr Galstaun's b aus g The Captain, 8st 12lbs	Morrison	2
„ Bell-Irving's bk aus m Yuletide, 10st 12lbs	Mr Evers	3
„ Harper's b aus m Rezia, 8st 12lbs ...	Gerrard	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: Evens Moss Rose, 3 to 1 agst The Captain, 4 to 1 each Yuletide and Rezia.

PLACE BETTING: 6 to 4 on The Captain, evens Yuletide, 3 to 2 Rezia.

Totalisator paid Rs. 18 to win. Rs. 12, Rs. 15 for places.

Rezia led at the start with Moss Rose close up till the turn out of the straight when the latter came through and won by five lengths; two lengths between second and third. Time—3mins. 1⅘secs.

THE AUGUST PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A Handicap Hurdle Race for Horses. About one and a half miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird, 9st 6lbs	S White	1
Mr F Dowling's br aus g Fairlight, 10st 12lbs	Carter	2
Mr Dudley's b aus g Dundonald, 10st 9lbs	Owner	3
„ Galstaun's b aus g Mulwala, 9st 7lbs ...	Morrison	0
Dr W Forsyth's b aus g Corydon, 9st 7lbs	Smallman	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: Evens Dundonald, 3 to 1 agst Fairlight, 5 to 1 Mulwala, 6 to 1 each Corydon and Ladybird.

PLACE BETTING: Evens Fairlight, 3 to 2 Mulwala, 2 to 1 each Corydon and Ladybird.

Corydon, Mulwala and Ladybird were first away and led till the new stand, where Fairlight and Dundonald began to come up. Ladybird held these latter and won a good race by half a length; same distance between Fairlight and Dundonald.

HUNTERS' PLATE.—Rs. 350 to the winner, Rs 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third A Hurdle Race for *bonâ fide* Paperchase horses that have never won a Flat Race or Steeplechase value Rs 550 or upwards. C. W. A. and C. raised 2st. 4lbs. G. R.'s. About one and a half miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress,, 11st 7lbs	Mr Smith	1
Mr R A C Pugh's bk aus m Beeswing II, 11st	Owner	2
Mr T Curtis Hayward's b aus m Sylvia, 11st	Mr Dudley	3
Mr J W Orr's ch aus g The Jewel, 11st	Mr Griffith	0
Mr H Hossack's ch aus m Lucy Glitters, 11st	Owner	0

(*Winner trained by Wishart.*)

BETTING: 3 to 2 agst Beeswing, 5 to 2 Actress, 3 to 1 Sylvia, 8 to 1 Lucy Glitters, 10 to 1 the Jewel.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Beeswing, 6 to 4 on Actress, evens Sylvia, 2 to 1 each Lucy Glitters, and The Jewel.

Totalisator paid Rs. 49 to win, Rs. 15 and Rs. 14 for places. Actress led from start to finish, followed by Beeswing II and Sylvia, the others not in it. Won by ten lengths; same distance between second and third. Time—3 mins 23⅘secs.

THE MONSOON PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A high weight Handicap for horses. 6 furlongs.

Mr J M Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea, 9st	Mr Deakin	1
Mr Roy's ch aus h Altamas, 9st 4lbs ...	Gerrard	2
„ Creet's ch e m Gassima, 8st 7lbs ...	Owner	3
„ Paris' ch e m Kellnerin, 8st 11lbs ...	Bloss	0
„ W Bell-Irving's br aus g Metalwing, 10st	Mr Raban	0
Mr H B Pike's b aus g Autocrat, 9st 4lbs	Mr Dudley	0
„ D L Stewart's b aus g Major Cook, 7st 5lbs	Richardson	0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Major Cook, 3 to 1 Altamas, 5 to 1 Autocrat, 8 to 1 each Metalwing and Kittylea, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 6 to 4 on Altamas, evens Major Cook, 2 to 1 each Metalwing and Kittylea and 3 to 1 the others.

Totalisator paid Rs. 66 to win, Rs. 50 and Rs. 22 for places.

Altamas and Gassima were first away, followed by Kellnerin and Kittylea Major Cook got a bad start and never got on terms with the field Altamas looked like winning, but Kittylea came away with a fine rush and just beat him by half a length; Gassima a length and a half behind. Time—1min. 2⅘secs.

THE FORT PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For horses that have never won a Flat Race, Hurdle Race, or Steeplechase value Rs. 50 or upwards. W. A. and C. 6 furlongs.

Mr W O Rees' b or br aus g Oom Paul, 9st 11b	Mr Dudley	1
Mr A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus, 9st 3lbs ... — ...	Hard	2
Mr J A Manning's ch aus g Shirley, 9st 3lbs	Piper	3
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 9st 3lbs	Mr Barrow	0
Mr Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 9st 3lbs ...	Owner	0
„ A N Dass' bk aus g St Glaze, 9st 3lbs	S Khan	0
Mr MacJohn's b or br e g Trenton Prince, 9st 3lbs	Bloss	0
Mr Deakin's b aus g Invincible, 9st 3lbs	Owner	0
Mr Raban's b aus g Sir Humphrey, 9st 3lbs	Owner	0
„ B B's ch e m Reinzette, 8st 11lbs ...	Morrison	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: Evens Euryalus, 4 to 1 Oom Paul, 5 to 1 Firefly, 8 to 1 Shirley, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 5 to 4 on Oom Paul, evens Firefly, 3 to 2 agst Shirley, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1 the others.

Betting on the run off: 5 to 2 on Euryalus.

Totalisator paid Rs. 62 to the win, Rs. 15, Rs. 16 and Rs. 17 for places.

Oom Paul, Shirley, and Firefly followed Reinzette at the start, but Euryalus and Oom Paul soon left the field and, after a rattling race from the distance, made a dead heat of it. Time—1min. 27secs. Oom Paul won easily by two lengths in the run off.

POONA FOURTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 8th August 1903.

FINE weather and excellent racing marked this meeting and six favourites out of seven events were first past the post. The first event was on recent running considered a moral for Najaffi, but he ran nowhere and Scattercash, who was not fancied, rolled home after a real clinking finish beating his stable companion, Rochester, in the run home. The public waited for a tip in the Intermediate Plate and they soon got it, for no secret was made of Russley Rose's chance of winning and she made a most creditable *début*, winning easily from Key West, who was giving away 1st 3lbs. Veera, who was fancied by some after negotiating the bend in reformed style went back to her old bad habit and came out badly at the turn, nearly falling in doing so. Miss Birnie ran third, but she is a weedy mare who got there by virtue of the 6st she was carrying.

With Kingston, Fitzeros and Fando, the disturbing elements in the summer plate not declared the spot to touch was Beadsman and he won when and how he liked. What a fine retriever of lost fortunes the old horse is! The forward running of Blue Blood in Bangalore made him an object of attention and he repaid the compliment by never giving his friends an anxious moment. There were only two really in it in the Desert Handicap and they fought the finish out splendidly, the race being either Musketeer's or Silvermane's till before the stand the latter cut the issue out of the pale of doubt.

Titus won his race from start to finish in the gamest fashion; but Grey Leg left matters a bit late and won after a grand rush at the finish, well timed but cut a bit fine. Details:—

CONSOLATION PLATE—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, which have never won a flat race value Rs. 50. 14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. 5 furlongs.

Capt the Hon'ble C F Greville's g a h Scattercash, 8st 11lbs	Native	1
Mr Sassoon Ezekiel's g a h Kyam, 7st 13lbs	C B Mahomed	2
„ Galtrey's b a h Rochester, 8st 11lbs ...	A Hoyte	3
Major Edwards's b a g Daimyo, 9st 3lbs ...	Mr Boase	0
Mr Baldock's g a h Capt Kettle, 8st 11lbs	Kunai	0
Aga S Shah s b a h Harvester, 8st 11lbs ...	Dhondi	0
Mr Jackson's ch a h Daylight, 8st 11lbs ...	Oomer Khan	0
„ Cowasjee Burjorjee's b a h Original, 8st 11lbs	Penton	0
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Salvation, 8st 8lbs	Nama	0
„ R E S's ch a h Najaffi, 8st 5lbs ...	Robinson	0
„ Jairoola bin Talib's b a h Mint Master, 8st 2lbs	Heeroo	0

BETTING: 3 to 1 Najaffi, 4 to 1 each Kyam and Harvester, 8 to 1 each Daylight and Rochester, 10 to 1 Scattercash, 15 to 1 the others.

Scattercash snatched a half length verdict; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 11⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bloech.*)

INTERMEDIATE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Ponies 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's b aus m Russley Rose, 8st 9lbs...	Oomerkhan	1
„ Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 9st 12lbs	Robinson	2
Mr Noble's b aus m Miss Birnie, 6st ...	Bennett	3
„ R G Baldock's b aus m Matilda, 9st ...	Cowell	0
Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera, 8st 5lbs	Heeroo	0
Aga S Shah's br aus m Ethel II., 7st 11lbs	Kamad	0
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' b aus m Annie Laurie, 7st 7lbs	Melsom	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Russley Rose, 2 to 1 Key West, 4 to 1 Veera, 5 to 1 Annie Laurie, 6 to 1 Ethel. 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 6⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.*)

THE SUMMER PLATE—Winner, Rs 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for horses which have not won a flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March 1901. 7 furlongs.

H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman, 9st 12lbs	Robinson	1
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' ch aus m Gnullo, 8st 5lbs	Cowell	2
Messrs G K and D D's b aus g Roscommon, 8st	C B Mahomed	3
Mr Noble's b aus g Planet, 8st 10lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus m Careewick, late Valento, 8st 9lbs ...	Heeroo	0
Mr Baldock's b aus m Miss Windsor, 7st 8lbs	Bennett	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Beadsman, 5 to 1 each Roscommon and Planet, 8 to 1 Careewick, 10 to 1 the others.

Won as he liked from Gnullo by two lengths; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 35secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

THE CLOSED HORSE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Welter Handicap for Horses which have not won a flat race value Rs. 200 since 31st March 1901. 5 furlongs.

Capt Randall's br aus m Blue Blood, 11st 7lbs	Capt Randall	1
Vety-Col Hazelton's b ath am m Madeira, 10st 13lbs	Mr Meynell	2
Mr G O Boase's b aus g Dawn, 10st 5lbs ...	Owner	3
„ Westropp's ch aus g Vedette. 11st 12lbs	Owner	0
„ Sabyne's br aus g Chimes, 10st 7lbs ...	Capt Wogan-Browne	0
Major England's b aus h Teepookhana, 10st 3los	Owner	0
Major Edward's ch aus m Runaway Girl, 9st 12lbs	Owner	0
Mr H Keighley's br aus g Recluse, 9st 12lbs	Mr Fraser	0
Capts Benn and Alexander's bl aus g Charcoal, 9st 9lbs	Capt Hickman	0
Major Cleveland's br aus g Rising Sun, 9st 9lbs	Mr Annesley	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Blue Blood, 4 to 1 Madeira, 6 to 1 Dawn, 12 to 1 the others.

Won easily by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 7⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs. 1 mile.

Mr N Mehta's ch a h Silvermane, 7st 6lbs ...	Hoyte	1
Aga S Shah's b a h Musketeer, 6st 12lbs ...	Kamad	2
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 7st 12lbs ...	Kunai	3
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h Hakum, 8st 9lbs ...	Heeroo	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Silvermane, 3 to 1 Musketeer, 4 to 1 Hakum and 8 to 1 Alexis.

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 57⅘secs,

(*Winner trained by Bin Jamal.*)

AMATEUR CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. Welter Handicap for Arab Ponies 14-2 and under. 1 mile.

Mr Meydwell's g a h Titus II, 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Meynell	1
Col Eccles' b a h Rocket, 9st 12lbs ...	Robinson	2
Major Murray and Captain Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 10st 3lbs	Capt Hickman	3
Capt Forbes' b a h Chancellor, 11st 11b ...	.....	0
Capts Benn and Alexander's g a h Regret, 10st 10lbs	Capt Randall	0
Major Edward's ch a g Conway, 10st ...	Owner	0

BETTING: 6 to 1 agst Titus, 2 to 1 Chancellor, 5 to 1 Regret, 8 to 1 each Rocket and Hamilton, 12 to 1 the others.

Won easily by a length and a half; same distance between second and third. Time—55⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bloech.*)

MIDGET HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arab Ponies 13-3 and under. 6 furlongs.

Captain Wilson's g a h Greyleg, 8st 2lbs...	Robinson	1
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 9st 2lbs...	Oomerkhan	2
„ Fischer's ch a h Governor, 8st 10lbs ...	Penton	3
„ Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 6st 12lbs	Melsom	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Grey Leg 3 to 1 Shaiboob, 4 to 1 Governor, 6 to 1 Mosumma.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 24⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

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POONA FIFTH EXTRA MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

15th August 1903.

Saturday being a public holiday the attendance of local and Bombay sportsmen was very large and a fine afternoon's racing was witnessed, but it was not a favourite's day.

The first race was contested by four, but it was a foregone conclusion that Haydn would win and so he did and very easily too.

The public were disposed to believe that that arch rogue Greyleg had become an honest gentlemen and so he was backed with great confidence at ever shortening odds; but a surprise was in store, for Shah Jehan, who was but little supported, got alongside the favourite when he seemed to hold the race in safe keeping and immediately the pinch came Greyleg shut up. Kour Saheb ran a disappointing race.

The Bedouin Plate was a puzzler and few there were who believed that Scattercash could win. Adon's was selected to account for this race and he only just failed. Scattercash, however, won in a romp

It was really asking Paddy Melon too much to expect him to give two stone away to Patrician and so the race demonstrated, but the surprise packet was Saucebox, and I am firmly of opinion that if a strong finisher was up on the latter Patrican would not have got home.

With a Cup horse amongst commoners it was not surprising that Alix was rushed for in the ring, but there was always a good price obtainable as she looked pig fat and had both fore legs in cotton wool and bandages. Blue Blood made play to the distance and here Alix came away, but Misty came with such a rattle at the finish that Alix had to be fully extended at the end When just past the post Fando slipped and fell and gave Robinson a bad shock, but this popular horseman was fortunately not injured and rode in the next race.

Titus II must now be acknowledged to be a first-class Arab, His victories in the closed races were not looked upon as putting the Hall Mark on him but the company he met and squandered on Saturday was of more than average merit and he disposed of them very easily indeed.

The last race was worm and gallwood to punters. It was considered such a moral for Money Spinner that losers were prepared to get back their losses on the race. Money Spinner, however, was never seriously dangerous during any part of the journey to Diamyo, and Major Edwards' pony simply romped home. Alf. Hoyt had quite a day out steering four winners in an afternoon. Bennett and Williams are back and had mounts during the afternoon. Details:—

The Small Pony Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third Rs. 50. A Handicap for ponies 14 hands and under. ½ mile.

Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Haydn, 9st 4lbs	Egan	1
Aga S Shah's br aus m Ethel II, 9st 5lbs ...	Robinson	2
Mr C D's b ch m Namuna, 7st 11b ...	A Hoyt	3
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Widgeon, 6st 3lbs	Bennett	0

Betting: 3 to 1 on Hadyn, 4 to 1 agst Ethel, 6 to Namuna, 10 to 1 Widgeon.

Won hard held by one and a half lengths from Ethel: two lengths between second and third. Time—52secs.

(*Winner trained by A Clarke.*)

Substitution Stakes.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100, third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arab Ponies 13-3 and under. 13-3 to carry 8st 12lbs W. I. Penalties—Winner since 31st March 1901 race value Rs. 180 or over once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, three times 10lbs, oftener 14lbs. 5 furlongs.

H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ch ah Shah Jehan, 9st	A Hoyt	1
Captain Wilson's g a h Greyleg, 9st ...	Robinson	2
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 8st 13lbs ...	Penton	3
„ Sassoon Ezekiel's g a h Kyam, 8st 2lbs	C B Mahomed	4
„ F M Garda's br a h Kour Saheb, 9st 5lbs	Cowell	0
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Moorced, 8st 2lbs	Native	0
Messrs E Amir and O Mahomed's b a h Greatorex, 7st 10lbs (car 8st 11b) ...	Omer Khan	0
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 7st 11b	Dhondi	0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Greyleg, 3 to 1 Kyam, 6 to 1 Kour Saheb, 8 to 1 Shah Jehan, 10 to 1 and longer odds the others.

Won by three quarter lengths; a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 10⅗ secs.

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

The Bedouin Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arabs. W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1901, race value Rs 180 or over, once 5lbs., twice 10lbs., three times 14lbs., oftener 18lbs. 1 mile.

Capt Greville's g a h Scattercash, 7st 11lbs	A Hoyt	1
Mr A M Amer's b a h Adonis, 7st 6lbs ..	O'Neil	2
„ A Saif and E Rashid's g a h Najeed, 7st 7lbs (car 8st 11b) M	C B Mahomed	3
Mr. A A Amer's b a h Fakir II, 9st 6lbs ...	Ali	0
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' g a h Wild Fox, 8st 13lbs ...	Cowell	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Magtoom, 8st 12lbs	Heeroo	0
„ Abdul Gany's b a h Hunt, 8st ...	Robinson	0
„ Artin Essayie's b a h Bikanir, 7st 7lbs	Kamad	0

Betting: 5 to 2 Adonis, 3 to 1 Wild Fox, 6 to 1 Scattercash, 6 to 1 Najeed, 101 to the others.

Won by three-quarter lengths easily; three lengths between second and third. Time—56⅖secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

A Welter Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Ponies 14-2 and under closed as per Special General Conditions. 14-2 to carry 12st. 3lbs. W. I. 6 furlongs.

Vety Col. Hazelton's br aus g Patrician, 10st 10lbs	Mr Meynell	1
Capt Hickman's b aus m Saucebox, 11st 3lbs	Owner	2
Capt Harding Newman's br aus m Paddy Melon, 12st 4lbs	Aga S Shah	3
Major England's bl aus m Ena, 11st 6lbs...	Owner	0
Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 10st 12lbs ...	Maj Edwards	0
Capt the Hon'ble C F Greville's b ch g Tam Ring, 10st 6lbs ...	Owner	0

Betting: Evens Paddy Melon, 6 to 4 agst Patrician, 5 to 1 Tam Ring, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; three-quaters of a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 24⅕secs.

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

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The Midsummer Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50 For horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,000 since 31st March 1901. W. A. and C. reduced 10lbs. 7 furlongs.

H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's br aus m Alix, 8st 4lbs	A Hoyt	1
Mr Mill's bl e h Misty, 8st 3lbs ...	Egan	2
„ M Pestonjee's br aus m Blue Blood, 9st 8lbs	Williams	3
Mr A W P's b aus g Fando, 10st 4lbs ...	Robinson	0
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' ch aus m Gnullo, 9st 8lbs ...	Cowell	0
Capt Hennessy's b e h Amber Heart by Sweetheart Yellow—Stone (6 yrs), 8st 3lbs	Melsom	0

Betting: 6 to 4 on Alix, 3 to 1 agst Gnullo, 5 to 1 each Misty and Fando, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 33⅕secs.

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

The Little Arab Handicap.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for Arab Ponies 14 hands and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Meydwell's g a h Titus II, 8st 10lbs ..	A Hoyt	1
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch a h Omar, 9st 11b	Robinson	2
Mr S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips, 7st 5lbs	O'Neil	3
Messrs Mustapha Cowasjee and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris, 8st 13lbs	Heeroo	0
Capt Forbes' b a h Chancellor, 7st 12lbs ...	C B Mahomed	0
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' g a h Flying Childers, 7st 8lbs	Williams	0
Col Eccles' b a h Rocket, 7st 11bs ...	Etul	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 6st 13lbs	Kamad	0
Mr R R S's ch a h Najaffi, 6st 7lbs ...	Melsom	0
„ Jackson's ch a h Daylight, 6st 5lbs ...	Bennett	0

Betting: Evens Omar, 4 to 1 Tigris, 6 to 1 each Titus and Sweetlips, 8 to 1 Najaffi, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 8⅖secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

The Subalterns' Stakes.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab Ponies 14-1 and under which have not won a race. 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. Ponies measured previous to 1st April 1899, 7lbs extra. ¼ mile.

Maj Edwards' b a g Diamyo, 10st 13lbs ...	Owner	1
Col Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 11st 2lbs	Aga Shah	2
Mr Norton's b a g Malakite, 10st 13lbs ...	Maj Beevor	3
Maj Edwards' c a g Conway, 11st 8lbs ...	Capt Stack	0
Capt Porters' b a h Fellah, 10st 10lbs ...	Capt Hickman	0

Betting: 3 to 1 on Money Spinner, 5 to 1 Diamyo, 8 to 1 Conway, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

Won by two lengths; two lengths between second and third. Time—56secs.

(*Winner trained by owner privately.*)

THE COLOMBO AUGUST MEETING.

Stewards:

Mr F C Allen	Mr A R A Heath
Capt R F K Gooch, ADC	Mr Herbert White
Hon A G Lascelles, KC	Mr H J Hadden

Handicapper and Clerk of the Scales.—Mr H J Hadden.
Judge.—Dr Craib
Timekeeper.—Mr C W Booty
Starter.—Mr F J Wright

First Day. Monday, 10th August 1903.

The success of the opening day encourages the hope that the meeting this year will eclipse its predecessors in most respects. There was a very big attendance, good fields and open issues, and Mr Beattie we were glad to see was busy and prosperous in his dealings with the punting brigade. The Governor's Cup was won by a hot odds on favourite in Gabelle, who was nicely ridden by Lansdowne. Ramshaw, Greenhalgh, Wiles and Southall also had mounts in this race, so that some of the best riding talent in the East was engaged. Mr. R. J. Farquharson scored a couple of wins with Tirah and Brose, both ridden by Ramshaw, the other riding honours were divided among the jockeys just named—one each. Details:—

Omnium Stakes.—Rs. 400, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. For maiden horses, 14 hands 2 inches and under. Weight for inches. 14-2 to carry 11st. 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

Major A de Wilton's d aus g Herbert, 11st 4lbs	Wiles	1
The Baron's ch aus g The Dazzler, 10st 4lbs	Mr Quayle	2
The Baron's b aus m Mademoiselle, 9st 8lbs	F Smith	3
Mr E L F de Soysa's g aus g Silver Prince, 9st 8lbs	Lansdowne	0
Mr H Walthew's br aus g Young Hyson, 9st 5lbs	Mirza	0

Betting: Evens Young Hyson, 2 to 1 each Herbert and Mademoiselle, 10 to 1 each The Dazzler and Silver Prince.

Won easily by a length and a half; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min. 27secs. The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 18 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 6.

Lawyers' Purse.—About Rs. 1,000 presented by the lawyers of Colombo, out of which Rs. 150 to the second horse. For maidens. Weight for age and class raised 1 stone. 1 mile.

Sir Francis Burdett's br aus g Boverie, aged, 10st	Southall	1
Mr R J Farquharson's b aus g Wingfield, aged, 10st	Ramshawe	2
Mr C C Herbert's b e g Rapier, 5yrs, 10st	Lansdowne	3
The Baron's bl aus g Musketeer, 4yrs, 9st 11lbs	F Smith	0

Betting: Evens Wingfield, 6 to 4 agst. Boverie, 3 to 1 Rapier and 10 to 1 Musketeer.

Won by two lengths; five lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 51secs.

The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 18 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 5.

The Governor's Cup.—Value £50 sterling, presented by His Excellency the Governor, with Rs. 2,000 added, out of which the second horse is to receive Rs 300. For horses. Weight for age and class. Distance round the race course, about 1¼ miles.

Mr D H Williams' Gabelle, 4 yrs, 8st 12lbs	Lansdowne	1
„ R J Farquharson's Regalia II, aged. 9st	Ramshawe	2
The Alipore Clique's Auster, 6 yrs, 9st	Greenhalgh	3
Lieut-Col Humphery's Kinglike, 5 yrs. 9st	Southall	0
Capt R F K Gooch's Devoted, aged, 9st ...	Mirza	0
Mr Douglas' Kingfisher, aged. 9st ...	Wiles	0

Betting: 6 to 4 on Gabelle, 3 to 1 each Regalia II and Devoted, 4 to 1 Auster, 12 to 1 Kingfisher and Kinglike.

Won, after a fine race by a bare neck: seven lengths between second and third. Time—2 mins. 17⅕ secs.

The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 16 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 5.

Bachelors' Purse.—Rs. 600, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Presented by the bachelors of Colombo. Winner to be sold for Rs. 800. For horses. Weight for age and class raised 1 stone. Allowance—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Caloola, aged, 9st 2lbs	Mr J Quayle	1
The Baron's Harold, 4yrs, 9st 5½lbs ...	T Smith	2
Mr C C Wilson's Flying Fox, aged, 10st ...	Winslow	3
Mr S D Bandaranaike's Lucy Glitters, aged, 10st	Mirza	0

Betting: 4 to 1 on Caloola, 4 to 1 each Lucy Glitters and Flying Fox, any price Harold.

Won easily by three lengths: half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 21⅘secs.

The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 8 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 3.

Desert Stakes.—Rs 500 and Rs. 100 to the second horse. For Arab Galloways. Weight for inches 14 hands to carry 11st. Allowance—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Tirah, 11st ...	Ramshawe	1
„ J M Brace's Silver One, 11st ...	Wiles	2
„ C C Herbert's Jena, 9st 3lbs ...	F Smith	3
Dr Fairlie's Sirur, 10st 4lbs	Lansdowne	0
Mr Heather's Sheikh, 9st 11lbs... ...	M J Quayle	0
Capt G E Bayley's King William, 9st 4lbs	Owner	0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Tirah, 4 to 1 each Silver One and Sheik, 6 to 1 Sirur, and 10 to 1 each Jena and King William.

Won by half a length: two and a half lengths separated second and third. Time—1min. 12⅕secs.

The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 9 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 3.

Waler Griffin Derby.—Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 to the second horse. For Australian Griffins. Weight for age raised 1 stone. 5 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Brose, 9st 12lbs ...	Ramshawe	1
Captain R F K Gooch's Kathleen, 10st ...	Mr A Murland	2
Mr Leonard's The Griffin, 9st 9lbs ...	„ J Quayle	3
„ Eric Watson's Nisi Prius, 10st 9lbs ...	F Smith	0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Kathleen, 6 to 4 agst, Brose; 8 to 1 The Griffin and 10 to 1 Nisi Prius.

Won easily by three lengths; half that distance separating second and third. Time—1min. 8⅖secs.

The Rs. 5 totalisator paid Rs. 12 and the Rs. 2 totalisator Rs. 6.

Second Day. Tuesday, 11th August 1903.

Ideal weather and a large attendance were the characteristics of the second day's racing. Mr. R. T. Farquharson's stable carried all before it. Boniface was ridden to victory by the owner in the Planters' Purse, and The Carlyon Stakes, the Turf Club Plate, the Flying Stakes and Substitution Stakes all went to the same stable. Ramshaw riding the winners. Details:—

Planters' Purse.—Rs. 500, and Rs. 500 added, out of which the second horse is to receive Rs. 150, and third horse Rs 50. Winner to be sold for Rs. 1,000. For horses. Weight for age and class raised 21lbs. Gentlemen Riders. Allowance:—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 1 mile.

The Hampden Whip, value £8 sterling, will be presented to the rider of the winner by the Club.

Mr R J Farquharson's Boniface, 10st 7lbs	Owner	1
Captain R F K Gooch's Devoted, 10st 7lbs	Owner	2
Captain Channer's Veritas, 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Booty	3

Betting: 6 to 4 on Boniface, 6 to 4 agst Devoted, 10 to 1 Veritas

Won in a canter. Time—1min. 55secs. Totalisators paid back money.

Carlyon Stakes.—Rs. 500, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. For Arab galloways that have never won a race value Rs. 1,500. Weight for inches. 14 hands to carry 10 stone. Penalties—Winners once 3lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. extra. Allowance—Maidens allowed 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Tirah, 10st 10lbs ...	Ramshaw	1
Dr J B Fairlie's Sirur, 9st 4lbs ...	Lansdowne	2
Mr C C Herbert's Jena, 8st 3lbs ...	Smith	3
Mr. J M Brace's Silver One, 10st 7lbs ...	Wiles	0

Betting: 3 to 1 on Tirah, 3 to 1 agst. Sirur, 4 to 1 Silver One, 8 to 1 Jena.

Won by three-quarters of a length; seven lengths divided second and third.

Time—1min. 30secs. The five-rupee tote returned the money and the Rs. 2 tote paid Rs. 3.

The Turf Club Plate.—Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 200 to the second horse Handicap for horses. 1½ miles.

Mr R J Farquharson's Regalia II, 10st 4lbs	Ramshaw	1
The Alipore Clique's Auster, 9st 6lbs ...	Greenhalgh	2
Lieut.-Col. Humphery's Kinglike, 9st 4lbs	Smith	3
Mr Douglas' Kingfisher, 9st 4lbs ...	Wiles	0
Sir Francis Burdett's Hero, 8st 9lbs ...	Southall	0
Mr R J Farquharson's The Greek, 8st 2lbs	Lansdowne	0

Betting: 5 to 2 on Regalia II, 4 to 1 each Hero and Kingfisher, 10 to 1 each Auster and the Greek, and 15 to 1 Kinglike.

Won by eight lengths. Kinglike was third, two lengths dividing him from Auster.

Time—2mins. 54secs. The Rs. 5 tote paid Rs. 9 and the other Rs. 3.

Maiden Derby.—Rs. 750, with Rs 150 to the second horse, and Rs. 75 to the third horse. For horses that were maidens on 1st January, 1903. Weight for age and class raised 7lbs. Penalties—Winners once 5lbs., twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Distance round the racecourse, about 1½ miles.

Mr D H Williams' Gabelle, 10st 11b ...	Lansdowne	1
Mr R Jackson's Finality, 9st 7lbs ...	Wiles	2
The Baron's Musketeer, 9st 3lbs ...	Smith	3

Betting: 3 to 1 on Gabelle, 4 to 1 Finality, 5 to 1 Musketeer.

Won by twelve lengths; Musketeer nowhere. Time—2mins. 27⅕ secs. The totes paid back even money.

Flying Stakes.—Rs. 500. Winner to be sold for Rs 800 Handicap for horses 5 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Wingfield, 8st 13lbs	Ramshaw	1
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply, 9st 11b	Mr Quayle	2
Mr C C Wilson's Flying Fox ...	Winslow	3
The Baron's Harold, 8st 8lbs ...	F Smith	0

Betting: 3 to 1 on Wingfield, 3 to 1 Reply, 10 to 1 each Flying Fox and Harold.

Won by a length and a quarter; seven lengths dividing Reply from Flying Fox. Time—1min. 8⅕secs. The totes paid Rs 17 and Rs. 3.

The Griffin Plate.—Rs. 600, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for Australian griffins. 6 furlongs.

Mr Leonard's The Griffin, 9st 3lbs ...	Mr Quayle	1
Mr Farquharson's Brose, 10st 7lbs ...	Ramshaw	2
Capt Gooch's Kathleen 9st 4lbs ...	Southall	3
Mr Eric Watson's Nisi Prius, 8st 3lbs ...	Smith	0

Betting: 4 to 1 on Brose, 5 to 1 agst. Griffin, 3 to 1 Kathleen, 15 to 1 Nisi Prius.

Won by ten lengths; half a length dividing second and third. Time—1min 26⅕secs. The totes paid Rs. 30 and Rs. 12.

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SUBSTITUTION STAKES.—Rs. 500 with Rs. 100 to the second horse if five starters. Handicap for Galloways 14-2 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Farquharson's Rebecca, 9st 12lbs ...	Ramshaw	1
Mr Quayle's Winnie, 9st 11lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr Heather's Silk, 8st ...	Smith	3
Capt Gooch's Redstone, 10st 2lbs ...	Owner	0
Mr E L F de Soysa's Good Girl, 9st 9lbs ...	Mirza	0
The Baron's The Dazzler, 8st 2lbs ...	Southall	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Rebecca, 10 to 1 agst. Redstone, 3 to 1 Winnie, 5 to 1 Good Girl, 12 to 1 The Dazzler, 8 to 1 Silk

Won by a length and a half, while two lengths divided her from Silk.

Time—1min. 9⅖secs. The totes paid Rs. 7 and Rs. 3.

Third Day, Thursday, 13th August 1903.

The weather to-day was all that could be desired and there was a large attendance, the Band of the Royal West Kent enlivening the proceedings. There were six events, fair fields turning out in all except the Omnium Handicap in which Young Hyson had a walk over. The two important races of the day were the Channer Stakes and the Garrison Cup. Mr. Farquharson won the former with Wingfield, while Lansdowne steered Dr. Fairlie's Sirur to victory in the latter. Details:—

THE CLUB STAKES.—Rs. 750, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for horses. 14-2 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Rebacca, 10st 12lbs	Ramshaw	1
Capt R F K Gooch's Redstone, 10st ...	Southall	2
Mr John Quayle's Winnie, 10st 2lbs ...	Owner	3
Mr E L F de Soysa's Good Girl, 9st 7lbs ...	Mirza	0
Major de Wilton's Herbert, 8st 5lbs ...	Wiles	0

BETTING: Evens Rebecca, 2 to 1 each agst Redstone and Winnie, 5 to 1 Good Girl, 10 to 1 Herbert.

Won by a length; ten lengths divided the second and third. Time—1min. 22⅕secs. The totes paid Rs. 9 and Rs. 3.

HAVELOCK COURSE STAKES.—Rs 750. Winner to be sold for Rs. 1,000. Handicap for horses. Round the race-course, about 1¼ miles.

Mr John Quayle's Dexter, aged, 9st 2lbs...	Owner	1
Mr D H Williams' Afreet, aged 9st 9lbs ...	Winslow	2
Mr R J Farquharson's The Greek, aged, 8st 6lbs	Lansdowne	3
Mr R J Farquharson's Boniface, aged, 10st 13lbs	Owner	0
Lieut-Col Humphery's Kinglike, 5 yrs, 9st 12lbs	F Smith	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 The Greek, 3 to 1 Afreet, 4 to 1 each Dexter and Boniface, 10 to 1 Kinglike

Won by half a length; a quarter of a length divided the second and third. Time—2mins. 23⅖secs. The tote paid Rs. 20 and Rs. 12. Dexter was put up for sale, but there were no bids forthcoming.

CHANNER STAKES.—Rs 1,000, and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for horses. 6 furlongs.

Mr R J Farquharson's Wingfield, aged, 8st 5lbs	Lansdowne	1
Mr R J Farquharson's Regalia II, aged, 11st 4lbs	Ramshaw	2
The Alipore Clique's Anster, aged, 9st 11lbs	Greenhalgh	3
Capt R F K Gooch's Devoted, aged, 9st 9lbs	Southall	0
Mr Douglas' Kingfisher, aged, 9st 8lbs ...	Wiles	0
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply, aged, 8st	Smith	0

BETTING: 6 to 1 each agst Regalia II and Anster, 6 to 1 Kingfisher, 10 to 1 the rest.

Won by two and a half lengths, Anster making a hard struggle for second place with the Cup horse being divided by a head. Time—1 min. 22⅕ secs. The tote paid Rs. 39 and Rs. 11.

GARRISON CUP.—Rs. 500 presented by the officers of the Garrison of Ceylon, and Rs. 350 added from the fund, and Rs. 150 to the second horse. Handicap for Arab galloways. 6 furlongs.

Dr J B Fairlie's Sirur, 9st 2lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Mr R J Farquharson's Tirah. 11st ...	Ramshaw	2
Capt R F K Gooch's Lord Bobs, 8st 3lbs ...	Southall	3
Mr J M Brace's Silver One, 10st 2lbs ...	Wiles	0
Mr Heather's Sheik, 8st 13lbs ...	Mr Quayle	0
Sir Francis Burdett's Tact, 8st 10lbs ...	Smith	0
Capt G E Bayley's King William, 8st 12lbs	Mirza	0
Mr C C Herbert's Jena, 8st	Clayton	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Sirur, 2 to 1 Tirah, 3 to 1 Sheik, 4 to 1 Tact, 6 to 1 Silver One, 10 to 1 the rest.

Sirur won by four lengths; two and a half lengths dividing second and third. Time—1min. 29⅗ secs. The totes paid Rs. 14 and Rs. 6.

OMNIUM HANDICAP.—Rs. 500. Winner to be sold for Rs 500. Handicap for galloways. 6 furlongs.

Mr H Walthew's Young Hyson, 8st ...	Smith	w. o.

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Rs. 600 and Rs. 75 to the second horse. For all horses that were maidens on 1st January, 1903. 6 furlongs.

Mr C C Herbert's Rapier, 8st 4lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Caloola, 10st 3lbs	Quayle	2
Sir F Burdett's Boveric, 9st 4lbs ...	Southall	3
Mr R Jackson's Finality, 8st 12lbs ...	Wales	0
The Baron's Harold, 8st 2lbs	Clayton	0
The Baron's Musketeer, 8st	Smith	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Finality, 15 to 1 Harold, 3 to 1 Rapier, 10 to 1 Musketeer.

Won by three lengths; one and a half lengths dividing second and third. Time—1min. 21secs. The totes paid Rs. 14 and Rs. 7.

THE SECUNDERABAD RACES.

First Day, Wednesday, 12th August, 1903.

THE meeting opened to-day after two postponements. There was a large attendance and some good sport It was a favourite's day with the exception of the first two races when the public choices was beaten by outsiders. Capt Winter secured two wins and rode three winning mounts. Details:—

HIGOVER STAKES.—Rs. 200, from which the second receives Rs. 50. 1 mile over 6 flights of hurdles.

Captain Brett's Marjory, 10st 2lbs ...	Capt Magrath	1
Mr Wilkinson's Greywing, 10st ...	Owner	2
Captain Reinemann's Welcome, 7st 12lbs...	Capt Winter	3

Also ran: Rufus, 9-10.

Won a good race by two lengths. Time—2 mins. 6⅘ secs.

BOWENPILLI SUBSTITUTION STAKES.—Rs. 200 from which the second receives Rs. 50; for *bonâ fide* Arab Polo ponies 14-1 and under. 3 furlongs.

Mr Ley's Reverie, 11st 8lbs	Owner	1
Capt Winter's Bridoon, 10st 4lbs ...	Owner	2
Middlesex Polo Club's Prosperity, 10st 12lbs	Capt Wheeler	3

Won easily by three lengths; two lengths divided second and third. Time—48⅘ secs.

SECUNDERABAD PURSE.—Rs. 2 0, from which Rs. 50 go to the second. For horses. 6 furlongs.

Capt Winter's Response, 10st 4lbs ...	Owner	1
,, Arnold's Calamity, 10st ...	Capt Wheeler	2
Dr Ahmed Mirza's Sultan, 10st 4lbs ...	Capt Magrath	3

Also ran: Victor, 10-0 (declared 4lbs) Avon, 10-0; and Shubnum, 8-10.

Won by a length; third beaten off. Time—1min. 20secs.

DESERT STAKES.—Rs. 200, from which the second receives Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Capt Winter's Winchester, 8st 12lbs ...	Owner	1
Mr Shroff's Buktawar, 10st 9lbs ...	Capt Magrath	2
,, Popham's Abdul, 10st 11b ...	Capt Wheeler	3

Also ran: Bayard, 9-1.

Won by one and a half lengths; six lengths between second third. Time—1 min. 26⅘secs.

NEOPHYTE STAKES.—Rs. 200, from which the second receives Rs. 50. For ponies 14-1 and under, and which never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 60 or over. ¼ mile.

Capt Barr's McBee, 9st 2lbs (declared 11b)	Capt Magrath	1
Mr Brown's Mabel, 11st 4lbs ...	Capt Wheeler	2
Middlesex Polo Club's Prosperity, 11st 12lbs	Native	3

Won by one and a quartar lengths; four lengths divided second and third. Time—54secs.

TRIMULGHERRY STAKES.—Rs. 200, from which the second receives Rs. 50. For Arabs. 1 mile.

Mr Richard's S'elpme, 10st 9lbs ...	Capt Winter	1
,, Wormald's Baby Boy, 12st 3lbs ...	Burke	2
,, Brodie's The Clown, 10st 12lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran: Tatcho, 10-2; and Whiteface, 10-2.

Won by a length and a half; three lengths between second and third. Time—2 mins.

Second Day Thursday, 13th August, 1903.

A large attendance graced the proceedings to-day, when good fields and fine racing contributed largely to a most enjoyable afternoon. Details:—

THE HURDLE STAKES.—Rs. 200, from which the second pony receives Rs. 50. Handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Round the course over 6 flights of hurdles.

Mr Wilkinson's Grey Wing, 9st 6lbs ...	Capt Moseley	1
Capt Brett's Marjory, 11st	Capt Magrath	2
,, Heinemann's Welcome, 10st 6lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran: Mr. Russell's Rufus.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 24secs.

THE LADIES' PLATE.—Rs 200, from which second receives Rs. 50. A handicap for ponies. 5 furlongs.

Mr Mirza Nazir Beg's Investment, 11st 4lbs,	Capt Magrath	1
,, Brown's Mabel, 9st 7lbs	Capt Wheeler	2
Capt Winter's Malabar, 8st 5lbs ...	Native	3

Won by two lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 9⅘ secs.

THE BOLARUM CUP.—Rs. 200, from which the second horse receives Rs. 50. A handicap for horses. 1 mile.

Capt Arnold's Calamity, 10st 2lbs ...	Capt Wheeler	1
,, Winter's Response, 11st 4lbs ...	Capt Moseley	2
Lieut-Col Afsur-ul-Mulk's Shubnum, 7st 12lbs	Native	3

Also ran: Sultan, 9-8; and Avon, 9-0.

Won by four lengths; a bad third. Time—1min. 51secs.

THE ARAB PLATE.—Rs. 200, from which the second receives Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Capt Winter's Winchester 9st 6lbs ...		1
Mr Shroff's Buktawar, 11st	Native	2
Capt Darley's Hailstorm, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran: Rufus 11-2; and Surprise, 10-5.

Won by a neck: half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 11⅖secs.

THE POLO PONY SCURRY.—Rs. 200, from which the second pony receives Rs. 50. For polo ponies 14-1 and under. 3 furlongs.

Capt Barr's Bee, 9st 9lbs	Capt Magrath	1
,, Heineman's Bayard, 8st	Native	2
,, Winter's Bridoon, 8st	Native	3

Also ran: Pyrrhus, 10-11; and Prosperity, 8-3½.

Won by four lengths; a neck between second and third. Time—41⅖secs.

THE SUBSTITUTION EASTERN HANDICAP.—Rs. 200, from which the second pony receives Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs. ⅝ mile.

Mr Rickard's S'elpme, 9st 8lbs ...	Capt Magrath	1
,, Shroff's Buktawar, 9st 7lbs ...	Capt Wheeler	2
,, Popham's Abdul, 9st 7lbs	Native	3

Also ran: Pompom the Second, 11-7; Tatcho, 11-7; Clown, 10-4; Wandering Jew, 10-2; and Whiteface, 10-0.

Won by two lengths; half a length between second and third Time—1min. 25⅖secs.

CALCUTTA COURSE CHAT.

LAST Thursday saw a lot of fast work being put in by the various stables, with Friday and Saturday on the easy side: in fact, the latter morning, in view of the racing in the afternoon, is generally passed in speculating on how things will turn out.

Tuesday gave us a nice cool morning for work, and every one was at it with a will. The first pair being Bin Rashid (Hard) and a native on Pekin, who put in a fast bit, followed by Clinder (Johnson), Euryalus (Piper), Shirley (native), who went a very smart 5 furlongs, the first-named having the call at the finish. The other two moved well, and when next they race, I expect Saturday's position to be reversed.

Loch Arden (Hard) went a quick 7 furlongs, and Major Cook and Churnside, with natives up, also did a spin. Next Smallman on Not Yet took a turn with Lady Froude (P. Morrison) and had very much the best of the 5 furlongs. Hard galloped Yellow Metal and Granny went a smart bit of work; the mare will not be wanting when the question is asked.

Trollop was shaken up over a distance, and is as big as ever. Metalwing (Mr. Raban) put in a bit of a gallop Mr. Galstaun on Gassima went 5 furlongs with Smallman on Springlock, in very good timing, considering the course. The deal looked pretty even, but of course the difference in weight would be sufficient to account for this: all the same, 'twas smart of Gassima to keep beside such a classy one as Springlock.

Kittylea went the horse hurdles and jumped, as is her wont, faultlessly. Loch Maree was dusted along 5 furlongs very briskly by young Morrison and took a good bit of pulling up. She seems pretty full of herself and probably is going to give her owner a turn.

Yuletide (Mr. Raban), Blair Athol (Mr. Evers), and Warrigal put in a quick spurt, the black being at the head of affairs.

Miss Prominence and Sea View were also out for a breather.

Then Syd. White went a bustler on Firefly, and Mr. Pugh went round on Ladybird.

Mr. Dudley had out Comely and Snapshot.

I was glad to see Bond on hand not much damaged, and he hopes to be in the saddle again on Saturday riding for Smallman. After his fall, he deserves a win.

There has been a change in Mr. Galstaun's stable, George Robinson being installed at the head of affairs, in view of poor Fordham's inability to carry out so important a position in his present unfortunate condition.

The brothers Jimmy and George Robinson will have a strong hand in the big events of the coming cold season, as they undoubtedly have the most classy horses in India to train and ride, and everyone wishes them and their sporting connections all the good luck that talent, energy, and money can command.

Penton has first call in Mr. Apcar's stable, and as he is one of the most capable riders in India, this popular stable, will, as of yore, be well in the forefront of the coming battle at Poona.

I notice all Mr. Bell-Irving's string are for sale as the owner is going home, owing to his late illness.

The string contains some real good performers, notably Yuletide, Naiades, Peeping Tom, and First Guide, etc, and those in quest of made horses, will have an opportunity of adding to their stables. Mr Bell-Irving is a very popular sportsman and I trust the trip home will set him up again.

Wednesday was occupied chiefly in slow work, and looking over the entries, which from their dimensions augur well for Saturday's racing, but of course until the weights are out it would be fruitless discussing the probabilities.

I had a chat with Mr. Pymm, who informed me poor old Marwarrie's racing days are done, it having been discovered at the Veterinary College that he had an affection in the bone of the legs. Mr. Pymm intends letting the good old warrior end his days in peace at the Pinjrapole. His other horse, Timekeeper, who was in the Vet's hand, with fever, is now out of hospital, and very ragged looking, but he is on the mend, and may yet put up a good race.

Hard has severed his connection with the Galstaun stable, and I understand is going to do some riding for Mr. Bannerjee.

TIN TACK.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

TRAINERS' LOTS.

MESSRS. BELL-IRVING AND COWPER.

First Guide	Peeping Tom
Metal Wing	Sir Humphrey
Mocassin	Warrigal
Naiades	Yule Tide

FRANK SMALLMAN.

Jockeys F. Bond Piper and Johnstone.

Bin Rashid	Major Cook
Blazes	Merry Xmas
Clynder	Miss Prominence
Corydon	Pekin II
Euryalus	Red Rose
Granny	Sea View
Hello	Shirley
Lady Froude	Timekeeper
Lord Lieutenant	Yellow and Black

H. WISHART.

Jockeys Bloss and White.

Alan	Flashlight
Autocrat	Fairlight
Corick	Kellnerin

G. ROBINSON.

Jockeys P. Morrison and Morrison, Jr.

Light Artillery	Loch Maree
Captain	Lucy Grey
Florin	Mulwala
Gassima	My Fancy
Gunmetal	Not Yet
Heather Honey	Orsino
Loch Arden	Shooting Star
	Springlock

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MR. DUDLEY.

Sylvia	Comely
Dundonald	Oom Paul
Snapshot (late Ruby)	

FRED GERRARD.

Little Doris	Reveille
Second Thought	

MR. RODOCONACHI.

Sweet Talk	Perfect
Shylock	Kittylea

MR. PUGH.

Beeswing	Firefly
Ladybird	

Entries for Races.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

Third Meeting, Saturday, 22nd, Aug. 1903

THE ELLENBOROUGH PLATE.—About 1¼ miles.

Mr G B Paris' gr aust m Actress
Mr R A C Pugh's b aust m Ladybird
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aust m Kittylea
Mr Dowling's br aust g Fairlight
Mr Dudley's b aust g Dundonald

THE KIDDERPORE PLATE.—7 furlongs.

Mr Fairweather's br aust g Svengali
Mr Bell-Irving's br aust g Metalwing
Mr Gal Gregory's ch aust h Loch Arden
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aust m Kittylea
Mr G. B Paris' b e g Corick
Mr Galstaun's b aust g Springlock.

THE MIDDLETON PLATE.—5 furlongs.

Mr Evers' b aus m Sunshine
Mr Paris' br aus g Twilight
Mr Rees' br aus g Oom Paul
Mr Beagles' ch aus g Seaview
Mr Manning's ch aus g Shirley
Mr D L Stewart's b aus g Major Cook
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly
Mr S Margrett's b aus g Bob Sutton
Mr A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus
Mr A N Dass' b cb h High Tide
Mr Creet's ch e m Gassima
Mr Galstaun's br aus m Loch Maree

THE PONY PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr Crichton's ch aust m Florin, 14-0½
Mr Chowdhury's b aust m Lady Froude, 14-0½
Mr Bell-Irving's bk aust m Yuletide 14-1
Mr Cowper's ch aust h First Guide, 14-0½
Mr B B's b aust m Second Thought, 14-1
Mr B B's b cb h Reveille, 14-1
Mr Rodocanachi's b aust m Pefect, 14 0½
Mr Gue's br aust m Snapshot, 14-0½
Mr Creet's b aust m Yellow Mantle, 14-0½
Mr Galstaun's b aust m Not Yet, 13-8½

SMALL PONY HANDICAP.—5 furlongs.

Mr McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 13-3
Mr McKenzie's dk r cb m Asthore 14-0
Mr Shillingford's br cb m Comely, 14-0
Dr D Taylor's b aus m Granny, 13-3
Messrs De Launcy and Mullick's ch a h Bin Rashid, 13-2½
Mr B B's br aus m Lady Olive, 132-½
Mr B B's b cb h Reveille, 14-1
Mr Banker's ch aus m Little Doris, 13 3½
Mr Rodocanachi's gr aus m Sweet Talk, 13-3½
Mr A N Dass' gr cb m Lucy Grey, 14-0½
Mr Galstaun's b aus m Not Yet, 13-3½
Mr Howell's b cb m My Fancy, 14-1

AMATEUR PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr Curtis-Hayward's b aus m Sylvia
Mr L Walker's b aus g The Detective
Mr Pike's b e m Vixen
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly
Mr Bell Irving's b aus g Warrigal
Mr Evers' b aus m Sunshine
Mr Raban's b aus g Sir Humphrey
Mr Deakin's b aus g Invincible
Mr Deakin's b aus g Daffodil

DEHRA AUTUMN SKY RACES.

FIRST ENTRIES.

First Day, 29th September 1903.

I. THE MAIDEN HURDLES.

1	Mr Pawson's ...	... b aus m	... Manette, 13-3½
2	„ Bayley's ...	... b aus m	... Mary Jane

II. THE NOVICE STAKES.

1	Mr Pawson's	... b aus m	... Manette, 13-3½
2	„ Do. ...	... blk cb g	... Velvet
3	„ Duff's ...	... g a h	... Pice
4	Capt Dawson's...	... g a h	... Surgeon
5	Do. ...	... g a g	... Pat, 14-0½
6	„ Sullivan's...	... ch cb m	... Lotus, 14-1
7	„ Pinney's ...	... g a g	... White Heather
8	Major Fuller's...	... b cb g	... The Writ,
9	The Hon D Bingham's	...	... Kingcup
10	Mr Kidd's ...	... ch cb m	... Sunrise

III. THE RAJPUR PURSE.

1	Mr Pawson's	... b aus m	... Manette, 13-3½
2	„ Duff's	... g a h	... Pice
3	Capt Cameron's	... b aus g	... Don John
4	Col Hon E Baring's	... g e m	... Slipknot, 13-3

IV. THE MUSSOORIE PURSE.

1	Capt Stratton's	... b a h	... Birdcatcher, 13-1½
2	Do	... g a h	... Gannet, 13-2½
3	Mr Duff's	... g a h	... Pice
4	Capt Dawson's	... g a h	... Surgeon
5	„ Sullivan's	... ch a g	... Toofan, 14-0
6	„ Home's	... ch a h	... Sadoon, 14-0
7	„ Pinney's	... g a g	... White Heather
8	Major Fuller's	... g a g	... Grey Knave, 13-0½
9	„ Grimston's	... b a g	... Bijli
10	Col Hon E Baring's	... b a h	... Peninsular II, 13-2½

V. DESERT STAKES.

1	Capt Dawson's	... g a h	... Surgeon
2	Do	... g a g	... Pat, 14-0½
3	Mr Durrant's	... b a g	... Squint, 13-2

VI. THE DEHRA STAKES.

1	Mr Elgee's ...	... g a g	... St Gris, 13-3
2	„ Pawson's...	... blk a s m	... Busy Bee, 13-2½
3	Capt Dawson's	... g a g	... Pat, 14-3½
4	Mr Holford's ...	...	Sailor
5	„ Ridgeway's	... b cb g	... Recluse
6	Major Grimston's	... g a s m	... Grey Mist III, 14-0½
7	„ Fuller's	... g a g	... Grey Knave, 13-3½
8	Col Hon E Baring's	... g e m	... Slipknot, 13-3

VII. THE POLO SCURRY.

1	Mr Pawson's ...	... blk cb g	... Velvet
2	Capt Sullivan's	... ch a g	... Toofan, 14-0
3	„ Home's ...	... blk s afr g	... Dasher, 14-1
4	Mr Salmon's ...	... dun s afr g	... Active Service
5	„ Ridgeway's	... g a g	... Catapult
6	Capt Pinney's	... ch a g	... Surprise, 14-1
7	Major Grimston's	... g a g	... Goblin II, 14-0½
8	„ Fuller's	... ch a s m	... Decima
9	Col Hon E Baring's	... b a s m	... Toss, 13-3
10	The Hon ble D Bingham's	roan cb m	... Ruby

Second Day, 1st October 1903.

I. THE HURDLE HANDICAP.

1	Mr Pawson's ...	... b aus m	... Manette, 13-3½
2	„ Bayley's ...	... b aus m	... Mary Jane

II. THE HIMALAYA STAKES.

1	Capt Cameron's	... b aus g	... Don John
2	Major Fuller's	... b cb g	... The Writ by Bailiff, C B Mare, 3 yrs

III. THE LANDOUR PURSE.

1	Col Hon E Baring's	... g e m	... Slipknot, 13-3
2	The Hon D Bingham	... .	... Kingcup

IV. THE HARDWAR STAKES.

1	Mr Duff's ...	... g a h	... Pice
2	Capt Dawson's	... g a g	... Pat, 14-0½
3	„ Sullivan's	... ch cb m	... Lotus, 14-1
4	„ Pinney's ..	... g a g	... White Heather
5	Major Fuller's	... g a g	... Grey Knave
6	Col Hon E Baring's	... b a h	... Peninsular II, 14-2½

V. THE CHARLEVILLE STAKES.

1	Mr Pawson's ...	... bk aus m	... Busy Bee, 12-2½
2	Capt Dawson's	... g a h	... Surgeon
3	Mr Durrant's ...	... b a g	... Squint, 13-2
4	„ Ridgeway's	... b cb g	... Recluse
5	„ Holford's ...	... .	... Sailor
6	„ Major Grimston's	... g aus m	... Grey Mist III, 14-0½
7	„ Fuller's ...	... g a g	... Grey Knave, 13-3½

VI. THE STEWARDS' STAKES.

1	Mr Elgee's ...	... g a g	... St Gris, 13-3
2	„ Duff's ...	... g a h	... Pice
3	Capt Dawson's	... g a h	... Surgeon
4	„ Sullivan's	... ch a h	... Toofan, 14-0
5	„ Home's	... ch a h	... Sadoon, 14-0
6	„ Pinney's	... g a g	... White Heather
7	Major Grimston's	... b a g	... Bijli

VII. THE POLO HANDICAP.

1	Mr Pawson's	... blk cb g	... Velvet
2	Capt Sullivan's	... ch a h	... Toofan, 14-0
3	„ Home's	... blk s afr g	... Dasher, 14-1
4	Mr Salmon's	... dun s afr g	... Active Service, 14-1
5	„ Ridgeway's	... g a g	... Catapult
6	Capt Pinney's	... ch a g	... Surprise, 14-1
7	Major Grimston's	... g aus g	... Goblin II, 14½
8	„ Fuller's	... ch aus m	... Decima
9	Hon'ble D Bingham's	... roan cb m	... Ruby, 14-0

NOTE.—2nd and Final Entries close 10th September.

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UMBALLA AUTUMN MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON

3rd, 5th & 7th November 1903.

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SIRDAR JEWAN SINGH, C S I
CAPT C GREGORY, 19th B L

Honorary Secretary.—W R WALKER, A V D

First Day, Tuesday, 3rd November 1903.

PONY STEEPLECHASE.—Rs 500 to the winner, Rs. 200 to the second and Rs. 100 to the third. Steeplechase for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under and other ponies 14-1 and under. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2 to carry 11st 7lbs, others 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 14lbs. Allowances—Maidens 5lbs. and ponies that have never won a chase value Rs. 50 or over 7lbs. additional. Distance—Steeplechase course, about 2 miles. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 15, 26th September Rs. 30, 24th October Rs. 50, with Rs. 15 additional for each starter.

THE NOVICE PLATE.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 50 or over. 14-1 to carry 10st 7lbs. W. I. Distance—4 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE C.-B. PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 1,500 or over. 14-2 to carry 10-7. W. I. Penalties—Winners of races value Rs. 50 or over once 4lbs or twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. and winners of races of the value of Rs. 50 or over amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,000 or over 7lbs. additional. Allowances—Maidens 3lbs. and ponies that have never won a race value Rs 50 or over, 4lbs. in addition to maiden allowance. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE TRIAL PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A flat race for maiden horses C. W. A. C. raised 14lbs. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs., twice 7lbs. oftener 10lbs. Allowances—Horses that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20 with Rs 10 additional for each starter.

THE MAIDEN PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under, and other maiden ponies 13-3½ and under that have never won flat races of the value of Rs. 50 or over amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,000. C.-B's. 14-1 to carry 9st. 7lbs., Arabs 14-1 to carry 8st. 7lbs, others 13-3½ to carry 9st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 5lbs., twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs., Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race of the value of Rs. 50 or over, 5lbs. Distance—1,000 yards. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE UMBALLA PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, and other ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 1,000 or over. English and Australasians 14-1 to carry 10st.; C.-B.'s 14-2 to carry 9st. 12lbs.; Arabs 14-2 to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners of races of the value of Rs. 200 or over, once 6lbs., twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race of the value of Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE CITY PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 50 or over. 14-2 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Distance—4 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

Second Day, Thursday, 5th November 1903.

PONY HURDLES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, and others 14-1 and under. Distance—About 1¼ miles over 6 flights of hurdles. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE ARABIAN PLATE—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 10st W. I Penalties—Winners once 4lbs., twice 7lbs. oftener 10lbs., and winners of races value Rs. 50 or over aggregating Rs. 600 3lbs., aggregating Rs. 900 6lbs., aggregating Rs. 1,200 or over 9lbs additional. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs 50 or over 5lbs. Distance—4 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE PAGET PARK PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third A Handicap for Arab ponies 14-2 and under. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

C. T. C. STAKES.—Rs. 1,000 presented by the Calcutta Turf Club, out of which the second will receive Rs. 200 and third Rs. 100. A Handicap for horses that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 2,000 or over. Distance—1 mile Entrance—22nd August Rs. 10, 26th September Rs. 20, 24th October Rs. 30 with Rs. 15 additional for each starter.

THE CANTONMENT PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for English and Australasian ponies 14-1 and under, and Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000 or over. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20 with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE BEEBYAL PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ and under that have not won flat races of the value of Rs. 50 and over aggregating Rs. 1,000 or over, and all Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs 10 additional for each starter.

GUY FAWKES' PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For ponies that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 50 or over. English and Australasian ponies 14 hands and under, and others 14-1 and under. English, 14 hands to carry 10st 9lbs.; Australasians 14 hands to carry 10st 6lbs; C.-B's 14 hands to carry 9st 9lbs; Arabs 14-1 to carry 8st 9lbs. W. I. Distance—4 furlongs. Entrance.—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September, Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs 10 additional for each starter.

Third Day, Saturday, 7th November 1903.

THE HIE OVER PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 200 to the second and Rs. 100 to the third. A Handicap Steeplechase for Arab and C.-B ponies 14-2 and under, and English and Australasian ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—About 2 miles, steeplechase course. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 15, 26th September Rs. 30, 2 th October Rs. 50, with Rs. 20 additional for each starter.

THE DESERT PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for Arab ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—5 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE PRODUCE PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for C.-B ponies 14-2 and under. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

THE CLUB PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs 50 to the third. A Handicap for horses that have not won a flat race of the value of Rs. 1,500 or over since 1st

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THE RUNBIR PURSE.—Rs. 650 (Rs. 500 presented by H. H. The Kour Sahib of Patiala and Rs. 150 from the Fund), Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for English and Autralasian ponies 14-1 and under that have not won flat races of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards aggregating Rs. 1,500 or over, and all Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under. Distance—6 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 10, 26th September Rs. 20, 24th October Rs. 30, with Rs. 15 additional for each starter.

THE PADDOCK PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for maiden English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ and under, and maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—1 furlongs. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 15 additional for each starter.

THE MIDGET PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap for ponies 14 hands and under. Distance—1,000 yards. Entrance—22nd August Rs. 5, 26th September Rs. 10, 24th October Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 additional for each starter.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1.—All entrances and acceptances to go to the Fund except where otherwise stated subject to Rules 82 and 139. In all entries for pony races the height of the pony must be given.

2.—C. T. C and W. I. T. C. Certificates of height only accepted, except in cases provided for by Rule 39.

3.—Half the added money will be given for a Walk Over, subject to Rule 140.

4.—Owners running one horse or pony to subscribe Rs. 10, two or more Rs. 20 to the Fund.

5.—A Course fee of Rs. 10 will be charged for each horse or pony running at the Meeting and a fee of Rs. 15 for each horse or pony not running at the Meeting, but exercised on the course on and after the 30th September 1903.

6.—Starting declarations including weights to be carried and colours, to be placed in the Honorary Secretary's box by 12 noon the day before the race, on proper forms which can be had on application, and must be accompanied by all fees due in respect to that race including the Jockey's losing fee if not already paid.

7.—In races other than selling ra es and handicaps a landing allowance of 6lbs. will be given to English and Australasian horses and ponies landed in India direct from the country of foaling on or after 1st July 1903. This allowance to be reduced to 3lbs. on the horse or pony winning one race and to cease on his winning two races of any description.

8.—Entrance money must accompany entries, otherwise they will be declined.

9.—There must be 8 entries in all Flat Races and 6 entries for Hurdle and Steeplechase Races, otherwise the race may be declared void at the discretion of the Stewards under Rule 140.

10.—Should the entrance money in any race advertised at Rs. 200 to the winner exceed all advertised prizes, the surplus will be divided between 2nd and 3rd horses in proportion of 2 to 1. In no case will the winner receive more than Rs. 199.

11.—Except where otherwise specified an allowance of 5lbs. will be given to Gentleman Riders in all Flat Races not Handicaps, and to Jockeys who have never ridden the winner of a race value Rs. 50 or over. These allowances to be claimed at the scales when weighing out.

12.—All handicaps will be high weight ones.

NOTICE.

1.—Lotteries will be held at 9-30 P.M. on each day preceding a race day. Ten per cent of the Lotteries to go to the Fund.

2.—Admission to the Grand Stand and enclosure Rs. 8 per day or Rs. 20 for the Meeting.

Owners running horses at the Meeting, and Ladies, free.

W. R. WALKER,
A. V. D,
Honorary Secretary.

PROGRAMME OF THE MADRAS RACES. SEASON, 1903-1904.

WINTER MEETING.

(Under C. T. C. Rules of Racing.)

STEWARDS :

MAJOR W. M. CAMPBELL. | KUMARA RAJAH OF PITTAPUR.
MAJOR F. C. LOGAN-HOME. | HON. MR. JUSTICE H. T. BODDAM.
MAJOR W. D. GUNN.

Honorary Secretary :—A. P. SYMONDS, ESQ.

First Day, Tuesday, 19th January, 1904.

THE TRADES PLATE.—Rs. 350 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. For horses which have not won flat races value Rs. 140 or over of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,000 or over since 1st April, 1901. Weights—W. A and C. raised 7lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 140 or over, once 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; thrice or oftener 10lbs. Allowances—Horses that have not won a race value Rs. 50 or over 10lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE PARLAKEMIDI PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. For English and Australasian ponies 14-1 and under and other ponies 14-2 and under which have not won flat races of the value of Rs 140 or over of the aggregate value of Rs. 850 or over since 1st April, 1901. Weights—English and Australasians 14-1 to carry 11st ; C-B.'s 14-2 to carry 10st.; Arabs 14-2 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 140 or over, once 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; thrice or oftener 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies that have not won a race value Rs. 50 or over 5lbs. Distance—¾ mile.

THE HIGH COURT PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. For horses Weights—Handicap. Distance—1 mile.

THE BANKERS' PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. For English and Australasian ponies 14-0 and under and other ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—English and Australasians 14-0 to carry 11st.; Country-breds 14-1 to carry 10st; Arabs. 14-1 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winners, once 4lbs; twice, 7lbs; thrice or oftener 10lbs.; winners of a race value Rs. 450 or over and of races value Rs. 140 or over of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,000 or over 7lbs. extra. Allowances—Maidens 7lbs; and ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 50 or over 3lbs. extra. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE SREE GODAVERY PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. For Arab and C-B Ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—Arabs 14-1 to carry 10st. and C-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs ; twice 7lbs. ; thrice or oftener 10lbs. ; winners of a race value Rs. 450 or over, and of races value Rs. 140 or over of the aggregate value of Rs. 800 or over 7lbs. extra. Allowances—Ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 50 or over 3lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

Second Day, Thursday, 21st January, 1904.

THE RAJAH V. KISHUN BAHADOOR'S PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. A handicap for horses which have not won a flat race of the value of Rs. 450 or over since 1st April, 1901. Distance—1 mile.

THE VENKATAGIRI PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. A handicap for ponies, which have not won flat races of the value of Rs. 140 or over of the aggregate value of Rs. 800 or over since 1st April, 1901. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE AMPTHILL CUP.—A Cup value Rs. 500 presented by H. E. the Governor of Madras with Rs 1 500 to the winner and Rs. 300 to the second and Rs. 150 to the third from the fund. A handicap for horses. Weights—Top weight not to exceed 10-7. Distance—R. C (1¼ mile) and a distance of 100 yards.

THE MERCHANTS' PLATE.—Rs. 1,000 to the winner and Rs. 200 to the second and Rs. 100 to the third from the fund. A handicap for ponies Weights—Handicap. Distance—7 furlongs.

THE BOBBILI PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. A handicap for Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2 and under. Distance—¾ mile.

Third Day, Saturday, 23rd January, 1904.

THE IMPORTERS' PLATE.—Rs 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. A handicap for horses that have started at the meeting. Winner to be sold for Rs. 1,200. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE DHARAKOTA PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 50 to the second from the fund. A handicap for ponies that have started at the meeting. Winner to be sold for Rs. 1,000. Distance—1 furlongs.

THE PUDUKOTTAH PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. A handicap for horses. Distance—1 mile.

THE TRADES PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. A handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE CIVIL SERVICE PLATE.—Rs. 500, to the winner and Rs. 100 to the second from the fund. A handicap for Arabs 14-1 and under. Distance—7 furlongs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entrances for all races are as follows :—

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
For races value under	300	500	1,000	1,500
1st Entries, 2nd November under	10	25	50	75
2nd „ 1st December „	20	50	100	125
3rd „ 1st January, 1904 „	30	75	150	200

(i) Entrances must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount, or they will be refused.

(ii) All entrance money goes to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.

2. All races in which there are less than 6 entries, in *bonâ fide* separate interests, may be declared void under Rule 140.

3. In the case of a walk-over, only half the added money will be given subject to Rule 140.

4. Mares and Geldings allowed 3 lbs. in all races, except selling races and handicaps.

5. In all pony races, except in handicaps and selling races, ponies measured since the 1st April, 1899, will be allowed 7lbs. (This does not apply to Local Measurements.)

6. In all races other than selling race- and handicaps, a landing allowance will be given to all horses and ponies landed in India direct from the country of foaling. If landed on or after the 1st June 1903, 3lbs.; if landed on or after the 1st October, 6lbs.

(i) These allowances to be reduced to 3lbs on winning one race of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards, and to cease on winning two races of that value and upwards.

7. In W. I. Races and other races where a pony is entered the height, and in W. A. Races the age must be stated.

8. All telegrams must be confirmed by letter in accordance with Rule 54.

9. Ponies will be allowed 1 stone in running against horses in all races, except in selling and handicap races

10. Gentlemen Riders and Native Jockeys that have not ridden a winner of Rs. 200 or over, allowed 5lbs., except in handicap and selling races.

11. Handicaps will be published at 7-30 A.M. on the day before the race. Starting declarations must be placed in the box, on forms provided at the Race Stand, Island, by 8 A.M on the day before the race.

NOTE (i)—All penalties incurred and allowances claimed must be stated, the colors to be worn and the name of rider must be given, or the declaration may be refused.

(ii).—The losing fee of a jockey must be paid to the Honorary Secretary with the starting declaration, if not otherwise previously arranged.

12. Certificates of height and age of C. T. C., W. I. T. C, and local Stewards (under Rule 39) will be accepted.

13. All entries and communications should be addressed to

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,
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HYDERABAD RACES, 1903.

(Under C. T. C. Rules of Racing.)

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Hony. Secy.—CAPT. C. R. BONIFACIO.
Clerk of the Scales—T. GARDINER, ESQ.
Starter.—R. C. L. CARY, ESQ.
Handicapper.—MAJOR R. H. HAYES.
Judge.—H. GOUGH. ESQ.

First Day, Thursday, 12th November.

THE TRIAL HURDLES.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horset. Weights—W. A. & C. raised 2st. Allowances—Horses that have never won a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs. Penalties—Winners of a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 1¼ miles over 6 flights of hurdles.

THE HYDERABAD PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—W. A. & C raised 21lbs. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE CHUDDERGHAUT PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—English and Australasians 14-2 to carry 12st. 7lbs C.-B's 14-2 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-2 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs Penalties—Winners of race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or over 1st. extra. Cumulative. 6 furlongs.

THE ASIATIC PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-1 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 5 furlongs.

THE BEDOUIN PLATE. Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arabs. Weights—For age raised 1st. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs., ponies 13-3 and under allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or more, 1st. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE MALLET PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Arab polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs 50 or over, allowed 5lbs Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 3 furlongs.

Second Day, Saturday, 14th November.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 100 and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—Handicap. 3½ furlongs.

THE COLONIAL HANDICAP—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—Handicap. 1 mile.

THE SAIFABAD PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—Handicap. 7 furlongs.

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THE DECCAN PLATE.—Rs. 100, and Rs. 25 to the second. For C.-B. horses. Weights—Weight for age. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs. Ponies 13-3 and under allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 4 furlongs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entrance money goes to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.

2. A course fee of Rs. 3 will be charged for every horse or pony trained on the course between the 1st of October and 15th of November 1903.

3. Entries for all races close as follows :—1st Entries Rs. 10 on the 15th October 1903 at 9 P. M.; 2nd Entries Rs. 15 on the 2nd November 1903 at 9 P.M.

4. If, in any race, there are less than three entries in *bonâ fide* separate interests, such race will be declared void, under Rule 140.

5. All Telegrams must be confirmed by letter.

6. Starting declarations, accompanied by a jockey's fee for a losing mount, if not already paid, must be sent in on forms which will be supplied by the Honorary Secretary, showing correct weight, colors and name of rider to be placed in a box kept for the purpose at the Grand Stand Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

7. In W. I. Races, the height, and in W. A. Races, the age, must be stated at the time of entry.

8. Nizam's C.-B.'s will be allowed 7lbs. in all races except handicaps.

9 C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. Certificates and Certificates by Local Stewards under Rule 39, only accepted.

10 There will be a measurement by the Local Stewards (Rule 39) at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, on the 9th of November 1903, at 8 A. M.

11. Handicaps will be published at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, the Officers' Mess, Futteh Maidan, and at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, by 9 A.M. on the day before the race, and acceptances and starting declaration to be placed in the Declaration Box at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

12. Gentlemen riders who have never ridden the winner of a race value Rs. 50 allowed 3lbs. in all races except handicaps.

13. Licensed jockeys penalized 7lbs. in all races, handicaps included.

14. Any three Stewards form a quorum.

NOTICE.

1. Rupees throughout the Programme mean Government Rupees.
2. There will be a totalizator on the ground ; tickets Rs. 2.
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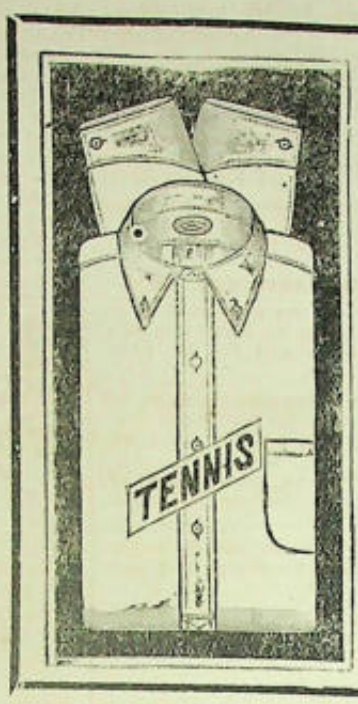

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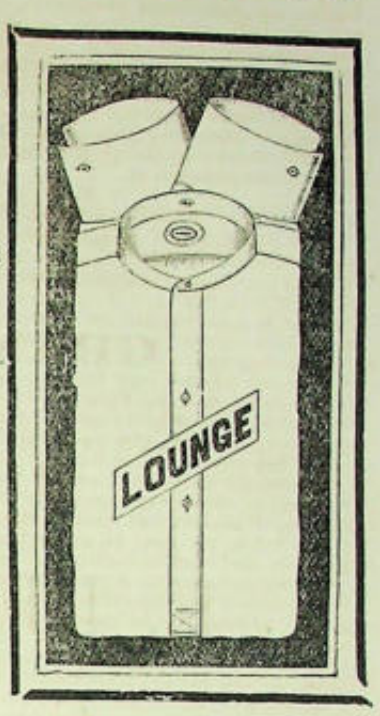

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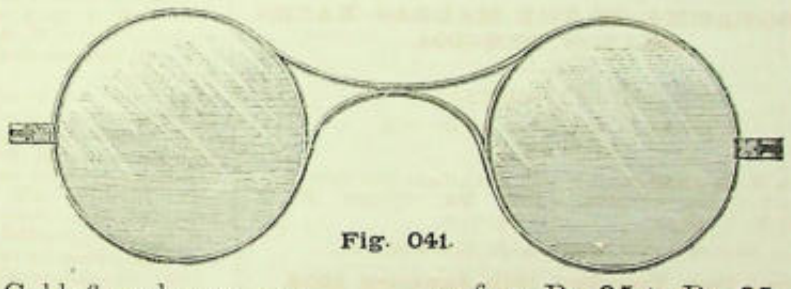
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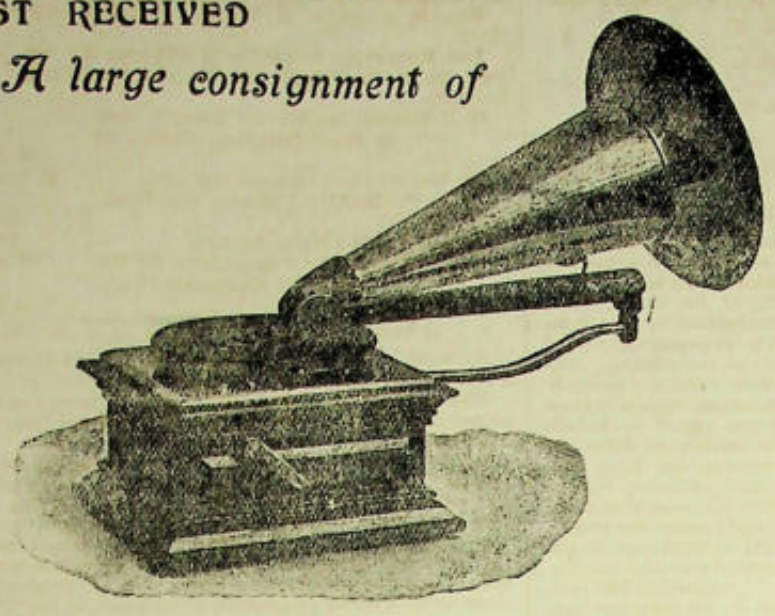

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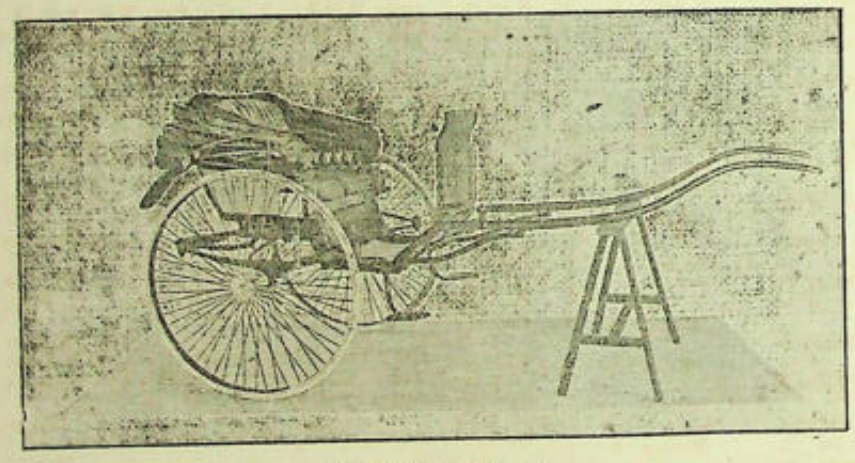

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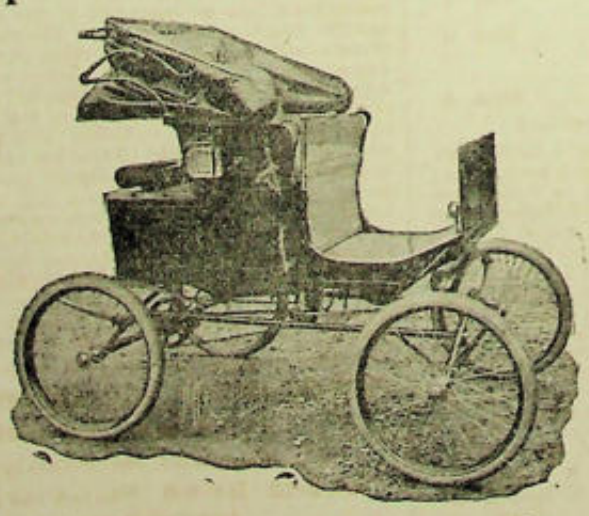

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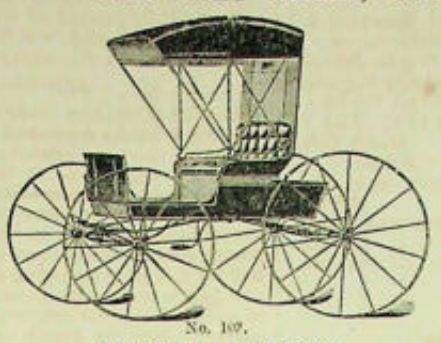

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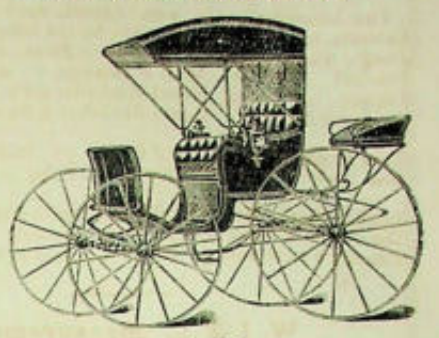

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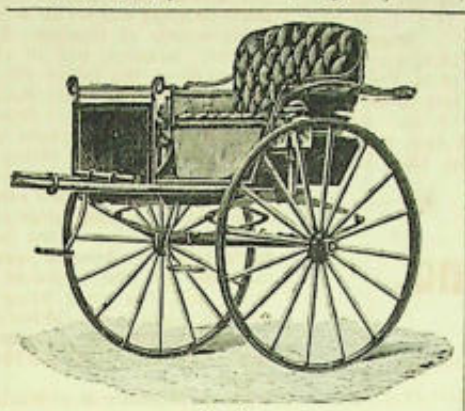

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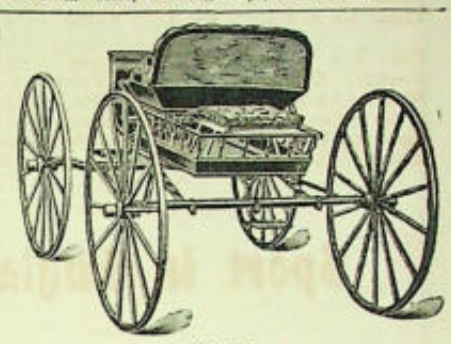

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The following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on the 4th August 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Bluebell	b aust m	Mr R B Lamotte	Aged	13-2¾	For life.
Daphne	ch aust m	Messrs Mackellar & Smith	6	14-1	For life.
Gladstone	b aust g	Messrs Mackellar & Smith	4	14-1¼	31st March 1904.
Love Hand	br b aust m	Mr J Gove	6	13-2¾	For life.
Red Rose	ch aust m	Messrs Mackellar & Smith	Aged	13-1	For life.
Taree	ch aust m	Messrs Mackellar & Smith	5	14-1	31st March 1904.
The Owl	dark b aust m	Mr J D Marshall	6	14-0¼	For life.
Timothy	b or br aust g	Messrs A Milton & Co	6	14-1	For life.

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The following ponies were classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 30th July 1903

Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height*	*Period.*
Chase Me	b a h	Mr L C Swifte	4	14-1	Until 31st March 1904.
Pluto	b a h	Mr C F Cooper	6	14-1¾	For life.
Porphyry	ch a h	Mr J A C Forsyth	6	13-3¼	For life.
What ho !	b a h	Mr L C Swifte	Aged	14-1	For life.

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Miss Ascot	b cb m	Mr J B	3	Until 31st Dec., 1903.	

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THE TURF.

LIVERPOOL JULY MEETING.

HOWEVER flattering an original entry for the Liverpool Summer Cup may be, the race seems fated to subside into a somewhat tame affair. This is in direct contrast to the Spring and Autumn experiences in the same direction, and, apart from the fact that the July Meeting here only extends over a couple of days, there is not the least doubt that the big race is adversely affected by the near approach of Goodwood. A more promising entry than that obtained for the race on the 24th could hardly be desired, such names as Wavelet's Pride, Friar Tuck, Templemore, Zinfandel, Ice Maiden, Cheers, Floriform, Lavengro, and Skiograph seeming to stand as a guarantee of a strenuous and spirited encounter, but the pen has been busy with all the above names, and a combination of portentous circumstances entirely altered the complexion of the race. The presence of the Mersey Stakes and Knowsley Dinner Stakes in the card augured favourably for the quality of the sport, but, unhappily, the fields were in no way commensurate with the strength of the entries, and the entertainment hardly did itself justice. Although precluded from seeing his own banner unfurled during the fixture, Lord Derby was present again with a small party, and by the time a resumption was made the company in the enclosures was well up to the average for July.

THE LIVERPOOL CUP HANDICAP—Of 100 sovs. 1 mile and 3 furlongs.

Mr J S Crawford's b h Capt Kettle, by Buccaneer—Committee, 6 y s, 7st 5lbs	O Madden	1
Mr F Bibby's b c Pain Bis, by Bread Knife—Pansy, 3yrs, 6st 6l ...	B Janek	2
Sir F Cassel's br h Handi pper, by Matchmaker—Ag sbo yrs, 9st	W Halsey	3
Mr C Mynor's Selkirk, by Fernandez—Oubliette, 4 yrs, 7st 3lbs ...	A Hemsworth	0
Mr W Goodchild's Scullion, by St Florian—Cinder, 5 yrs, 8st 8lbs ...	F W Hardy	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Glass Jug, by Isinglass—Amphora, 4 yrs, 8st 6lbs ..	M Cannon	0
Mr Jackson Clarke's Happy Medium, by Wiseman—Larkaway, 4 yrs, 7st 8lbs...	J Jarvis	0
Mr M L Hearn's Bushey Belle, by Bushey Park—Lady Atheling, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	J Dillon	0
Mr W G Langland's Noblesse, by Racburn—Noble Countess, 4 yrs, 7st 5lbs	C Trigg	0
Mr Arthur James's Shellmartin, by Florizel II—Bentesta, 4 yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	J E Watts	0

(*Winner trained by Cort, at Whatcombe.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Captain Kettle, 4 to 1 Glass Jug, 9 to 2 Handicapper, 100 to 12 Noblesse, 100 to 8 Bushey Belle, 100 to 6 Scullion, 20 to 1 Selkirk, 25 to 1 Shellmartin, 25 to 1 Pain Bis, 33 to 1 Happy Medium.

The first to leave the paddock was Handicapper, and he was followed in the parade by Scullion, Glass Jug, Happy Medium, Bushey Belle, Noblesse, Captain Kettle, and Selkirk, with Pain Bis bringing up the rear. They cantered in the same order, and the white flag was hoisted at twenty-six minutes past three. The lot were despatched to a beautiful start three minutes later, Bushey Belle being the first to show the way to Handicapper, Noblesse, and Captain Kettle, with Happy Medium, who hung fire, a long way last, but on settling down, Bushey Belle made the running from Captain Kettle, Noblesse, Selkirk and Handicapper, with Pain Bis and Glass Jug next, Shellmartin being last except the tailed-off Happy Medium. Passing the six furlong post Selkirk dashed to the front clear of Captain Kettle, Bushey Belle, and Handicapper, these being clear of Noblesse, Pain Bis, and Glass Jug to the straight, where Noblesse and Pain Bis took third and fourth places, but a quarter of a mile from home Captain Kettle drew to the front, and, stalling off the late challenge of Pain Bis, who came with a rattle close home, won by half a length ; a length and a half separated the second and third Selkirk, a head behind, was placed fourth ; Noblesse was fifth, Glass Jug sixth, Scullion seventh, Shellmartin eighth, and Happy Medium and Bushey Belle the last pair. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 20secs.

THE MERSEY STAKES.—Of 680 sovs. for two-year olds ; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs ; allowances, etc. Five furlongs and a half.

Major E Loder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiration, 8st 11lbs ...	Halsey	1
Mr W Raphael's gr s by Grey Leg—Navaretta, 8st	O Madden	2

(*Winner trained by Mr. Gilpin, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 33 to 1 on Pretty Polly.

Pretty Polly jumped off with a clear lead, and, making the whole of the running, won in a canter by a length and a half. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 11 ⅘secs.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

Like other outdoor carnivals. the success of a Goodwood Meeting is wholly dependant upon the weather, and a wet day is nothing short of a calamity. The meteorologists had sounded a note of warning as to the probability of the fixture being opened under damp conditions, and forewarned is said to be forearmed, but it was none the less highly disconcerting to find the rain pouring down in bucketsful early on the morning. The dismal outlook must have served to deter a large number o holiday folk from venturing upon the excursion, especially those who had to travel from London, and, having regard to the lack of shelter, it was not surprising to find the attendance below the average. For the fourth year in succession the King was unable to confer his patronage upon the ducal gathering. but the Prince of Wales was the guest of Mr. Arthur James at West Dean Park. and though the Duke of Richmond and Gordon was absent, the Earl of March entertained a select party at Goodwood House. Most of the big mansions in the neighbourhood extended hospitality to house parties of varying size, and preparations had been made on every side for an *al fresco* picnic on the luxurious lines characteristic of Glorious Goodwood. The breakdown in the weather, however, put an effectual damper on the festivities, and, so far as the initial stage of the reunion was concerned, the environments could hardly have been more miserable or depressing. A persistent drizzle fell throughout the afternoon, accompanied by an opaque sea froth which greatly interfered with the view of the racing, and there were times when the surrounding landscape was completely obliterated by the mist, and objects a few hundred yards distant were barely discernible. A lengthy list of scratchings yesterday had materially diminished the scope of some of the principal weight-for-age events, and fields to-day cut down to narrow proportions in more than one instance ; but the Stewards' Cup aroused intense interest, as usual, and, the going being no more than soft, no exception could be taken to the calibre of the racing.

THE GRATWICKE STAKES—Of 1,450 sovs., for three-year olds ; colts 9st., fillies 8st 10lbs ; penalties, etc. One mile and a half.

Mr J Musker's b c William Rufus, by Melton—Simena, 9st 3lbs ...	O Madden	1
Mr L Brassey's b g Timeserver, 8st 11b ...	K Cannon	2
Mr Arthur James's b c Alcæus, 9st ...	M Cannon	3

(*Winner trained by Gilbert, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 on William Rufus, 4 to 1 agst Alcæus, and 6 to 1 Timeserver.

William Rufus settled down with a clear lead of Timeserver, and making the whole of the running won in a canter by three lengths ; a head between second and third.

THE STEWARDS' CUP (Handicap)—Of 652 sovs. T.Y.C. (6 furlongs).

Mr G A Prentic's b c Dumbarton Castle, by Wolf's Crag—Chemistry, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs, car 7st 4lbs	O Madden	1
Sir J Blundell Maple's gr c Nabot, by Le Sancy—Nighean, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	W Lane	2
Mr H Bottomley's ch h Le Blizon, by Xaintrailes—Sunny Queen, aged, 7st 11lb, car 7st 12lbs	J Hare	3
Mr J B Joel's Sundridge, by Amphion—Sierra, 5yrs, 9st 10lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr H J King's Orchid, by Orme—Musley Maid, 5yrs, 9st (inc 7lbs ex) ...	H Jones	0
Mr A Cohen's Master Willie, by St David —Fraulein, aged, 8st 10lbs ...	Boardman	0
Herr A von Pechy's Macdonald III, by Chiselhurst—Marie, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	J Childs	0
Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin, by Reuil—Modest Martha, aged, 8st 7lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Mr A M Singer's O'Donovan Rossa, by Donovan—Barcaldine mare, 6yrs, 7st 4lbs	Janck	0
Sir E Cassel's Sermon, by Friar's Balsam—Listen, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs	Miller	0
Mr R S Sievier's Lavengro, by Ladas—Avilion, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	Hardy	0
Mr W Raphael's Skyscraper, by Velasquez or Ayrshire—Chelandy, 3yrs, 7st ...	Murray	0
Mr R Mount's Duke of Magenta, by McMahon or Sir Frederic—La Petite Duchesse, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex)...	C Escott	0
Mr S B Joel's Tippler, by Juggler—Bengola, 3yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 4lbs) ...	Watts	0
Mr Ivor E Hughes's Engineer, by Crafton Agnes, 5yrs, 7st	E Wheatley	0
Capt Forester's Hackler's Pride, by Hackler—Comma. 3yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr Jersey's Smilax, by Milford—Tenax, 3yrs, 7st	Griggs	0
Mr G Thursby's Indian Corn, by Middleham—Indian Star, 6yrs, 6st 13lbs ...	Trigg	0
M M Caillault's Perm by War Dance—Peroraison, 3yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Bray	0
Mr F Hardy's Wild Night Again, by St Hilaire—Anabasis, 4yrs, 6st 4lbs ...	East	0
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, by bay Ronald—Merry Miser, 3yrs, 6st 2lbs (car 6st 6lbs)	J Plant	0

(*Winner trained by J. Pouney, at Grateley.*)

BETTING : 4 to 1 agst Dumbarton Castle, 8 to 1 Indian Corn, 100 to 12 Mauvezin, 10 to 1 Sundridge, 10 to 1 Arabi, 20 to 1 Sermon, 20 to 1 Smilax, 20 to 1 Le Blizon. 20 to 1 Engineer, 20 to 1 Nabot, 25 to 1 Hackler's Pride, 25 to 1 Skyscraper, 25 to 1 agst Tippler 33 to 1 Master Willie, 33 to 1 Orchid, 33 to 1 Perm, 33 to 1 Wild Night Again, 40 to 1 O'Donovan Rossa, 40 to 1 Duke of Magenta, 66 to 1 Macdonald III, 66 to 1 Lavengro (o).

Won by three-quarters of a length ; two lengths separated the second and third. Sundridge was placed fourth Indian Corn was fifth, Wild Night Again sixth, Lavengro seventh, Duke of Magenta eighth, Tippler ninth, O'Donovan Rossa tenth, Arabi next, and Engineer and Smilax the last pair.

THE HAM STAKES.—Of 1,150 sovs, for two-year olds ; colts 9st, fillies 8st 10lbs ; allowances, etc. T.Y.C. (6 furlongs).

Mr Douglas Baird's b f Leucadia, by Martagon—Santa Maura, 8st 5lbs ...	H Aylin	1
Mr L Brassey's b c Tom Thumb, 8st 3lbs	K Cannon	2
„ J Musker's b f Bronze Medal, 8st 5lbs	O Madden	3
„ S B Joel's Barnstormer, 8st 9lbs ...	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by Enoch, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 7 to 4 agst Tom Thumb, 2 to 1 Barnstormer, 100 to 30 Leucadia, and 8 to 1 Bronze Medal.

Won by a couple of lengths ; a length between second and third.

THE RICHMOND STAKES.—Of 843 sovs, for two-year olds ; colts 8st 10 lbs ; fillies 8st 7lbs ; winners extra. T.Y.C. (6 furlongs).

Sir J Blundell Maple's b f Queen's Holiday, by Royal Hampton—Cimiez, 9st 11b	W Lane	1
His Majesty's br c Perchant, 8st 10lbs ...	M Cannon	2
Prince Soltikoff's b f Bonnie Wee Thing, 8st 7lbs	Halsey	3
Mr T Jennings's Merry, 8st 10lbs ...	Hardy	0
„ Douglas Baird's Pomegranate, 8st 7lbs	H Aylin	0
„ G P Holmes's f by Greenlawn—Lady Burghley, 8st 7lbs	Boardman	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 7 to 4 agst Queen's Holiday, 2 to 1 Perchant, 6 to 1 Bonnie Wee Thing, 100 to 8 any other.

Won easily by a length and a half ; a length divided the second and third. Pomegranate was fourth and Lady Burghley filly last.

Few who were fated to be present on the opening day of this present Goodwood fixture will ever forget the miseries to which they were subjected. Of the utter desolation of the historical plateau it is unnecessary to expatiate. Happily a change of wind into the north-east during the night brought relief from the incessant downpour, and the second stage of the meeting was ushered in under vastly brighter conditions. The advent of the ducal reunion serves as a prominent landmark in the "Calendar," signalising as it does the close of the London season, but pleasant as are the associations of the time-honoured racing picnic, it is with a sense of regret that one realises the unwelcome truth that the summer is well-nigh spent, and we stand once more at the threshold of chilly autumn. There was quite a suspicion of the approaching "fall" in the atmosphere ; a succession of blinding rainstorms swept across the exposed uplands this afternoon saturating those who were out of reach of shelter in a few moments, and in the intervals between them the sun shone radiantly, but the air was cold withal and topcoats were in general use. The authorities had been at considerable pains to remedy the effects of the prolonged downpour the day before. Near the gates and turnstiles, where the turf had been trodden into mire ankledeep, hastily-constructed stagings were laid down this morning, and planks were requisitioned, so that ingress and egress to the stands was not attended with the difficulties and the discomforts of twenty-four hours previously. The muster in the enclosures showed an increase proportionate to the improvement in the weather. The Prince of Wales was again present, and a fashionable attendance gathered on the lawn, but summer toilettes were conspicuous by their absence and dark costumes and waterproof cloaks were the order of the day.

THE LAVANT STAKES.—Of 820 sovs, for two-year olds ; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lb ; allowances, etc. 5 furlongs.

Mr A James's b c Huntly, by Tarporley—Aboyne, 9st 2lbs	M Cannon	1
Mr L Brassey's b c Merryman, 9st 2lbs ...	K Cannon	2
Sir J Blundell Maple's b c Cragthorne, 8st 6lbs	W Lane	3
Mr J W Larnach's f by Jeddah—Tintamarre 8st 9lbs	G Manser	0
Mr W Raphael's c by Grey Leg—Navaretta, 8st 9lbs...	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by R. Marsh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : Evens Huntly, 9 to 4 agst Merryman, 6 to 1 Cragthorne, 10 to 1 Navaretta colt, and 20 to 1 Tintamarre filly (offered.)

Won easily by three lengths, Navaretta colt was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 7⅘secs.

THE GOODWOOD PLATE (HANDICAP).—Of 710 sovs. Two miles

Mr H E Randall's br g Genius, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	Randall	1
Prince Soltykoff's b c Coal Sack, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	Watts	2
Duke of Portland's br c Friar Tuck, 4 yrs, 9st	M Cannon	3
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel, 4 yrs, 8st 11b	H Jones	0
Mr G Thursby's Vendale, 4 yrs, 8st 3lbs	Trigg	0
Sir E Cassel's Lovat, 3 yrs, 7st 8lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	O Madden	0
Mr G Edwards's Shaun Dhuv, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs	Hardy	0
„ A Hamblin's Perdicus, 6 yrs, 6st 12lbs	C Escott	0
„ H Bottomley's Sweet Dixie, 5 yrs, 6st 11lbs	Griggs	0
Mr B Gottschalk's Emily Melton, 6 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Heppell	0

(*Winner trained by Sadler, jun., at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 9 to 4 agst Lovat, 5 to 1 Prince Florizel, 100 to 14 Genius, 8 to 1 Sweet Dixie, 10 to 1 agst Vendale, 10 to 1 Coal Sack 100 to 8 Friar Tuck, 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won by three-quarters of a length ; six lengths between second and third. Florizel was fourth, Perdicus fifth, Vendale sixth, Emily Melton next, and Sweet Dixie last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3mins 58⅕sec.

The Goodwood of the 30th enjoys manifold advantages over the celebrations of a few years ago, not the least striking of which is in the matter of dress. Until a comparatively recent date the odious top-hat and tight-fitting frock-coat were *de rigeur* here, and nothing could have looked more incongruous amidst the sylvan environments of the so-called birdless grove and the simple upland scenery. The regulation attire of Bond Street is now happily almost a thing of the past in the ducal demesne, and straw hats and lounge suits, which harmonise appropriately with the surroundings, are generally worn. Much depends, of course, on the weather, and so far there has been little temptations to air flannel suits or the ladies' summer gowns during racing hours. There was another breakdown in the meteorological department yesterday evening, terrific thunderstorms visiting the neighbourhood, and a torrential downpour lasted far into the night. The barometer began to rise again towards dawn and the early outlook held out the promise of an amelioration in the conditions for Cup day. During the intervals of sunshine it was pleasant enough, but the atmosphere was decidedly chilly for July, and there were times during the afternoon when it was positively cold. Though the sky was dull and overcast, however, the rain happily held off.

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Lured out by the bright morning, large numbers of local folk trudged up to the course from Chichester, and the char-a-banes did better business than on the previous days. Thus the muster all round was in excess of the opening stages of the fixture, without in any way challenging comparison with that of former celebrations when midsummer conditions prevailed. The Prince of Wales again graced the proceedings with his presence, and if the sport failed to reach a very high standard the entertainment was an interesting one nevertheless.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' STAKES.—Of 2,200 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lb. T.Y.C. (six furlongs).

Mr L de Rothchild's b c St Amant, by St Frusquin—Lady Loverule, 9st	K Cannon	1
Mr J Musker's br c Henry the First, 9st ...	O Madden	2
Sir E Cassel's b f Persil, 8st 11lbs ...	Halsey	3

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 11 to 4 on St. Amant, 3 to 1 agst Henry the First, and 20 to 1 Persil (off).

Won by half a length; a bad third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 20⅘secs.

THE GOODWOOD CUP.—Of 1570 sovs; weight for age, &c. Two miles and a half.

Mr A James's b c Rabelais, by St. Simon—Satirical, 3 yrs, 7st 11lbs (car 7st 2lbs)	Watts	1
Mr W B Purefoy's b g Cappa White, by Buckingham—Elvir, 4 yrs, 9st 5lbs ...	Halsey	2
Sir J Blundell Maple's br c Merry Saint, by St Serf—Mereden, 3 yrs, 7st 11lb ...	Trigg	3
Mr W M G Singer's Hearwood, by Glenwood—Hear Hear, aged, 9st 5lbs ...	O Madden	0
Mr W C Whitney's Slipthrift, by Spendthrift—Varina, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Prince Soltykoff's Snowberry, by Ayrshire—Perce Neige, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	W Lane	0
Mr L Brassey's Alderman, by Isinglass—Butterfly, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr H C White's Wallaby, by Lochiel—Muta, 3 yrs, 7st 11lb	Miller	0

(*Winner trained by H. Marsh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Rabelais, 9 to 2 Snowberry, 11 to 2 Alderman, 100 to 14 Cappa White, 100 to 8 Hearwood 100 to 7 Slipthrift, 20 to 1 Merry Saint, 20 to 1 Wallaby (o).

Won in a canter by four lengths; two lengths between the second and third. Snowberry was fourth, Hearwood fifth, Alderman sixth, Slipthrift next, and Wallaby, tailed off, last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 5mins. 1⅗secs.

THE DRAYTON HANDICAP—Of 596 sovs. The last seven furlongs of the Old Mile.

Sir J Blundell Maple's b f Simony, by Common—Simon's Bay, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs	W Lane	1
Mr G Edwards's b c Pollion, 4 yrs, 7st 12lbs	Hardy	2
,, A Cohen's br h Royal River, 5 yrs, 6st. 12lbs	J Jarvis	3
Mr J B Joel's Kilcheran, 5 yrs, 8st 12lbs ...	Halsey	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Watershed, 5 yrs, 8st 4lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr E L Heinemann's Game Hen, 5 yrs, 8st 11b	O Madden	0
Mr Sydney Loder's Mandelay, 5yrs, 8st	Randall	0
,, J R Keene's Dalesman II, 3 yrs, 7st 6lbs	Lyne	0
,, L Brassey's Portcullis, 5 yrs, 7st 4lbs...	Plant	0
Sir E Vincent's Seringapatam, aged, 7st 2lbs	Trigg	0
Mr A M Singer's Child's Guide, 5 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Compton	0
Mr G Cottrill's Debutante, 3 yrs, 6st 11lbs	Griggs	0
Prince Soltykoff's Volpone, 5 yrs, 6st 7lbs	C Escott	0
Mr C Levy's La Uruguaya, aged, 6st 5lbs	Heppell	0
,, W Raphael's St Medoc, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs	Murray	0

(*Winner trained by W. Waugh, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Debutante, 5 to 1 Royal River, 6 to 1 Simony, 7 to 1 Handelay, 8 to 1 Kilcheran, 100 to 8 each Game Hen and Watershed, 100 to 7 each Pollion, Portcullis, and Seringapatam, 100 to 6 Dalesman II, and 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won in a canter by three lengths; a neck divided the second and third. Mandelay was fourth, Kilcheran fifth, Game Hen sixth, Child's Guide seventh, La Uruguaya eighth, Seringapatam ninth, and Dalesman II last.

THE ROUS MEMORIAL STAKES.—Of 1,185 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies 8st 7lbs; penalties, etc, T Y C (six furlongs).

Lord Falmouth's b f Fiancee, by St Frusquin—Wise Virgin, 8st 12lbs ...	Randall	1
Mr Jersey's b f Vergia, 8st 5lbs ...	O Madden	2
Capt Forester's b g by St Angelo—Mouche d'Or, 8st 5lbs	J Dillon	3
Sir M Cassel's Weatherwise, 8st 5lbs ...	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by J. Chandler, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 on Fiancée, 2 to 1 agst Vergia, and 25 to 1 each Mouche d'Or gelding and Weatherwise (o).

Won cleverly by a head; a bad third.

The weather was not very favourable when we made for the trysting-place on the 31st. Racing opened with the Two-year-old Selling Plate which produced a party of three, odds being laid on Airship, who had run second to Hymenæus at Newmarket. Airship now went a step higher, and from the end of the lawn had leaten Serenade, who was perhaps defeated through superior jockeyship. At any rate, the rider of Serenade did not shine. Mr. Henning gave 320 guineas for the winner. The Gordon Stakes cut down to small proportions, but a couple turning out, the brothers Cannon being pitted against each other. Odds were laid on Zinfandel, who ran clean away from his opponent, as on form bound to do It was no sort of a race at the finish.

The Chesterfield Cup brought out quite a nice field, and a cheer went up from the ring when Lady Help won. Money was piled on General Cronje, but he failed to bring off the Grateley good thing. That they betted on it admits of no doubt, and the public, to their sorrow, followed suit. Thay had to put up with the same penalty, for in the hands of Griggs, Lady Help scored in ready fashion. It was the first winner that G. Chaloner had sent forth at the meeting, so no one can begrudge him the victory, which was well earned. The report that Lady Help was not quite herself, received a flat contradiction in the result, for she galloped home alone at last.

THE GORDON STAKES.—Of 350 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each for starters, for three-year-olds and upwards; second to receive 30 sovs, and the third 15 sovs. Last mile and a half of Cup course.

Lord Howard de Walden's Zinfandel, Persimmon—Medora, 3 yrs, 8st 10lbs ...	M Cannon	1
Mr L Brassey's Wild Oats, 3 yrs, 8st 7lbs ..	K Cannon	2

(*Winner trained by Major Beatty.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Zinfandel.

Zinfandel led throughout, and won in a canter by three lengths. Time—2mins. 4⅘secs.

THE NASSAV STAKES.—Of 30 sovs each, 10 ft, with 200 sovs added; for three-year-old fillies; second to receive 100 sovs. Gratwicke Stakes Course (one mile and a half).

Mr L Brassey's Red Lily, by Persimmon—Melody, 8st 5lbs	Lyne	1
Major Eustace Loder's Hammerkop, 9st 3lbs	J H Martin	2
	Halsey	3
Prince Soltykoff's Sun Rose, 8st 10lbs ...	M Cannon	0
Mr Cyril Russell's Florinda, 9st 11b ...	K Cannon	0
Duke of Devonshire's Flying Ivy, 8st 5lbs		

(*Winner trained by H. Sadler.*)

BETTING: 6 to 5 on Sun Rose, 5 to 2 agst Hammerkop, 10 to 1 each Florinda and Red Lily, 100 to 9 Flying Ivy (o).

Won by three lengths; two lengths divided—the second and third; Florinda was fourth Time 2 mins 44⅕secs.

THE CHESTERFIELD CUP (HANDICAP).—Of 400 sovs (part in specie), added to a Sweepstakes of 15 sovs each, 5ft, second to received 50 sovs. Craven Course.

Mr C T Tulley's Lady Help, by Ladas—Serfdom, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs	Griggs	1
Mr G A Prentice's General Cronje, 3 yrs, 7st	Miller	2
Mr G Thursby's Victor Don, aged, 7st 7lbs	Trigg	3
Mr S B Joel's Bachelor's Button, 4 yrs, 8st 6lbs	Halsey	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Kunstler, 5 yrs, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0
Mr A P Cunliffe's Lord Rossmore, 3 yrs, 7st 11b	J Jarvis	0
Lord Carnarvon's Minnie Dee, 5 yrs, 7st 4lbs (7lbs extra)	Watts	0
Mr J R Keene's Hurst Park II. 3 yrs, 7st	Lyne	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Aquascutum, 6 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Janek	0
Mr J Buchanan's Sankence, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Plant	0

(*Winner trained by G Chaloner.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst General Cronje, 8 to 1 Lady Help, 100 to 12 Minnie Dee, 10 to 1 each Bachelor's Button and Victor Don, 100 to 8 Acuascutum, 100 to 6 Kunstler, 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won by four lengths; a length and a half between the second and third; Lord Rossmore was fourth, Minnie Dee fifth, Kunstler sixth, Bachelor's Button seventh; Aquascutum next, and Sankence last.

CRICKET.

THE PHILADELPHIAN'S TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* MR. P. F. WARNER'S XI.—(Twelfth of the tour.) Played at the Oval on 23rd, 24th and 25th July. Mr. Warner's XI. won by 196 runs. It was a miserable day at the Oval when this match began, and although it was possible to play for three hours and a quarter the cricket was unsatisfactory. At the last moment, in the absence of G. W. Beldam and L. J. Moon, Mr. Warner included Tarrant, the young Australian professional, in his eleven. On the American side A. M. Wood had a rest for the first time during the tour, but J. B. King had recovered sufficiently from his accident to be able to take his place in the team again. The Americans did very well at first against a strong batting side, and when eight wickets of Mr. Warner's eleven were down only 98 runs had been scored. But from this moment the prospects of the home team became very much brighter. A. G. Archer and H. J. Stevenson came together for the ninth wicket and defied all the bowling with success, until they had increased the total by 60 runs in forty minutes, and the last two men put on 52 in half-an-hour. This completed the cricket for the day. On Friday considerable progress was made with the match, the home team having the best of matters when stumps were drawn, for with six wickets in hand they held a lead of 258. After heavy rain on the previous night, the ground dried slowly, and the game was not resumed until after an early lunch. For the rest of the day the sun was shining and the Philadelphians had much the worst of the wicket. Tarrant and Bosanquet began the bowling, and it was not found necessary to change them, as at no time during the innings of the Americans did any batsman obtain a command over the bowling. With a lead of 105 Mr. Warner's team went in again at ten minutes past four, and by the time that the day's play ended they had scored 153 for four wickets, Bosanquet being not out 53 and T. A. D. Bevington not out 27. Nicholls and F. W. Orr also batted well On Saturday morning runs were made quickly, and in the course of an hour and a half the total was increased by 121, and then the innings was declared closed. Bevington played particularly fine cricket, and was batting altogether for two hours for his 91. Stevenson again made a useful score. The visitors began their second innings at a quarter-past one, with 381 runs to make. They began very carefully, in the hope of playing out time, but it was evident almost from the first that this could not be done on account of the difficulty of the bowling. But Graves, Lester, Bohlen, Sharpless and Morris all batted very well indeed, and made a very plucky attempt to save the game

MR. P. F. WARNER'S XI.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J Stanning, c Bohlen, b King	7	c Lester, b Clark ...	2
F W Orr, b Clark ...	2	c Haines, b King ...	28
R W Nicholls, c Jordan, b Clark	14	b Lester	31
E M Dowson, c Le Roy, b King	9	b Clark ...	0
P F Warner, c Clark, b Lester	28	not out	1
B J T Bosanquet, c Sharpless, b Cark	6	b Clark	63
T A D Bevington, c Sharpless, b King	9	c Jordon, b Cregar ...	91
J C Hartley, c Jordan, b Clark	3	b Clark	2
A G Archer, b King ...	43	b Clark	0
H J Stevenson, c Jordan, b Cregar	33	c King, b Clark ...	35
Tarrant, not out	24		
B 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 1 ..	9	B 11, lb 4, w 5, nb 1 ..	21
Total ...	187	Total (9 wkts)* ...	274

*Innings declared closed.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J B King, c Stanning, b Tarrant	19	b Hartley ...	6
N Z Graves, c Stevenson, b Tarrant ...	4	lbw, b Bosanquet ...	34
J A Lester, b Bosanquet ...	7	lbw, b Bosanquet ...	27
F H Bohlen, lbw, b Tarrant...	0	b Dowson ...	37
P H Clark, b Bosanquet ...	1	st Archer, b Bosanquet	0
E M Cregar, c Bevington, b Bosanquet ..	1	not out	4
F C Sharpless, b Bosanquet...	2	b Bosanquet ...	27
C C Morris, c Bevington, b Tarrant	21	b Bosanquet ...	33
H A Haines, lbw, b Tarrant...	4	lbw, b Bosanquet ...	0
P N LeRoy, c Hartley, b Bosanquet ..	14	c Stevenson, b Bosanquet ...	0
T C Jordan, not out ...	0	b Dowson ..	1
Byes	9	B 6, lb 6, w 1, nb 1...	14
Total	82	Total	183

NOTTS *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Trent Bridge on 23rd and 24th July. Notts won by an innings and 257 runs. Four hundred and fifty runs were scored by Notts in this match on the first day for the loss of three wickets, and the weak Gloucestershire bowling was tried to the uttermost. The wicket was in splendid condition, and from the first the batsmen had their own way, Jones and Iremonger putting up 107 in an hour and a half for the first wicket By the time that this partnership ended there was not much in the bowling, and W. Gunn and Jones proceeded to take advantage of this. In two hours and and a half they scored 235 runs in partnership, and during the last hour of the day Jones and G. Gunn put on 90 runs. It was a veritable case of flogging worn-out bowling. When stumps were drawn Jones was still unconquered, with 280 runs to his credit; G. Gunn was not out 33. In the night heavy rain fell, and Gloucestershire's chances of coming out of the match with credit was very small indeed. Jones did not add many runs to his overnight score, and was out just when a boundary hit would have brought his total to 300. He was batting for a little less than six hours. The remaining wickets fell quickly, and then Gloucestershire entered on a hopeless task. Jessop and Wrathall made a fairly good start, and Spry played a sound not out innings. For the rest there is nothing to be said. In the follow on Jessop made 25 out of 28 in twenty minutes, and M. Townsend, a younger brother of "C. L.," scored 28 by excellent cricket. But by far the best innings of the day was the 76 by Spry, who withstood the Notts attack for two hours and a quarter.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, c Townsend, b Huggins ...	296	Anthony, b Mills ...	18
Iremonger, run out ...	44	Hallam, c Langdon, b Huggins ...	10
Gunn (W), lbw, b Mills ...	76	Oates, c Mills, b Huggins ...	1
Gunn (J), c Brownlee, b Spry	9	Taylor, c Mills, b Huggins	0
Gunn (G), c Langdon, b Mills	33	Wass, not out	0
Rev H Staunton, b Mills	8	B 6, w 2	8
		Total ...	503

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
G L Jessop, c Oates, b Wass	27	c J Gunn, b Wass ...	25
Wrathall, c Hallam, b J Gunn	18	c Anthony, b J Gunn ...	7
F D Brownlee, c J Gunn, b Wass	7	c Taylor, b Wass ...	7
Langdon, c Iremonger, b J Gunn	5	b Wass	0
M Townsend, b J Gunn ...	1	c Oates, b Hallam ...	28
L E Thomas, c Hallam, b Wass	0	c Taylor, b Wass ...	10
Spry, not out	19	c J Gunn, b Wass ...	76
Board, b Wass	4	lbw, b J Gunn ...	0
Huggins, b Wass ...	4	not out	0
Mills, b Wass	0	c W, b J Gunn ...	0
Roberts, absent, hurt ..	0	absent, hurt	0
No-balls	3	B 5, nb 1 ...	6
Total ...	88	Total	159

LANCASHIRE *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at Old Trafford on 23rd, 24th, and 25th July. Essex won by two wickets. In this match the ups and downs of fortune were very marked, and when six wickets had fallen in the Lancashire second innings on Saturday there did not seem the least chance that Essex would have a most desperate struggle before they could claim a victory. Essex had much the best of the game in its earlier stages, but the turning points of the game were a fine partnership in the Lancashire second innings between Hornby and Tyldesley, and some very plucky play by Sharp. On the first day Essex had by far the best of matters, for against the Lancashire total of 190 they had put up 116 for the loss of four wickets. Tyldesley and Eccles were the only two Lancashire men who particularly distinguished themselves, although most of the side made double figures. Essex lost Sewell and Fane quickly, but Perrin and McGahey once more came to the rescue of their side, and by very steady cricket wore down the bowling. When stumps were drawn McGahey was not out 32. On Friday morning he was in great form, although he had some luck, and after batting altogether for four hours and fifty minutes, he carried his bat for 144; he was two hours and a half in making his first 50 Several of his side helped him, notably Douglas and Mead, but for all that, his innings had not a little to do with the ultimate success of his side. With arrears of 133 to wipe off, Lancashire made a good start in their second innings, and when stumps were drawn were 26 runs to the good, with seven wickets in hand, and although this was hardly a winning position, it was by no means a desperate one. Tyldesley and Hornby put on 103 runs in partnership, the latter being not out 61. On Saturday morning Tyldesley's innings was soon brought to a conclusion, but Sharp, who was not out 5 overnight, proved a thorn in the side of the Essex men. He played a very fine innings of 72, and received most valuable assistance from several of his partners, especially Barnes and Cuttell. Essex had to make 199 to win in three hours and a quarter, and it was by no means certain that the runs would be made in the time, for few of the team are remarkable as being fast scorers. But in Sewell the county possesses the sort of man who is wanted on an occasion like this, and he set about the task of making the runs with determination, and as Perrin also entered into the spirit of the thing after Fane had been dismissed, the batsmen were always ahead of time. They put on 105 together in an hour and a half, and then Sewell's brilliant innings was brought to a conclusion; he had been batting for an hour and three-quarters, and when he left the game seemed nearly won. But with Perrin and McGahey together the rate of scoring fell off, and although as long as the two men were in partnership Essex seemed bound to win, the turn of the Lancashire men came soon afterwards, and it was seen that a keen fight was to be looked for. Lancashire fielded smartly, and their bowlers were on their mettle, so that runs came slowly, while wickets fell all too fast. It was thought that Douglas would be unable to bat, as he had injured his hand severely, but no doubt he would have gone in if called upon to do so, and as time went on, and the rate of scoring no longer kept pace with it, while every now and then a wicket fell the situation became intensely exciting. With ten minutes to go, and practically the last two men in—Mead and Young—Essex still required nine runs to win. But the issue was only left in doubt for three minutes, during which the required runs were made, and a splendid finish brought a victory for Essex by two wickets.

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H G Garnett, b Mead ...	13	lbw, b Mead ...	4
R Spooner, b Douglas ...	17	b Mead	27
Tyldesley, c Perrin, b Kortright	48	b Mead	64
A Hornby, b Kortright ...	11	b Young	50
A C Maclaren, b Mead ...	5	st Russell, b Kortright	14
A Eccles, b Mead ...	49	b Kortright ...	2
Cuttell, c and b Douglas ...	4	b Kortright ...	22
Sharp, b Douglas ...	14	b Young	72
Barnes, lbw, b Mead ...	2	c Russell, b Kortright	35
W Brearley, not out ...	13	c Russell, b Mead ...	13
Worsley, c Lucas, b Mead ...	0	not out	3
B 8, lb 4, nb 1, w 1 ...	14	B 3, lb 17, w 1, nb 4 ...	25
Total ...	190	Total ...	331

ESSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F L Fane, c Worsley, b Cuttell	6	c Maclaren, b Barnes...	8
Sewell, b Barnes ...	10	c Eccles, b Cuttell ...	69
P Perrin, c Eccles, b Brearley	50	b Sharp	72
C McGahey, not out ...	144	c Maclaren, b Cuttell	14
C J Kortright, run out ...	10	lbw, b Sharp ...	8
J H Douglas, b Brearley ...	20	absent	0
A P Lucas, b Barnes ...	7	c Worsley, b Cuttell ...	2
Buckenham, c Hornby, b Barnes	9	c Worsley, b Cuttell...	0
Russell, c Worsley, b Cuttell.	0	c Worsley, b Cuttell...	5
Young, c Eccles, b Barnes ...	35	not out	4
Mead, b Brearley ...	16	not out	6
B 6, lb 2, nb 5, w 3 ...	16	B 5, nb 7, w 1 ...	13
Total ...	323	Total (8 wkts) ...	201

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SURREY *vs.* HAMPSHIRE.—Played at Portsmouth on 23rd, 24th and 25th July. Surrey won by 9 wickets.

HAMPSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
D A Steele, c Hayes, b Lees	16	c Strudwick, b Richardson	12
Stone, b Richardson	2	b Lees	17
E M Sprot, c Hayes, b Richardson	12	st Strudwick, b Lees	0
A J L Hill, c Hayward, b Lees	4	b Lockwood	39
Llewellyn, run out	10	c Hayward, b Richardson	7
Webb, c Strudwick, b Smith	9	b Richardson	0
Bowell, b Smith	27	b Lockwood	15
F H Bacon, not out	32	not out	11
Smoker, c Walker, b Smith	7	c Walker, b Lockwood	7
Soar, b Smith	2	b Lockwood	3
H Hesketh Pritchard, b Smith	12	b Lockwood	0
Leg-byes	2	B 3, w 1	4
Total	135	Total	115

SURREY.

Hayward, c Sprot, b Llewllyn	21	Moulder, not out	30
Holland, Smoker, b Pritchard	9	Smith, c Stone, b Soar	1
Hayes, c Hill, b Llewellyn	27	Strudwick, c Sprot, b Soar	2
N Miller, c Steele, b Soar	43	Richardson, c Llewellyn, b Prichard	23
Lockwood, b Pritchard	1	Extras	0
L Walker, c and b Pritchard	1	Total	162
Lees, b Pritchard	4		

Second inning.—Hayward, not out, 45; Holland, c Soar, b Hill, 38; Hayes, not out, 4; Byes 3. Total (1wkt) 90.

KENT *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Gravesend on 23rd, 24th, and 25th July. Kent won by 130 runs.

KENT.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E W Dillon, c and b Braund	4	b Robson	14
Hearne (A), b Robson	33	b Braund	1
Seymour, c Lewis, b Braund	8	b Braund	29
C J Burnup, lbw, b Tyler	134	lbw, b Robson	0
E M Mann, b Robson	0	c and b Braund	11
R N R Blaker, b Robson	0	b Braund	2
Hardinge, not out	62	c Woods, b Braund	0
Huish, not out	4	lbw, b Robson	3
Fairservice, did not bat	0	not out	1
Blythe, did not bat	0	b Robson	0
Fielder, did not bat	0	b Braund	1
B 19, W 1	20	B 4, lb 2	
Total (6 wkts)*	265	Total	68

*Innings declared closed.

SOMERSET.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Braund, lbw, b Blythe	17	b Blythe	26
J Daniell, st Huish, b Blythe	6	not out	24
Lewis, c Fielder, b Hardinge	14	b Blythe	1
Robson, b Hearne	1	c Blaker, b Blythe	3
P R Johnson, c Blaker, b Hearne	1	b Hearne	6
F M Lee, not out	35	c Seymour, b Blythe	3
S M J Woods, b Hearne	7	c Blaker, b Blythe	7
O M Samson, c Huish, b Hearne	8	c Blaker, b Hearne	6
Hardy, b Blythe	13	c Dillon, b Hearne	4
A E Newton, st Huish, b Blythe	4	c Hearne, b Blythe	0
Tyler, run out	10	b Blythe	0
B 4, lb 1	5	Byes	2
Total	121	Total	82

YORKSHIRE *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Hull on 23rd, 24th and 25th July. Yorkshire won by 69 runs.

YORKSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown, c Lilley, b Hargreave	92	c Lilley, b Moorhouse	18
Tunnicliffe, c & b Hargreave	16	c Santall, b Hargreave	10
Denton, c Hargreave, b Moorhouse	11	c Fishwick, b Moorhouse	20
Hon F S Jackson, b Moorhouse	30	c Charlesworth, b Moorhouse	0
Hirst, c Fishwick, b Hargreave	15	b Moorhouse	15
Smith, c Moorhouse, b Hargreave	10	st Lilley, b Hargreave	5
Lord Hawke, c Field, b Hargreave	8	c Lilley, b Moorhouse	13
Rhodes, c Charlesworth, b Moorhouse	13	c Kinneir, b Hargreave	7
Haigh, b Moorhouse	5	not out	9
Hunter, not out	0	b Moorhouse	27
Ringrose, run out	2	b Moorhouse	4
B 8, lb 6, w 1	15	Byes	12
Total	217	Total	140

WARWICKSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F S Fishwick, lbw, b Hirst	26	lbw, b Haigh	20
F R Loveitt, b Rhodes	1	st Hunter, b Jackson	11
J F Byrne, b Hirst	4	b Haigh	6
Quaife, c Hunter, b Hirst	31	not out	55
Kinneir, c Brown, b Rhodes	6	lbw, b Jackson	11
Lilley, b Hirst	37	b Jackson	0
Charlesworth, lbw, b Hirst	20	c Brown, b Rhodes	21
Moorhouse, c Brown, b Hirst	0	b Hirst	0
Santall, not out	7	b Jackson	7
Hargreave, b Jackson	9	b Haigh	2
Field, c Hawke, b Jackson	2	c Smith, b Jackson	1
B 3, nb 1	4	Byes	7
Total	147	Total	141

SUSSEX *v.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Brighton on 23rd, 24th and 25th July. Drawn.

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, c V, b R Crawford	99	C L A Smith, c R Crawford, b King	6
Vine, c Davis, b King	78	Cox, c Davis, b King	11
Killick, lbw, b R Crawford	5	Butt, st Davis, b King	11
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Whitehead, b R Crawford	3	Tate, not out	0
Relf, lbw, b R Crawford	0	Bland, c Knight, b King	0
G Brann, lbw, b R Crawford	11	B 6, lb 4	10
		Total	232

Second innings.—C. B. Fry, not out, 127; Vine c Gill, b Allsopp, 59; Killick, not out, 15; B 11, w 1, nb 3, 15. Total (1 wkt) *216.

*Innings declared closed.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C E de Trafford, c Fry, b Cox	72	c Ranjitsinhji, b Tate	12
C J B Wood, c Fry, b Ranjitsinhji	15	b Tate	7
Knight, c Ranjitsinhji, b Cox	5	lbw, b Tate	7
King, b Tate	61	not out	13
V F S Crawford, c Vine, b Ranjitsinhji	4	b Tate	9
Whitehead, b Tate	77	c Smith, b Tate	0
R T Crawford, lbw, b Tate	0	b Cox	24
A E Davis, b Tate	0	b Cox	0
Gill, b Tate	9	not out	4
W W Odell, b Cox	10		
Allsopp, not out	3		
Byes	14	Byes	11
Total	270	Total (7 wkts)	87

BATTING AVERAGES TO 25TH JULY.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	28	5	2039	234	88·65
Quaife (W G)	22	4	966	130	53·66
Warner, P F	18	4	727	149	51·92
Ranjitsinhji, K S	26	4	1128	162*	51·27
Perrin, P	23	3	1014	170	50·70
Hirst	21	1	984	153	49·20
Tyldesley	31	2	1380	248	47·58
Foster, H K	29	2	1277	216	47·29
Jessop, G L	22	0	1016	286	46·18
Jones, A O	28	2	1177	296	45·26
Gunn (J)	29	2	1210	294	44·81
Sport, E M	14	1	554	103	42·61
Dowson, E M	27	2	1054	135	42·16
Bosanquet, B J T	18	1	705	108	41·47
Podevin, L O S	18	1	688	172*	40·47
Hayes	38	4	1373	145	40·38
Knight	30	3	1071	144*	39·66
McGahey, C H	25	4	821	144*	39·09
Maclaren, A C	35	5	1148	168*	38·26
Killick	28	3	923	116	36·92
Bowley (F)	29	1	1015	164	36·25
Gunn (W)	25	1	870	139	36·25
Hayward	43	1	1522	130	36·23
Iremonger	26	1	901	125	36·04
Denton	35	1	1205	133	35·44
Hawke, Lord	20	5	529	79	35·26
Beldam, G W	17	2	517	118	34·46
Arnold	30	4	885	128	34·03
Lewellyn	25	5	675	148	33·75
King, J H	31	3	938	167	33·32
Brown, (J T, sen)	28	0	926	125	33·07
Wright, L G	26	1	818	133	32·52
Fane, F L	21	1	621	90	31·05
Eccles, A	26	6	599	126	29·95
Garnett, H G	19	1	533	122	29·61
Sewell (E H D) (Essex)	28	2	755	90	29·03
Wheldon	26	1	723	112	28·92
Lester, J A	19	1	520	96	28·88
Braund	23	2	851	73	28·36
Lee, F M	21	5	441	73*	27·56

BOWLING AVERAGES (26 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Kortright, C J	97·2	14	321	26	12·34
Hirst	405	115	941	76	12·42
Ringrose	165·3	44	401	31	12·93
King, J B	352	89	886	65	13·63
Hearne (J T)	549·1	178	1284	92	13·95
Hargreave	708·1	211	1410	100	14·10
Mead	659·4	245	1238	85	14·50
Blythe	484·2	167	1047	70	14·95
Hearne (Alex)	202·2	70	425	28	15·17
Bradley, W M	169·4	40	437	28	15·60
Evans, W H B	282·2	72	751	48	15·64
McDonell, H C	200·1	34	567	36	15·75
Young (H) (Essex)	320·2	91	729	46	15·84
Bosanquet, B J T	250	50	734	46	15·95
Fielder	263·5	74	701	43	16·30
Moorhouse	263·5	73	636	39	16·30
Rhodes	875·4	306	1637	100	16·37
Lockwood	402·4	79	1151	65	17·70
Barn, R C W	281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	456	91	1506	84	17·92
Killick	214·4	54	541	30	18·03
Trott (A E)	455	95	1413	77	18·35
Relf	652·4	225	1484	79	18·78
Barnes (S)	841·1	303	1919	102	18·81
Hulme	268·2	57	800	42	19·04
Lees	564·4	155	1419	74	19·17
Martin, E G	327·1	118	710	37	19·18
Haigh	555·3	174	1330	69	19·27
Field (Warwickshire)	329·2	74	1005	52	19·32
Beldam, G W	252·3	84	604	31	19·48

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

RELATIVE POSITIONS TO 30TH JULY.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Per-centage.
Middlesex	8	4	0	4	4	100·00
Sussex	14	5	1	8	4	66·66
Essex	13	6	2	5	4	50·00
Yorkshire	18	9	4	5	5	38·46
Worcestershire	13	5	3	5	2	25·00
Lancashire	18	6	4	8	2	20·00
Warwickshire	14	4	3	7	1	14·28
Notts	15	5	3	9	0	00·00
Surrey	18	6	6	6	0	00·00
Somerset	11	4	5	2	—1	—11·11
Kent	11	3	4	4	—1	—14·28
Derbyshire	11	3	6	2	—3	—33·33
Hampshire	7	1	5	1	—4	—66·66
Leicestershire	14	1	6	7	—5	—71·42
Gloucestershire	13	0	8	5	—8	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th, and 9th May, Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on 15th June, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's, 15th June, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath, 15th June, &c., and Essex *vs.* Hampshire, at Leyton, 27th July, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

SWIMMING.

LONG-DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

In winning the Long-distance Championship on Saturday, the 25th instant, J. A. Jarvis, of Leicester, not only broke several records, but was for the first time for some years past extended. His friends may aver that he was always comfortable and never worried over Billington's lead, but the fact remains that the young Bacup swimmer pulled the Leicester man along in such a manner that at the finish Jarvis has put up the best time ever recorded for the race. 1hr. 3mins. 48⅕secs., which beats his own record of 1hr. 4mins. 17secs., made in the same event in 1900, by 28⅕secs. Now this performance, coming at a time when Jarvis is if anything a little slower than he was, only indicates what he would have done had he found an opponent capable of making a race of it with him in previous years. As a matter of fact, there appears to be little doubt that the long-distance time would have been reduced to under the hour. Other records that Jarvis made on Saturday was that of having won the race for the last six years in succession (as he had the mile) and taking his twenty-second A.S.A. championship. Whether there would have been a different ending to the race had Billington not been affected by cramp cannot be said; but even as it was the young Bacup swimmer displayed the fact that he is coming along in wonderful style, and promises to be a class in himself, just as Jarvis was. The manner in which he went along at the start of Saturday's race—as if it was a quarter-mile event—and maintained his pace for nearly three miles was remarkable. Then, however, he suddenly went wrong through being taken with cramp. He

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tried the back and overarm stroke but without avail, for opposite the Doves Jarvis drew level, and from that point had an easy journey home. Billington practically trudged the whole of the distance, an exhausting performance that indicates his staying power. However, it does not appear to be the stroke for the Long-distance Championship, particularly when there is rough water about.

The times and positions of the men that finished were :

Pos.		H.	M.	S.
1.	J. H. Jarvis, Leicester	1	3	48½
2.	D. Billington, Bacup	1	5	1
3.	W. J. Hawes, City of Westminster ...	1	9	21
4.	J. Shorthouse, Salford	1	9	25
5.	C. Botting, St. James	1	10	25
6.	H. M. Millar Smith, St. James ...	1	11	55
7.	J. Wolffe, Amateur	1	13	45
8.	R. F. B. Cross, Hornsey	1	14	9
9.	B. Carpenter, Invicta R.L ...	1	15	0

B. Jenkins, of West Ham, was tenth, a long way behind, and S. P. Spillar, Napier Amateur S.C., and Mr. H. Blackmore, Zephyr S.C. did not finish.

Billington, Hawes, Shorthouse, Botting, Millar, and Wolffe won standard certificates for finishing within ten minutes of the winner.

CYCLING.

THE N.C.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Interesting sport was provided by the decision of five N.C.U. Championships at Wakefield on Saturday, the 25th instant which were noteworthy for successes by London wheelmen. For the fourth consecutive year A. S. Ingram, of the Polytechnic won the Quarter-mile Amateur Championship, thus creating a record, while S. Jenkins, also of the Polytechnic secured the Quarter-mile, One Mile, and 5-mile Professional Championships. A popular victory in the Amateur Twenty-five-mile was achieved by Leon Meredith, of Paddington. Details:—

Quarter-mile Professional Championship (holder, T. J. Gascoyne, Wigan) (standard time, 32secs. ; time limit, 40sec.—Heat 1 : S. Jenkins, Polytechnic C.C., beat T. Williams, Havod, by four lengths in 33secs. Heat 2 : Bert Howard, Putney A.C., beat E. Barkway, Mardy, by two lengths and a half in 35secs. Heat 3 : T. James, Pontypridd, beat W. Rees, Llantrissant, by three lengths in 33½secs. Final heat : S. Jenkins, 1 ; Bert Howard, 2 : no third. T. James fell at 220 yards. Won easily. Time—33sec.

Quarter-mile Amateur Championship (divided into six heats ; holder, A. S Ingram, Polytechnic C.C.: standard time, 32secs ; time limit, 40secs).—Winners of heats : Bert. Andrews, Carmarthet (time, 33 ⅕secs); J. S. Benyon, Liverpool, 34 ⅖secs); W. H. Webb, Manchester (33 ⅕secs); A. S. Ingram, Polytechnic (33secs) ; S. Ledgett, Dearne (32sec) ; J. W. Longstaff, Sunderland (34 ⅖secs). Second round.—Winners of heats ; J. S. Benyon (time, 34 ⅖secs). A. S. Ingram (33 ⅖secs); R. W. Longstaff (35 ⅖sec). Final heat ; Ingram, 1 ; Benyon, 2 ; Longstaff, 3. Won by two lengths and a half ; two lengths between second and third. The issue was never in doubt Ingram riding finely throughout. Time—33 ⅕secs.

One Mile Professional Championship (holder, S. Jenkins, Cardiff ; standard time, 2min. 25secs ; limit time, 3min).—Winners of heats : T. Williams, Havod (time, 2min. 29 ⅖secs): Bert Howard, Putney A.C. (2min. 19 ⅖secs); S Jenkins, Polytechnic, w o. (2min. 41 ⅕secs). Final heat : Jenkins (holder), 1 ; Howard, 2; Williams, 3. Won by fifteen yards Time—2min. 27 ⅕sec.

Twenty-five-mile Amateur Championship.—Leon Meredith Paddington C.C, 1 ; Ledger, Dearne, 2; Giles, Derby Wheelers, 3. Meredith rode splendidly and won by a lap. Giles finished half a lap behind Ledger. Time—1hr. 5min. 14 ⅖secs There were fourteen starters, but before the half-distance all had dropped out except Meredith, Ledger, Giles, and Crowther (Leeds).

Five-mile Professional Championship.—Jenkins, Polytechnic C.C., 1 ; Rees, Llantrissant, 2 ; Howard, Putney, 3. Seven competed, and Jenkins won by ten yards ; five yards between second and third. Time—13min, 3 ⅕secs.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

VERILY nothing succeeds like success. For some few weeks nothing went right. Scent was bad and jackals feeble. Now and for some time past there has been sport *satis superque*, a veritable hunter's elysium and the sole cause for anxiety among many ardent souls seems to be whether their limited stud, more especially when limited by the exigencies of Fate to an allowance of but "three legs and a swinger" (the latter item patched up for the occasion) will last out till the end of the season at the present sensational rate of progress. For one excellent day's sport followeth another in a manner delightfully monotonous and everyone dreads missing a morning lest they should just manage to miss the "run of the season." Thus it was that about three score and ten gallant hunters were ready to make *obeisance* to the Master at Harris' Bridge named in commemoration of that good all-round sportsman and excellent horseman. His Lordship of that ilk, whose name is still I find revered among the hard riders of Poona—a hard man among the hardest of both Poona and Bombay Hunts. With characteristic punctuality Colonel Sheringham moved off drawing the bank of the river at the further side of the Bridge. In a nullah leading into the river hounds soon proclaimed that a jack was on the prowl. Scent was a trifle fitful and the country varying. A rough and stoney stretch for less than a mile and the jack changed his point and steered across the Kalas Road. The pace began to warm up—a bit too warm indeed for some and the lengthening out process began to be apparent all the more so as soft ground found out the soft horses. Approaching Kalas the jack with a modest depreciation of his character wholly undeserved headed straight for Yerowda Jail. But the gloomy portals opened not to give him sanctuary from his pursuers and as an indifferent alternative he took temporary refuge in the horticultural efforts of the gentle prisoner. Nor was this wiliness unjustified for hounds were distinctly puzzled and required the assistance from the Master which always seems just a trifle hard luck on the hapless hunted one. Hopping over the boundary wall (of the garden, not the jail !) the Master no sooner got galloping then his gallant steed put her feet in a hidden trench and turned turtle and Colonel Sheringham to everyone's satisfaction got cheaply out of what might have been a nasty toss. Horses roll over like shot rabbits on such occasions, as well many of us have learnt to our cost. But the gallant Master is one of the hard bitten sort and with a shake, to see that no bones were broken, was up and away. But the end of this good jack was close at hand and bolting right among the horses in one final effort for escape he was bowled over. A very pleasant little hunt it was I hear, and if the pace was not consistently fast it was excellent hunting and the hound work was well worth the watching and from all I can gather many fail to appreciate this most beautiful part of hunting to the full. Half an hour as near as doesn't matter was the recorded time and the brush was awarded to Miss Low, who rode the hunt capitally throughout.

Many had had enough—certainly their horses must have, but a score or so blessed either with second horses, or very fit ones sungered for more sport and Colonel Sheringham is seldom inclined to say nay to such a suggestion. Back towards Harris Bridge was naturally the order of the day, for traps and the hound cart were there and any ravine or patch of cover between might hold a jack. On the Bhosri Road the 1st whip "caught the speaker's eye." For the 1st whip's charming little daughter and evidently a chip of the old block had viewed away a jack crossing the road. The Master never hesitated to accept the accuracy of the information nor was his confidence unplaced, for hounds promptly corroborated the little Diana's message. Straght over the Lohogaum Road this jack went racing away in a bee line for Stoney Glen near the Ahmednagar Road in an absolutely opposite direction to the hound cart and the various conveyances waiting at Harris' Bridge to take the tired hunters home But the pace was too good to think of such trifles. It was indeed a real cracker as long as it lasted and the going the best in this part of the Deccan. Green and firm and free from holes and stones one ardent sportsman assured an enraptured audience, while a few old stagers (who weren't in the run) smiled cynically and hoped they might come across this Brighton Down on the earliest possible occasion. My brief experience of Deccan's pastures has I must confess induced me to doubt the complete accuracy of the narrator's statement. But all the accounts I have heard agree that the pace left little to be desired. So good that no jack could stick it out and hounds ran from a burning breast high scent to view and drove this galloping jack into a large clump of prickly pear. What a curse it seems to be that every fence out here seems to be either prickly or poisonous, or both ! With such determined drive were hounds going that they raced through this treacherous covert and over ran their jack. Once more the Master's aid had to be called into play—it does seem rough, but all seems fair in Love, War and Hunting, and casting hounds back into cover—one scuffle and all was over. The jack became the "tatters of brown" and many of the hounds animated pin-cushions from contact with the pestilential prickly pear thorns A brilliant little run this evidently was and one to make even old and semi-stagnant blood go coursing through one's veins. Twenty minutes was the time, and none of them wasted

Rendered all the more keen by the thrilling accounts of the previous day's sport, quite eighty or ninety, including several "habits" turned up at Holkar's Bridge on the 13th. The pleasing proximity of this *rendezvous* to both Poona and Kirkee also no doubt added to the popularity of it, for many have not the inclination to travel needlessly long distance and some who have the inclination have neither the spare means of locomotion nor the superfluous time at this busy season of the year when one needs must light both ends of the cand'le with an occasional match at the centre to melt the wax in the specified period. Under existing circumstances therefore these distant meets except for some special object seem somewhat senseless and since such excellent sport is obtainable nearer at hand they would from all I can gather by no means gain a *plébiscite*. The Master's first cast was along the river side in the direction of Kalas Ford when a jack was set going from somebody's garden enclosure and set his course for the Sister Hills. But I hear a little more law would have led to a bitter run. It is poor value always not to let one's fox get well away and this was fully exemplified in the present instance as the jack never had apparently a ten to one chance and what might have been a good hunt developed into a brief coursing match. *Magnifique pentetre mais ce n'st pas la guerre.* The brush was graciously presented to Mrs. Anderson. Drawing back towards the full-flowing Moola river, in some *lantana* (I trust I spell the unknown name correctly !) bushes and standing crops hounds feathering gaily owned to a line and after a little delay owing to lack of confidence on the part of the owner of the brace of eyes which viewed the jack away, hounds got on to it and some very pretty hunting ensued, nothing very fast apparently but interesting to those who knew enough to appreciate it. Scent was none too fulsome and hounds required all their skill and patience to work it out, the Master once at least coming to their aid. Over the plough lands scent held badly, but gradually forcing the jack towards the green slopes of the hills the pace freshened in a pleasant hunting gallop hounds ran into their vixen near Dighi Hamlet and Miss Fulton was awarded the customary memento of the chase—an enjoyable morning without approaching the brilliant.

SCARAMOUCH.

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Saturday, 15th August 1903.

THE race for the Hoare Cup was held this afternoon on the Kidderpore water. It was robbed of much of the interest that should attach to an important competition of the kind by the fact that only two crews entered—and these after strenuous efforts on the part of the Committee—and by the bad luck that dogged one of the crews who lost its stroke a week before the race and at the very last moment had to row a substitute for number two and, of course, their chances of winning had vanished before they came under the starter's orders. But they made a very fair show and are entitled to share the congratulations bestowed on the winners. The crews were :—

MR POWER'S CREW. *Calcutta Station.*		st.	lbs.		MR. BURKE'S CREW. *Kidderpore Station.*	st.	lbs.
Bow	H W Hales	8	10½		P Blumenthal	9	9
2	W M Crawford	10	4		H R Pilcher	10	7
3	J A Tassie	13	9	beat	H Day	11	2
Str.	F H Maxwell	11	1		C A Pearcy	11	5½
Cox	J P Musson	9	8		O Williamson	9	10

Maxwell's crew led from the time they struck the water, and, gradually drawing away, there was daylight between the boats after half the course was completed. Rowing with good length and in capital time the leaders ultimately won, without being pushed, by two and a quarter lengths. Time—3mins. 7½secs.

Headlong, the dam of Bumptious, had a peculiar history. After a disappointing career on the flat the mare was put to steeplechasing, and while taking part in a minor affair "between the flags" came to grief in company with another competitor, and broke one of her forelegs. Both the unfortunate animals were condemned to be shot.

Just, however, as Headlong was about to receive the *coup de grace*, a local farmer, who was standing by, begged hard for her to be spared, declaring that he was sure he could patch her up so as to breed a foal. The mare was accordingly handed over to him, and with unceasing care and the best possible attention, Headlong pulled through, and was sent to Brag, who was located at his owner's (Mr de Rothschild's) Northamptonshire seat, and his services given to the tenant farmer.

The produce of the union was Bumptious, whom Mr. de Rothschild purchased as a yearling, and may be his affection for the horse originated from the circumstances in connection with the dam which are above related.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 31st July, 1903.*

IN the history of cycling, the name of Mr. T. H. Woollen, the Chairman of the Birmingham Centre of the National Cyclists' Union during 1901-2 will occupy a prominent position, for few men have devoted such hard and honorary labours on behalf of wheelmen as he has. The recent concessions on the part of the railway companies with regard to the carriage of cycles and the acceptance of responsibility by them for damage or loss, is mainly due to Mr. Woollen's labours, and he stated recently, that during negotiations with the companies, he sent out no less than 6,000 letters and made over thirty special journeys to London. It is not likely that cyclists, who are as a rule generous and open-handed, would allow Mr. Woollen's services to pass unrecognised, and at the Crown Hotel, Birmingham, he was recently presented with an illuminated address and a handsome silver cigar case. He stated that railway companies fully recognised the grievances of cyclists, and that in time they would all be redressed.

The second batch of National Cyclists' Union Championships were decided on 25th July at Wakefield, and attracted an attendance of some 4,000 spectators, who were treated to some excellent racing, more especially by S. Jenkins, the professional, and Leon Meredith, the middle distance amateur. The four lap to the mile cinder track was not altogether to the taste of the Londoners, who were more accustomed to up-to-date paths, yet A. S. Ingram repeated his performance of the last three years of carrying off the quarter-mile amateur championship. The twenty-five miles amateur championship produced a field of fourteen starters, and after a fine race the winner turned up in Leon Meredith, who, it will be remembered, secured this year's race for the Carwardine Cup. In the professional championship the spectators were given some grand riding by S. Jenkins, who won the quarter mile, one mile and five-mile events in capital form.

Mr. S. F. Edge has addressed a letter to the Editor of the *Autocar* which, in fairness to the British tyre industry, should be widely circulated. He says, *inter alia* : "*Re* my tyres in the Gordon-Bennet race : There have been an enormous number of wild statements in reference to this matter, but I think it will be as well that the matter should be put perfectly correctly once and for all. First, I had no punctures. Secondly, my tyres were never torn to pieces or destroyed in any way. The whole trouble was that the beads of the 90 mm. tyres are not strong enough or large enough to stand the stress of a car running at eighty miles an hour. The actual tyres which came off are still quite suitable to use on racing cars up to sixty-five miles per hour, but not higher speeds. Unfortunately, no amount of practice either in England or Ireland prior to the race would have found this out, as it was not until very high speeds were reached that the troubles occurred, and this speed would not have been reached in practice on roads which were not kept for racing. When I won the Gordon-Bennett Cup last year I used an identical type of tyres, but my last year's car was not capable of developing the speed which my present one attains.

The team of amateur riders put forward by the Polytechnic C. C. possess the proud position of holding an unbeaten career, their matches against "All England" teams and teams representing the best amateurs of France, having always resulted in a victory for the Poly, boys. But at the Anerley Bicycle Club's meeting at the Crystal Palace, on 19th September, when they are matched against a team representing "All England," it is half expected that their splendid record will be broken, or anyhow, that they will only win by a bare margin of points. There are two or three good provincial riders about this year, who on the matter of speed are a match for Ingram, Reed and company, and who will be invited to ride in the English team. On speed they should win ; but, unfortunately, they lack the "head" work which is displayed by the London men, and on this score may fail to get placed.

M. Garin, who won the last stage of the Tour de France, from Nantes to Paris, and who also proved the winner of the contest when the total aggregates were made up, is said to have won no less than £240 in prize money in this event, besides bonuses, etc., he might have received. It was a hard ride, but still, the prize was worth striving for.

The liberties of dogs on the highways and the irresponsibility of their owners with regard to damage they may cause to cyclists, are both tending to become a glorious dream, and the day is rapidly approaching when the responsibility of dog owners will be fully recognised. Why dogs should have so long retained the privilege of scaring peaceful citizens on wheels by their wild rushes and snarling bark, it is difficult to perceive, but signs are not wanting to show that members of the canine family will have to mend their ways or else be a continual source of expense to their masters. A doctor at Newport, who had been brought over by a playful doggie belonging to a lady, prosecuted her for not keeping the animal under proper control. After hearing evidence against the owner, the magistrate inflicted a fine of 10s., and made an order for the dog to be in future kept under proper control.

While not approving of paced riding on the public roads and still less when the performance is that of a woman's we must nevertheless give credit where credit is due, and chronicle the meritorious ride of Miss M. Foster. The record she attacked was the fifty miles Southern Roads record of 2hrs. 38mins. 18secs. standing to the credit of Miss Palmer, and this she improved upon by no less than 24mins. 16secs., riding well throughout behind the pacing of a motor cycle. The unpaced time over the same course is 2hrs. 21mins. 42secs just made by L. Meredith.

As long as cycle thieves experience such little difficulty in disposing of their booty, so long must wheelmen run the risk of having their machines stolen and by the number of thefts reported recently, the risk is considerable. The ease with which thieves find unsuspecting purchasers is really surprising, and one cannot help thinking that in many cases the purchasers are aware that they are buying stolen property. A case just heard at the Notts Police Court, is typical of many. Two youths having gained possession of a couple of machines, rode from Lincoln to Newark, and there sold the machines, one to a man for 15s., and the other to a woman for 5s. Considering the machines were worth at least three pounds a piece, it is not surprising that the bench severely censured the man and woman for purchasing them at such a low figure.

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Cricket.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

CIVIL *vs.* MILITARY.—This, the presidency trial match, was played on the Gymkhana ground on the 10th and 11th instant. The Military's first innings produced 60, but Lieutenants Carroll and Airy were the only batsmen to get into double figures. The Civil team replied with 119. Sinclair (30) Monteath (28) and Smith (17) did best. In their second innings the Military gave a much better display. They totalled 200 for seven wickets when and declared their innings closed. Lieutenant Faviell was in great form and played a splendid innings of 93 none of the other batsmen made large scores. An hour and a half remained for play when the Civil entered on their second innings and they managed to compile 51 runs for 4 wickets when time was up, the match thus ending in a draw. Of the Military trundlers Carroll and Wallinger were best, while Elliott bowled well for the Civilians. Score :—

MILITARY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Lieut W F O Faviell, c Walcott, b Richardson ...	9	l-b-w, b Coombs ...	93
Lieut B M Carroll, c and b Richardson	10	c and b Elliott ...	5
Lieut W F Parsons, b Coombs	1	not out	2
Capt P F Pocock, c Sinclair, b Pogson	7	c Elliott, b Pogson ...	14
Lieut J J Armes, b Pogson ...	0	did not bat	
Lieut H St G Scott, c and b Elliott	4	l-b-w, b Coombs ...	7
Lieut J O Airy, c Coombs, b Elliott ...	10	c Monteath, b Pogson ...	17
Lieut E A Wallinger, c Smith, b Elliott	4	b Coombs	9
Lieut H O Carroll, not out ...	3	not out	6
Lieut H W Green, not out ...	7	b Elliott	22
Lieut W S Locker, b Elliott	0	did not bat.	
Extras	5	Extras ...	25
Total ...	60	*Total ...	200

*Innings declared closed.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut Faviell ...	18	4	48	3	1	0	2	0
Lieut B M Carroll	17·4	4	39	4	17	5	26	2
Lieut Wallinger ..	6	2	15	2	9	4	13	2
Lieut Parsons ...	3	1	6	0	...	...	...	..
Lieut H O Carroll ...	2	0	7	0	7	0	9	0

CIVIL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr A L Smith, run out ...	17	c Pocock, b Wallinger ...	1
Mr W B George, c B M Carroll, b Faviell	10	c Airy, b George ...	13
Mr H D Sinclair, b Wallinger	30	c Armes, b B M Carroll...	11
Mr J Monteath, c Pocock, b B M Carroll	28	lbw, b Wallinger ...	8
Mr H Pogson, l-b-w, b Wallinger	2	not out	14
Mr R E H Elliott, b B M Carroll	13	not out	8
Mr C L Burns, b B M Carroll	9	did not bat.	
Mr E Priestley, c Faviell, b B M Carroll	0		
Mr S W Wallcott, c B M Carroll, b Faviell ...	4		
Mr E E Coombs, b Faviell ...	2		
Mr H S Richardson, not out...	0		
Extras	3	Extras ...	1
Total ...	119	Total (for 4 wickets) ..	51

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Richardson...	9	4	12	2	11	4	28	0
,, Coombs ...	11	2	19	1	25	7	47	3
,, Pogson ...	7	3	7	2	17	5	43	2
,, Elliott ...	5·2	0	17	4	9	0	45	2
,, Smith ...	—	—	—	—	2	0	8	0
,, Sinclair ...	—	—	—	—	1	0	4	0

PRESIDENCY *vs.* PARSEES.—This annual fixture, which usually occupies three days, was this year concluded in two, the 13th and 14th instant. The Presidency had five new players, while almost all their opponents had been in the team before. The Parsees went in first and at lunch had scored 117 for 5 wickets, K. M. Mistri playing a good innings for 56. They carried their total to 170 before they were all disposed of. The Presidency then went to the wickets and were all out for the poor total of 69. No one could play the bowling of K. M. Mistri, who took seven wickets for 26 runs. With quarter of an hour left the Parsees began their second innings and before time was up two wickets had fallen. On resuming the next day they took the score to 164, K. M Mistri and Raja being the chief scorers. The Presidency made a better show in their second venture, putting up 116 which included an invaluable 66 by Lieut. Weatherby and a well played 28 by Lieut. Carroll. The Parsees thus won by 149 runs. Score :—

PARSEES.

Mr H D Kanga, c John, b Macdonogh ...	14	c Faviell, b Macdonogh	17
Mr F M Colabawala, c Faviell, b Macdonogh	12	b Cheetham ...	20
Mr K M Mistri, b Carroll ...	56	c Weatherby, b Cheetham	40
Mr R P Meherhomji, c Sale, b Macdonogh	2	b Faviell	8
Mr D E Mody, c Walcott, b Macdonogh	2	c Sale, b Faviell ...	9
Mr D D Kanga, c Sale, b John	28	b Cheetham ...	5
Mr Jimi D Mody, c Faviell, b John ...	2	l-b-w, b Cheetham ...	12
Dr M E Pavri, b Cheetham ...	2	b Macdonogh ...	1
Mr D M Raja (senior) not out...	25	c John, b Cheetham ...	31
Mr K B Mistri, c John, b Sale...	11	c Sinclair, b Macdonogh	9
Mr M B Bulsara, run out ...	3	not out	1
Extras	13	Extras ...	11
Total ...	170	Total ...	164

Fall of wickets :—1st innings : 1st 22, 2nd 35, 3rd, 55, 4th 67, 5th 117, 6th 119, 7th 130, 8th 148, 9th 16, and 10th 170.

Fall of wickets :—2nd innings : 1st 2, 2nd 14, 3rd 38, 4th 91, 5th 92, 6th 104, 7th 108, 8th 126, 9th 159, and 10th 16.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

PARSEES—*First Innings.*

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut Macdonogh	20·1	3	53	4	18	4	53	3
Mr H C John ...	10	2	56	2	6	2	9	0
Mr H Cheetham ...	9	1	25	1	11	1	25	5
Mr E L Sale ...	5	2	9	1	10	1	36	0
Lieut B M Carroll ...	4	0	9	1	4	0	12	0
Lieut W F O Faviell ...	1	0	5	0	10	3	18	2

PRESIDENCY.

Lieut W F O Faviell, l-b-w, b Bulsara	5	c K M Mistri, b Bulsara	1
Mr E L Sale, b K M Mistri ...	6	b Bulsara	2
Mr H Cheetham, b Pavri ...	15	c D D Kanga, b Bulsara	2
Lieut A P V Langhorn, c K B Mistri, b K M Mistri ...	5	l-b-w, b K M Mistri ...	1
Lieut B M Carroll, c and b K M Mistri	0	st D D Kanga, b K M Mistri	28
Lieut J T Weatherby, c D M Modi, b K M Mistri ...	8	run out	65
Mr J Monteath, c Colabawala, b K M Mistri ...	0	c D D Kanga, b K M Mistri	1
Mr H D Sinclair, c Colabawala, b K M Mistri	0	b Bulsara	0
Lieut J Macdonogh, c and b K M Mistri	8	st D D Kanga, b K M Mistri ...	8
Mr H C John, not out ...	6	not out	5
Mr W S Walcott, b Pavri ...	0	b Bulsara ...	0
Extras	16	Extras ...	5
Total	69	Total ...	116

Fall of wickets :—1st innings : 1st 11, 2nd 11, 3rd 18, 4th 20, 5th 34, 6th 41, 7th 41, 8th 57, 9th 69, 10th 69.

Fall of wickets :—2nd innings : 1st 2, 2nd 5, 3rd 8, 4th 12, 5th 78, 6th 90, 7th 91, 8th 94, 9th 116, 10th 116.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

PRESIDENCY.—*First Innings.*

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Bulsara ...	18	1	16	1	19	3	44	5
Mr K M Mistri ...	24	12	26	7	20	5	42	4
Dr Pavri ...	1	0	1	2	6	2	22	0
Mr K B Mistri ...	6	4	10	0	2	1	3	0

Umpires.—Lieut. H. O. Carroll and Mr. K. K. Kharas.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL.—These teams met on the 13th instant, a good game resulting in a win for the Gymkhana by 18 runs. Some good batting was witnessed. Tancred, Hawley, and Sargent for the winners and Dunne and Boardman for the school all making good scores.

POONA GYMKHANA.

Capt Tancred, b Brewin	...	68
Capt Logan, b Turner	...	6
Capt Bayford, b Turner	...	0
Mr Maitland-Kirwan, lbw, b Brewin	...	21
Mr Hawley, c W Dubois, b F Brewin	...	67
Mr Young, c and b Turner ...	...	10
Capt Lambert, lbw, b Turner ...	...	0
Mr C A Hughes, b Brewin ...	...	11
Capt Meynell, b F Brewin ...	...	2
Mr Sargent, not out	...	41
Mr Airy, st Boardman, F Brewin	...	5
Extras ...	...	3
Total	...	234

BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr Boardman, lbw, b Hawley	...	54
Mr B Dubois, b Bayford	...	31
Mr M Dubois, st Young, b Bayford	...	0
Mr Turner, b Bayford	...	17
Mr Dunne, b Bayford	...	66
Mr Tyrell Brewin, b Sargent ...	...	4
Mr F Brewin, b Bayford	...	6
Mr Tom Brewin, c and b Bayford	...	2
Mr Sells, b Logan	...	0
Mr Plunkett, not out...	...	6
A N Other	...	18
Extras ...	...	12
Total ...	...	216

CRICKET IN MADRAS.

M. C. *vs.* ENGINEERING COLLEGE.—The M. C. C. opened their season with this match eventually winning by 5 runs. For the home team Braithwaite played a good innings for 42, while Strouts captured 7 wickets. The College have a splendid bowler in Authimulum, who took nine wickets for 28 runs—a fine performance. Details :—

M. C. C.—*First Innings.*

P P Braithwaite, c Old, c Authimulum ...	...	42
J McIver, c Baker, b Authimulum ...	...	26
R C M Strouts, b Authimulum	...	18
J J O'Reilly, l b-w, b Authimulum ...	...	17
Raymond Simpson, b Authimulum ...	...	0
J A Yates, b Old	...	2
H P Vernon, b Authimulum	...	12
R E M Barret, c Taylor, b Authimulum	...	2
F B Leman, b Authimulum	...	1
P H Creagh, not out	...	0
C H Middlemass, b Authimulum ...	...	0
Extras ...	...	5
Total ...	...	125

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Taylor	9	40	1	0
Grant	7	41	0	0
Authimulum ...	13·5	28	2	9
Old	4	11	0	1

ENGINEERING COLLEGE.—*First Innings.*

Old, b Strouts	...	0
Grant, c McIver, b Braithwhite...	...	12
Baker, c Yates, b Strouts ...	...	16
Taylor, c and b Strouts ...	...	36
Govindarajulu, b Strouts ...	...	4
Henderson, b Strouts ...	...	8
Webster, run out	...	3
Panduram, b Yates	...	0
Authimulum, not out	...	15
Velayudhan, l-b-w, b Strouts ...	...	3
Egerton, b Strouts	...	14
Extras ...	...	9
Total ...	...	120

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Strouts... ...	16	48	1	7
Braithwaite ...	9	44	1	1
Yates	7	19	0	1

Football.

RUGBY IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA *vs.* MR. GARDINER'S TEAM.—As the United Services were unable to put out a team, Mr. Gardiner got together a fifteen and played Calcutta on their own ground last Saturday. The visitors started and after some loose play Martelli got possession and put in a fine run but was brought up by Margery. Then Calcutta got going once more and some good passing by the three-quarters resulted in F. Siddons getting over. The place failed, but before half time A. Siddons and V Sherman had each crossed the line, F Siddons converting the former's try. On changing ends play was of a loose character, but after a series of "scrums" Jacob gave the ball to Martelli, who took it over the line. No goal resulted. Just before time Gardiner got over the home line and the place just missed Calcutta thus won by a goal and three tries to one try or 14 points to 3.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rugby football in Calcutta is looking up—of that there is no shadow of doubt, no possible doubt whatever, and this satisfactory state of things is due principally to the large number of really capable players who have come out here since last season, and also to the strenuous efforts of one or two enthusiasts which has resulted in new clubs being formed whose recent displays show that the premier club will not have matters so much their own way as in the past.

Dealing with the Calcutta F. C. first it must at once be acknowledged that they have the makings of a really fine side, in fact the team should turn out to be stronger than they have had for many years It is unfortunate that their Captain, Newton, has been incapacitated from playing regularly, but should he eventually be unable to take the field there is more than an efficient substitute to hand in Dick whose tackling is both safe and forceful, whilst his kicking is in no way inferior to that of the Scotch International.

At half back they have been represented by Macdonald and Jacob. The former is a strong runner and clever at opening out the game for the men behind him, whilst Jacob has on occasions shown promising form, but his passing is terribly erratic. Both are, however, weak in defence and Legge will be sorely missed in this respect.

The three-quarter line is infinitely superior to that of last year and present appearances point to the final selection for these positions resting between the brothers Siddons, Dundas, Martelli, and Langdon, with the elder Sherman as possible eleventh hour choice. Both the Siddons have been playing a pretty combined game and as they possess pace and tackle well their retention in the team is almost assured. Martelli on the other hand has been showing some very in-and-out form—no doubt due to a weak knee, whilst Dundas, who is a very strong runner and a difficult man to hold, is far too prone to sticking to the ball. Langdon has only recently been tried, but he has made a very favourable impression—he takes his passes in good style and feeds his wing men with great judg-ment and discrimination. In the pack Calcutta have a heavy and hard working set of forwards, amongst whom Berridge, Hayward, Brown and McLead figure most prominently. They are, however, rather on the slow side and their footwork leaves room for improvement, whilst their tackling is weak in the extreme as they have not yet mastered the art of collaring *low*. The weak point about the team is the kicking and it behoves the executive to draft a good place kick into the team even such a course necessitates the inclusion of a forward who would not otherwise get his place.

Of the other Clubs, Customs and City are the most promising the especially the former inflicted a defeat on the premier club by 3 tries to 1 on the occasion of the return match between the two teams. This was a victory, moreover, which was fully deserved, as although Calcutta, who were not at full strength, held slight advantage forward this was nullified by the overwhelming superiority of the Customs behind the scrum. Rowe played a really fine game for his side at half-back, where he completely outplayed his vis-a-vis. Last season Rowe spoilt his play by offside tactics, but this was not the case on Friday last when his dodgy, cork-screw runs repeatedly gained ground and in one instance led to his scoring a clever try. In Templeton they are well served at back and they have a strong set of forwards who are well led by Fitzgerald. If the Customs show the improvement which is to be anticipated they will prove formidable opponents in the Cup Ties.

The City team are another combination who have defeated Calcutta and their victory was not without merit. At the same time it must be said that the methods employed by some of the City men are not calculated to result in the matches in which they appear being contested in the most amicable and sports-manlike spirit and this was unfortunately the case in their meeting with the premier club. However under the captaincy of Williams, who played an excellent game throughout, we have no doubt that unduly rough play and incessant "haggling" will be noticeable by its absence in future in which case the City should be able t give Calcutta an exceedingly good game in the return matches. Of the other new teams, the Casuals and Ballygunge have not yet settled down, but both Messrs. Whitie and Pope are to be congratulated on the success they have achieved in raising these two fifteens. The few matches which the Casuals have so far played have revealed a keenness amongst the players which augurs well for the future and when the team as a whole are thoroughly conversant with the game they should improve on their recent displays. In Whitie, Batho, Harnack, and Walsh they possess four sterling forwards, whilst outside the pack they have Goss and Mabert, both of whom will do well later on. Lees at full back kicks well, but requires experience. The half-backs, however, are both weak and it is in this department of the team where the Casuals require most strengthening.

Ballygunge have, up to the present, only played one match and the ultimate constitution of the team is therefore unknown. When Calcutta have finally settled on the side which is to represent them in the Cup Ties, Pope should not experience much difficulty in getting together a really strong fifteen capable of giving the premier club many good practice games, which, I understand, is the sole reason for which the Ballygunge team was started.

Hellyers, the well-known "London Scot," is shortly returning to Calcutta and we understand will appear in the ranks of the premier club, to whom he should on his Home form prove of immense service.

Two of last year's Calcutta three-quarter backs, *viz.*, Bagshawe and Margery, appeared for Captain Gardiner's team on Saturday last, but neither had a chance of distinguishing themselves as they were so poorly served by their half-backs. Margery, however, tackled well as did Hemingway, who was also playing for the scratch combination, whilst Brown worked hard amongst the forwards. For Calcutta the elder Sherman gave a promising display at wing three-quarter, his strong running and passing being excellent. Dick played a good game at full back, his kicking especially combining a good length with precision.

IMPARTIAL.

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Friday, 14th August 1903.

The Plunge Handicap came off this evening at the Baths, when ten competitors turned out. Each was allowed two plunges, the best to count and the following was the result.—

	Best Plunge Ft.	In		Handicap.		Ft.	In.
W Govan	42	5½	+	12	=	54	5½
G Brown	37	4	+	14	=	51	4
H G Remfry	40	7	+	9	=	49	7
H J Harvey	41	1½	+	7	=	48	1½
J A Robertson	33	1	+	15	=	48	1
W S J Willson	35	7	+	12	=	47	7
G M Stevenson	38	5½	+	9	=	47	5½
J Chaplin	34	5	+	13	=	47	5
H M P Annan	37	3	+	9	=	46	3
J Knox-Ord	46	10	Scratch		=	46	10

The Autumn Meeting of the Calcutta Swimming Club will be held this year on Saturday, the 19th September. The programme will consist of a Two Lengths Members' Handicap; six lengths Viceroy's Medal Handicap; Three Lengths (100 yards) for British soldiers; eight lengths Team Race; a Water Polo Tournament and a comic event.

Golf.

GOLF AT POONA.

THE MONTHLY MEDAL.—Fifteen players competed for the monthly medal on the 12th instant with the following result, Four players sending in no returns:—

	gross	handicap	nett
C R Sandys	91	15	76
Capt Kemble	91	9	82
Major Anderson	83	scr	83
E W Browne	97	10	87
Major Young	95	6	89
Col Onslow	92	2	90
Major Walker	95	5	90
H Bromley	108	14	94
Capt Watson	110	14	96
Col Bromfield	113	14	99
Lieut-Col Meade	117	15	102

GOLF AT KARACHI.

A "Novelty" competition was played at Karachi on the 9th instant. The match was an Affinity one, partners being drawn for. The conditions were one round of the Men's course under handicap and medal rules, the man to play the first hole, the lady the second, and so on till the round was finished. Mrs. Stephen and Mr Robertson returned the best score doing the round in 58. Mrs Stephen's 5 holes only costing 28 strokes—a fine piece of play. Details:—

Names.	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
Mrs Stephen and Mr Robertson ...	58	9	49
Miss Cheetham and Mr Cumming ...	61	7	54
Miss Edwards and Col Cubitt ...	70	13	57
Miss Mayne and Mr McConaghy ...	64	5	59
Mrs Yeo and Mr Currie ...	73	14	59
Mrs Cant and Mr Hogg	71	11	60
Mrs Bell and Mr Harrison ...	67	6	61
Mrs Miller and Rev A Cant	64	2	62
Mrs Van der Straaten and Mr Nicoll	81	13	68
Mrs Currie and Capt Lowsley ...	76	7	69

GOLF IN GULMARG.

After the aweful inundation and heavy rainfall, we had a bright day or two to play for the Hill Vase, the first ties on Monday were lucky, Tuesday there was no play owing to rain. Wednesday the second ties plodded through water, it was compulsory to play otherwise no one in his senses would have played 18 holes, the putting on the green was impossible a mashie had to be used and the ball lifted into the hole Out of the 30 entries, Messrs. Milward, Carter, Young, and Captain Bois Johnstone remained in. As the contest was a handicap one, all the scratch men were knocked out, and unknown visitors indifferently handicapped remained, in the next round Milward defeated his opponent, and Young managed to scrape in against his, both played well, considering the state of the ground between the greens. In the finals Young's handicap points of 20 were too much for Milward's 14, both played well, Young winning by 6 holes, thus taking the handsome vase presented by Captain J. Hill.

On Friday afternoon twenty couples contended against Bogey for a prize offered by Mrs. Lavarton who was "At Home" on the 12th green, the ladies had to choose their own partners, the result was rather amusing, the good players had the gentle sex pleading to them and trying their best to touch their rougher hearts, the pretty ones conquering in the end regardless of skill in the game. Many unspoken blessings were showered on the fair ones who missed puts of a foot distance on the green, yet on the whole they looked happy, although a little smired with mud and in disarray owing to their strenuous exertions to be level with Colonel Bogey Ultimately the prize was won by Captain Pennington and Miss Morgan 1 up, the handicapping was very liberal in their case as both have been winners previously.

The championship meeting takes place between the 17th and 22nd. The contest will be between MacAllan, Boyd, and Hill, doubtful ones, Mitchell, Young, and Anderson.

The Garden.

GARDENING IN MIDNAPUR.

ONIONS, *Allium Cepa*, are one of the easiest of vegetables to grow in Bengal. There are two distinct varieties of them indigenous to the country and are known as the Patnai and Dessie, the former is mostly confined to the Northern Districts and is the big onion either of a silvery white or pale red colour. Some of the bigger ones of these "Patnai" average from 6 to 8 to the pound and are but 2½ to 3 inches in diameter. In shape it is mostly depressed globular, the flesh firm and sweetish; the red ones among this variety are usually more pungent than the white ones. What is known as "Dessie" is a small onion, uniformly pale red in colour, the flesh pinkish and very pungent. Of the imported varieties, the following may be given a trial, *viz.* Danvers Fellow Globe, White Spanish, Giant Rocca White Lisbon, and Red Zittau, though I fear the results obtained will not be found very satisfactory. The several trials I have made here have always given the same results; the seeds germinate badly and the plants made such slow growth that the hot weather usually set in before the bulbs had begun forming. Imported seeds, if first acclimatized in the hills, may succeed and give better results in the plains.

Onions delight in a light, loamy soil freely manured with poudrette, wood ashes, and any kind of decayed sweepings. It is very important that the manure should be well mixed with the soil and not applied too freshly. The proper time for sowing onion seeds, both of the "Patnai" and "Dessie" is from the middle of October to the beginning of the following month. The seeds should be sown in nursery beds raised 6 inches or so from the surrounding ground. After the seeds have been sown and well harrowed in, fine sand should be sprinkled over and the whole covered up with a layer of thatching grass or straw, to the thickness of 2 to 3 inches. Water should be daily applied with a watering can, having a fine rose. As soon as the seeds have begun germinating, which will usually be in 10 or 12 days, the straw covering should be removed. Fresh seeds only should be sown, as onion seeds lose their germinating power very soon. When the plants are 3 inches or so high, the ground should be loosened with a fine hoe, and when another inch or so bigger, should be planted out in rows, 4 inches apart the "Patnai" and 2 inches the "Dessie." The ground should be well prepared before and the soil thoroughly pulverized. The best way to do this is to have the beds, which should be four to five feet broad, running parallel to each other and the soil between them laid out in ridges 3 to 4 inches high The laying out of the ground thus will facilitate irrigating the crops, and the ridges between the beds will also facilitate the weeding and loosening of the soil without injury to the plants. Onions take 3½ to 4 months to come to maturity, so plants put out in November should be ready to be taken up by the latter end of February. As soon as the bulbs have begun ripening, the stalks should be bent over and any flower heads that may appear removed. Liquid manure will be found very beneficial, especially so in the case of the "Patnai," and the bulbs from crops thus treated will be found to have greatly improved both in size and flavour.

For growing in gardens I should recommend only the "Patnai" or some of the choicer kinds from the Deccan and Bombay. There is a kind of onion grown in the Deccan, which is not very unlike the pale red European variety. It is depressed globular, pale red outside, creamy white with occasionally purple streaks inside, and of a mild sweetish flavour, and altogether a very desirable variety. Onions, besides being grown from seed, are also often raised from off sets from bulbs, or the bulbs themselves, if small.

What are known as spring onions and which so often grace our breakfast tables when in season, are almost always grown from bulbs, and the smaller varieties from among what are known as "Dessie" are the best adapted for this. The proposition of bulbs to be put down will depend a good deal as to their size, but 4 *seers* or about 8lbs. will be found sufficient for a bed 16 by 8 feet and they should be planted in rows 3 inches apart each way. The soil should be well prepared and manured before. Ashes, especially that from cowdung cakes, and poudrette or sweepings of all, will be found the best suited With a little care spring onions may be grown very nearly all the year round. The earlier crops may be put down in August on raised beds and a succession of such crops should be put down once every three weeks or until the middle of February. Water should be applied as required, and the ground kept open by occasional loosening of the soil with a fine hoe. Some of the earlier crops should be ready to be taken up from four to five weeks from the time of planting and will then form a very pleasant addition to our breakfast table, as green food is scarce at that period.

It is not necessary to raise onions out here for culinary purposes as the natives grow vast quantities of them almost all over the country. Onion growing is one of the main features of those large *chars*, or new alluvial formations of the Ganges and other big rivers, and where, in places, miles upon miles of nothing but onion cultivation may be seen. The Bengal ryots have seldom recourse to manure relying mainly on the annual floods, that bring down a vast amount of silt to fertilize and renew their lands for them. Onion is one of the most paying crops in this country, and 35 to 40 *mauds* per bigah is nothing unusual for a *char* crop to give. The usual price at which the ryots sell their onions to the middlemen is from Rs. 1-8 to Rs. 2 per *maund* according to seasons, and as the expenses, including rent, never exceed Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 per bigah, the results obtained compare most favourably with other crops.

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THE PROFESSIONAL CRICKETER.

INTO the life, habits, and expenses of living of the professional cricketer we have lately been making some enquiry, of a correspondent (an *habitué* of the pavilions and dressing rooms of the county grounds all over England by the way) from home, and though perhaps as so very many mistaken ideas exist with regard to this individual let nobody run away with the idea that the "pro." is a man of wealth, unless he is a very frequent centurion, plays regularly for England and is in either Yorkshire, Lancashire, or Surrey, where the benefit means four figures for certain, for there are so very many calls on his purse that "the fiver" match fee soon vanishes in all out matches as the following list of absolutely unavoidable expenses shows:—

The pro's. expenditure starts from the moment he leaves his home as his county only pays his actual train fare or allows him a sovereign for every match beyond 100 miles giving him his ticket only up to that distance. Some counties pay fare everywhere whether the distance is 50 or 250 miles, so we will assume the latter rule in force in the county for which Smith, our "pro." for the purposes of this article, plays. Very well, Smith is playing for Surrey *vs.* Lanc. at Old Trafford on Monday, 10th June. His secretary informs him he is due at Euston 4-15 on Sunday afternoon for the journey north. Smith lives Richmond. He leaves his cricket bag packed at the Oval on Saturday to be driven to Euston with all the other cricket bags on Sunday afternoon and directly he says good-bye to Mrs. Smith at Richmond he begins to put his hand in his pocket, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Train fare	0	0	1
Ticket to Waterloo, say	0	0	8
'Bus to Euston [the probability is he has a cab which would cost him 2s. 6d.] ...	0	0	4
Cost of driving bag from Oval ...	0	1	0
Tea at Euston	0	1	0
Cigarettes or baccy	0	0	6
Sunday papers	0	0	2
Porter's tip	0	0	3
Ditto on arrival Manchester ...	0	0	3
Cab to hotel	0	1	6
Three days at hotel, including drinks at hotel only	1	10	0
Cab to ground first day and back third day	0	2	0
Porterage first and third day at ground...	0	0	6
Dressing room attendant	0	0	6
Waiters on ground	0	0	6
Luncheon drinks, three days ..	0	1	6
Extra drinks three days on ground ...	0	1	6
Ditto at hotel or elsewhere	0	2	0
Subscription to Benefit [this is of course an irregular expense]	0	5	0
Waiters, chambermaid, and hotel porter...	0	2	0
Theatre or music hall, three nights ...	0	6	0
Tram fares to and fro ground for three days except first morning and third evening	0	0	8
Cab back to station	0	1	6
Porter at Manchester	0	0	3
Ditto at Euston	0	0	3
Cab to Waterloo	0	2	6
Porter at Waterloo	0	0	3
Waterloo to Richmond	0	0	8
Porter at Richmond	0	0	3
Cab at Richmond	0	1	6
	£3	5	1
This leaves a balance from the fiver match fee of	£1	14	11

The above are only absolutely bare necessaries. The "pro." cannot possibly avoid, even if he would, a single one of the "tips," while the allowances our friend has made for extra drinks are really ridiculously low unless Smith is a teetotaler, for it by no means follows that all the extra drinks go down Smith's gullet. In the very noble cause of hospitality, not by any means lavish, Smith spends far more than the 3*s.* 6*d.* in three days that has been allowed him. Theatres and music halls at 2*s.* an evening are cheap and are assured by a necessity, otherwise Smith would only loaf the streets which, if tired from a day in the field, he naturally won't dream of doing, and if not tired from that cause he does not do in order to keep fit for the next day which may have a long innings or bout of bowling in store for him. Moreover 2*s.* an evening is better for him than three or four times that amount at billiards or cards or worse still in the bar of a four-ale pot house, where in bye-gone times a "pro." has perhaps been seen. Sometimes pelting rain adds to the expenses by quadrupling, and more, the train fares to and fro the ground cabs being a necessity to avoid a drenching that might bring in its wake rheumatism and stop Smith's career for the season, in which case even the £1-14-11 would not be his! we have allowed Smith but twopence worth of newspapers, whereas he spends at least that per diem and we have made no allowance for winning at cards as in fine weather no cards are played and in wet Smith usually loses so that source of income and expenditure is best ignored and is at any rate hardly a necessary.

Now let us take the home match. The fee is the same of course and from it Smith finds that in the home match he has to deduct :—

	£	s.	d.
Return fare to the Oval for three days ...	0	3	6
Three lunches and drinks	0	7	6
Tip to dressing room attendant ...	0	1	0
Extra drinks for three days... ...	0	6	0
Closeup Balance ...	4	2	0
	£5	0	0

Say, roughly, four pounds, so that out of a week's cricket at Manchester and the Oval Smith for ten pounds received has £5-16-11 to show, of which home expenses, that are very little less while he is away, swallow at the very cheapest computation £1-10 leaving a profit of £4-6-11 for his week's cricket. Supposing though that from Manchester Smith had had to go on to Harrogate, his expenses there would have been as nearly as possible, the same as for the Manchester match in which case of the £3-9-10 remaining from the tenner received Smith would have sent Mrs. Smith £1-10 and would arrive at Richmond with £1-18-10 in his pocket to "put by" for the winter. These figures which are really most carefully compiled, a little more in one item being balanced by a little less in another, prove that the "pro." has to "watch it" very carefully indeed all the time, and that the five pounds per match that looks such a good thing at a distance is not quite all one's fancy paints it.

In the same connection it is a well-known fact, among professional cricketers, that one who goes to Australia on the £300 fee, washing and all travelling found, is very lucky indeed to come home with a third of that sum clear. While out there the whole team gets every ha'penny of its travelling expenses defrayed including, every penny for trams, etc., wherever each man goes, pleasure trips included and yet the outside exes are so great that the average "pro." gets through about £200 between mid-September and mid-April, and finds it difficult to avoid a single one of the exes that brings about this result. This we have from one who has made the trip more than once.

As regards other matches than inter-county the professional gets £10 for Players *vs.* Gentlemen and £20 for England *vs.* Australia, but out of this he has to pay all his travelling, board and lodging and lunch expenses, so that a test match at Old Trafford is a cheaper affair, therefore more lucrative, for Tyldesley than for Tate, who starts from some remote village near Lewes and has his "return" to Manchester to buy and at least two and half days' board and lodging to pay in Manchester out of the twenty sovereigns win or lose. Some counties pay differently to others. With some it is £5 lose or draw, £6 win, in fact with most it is this. With Middlesex the Surrey match is £5, plus £5 if won, a state of affairs prevalent nowhere else and probably only in Middlesex as they have practically no ground to pay for and maintain, but one secretary and are nine times out of ten a nine-elevenths amateur side, the luckiest county in England from a financial point of view. The question of talent varies too. Some shires give a sovereign for every fifty, a sovereign for every four catches at the wicket in one innings, a like sum for five wickets by the bowler, other counties, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Essex-Sussex, *par exemple*, go by marks which are given for fielding as well each mark being worth five shillings, so that often a 40 or even a 25 will earn two or three marks just as a good catch or three wickets opportunely taken mean money instead of only often neglected thanks. Talent money is paid in lump at end of the season, generally during the winter and nowadays collections on the ground for some rare or good feat are few and far between. This article should go some distance towards dispelling doubt in the matter of that really hard-worked individual the "pro."

Special Telegrams.

THE GREAT EBOR HANDICAP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Wednesday, 26th August 1903.*

The Great Ebor Handicap Plate.—Of 1,000 sovs., by subscription of 25 sovs. each, 15ft., and only 5 sovs. if declared by Tuesday, August 11th lowest weight may be 6st; winners (selling races excepted) of any race value 140 sovs. after the publication of the weight August, 6th at 5lbs., of two races of 140 sovs. or one value 200 sovs. 8lbs., or of any race value 500 sovs. 12lbs. extra (extreme penalty); the second to receive 50 sovs., and the third 25 sovs. out of the plate. One mile and three-quarters. (26 subs.)—Closed July 7.

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Major J D Edwards's b h WAVELET'S PRIDE, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 9st 0
Mr C Perkins's b c CLIFTONHALL, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4 yrs, 8st 3lbs ... 0
Mr Spencer Gollan's ch h SEAHORSE II, by Nelson—Moonga, aged, 7st 11lbs ... 0
Mr J C Sullivan's br h LIKELY BIRD, by Winkfield—Like a Bird, 6yrs, 7st 7lbs ... 0
Sir John Kelk's ch c ORBEL, by Orvieto—Isobel, 5yrs, 7st 4lbs 0
Lord Carnarvon's b c PREEN, by Sheen—Coquette 4yrs, 7st 3lbs 0
Lord Durham's b c MARDONIUS, by Orme—Primrose Day, 5yrs, 7st 2lbs ... 0
Sir E Vincent's ch f PARODY, by Evington,—Portree, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs 0
Mr C Russell's b f FLORINDA, by Florizel II—Wise Flower, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs ... 0
Mr C Maynor's b g THREMHALL, by Gonsalvo—Oublette, 5 yrs, 6st 8lbs ... 0

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1884 Ben Alder 4y 7st 8lbs (7)	1895 Llanthony 6y 7st 5lbs (13)
1885 Mate 6y 8st 12lbs (8)	1896 Dingle Bay 4y 7st 9st (4)
1886 Le Cassier 3y 6st 7lbs (13)	1897 Harvest Money 4y 7st 7lbs (7)
1887 Silence 5y 6st 9lbs (7)	1898 Invincible II 3y 7st 5lbs (7)
1888 Nappa 4y 8st 10lbs (13)	1899 Cassock's Pride 6y 8st (11)
1889 King Monmouth a 8st 12lbs (10)	1900 Jiffy II 5y 8st 4lbs (9)
1890 Silver Spur 4y 7st 11b (12)	1901 Gyp 6y 8st 5lbs (15)
1891 Buccaneer 8y 7st 5lbs (13)	1902 Wargrave 4y 8st 2lbs (17)

Sporting Notes.

The third Calcutta Monsoon Meeting, in spite of the fields being smaller on the whole than in either of the two preceding days, provided a real good day's sport, in fact the best we have had so far. The going was heavy, as was inevitable after a week's intermittent rain, and this possibly contributed to the general inability of favourites to roll home. Taking the day through, the fielders must have had a good time, as even where favourites won there were other strongly supported candidates, while in the Kidderpur Stakes the books had practically a skinner. Wonderful to relate there were comparatively few grumblers over the apportionment of the burdens, and that they were well distributed was evidenced by the close finishes which resulted in four out of the six events. In one of these Kittylea, whom the handicappers were popularly supposed to have turned loose with 9-10, just failed to get up. At the same time, however, we cannot resist expressing mild surprise at Springlock being set to give Loch Arden weight over seven furlongs, and that he was quite unable to do this was shown by the fact that he was beaten to the world before they turned into the straight. The fields were all despatched on this occasion to very fairly level starts, but it is, of course, a very different thing getting a field of five or six horses away to handling an unruly crowd of ten or a dozen and in only one race on Saturday, the Pony Plate, did the field attain to double figures.

In the first race for which the starters numbered eleven, Second Thought and Perfect were most fancied, twos being obtainable about the latter. The gate rose to a fair start in which Snapshot and Lady Froude first showed to the front. At the turn there was apparently some jostling, but Perfect eventually came through and drawing away won very comfortably by two lengths, the two bottom weights, Yuletide and First Guide, dead heating for second place.

In the Hurdle Race Kittylea was considered to have been somewhat lightly treated in the handicap, but a considerable amount of money was forthcoming for Fairlight, who ended up favourite. It was a real good race and Carter handled Fairlight with great judgment, waiting patiently with him without lying out of his ground. Kittylea ran a good mare and had she come better round the turn into the straight she might, we think, have won. There is need of more judicious flagging at this turn and we would suggest that instead of the one drum, there should be three flags, as at present in order to get well round, it is necessary to go a bit wide and make the turn *before* coming to the drum, and in doing this there is always the risk of being bumped by some horse which has made a straight line for the drum.

For the Amateur Plate only four went to the post and as Sir Humphrey elected to add excitement to the proceedings by giving one of his "Wild West" exhibitions, the actual runners were reduced to three. Firefly had no difficulty in disposing of the other two and cantered in a winner by the length of a street.

Sweet Talk and Little Doris carried most money for the Small Pony Plate, but the latter after giving some trouble at the start, got away very badly and made no show. This was one of the best races of the day, as when Sweet Talk had her field apparently settled at the distance, Moss Rose dropped from the clouds and came with a great run, but just failed to get up. Until the numbers went up it was impossible for anyone save the "man in the box" to say what bad won.

For the Kidderpur Stakes, Loch Arden was made a red hot favourite, odds of seven to four and even two to one being freely laid on him. Indeed it was considered that there were virtually only two horses in the race, Loch Arden and Corick, Springlock being weighted out of it, Metalwing being popularly supposed to be all out of order, and poor old Svengali being palpably badly in want of exercise. The race while providing a complete surprise, was one of the best from a spectacular point of view. Springlock and Metalwing were best away, closely followed by Loch Arden and Corick. At the turn Springlock was leading by half a length, and running wide and carrying Metalwing out with him let up Loch Arden on the rails. As they came into the straight Springlock dropped back

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and Loch Arden assumed the lead, but Metalwing running gamely on under punishment, gradually wore down the chestnut and won all out by half a length.

In the last race Gassima was placed at the head of the betting, though money was forthcoming for Oom Paul, while many of the knowing division supported Shirley at fives. The latter got off well but seemed to die away to nothing on rounding the bend, and after a great race home Gassima, on whom Mr. Galstaun rode a strong finish, landed the verdict from Oom Paul by a neck.

On the whole a real good afternoon's sport, only marred by some instances of bumping and jostling which resulted in two jockeys being carpeted. We are always inclined to make allowances for unintentional jostling when the going is slippery and treacherous as it usually is in the monsoons, but from what we hear there has been rather too much of this sort of thing lately and it is just as well that some notice should be taken of it.

With a view to the two Monsoon Meetings yet to come we would like to suggest that it would suit owners and others better if the weights could be published rather earlier. There would, we think, be no objection to closing the entries on the Monday, instead of the Tuesday previous, which would enable the handicaps to be framed by Tuesday evening.

Snipe are fairly well in now. Round and about Calcutta several small bags were made last Saturday and Sunday, bigger ones at Midnapore and 12 couple were got at Chittagong on the 24th instant.

In the course of a series of interesting articles on the "Mechanism of Polo," which have been appearing in *The County Gentleman*, there is one on the measurement of ponies which we reproduce elsewhere and commend to the persual of those interested in the subject.

We publish to-day the first entries for the Lucknow Autumn Meeting: they are distinctly good. We remind our readers that second entries close on the 1st October.

We see from an announcement in a South African paper that Mr. Barney Allen, who will be remembered by many Indian racing men, is book-making again, and has made Durban his head-quarters. His bay gelding Caledonia ran in the Durban Turf Club Handicap of £1,250, one mile, and started third favourite at 11 to 2, but was unplaced.

Under the appropriate heading of "A Disgusting Scene at Nuwara Eliya" the *Ceylon Observer* writes:—From early down to 3 P.M. this afternoon, on the 14th instant: the southern end of the town was kept in an uproar by the natives who mercilessly tortured a fine sized buck with velvet antlers, which was hunted out of the forest by an unlicensed pack right into the streamlet flowing by the western boundary of St. Andrew's Hotel. The buck was first noticed by a Sinhalese lad who stated that it was chased down the cart road from the direction of the Ramboda Pass. The buck, when it got to the bridge 200 yards off Messrs. Paul Soris' shop, leaped into the stream, where it was hemmed in by the dogs who were successfully beaten off by two Tamils who happened to arrive at the moment. The news of the buck in the stream soon spread and a crowd of natives immediately rushed the spot and began to torture the animal in their efforts to drive it back into the forest. The buck stupefied by the yells of the crowd although whipped and battered with sticks, refused to move. The Police arrived on the scene about 10 A. M., and tried to keep the crowd away, but without avail. Ultimately they ordered the elk (Sambur) to be noosed and tied up with the result that it nearly broke its neck. On second thoughts it was liberated when it took to the stream again. At 2 P.M. Mr. Mooyart-Denison, who happened to come into town hearing the news, visited the spot, and tried to keep the Police at work among the crowd. Thoroughly disgusted with the sickening sight he went to the station and asked the Sergeant-Major to have the elk shot if it had serious injuries. Although the buck was only tired out the Police elected to follow Mr. Denison's suggestion and shoot it. A Police Sergeant fired at the beast from 15 yards and took three shots to kill it! Two shots were fired within three minutes of each other, and it was only in response to an appeal of a Ceylonese gentleman that a third shot was fired after about five minutes to relieve the sufferings of the buck struggling in the water.

Grey Mist, Major Grimston's smart pony, recently died of inflammation of the liver.

Among our Turf news this week will be found a list of Trainers' lots at Poona.

The Poona Junior Polo Tournament should have opened on Monday, but the polo ground is not at its best after rain, and as the weather was not propitious last week it was impossible to get much practice and the ground ultimately became so spongy that the Honorary Secretary had to consult the Committee with the result that the Tournament had to be postponed till the 24th. Meantime the sloppy ground nearly caused two bad accidents. Captain the Hon'ble Greville, A.D.C., who leaves India with Lord Northcote, having had a nasty fall, but he was not hurt and was in the racing saddle again last Saturday, but Captain Rowlandson was not so fortunate. He is improving, but it was necessary for him to remain in hospital, where he still lies. Nine teams as I have already written have entered and some good polo should be witnessed. The increase in the entries is due to the H. C. Cavalry regiments now located in Poona.

The Naini Tal Polo Tournament will take place during the week commencing the *28th September*, teams will consist of three players each and entries close on the *24th September*. For further details we refer our readers to the advertisement appearing in our Sporting notifications.

Writing of jockeys remarks a home scribe. It seems somewhat singular that when they have horses on their own account they very rarely go in for anything like expensive stuff, yet one would think that most of them during their career have had practical experience of the futility of owning crocks, which are just as expensive to keep as the good ones. Sam Loates now poses as an owner, and his registered colours, slate with red collar, cuffs, and cap, are not quite beautiful, although they may be æsthetic. These colours were carried for the first time by the two-year-old Serenade in the Juvenile Plate at Brighton, in which she could only finish fifth. Entered to be sold for fifty pounds, Sam was glad to get rid of her for forty guineas.

Appended is the list of principal winning jockeys on the flat at home, compiled up to 31st July:—

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W.	375	294	81
Halsey, W.	333	269	64
Madden, O.	388	328	60
Trigg, C.	282	240	42
Cannon, M.	220	181	39
Watts, J. E.	314	276	38
Maher, D.	183	148	35
Wheatley, E.	188	158	30
Cannon, K.	242	212	30
Hardy, F. W.	286	257	29
Murray, J.	174	147	27
Martin, J. H.	287	260	27
Randall, H	162	135	27
Dillon, S.	136	114	22
Miller, T. L.	175	153	22
McCall, G	175	155	20
Boardman, J. E ...	167	147	20
Griggs, W.	199	182	17
Dalton, J.	99	83	16
Heppell, T.	88	73	15
Line, L. S.	90	75	15

Among Mr. Hamar Bass' recent purchases in England is the five-year-old' chaser, Auburn's Pride, by Hackler—Magnet. She has started in but two races this year—the Dunboyne Plate at Fairyhouse and the Maiden Plate of 500 sovs. at Punchestown.

It is yet a comparatively far cry to the close of the flat-racing season at home, but the publication of the entries for the important handicaps of the autumn which arrived by last mail emphasises the fact that a considerable part of it has run its course. Much interesting and exciting sport remains to be witnessed, however, and prominent features for October are the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire races, which fill a large place in the favour of the general sporting public and contribute lively chapters to the racing history of the year. The issue of the nominations is not awaited with the eagerness at one time displayed, when books were opened on both handicaps much earlier than is now the case, but they are looked forward to with no little curiosity nevertheless, and the lists supply topics for comment at a period when Turf matters are presenting a comparatively quiet phase. Though there has in recent years been stronger support accorded both the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire, they both come out very well, and, compared with a twelve month ago, the combined nominations on the present occasion total 211 against 214, the long distance race showing a slight decrease. As usual, French sportsmen have come forward in each handicap, and experience has shown that danger is frequently to be feared from the other side of the Channel. The following table supplies the figures in connection with the two events for this and several preceding years:—

	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	1900	1901	1902	1903
Cesarewitch ...	96	89	75	80	83	87	132	104	94
Cmbdgeshire.	116	116	103	118	123	123	134	110	117

The report of the New York Zoological Society for last year contains a very remarkable account of feeding a 25ft. python which refused to take food of its own accord. It appears that the snake had been suffering from canker of the mouth, which had been cured by a course of careful dressing and washing during a period of two months. On the completion of the cure the reptile refused food of all kinds. Accordingly four dead rabbits were sewed together with twine and forcibly pushed down the creature's throat at the end of an 8ft. bamboo until only a few inches of the pole projected from the mouth. When the bamboo was withdrawn the python showed signs of attempting to disgorge its involuntary meal, whereupon the fire-hose was brought into play, with the result that the reptile assumed a fighting attitude, and swallowed the rabbits. The process was repeated at suitable intervals during the following eleven months, when the reptile took to feeding itself. Recently, however, the old tendency to undue fasting has reasserted itself, so that when the report was written it seemed probable that recourse would once more have to be made to the forcible and decidedly original mode of feeding.

This is not an ordinary plague story, and I am not going to give you any harrowing details, says a writer in *The Journal*. But it is an incident which a popular jockey is not likely to hear the last of for a while. It appears that this well-known jockey, who finds it possible and profitable to take a trip home every year after the racing season closes, left in charge of a friend in Bombay, his holdall containing his racing kit, whip, colours, etc. When leaving England for Colombo he sent word to his friend to forward his valuable baggage in time to reach there for the race-week. When he landed in the spicy land, he enquired diligently for his outfit and at length discovered that an intelligent shipping clerk had consigned the package as "bedding." The authorities at Colombo, by whom Plague is always spelt in capital letters, did not hesitate a moment. Bedding from that plague-infested port of Bombay must be burnt immediately, and so the whips, jackets and other precious belongings were consigned to the flames. Whether we shall see this latest plague victim ride as many winners as last year I will not dare to prophesy, but if not, there will not be wanting those who will tell us that all his luck was in his whip.

It is expected that Danny Maher will make his reappearance in the saddle at the Derby Meeting, an announcement which will be received with much satisfaction by the admirers—and their name is legion—of this capable and courteous rider, who has probably been nearer death's door than many have supposed. Maher, who is an expert angler, was at Newmarket quietly recuperating, according to latest advices.

Their Majesties, it has been mentioned more than once, when a favourite horse dies, have its hoofs cut off and polished, the name of the favourite inscribed on each hoof, and these relics are preserved in one of the Sandringham harness rooms. Undoubtedly when space is of considerable moment the plan followed by the King is in every way admirable, and is sure to be followed by many who do not desire to go to the lengths of the noble owner of the famous horse Touchstone, who won, for the then Marquis of Westminster, the St. Leger of 1834. Before this race the chances of Touchstone proving to be the winner were regarded as so remote that the colt went to the post a veritable outsider, as can be gathered from the fact that the betting against him was at the long odds of 50 to 1, a fact, how-

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ever, that did not prevent his beating Plenipotentiary, the winner of the Derby of that year, and coming in an easy victor by a couple of lengths in the "Derby of the North." Whether the Marquis felt especially grateful to the "outsider" for winning him his first St. Leger, or whether it was his after successes that endeared him to his owner, is immaterial, but that he entertained a great regard for the horse is certain from the fact that the skeleton of his famous colt is preserved at Eaton Hall to this day. It is interesting to note in respect to the skeleton of Touchstone that for several years in succession a wren, admitted through an unglazed window, is stated to have built its nest within the bony cavity of the defunct racer's skull. Touchstone is not the only horse thus preserved. At York Museum, for instance, there is to be seen the skeleton of the winner of the Derby and Oaks of 1857, the famous filly, Blink Bonny, who lost the St. Leger of that year notwithstanding the fact that her chances were regarded as so roseate that her owner did not scruple to invest £3,000 upon her for this one event.

The St. Leger, it may be mentioned, has been twice, and only twice, won three times in succession —namely, from 1786 to 1788 inclusive, by Lord Archibald Hamilton: and from 1827 to 1829 inclusive, by the Hon. E. Petre, whose last win was achieved through the agency of a colt called Rowton who won the race that proved to be the third of the four Legers in which Sam Chiffney, the celebrated jockey, had the misfortune to come in second, after a close finish. Rowton was trained by the celebrated John Scott, who had to his credit sixteen winners of the St. Leger, six winners of the Derby and nine winners of the Oaks, and on the decease of that horse he secured a relic of him in the shape of a shankbone, which he had fashioned into the handle of a carving-knife.

In the great horseshoe collection of Mr. W. G. Newbery, of Chicago, which comprises 500 examples taken from the hoofs of almost as many famous horses, there is a shoe of General Philip Sheridan's Winchester charger, a horse that became almost as well known in the American Civil War as the dashing cavalry leader who bestrode him. This animal is now mounted, and is to be seen in the War Museum at Washington, where he probably attracts far more attention than the relic of the greatest equine hero of all time. The remains of the horse in question, the never-to-be-forgotten Eclipse(who received his name, by the way, from the fact that he was foaled on 1st April 1764, on which day a remarkable eclipse of the sun occurred), whose bones fetched 100 guineas in 1860, are now preserved at the College of Veterinary Surgeons in Red Lion Square. Several relics in addition to the skeleton of this unbeaten horse and remarkable sire exist, of which perhaps the most famous is in the possession of the Jockey Club. In the May of 1832, William IV., having entertained the Club at dinner at St. James's Palace, whose mess-room boasts the hoof of Napoleon's charger, Marengo, which has been adapted for use as a snuff-box, produced, when the wine was on the table, a hoof of Eclipse which had been handsomely mounted in the centre of the gold salver, and forthwith presented the same to his guests. The hoof, which has a covering of gold on which is engraved a portrait of Eclipse, bears in front the Royal Arms raised in gold, and is supported by a pedestal of gold suitably inscribed. On the same day that the aforementioned Rowton ran his last race but one, it ended in a dead-heat, which had to be run off, for the Ascot Cup, the hoof, together with £200, presented by the King, and a £100 sweepstake, was raced for over the same course for the first time. For several years afterwards there was a race for the hoof by horses the property of members of the Jockey Club, who had the exclusive right to challenge for it: but with the accession of Queen Victoria the practice was discontinued. This is not the only relic of the famous sire in existence, for in addition to a pin with a horse's head, made from another of his hoofs, and a piece of his skin, covered with fine, light chestnut coloured hair, which is one of the treasured possessions of Lord Rosebery, a quantity of hair from his mane and tail were woven into the lash and wristband of the Newmarket Challenge Whip, a trophy (said to have been given by Charles II. as a prize) that is now seldom raced for.

Apropos of mounted hoofs, a very remarkable relic of a distinguished officer's charger was recovered from a captive Boer convoy in the course of the late war, and was afterwards exhibited at the Glasgow Exhibition two years ago. How the relic in question, which comprised the hoofs of Sir William Gomm's Waterloo horse and a bullet taken from his head, ever came into the possession of a Boer was not explained, and will probably remain a mystery. The relic, which was silver-mounted and fashioned to form an ink-well, bore an inscription to the following effect: "The hoof of Donnybrook, the charger of Major-General Johnstone, C.B., late 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) regiment, during great part of the Crimean campaign." The lid of the ink-well, it should be added, included the Crimean medal of the owner of Donnybrook, who evidently intended that his trophy should be unique.

When in 1899 the unfortunate French horse Holocauste had to be killed, having broken the pastern bone of his right foreleg in his attempt to wrest from Flying Fox the "Blue Riband of the Turf," the number of relics carried away from the course by the spectators, and the fierce demand for the same, entailed many a grey-coloured horse that had never visited a racecourse, except in the capacity of motive power to a travelling caravan, losing the best part of his tail and mane. It was, however, the irony of Fate that the hide of this celebrated racehorse should be used for boots. But if the advertisement that was displayed in a certain bootmaker's shop—which stated that the skin was to be utilised for human foot coverings, all orders for which should receive prompt attention—can be relied upon, a considerable number of people can (or could, for the footgear in question must be almost worn out by now) claim to possess a very remarkable relic of a famous racehorse.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—Things are somewhat dull after the busy times of the Horse and Dog Show, the Polo Tournament, the big race meeting and the cycle race meeting. Six events are announced for the second extra day's racing which takes place on the 3rd proximo, and it is to be hoped they will fill.

Captain Randall is here for a short visit, but returns to Poona almost at once, where, besides another win, I notice that he rode his very handsome mare Blue Blood to victory, subsequently selling her at a good price. Watson, the trainer, and Burns, the jockey, have followed the flight of the other racing people to Poona and only Oscar Dignum is still with us. He does not, he tells me, intend going to Poona this year—that is so far as his little string is concerned at any rate.

Trap-shooting began on the 21st instant and notwithstanding threatening weather a fair start was made. It being the opening of the season, however, the shooting mainly consisted of practice, although one handicap sweepstakes of four birds each was brought off, Mr. Cottrel Dormer of the Carabiniers winning with four really clever kills in which he never used his second barrel. Paperchases continue, notwithstanding that the going is now pretty heavy, for a good deal of rain has fallen; but although riders are keen and large fields the rule, I have not so far heard anything definite about the average cups which were hoped for. They will, however, become, I think, accomplished facts before long.

There have been few more enjoyable afternoon's amusements than that provided by Major Edwards and the officers of the gallant 3rd Queen's Own Light Cavalry by means of an admirably devised and charmingly executed programme of Gymkhana sports, an afternoon enjoyable even to those of us on the outskirts—for an excellent view could be obtained in the utmost of comfort from the Grand Stand just in front of and below which was the arena of sport. On the good principle that "if you want a thing done well do it yourself" Major Edwards himself performed the duties of master of the ceremonies—and no one had reason to repent of the decision.

A tug-of-war on pony back did not result in any prolonged contest—soft hands (and soft seats!) resulting in rapidity of results. The Diana Stakes attracted only three entries and it was early apparent that the saddling of obstreperous horseflesh is not ordinarily comprised in the curriculum of young ladies' seminaries. In due course of time Miss Doddington and Mr. Smith won with saddles girthed in a fashion which brought looks of scorn and contempt to the usually dull visages of the surrounding syces.

The Polo pony scramble was a capital event eminently calculated to test speed, stopping and cleverness, and I am afraid to hazard a guess as to the number of competitors. At any rate it had to be run in several heats, and eventually Mr. Shaw on Baby, a smart little grey Arab, cleverly beat Colonel Eccles' Lady Betty by half a length; not a very brilliant performance on the part of the latter racing pony.

Much amusement was afforded by the Geographical Knowledge Stakes which Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Marriott captured after a searching examination.

The Ladies' Nomination Scurry fell to the selection of Miss Doddington, Pomfret being landed a winner in Captain Casson's most artistic manner. In this three-furlong heat no less than 3 heats were necessary before the decider and there was some capital racing on the sand track.

Excellent lepping was next the order of the day, Mr. Boase's ubiquitous Dawn winning handsomely —a real useful all-round horse it is to be sure. While Mrs. Anderson's charming little waler mare Frida, piloted by Captain Hewlett, put the decision for pony jumping beyond a reasonable doubt and thoroughly deserved its first place.

A cotillion race in which a corresponding coloured ribbon had to be captured from a branpie was won by Miss Muir Mackenzie and Captain Casson. Mrs. Edwards kindly distributed the prizes and every one went away thoroughly pleased with a most pleasurable afternoon's sport and much kind hospitality.

Watson has arrived with Mr. Apear's illustrious string and naturally Great Scot was the centre of attraction and a marvellous fine horse he is, filling the eye wonderfully and apparently pleasant enough to ride. Very different to his possible rival Presbyterian, who seems a demon of the first order and no child's pony or old gentleman's confidential hack.

That clever and painstaking veteran trainer, Andrew Clarke has worked wonders with Haydn, who, from being a real hot handful, has become delightfully tractable and that her newly-attained amiability has not interfered with her speed was very apparent from the ease with which she romped in over her pet four furlongs, at which distance I fancy anything that can beat her is likely to occupy first place in the contest.

Clarke has, too, used magical influence with the little English horse Misty, who was, it is said, cast out by Charles Bleach last year in Bombay as worthless. Yet Misty was only just beaten over a mile by Alix and had the little black had more justice done him by his jockey the verdict would in my opinion have been reversed. A good performance for a "despised and rejected" "cast off" and one of which the old man may well be proud.

A vastly improved pony too is Patrician, and a more than useful one. His negociation of hurdles is as near perfection as doesn't matter and I shall be surprised if we have as yet seen his best form on the flat. As the aptly named little bit of blood is of the "trained by owner" brigade Colonel Hazelton may well be gratified with his amateur efforts.

I see that Mr. Bass has appropriated by purchase Captain Greville's well-known country-bred Tamring and the Australian pony mare Stockbell, a recent winner of a closed race at Poona. The former charming C.-B. is an awkward height and is completely exposed and must in all justice be fully taken care of by the weight allotter, while Stockbell has yet to show that she is of the lasting sort, so that at their *advertized* prices Mr. Bass can scarcely be said to have picked up bargains, though with careful placing both may possibly pay a share of their purchase money.

They will doubtless remain in their present stable under the care of Charles Bleach with whom Captain Greville must have every reason to be satisfied. Little accidents, as when Propeller was allowed to start almost if not entirely unbacked and came out and won handsomely and when Scattercash also won unbacked beating the stable selection, are liable to occur "in the best regulated families," but no one has the art of turning his his horses out more "cherry ripe" than this rising trainer who wins not only in his turn, but out of it, and the large number of horses and ponies entrusted to his charge testifies amply to his popularity as a trainer.

Every one was glad to welcome back to Poona Major-General Burnett, who has been on short leave to England. Few have, I believe, done more for the interests of the Western India Turf Club and his genial disposition makes him immensely popular with all creeds and classes.

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I see that two or three misguided sportsmen have floundered into public print with the object of exposing the unjust cruelty of the handicapper—not to any one else but to each of them personally! Indeed if all one reads be true the name of Cursetjee should be added to the number of the Relentless Fates, and so many horses are "handicapped hopelessly out of it" that it is rather difficult to the non-racing gent to grasp how *any* horse can win, as from the mournful lucubrations of these sorrow-stricken owners one is led to believe that every horse in the race will drop down half way from sheer exhaustion at the crushing impost apportioned by the malevolent handicapper.

The ingenuous suggestion that each owner should be furnished with exhaustive reasons for the weight apportioned to his racing gee gee might, however, possibly not suit everyone's taste, for home truths are not always palatable. "Present company excepted" (needless to say) it is just possible that in his allotment of weights a handicapper is guided by a gallop which (inopportunely for those most concerned) he may have chanced to witness. Or he may in his simplicity think that getting left at the post or going curiously wide at the corner was scarcely calculated to display a horse's real form or that on a certain day when one of his victims ran ("beaten to blazes" as the owner would ostentatiously insist on) the poor horse might have been suffering from flatulency or a pain in his tummy—or jaw—or one of these places which in the opinion of the handicapper prevent the afflicted quadruped from being quite at his best on the occasion in question. The fact is that in Mr. Cursetjee the W. I. T. C. have undoubtedly the best handicapper in Asia. I imagine no handicapper has made fewer mistakes and he is certainly not likely, I would imagine, to fall into the mistake of imagining that horses that have shown form of highest class in England and Australia have been sent to Sunny Ind merely for change of air. That such horses must be handicapped on their top form is obvious, and personal appeals to the press, are not I fancy, likely to deter him or any handicapper from his sense of what is right.

The Calcutta Subscription Room seems to be increasing in popularity every week. The convenience to the public has been thoroughly demonstrated and we have no doubt that under the present vigorous and capable management, the membership by the end of the current year will be very large.

The wellk-nown horse steamer *Argus* collided with the steamer *Mildura* in Sydney Harbour on the 31st July and was so extensively damaged that she had to be beached on Goat Island. The *Argus* had on board a large number of horses for Singapore and Calcutta, also the Sultan of Johore and his followers. She was floated off a day or two afterwards and her cargo landed. No lives were lost.

A Hundred Years Ago.

(*From "The Sporting Magazine" of 1803.*)

At the late assizes at York a trial came on relative to a Turf affair. A match was to be rode by gentlemen only; but the person who won was not admitted to be a gentleman and the amount of the sweepstakes was therefore refused to him. On this the action was brought, and of course entirely turned on the question whether he was a gentleman or not. He had a verdict in his favour

This trial has occasioned as much conversation and "bad blood" in Yorkshire as if the fate of the whole county had depended on it. The counsel was rather at a loss what questions would draw forth the characteristics of a gentleman. The following may serve as a specimen:—

Q. Do you regard him, the rider, as a gentleman?

A. Not in the general acceptation of the word.

Q. Does he generally enjoy the sports of the field like other gentlemen, and kill game?

A. I suppose so: he takes out a license.

Q. Did you ever see him do a dirty action?

A. I never did.

Q. Do you reckon him a gentleman?

A. Aye, to be sure I do.

Q. You are a farmer I understand: does he not attend the markets like other farmers; and when there, dines with them at an ordinary, where the expenses seldom exceed two shillings per head?

A. Yes, he does.

One of the evidence (*sic*) in accounting for this person riding the horse, said that the rider did not pretend to be a gentleman: but that he had made a promise when drunk to ride the horse, and that he would sooner go home dead than break his word.

Here the plaintiff's counsel, in a half whisper, said, surely this is a little symptomatic of the gentleman, he seems to be the pink of gentility.

Another question was put to an evidence.

Q. What is his character?

A. He is a very honest man; but is neither considered by others as a gentleman, nor does he, I believe, consider himself so.

Q. Is it not very common in the country to call gentlemen by their Christian names?

A. We know of no such instances except where there is a great familiarity between the parties.

Such were the principal questions used to prove the characteristics of a gentleman in order to enable him to ride a match as a gentleman. The plaintiff's counsel, who made a very ingenious speech in the closing trial, laid down that "the strong leading traits, the striking features in the character of a gentleman were a good education, liberal manners, moral good conduct and independence of station"; and maintained that the gentleman in question had not been proved deficient in any of these and we heartily wish the same could be said of all gentlemen on the Turf.

The court crowded on this trial beyond any former precedent.

Athletic Notes.

THE following teams have entered for the annual Durand Football Tournament to be held at Simla from the 14th September:—Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 12th Lancers, Royal Artillery, Meerut and Jutogh, the Gordon Highlanders, the Black Watch, Simla Volunteers, Royal Irish Rifles, the New Club, Simla, Royal Irish Fusiliers, Old Cottoneans (from Bishop Cotton's School, Simla) and the Queens. The Hampshires, holders of the Cup, are unable to send a team.

A full report of the Madras B. C. hot weather regatta appears among our rowing news: in matters aquatic the M. B. C. are just now showing the other rowing clubs in India an example.

Alfred Shrubb ran the three miles at Horsham on the 3rd instant in 14 mins. 22⅘ secs. thus beating by 2⅘ secs. the previous world's grass record put up by himself.

Mr. R. M. Robertson of the Black Watch won the Gulmarg Golf Tournament by three up and two to play, Mrs. Davis was the lady winner with two up.

Warwickshire beat Hampshire by 132 runs on the 22nd instant and Lancashire beat Notts by five wickets. The matches between Middlesex and Sussex, Kent and Yorkshire and Somersetshire *vs.* Surrey were drawn.

There may be some Golfers in India who will hear with regret of the tragic death of Mr. W. G. Stewart, well known on the Preswick and other links. He shot himself at Troon in Ayrshire on the 6th instant.

Bicycle polo is going strong in Southern India. Last week a team from Bangalore visited Madras and after a very one-sided game the visitors won by 4 goals to *nil*. There were four chuckers of 15 minutes each. Mr. Oakley, of Bangalore, played a splendid game and was well backed up by Theagaraj. The Madras team were not in training and though they played hard were quite outclassed.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—There is a sort of hiatus in the athletic world here at present. That is to say nothing very big or energetic is being done, and cricketers of note especially seem slow at getting under weigh this season. Possibly when the continued showery weather which we are experiencing "lets up" on us, some good matches will be seen.

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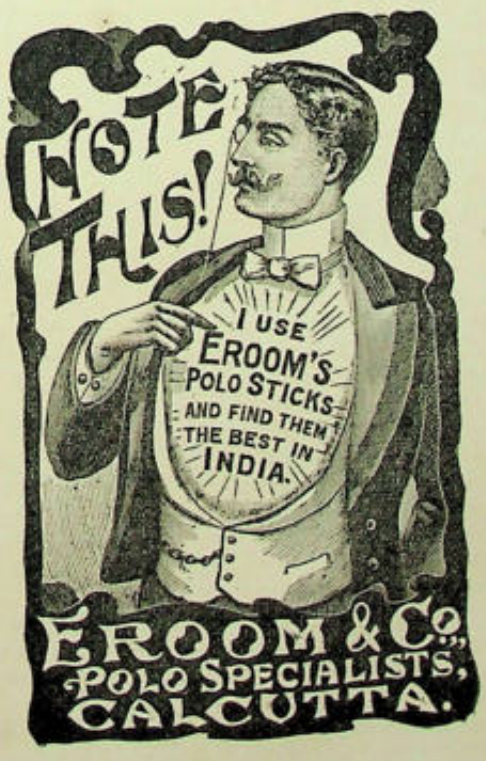

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John Roberts, the billiard player, arrived in Rangoon from Singapore on the 23rd instant.

The return billiard match between the Howrah United Club and the Dalhousie Club was played on Saturday and resulted in a win for the United Club by three games to one. The United Club was represented by the same players as played on the last occasion, namely, Messrs. Barbour, Doran, Dyer and Ribbins, while the Dalhousie Club had Messrs. Baker, Hollis, Holwell and Mead. Baker beat Barbour easily by 42 points. The game between Doran and Holwell was a very even one, the Howrah man eventually winning by 9 points. Ribbins beat Mead by 38 points after an exciting game. Hollis was not up to his usual form and was defeated by Dyer by 45 points.

It is quite a long time since a century was put up in Indian cricket, but F. P. Colabawalla playing in the match between the Baronet C. C. and Bombay Gymkhana and visitors last week made a hundred not out, and Mr. Telang 101 in the Hindoos *vs.* Poona Gymkhana Match.

Corpl. C. Checkley of the Black Watch, well known at Indian Athletic Meetings, has been running at home lately, and, as will be seen from the report of the Army Athletic Meeting at Aldershot in our London Sporting Letter to-day, he was placed second in the three miles to Sergt. F. Moore, who beat him by three hundred yards in 15mins. 40secs.

In the Simla tennis handicap the Men's Doubles have been won by Captains Turner and Beynon, who beat Major C. Clay and Mr. Mitchell in the finals.

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—In another three weeks the Bombay Rovers' Association Football Tournament will commence, and I learn from those responsible for the arrangements that it gives every promise of success. Up to the present (23rd August) twelve teams have entered, six more are expected to send in their names, and there is every probability of the tournament extending over three weeks. To invest it with special interest, the Committee have decided to arrange a match before the tournament commences between twenty-two picked players from the different teams competing, and this will inaugurate the tournament, the proceeds of the match being devoted to local charities. Entries close on 5th September and the ties will be drawn two days later. Up to the present the following teams have entered: The Buffs, Poona; the Oxford Light Infantry, Poona; the Warwickshire Regiment, Belgaum; the Royal Scots, Kamptee; the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Calcutta; the West Yorkshire Regiment, Quetta; the Cheshire Regiment, Quetta; the North Staffordshire Regiment, Bombay; the Royal Field Artillery, Kirkee; the Lincolnshire Regiment, Secunderabad; the Seaforth Highlanders, Nasirabad; and the Bombay Rovers, Bombay. The other teams expected to enter are: The Royal Artillery, Bombay; the South Lancashire Regiment, Jubbulpore; the York and Lancashire Regiment, Mhow; the Bombay Gymkhana, Bombay; the Calcutta Football Club, Calcutta; and the Essex Regiment, Bangalore. Last year the Cup was won by the Cheshires, who, it will be observed, have again decided to come all the way down from Quetta in order to take part in the tournament. Given fine weather, I have every hope of the tournament proving one of the most successful on record, for included in the above are practically all the crack military teams of India.

During the past week rain has once more interfered with play in connexion with the Harwood Association Football League, several matches having to be postponed. Monday and Tuesday were fine, but on Wednesday the rain came down in torrents and in a very short space of time both the Oval and Cooperage were once more converted into swamps, and rendered absolutely unplayable. The only match decided was that between the North Staffords' "B" team, who still figure at the head of the league table, and the Rovers. For my own part, I thought the military representatives would not experience much difficulty in adding another victory to their list. But such did not prove to be the case. The Rovers have this year secured the services of a number of new players, and now that they have become accustomed to each other's play they are a fairly strong combination. The match under notice proved to be a fast and well contested one, and there were frequent bits of bright play. The ball was rapidly taken from end to end, and the defence of both elevens was severely taxed, but proved safe. In the end the game resulted in a pointless draw. The next meeting between these teams will be looked forward to with interest. As I mention above, the North Staffords' "B" team still heads the league table with 15 points, their "A" team coming next with 11 points, while the Royal Garrison Artillery and the Rovers are bracketted third with 10 points each. It should be mentioned, however, that both the Rovers and the Staffords' "B" team have played ten matches, whereas the Staffords' "A" team and the R. G. A. have only played six and seven, respectively.

With the first Parsee Presidency match over and the second a month ahead, things in the local cricket world have quieted down considerably. Yesterday (Saturday) the Bombay Gymkhana played a drawn game with the Elphinstone College, whom the Gymkhana Reserves defeated only about a month ago. The Gymkhana had a strong team out, but with the exception of Cheetham, Lumsden, and Armes, they failed miserably in the batting department against the bowling of Vakil, who took seven wickets at a cost of 44 runs. With nine wickets down for 120 runs they declared their innings closed, Lumsden contributing 40, Cheetham 39 and Armes 18 to the total. Only a short time remained for play when the College went into bat, rain having interfered with play. When time arrived for drawing stumps they had lost ten wickets for 45 runs—the teams were twelve aside. For the Gymkhana Cheetham had the best bowling analysis, taking four wickets at a cost of 16 runs, while Lumsden took three for 14. The match ended in a draw greatly in favour of the Gymkhana. While on the subject of cricket, I have to refer with regret to the death of Major Horace Anderson, of the Supply and Transport Corps. The deceased left by the mail of the 15th, being then in a very critical condition, and died before the boat reached Aden, being buried at sea. He was a most useful slow bowler, and used to get a lot of wickets, whilst few cricketers took a keener interest in the game. He only returned from leave about nine months ago, and was a member of this year's Cricket Committee of the Bombay Gymkhana.

General Notes.

THE new Royal Indian Marine steamer, which is to replace that obsolete vessel the *Clive*, is to be called the *Dufferin*—a happy effort of nomenclature we think.

The news that Mr. T. R. Wynne will shortly return to Calcutta to resume the management of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, will be received with pleasure by his many friends here.

The Fancy Dress Ball given by the Knights of the Black Heart at Simla on the 19th instant was an immense success. The costumes were splendid and the function one of the most enjoyable and brilliant of the season.

The Rev. E. A. Copleston has been elected Bishop of Colombo and will be consecrated by the Metropolitan at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, on the 30th instant. The Bishops of Lahore and Nagpur will assist in the service.

That band of unconscious humorists, the Calcutta Municipal Commissioners, have given us something to laugh at in their draft rules for working of the Tramway. Those who have not had the good fortune to peruse this little effort are earnestly recommended to provide themselves with copies.

So far as Bangalore is concerned the case in which Lieutenants Plant and Rickford are charged with cheating is at an end. Lieutenant Plant was some days ago committed to take his trial at the High Court of Madras and Lieutenant Rickford was on the 21st instant awarded six weeks' simple imprisonment by Mr. L. Lloyd, I.C.S., the District Magistrate and Collector of Bangalore.

The following apart from being amusing shows what cheerful specimens there were in Government departments in South Africa just after the war: This one was a Captain of Irregular Horse—there are hundreds of 'em in every bar in the country—and at the time of the tale was in charge of that department in native affairs which makes marriages. Along comes Tommy Atkins and a Dutch woman wishing to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony. "Good enough" says the Captain, "bring me the marriage register." In this he enters the names, etc., makes them sign and thus sends them off a happy couple. Ten days later the lady turns up in tears.

"Well, what can I do for you" asks the warrior.

"Oh, Sir, you married me to a soldier 10 days ago."

"Well, well, what about that, ain't you happy?"

"No Sir. But that's not it, he's gone home; he's got another wife there!"

"Very sad, very sad; but I don't understand what you want now. What is it?"

"Please Sir, I don't want to be married to a man that already got a wife."

"Oh! is that all?" Boy bring me the register. This he gets, finds the entry, scratches his pen through it and remarks, "There you are, that's all right, you're married no longer." Divorce made easy indeed.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent).

London, *Friday, 7th August, 1903.*

WHEN the hysterical gush of the daily papers has been discounted, enough solid fact remains to prove beyond doubt the com lete success of the visit of the King and Queen to Ireland. That a genuine—even if evanescent—feeling of personal loyalty has been evoked among the poorest class is vouched for by unprejudiced witnesses not likely to err on the side of sentimentality. And a still more valuable asset is the almost universal conviction among the peasantry that the King is a friend who takes a warm personal interest in their well-being. It is much to be hoped that the visit will be repeated without too long an interval.

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It is satisfactory to note that some of the best of the weeklies are testifying against the exaggerated style indulged in by most of the dailies when reporting the public doings of the King—the outpourings on the occasion of his visits to Paris and Rome being flagrant cases in point. The loss of all sense of proportion from which the gentlemen of the press appear to be suffering is to be deplored. When from the humble pavement I have witnessed a Royal function—be it a State procession on the opening of Parliament, His Majesty going to welcome or speed a guest, a State visit to the City, or what not—I return thinking it has been a pleasant sight—His Majesty has been cordially greeted—perhaps not quite so much cheering as one would expect, but then people are too eager to see to remember to cheer. But when I open my paper next morning, I rub my eyes, and ask myself if this glorified demonstration, these rampantly loyal crowds this repetition of the days of Jubilee, can be the scene I witnessed only yesterday—if so, truly my eyes must have been holden that I saw not. That genius sees many things hidden from our meaner gaze is a truism, but verily X rayed vision must be needed to behold all that these reporting gentlemen set down. In the case of the Irish visit the hysterics do distinct harm, and to those who apparently imagine that a ten days' Royal visit will turn Ireland into a contented, loyal, and prosperous country we recommend the study of the King's eminently practical matter-of-fact speeches.

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My curiosity was excited when in the Strand a fews days ago I saw three lines of differently coloured wooden bars on the north side of the roadway from the corner of Catherine Street to a point opposite Norfolk Street: marvelling much what these things might mean, I inquired and was told that the bars mark three alternative frontages of the Strand Improvement scheme, but whether they are placed there to enable the public or the L. C. C. to judge of their respective merits history sayeth not. The bar next the pavement marked, I was told, the frontage suggested by the Improvements Committee of the L. C. C., that furthest from it the frontage proposed by Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft, R. A., and the intermediate one that recommended by the Royal Institute of British

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Architects, and which they claim unites the advantages of Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft's scheme with the economy of that of the L. C. C.

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If the L. C. C. plan is carried out there will be a bend in the north side of the Strand between the New Gaiety Theatre and the beginning of Aldwych which will cut off the view eastwards. Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft proposes that the thoroughfare should be straight, which would open up a fine view of St. Clement Danes and the Law Courts, but would necessitate the addition to the public way of land which is valued at £350,000. The British Architects propose a modification of Mr. Thorneycroft's plan which, though reducing the widths of the street would practically retain the view, at a cost of only £70,000 instead of £350,000. That both plans are superior to the original one of the L. C. C. is obvious, and that if Mr. Thorneycroft would secure such a striking thoroughfare through Aldwych to the broad Kingsway that it ought not to be lightly dismissed—but the economy of the august L. C. C. is apt to be ill-timed!

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Landowners in and near London are to be envied. A small plot of land—less than a quarter of an acre adjoining Clapham Common—was sold the other day for £5,100. It was stated that the same property was sold about eight years ago for £2,700 and soon after re-sold to the vendor for £3,100.

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I consider myself lucky in having heard the debate on the Motor Cars Bill on Tuesday which was not only interesting but also amusing in no slight degree. Mr. Long in moving the second reading, enlarged on the iniquities of the furious driver until it was evident that Mr. Balfour's conscience smote him as he recollected the evil deeds of his own chauffeur. After listening for some time with head bent and arms folded, he apparently suddenly recollected an important engagement, looked at his watch, and hurried out—the picture of conscious guilt. Mr. Soares, a Devonshire M.P., moved the rejection of the Bill in a most amusing speech. He drew a fearsome picture of the motor car with its blazing lamps and infernal din, rushing along the roads at night at a terrific pace; adding the prophetic warning "However quiet your horse may be, if there's a ditch handy you will be in it." He then lamented the charms of the country which under the motor terror have departed—not to return until a low speed limit is fixed. "No more happy children playing by the Road Side"—but kept indoors by careful mothers. No more "elegant balloon-like garments floating in the breeze after the weekly wash"—all dried indoors in consequence of the clouds of dust raised by the rushing motors and in consequence not so healthy in the wearing! Mr. Labouchere added yet another touch by his pathetic complaint that "old man as he was" he had "to skip and bound" out of the way of the cars driven at a reckless speed.

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Listening to the debate one wondered to what distant bourne the friends of the motor car had betaken themselves. Its defenders might almost have been counted on the fingers of one hand, and after a debate of nearly three hours Mr. Long bowed before the storm and announced that the Government was prepared to give way on the questions of a speed limit, and test of competency before a license is granted. These concessions appeased Mr. Soares, who withdrew his amendment. Though the Bill was then read a second time its difficulties seem by no means over.

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If the death of Mr. Phil May cannot be said to eclipse the gaiety of nations it at least deprives us Britishers of a fund of real enjoyment. No one has rendered the humours of the "Guttersnipe" so faithfully, and those of us who week by week have looked for his drawings in *Punch* the loss will be felt. If simplicity be the highest art, then indeed his must rank high and the unconscious pathos that underlay many of the amusing drawings added to their effect.

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The agreement between the Government and the Cunard Company which was ratified without a division by the shareholders at their general meeting sounds a satisfactory one. By it the Government contracts to pay the company an annual subsidy of £150,000; and in addition to lend a sum "not exceeding £2,600,000" at 2¾ per cent. for the construction of two large and fast liners of the most approved modern type for the Liverpool and New York Service. Under the new agreement the mails will be carried at a higher speed than hitherto, the company being pledged to use its best ships in this service. The Cunard Company also undertakes that in future every new shareholder and every director shall be British. Also that the master, officers, engineers, and three-fourths of each crew shall be British subjects; and that all certificated officers (other than engineers) and not less than half of each crew shall belong to the R. N. R. The Admiralty also obtains the right to employ all Cunarders in war time, but since the ships are unarmoured the right would probably be rarely exercised. When the two new steamers are built in accordance with the Government requirements we shall once more possess liners equal if not superior to those lately built by Germany. As soon as it become known that German liners possessed the fastest, largest, and most comfortable steamers afloat trade naturally flocked to them, and that Britain should re-assert her ship-building supremacy is a matter for congratulation.

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That tiresome, self satisfied person Mrs. Flora Annie Steel delivers her soul on the subject of "ladies' papers" in a recent number of the *Saturday Review*. She confesses that since she herself has entered the field of feminine literature the harsh propriety of a "regiment in India" which refused to admit ladies' papers to the ante-room of its officers' mess on the ground that they were not "proper reading" for the youthful and innocent British subs., has rankled in her breast. Poor thing! An unprejudiced mind is tempted to suspect that the exclusion of the papers in question was probably owing to their complete lack of interest rather than to their impropriety, but however that may be I can match Mrs. Steel's story of grandmotherly supervision of youthful morals by one for the truth of which I can vouch. A few years ago a lady of my acquaintance by no means elderly—neither prim nor puritanical—wishing to send a well-known "ladies' paper" to her brother, an officer in the Rifles, that he might see a full account of a friend's wedding, took the precaution of cutting out all the illustrated advertisements, to the end that his modesty might not suffer.

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To return to Mrs. Steel, whose feelings, originally injured by the aforesaid Indian episode, were apparently goaded beyond endurance by "coming across" the dictum of a "well-known expert in such matters," to the effect that fashion and fiction constitute the only food that feminine minds are capable of digesting or that bring profit to the purveyor. Casting all dictates of prudence to the winds Mrs. Steel, on vengeance bent, sallied forth, and at an outlay of 10*s* 9*d* became the possessor of a copy of every ladies' paper published in the United Kingdom. That the literature was at least weighty is undeniable. Since Mrs. Steel complains pathetically that her purchase turned the scale at 11lbs. 5oz. the pernicious advertisement constituting four-fifths of the letterpress; not including what Mrs. Steel aptly call "the deftly inserted notices" that Lady So and So was "daintily gowned" by Madame Such-a-One. Having become possessed of her literature Mrs. Steel proceeded to read and digest it, and favours us with some of the deductions drawn therefrom. First, judging from the illustrations—that the crying need of the readers of the 6*d*. and 3*d*. papers, is the "Straight-fronted corset," and "the dainty blouse," that of the readers of the cheaper ones. The extreme regularity with which these desiderata vary according to the price, points in the opinion of Mrs. Steel to a "variety of economic morals"—a dark saying which I do not pretend to fathom. Whether the above deduction be correct I humbly confess myself unfitted to pronounce, but against another deduction, implied rather than openly expressed—that a woman who reads these "ladies' papers" is necessarily incapable of digesting any stronger mental diet—I humbly but energetically protest.

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The weather has been very favourable for the Cowes Week, and the racing on Tuesday for the King's Cup was extremely good. The victory of the German Emperor's yacht was too much of a foregone conclusion for the race to be exciting: and the match for yatchts exceeding 42ft. but not exceeding 52 was more interesting. Several motor launch races on the Solent are arranged; both small yacht launches and racing machines, and trials between steam and petrol-driven launches will probably be made.

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In spite of the interest expressed in the proposed mono-rail line between Liverpool and Manchester the scheme hangs fire, and the prospectus issued did not meet with sufficient support from the public to justify the promoters in proceeding to allotment. Doubts seem to have arisen as to whether the result could be as great as the sangaine hoped, and the ninety miles an hour done on the Brighton line the other day has opened the eyes of the public to the possibilities of our present lines. If the mono-rail system has all the advantages its admirers claim for it, more will be heard of it before 1906, the year in which its Act of Parliament stipulates that it shall be completed.

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Theatrical news this week is *nil*. The production of *Emily* adapted from David Copperfield at the Adelphi, is the only event of the slightest moment, and of that there is not much to be said. The first half of the play is good, when one takes into consideration the difficulty of adapting a story of Dickens' for the stage, but the second half is a hopeless muddle, and there was more than one instance of extreme carelessness in the presentation of the piece. The acting of Mr. Cartwright as Peggotty went far towards redeeming the many faults of the play, and Miss Ewell was excellent as Mrs. Gummidge.

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LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.

(*Concluded from page 343.*)

Camp J., 26th May.—We are in touch again with our old friend the tigress that charged out at me without provocation. This is not the same camp J. as we were at when we were last after this tigress, but another J. rather closer to her haunts. We worked our way here through the jungles, but encountered nothing but a very stiff climb to the plateau we are now on. In the afternoon I devoted myself to the tigress, sitting over grazing cattle as N. did on a former occasion on which, it will be remembered, he caught a glimpse of the vixen. She did not, however, honour me with a visit this evening. N. did a stroll round in another direction, but with no success.

Camp J., 27th May 1901.—Both of us were out early this morning over bison ground. I could hit off no fresh tracks. N. came on recent ones of a solitary bull, but his trackers failed him in difficult ground, and he was forced to return to camp empty handed. In the afternoon we made one more effort to find the wily tigress that has defeated us so often. We walked up all her own particular haunts together, prepared at any time for a surprise charge, but the vixen had apparently decamped altogether, for no fresh tracks could be found of her anywhere. On the way back, close to camp N. shot a black buck with quite a good head for these parts. He was the same one I wounded on the 11th instant. It now appeared that I had broken his near fore on that occasion. Poor brute, would that I had missed him!

Camp J., 28th May 1901.—I pottered only this morning and got nothing, though I might have taken a long shot at a blue bull had I been that way inclined. I thought once that I heard a tiger, and as I made in the direction of his call, monkeys set up a fiendish yapping in front of me. After a good deal of stealthy walking and creeping, I got close up to them, but though they continued yapping, in ignorance of my presence, I could never find out what was disturbing them. When I got back to camp I found N. had failed to hit off any tracks of his bull of yesterday, and that he had returned somewhat disappointed in consequence. No kills were reported during the day, so there was nothing to be done but an evening stroll again during which I saw nothing, and N. failed to bag a barking deer. At dinner I received a telegram, by runner, ordering me to Simla forthwith. We certainly had not very much more leave left us, but it was rather annoying to have it spoilt in this way. I determined to commence my march homewards the next morning. N. decided to come with me as far as C., and then to stay on there for the rest of his leave.

Camp C., 29th May 1901.—We shot our way in here this morning by different lines, but did nothing. I got on the fresh tracks of a bull bison, but eventually lost them in long grass, and then jogged on to camp without firing a shot. N. saw nothing but a doe antelope which he knocked over for the pot: and very welcome she was, for we had had nothing but "moorgie" for some time, the buck shot on the 27th being quite unfit for food. In the afternoon the accounts of the trip had to be settled up before we parted the next day, so no shooting was done.

Camp B., 30th May 1901.—A wearisome march, 16 miles, by myself. Good old N. left at C. where I think he will get sport. After breakfast here I wrote many

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letters, amongst which was one to the little Raja at L. telling him that I would be at L. on the 1st June, and asking him, if the tigress that had defeated N. and myself on our way out was still alive, to make arrangements for a beat during my halt there.

Camp K., 31st May 1901.—An uninteresting march of 12 miles: nothing to shoot, and country most uninteresting.

Camp L., 1st June 1901.—A rather trying march of 15 miles. I was very hopeful to-day of being able to circumvent the tigress that N. and I devoted the 25th, 26th, and 27th April last to. She was known to live in the famous Chandennee Nullah, about 5 miles from L.: but on our way out we had made the mistake of actually encamping on this nullah with the result that she made tracks on the night of our arrival and we never got on terms with her. I was determined to make no such mistake this time, and, as this diary shows, wrote two days ago to warn the L. Raja that I proposed to encamp at L. but was ready, on the day of my halt there, to beat the Chandennee nullah for the tigress if he knew she was there, and would make the necessary arrangements. On arrival at the nullah I found no beaters, and nothing arranged for a beat, so I could only presume that the tigress was not at home. This was confirmed by one or two villagers I came across drawing their water from the nullah. They said the tigress had not been seen or heard of since N. and I had driven her away a month and-a-half ago. There was nothing to be done then but rode on to my camp at L. which I reached about eleven o'clock. It was a piping hot day and I was glad to get to my tent to tub and change before failing to at breakfast. At this meal I told my servants they could put away my rifles and gun as the shooting trip was over.

Breakfast over, I took myself to a book, and was fast becoming drowsy when a breathless messenger came running into camp, and was brought at once before me. His news was that not long after I had left the Chandennee Nullah for L., a few men were grazing their cattle alongside it, when the tigress sprang out at one of them, missed him, and withdrew at once into the nullah again. This was news indeed, and knowing the boldness of the tigress, and the excellent stronghold she had in the nullah, I felt sure that the herdsmen having disturbed her would make no difference, so I determined at once to make a bid for her. I knew the nullah well; it was very narrow, and crowded over with brushwood; no place to put men into when you knew there was a tiger there that had very little fear of men. So, without delay, I sent my compliments to the Raja, and asked him for once to bestir himself, and collect as many buffaloes at the nullah as he possibly could, and as soon as he possibly could. It was now one o'clock, and the heat was intense, and I knew the difficulty there would be in concentrating a lot of buffaloes for me at that time of day at a spot five miles away. But at the same time I knew the L. people were very anxious to be rid of the tigress, so I looked for help from them with some confidence. However, no body of natives will really hurry over anything, as we know from experience; so, having given all necessary orders, I returned to my tent for the mid-day siesta I had been deprived of, and which I was in need of, having been up since 4 A.M. I did not give myself too long a rest. At 2 P.M. my boy roused me, and a quarter of an hour afterwards I was in the saddle riding for the nullah. This I reached at about three o'clock. Not a sign of anybody but my shikaris with my machan and rifles, and the man who knew where the tigress was. He showed us where the old vixen had dashed out at his companion. Knowing this, and counting on her not having moved in the heat of the day, I proceeded to select a tree for my machan. This was no easy matter. The trees N. and I had occupied, when we beat for this tigress before, were now no good, one because it was too bare, and the other because it was full of red ants. These trees undoubtedly commanded the only two lines by which the tigress could come, but as they could not, on this occasion, be occupied, there was nothing for it but to go on a bit further and look for some other tree which would give a single gun some chance in the beat that was coming. After much searching I found one which commanded, in a way, though not very satisfactorily, the two lines which our old trees controlled. The command of the line of exit on my right was poor, but I did not bother so much about that, as I did not look on it as a likely line to be taken by the tigress. The second and important line, in fact the main nullah itself, ran close under my tree on my left, but was so overcrowded with brushwood that a shot was almost an impossibility. There was only one thing to be done, for I made certain the tigress would come this way, and that was to clear some sort of opening through the brushwood through which I could get a shot. There was not much time to spare but my few men and I worked hard, and in the end cut an opening big enough to give me, from my tree, a command for a few paces of the deep dark nullah below. It was past four when we had got this done, the sun was beginning to take a downward course on the west, and the intense and suffocating heat of the day was passing off. There was no time to be lost; but, much to my annoyance, when I got back to the road where I had left my pony, only a few buffaloes had arrived. I waited patiently on till 5 P.M., by which time I had collected about forty. I could not wait any longer: the evening was upon as; so with these forty I made my effort. Chote Khan, the shikari, had run the beat before and knew exactly what had to be done. Indeed, there was no difficulty about it: the buffaloes only had to be steadily driven through every bit of the narrow overgrown nullah, right up to my tree. It took a long long time to do, and I could realise, from my tree, what difficulties the herdsmen experienced in keeping their buffaloes to the nullah. Very anxiously I sat in my tree until past six—not a sign of a tigress anywhere. The sun was almost down, and the one open spot in the nullah in which I hoped to get my shot was black as pitch. The buffaloes were within 60 or 70 yards of me. Had she again defeated me this tigress? I could hardly think it. No, for there she was before me, standing under the very tree N. was in when we last beat this nullah for her, and the very tree that I had discarded for this beat because I thought it was too bare. She had come, as I expected, stealthily down the nullah to that point, and there she had jumped up on to the bank to see whether she had better continue on down the main nullah, or take the branch nullah which my old tree, now covered with red ants, commanded. She stood for a second, a grand sight in the fading light, broad side on to me, and I could have shot her as she stood, had I been ready for her. But though I was very much alert she had decidedly taken me by surprise by popping up at that point. I got my rifle up and had just drawn a head on her when down she dropped into the main nullah again. Now, I felt, I had her. She must come down it and past the opening I had made in it. Turning in my machan I therefore sat facing that opening with my rifle at the present. I could hear her now, quite distinctly walking through the water in the nullah, and coming steadily on in my direction. The sun was down and there was very little light left, but just enough for me to see her come to the opening and stoop to look up at it. All I could really see well was her white chest. Into this I aimed and fired without loss of time. There was a grunt, a great splashing of water, and then darkness and silence for a second or two. I did not know what had happened. I had very little doubt about my shot, but where was the tigress? There she goes, creeping back on the bank of the nullah, right back towards the buffaloes. Just a glimpse I caught of her, and no more—no time for a second shot. Night was now fast closing in on us, and it was not fair to ask any man or beast to go in after the tigress in that light, so I now yelled from my machan to the shikari to withdraw the buffaloes, and then to make a detour and come round and help me out of my machan. This he did in time, and when I got down from the tree I was not able to see the sights of my rifle. Nothing more could be done that night, that was very plain. So I withdrew from the scene with caution, and then assembled my herdsmen, and told them that I knew I must have mortally wounded the tigress, and that if they would come and help me the next morning with their buffaloes, we should probably find her dead. In any case, if she were alive, I would rid them of her for good. I knew I ought to be continuing my march the next day, in order to get to Simla on the date I had fixed, but I was sure no Commander-in-Chief in India would wish me to leave a wounded tigress behind me; and so that night, before I turned in, a halt for the next day was arranged, and an early assembly of herdsmen with their buffaloes.

Camp L., 2nd June 1901.—So keen were the petty royalty of this place, and their dependents on my getting rid of this troublesome tigress, that when I turned out at about 6 A.M., I found that everything was in readiness for me; buffaloes had gone on, an elephant was at my disposal, and everything ready. By 8 A.M. we were all out on the ground. First I went and looked up the spot where I had my shot; but no trace of blood, or tracks, could I find anywhere. However, I had no doubts about my shot of the night before, and I knew, too, that the tigress had gone back, not forward; so I put the buffaloes in about 200 yards back, and then went forward to await the tigress if she could move, which I doubted. The brushwood in and on the banks of the nullah was so thick that not a man could move in it, so I had no fear of any herdsman recklessly getting into danger; all the herdsmen had to do was to stay outside, and keep their buffaloes inside steadily moving forwards. I had not long to wait. Within a quarter of an hour the snorts from the buffaloes, and the yells from the herdsmen, told me the tigress was found. Then came a shot from my shikari who had my spare rifle, and who had asked my permission to take it with him with the buffaloes on this occasion. With every nerve strained, I awaited what I thought would now be the final rough-and-tumble with the tigress, but she came not. In her stead came the shikari, breathless with excitement. He said they had found the tigress, she was alive, but very badly wounded, and he had fired at her, and then bolted to tell me. She was still alive, he insisted; but apparently unable to move. Would I come and kill her? I did not understand the situation at all. How the deuce the shikari had got into the brushwood at all to fire a shot I could not make out; and why the tigress should allow him to come crawling through the thick undergrowth to take a shot was another mystery. Of course I went back with him at once to try and settle the matter. The few men that there were with the buffaloes were all well out of danger, clean away from the narrow nullah in which I could hear the buffaloes snorting, and splashing in the water. The shikari and I made our way towards these beasts, creeping and crawling through the undergrowth with the greatest difficulty. Before long I found myself close up to the buffaloes, and the shikari whispered to me that the tigress was just in front of them. A little more crawling, and I found myself opposite the tigress, she on one bank and I on the other, with the small nullah containing some 15 buffaloes, between us. I saw at once she was dead, but, to run no risks, fired a shot into her to make quite sure. Getting no move out of her at all I went across the nullah, and crawled up to her. I must say her body was still warm and limp, so she may have been just alive when my shikari fired his shot at her. If she was she must, I think, have been absolutely *in extremis* and unable to move, or she would never have let the buffaloes practically surround her, as they did, without a struggle: nor would she have let my shikari come up as he did. I am inclined to think she must have been dead before he came up with her. Any how, if that was so, she can only have died a very short time before. If she was not dead before he came up, she must have been so near her end as to be unable to move. The shikari's story to me was that she raised her head slightly and looked at him, and then he fired, scrambled back through the thicket as best he could, and doubled round to tell me. I am afraid he was rather excited when he told me this story, and we must not be too ready to accept it as absolutely correct. However, be the truth what it may, the Chandennee tigress was dead, and I was heartily glad, for she might have given a lot of trouble in that nasty little nullah. She was not a big one at all, in fact, very small, only 7 feet 7 inches straight measurement, and 7 feet 11 inches along the curves. She had been the mother of cubs, too, and was still carrying a little milk, but where her cubs were, I do not know. A wiry, active, vicious brute, she had been, doing a great deal of damage round Chandennee for many months back, and the L. Raja, and all the people of his little kingdom, were very grateful to me for having at last got rid of her for them. I afterwards spoke very severely and seriously to my shikari, Chhote Khan, for the reckless way in which he had crawled up behind the buffaloes contrary to my orders. But he will do the same again, next chance he has, I am sure of that. I had the tigress back in camp by 11 A.M., and after getting one or two very good photos of her, proceeded with the skinning operations without loss of time, as I was anxious not to lose another day. By the way, I forgot to mention that my shot of the evening before had entered the chest, and gone through the full length of the body, passing through all the vitals, so how the tigress lived through the night I don't know.

With the tigress ended my last shoot in India I grieve to say; and in my remaining forced marches home the sad thought was ever before me that my trusty old 500 and ten bore must at last part company with me. It is hard to have to turn one's back for good as far as one can see on all one's happy hunting grounds, and to pass to the hands of another the trusty weapons that have pulled me through in many a tight place.

I was delighted to hear, when I got up to Simla, that N. had bagged two more tigers and a bear after I left him. So our two months' trip altogether produced—

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C. R. O. W.

Shooting.

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The Gentlemen *vs.* Players match at the Oval in 1872 was won by the first-named. W. G. Grace on this occasion added 117 to the score, and this fact caused Robert Carpenter to Comment upon the hard work it had entailed.

"I've just about had enough of fielding for Mr. Grace this week,' said he; "but thank goodness in the next match I shall be on his side.'

At Lord's they played for England *vs.* Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire. Grace, as usual, batted first, and a couple of wickets down for 77 when he was joined by Carpenter. The Doctor was in fine form, and scored as rapidly as he ever did. There were no boundary hits, every ball was hit away, and at the end of an hour, when Carpenter was caught out at the wicket, they had put on a hundred runs of which the retiring player had made thirty-six. He had a fine reception, for he was over forty years old, and had played with a wonderful amount of fire.

"Well, old chap," one of the players said to him. "you ought to feel happy to-day."

"Feel happy!" retorted the batsman. "If I had been in much longer I should have died. Why, it's much harder work to be *in* with him than fielding against him. When you're fielding you do get a rest now and again, but when he's batting you never do!"

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GAME SANCTUARIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The success that has attended the establishment of the game sanctuary in the southern province of Ceylon should prove an incentive to instituting similar places of refuge in India. Unmolested, furnished with good grazing shelter and water deer have multiplied in a most remarkble degree; the inspection report reads more like the narrative of a jaunt through a deer park at home: a herd of sambur having to be, what the writer calls, "shooed" out of the way. The true sportsman will hardly appreciate such domestication. Buffalo also have flourished in a like manner. I have not as yet seen anything published in regard to His Highness the Nizam's preserves, but presume equally satisfactory results have been attained there, injunctions in these matters being better observed in Native States than in British territory. I have no experience of the Singhalese buffalo, but have a pretty intimate acquaintance with his Bengal congener and should attempt "shooing" a herd of these somewhat aggressive bovines with considerable trepidation, being by no means sure that the response would not be a short "yek, yek," followed by a forward demonstration of very decided character. No mention is made as to the increase of the felidæ, but it may be assumed that, on the principle of "where the carcase is," etc, etc., they also have increased and multiplied: "shooing" in their case we would rather do by deputy, but as, except when on the war path, *bagh* and his brethren are of a retiring disposition, resort to that means of clearing the path would not perhaps be necessary. With such well-stocked larders we might wean such brutes as the Kordema tiger and others, from their partiality for human flesh, so Government aid in game preservation may reasonably be solicited on the score of humanity. Of selected sites far enough removed from cultivation there is no dearth and the dream I have frequently indulged in of well-stocked moors and deer forests seem within measureable distance of being realized, though it must be confessed we in Bengal would find game conservation a rather more onerous undertaking on account of the potshooter, and the frequency of grass and forest fires, but even these may be dodged or controlled, and India at no distant date may furnish genuine hunters with as good inducements as the pretty nearly exhausted deer preserves in Europe. From the outset, however, one may hope the drive and *battue* will be vigorously discouraged.

S.

THE COMMON KITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—"Raoul" is of opinion (*vide* his letter of 3rd) that the kites retire into Central India to breed at this time of year. Against this theory there are the objections that the kites are only away for seven weeks, and that the kites in Central India are reported to breed at the same time of the year as they do in Bengal, *i.e.*, from January to April. It would be a matter of interest to many of those of your readers who live in the places where the kites congregate in the rains if they would give us the names of those places, and, if possible, what it is that constitutes the attraction.

I heard from Midnapur on 14th instant that Snipe had been seen; but the exact date was not mentioned. There are none here yet.

I saw Golden Plover on 10th instant and a Sandpiper on the 12th. I also saw five kites on the 12th instant, but they have gone away again.

SWEYTOWN.

19th August 1903.

BIRD NOMENCLATURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The last number of the *Ibis* amongst its many interesting articles contains one that will arrest the attention of all ornithologists, not only on account of its merit—which is great—but because it initiates a departure in the custom of naming new species.

The article I refer to is that of Mr. Boyd Alexander on the Birds of Fernando Po.

In this article it will be seen that there are some 34 species bearing names given by the author; of these species the specific name of no less than 12 is the extremely simple one of *poensis*. This name, though it shows rather a lack of imaginative power, or perhaps merely the lack of knowledge of Latin and Greek, is, in itself, one to which no one can take objection. Of the remaining species, it is most amusing to find that no less than nine are called after relations of the discover and author. Of the remaining 13, 11 are called after friends, etc., but the majority of these are ornithologists or men of note, such as Sclater, Sharpe Shelly, Maxwell, etc.

I remember that some time ago a big man in Australia *asked* to have a certain bird named after his wife, much to the amusement of some ornithologists and to the indignation of others, but Mr. Alexander seems to have gone far beyond this and himself named the birds in honour of his relations.

He does not seem as yet to have named any after himself. Is he waiting for some more important discovery before labelling his own surname to it?

In the same number of the *Ibis* there are notices of two papers in the Proceedings of the U. S. Nat. Mus. which will interest Indian ornithologists.

The first of these is a paper on the Andamans and Nicobars, but this must be read in conjunction with certain other papers, such as Butler's in the Bombay Natural History Journal, which Mr. Richmond seems to have ignored. Thus *Astur obsoletus* will possibly turn out only to be *A. butleri* and other names may have to be suppressed.

The same remarks refer to the second paper on birds from Sumatra by the same author.

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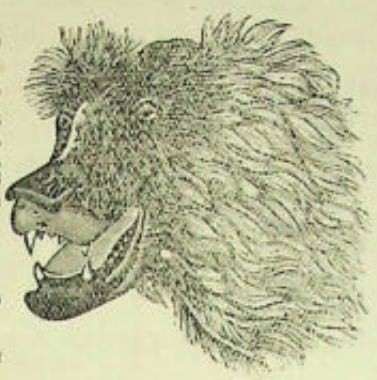

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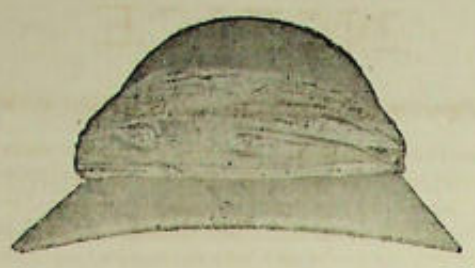

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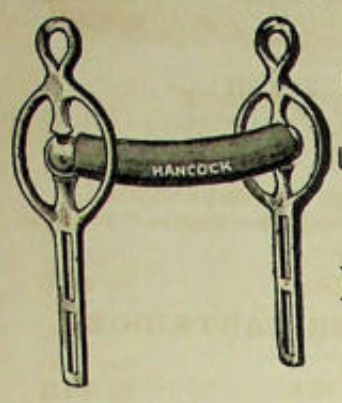

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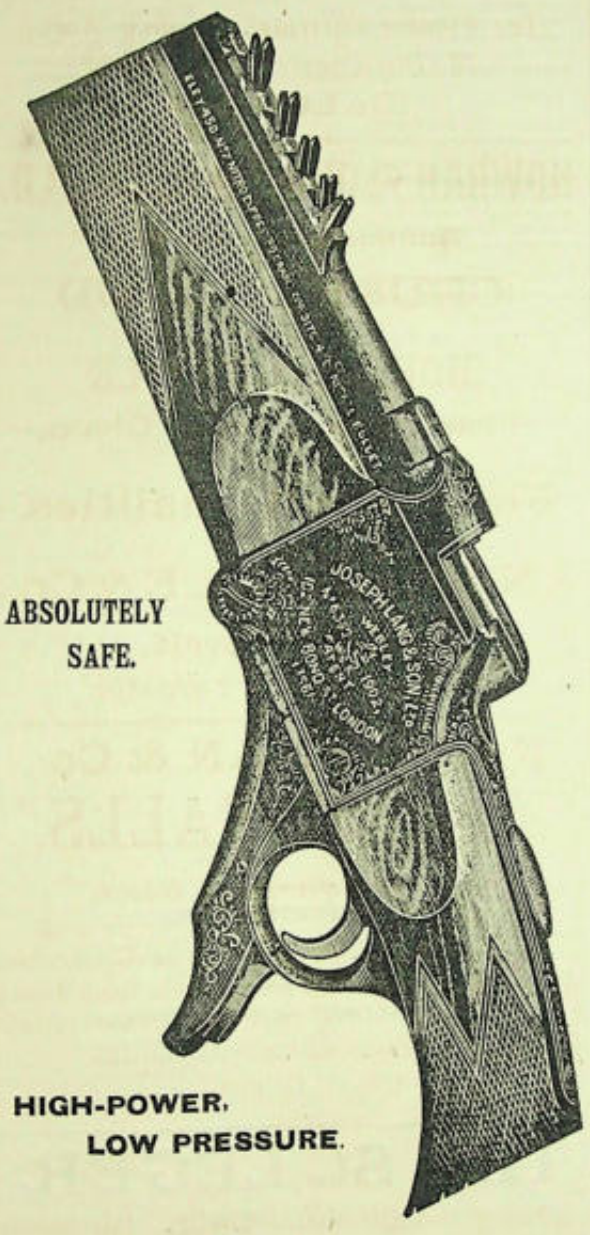

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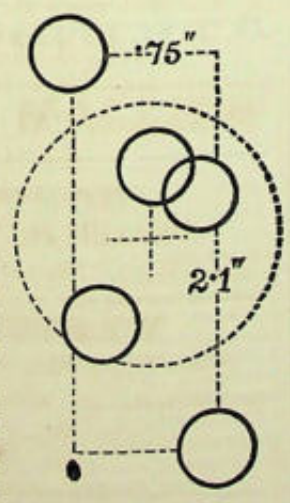

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21st August	*vs.*	La Martinière	C. F. C. Ground.
22nd ,,	*vs.*	Customs	,, ,,
24th ,,	*vs.*	St. James	,, ,,
25th ,,	*vs.*	Civil and Military	,, ,,
26th ,,	*vs.*	Calcutta Casuals B Casuals	,,
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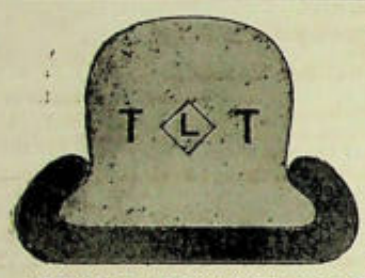

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Poona 7th Extra	Aug.	26	
„ 8th „	„	29	
Lucknow Open Gymkhana ..	„	27	
Fourth Calcutta Meeting ..	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	„	12	
Quetta Autumn	„	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	„	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases ..	„	23, 26, 28 & Oct.1,3,5 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky	„	29 & Oct. 1	
Coconada	„	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	374
Lucknow Autumn Sky	„	22 & 24	210
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Rangoon Autumn	„	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	„	26	
Hyderabad	„	13 & 14	382
Meerut Autumn	„	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	„	24, 26 & 28	375
Karachi Autumn	„	3, 5 & 7	
Terpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	„	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	„	12	
„ Second Extra	„	19	
„ First Meeting	„	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	„	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases ..	„	2 & 9	
Dacca	„	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	„	19, 21 & 23	382
Calcutta Third Extra	„	30	
„ Fourth „	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	„	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	„	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	„	10, 12, 15, 17 & 20	
Ooty Hunt Races	Sep.	22 & 25	
Bangalore 2nd Extra		3	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	First	1st Sept.
	Second	14th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Poona	Second	25th „
	Final	8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third	16th Sept
	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	Second	10th Sept.
Terpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	Second	28th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	20th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th „
Hyderabad	First	15th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	14th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Gulmarg Polo Tournament	21th to 29th August.
Poona Junior Tournament	From 15th to 31st August.
Cawnpore Tournament	Week following Army Cup.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Naini Tal Tournament	Begins 28th September.
Sonepore Tournament	During Sonepore Meet.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904.
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	4th, 6th and 7th November
Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show	26th September

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Begins 11th September.

GOLF.

Gulmarg Tournament	17th to 22nd August.
The Nasik Week	14th 21st September.

SWIMMING.

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Autumn Meeting	19th September.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Challenge Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournament	14th to 19th September.
Poona Open Tournament	Commences 14th Sept.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Gimcrack Stakes (6 furlongs)	Thursday, Aug. 27
Great Yorkshire Handicap (1m. 6f. 132 yards)	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1¼ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	20th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

A. J. C. Derby	12th September.
Caulfield Guineas	10th October.
Caulfield Cup	17th October.
Victoria Derby	31st October.
Melbourne Cup	3rd November.

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Third Meeting, Saturday, 22nd August 1903.

IN spite of the heavy going the racing this afternoon was distinctly good, and the handicapping brought about some rare good finishes, favourites having a rocky time of it on the whole. The finish of the Pony Plate resulted in a win for Perfect, and a dead heat for second place between those stable companions First Guide and Yuletide; Second Thought who started favourite seemed to find the mud too much for her. A fine race and a capital finish was had the Ellenborough Plate which Fairlight with that clever professional Carter up and carrying 11 stone won from Kittylea, who was receiving 1 stone 4lbs. The Amateur Plate was whitteld down to a field of four, of whom Firefly was most fancied; but the race was not particularly interesting as Sir Humphrey chose to be in one of his worst tempers and disposing of his rider early in the race left only three in it and Firefly won easily. Sweet Talk won the Small Pony Handicap being very nicely, ridden by Mr. Deakin. A surprise was served up in the Kidderpore Plate when Mr. Raban brought Metalwing home after a good race with Loch Arden a red hot favourite. We congratulate Mr. Raban on the way he rode the winner; he has not had the best of luck in the Monsoon Meetings. Gassima won the Middleton Plate from Oom Paul, Euryalus filling the other shop. It was a day out for the G. R.'s who rode five winners out of the six races, Mr. Deakin bringing off a double events. Other features are referred to in our Sporting Notes. Appended are details :—

PONY PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2, and other ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Rodocanachi's b aus m Perfect, 9st 7lbs	Mr Deakin	1
„ Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 7st 5lbs	E Bux }	dead
„ Bell-Irving's bk aus m Yuletide, 7st 2lbs	Rahman }	heat
„ B B's b c h Reveille (dec 5lbs), 8st 7lbs	R Powell	3
Mr Chrichton's ch aus m Florin, 8st 7lbs (dec 5lbs)	Mr Barrow	0
Mr B B's b aus m Second Thought, 10st 9lbs	W White	0
„ Galstaun's b aus m Not Yet, 9st 5lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Creet's b aus m Yellow Mantle, 8st 11b	Hard	0
„ Chowdhury's b aus m Lady Froude, 7st 11lbs	Bond	0
Mr Gye's br aus m Snapshot, 7st 4lbs ...	Bullowa	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agt Second Thought, 3 to 1 Pefect, 5 to 1 Yuletide, 6 to 1 Yellow Mantle, 8 to 1 each Reveille and Lady Froude, 10 to 1 Florin, First Guide, Not Yet and Snapshot.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Second Thought, 2 to 1 on Perfect evens Yuletide, 3 to 2 Yellow Mantle, 2 to 1 each Florin, Firstt Guide, Reveille and Not Yet, 3 to 1 each Lady Froude and Snapshot.

Totalisator paid Rs. 43 to win, Rs. 33 and Rs. 17 for places.

From a good start Lady Froude led, followed by Perfect, First Guide and Yuletide. Coming into the straight Perfect got through and won by two lengths; dead heat for second place. Time—1min. 28secs.

THE ELLENBOROUGH PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A Handicap Hurdle Race for horses. About one and-a-half miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr F Dowling's br aus g Fairlight, 11st ...	Carter	1
„ Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea, 9st 10lbs	Mr Barrow	2
Mr Dudley's b aus g Dundonald, 10st 7lbs	Mr Dudley	3
„ G B Paris' gr aus m Actress, 9st 10lbs	Mr H Smith	0
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird, 9st 10lb (dec lbs)	S White	0

(*Winner trained by Wishart.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Fairlight, 2½ to 1 Kittylea, 4 to 1 Dundonald 6 to 1 each Actress and Ladybird.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 each on Fairlight and Kittylea, evens Dundonald, 2 to 1 each agst Actress and Ladybird.

Totalisator paid Rs. 30 to win, Rs. 18 and 17 for places.

Actress, Kittylea and Dundonald were first away till near the culvert, where Dundonald was leading with Fairlight close up. Turning into the straight Kittylea began to come up but was unable to catch Fairlight, who won by half a length; a length between second and third. Time—3mins. 13⅘secs.

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Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Mr Deakin's b aus g Invincible, 11st 7lbs	Owner	2
„ Curtis Hayward's b aus m Sylvia, 11st 7lbs	Mr Dudley	3
Mr Raban's b aus g Sir Humphrey, 11st 7lbs	Owner	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Firefly, 3 to 1 agst Sylvia, 4 to 1 Invincible, 10 to 1 Sir Humphrey.

PLACE BETTING: 6 to 4 on Sylvia, evens Invincible, 3 to 1 Sir Humphrey.

Totalisator paid Rs. 14 to win, Rs. 12 and 13 for places.

Invincible and Firefly were first away with Sylvia next. That unmanageable brute Sir Humphrey got rid of his rider soon after the start. Firefly assumed command and leading throughout won by three lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 14secs.

SMALL PONY HANDICAP.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1, and other ponies 13-3½ and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Rodocanachi's gr aus m Sweet Talk, 9st 5lbs	Mr Deakin	1
Mr S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 8st 12lbs	Mr Barrow	2
Dr D Taylor's b aus m Granny, 10st 6lbs	Smallman	3
Mr Howell's b ch m My Fancy, 8st ...	Hard	0
„ B B's b aus m Lady Olive, 10st 5lbs ...	S White	0
„ H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris, 9st 7lbs	W White	0
Mr A N Dass' gr ch m Lucy Grey, 7st 3lbs	C King	0
Messrs DeLauney and Mullick's ch a h Bin Rashid, 7st	E Bux	0
Mr McKenzie's dk r cb m Asthore, 6st 7lbs	Roberts	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 3 to 2 Little Doris, 7 to 2 Sweet Talk, 5 to 1 Moss Rose, 8 to 1 each Asthore and my Fancy, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Little Doris, 6 to 4 Sweet Talk, evens Moss Rose, 2 to 1 each Granny, Asthore, Lady Olive, and My Fancy, 3 to 1 each Lucy Grey and Bin Rashid.

Totalisator paid Rs. 60 to win, Rs. 15, Rs. 15 and Rs. 23 for places.

Sweet Talk, Granny, and the favourite took the lead with Moss Rose and My Fancy next. At the bend Sweet Talk went ahead and though Moss Rose came with a rush at the end Sweet Talk managed to keep on and win by half a length; two lengths between Moss Rose and Granny. Time—1min. 15secs.

THE KIDDERPORE PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A High Weight Handicap for horses. Entrance—Rs. 30 7 furlongs.

Mr Bell-Irving's br aus g Metalwing, 8st 10lbs	Mr Raban	1
Mr Gal Gregory's ch aus h Loch Arden, 10st 7lbs	Hard	2
Mr Paris' b c g Corick, 8st 10lbs	Richardson	3
„ Galstaun's b aus g Springlock, 10st 9lbs	Morrison	0
„ Fairweather's br aus g Svengali, 7st (dec)	Mr Evers	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 on Loch Arden, 3 to 1 Corick, 10 to 1 each Springlock, Metalwing, and Svengali.

PLACE BETTING: Evens Corick, 2 to 1 Springlock, 3 to 1 each Metalwing and Svengali,

Totalisator paid Rs. 157 to win, Rs. 35 and 14 for places.

Corick and Springlock led from the start till the corner, where Loch Arden came up and took command. From the distance Metalwing caught him up and after an exciting race home was landed a winner by a length and a half; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 43secs.

THE MIDDLETON PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A High Weight Handicap for horses which have not won a Flat Race value Rs. 500 or upwards since 31st March, 1901. 5 furlongs.

Mr Creet's ch e m Gassima, 10st ...	Mr Galstaun	1
„ Rees' br aus g Oom Paul, 9st 5lbs ...	Dudley	2
„ A N Dass's aus g Euryalus, 9st 7lbs (dec 11b)	Smallman	3
„ D L Stewart's b nth am g Major Cook, 8st 11lbs	Bond	0
Mr S Margrett s b aus g Bob Sutton, 10st 5lbs	Powell	0
Mr Galstaun's br aus m Loch Maree, 9st 4lbs	Hard	0
Mr Paris's b aus g Twilight, 9st ...	Mr Deakin	0
„ J A Manning's ch aus g Shirley, 8st 10lbs	Piper	0
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 8st 6lbs (dec 11b)	S White	0
Mr Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 8st 3lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Beagle's ch aus g Seaview 8st 11b (dec 2lbs)	Johnson	0
Mr A N Dass's b cb h High Tide, 6st (dec 12lbs)	E Bux	0

(*Winner trained by J. G. Robinson.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Gassima, 4 to 1 Shirley 5 to 1 Oom Paul, 6 to 1 Bob Sutton, 7 to 1 Euryalus, 8 to 1 Twilight, 10 to 1 each Firefly, Major Cook and Loch Maree, 12 to 1 each Sunshine, Seaview, and High Tide.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Gassima, 6 to 4 on Oom Paul, 5 to 4 on Shirle, evens Euryalus and Bob Sutton, 1½ to 1 Twilight, 2 to 1 each Firefly, Major Cook and Loch Maree, 3 to 1 each Sunshine Syaview, and High Tide.

Totalisator paid Rs. 72 to win, Rs. 21 and Rs 36 for places.

Oom Paul led from Gassima, with Twilight, Euryalus and Firefly next. Oom Paul maintained his lead to the distance, where Gassima caught him and won by a length and a half; Euryalus two lengths behind Oom Paul. Time—1min. 10secs.

POONA SIXTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 22nd August 1903.

THE tipsters, touts and know-alls were clean out of it to-day, recent rain having made the course so heavy as to seriously depreciate the chances of the top weights. As a matter of fact only one favourite won and that was in the last race when backers who were utterly disheartened over the succession of knocks they had received refrained from laying 2 to 1 on the aged but speedy Farewell.

The day's racing was remarkable for the fine lot of horses and ponies entered, but as most of the events were handicaps and the classy ones were well taken care of, and the going was not on top, no line can be got of their running.

Achilles with 9st. 7lbs. to carry over a mile appeared to be doing so easily as the field of four swept into the straight, but here he was challenged by Hakum, but the grey seemed to stave it off. Omerkhan, however, encouraged Hakum with whip and spur to have another try and riding a vigorous finish landed his mount a winner by a neck. Achilles responded to Robinson's call when challenged at the finish but the weight evidently told.

Grey Leg, despite his failure to win last Saturday, was well supported for the Lilliputs and he certainly on form should have accounted for the event, but Greyleg as usual failed when the pinch came. He raced up the straight with Hermit battling on with apparently a stout heart, but when Hermit stuck to him the grey gave way and lost by half a length. Kour Saheb was close up, third, but he is not running as well as he did at the opening meetings.

Olga, despite her owner's silly protest in the newpapers against the handicap allotted this mare, was evidently fancied as she went out favourite. The wise referred the chances of Malice, who for the course had just the weight to suit her. Min was overhandicapped and as a consequence the talent did not reckon her chances good. Wink was making a reappearance, and as his owner was present, looking quite himself after his recent illness, and the pony looked so well there was a bit of a run on him; but he was absolutely done with after leading at a rare bat to the bend. Olga then led, but Malice had the race in hand and won comfortably when sent to the front by Hoyt. Min came up nicely at the end, but it was too much to ask her to carry the weight in the sodden going closer than she did. How Tom Scott must have smiled when he saw the feather weight which was allotted to Malice and how she won!

The Cup presented by Lord Northcote was won by Captain Benn's Regret and I was glad to see Captain Casson A.-D.-C. to General Burnett filling the saddle in such an accomplished manner. Hamilton looked as if he would once more surprise his owners by winning, but he could not keep up the lead he had held up to in front of the Grand Stand.

Presbyterian made his *debut* on the Indian Turf in the next event. He looked big and well and behaved well in the paddock and at the gate. He drew a good berth, but as he has a reputation for flinging the hoof the other owners appealed to the starter and the English horse was placed on the outside. He was allowed to go out at 10 to 1 against—further comment is unnecessary. Beadsman, who was supposed to be "accommodated" was made an odds on favourite, but the young ones went too fast for him. The field hardly saw the way Roscommon with 6st. up went; he streaked away with Melson lying low on his neck and won easily from Blue Blood with Beadsman third and Spark fourth.

That Titus II could beat Money Spinner and Shah Jehan giving them both weight seemed incredible, but he ran a rare good pony and leading throughout won by a length from Shah Jehan, favourite third. Money Spinner after all seems to have been a trifle over-rated. The old sprinter Farewell after a long absence from the turf came out and won the Selling Plate. Details:—

THE NEW LAWN HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. 1 mile.

Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's b a h Hakum, 8st	Oomerkhan	1
Aga S Shah's g a h Achilles, 9st 7lbs ...	Robinson	2
Mr A B Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 7st 6lbs	Hoyt	3
Mr A A Amer's b a h Fakir II, 7st 6lbs ...	Nama	0
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdas' g a h Wild Fox, 7st 3lbs	Etul	0

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Achilles, 3 to 1 Hakum, 6 to 1 each Turkish Flag and Wild Fox, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a neck; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min. 58⅕secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE LILLIPUT HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for Arab ponies 13-3 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit, 7st 12lbs ...	Southall	1
Captain Wilson's g a h Greyleg, 8st 8lbs ...	Robinson	2
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Saheb, 7st 8lbs	Hoyt	3
Mr Fischer's ch a h Governor, 9st 5lbs ...	Penton	0
„ M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar, 7st 9lbs	O'Neil	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h Minting King, 7st 4lbs (car 7st 7½lbs)	Heeroo	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Litlle Joker, 6st 9lbs	Ramad	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Trafalgar, 6st 2lbs (car 6st 10lbs)	Dhondi	0
Mr D S Mehta's ch a g Avenger 6st (car 6st 5lbs)	Ahmad	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst. Greyleg, 3 to 1 Hermit, 4 to 1 each Kour Saheb and Governor, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 9⅘secs.,

(*Winner trained by C. B. Mahomed.*)

ALL PONY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under. 7 furlongs.

H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's br aus m Malice, 6st 13lbs	Hoyt	1
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdass' b aus m Olga, 8st 5lbs	Cowell	2
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 9st 12lbs ...	Robinson	3
„ R G Baldock's br aus g Comeback, 9st 11b	Penton	0
Mr Spooner Hart's b aus m Pride O'Dharmtala, 8st	O'Neil	0
Mr Percy Fischer's br c h Wink, 7st 7lbs	Melsom	0
Vety-Col Hazelton's br aus g Partrician, 6st 2lbs	Kamad	0

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Olga, 3 to 1 Min, 4 to 1 Wink, 8 to Malice, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by two and a half lengths; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 35secs.

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

ALL HORSE HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for horses. 5 furlongs.

Mr D D's b aus g Roscommon, 6st ...	Melsom	1
„ M Pestonji's br aus m Blue Blood, 6st 12lbs	Bennett	2
H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman, 8st 12lbs	Robinson	3
Mr Leslie's b aus g Spark, 8st 11b ...	Penton	0
Messrs Galstaun and Avasia's ch e h Presbyterian, 10st 7lbs	Hoyt	0
Messrs M Pestonji and R Bhikaji's b aus g Kingston, 8st 11lbs	Egan	0
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Firecracker, 8st 3lbs	Kamad	0
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's b aus g Dioptrics, 8st 2lbs	Southall	0
Mr A W P's ch aus g Fitzeros, 7st 5lbs ...	O'Neil	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Beadsman, 4 to 1 each Roscommon and Blue Blood, 6 to 1 Spark, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by two lengths; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 2⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by Tingey.*)

ARAB PONY MAIDEN PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arab ponies 14 hands and under 14 hands to carry 9st. W. I. Ponies measured previous to 1st April, 1899, 7lbs. extra. Penalties—Winner since 31st March, 1901, race value Rs. 180 or over: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; three times, 10lbs.; often, 14lbs. Allowance—Ponies which have not won race value Rs. 50 or over: 4lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr Meydwell's g a h Titus II., 9st 11lbs ...	Hoyt	1
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's ch a h Shah Jehan, 8st 4lbs	Southall	2
Col Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 8st 10lbs	Robinson	3
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 8st 3lbs	Penton	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 8st 11b ...	Nama	0
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed, 7st 6lbs	Heeroo	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Money Spinner, 3 to 1 Shah Jehan, 5 to 1 Titus, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 25secs.

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

SELLING PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs 100; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arabs 14 hands and under. 14 hands entered for Rs. 1,200 to carry 10st. W. I.—3lbs. for each Rs. 100 down to Rs. 500. Ponies measured previous to 1st April, 1899, 7lbs. extra. ¼ mile.

Mr R M Roy's g a h Farewell, 8st 4lbs ...	Penton	1
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Settler, 7st 12lbs	Heeroo	2
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 7st 6lbs ...	Bennett	3
Major Edwards's b a g Diamyo, 10st ...	Owner	0
Messrs E Amer and O Mahomed's b a h Greatorex, 8st 4lbs	Nama	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Farewell, 5 to 1 each Settler and Diamyo, 6 to 1 Greatorex, 10 to 1 Selim.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—54⅖ secs.

(*Winner trained by Pearson.*)

THE COLOMBO AUGUST MEETING.

Fourth Day, Saturday, 15th August 1903.

THE August meeting was brought to a conclusion to-day in the presence of a large attendance, including Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Ridgeway. The rain which had hreatened in the morning held off and the afternoon was a bright one. There were fair fields and good sport. Mr. Williams won the Fort Plate Handicap, the big race of the day, Afreet being brought in an easy winner. Mr. Farquharson secured the Military Handicap and the Open Handicap, while Silver One's victory in the Stewards' Handicap came as a surprise to most. The Colombo races have been a great success and Mr. F. J. Hadden is to be congratulated on his handicapping. Details:—

PADDOCK STAKES.—Rs. 500 with Rs. 100 to the second horse; if five starters. Handicap for horses which have not won a race value Rs. 500. 5 furlongs.

Mr C C Herbert's b e g Rapier, 8st 6lbs ...	Lansdowne	1
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's br aus g Caloola, 9st 9lbs	Mr Quayle	2
Sir Francis Burdett's br aus g Boveric, 8st 6lbs	F Smith	3
Mr R Jackson's br aus m Finality, 8st 9lbs	Aboo	0

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BETTING : Evens Rapier, 3 to 1 agst Caloola, 4 to 1 each Boveric and Finalty.

Won by three lengths ; the distance between the second and third being five lengths. Time—1min. 8⅕secs. Totes paid Rs. 9 and Rs. 5.

MILITARY HANDICAP.—Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for galloways. 1 mile.

Mr R J Farquharson's ch aus m Rebecca, 11st 12lbs	Ramshaw	1
Capt Gooch's b aus m Peeress, 9st 2lbs ...	F Smith	2
Mr H Walthew's br aus g Young Hyson, 7st 11lbs	Clayton	3

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Rebecca, evens Peeress, 6 to 1 agst Young Hyson.

Won by four lengths ; a similar distance separating the second and third. Totes paid Rs. 6 and Rs. 3.

THE OPEN HANDICAP.—Rs. 750 with Rs. 100 to the second horse. Handicap for horses. 1 mile.

Mr R J Farquharson's n z b g Regalia II, 12st	Ramshaw	1
The Alipore Clique's br aus m Anster, 10st 11lb	Mr Booty	2
Mr R J Farquharson's b aus g Wingfield, 9st 6lbs	Lansdowne	3
Sir F Burdett's br aus g Hero, 9st ...	Smith	0
The Baron's br aus g Hero, 7st 5lbs ...	David	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Regalia II, 2 to 1 agst Wingfield, 4 to 1 Hero, 10 to 1 Harold.

Won by four lengths ; Wingfield and Anster made a bold bid for second place, resulting in the latter securing it by a head. Harold and Hero were not in it. Time—1min. 53⅘secs.

Totes paid Rs. 13 and Rs. 4.

FORT PLATE HANDICAP.—About Rs. 3,000, presented by the Merchants and Bankers of Colombo, of which 15 per cent. will go to the second horse and 10 per cent. to the third. Handicap for horses, round the race-course about 1¼ miles.

Mr D H Willams' b aus g Afreet, 9st 11b	Lansdowne	1
Capt Gooch's ch aus Devotel, 8st 13lbs ...	Southall	2
Mr C C Herbert's b e g Rapier, 8st 12lbs ...	Mirza	3
„ J Quayle's br aus g Dexter, 8st 9½lbs ...	Owner	0
„ Douglas' b aus g Kinglike, 8st 7lbs ...	Smith	0
„ R J Farquharson's b e g Boniface, 10st 9lbs	Ramshawe	0

BETTING : 1¼ to 1 agst. Afreet, 2 to 1 Boniface, 4 to 1 each Devoted and Kingfisher, 10 to 1 each Dexter and Kinglike.

Won easily by four lengths. One and a half lengths separated Devoted and Rapier. The five-rupee tote paid not in the race at all and this may be accounted for by the rumour that he was somewhat lame.

Rs. 12 and the two-rupee Rs. 4. In the latter 181 tickets were taken on the winner.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Rs. 500 and 100 to second horse. Handicap for Arab gallowayts. 1 mile.

Mr J M Brace's Silver One, 10st 3lbs ...	Wiles	1
„ Heather's Sheik, 8st 9lbs ...	Mr Quayle	2
„ Herbert's Jena, 7st 12lbs ...	Clayton	3
Dr Fairlie's Sirur, 10st 12lbs ...	Lansdowne	0
Mr Farquharson's Tirah, 11st 10lbs ...	Ramshaw	0
Sir F Burdett's Tact, 11st 20lbs ...	Mirza	0
Captain Gooch's Lord Bobb 8st 6lbs ...	Smith	0

Won by three lengths two lengths divided second and third. Tote paid Rs. 24. Time—2 mins.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Rs. 500. Winner to be sold for Rs. 500. Handicap for horses 14-2 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr J Quayle's br aus m Winnie, 10st 7lbs...	Owner	1
„ Heather's b aus m Silk, 8st 7lbs ...	Smith	2
Capt Gooch's ch aus h Redstone, 10st 4lbs	Ramshaw	3
The Baron's ch aus g The Dazzler, 8st ...	David	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Redstone, evens Silk, 2 to 1 agst Winnie, 6 to 1 The Dazzler.

Won by a length and a quarter, the distance between second and third being four lengths. Time—1min. 11¾ secs. Totes paid Rs. 18 and Rs. 6.

LOSERS' HANDICAP.—Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 to the second horse. For all horses that have started and not won a race at this meeting. Winner to be sold for Rs. 600. Handicap. 1 mile.

Mr Douglas' Kingfisher, 11st 4lbs ...	Wiles	1
„ C C Wilson's Flying Fox, 8st 6lbs ...	Lansdowne	2
Messrs Ayrtoun and Heather's Reply, 9st 6lbs	Smith	3
Capt Channer's Veritas, 8st ...	David	0

Won by two and a half lengths ; a head separating second and third. Time 1—min. 56⅘ secs. The two-rupee tote paid Rs. 9.

KARACHI SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING.

STEWARDS.

COL. R. C. G. MAYNE, C. B, A.C.D. | R. P. BARROW, ESQ., I.C.S. | S. W. ANDERSON, ESQ.
LIEUT-COL. J. A. BELL, A. A. G. | LIEUT-COL. F. R. THACKERAY, C. R. A.
LIEUT-COL. A. C. CURITT,

Judge.—COL. R. C. G. MAYNE, C. B., A.D.C.
Starter.—CAPT. L. H. V. FORSTER, ESQ.
Clerk of Scales.—T. DALYELL, ESQ.
Honorary Secretary.—MAJOR C. W. GARRAWAY,

Saturday, 15th August 1903.

THE Second Gymkhana Meeting was brought off to-day before a fair attendance. There were four races, all of which produced good finishes, and the arrangements were up to their usual high standard. Details :—

THE SIAMESE HANDICAP.—Ladies' Nomination. Rs. 32 to winner, Rs. 10 to second. A handicap for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, other 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Murat's b a p Dandy, 10st 9lbs ...	Demetriadi	1
„ Hamer's ch a g The Boy, 9st 13lbs ...	Owner	2
„ Thatcher's ch c b Ajab, 10st 8lbs ...	Mr Paul	3
„ Mahan's b a p Thomas, 10st ...	Owner	0

A good start and race won by Dandy. Time—1min. 36secs.

The totalisator paid Rs. 3.

In the lottery, Rs. 150. Thomas sold for 5, Dandy Rs. 17, The Boy Rs. 12, Ajab 13.

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THE PLODDERS' PLATE.—Rs 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A handicap for horses. 7 furlongs.

Mr T J Thatcher's b aus g Commissioner, 11st 7lbs	Mr Paul	1
Mr W A Breslauer's b aus g Fife and Drum, 10st 13lbs	Owner	2
Mr F R Hill's ch aus m Susan, 10st 7lbs	Owner	0

Won by a couple of lengths. Time—1min. 46sec.

The totalisator paid Rs. 3.

In the lottery, Rs. 150. Commissioner sold for Rs. 21, Susan Rs. 8, Fife and Drum Rs. 37.

THE POLO PLATE —Rs 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second horse. A handicap for polo ponies. 3 Furlongs.

Mr V F Currey's b a p Turin, 10st 7lbs	Owner	1
„ C S Anderson's ch cb g Misti, 11st ...	Mr S W Anderson	2
Major A E Hatch's b cb m Trilby, 10st 3lbs	Mr Hamer	0

The totalisator paid Rs 11.

In the Lottery, Rs. 150. Misti sold for Rs. 20, Turin Rs. 16, and Trilby Rs. 39

THE ACHILLES PLATE.—Ladies' nomination. Six furlongs. A prize value Rs. 23 presented by the Commissioner in Sind to the winner and Rs. 10 from the Fund to the second. A distance handicap for all horses and ponies.

Mr Orford's g a g Huzur, 11st, 80 yds ... (Nominated by Miss Osborne.)	Mr Hamer	1
Mr J Murnat's b a p Dandy, 11st, 60 yds... (Nominated by Mrs. Tate.)	Mr Demetriadi	2
Mr W Paul's b c b g Useless, 11st, 90 yds (Nominated by Mrs. Thatcher.)	Owner	3
Mr F R Hill's ch aus m Susan, 9st ... (Nominated by Miss Bell.)	Owner	0

Won by 3 lengths.

The totalisator paid Rs. 13.

In the lottery, Rs. 150. Susan sold for Rs. 30, Dandy Rs. 15, Huzur Rs. 13, and Useless Rs. 30.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

THE V. A. T. C. GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE

Of 1,200 sovs.; second 200 and third 100 sovs. from stake. Three miles and a half less 92 yards.

Melbourne, 2nd August 1903.

Mr J N McArthur's b g Marmont, by Wellington—Lady Gay, aged, 11st 8lbs ...	P. Cosgrove	1
Mr H J Taylor's b g My Mistake, by Mistake—dam by Grand Prix, aged, 9st 7lbs	J Barbour	2
Col F Campbell's br g Pierrot, by Glenelhu —Mitta, aged, 9st 7lbs	J Chevally	3
Mr T Dempsey's b g Examiner, by The Inquisator—Imba, 6yrs, 9st 9lbs ...	A Cooper	0

Other starters : Lowland Chief, 11-12 (Wheeler) ; Orlando 10-12 (F. Burn) ; Nansen, 10-9 (D. Allen) ; Rawdon, 10-9 (Dickenson) ; Coat of Arms, 10-0 (P. Guinane) ; Shoddy, 9-7 (Violet) ; Metalloid, 9-2 (Mooney) ; Turk, 9-2—2 lbs. over (White) ; Austerlitz, 9 (Carson) ; and Good Day, 9-0 (A. Williamson).

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Marmont, 4 to 1 Metalloid, 5 to 1 Lowland Chief, 100 to 9 Coat of Arms, 14 to 1 My Mistake, 16 to 1 Pierrot, 25 to 1 each Examiner and Rawdon, 33 to 1 Nansen, 50 to 100 to 1 others.

The favourite was first into the straight, and successfully clearing the last hurdle he won amid great cheering by two lengths from My Mistake, with Pierrot five lengths off third, Examiner was placed fourth, and then came Good Day, Turk, Austerlitz, Lowland Chief, Coat of Arms, Orlando, Metalloid, Nansen, and Rawdon, with Shoddy last. Time—6mins. 47secs.

CALCUTTA COURSE CHAT.

LAST Thursday there was the usual amount of fast work put in, followed by a lull on Friday, with quick spurts on Saturday. Among those at it I noted more particularly Bin Rashid (native), Lady Froude (Bond) and Chernside (Piper) putting in some fast work, honours going to the latter. If he's anything like the Werribee Park Squire, whom he's named after, he's real good.

Then Yellow Mantle and Not Yet with P. Morrison and Hard up, respectively, went a smart spin.

Pekin and Granny were worked fast. The latter is running well forward.

Mr. Raban exercised First Guide with Mr. Deakin on another from this stable, I think Yuletide

Mr. Dudley had out Oom Paul and Snapshot.

Piper went three-quarter speed on Shirley. When this horse is at the top of his form I think his owner will get a return for his enterprise. Euryalus was also galloped by Smallman.

Major Cook was out with Johnston in the saddle. He looks an improving horse, but somehow he has never realized expectations.

Mr. Galstaun took a turn with Gassima, Mr. Creet has a real genuine racer here I know nothing that has come under my eye these monsoons, that can give this mare a point in appearance, and she's as good as she looks.

I must say the English horse appears to always carry the palm in the matter of good looks.

I saw Ramshaw in the enclosure, also Harry Ryder. The latter has just returned from Victoria and told me he was quite glad to leave, the cold being too much for him after 33 years of Indian life : the snow was bad enough, he said, but the frost was unbearable.

Denny Norton too I had a chat with. He has brought up a likely little lot of horses for the private market.

Ramshaw, P. Morrison, and Gerrard left on Saturday evening for Poona.

Harry Hard severs his connection with Mr. Galstaun's stable after the next meeting, when he will be open for engagements. He intends proceeding up-country and being steady, hard working and a handy weight he ought to command a fair share of riding.

Mr. Bannerjee I understand, has added Yuletide, to his string.

Monday, owing to the rain, was a blank on the course and on Tuesday, though the usual things were out for exercise, nothing in the shape of work was in progress ; in fact, the horses that have been battling for the past three meetings are put on the easy side, and some of them could do with a bit of rest.

Mr Raban was exercising Metalwing, and Hard and Morrison, jr., had out George Robinson's lot.

Bond and Piper were doing the same for Smallman.

A remarkable feature of Saturday's racing was the success of the amateurs. The pros. will have to look to it if they are to keep a hold on our little Monsoon meetings.

Walker has been taking a lot of trouble and care with Trollop. He looked very fit as he passed me with King, a new arrival from Singapore, in the saddle. This horse has not run yet this season, but will do so on the 12th September, and will be quite worth attention, as when others will be a bit stale, he will be the reverse, and I think you will see him giving Clynder and the best of them a warm time.

Wednesday morning was on the slow side, only exercise being put in.

Mr. Galstaun has very good accounts of his first string, all doing well ; Hoop Iron being so full of himself that the other morning he popped Jimmy Robinson out of the saddle.

Foster came out in charge of Friar Tuck, and as this capable hand landed Vasto well, he may safely be looked on to do the same by Mr. Galstaun's new importation.

Trahan has had the misfortune to lose Toketeo, a new arrival, the horse dying last night at the Bhowanipore stables.

Mr. Bell-Irving was in the enclosure, looking much better though naturally reduced. Metalwing, we hear goes to England.

Norton had a number of his new ponies under the standard yesterday morning. They are a real good looking lot.

TIN TACK.

TRAINERS' LOTS.

POONA RACES

A.

NAME.	OWNER.	TRAINER.
Alexis g a h ...	Mr Georges ...	... Tingey
Annie Laurie b aus m	„ A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Atholbrose b aus m...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Arthur b a h ...	Aga Mirza Ahmed	... Owner
Arabistan b a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Do
Acetine g aus h ...	Mr Spooner Hart...	... Ferguson
All Gold b aus g ...	Mr L K Urs ...	... Mr Patanah
Adonis b a h ...	A M Ameer ...	... Owner
Achilles g a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Do
Altimas c aus h ...	R A Roy ...	... Dignum
Alix b aus m ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Amber Heart b e h	Capt Hennessy ...	... McQuade
Alma b aus m ...	Mr Chinoy ...	... Owner
Ailie b aus m ...	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah	... Aga S Shah
Ayrdale b e g ...	Aga Shah and Aga Khan	... Do

B.

Blackswan bl aus m	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Bridge b a h ...	Col Beaver ...	... Bleach
Bay Middleton b a h	A Ranji M G and A Ameer	... Kendall
Bandicoot b aus m...	Mr Murdoch ...	... Tingey
Buktawar g a h ...	„ Shroff ...	... Mr S K
Beryl bl aus m ...	„ R J Hunter ...	... Clarke
Bikanir b a h ...	„ A Essayai ...	... Rustomji
Beadsman b aus g ...	Aga Khan ...	... Aga S Shah
Brigand b a h ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Badger g aus g ...	"Mr Locke" ...	... Privately
Baron II c aus g ...	Do ...	... Do
Blue Blood b aus g ...	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji...	Byramji

C.

Carcewick b aus m ...	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah ...	Aga S Shah
Corrie Roy b aus m...	Maj Vans Agnew	... McQuade
Comeback b aus g ...	Mr Baldock ...	... Tingey
Connaught b a h ...	A Talib ...	... Owner
Chungiz g a h ...	M Talib ...	... Do
Cobo b a h ...	A Sattar ...	... Privately
Clever Boy g a h ...	M Shamlan ...	... Do
Chester c a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Owner
Cerise c aus m ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Cinder bl aus m ...	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Chancellor b a h ...	„ A Ananji and A M	... Kendall
Chamberlain b a h ...	„ Cross ...	... Tingey
Chimes b aus h ...	„ Baldock ...	... Do
Cocos c aus g ...	„ Franklin ...	... Byramji
Carabine b eng h ...	„ Bass ...	... Bleach

D.

Dawn b aus g ...	Mr Boase ...	... Owner
Dart b aus g ...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Dispute g a h ...	„ D D and G K	... Tingey
Dane, The c aus g ...	„ Westropp ...	... Clarke
Deserter b a h ...	....	... Byramji
Dr Barnado rn e h ...	Capt Randall ...	... Owner
Dundee bl aus g ...	Mr R Roy ...	... Dignum
Delight b a h ...	Lieut-Col D Urs	... Mr Patanah
Dioptries bl aus g ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Daimyo b a h ...	Major Edwards ...	... Bleach

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E.

Early Bird b a h	Capt Hennessy	McQuade
Ethel II b aus m	Aga Shah	Owner
Erhan b a h	Mr Fox	Tingey
Evensong br cb m	Aga Khan	Aga S Shah

F.

Fando b aus g	Mr A W P	Owner
Firefly b cb m	„ Fischer	Fowler
Fireup br aus g	„ Baldock	Tingey
Firecracker bl aus g	Aga Khan and Aga Shah	Aga S Shah
Fitzeros c aus g	Mr A W P	Owner
Firdosi g a h		Byramji
Funny c aus g	Aga S Shah	Owner
Free Trade c aus g	Mr A W P	Do

G.

Galib c a h	A Shamlan	Privately
Galstaun g a h	A Saif and A Raschid	Do
Gaulme b aus g	Sultan of Johore	
Gallant c a h	Mr M E Ebrahim	C B Mahomed
Good Chap b aus g	Dr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
Good Boy g aus g	Mr Fischer	Fowler
Gum b aus g	„ L K Urs	Mr Patanah
Glen Albyn b aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Great Scott c aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Greatorex b aus	A Ameer and O Mahomed	Owner
Grey Pearl g a h	Mahomed A Ebrahim	Privately
Golightly b e h	Col Baring	
Gnnilo c aus m	A Ananji and M Goculdass	Kendall
Grey Fox g a h	Ditto	Do
Greyleg g a h	Capt Wilson	Aga S Shah
Goldsmith b aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson

H.

Hadyn c aus g	Mr R J Hunter	A Clarke
Harpist b aus g	„ Kelso	Byramji
Hypocrite g a h	„	Do
Hermit b a h	Mr Jackson	Do
Haddall b a h	„ Bass	Bleach
Hamilton c a h	Major Murray	Do
Hyderi b a h	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas and A Ameer	Kendall
Hakum b a h	A Talib	Owner
Harefoot c a h	Col Sprott	McQuade
Hoop Iron b aus g	Mr Gaulstan	

I.

Indabba c aus g	Mr H Vishram	Byramji
Isinglass c a h	„ S A Wahed	Owner

K.

Key West b aus m	Mr Fischer	Fowler
Kyam b a h	Mr S Ezekiel	Byramji
Kingston b aus g	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji	Do.

L.

Lady Jane b e m	Mr Bass	Bleach
Lady Chelthan b e m	„ Bass	Do
Lady Dean g aus m	Capt Lloyd	Do
Lady Newbrook b cb m	Mr Foy	Clark
La Regina b aus m	„ Baldock	Tingey
Landwind b cb g	„ Leibenrood	McQuade
La France b aus m	„ Finch	Potter
Loch Clieveden c aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Leonidas b aus g	Lieut-Col W Urs	Mr Patanah
Little Joker b a h	Mr H Essayai	Byramji

M.

Malice b aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Madeira b aus m	Lieut-Col Hazelton	Bleach
Metalgia br aus h	Mr Gaulstan	
Matilda b aus m	„ Baldock	Tingey
Min b aus m	„ A W P	Owner
Milburn br aus g	„ Apcar	Watson
Milos bl aus g	„ Kelso	Byramji
Mocreed g a h	H H Saif's	Owner
Miss Birnie b aus m	Mr Noble	Privately
Minting King b a h	A Talib	Owner
Mosumma b a h	F Sanad	Do.
Minnehahal b aus m	H Vishram	Byramji
Mameluke b a h	A Talib	Owner
Magtoom b a h	Do.	Do.
Malto b aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Miss Ascott c cb m	„ J B	Goode
Musketeer b a h	Aga S Shah	Owner
Mint c a h	Mr R S S	Bin Jamal
Misty br ch	„ Mill	Clarke
Moon b a h	„ Ali Talib	Owner
Money Spinner g a h	Major Cavanagh	Aga S Shah
Minimus b aus g	Lieut Col D Urs'	Mr Patanah
Mysotis b aus m	Sultan of Johore	

N

Nainava g a h	E Talib	Owner
Najaffi b a h	Mr R S S	Bin Jamal
Najeed g a h	A H Saif	Owner
Noble Eye b cb m	Mr J B	Goode
New Moon b a h	A Talib	Owner
Nobleman II. b a h	Mr Kelso	Byramji
Nanette b aus m	„ A W P	Owner
Namuna b cb m	„ C D	Bleach
Naranji b a h	„ Garda	C B Mahomed
Nanette b aus m	„ A W P	Owner
Nautilus br aus m	„ H Vishram	Byramji
Nancy Till b aus m	„ A W P	Owner

O.

Officer g a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Olga b aus m	„ A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Oberon bl aus g	„ Goff	Dugdum
Oriental b a h	Aga S Shah	Owner

P.

Paddy Melon br aus m	Capt Newman	Aga S Shah
Picture b aus m	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Paleface c a h	Mr Cross	Tingey
Presbyterian c c h	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia	Bleach
Panalla II. b ah	Mr R R S	Bin Jamal
Philistine ch cb h	Col Grant	McQuade
Prime b cb h	Do.	Do.
Planet b aus h	Mr Noble	Byramji
Ptarmigan g a h	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Propeller b a h	Messrs F Nowroji and H Jamsetji	Bleach
Peninsular b aus h	Mr Apcar	Watson
Pride O' Dharamtolla b aus m	Dr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
Pepper Corn b aus g	Sultan of Johore	
Promontory b aus h	Mr Biswas	Dignum
Pope bl aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Patrician b aus g	Lieut-Col Hazelton	Owner
Pinwire b e m	Mr Swifte	Bleach

R.

Reminder b a h	K G Gaikewad	Byramji
Recollect b c b m	Aga Khan	Aga S Shah
Regret g a h	Capts Benn and Alexander	Bleach
Rifleman b aus g	Dr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
Richmond Hill b aus g	Mr Clarke	Clarke
Rezia b aus m	„ Harper	
Rochester b a h	„ Galtrey	Bleach
Repetition b aus g	„ R J Hunter	Clarke
Rickshaw b aus g	„ Reynolds	Ferguson
Rubric c a h	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Rose c a h	Mr R R S	Bin Jamal
Roscommon b aus g	Mr G K and D D	Tingey
Russley Rose b aus m	Messrs Kelso	Byramji

S.

Sandow c a h	Mr Sathna	Bleach
Salvation b a h	„ S A Wahed	Owner
Scorn c a h	„ C D	Bleach
Spithead b aus g	„ Apcar	Watson
Sweetlips g a h	„ S A Wahed	Owner
Stand Off b aus g	„ Apcar	Watson
Settler b a h	„ A Essayai	Byramji
Seagull c a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Sunflower b aus m	„ S A W	Owner
Sirjimal b a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Silver Fox g a h	Messrs A Ananji and M G	Kendall
Skylark g a h	S A Wahed	Privately
Shalboob b a h	Mr Jewell'	Byramji
Spark b aus g	„ Murdock	Tingey
Shah Jehan c a h	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Silvermane c a h	Mr Metha	Bin Jamal
Sin br cb h	„ Brown	
Sybarite b a h	„ A Razack	Privately
Swiftsure b aus g	Aga S Shah	Owner
Sanaiya g a h	Mr Fischer	Fowler
S P b aus m	„ Bass	Bleach
Stoddart b aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Stockbell b aus m	Capt Greville	Bleach
Scattercash g a h	Ditto	Do.

T.

Tamring br cb g	Capt Greville	Bleach
Trenton b aus g	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Triumph b cb h	Mr G K	Tingey
Tigris g a h	Mr Cowasji	Privately
Tragedian br aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Titus II. g a g	Mr Medywell	Bleach
Tubal Cain b aus g	„ Ananji	Kandall
Turkish Flag II	„ A Amer	Owner
The Chump b c g	Capt Stratton	

U.

Upstart b cb g	Mr Allardyce	McQuade

V.

Veera c aus m	Messrs G K and D D	Tingey
Veneda b aus h	Mr J B	Goode
Vedette c aus g	„ Westropp	Clarke
Victory c aus g	„ R J Hunter	Do

W.

Walgrove b aus g	Mr Goff	Ferguson
Wisdom b cb g	„ Potter	Bleach
Wink br c g	„ Fischer	Fowler
Western Queen c aus m	„ Harper	
Windsor miss b aus m	„ Baldock	Tingey
Wedlock c aus g	„ R R S	Do

Y.

Young Kohinoor g a h	A Amer	Owner
Young Taiseer b a h	A A Saif	Do

Entries for Races.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN MEETING.

1ST ENTRIES CLOSED 15TH AUGUST.

First Day, Tuesday, the 24th November 1903.

THE PONY HURDLES—1¼ miles over 6 flights.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	b aus m	Sister Sue, 13-3½
2	Ditto	g a g	Diamond, 13-3½
3	Vet-Col Hazelton's	br aus g	Patrician, 14-0½
4	Major Grimston's	g aus m	Grey Mist III, 14-0½
5	Capt Grogan's	g a g	Toby, 13-3½
6	Mr J D Scott's	b aus g	Bones, 14-9½
7	Br-Gen G Richardson's	b a g	Mac

THE TRIAL STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	Mr J R Badger's	b e m	Laurania
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Mina
3	Ditto	b aus g	Flotsam
4	Capt E Harding Newman's	br aus m	Paddy Melon
5	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	bk aus g	Pope.
6	Mr Austin's	b aus m	Connie
7	Mr J D Scott's	b e g	Magician
8	Do.	b aus g	Demon
9	Mr S J S's	b e g	Redlight

THE DESERT STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	Major Stisted's	b a h	Pounds, 13-1½
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch a h	Omar, 13-3½
3	Capt Stanley's	g a h	For Ever, 13-3
4	Mr Bass's	b a h	Huddal, 13-2½
5	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	b a h	Brigand, 13-3
6	Captain Home's	ch a h	Sadoon, 14-0
7	Br-Gen G Richardson's	b a g	Mac
8	Mr A U John's	ch a h	Rajah, 13-2

THE MEDIUM PLATE—¼ mile.

1	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	b a h	Hazard, 14-0
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	g a g	Diamond, 13-3½
3	Capt Stratton's	g a h	Gannet, 13-2½
4	Mr Meydwell's	g a h	Titus II, 13-3½
5	Chowdri Ghansham Singh and Nawab Asghar Ali Khan's	b cb m	Dame Ethel, 13-3
6	Chowdri Ghansham Singh and Nawab Asghar Ali Khan's	b cb m	Chumpa, 13-1½
7	Major Fuller's	g a g	Grey Knave, 13-3½
8	Mr S J S's	b cb m	Lucky, 14-0

THE CLUB STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
2	Ditto	br aus m	Fairydale, 13-1½
3	Capt C Greville's	b aus g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
4	„ Cameron's	b aus g	Don John, 13-3
5	Mr Wood and Mr Badger's	b aus m	Barcarolle

THE NOVICE STAKES—¼ mile.

1	Major Stisted's	g a h	Sorcerer, 13-2½
2	Ditto	ch a h	Modesty, 13-0½
3	Thakur Sripal Singh's	g a h	Anderson, 13-3
4	Ditto	g a h	Mathura, 13-3
5	Capt Stratton's	b a h	Birdcatcher, 13-1½
6	Lieut-Col Reid's	g a g	Trout, 13-3½
7	Ditto	g a h	Vasco da Gama
8	Capt Home's	b a g	Bashir, 13-2½

THE CANTONMENT STAKES—1,000 yards.

1	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	ch cb g	Easterday, 14-1½
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Elsie, 13-3½
3	Major Stisted's	br aus m	Geraldine, 14-1
4	„ Carroll's	b aus g	Invest, 14 0
5	Capt C Greville's	b aus m	Stockbell, 14-1
6	„ Stewart-Balmain's	g aus m	Lady Dean, 14-0
7	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	br aus g	Tragedian, 14-1
8	Major Grimston's	g aus m	Grey Mist III, 14-0½
9	Mr J D Scott's	br aus m	Seallower, 13-3½
10	Ditto	b aus g	Bones, 14-0½
11	Mr S J S's	ch aus m	Blackspot, 14-0½

THE OUDH STEEPLECHASE—About 2½ miles.

1	Lieut-Col Hon'ble E Baring's	b aus g	Bohemian Prince
2	Vet-Col Hazelton's	b nth am h	Madeira
3	Lieut-Col Reid's	br aus g	Lochaber
4	Mr A B Reynolds'	b aus g	Forest King

Second Day, Thursday, the 26th November.

THE ARAB HANDICAP—1,000 yards.

1	Mr J R Badger's	g a g	Robert the Devil, 14-0
2	Thakur Buldeo Sahai's	b a h	Hazard, 14-0
3	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch a h	Omar, 13-3½
4	Ditto	g a h	Anderson, 13-3
5	Major England's	ch a h	Scorn, 14-0
6	Lieut-Col Reid's	g a g	Trout, 13-3½
7	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	b a h	Brigand, 13-3
8	Ditto	ch a h	Shahjehan, 13-2
9	Mr Courage's	b a g	Better Luck II, 13-3½
10	Br-Genl G Richardson's	b a g	Mac
11	Major Fuller's	g a g	Grey Knave, 13-3½
12	Mr S J S's	ch a h	Volcano, 13-2

THE GOOMTEE STAKES—¼ mile.

1	Mr W Bass's	b e m	Lady Cheltenham, 13-2½
2	„ C D's	b aus m	Goodness, 13 3½
3	„ Farmer's	b cb h	Blue Blood, 14-0½
4	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	ch cb h	Tom, 14-0½
5	Mr J D Scott's	bk e m	La Belle, 13-3½
6	„ F Warner's	g aus m	Birdie, 13-1
7	„ Wood and Mr Badger's	b aus m	Barcarolle,
8	„ S J S's	b aus m	Sanjala, 13-3½
9	Ditto	br aus m	Belmetal, 13-3½

THE DECEMBER STAKES.—7 furlongs.

1	Mr J R Badger's	b e m	Laurania
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Mina, 4 years
3	Ditto	b aus g	Flotsam, 4 years
4	Capt E Harding Newman's	b aus m	Paddy Melon
5	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	b aus g	Glen Albyn
6	Ditto	ch aus m	Loch Clevedon
7	Mr Austin's	b aus m	Connie
8	Mr J D Scot's	br nth am m	Rutual

THE CHUTTER MUNZIL STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
2	Mr C D's	b cb m	Namuna, 13-2½
3	„ J D Scott's	bk e m	La Belle, 13-3½
4	Capt Cameron's	b aus g	Don John, 13-3½
5	Mr Wood and Mr Badger's	b aus m	Barcarolle

THE HANDICAP PONY CHASE—R. C. about 2 miles.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Sister Sue, 13-3½
2	Ditto	g a g	Diamond, 13-3½
3	Vet-Col Hazelton's	br aus g	Patrician, 14-1
4	Major Grimston's	g aus m	Greymist III, 14-0½
5	Capt Grogan's	g a g	Toby, 13-3½
6	Mr Mordaunt's	ch a h	The Abbot, 14-0

THE MERCHANTS' PLATE.—R. C. about 2 miles.

1	Mr J R Badger's	bk aus m	Kellar, 13-3½
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
3	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	ch cb h	Tom, 14-0½
	Mr A U John's	ch a h	Rajah, 13-2

Third Day, Saturday, the 28th November.

THE DESERT HANDICAP—1¼ miles.

1	Mr H F Elgee's	g a g	St Gris, 13-3
2	Major Stisted's	b a h	Pounds, 13-1½
3	Mr Bass's	b a h	Huddal, 13-2½
4	Capt Stanley's	g a h	For Ever, 13-3
5	Lieut-Col Reid's	g a g	Trout, 13-2½
6	Capt Grogan's	g a g	Toby, 13-3½
7	Mr A U John's	ch a h	Rajah, 13-2

THE ALUM BAGH STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch a h	Omar, 13-3½
2	Ditto	g a h	Anderson, 13-3
3	Capt E Harding Newman's	b a h	Hindustan, 13-2½
4	Mr Meydwell's	g a h	Titus II, 13-3½
5	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	b a h	Brigand, 13-3
6	Captian Home's	ch a h	Sadoon, 14-0
7	Mr Courage's	b a g	Better Luck II, 13-3½
8	Br-Genl G Richardson's	b a g	Mac
9	Mr S J S's	ch a h	Volcano, 13-2

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THE CORINTHIAN SAKES—¼ mile.

1	Mr J R Badger's	g a g	Robert the Devil, 14-0
2	Thakur Buldeo Sahai's	b a h	Hazard, 14-0
3	Major Stisted's...	g a h	Sorcerer, 13-2½
4	Ditto ...	ch a h	Modesty, 13-0½
5	Thakur Sripal Singh's	g a h	Anderson, 13-3
6	Ditto	g a h	Mathura, 13-3
7	Capt Stratton's	g a h	Gannet, 13-2½
8	Ditto ...	b a h	Birdcatcher, 13-1½
9	Capt E Harding Newman's	b a h	Hindustan, 13-2½
10	Mr Meydwell's	g a h	Titus II, 13-3½
11	Lieut-Col Reid's	g a g	Trout, 13-3½
12	Ditto ...	g a h	Vasco da Gama
13	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's ...	ch a h	Shahjehan, 13-2
14	Capt Home's ...	b a g	Bashir, 13-2½
15	Mr Courage's ...	b a g	Better Luck II, 13-3½
16	Major Fuller's...	g a g	Grey Knave, 13-3½

THE CHARBAGH STAKES—1,000 yards.

1	Mr J R Badger's	bk aus m	Kellar, 13-3½
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Fairydale, 13-1½
3	Capt C Greville's	b ch g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
4	Mr W Bass's ...	b c m	Lady Cheltenham, 13-2½
5	„ C D's ...	b aus m	Goodness, 13-3½
6	„ J D Scott's...	bk c m	La Belle, 13-3½
7	Capt Cameron's	b aus g	Don John, 13-3½
8	Mr F Warner's	g aus g	Birdie, 13-1
9	Major Berryman's	b aus m	Canary, 13-3½
10	Mr Wood and Mr Badger's	b aus m	Barcarolle
11	„ S J S's ...	br aus m	Bellmetal, 13-3½

THE FAREWELL STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	Mr J R Badger's	b c m	Laurania
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Mina
3	Ditto	b aus g	Flotsam
4	Capt E Harding Newman's	br aus m	Paddy Melon
5	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	ch aus h	Vigorous
6	Ditto ...	b aus g	Glen Albyn
7	Ditto ...	b aus g	Dioptrics
8	Mr Austin's ...	b aus m	Connie
9	Mr J D Scott's	br uth am m	Ritual

THE LUCKNOW STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Thakur Buldeo Sahai's	ch c b g	Easter Day, 14-1½
2	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Elsie 13 3½
3	Major Stisted's	br aus m	Geraldines, 14-1
4	„ Carroll's	b aus g	Invest, 14-0
5	Capt Greville's	b aus m	Stockbell, 14-1
6	„ Stewart-Balmain's g	aus m	Lady Dean, 14-0½
7	H H Koer Saheb of Patiala's	br aus g	Tragedian, 14-1
8	Mr S J S's ...	ch aus m	Black Spot, 14-0½

THE LAWN STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
2	Capt C Greville's	br c b g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
3	Mr C D's ...	b c b m	Namuna, 13-2½
4	Mr J D Scott's	bk c m	La Belle, 13-3½
5	Ditto ...	ch c b m	Esmeralda, 14-0½
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THE MALLET PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Arab polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over, allowed 5lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 3 furlongs.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entrance money goes to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.
2. A course fee of Rs. 3 will be charged for every horse or pony trained on the course between the 1st of October and 15th of November 1903.
3. Entries for all races close as follows:—1st Entries Rs. 10 on the 15th October 1903 at 9 P. M.; 2nd Entries Rs. 15 on the 2nd November 1903 at 9 P.M.
4. If, in any race, there are less than three entries in *bonâ fide* separate interests, such race will be declared void, under Rule 140.
5. All Telegrams must be confirmed by letter.
6. Starting declarations, accompanied by a jockey's fee for a losing mount, if not already paid, must be sent in on forms which will be supplied by the Honorary Secretary, showing correct weight, colors, and name of rider to be placed in a box kept for the purpose at the Grand Stand Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.
7. In W. I. Races, the height, and in W. A. Races, the age, must be stated at the time of entry.
8. Nizam's C.-B.'s will be allowed 7lbs. in all races except handicaps.
9. C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. Certificates and Certificates by Local Stewards under Rule 39, only accepted.
10. There will be a measurement by the Local Stewards (Rule 39) at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, on the 9th of November 1903, at 8 A. M.
11. Handicaps will be published at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, the Officers' Mess, Futteh Maidan, and at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, by 9 A.M. on the day before the race, and acceptances and starting declaration to be placed in the Declaration Box at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, Chudderghaut, and at the U.S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.
12. Gentlemen riders who have never ridden the winner of a race value Rs. 50 allowed 3lbs. in all races except handicaps.
13. Licensed jockeys penalized 7lbs. in all races, handicaps included.
14. Any three Stewards form a quorum.

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1. Rupees throughout the Programme mean Government Rupees.
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4. Entrance to the Grand Stand and Enclosure Rs. 4 per diem, or Rs. 6 for the meeting. Ladies and owners free.
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LONDON, *Friday, 7th August, 1903.*

THE TURF.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

THERE are genuine grounds for regret that a concatenation of adverse circumstances combined to rob the present Goodwood celebration of most of its traditional glory. The fact that the King was unable to patronise the reunion, and that sickness and accident depleted the fields for the principal weight-for-age contests of many of the premier exponents of public form, exerted a deterrent influence upon the gathering, but these drawbacks paled into insignificance in comparison with the miseries of the weather, which would have sufficed to wreck the fortunes of any outdoor function. With such high-class juveniles as St. Amant, Huntly, Fiancée Vergia, Leucadia, Merryman, and Henry the First sporting silk during the week, no exception could be taken to the quality of the juvenile racing, and the sprint handicaps, as usual, aroused great interest; but the poverty of our present-day Cup form was flagrantly exposed, and there was a marked absence of three-year-olds of acknowledged merit. The inadequate nature of the stands was never more strikingly exemplified, and the Duke of Richmond and the Earl of March must be warmly congratulated upon their decision to replace the present buildings, which were erected as far back as 1829, by a modern and up-to-date structure before the next meeting comes round.

THE CHESTERFIELD CUP (handicap)—Of 627 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr C T Pulley's b f Lady Help, by Ladas—Serfdom, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs ...	Griggs	1
Mr G A Pentice's br c General Cronje, 3 yrs, 7st	Miller	2
Mr G Thursby's b h Victor Don, aged, 7st 7lbs	Trigg	3
Mr S B Joel's Bachelor's Button, 4 yrs, 8st 6lbs	Halsey	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Kunstler, 5 yrs, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0
Mr A P Cunliffe's Lord Rossmore, 3 yrs, 7st 11b	J Jarvis	0
Lord Carnarvon's Minnie Dee, 5 yrs, 7st 4lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Watts	0
Mr J R Keen's Hurst Park II, 3 yrs, 7st ...	Lyne	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Aquascutum, 6 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Janek	0
Mr J Buchanan's Sankence, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Plant	0

(Winner trained by G. Chaloner, at Newmarket.)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst General Cronje, 8 to 1 Laty Help, 100 to 12 Minnie Dee, 10 to 1 Victor Don, 10 to 1 Bachelor's Button, 100 to 8 Aquascutum, 100 to 6 Kunstler, 20 to 1 any other (o).

Sankence bolted the full length of the course before getting under the starter's orders and delayed the start considerably, and when the barrier was raised Lady Help jumped off in front of General Cronje, the pair being well clear of Hurst Park II, Kunstler, and Victor Don, with Aquascutum next and Sankence last, and, making the whole of the running, won easily by four lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Lord Rossmore was fourth, Minnie Dee fifth, Kunstler sixth, Bachelor's Button seventh, Aquascutum next, and Sankence last throughout.

THE GORDON STAKES—Of 310 sovs; weight for age, etc. Last mile and a half of Cup Course.

Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Zinfandel, by Persimmon—Medora, 3 yrs, 8st 10lbs	M Cannon	1
Mr L Brassey's b c Wild Oats, 3 yrs, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	2

(Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.)

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Zinfandel.

Zinfandel made the whole of the running and won in a canter by three lengths. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 40secs.

THE NASSAU STAKES—Of 710 sovs, for three-year-old fillies; 8st. 10lbs. each; penalties, etc. One mile and a half.

Mr L Brassey's b f Red Lily, by Persimmon—Melody, 8st 5lbs	Lyne	1
Major E Loder's b f Hammerkop, 9st 3lbs	J H Martin	2
Prince Soltykoff's b f Sun Rose, 8st 10lbs...	Halsey	3
Mr Cyril Russell's Florinda, 9st 11b ...	M Cannon	0
Duke of Devonshire's Flying Ivy, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0

(Winner trained by H. Sadler, at Newmarket.)

Betting: 6 to 5 on San Rose, 5 to 2 agst. Hammerkop, 10 to 1 each Florinda and Red Lily, and 100 to 9 Flying Ivy (o).

Won in a canter by three lengths; two lengths between second and third. Florinda was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 41½secs.

BRIGHTON AUGUST MEETING.

The opening afternoon's proceedings in connection with this meeting were not favoured with very favourable weather. There was a strong wind and rain fell at intervals, but although the attendance fell below the average, the company was nevertheless a numerous one. Sport maintained its interest throughout, and backers did fairly well. A year ago at this meeting Star of Hanover ran second in the Marine Plate, but on the third instant Mr Curtis's horse won the event, though only after a desperate finish with Patientia. The Brighton Stakes fell to Lucinda, last year's winner of this race, Rathburne being unplaced. By a neck Goggles secured the Ovingdean Plate, but Consequence gained a somewhat easy victory in the Hassocks Plate, subsequently being bought in for 210 guineas. The Henfield Plate was taken by Egmont, who afterwards changed hands for 260 guineas, the surplus of 160 guineas over the conditional selling price being shared by Mr. H. J. King, whose Amurath finished second, and the race fund. The Corporation Plate was won very cleverly by Angelic (her first bracket); and sport concluded when St. Medoc cantered home for the Alfriston Plate. Randall and Trigg rode two winners each.

THE BRIGHTON STAKES (handicap)—Of 437 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr C Hibbert's b m Lucinda, by Sir Visto—Sister Lucy, 5 yrs, 8st, 4lbs ...	Trigg	1
Mr J Buchanan's br c Kano, 3 yrs, 8st 2lbs	Randall	2
Mr A Walton's gr h Mat Salleh, 5 yrs, 6st 9lbs	J Jarvis	3
Mr M Fitzgerald's Blue Streak, 4 yrs, 8st 12lbs	Lyne	0
Mr E Foster's Coldra, 4 yrs, 8st 8lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Lord Dunraven's Morganatic, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs	Croft	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Rathburne, 4 yrs, 8st 6lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr R Croker's Liquidator, 4 yrs, 8st 5lbs	J H Martin	0
Sir E Cassel's St Antonius, 4 yrs, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	0
Duke of Devonshire's Alp, 3 yrs, 8st ...	O Madden	0
Mr S B Joel's Happy Match, 4 yrs, 7st 13lbs	Griggs	0
Mr L de Rothschild's Cormac, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs	Watts	0

(Winner trained by W. Nightingall, at Epsom.)

BETTING: 6 to 1 each agst Liquidator and Alp, 100 to 15 Blue Streak, 7 to each Kano, Lucinda, and Mat Salleh, 8 to 1 Cormack, 10 to 1 St. Antonius, 100 to 8 Rathburne and 20 to 1, any other (o).

Won by three lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Mat Salleh was fourth, Happy Match fifth, Alp sixth, Blue Streak seventh, Morganatic eighth, Coldra next, and Liquidator last.

THE MARINE PLATE (Handicap)—Of 272 sovs. T. Y. C (about five furlongs).

Mr J S Curtis's ch h Star of Hanover, by Hanover—Star Actress, 6 yrs, 7st 9lbs	O Madden	1
Mr J Best's ch f Patientia, 3 yrs, 7st 2lbs	Janek	2
Mr L de Rothschild's b c All Hot, 3 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Plant	3
Mr J Craig's Winnipeg, 6 yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	Watts	0
Duke of Devonshire's Lady Burgoyne, 3yrs. 7st 2lbs	Griggs	0
Mr R Dalgleish's Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs	C Aylin	0
Mr J Musker's Matterhorn, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs	J Jarvis	0
Mr R Croker's Milleray, 3 yrs. 6st 10lbs ...	Compton	0
Mr G Thursby's Blowing Stone, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs	Trigg	0
Sir E Vincent's Jacqueline, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs	C Escott	0

(Winner trained by Prince at Morestead.)

BETTING: 7 to 2 agst Star of Hanover, 4 to 1 Blowing Stone, 6 to 1 Pitch Dark, 7 to 1 Patientia, 8 to 1 Lady Burgoyne, 100 to 8 each Winnipeg, Matterhorn, All Hot, and Jacqueline, and 100 to 7 Milleray.

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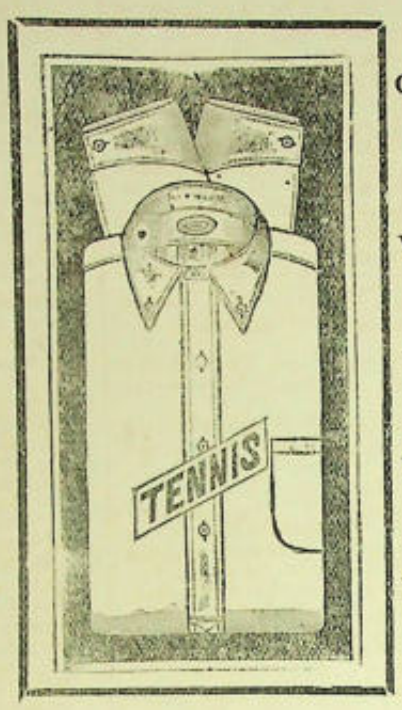

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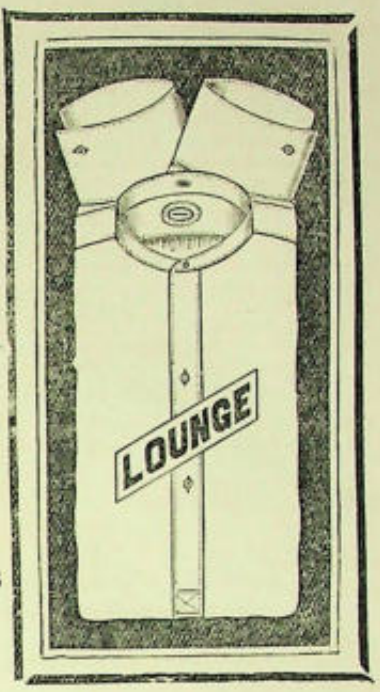

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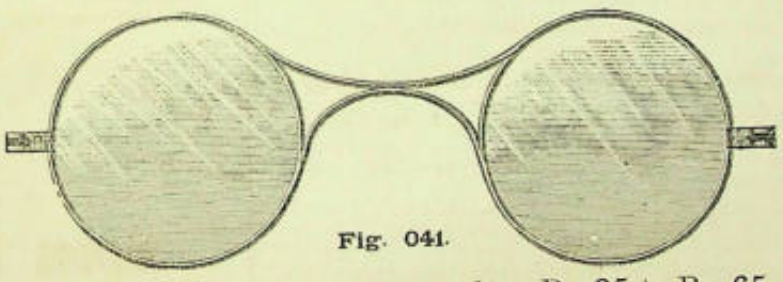

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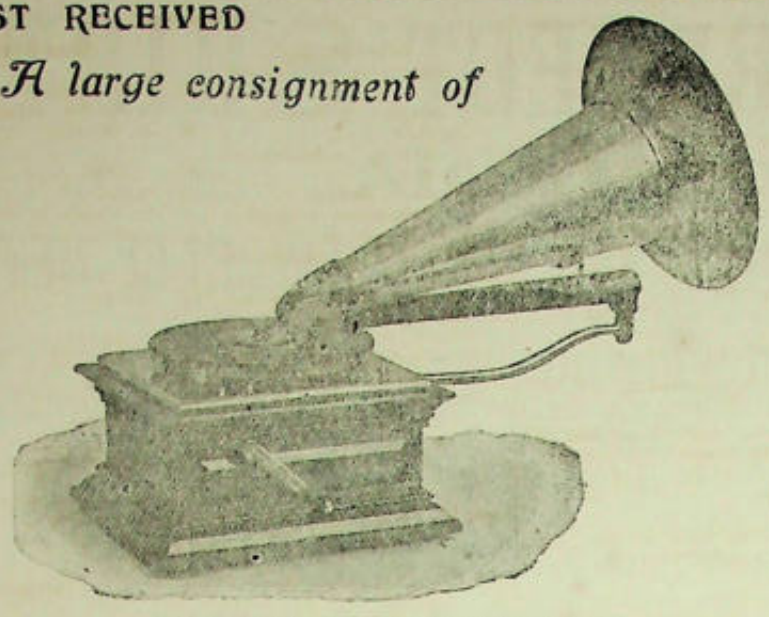

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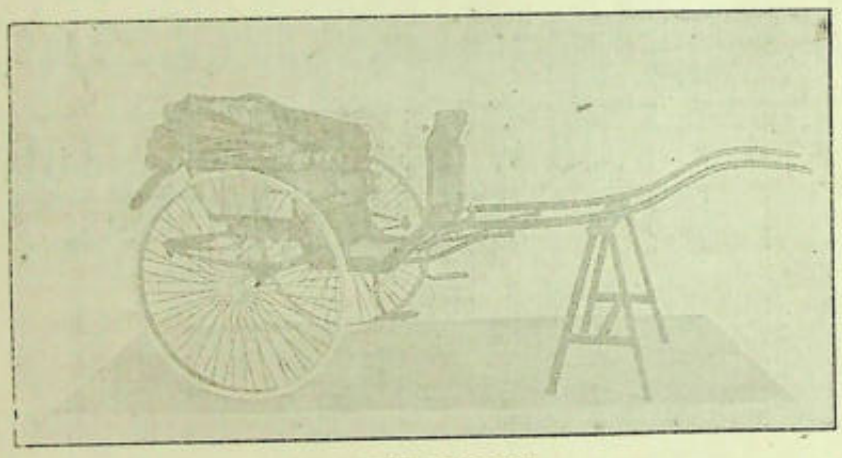

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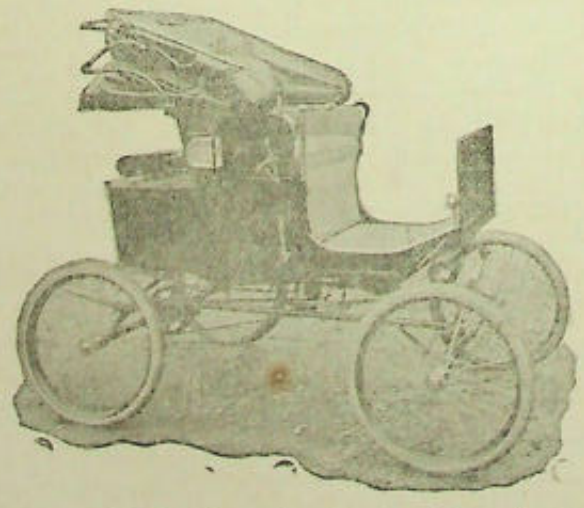

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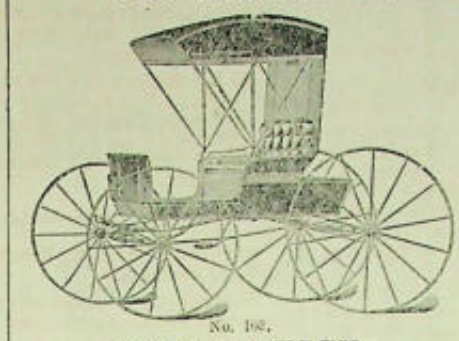

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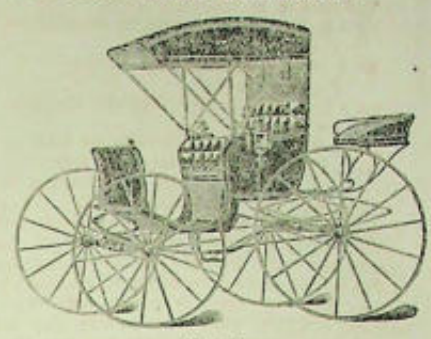

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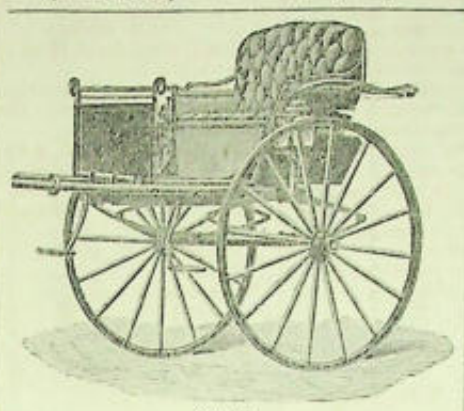

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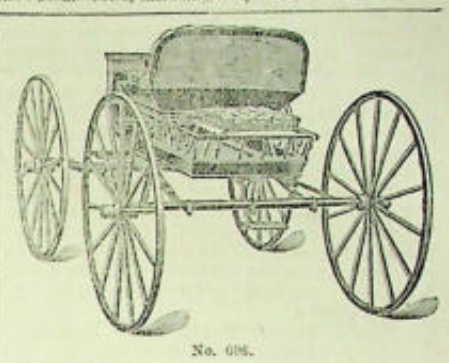

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Mr J B Joel's ch f Angelic, by St Angelo—Fote, 8st 6lbs ...	Watts	1
Mr T W Blenkiron's b c by Pr de—Pegaway, 9st	M Cannon	2
Sir S Lockhart's br f by Juggler—Magdala, 8st 8lbs	K Cannon	3
Major J D Edwards's Chronos, 8st 6lbs ...	Randall	0
Mr L Pilkington's Wayfarer, 8st 9lbs ...	O Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Morton, at Wantage*).

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Magdala filly, 11 to 4 Pegaway colt, 4 to 1 Wayfarer, 8 to 1 Angelic and 10 to 1 Chronos.

Won cleverly by three parts of a length; half a length divided second and third. Chronos was last throughout.

The second day's proceedings in connection with the Brighton August Meeting were favoured with fine weather, the sun shining brightly, and consequently the attendance showed a considerable improvement over the first day. The card again contained seven events, but the principal item the Brighton Cup, dwindled down to a match between Zinfandel and Imperator, although sixteen were left in out of an original entry of twenty-two. Those who desired to wager on the event had to lay 20 to 1 on Lord Howard de Walden's colt, who eventually won in a canter by six lengths and thus gained his fourth consecutive bracket. Two years ago O'Donovan Rossa captured the Sussex Stakes, this being his last victory prior to yesterday, when he secured the corresponding event, but after his recent performances he was little fancied. Wild Willow took the Rottingdean Plate, and the Rose Marjorie filly won the Stanmer Plate afterwards changing hands for 220 guineas. Venta, who landed the odds laid on her for the Juvenile Plate, was bought in for 450 guineas, the surplus of 400 guineas over the conditional selling price being shared by Mr. J. Buchanan (whose Claudius finished second) and the race fund. In June Mr. Bottomley paid 590 guineas for the filly. Other winners at the meeting were the Hilda mare and the Duke of Devonshire's Slowburn.

THE BRIGHTON CUP—Of 485 sovs, for three-year-olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs; with allowances. One mile and a quarter.

Lord Howard de Walden's ch c Zinfandel, by Persimmon—Medora, 9st ...	M Cannon	1
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's ch c Imperator, 7st 11lbs	O'Madden	2

(*Winner trained by Beatty, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 20 to 1 on Zinfandel, who waited on Imperator till fairly in the line for home, where he swept to the front and won in a canter by six lengths.

THE SUSSEX PLATE (handicap) Of 274 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr A M Singer's ch g O'Donovan Rossa, by Donovan, dam by Barcaldine, 6yrs, 7st 13lbs	J H Martin	1
Mr H J King's br f Mimicry, 4yrs, 7st 10lbs	Lyne	2
Prince Soltykoff's b or br s Mountain Daisy, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs	Watts	3
Mr J B Joel's His Lordship, 4yrs, 9st 6lbs	M Cannon	0
,, G Thursby's Indian Corn, 6yrs, 7st 12lbs	W Lane	0
,, J Buchanan's Albina, 5yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	Boardman	0
,, J Rest's Patientia 3yrs, 7st 11b ...	Janek	0
,, L de Rothschild's Fosco, 7st 4lbs ...	Hardy	0
,, R Pryor's Tickets, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	Trigg	0
,, A Stedall's Hartfield, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs ...	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. G. S. Davies, at Michel Grove.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 Indian Corn, 5 to 1 Tickets, 100 to 14 Patientia, 10 to 1 O'Donovan Rossa, 100 to 8 each His Lordship, Fosco, and Mimicry, 100 to 7 each Mountain Daisy and Hartfield, and 20 to 1 Albina.

Won by three parts of a length; a length and a half between second and third. Albina was fourth, His Lordship fifth, Tickets sixth, Indian Corn seventh, Fosco next, and Hartfield last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 12 2secs.

Delightful weather prevailed for the concluding stage of this meeting on the 6th instant, the company was more numerous than on the two preceeding days, and sport ruled interesting throughout. Backers had a remarkably good time, five of the favourites rewarding them. Noblesse made amends for his display in the Liverpool Cup by capturing the High-weight Handicap, winning easily from Flying Ivy and All Hot, and, having been got into the right humour, O'Donovan Rossa followed up his success of the previous afternoon by taking the Southdown Plate, defeating Floriform by three lengths. After securing the Bramber Plate, Blue Diamond was bought in for 190 guineas. Mr. Peebles's Value made her *début* in this event and ran well only being beaten by three-quarters of a lengths. She is by Burnaby out of Philobelle. Heroury gained his fourth bracket by winning the Cliftonvile Plate, showing fine speed in the last quarter of a mile. Trigg had a couple of successful mounts.

THE BRIGHTON HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP—Of 442 sovs. One mile.

Mr W G Land's b f Noblesse, by Raeburn—Noble Countess, 4 yrs, 8st 11lbs ...	Trigg	1
Duke of Devonshire's b f Flying Ivy, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs	O Madden	2
Mr L de Rothschild's b c All Hot, 3 yrs, 7st 9lbs	Hardy	3
Mr J F Hallick's Sun Bonnet, 6 yrs 9st	Randall	0
,, W b Purefoy's Orphrey 4 yrs, 8st 11lbs	B Dillon	0
Sir E Cassel's Doctrine, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs ...	Halsey	0
Mr A Stedall's Rayleigh, 4 yrs, 8st 6lbs ..	W Lane	0
,, J Rogers's Marialva, 6yrs, 8st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	H Aylin	0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3 yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	Croft	0
Sir S Lockhart's Donnetta, 3 yrs, 8st ...	Lyne	0
Prince Soltykoff's Paregoric, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	Watts	0

(*Winner trained by W. Nightingall, at Epsom.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst. Noblesse, 5 to 1 Orphrey, 6 to 1 Rayleigh, 7 to 1 each Doctrine and Donnetta, 8 to 1 each Sun Bonnet and All Hot, and 100 to 7 any other (o.)

Won by three parts of a length; a length and a half between second and third. Rayleigh was fourth, Paregoric fifth, Salute sixth, Sun Bonnet seventh, Donnetta next, and Orphrey last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 39secs.

THE SOUTHDOWN PLATE—Of 185 sovs: weight for age, with allowances. One mile.

Mr A M Singer's ch g O'Donovan Rossa by Donovan, dam by Barcaldine, 3yrs 9st	J H Martin	1
Mr T Simpson Jay's ch h Floriform, 5yrs, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	2
Mr W Raphael's b c St Medoc, 3yrs, 8st 7lbs	Halsey	3
Mr A P Cunliffe's Brom Bones, 3 yrs, 7st 9lbs	B Dillon	0
Mr J S Curtis's Leslie Carter, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs	O'Madden	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. G. S. Davies, at Michel Grove.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 agst O'Donovan Rossa, 3 to 1 Floriform, 4 to 1 St Medoc, and 10 to 1 any other (o.)

Won easily by three lengths; three parts of a length between second and third. Leslie Carter was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 38secs.

THE CLIFTONVILLE PLATE.—Of 177 sovs, for two year old fillies; 8st 9lb each, with penalties and allowances. T Y C (about five furlongs).

Mr R S Sievier's ch f Heronry, by Marco—Dame Heron, 9st 2lbs	Hardy	1
Mr L de Rothschild's b f Quisisana, 8st 9lbs	K Cannon	2
,, S B Joel's b or br f Brown Eyes, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	3
,, T W Blenkiron's Queen's Scholar, 3st 4lbs	Trigg	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Heronry, 3 to 1 agst Quisisana, and 100 to 7 any other (o).

Won very easily indeed by two lengths; half a dozen lengths separated the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 7 1secs.

CRICKET.

SURREY *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at the Oval on 30th and 31st July. Yorkshire won by an innings and 97 runs.

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Holland, c Rhodes, b Hirst ...	1	c Hunter, b Hirst ...	4
Hayward, b Hirst... ...	21	b Rhodes	15
Hayes, c Brown, b Rhodes ...	1	b Hirst	0
Capt H S Bush, c and b Hirst	12	c Whitehead, b Rhodes	7
Lockwood, b Hirst ...	12	b Hirst	3
L Walker, c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst	3	b Rhodes	13
Lees, c Denton, b Rhodes ...	9	st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	11
Moulder, c Hunter, b Hirst ..	5	b Rhodes	5
Smith (W C), c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	1	b Rhodes	7
Strudwick, c Hawke, b Rhodes	8	lbw, b Hirst ...	5
Richardson, not out... ...	5	not out	0
Leg-byes	6	B 2, lb 1 ...	3
Total	84	Total ...	73

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, b Lees ...	3	Haigh, c Lees, b Lockwood	5
Tunnicliffe, c Holland, b Richardson	35	Lord Hawke, b Richardson	20
Denton, b Lockwood ...	104	Whitehead (Lees), not out	22
H Wilkinson, b Lees ...	5	Hunter, c Hays, b Lees ...	1
Hirst, c and b Smith ...	22	B 19, nb 4... ...	23
E Smith, b Lockwood ...	9		
Rhodes, c Lockwood, b Smith	5	Total ...	254

SURREY *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at the Oval on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. Notts won by 118 runs.

NOTTS.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A O Jones, c Dowson, b Smith	7	lbw, b Hayes ...	12
Ironmonger, c Hayward, b Lockwood	63	b Lockwood ...	70
Gunn (W), c Dowson, b Lockwood	18	c Strudwick, b Richardson ...	50
Gunn (J), c Dowson, b Richardson	46	c Bush, b Smith ...	32
G T Branston, c Strudwick, b Richardson	12	b Richardson ...	0
J A Dixon, c Hayes, b Richardson	6	b Smith	21
Gunn (G), c and b Dowson ...	33	c and b Smith ...	12
Anthony, b Lockwood ...	12	run out	19
Hallam, b Smith	14	c Bush, b Lockwood ...	0
Oates, b Smith	0	c Bush, b Smith ...	7
Wass, not out	2	not out	17
B 4, nb 1	5	Lb 2, nb 1	3
Total	218	Total	243

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
E M Dowson, c Gunn (G), b Gunn (J)	8	c Jones, b Wass ...	29
Hayward, c Jones, b Gunn (J)	22	c Oates, b Wass ...	5
Hayes, lbw, b Gunn (J) ...	14	b Gunn (J) ...	25
Capt H S Bush, b Gunn (J)...	7	c Branston, b Wass ...	41
Lockwood, st Oates, b Gunn (J)	19	c Jones, b Wass ...	1
L Walker, c Gunn (W), b Gunn (J)	0	b Gunn (J) ...	25
Moulder, c Gunn (W), b Gunn (J)	48	lbw, b Gunn (J) ...	9
Smith, b Wass	0	c Gunn (G), b Gunn (J)	12
Strudwick, b Wass ...	0	c Oates, b Gunn (J) ...	14
Less, not out	36	c Hallam, b Gunn (J)...	11
Richardson, c Branston, b Gunn (J)	9	not out	5
B 2, nb 1	3		
Total	166	Total	117

MIDDLESEX *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Taunton on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. Middlesex won by two wickets.

SOMERSET.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Braund, c Douglas, b Hunt	19	c Nicholls, b Bosanquet	14
Lewis, b Hunt ...	17	c and b Wells ...	27
P R Johnson, c sub, b Hunt	3	c Douglas, b Wells ...	71
F A Phillips, b Hearne ...	7	c Hearne, b Beldam	45
L C H Palairet, b Bosanquet	21	c Trott, b Hunt ...	21
F M Lee, c MacGregor, b Hunt	4	c Douglas, b Hearne	83
S M J Woods, run out ...	0	c Nicholls, b Hunt ...	28
Robson, c Bosanquet, b Hunt	85	not out ...	13
J Daniell, not out ...	64	b Hunt ...	35
A E Newton, lbw, b Bosanquet	22	c and b Hearne ...	8
Cranfield, b Wells ...	42	c Macgregor, b Hunt	0
Extras	19	Extras ...	26
Total ...	253	Total ..	371

MIDDLESEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L J Moon, c Daniell, b Cranfield	42	b Cranfield ...	1
P F Warner, c Braund, b Cranfield	36	c Newton, b Robson ...	82
G W Beldam, c Palairet, b Cranfield	51	c Newton, b Cranfield ...	52
J Douglas, b Robson ...	45	b Robson ...	17
B J T Bosanquet, b Robson	0	c Woods, b Palairet	74
C M Wells, not out ...	65	not out ...	59
R W Nichols, c Robson, b Cranfield	4	b Cranfield ...	5
J H Hunt, c & b Braund,	24	not out .	3
G MacGregor, c Palairet, b Braund	0	st Newton, b Cranfield	39
Trott, c Lewis, b Braund ...	40	c Cranfield, b Braund	20
Hearne (J T), c Daniell, b Braund	0		
B 1, lb 4 ...	5	Extras ...	14
Total ...	312	Total (8 wkts) ...	316

YORKSHIRE *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played at Bradford on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. Yorkshire won by five wickets.

LANCASHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
H H Spooner, c Hawke, b Haigh	33	c Whitehead, b Rhodes	13
A C Maclaren, b Haigh ...	39	b Hirst	9
Tyldesley, b Haigh ...	6	b Rhodes ...	3
W Findlay, lbw, b Rhodes ...	0	lbw, b Rhodes ...	3
H G Garnett, b Haigh ...	1	c Denton, b Rhodes ...	24
A Eccles, b Haigh ...	61	b Rhodes ...	10
A H Hornby, c Hunter, b Rhodes	3	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes ...	24
Sharp, c Denton, b Rhodes...	0	b Jackson ...	56
Heap, b Rhodes	16	c Hirst, b Rhodes ...	16
Cuttell, c Denton, b Rhodes...	51	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	0
Barnes, not out	4	not out... ...	2
B 12, lb 7 ...	19	Extras ...	7
Total ...	233	Total ...	168

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Brown, c Maclaren, b Cuttell	40	c Maclaren, b Barnes...	23
Tunnicliff, Maclaren, b Sharp	14	b Cuttell ...	2
Denton, c Spooner, b Cuttell	28	c Maclaren b Barnes	15
Hon. F. S. Jackson, c Cuttell, b Barnes	29	b Barnes	12
Hirst, b Barnes	58	not out ...	69
E Smith, lbw, b Cuttell ...	25	c Tyldesely b Barnes	11
Rhodes, b Barnes ...	30	not out ...	13
Haigh, c Garnett, b Barnes	6		
Lord Hawke, c Spooner, b Heap	3		
Whitehead, c Findlay, b Heap	0		
Hunter, not out	0		
Lb 1, nb 4 ...	5	Extras ...	19
Total ...	238	Total (5 wkts)	164

ESSEX *vs.* MIDDLESEX.—Played at Leyton on 30th, 31st and 1st August. Middlesex won by 7 wickets.

ESSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
F L Fane, b Hearne ...	4	b Wells	37
Sewell, st MacGregor, b Rawlin	5	b Hearne	6
P Perrin, c G Beldam, b Rawlin	19	c Rawlin, b Trott ...	15
C McGahey, c Macgregor, b Hearne	0	b Trott	0
C J Kortright, c Hunt, b Rawlin ...	8	b Trott	10
Reeves, not out	24	c and b Wells ...	2
A P Lucas, run out ...	0	b Wells	9
Buckenham, c G Beldam, b Hearne	17	lbw, b Wells, ...	4
Young, b G Beldam ...	1	st Macgregor, b Wells...	7
Russell (T M), c Moon, b G Beldam	6	not out	0
Mead, b G Beldam ...	0	lbw, b Hearne ...	0
Leg-byes	5	B 7, lb 2 ...	9
Total	89	Total ...	99

MIDDLESEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
J Douglas, b Reeves ...	8	b Mead	18
L J Moon, not out ...	62	not out	25
G W Beldam, c and b Mead	4	b Reeves	3
C M Wells, c Young, b Kortright	29	b Mead	3
E A Beldam, b Reeves ...	0	not out	0
R W Nicholls, c Sewell, b Mead	9		
Trott, b Reeves	0		
J H Hunt, st Russell, b Reeves	0		
G Macgregor, b Mead ...	7		
Rawlin, b Kortright ...	5		
Hearne (J T), b Mead ...	0		
Byes 9, lb 1, nb 2 ...	12	B 3, lb 1	4
Total	136	Total 3 (wkts) ...	53

SUSSEX *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 30th, 31st July and 1st August. Worcestershire won by an innings and 176 runs.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bowley, c Butt, b Bland	36	Gaukrodger, not out ...	29
W S Caldwell, c Fry, b Tate	133	Pearson, not out ...	24
Arnold, c Butt, b Tate	30	Byes 8, w 4, nb 2 ...	14
Wheldon, c sub, b Tate	87	Total (5 wkts)* ...	403
G E Bromley-Martin, c Smith, b Tate ...	50		

A. W. Isaacs, Bird, Wilson and Keene did not bat.

*Innings declared closed.

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SUSSEX.

First innings.			Second innings.	
C B Fry, b Wilson	...	1	b Wilson ...	1
Cox, b Arnold	...	4	c Arnold, b Wilson ...	14
Killick, b Arnold	...	5	lbw. b Keene ...	55
Relf, lbw, b Arnold	...	11	c Bromley-Martin, b Arnold ...	22
C L A Smith, b Wilson	...	0	b Arnold ...	5
R B Heygate, lbw, b Arnold		4	b Wilson ...	5
H J Heygate, b Wilson	...	0	c Keene, b Arnold ...	10
Vine, not out	...	15	lbw, b Wilson ...	44
Kutt, b Arnold	...	2	c Wheldon, b Arnold	11
Tate, b Wilson	...	4	not out ...	1
Eland, b Wilson	...	0	b Wilson ...	4
Bye ...	...	1	B 4, lb 4 ...	8
Total ...	...	47	Total ...	180

RUGBY *v.* MARLBOROUGH.—Played at Lord's on 30 and 31st July. Drawn.

MARLBOROUGH.

First innings.			Second innings.	
G R J Round, b Harrison	...	15	c Harrison, b Snowden ...	2
N W Milton, lbw, b Snowden		8	c Cozens-Hardy, b Harrison ...	22
L G Colbeck, c Owen, b Cozens-Hardy	...	45	not out	62
E O Evans, b Tripp	...	12	run out	5
A P Scott, c Stutchbury, b Snowden ...	...	16	b Harrison ...	12
H M Butterworth, b Snowden ...	...	0	b Snowden ...	3
D V Coote, not out	..	20	b Snowden ...	5
H J Goodwin, b Snowden	...	0	c Pearson, b Spilsbury ...	9
L Parker, c Harrison, b Snowden ...	...	0		
N T White, c Pearson, b Snowden ...	...	0	c Sloman, b Owen ...	8
L Woodroffe, b Snowden	...	0		
B 1, lb 1 ...	...	2	B 12, lb 6, w 4 ...	22
Total ...	...	118	Total (8 wkts) ...	150

RUGBY.

A O Snowden, c Colbeck, b Woodroffe ...	...	23	G C Tripp, c and b Colbeck ...	63
R M Chadwick, b Goodwin ..		2	W J Pearson, b Colbeck	7
B Cozens-Hardy, c Goodwin, b Evans ...	...	32	L J Spilsbury, b Colbeck	4
H N P Sloman, c Milton, b Evans ...	...	11	A L S Owen, not out...	4
W P Harrison, b Scott	...	55	A C Don, b Scott ...	2
			Byes 10, lb 2 ...	12
			Total (9 wkts)* ...	215

*Innings declared closed.
G. H. Stutchbury did not bat.

CHELTENHAM *vs.* HAILEYBURY.—Played at Lord's on 31st July and 1st August. Cheltenham won by 49 runs.

CHELTENHAM.

First innings.			Second Innings.	
R H Malden, b Heymann	...	15	c Bond, b Grylls ...	3
H C B Taylor, c and b Heymann ...	...	1	b Ford... ...	78
E B Maxwell, c Bignell, b Grylls ...	...	21	c and b Bignell ...	7
J I Piggott, lbw, b Heymann		0	c Bignell, b Heymann	1
J M Weddell, c Bevington b Howard ...	...	11	Bond, b Heymann ...	35
P B Wallis, c Bignell, b Grylls ...	...	13	c Frewer b Heymann	5
V F Samuelson, c and b Bignell ...	...	25	c Grylls, b Heymann...	4
G Marsden, c Frewer, b Heymann ...	...	24	c and b Heymann ...	33
R T H Mackenzie, b Heymann ...	...	2	c and b Frewer ...	2
C T Brett, c Bond b Bignell...		2	c Frewer, b Howard...	8
G W Parker, not out	...	0	not out	11
B 5, lb 1, w 2	...	8	B 16, lb 5, w 2 ...	23
Total ...	...	122	Total. ...	210

HAILEYBURY.

First innings.			Second Innings.	
H V Bevington, c Malden, b Marsden ...	...	56	c Taylor, b Weddell ...	22
A F B Littlewood, b Mackenzie ...	...	20	c Taylor, b Weddell ...	11
A Howard, c Taylor, b Marsden ...	...	56	b Weddell ...	8
W G Heymann, run out	...	2	b Weddell ...	0
G N Bignell, c Tayloy b Mackenzie ...	...	0	run out	0
E Lee, b Marsden	...	27	c Taylor, b Webdell ...	3
I R B Bond, b Marsden	...	11	c Marsden, b Weddell	14
C H Frisby, c Samuelson, b Marsden ...	...	15	c Samuelson, b Mackenzie	3
J C Ford, c Taylor, b Marsden		2	not ont	7
F Frewer, c Taylor, b Brett...		13	c Malden, b Weddell...	0
W M Grylls, not out	...	3	c Taylor, b Marsden ...	5
Leg bye ...	...	1	B 3, lb 1	4
Total, ...	...	256	Total (4 wkts) ...	77

NOTTS *vs.* KENT.

AN INNINGS OF 210 BY IREMONGER.—Played at Trent Bridge on 30th, 31st July, and 1st August. Notts won by an innings and 36 runs.

NOTTS.

A O Jones, run out	..	39	Dexter, not out ...	31
Iremonger, c Seymour, b Fairservice	...	210	R E Hemingway, b Blythe, ...	17
Gun (J), lbw, b Fielder	...	21	Hallam, c Dillon, b Fielder ...	3
G T Branston, c Seymour, b Blythe ...	...	39	B 8, lb 3, w 7 ...	18
Gunn (G), c Seymour, b Burnup ...	...	31	Total (8 wkts)*	413
Anthony, c Dillon, b Blythe		4		

* Innings declared closed.

Oates and Wass did not bat.

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KENT.

First innings.			Second innings.	
E W Dillon, c Oates, b Gunn (J) ...	...	10	c and b Gunn (J)	77
Hearne (A), c Hallam, b Gunn (J) ...	...	7	c Gunn (G), b Wass ...	12
Seymour, c Jones, b Gunn(J)		20	b Wass ...	31
C J Burnup, lbw, b Gunn (J)		17	c Anthony, b Hallam	35
S H Day, c Gunn (G), b Wass		3	c Oates, b Hallam ...	20
Hardinge, b Gunn (J) ...		4	c Dexter, b Wass ...	39
R N R Blaker, c Hallam, b Gunn (J) ...	...	6	c Hallam, b Gunn (J)	11
Huish, b Wass ...	...	3	c Oates, b Gunn (J) ...	12
Fairservice, not out	...	19	c Oates, b Wass ...	6
Blythe, st Oates, b Hallam		11	not out ...	8
Fielder, c Oates, b Hallam		0	c Hemingway, b Gunn (J)	12
B 7, w 1, nb 1 ...		9	B2, lb 1, nb 2	5
Total ...		109	Total ...	268

THE PHILADELPHIAN'S TOUR.

MATCH *vs.* LEICESTER (FIFTEENTH OF THE TOUR.—Played at Leicester on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. Gentlemen of Philadelphia won by 101 runs.

GENTLEMEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

First innings.			Second innings.	
A M Wood, c King, b Stocks...		16	b Gill	40
N Z Graves, c Stocks, b King...		0	b King	67
J A Lester, not out		...126	c Davis, b Crawford ...	64
J B King, b Whitehead	...	21	st Davis, b Whitehead	22
F H Bohlen, c Davis, b King ...	...	2	c Crawford, b Gill	37
C C Morris, c Stocks, b King		7	run out	4
P H Clark, b Stocks	...	11	c Stocks, b Whitehead	0
F C Sharpless, b King	...	1	c Crawford, b Gill ...	30
H A Haines, c Stocks, b Whitehead ...	...	0	c Stocks, c Whitehead	0
E M Cregar, b Whitehead	...	9	b Gill	0
T C Jordan, run out	...	0	not out	7
B 3, lb 3, w 1...	...	7	B 10, lb 1, w 4, nb 1 ...	16
Total ...	...	200	Total ...	...287

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First innings.			Second innings.	
C E deTrafford, c Sharpless, b King ...	...	30	c King, b Clark ...	2
C J B Wood, c Lester, b King ...	...	6	lbw, b Cregar	... 43
Knight, b King ...	...	0	b Cregar ...	... 69
King, c Jordan, b Clark	...	53	c Sharpless, b Cregar	... 15
H Logan, c Graves, b Clark	...	1	b King ...	... 12
V F S Crawford, c Jordan, b King ...	...	6	c Clark, b King	... 29
Whitehead, c Graves, b Cregar ...	...	53	c Wood, b Clark	... 1
Cobley, c Graves, b Clark	...	13	b Clark ...	... 4
A E Davis, c Haines, b King		0	b Cregar ...	... 14
F W Stocks, c Haides, b Clark		1	not out ...	... 0
Gill, not out ...	...	0	b Cregar ...	... 22
Leg-bye ...	...	1	Extras	... 10
Total ...	...	164	Total ...	...222

OTHER MATCHES.

Kent beat Essex by ten wickets in the match played at Canterbury on the 3rd 4th and 5th instant.

At Birmingham on the 3rd and 4th instant Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by nine wickets.

Derbyshire beat Hampshire by an innings and 59 runs on the 3rd and 4th. The match between Sussex and Gloucestershire was drawn and the match between Lancashire and Gloucestershire played at Liverpool on the 30th and 30st July and 1st August also ended in a draw. Maclaren played a fine innings of 204.

THE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

RELATIVE POSITION TO 6th instant.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Percentage.
Middlesex	10	6	0	4	6	10·00
Yorkshire	20	11	4	5	7	16.56
Sussex	16	5	2	9	3	42.85
Worcestershire	15	7	3	5	4	40.00
Notts	17	5	3	9	2	25.00
Essex	15	6	4	5	2	20 00
Lancashire	20	6	5	9	1	9.09
Warwickshire	15	4	4	7	—	—
Kent	13	4	5	4	—1	—11·11
Surrey	20	6	8	6	—2	—14·28
Somerset	12	4	6	2	—2	—20·00
Derbyshire	12	4	6	2	—2	—20·00
Hampshire	8	1	6	1	—5	—71·42
Leicestershire	14	1	6	7	—5	—71·42
Gloucestershire	15	0	8	7	—8	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on June 15, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's June 15, &c., Somerset *vs.* Hampshire, at Bath, June 15, &c., and Essex *vs.* Hampshire, at Leyton, July 27, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

GOLF.

THE CALCUTTA CUP TOURNAMENT.

The fifth, or semi-final, rounds in the Calcutta Cup Tournament were played yesterday at St. Andrews. The weather was fine, but the wind again fresh and strong. Five players were in the field, and two matches went the round of the green in the morning, Mr. W. E. Fairlie having the bye. Mr. G. P. Elwens and Mr. D. Anderson played square. The latter made the best of the play, was 2 up when the end hole was reached, and ultimately won by 4 up and 3 to play, and passed into the semi-final. Col Kinloch played Major Elliot, the former conceding 9 strokes. Notwithstanding this, Col. Kinloch stood 2 up when the end hole was reached. The homeward play was very close, but the Major failed to recover the lost ground, Col. Kinloch winning by 2 and 1. The semi-final in the afternoon was between Mr. Fairlie and Mr. Anderson, and was witnessed by a large company. Mr. Anderson had a couple of strokes. At first the advantage was with Mr. Anderson, and he was leading at one time by four, but Mr. Fairlie carried off the eighth and ninth holes, and was only two behind at the turn In the second half-round Mr. Fairlie made the better play, and had the match on level terms at the third green. He took the lead at the next green, and carried his advantage to the end hole, winning an interesting match by a hole. The finalists were thus Mr. Fairlie and Col. Kinloch, and the match was decided this morning when Mr. Fairlie won beating the Colonel by 4 up and 3 to play.

ATHLETICS.

ARMY ATHLETIC MEETING.

This meeting, commenced on Tuesday, was brought to a successful finish on the ground at Queen's-avenue, Aldershot, on the 5th instant. The weeding-out process, gone through on the first day, had left in all the good men to compete in the second series and the finals, and though it was a case of a runaway race in more than one event, the finishes, as a rule, were close and exciting, and a large and critical body of spectators took great interest in the proceedings. Nearly every taste was catered for, running events, field events, dancing, gymnastics, and mounted competitions being decided in different parts of the ground. The first day's proceedings had given the supposed "line" to ultimate results, but, as is often the case more than one good thing failed to come off, and here and there a surprise cropped up, which gave additional flavour to the sport. Details:—

100 Yards Flat Race (privates).—Second round—Heat 1: Pte. Cutts, 1st Yorkshire Regt., 1; Drvr. Braithwaite, Royal Horse Artillery, 2; Gnr. B. T. Jackson, District Staff, 3. Won easily by five yards. Time—11secs Heat 2: Pte. W. Sharp 2nd Royal Highlanders, 1; Pte. C. Greaves, 1st Royal Berkshire Regt., 2; Sapr. Redfearn, Royal Engineers, 3. Sharp was well ahead at the half-distance, but he only won by a foot in 10 ⅘secs. Final heat: Pte. Cutts, 1st Yorkshire Regt., 1; Pte. W. Sharp, 2nd Royal Highlanders, 2; Pte. Greaves, 1st Berkshire Regt., 3; Drvr. Braithwaite, Royal Horse Artillery, 4. A fine finish, won by a foot; same between second and third. Time—10 ⅘-ecs.

One Mile Flat Race (privates).—Pte. J. Cunnane, Guards Depot, 1; Drvr. Garaty, 113th Battery Royal Field Artillery, 2; Pte. A. Birtwistle 3rd Scots Guards, 3; Pte. Atkinson, 1st East Surrey Regt., 4. Garaty led until half-way round the last lap, when Cunnane went to the front and won easily by ten yards; two between second and third. Time, 4min 48sec.

100 Yards Flat Race (non-com. officers).—Second round—Heat 1: Lance-Sergt. T. Watkins, 1st Gren. Guards, 1; Bombr. W. H. Dew, 26th Battery R. F. A., 2; Corpl. J. P. Jones, R. M. L. Infantry, 3. Won by a yard; three yards between second and third. Time—10 ⅘secs. Heat 2: Corpl. Calder, 1st Dragoons, 1; Sergt. T. Quanne, 2nd Royal Irish Regt., †; Lance-Corpl. C. W. Greaves, 1st Royal Berkshire Regt., †. Calder got badly away, but finishing well he won by a short yard; dead-heat for second place. Time—11 ⅘secs. Final heat: Lance-Sergt T. Watkins, 1st Grenadier Guards, 1; Bombr. W. H. Dew Royal Field Artillery, 2; Corpl. Calder, 1st Dragoons, 3; Sergt. Quanne, 2nd Royal Irish Regt., 4. Calder again lost a lot at the start, and Watkins, quickest away, made all the running and won by nearly two yards; a close finish for second place was given to Dew. Time—10 ⅘secs.

250 Yards Flat Race (non-commissioned officers of over fifteen years' service).—Colr. Sergt. Oldfield, 1st Rifle Brigade, 1; Lance-Sergt. J. Chessher 3rd East Lancashire Regt., 2; Qrmr.-Sergt. W. J. Kain Gymnastic Staff, 3. A good finish, won by two feet; a foot between second and third. Time—29 ⅘secs. Fifteen ran.

Quarter-mile Flat Race (privates).—Pte W. Sharp, 2nd Royal Highlanders 1; Sapr. R. W. Redfearn, 4th Company Royal Engineers, 2; Bandsman W. Cook, 4th Royal Warwick Regt., 3; Pte. J. Ainsley, 2nd Coldstream Guards 0; Pte. G. Williams, 1st Grenadier Guards, 0. Sharp drew out fifty yards from home and won cleverly by four yards; one between second and third. Time—55 ⅘secs.

100 Yards Flat Race (officers).—Second-Lieut. L. Goodeve, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1; Lieut. T. A. N. Bolton, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt, 2; Capt. W. E. T. Christie, Army Service Corps, 3; Second-Lieut. R. H. Osborne, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., 0; Second-Lieut. J. Kelsall, 2nd Dorset Regt., 0; Lieut. W. L. Kirby, Royal Field Artillery, 0. A grand race, Goodeve just getting home by a foot; inches between second and third. Time—10 ⅘secs

120 Yards Hurdle Race (non-commissioned officers).—Sergt. T. Quanne, 2nd Royal Irish Regt., 1; Staff Sergt. Canlon, Gymnastic Staff, 2; Lance-Corpl. W. Greaves, 1st Royal Berkshire Regt., 3; Bombr. W. Culmer, R. F. A., 0; Sergt. Ryan, 2nd North Stafford Regt., 0; Sergt. Callier, 1st Dragoons 0. Quanne began to draw away from the start, but catching the last hurdle he only won by a few inches; a yard between second and third. Callier fell. Time—18 ⅘secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race (privates).—Pte. C. Greaves, 1st Royal Berkshire Regt., 1; Pte. H. Ashman Guards Depot, 2; Pte. Doherty, 1st Irish Guards, 3. Greaves got in front at the fourth obstacle and won by three yards: the same distance between second and third. Time—19 ⅘secs.

Quarter-mile Flat Race (non-commissioned officers).—Corpl. Percy Calder, 1st Royal Dragoons, 1; Lance-Sergt. T. Watkins, 1st Grenadier Guards, 2; Acting-Bombr. W. H. Dew, 26th Battery R.F.A., 3; Corpl. L. Williams, 4th Rifle Brigade, 0; Acting-Bombr. F. W. H. St. John, R.F.A., 0; Sergt. Conroy, 1st Yorkshire Regt., 0. Watkins was again quick off the mark, while Calder flagged at the start. As a result the Grenadier led by four yards at the half-distance. Once in the straight Calder made his effort, and, drawing away, he won easily by five yards; a poor third. Time—54secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race (officers).—Second round: Heat 1: Lieut. R. F. A. Hobbs, Royal Engineers 1; Lieut M. D. Bell, Royal Garrison Artillery, 2; Second-Lieut. C. Garsia, Army Service Corps, 3. Six ran. Hobbs and Bell ran a good race home from the half-distance, which the first-named won by a yard; twice as much between second and third. Time—17 ⅘secs. Heat 2; Lieut. E A. Steel, Royal Horse Artillery, 1; Lieut. J. L. Phillips Y Battery R.H.A., 2; Second-Lieut. J. H. Pardoe, 2nd East Yorkshire Regt., 3. Steel took his timber in excellent form and won in smart fashion by a yard and a half; a good third. Time—17 ⅘secs.

FINAL HEAT

Lieut. J. L. Phillips, Y Bettery R.H.A. ...	1
Lieut. R. F. A. Hobbs, Royal Engineers ...	2
Lieut. E. A. Steel, R.H.A.	3
Lieut. M. D. Bell, Royal Garrison Artillery	4

Phillips began to draw away at the half-distance and he won a good race by a yard; third close up. Time—16 ⅘secs.

200 Yards Handicap (officers) (one yard start for every year's Army service over five years, under-age service not to count).—Col. G. R. R. Savage, Royal Engineers, 32½ yards start, 1; Col. G. D. N Leake, Royal Army Medical Corps, 30½, 2; Lieut. T. A. N. Polton, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., scratch, 3; Lieut T E. Harty, Royal Army Medical Corps, scratch, 0; Second-Lieut L. Goodeve, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers scratch, 0; Lieut.-Col. H. N. C. Heath, 1st Yorkshire L.I., 16, 0; Capt. H. T. Cantan, Duke of Cornwall's L.I., 18, 0; Sir Claude de Crespigny, 30½, 0. Won anyhow by fifteen yards. Time—20secs.

Quarter-mile Obstacle Race (non-commissioned officers and privates).—Staff-Sergt. G. S. Brown, Gymnastic Staff, 1; Staff-Sergt. W. Palmer, Gymnastic Staff, 2; Sergt. G. T. Rose, R.M. L.I., 3; Lance-Corpl. Cummins, 1st Surrey Regt., 4. Brown negotiated some very stiff obstacles in excellent manner and won easily.

Flat Race (Half-mile Championship of the Army, Challenge Cup, to be competed for each year by officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Regular Army only).—Pte. S. W. Ince 1st Scots Guards, 1; Lieut. W. H. M. Freestin, 2nd Somersetshire L.I., 2; Capt. W. E. T. Christie, Army Service Corps, 0; Acting-Bmbr. G. J. P. Walker, 32nd Company R.G.A., 0; Pte. A. Birtwistle, 3rd Scots Guards, 0; Corpl. L. Williams, 4th Rifle Brigade 0. After going a quarter the pace told on the field and even thus early the race was confined to Ince and Freestin. Half-way round the last lap the Guardsman spurted in splendid fashion, and, drawing away stride by stride, he won by fully fifty yards, Freestin easing when pursuit was hopeless. Time—2min 4 ⅘secs.



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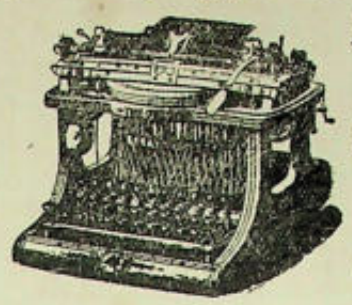

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Two-mile Bicycle Race (non-commissioned officers and privates).—Trpr. G. Purvee, 1st Life Guards, 1; Corporal Lowther, F. Company Army Service Corps, 2; Gnr. H. G. Jackson, 19th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, 3. Good finish between the first three. Won by two lengths; three lengths between the next two. Time—6min. 1s. ⅕sec.

Three-mile Flat Race (non commissioned officers and men).—Sergt. F. Moore, Depot Rifle Brigade, 1; Corporal C. Checkley Royal Highlanders, 2; Sergt. G. H. Murray, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 3. Twenty-two ran, Moore waited on his field for a mile, and then drawing away and running in fine style, he won as he liked by three hundred yards. Checkley sprinted in the last lap and was an easy second, while Murray secured third place on the post. Time—15mins 40secs.

High Jump (officers).—Lieut. H. S. Adair, 2nd Cheshire Regt., 5ft. 6in. 1.

Pole Jump (non-commissioned officers).—Staff-Sergt. Palmer, Gymnastic Staff.

Throwing the Hammer.—Piper-Major Macpherson, 1st Royal Scots Regt., 111ft 7in. 1; Sergt Black, 1st Royal Scots Guards, 106ft 8in., 2; Piper Dunbar, 1st Royal Scots Regt, 93ft 5in, 3.

Long Jump (non-commissioned officers and men.)—Schoolmaster F. T. Cornelius, 22ft, 6in. 1; Sergt. T. Quanne, 21ft. 7in, 2; Sergt. Arrigonie Gloucester Regt., 20ft, 7½in. 3.

Long Jump (officers).—Second-Lieut. L. Goodeve, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, 20ft, 6in. 1.

BOXING.

CONTESTS AT WONDERLAND.—Crowded to its utmost capacity was the huge building known as "Wonderland," in the Whitechapel-road, on Saturday, the 1st instant, when Mr. Harry Jacobs, who now has the sole control, put on a huge programme to please the holiday makers. His efforts were fully rewarded by the large attendance, and as the show lasted without a break for quite three hours and a half, the spectators went away throughly delighted. The list contained the first series of a 9st Novices' the semi finals of a 9st 6lb competition, a ten-round contest, and four of six rounds' duration. The tit-bit of the evening was, however, the contest between the veteran George Dixon (America) and "Digger" Stanley (Fulham). The coloured boxer was not only the heavier of the twain, but smarter with the gloves, and in the end gained a well-deserved verdict. Every bout throughout the evening was stubbornly contested, and at times the excitement was intense. Still, the best of order prevailed. The officials were: Referees, Messrs. J. Fineberg and R. Josephs; timekeeper, Mr. Sol. Davis; seconds, C. Smith, Jack Farley, Geo. Corfield, Bill Natty, and McGeorge Harris; whip, Albert Dixer. Details:—

GEORGE DIXON beat DIGGER STANLEY.

There was great excitement when this couple entered the ring. At the commencement caution was the order, and nothing particular was done until half-way through the second round, when Stanley shot out the left, but Dixon soon retaliated and bit by bit gradually assumed the upper hand. In the third and fourth rounds the coloured boxer was much the smarter at infighting, and scored heavily, and, though Stanley subsequently improved, he could not catch the other on points, so that Dixon was hailed the winner. At the close the victor received a big ovation.

Dave Barry (America) beat Jack Kingsland (Paddington).—Starting off at a terrific bat, they fought with great gusto for three rounds. Matters then slackened down. Barry had the cleverer left, and, always keeping it going, he frequently jabbed it on the mouth. Kingsland boxed pluckily, but had to put up with defeat.

TEN-ROUND CONTEST.

Young Josephs (Aldgate) beat Bert Slark (Holloway).—Fairly well matched, the couple sparred quietly in the first round. At the second and third meetings, however, Josephs set about his rival in great style, using left and right with effect. Slark, however, was not to be outdone, and, never losing his head, quite held his own in the next three rounds, but in the sixth Josephs kept scoring heavily with the left, and frequently swung the right round on the side of the head. They kept hand at it in the final stages, but Josephs had a trifle the best of the scoring, and received the verdict.

9st 6lb NOVICES' COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINAL.

Jack Lett (Rotherhite) beat Bob Cambridge (Bermondsey).—Lett had his man beaten in less than a round.

Matt Lee (Canning Town) beat Walter Boyns (Peckham).—The latter was knocked out in two minutes.

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Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

HOUNDS met on the 20th instant at the Kandal Cross Roads. They took up a stale line which led them to Blackmore Vale and thence to Newmarket, where they went away at a rare pace. Down Rawling's Nullah, to the left across it, below Bluegums to Governor's Shola which they went through coming out at the top and crossing the Krurmund, here a cloud came down on the field who lost the hounds eventually finding them beyond Karemmada Shola.

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POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

KONDWA, over beyond the Poona slaughter yards, is I find a meeting place which many hesitate to patronize. Many a good run has been recorded to take place in that part of the hunting country, but those with valuable horses or one eye lamb ponder seriously as to whether *le jeu vaut la chandelle*—whether with a long season before them even a good run is worth bruised heels and cut feltocks. For the going is I am told appalling—more rocks and stones than footing! A late previous night's entertainment added to hesitancy a further excuse and many well-known faces were consequently absent from the trysting place on the 16th. But Colonel Sheringham seldom if ever "plays to the gallery" and is ever as ready to agonize to show sport to the keen few as the mingled multitude. On the present occasion he had a strong pack out and at the tick of the hour moved off to draw the range of hills on the right of the village. An accommodating jack—returning "home with the milk" from his recent carouse on the outskirts of the slaughter yard—was soon aroused from pleasant matitutinal contemplations by a joyous acknowledgment of his presence in the shape of mellow chorus from his legitimate enemies, and nothing loath to respond to their invitation he led hounds and field a merry dance away over the hill tops. Past Beebeewari Hamlet in the direction of the famous Katruj Tunnel on the old high road to Mahableshwar "Tommy for leather" they went as hard as horses could lay shoe to ground a good deal faster indeed than most of the horses could and only a few of the top sawyers were "really in it" throughout—a fast thing it evidently was and after galloping for something under 20 minutes from find to end hounds ran their jack to ground in an earth where digging out was practically impossible and even Colonel Sheringham's well-known love for blood (as I am told) could not be assuaged and Master and hounds had to rest satisfied with the moral victory which indeed many good and true sportsmen prefer nine times out of ten to the annihilation (with odds of say 55 to 1 against!) of the game little galloping varmints who add one of the greatest of zests to the life of hunting men.

After giving "all concerned" the much-needed breather and flask proprietors no doubt a grateful "swig" the Master sunk the hill and drew the valley beneath, where in a little crop land near the country cart track another jack was scented and hounds at once set to business. But out in this "land of regrets"—and of sport—there is evidently a very important factor which comes into play to assist the weak and unprotected. For if nature endow jack with self-connecting scent it also provides for the occasional semi-destruction of that scent by that all-Powerful scavenger the Sun and by this time it was coming out in all its power and drying up the morning dew and with it the tell-tale scent. Hounds were obviously puzzled and worked it out in fits and snatches with commendable diligence and eventually threw up the sponge—or at any rate their heads—in token of defeat and since the Master was unable to solve the difficulty little Reynard and the Sun were proclaimed the winners.

Fearing the worst no doubt, but hoping for the best the Master then drew along homewards towards the range of hills on which is the well known Lloyd's Ride—the remains of what must have been a delightful scamper over the watershed of the particular range of hills, a grass ride being cleared away through the stones innumerable at a wonderful expenditure of energy—military prison labour in the "good old days"! I believe. But who the illustrious Lloyd was history also doth not record though many a blessing has been showered on his memory for this thoughtful act of his as they would indeed be to any one who with a like energy and public spiritedness would put into repair this token of his good deed. For it is I am told—though I cannot stray so far a foot—one of the pleasantest and airiest rides near Poona. On this hill side a sprightly little chinkara jumped up in front of hounds who lost no time in responding to the impudent challenge. I see that a local sporting scribe opines that hounds would have captured their light limbed quarry had not a brace of foxen diverted their attention. But my shikari friend still shakes his head and smiles and added (in a tone which appeared to me to savour of sarcasm) that when Colonel Sheringham and his hounds ran a full-grown healthy chinkara down, fair and square, might he be there to see! In the present instance at any rate the apparently rare distinction was not to be achieved for splitting on the brace one grey fox "beat for cleverness" his followers, while the other made good his retreat in a stony earth whence human skill was unavailing to secure his eviction. Evidently a most sporting description of morning and many of the faint hearted and lie-a-bed brigade must have deeply repelled their lack of keenness on this particular morning. It is ill to trifle with the humours of the chaste Diana. Pashan, over against the hill of Ganesh—the god who has the honour of giving name to the country seat of the Governor of Bombay, was the order of the day on the 20th and five and twenty souls, whose ardour the continual downpour failed to dampen was there for whatever sport the fates might send. The Pashan Vale in wet weather is I am assured, a vale of tears, a slough of despond, and followers of the Devon and Somerset from all one reads of their treacherous bogs would have felt quite at home as there were apparently several admirable imitations of those alluring horse traps. The rain was practically unceasing and that takes a *little* gilt off the gingerbread, I trow, however keen a man may be, especially when one feels one's brave horse struggling through the clay, valiantly but sobbingly. Even jacks seemed to think it too wet to run, for a brace were killed without affording much sport I believe. Then one was found seeking shelter in some guava gardens but a purling stream on one side—too broad for pleasurable negociation on such a day—and a somewhat unappreciative field on the other were Scylla and Charybdis to the hapless one and it was not till he was sore pressed that preferring the evils he wot not of to the very present terror of Colonel Sheringham's ravening pack he broken through the *cordon* towards the hills pointing for Kothrud. Slow was the pace though fast enough for most through the slush and mire and to vary the monotony of life the gallant Master successfully discovered a bog hole and was extricated with difficulty and the sporting 1st whip with a praiseworthy loyalty followed suit. Meanwhile hounds were pegging along and the field tailing off. It was not in this instance the "pace that killed" but the plough, and when hounds who had hunted with remarkable persistency eventually threw up their heads and acknowledged their jack's superior skill and stoutness, not more than half a dozen horsemen were really with them. One cannot from all I gather conscientiously call it a brilliant day, but hounds worked well and patiently and for the horses' sake one could have wished they had been able to travel on the top of the ground instead of fetlock deep in mire.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

THE MEASUREMENT OF PONIES.

THERE is no subject which is less understood by the general body of spectators of polo than that of the measurement of ponies. It is a very common thing to hear people say, as they look over some famous pony: "Yes, but you don't call that a pony. I am sure he is fifteen hands—quite a little horse." This, no doubt, is sometimes true, though not nearly so often the case as is supposed by those who trust only to their eyes, which are very deceptive in the case of the height of ponies, because in fact the horse has no fixed height at the withers. Height varies from day to day, even from hour to hour, and depends upon whether the muscular attachment of the shoulder blade to the withers is relaxed or in a state of tension. Thus the height fixed (14-2h.) is purely arbitrary, and has only a comparatively slight relation to the actual size of the pony. All it means is that since it is necessary to have some limit, and since for the purposes of the game it matters little what that limit is, a pony must be able to stand in a natural position under a fixed standard of so many inches from the ground. The reason why 14 2h. was fixed upon is because it is found to be about the average height of horses all the world over, and it is probably the size to which horses would approximate if left to grow up under natural conditions, and in a fairly favourable climate. When, therefore, we read in the rules of polo that the height of polo ponies is fixed at 14-2h. this must be interpreted by the bye-laws which affect measurement and registration.

It has been said that the existence of this rule has a tendency to induce people to endeavour, by means very doubtful either in their honesty or humanity, to reduce large ponies to the standard. Of course the difference in value between a pony which has the Hurlingham certificate and one that has not is very great. If two ponies are of equal excellence, the one that had a certificate might sell for hundreds, while one without brought tens only. Yet it is the fact that the pony is protected by the uselessness of many of the means employed to reduce him in height. You must not cut his feet down too much, or even run the risk of destroying his usefulness for ever by bringing on laminitis. It seems moreover, as though a pony did not always recover from the combinations of sleeplessness, starvation, and drugs which have been tried. We think, ourselves, that almost the only safe and effective method of making a pony measure his least is to give him a sharp gallop beforehand on a chilly morning. We say to measure his least, because the object is to have big ponies caught at their smallest moments. The present official measurer, who has the confidence of all pony owners and breeders, stated in a court of law the other day that the same pony will differ as much as an inch or more within a few moments. We wish to emphasise this because so many people think that there is something unfair about the way ponies are measured. Yet there is little or nothing of what is known to the Kennel Club as "faking," and is condemned by that body. The rule practically states that a pony in order to be allowed to play in matches must have a certificate that it is 14-2h. when measured by Hurlingham rules.

Let us describe the process by which a pony may be fairly brought to measure. The first thing to be done is to study the rules and bye-laws. These are most admirable, and it is difficul

to see how this matter, which is so important to the game, could be better regulated. In the first place as little room for tricking or "faking" as possible is left. The rules only forbid methods obviously cruel and unfair. You may shave the hair on the wither, you may pare the feet down There is no allowance for shoes. This last is wise, for Anglo-Indians will recollect that the allowance of ¼in. for shoes was productive of, to say the least, temptations to pony owners. Then the pony has to be measured by the official measurer (a veterinary surgeon of high standing) who has absolule discretion as to whether he shall reject or accept a pony. Indeed, it is laid down that he is not to accept for measurement animals that have been improperly treated. But within these limits there is nothing to prevent a pony being prepared for measurement in a legitimate way. The first point to consider is that a horse measures larger, as a rule, when he is at attention, and in the condition known to grooms as being "a bit above himself." Therefore, if we have doubts about a pony measuring, it is well to prepare him by cutting down his corn, giving soft food, and taking care he has plenty of walking exercise. It is not a bad plan, and does, of course, no harm to walk a pony some distance to the place of measurement. Other things being equal, the animal is more likely to measure less if he is a little tired. Then it is well to recollect that a horse has a great dislike of the unknown. Therefore he should be measured constantly at home in the attitude he will have to assume in the box. After a time the measuring standard will have no terrors for the pony, and he will stand as directed without trouble, and without resistance. Then the measurer's task is made easy and the owner's heart made glad. A pony then can be taught to measure, and in the course of the teaching the owner will learn whether it is really somewhere about the prescribed height.

In most cases it will be found that the pony measures far more easily than is expected How few animals are rejected! The late Sir Henry Simpson said not more than three per cent. That was in the early days. We should doubt if there were as many now. Nor is it necessary to despair because a pony will not measure all at once. We know one case where a pony took five years to come under the standard. The last time he was sold (before measurement) he brought £35; now ten times that sum would not buy him. The Hurlingham certificate is everywhere accepted It is as necessary to the show pony as to the playing pony, since without the certificate no mare can be entered in the Polo and Riding Pony Stud Book

There is, however, one weak spot. No means have been found yet to make measurement compulsory. The rule is not everywhere observed. A pony can be sold at auction as a "good polo pony," and if it does not measure it cannot be returned. The buyer must ask for the certificate before buying; if he does not he has no remedy. A pony might occasionally play even in London tournaments, and, if no one objected—and objections are rare—might be sold as having so played. Yet it might have no certificate, nor any likelihood of obtaining one. Such a pony might win prizes at shows, since most judges assume that all animals sent before them are of polo height, and have, of course, neither the means nor the technical knowledge to discover the real height. Nothing is commoner than for an animal that has every appearance of being 15h. to walk under the standard as easily as possible, and to convict objectors of rash statements. If we have ponies to measure, the first step (as already stated) is to make them go under the standard at home, and then the owner must ascertain when and where the official measurer is likely to be in his neighbourhood. Naturally it is an advantage to attend a measurement as early in the season as possible, since animals about which there is any doubt should not be brought into playing condition until after they have been measured. Having arrived at the place of measurement the owner fills up, if he has not already done so, a form of description, and pays a fee of 10s Then the measurer ages the pony, since a life certificate is only given if the pony is five years old. If it is less a certificate is given for a year only. Then the pony is handed over to the official measurer, neither the owner nor his servant being allowed to touch him. The pony is taken into a box with a level floor where he can see nothing and hear as little as possible, and there, in the presence of the measurer and one member of the Polo Committee, the pony is carefully measured. The attendance of the third person is optional by the rules, but is usual, and we have attended many measurements and occasionally gone into the box. The pony is stripped, and stands as nearly square as possible on its legs, and the head is held in a line with the withers, parallel with the floor This position having been arrived at, often with some patience and manœuvring, the height is taken from the heighest point of the withers, from which the hair should be carefully clipped. It may be shaved, but of course, when this has been done it may suggest a doubtful case to the mind of the measurer. If at any moment the pony measures, and the measurer is satisfied it was standing fairly, the certificate is granted, and would be fairly granted even if it was, as perhaps it is, the only moment of its life that the pony would be 14-2h. We have dealt with this subject carefully and at length because it is one of the most important, the most generally interesting, and the least understood part of the mechanism of polo.—*The County Gentleman.*

Rowing.

THE MADRAS BOAT CLUB.

THE HOT WEATHER REGATTA.

THIS Regatta was held on Saturday, the 15th, on the pleasant reaches of the Adyar near the Adyar Club, when the Madras Boat Club which has its Boat-house in the compound of the former club, was hospitably "At Home" to the members of other recognised clubs in Madras. The Regatta this year was without the interest and excitement which attended the same fixture last year when the representatives of the Calcutta Rowing Club were present and swept the board. We have been favoured with a bountiful south-west monsoon this year, with the result that the Adyar was full and there were not the usual difficulties to be encountered when we have the river "choked" with shallows and sand banks. The weather fortunately was perfect cool and cloudy, and a large and fashionable gathering witnessed the racing, the preliminary heats in the most important of which had been previously decided. Captain Thomas George Rocastle Finny, R.I.M., acted as starter, while the judging was done by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Benson. The events themselves call for little comment, as mishaps spoilt two of the three chief races In the Junior Sculls a foul took place and the race was left undecided, and will be rowed over again to-day (Monday). In the Club Fours the bow of Wellman's crew early broke his oar, leaving Wilson's crew to finish alone.

The preliminary heats rowed off during the week resulted as follows:—

JUNIOR SCULLS.

First Heat.

G K Walker ...	...	beat	C W Layard
W H Johnston ...	...	"	A A Laing (scratched)
Capt F Domenichetti	...	"	E P Corlett (scratched)
R C M Strouts ...	...	"	R Simpson

Second Heat.

G K Walker ...	...	beat	W H Johnston
R C M Strouts ...	...	"	Capt F H Domenichetti

CLUB FOURS.

W B Stephens	(bow)	beat	H K Gillon	(bow)
J B Cunliffe	(2)		H M Gibson	(2)
M Mursch	(3)		H N C Campbell	(3)
F H Wilson	(str)		Capt Domenichetti	(str)
W G Molesworth	(cox)		R P White	(cox)
C W Layard	(bow)	beat	E Wilson	(bow)
C Moresby	(2)		A A Laing	(2)
H K Warren	(3)		H K Beauchamp	(3)
A H Wellman	(str)		H M Gibson	(str)
W G Molesworth	(cox)		R P White	(cox)

SENIOR PAIRS.

First Heat.

R C M Strouts	(bow)	beat	J B Cunliffe	(bow)
H N C Campbell	(str)		F H Wilson	(str)

FINALS.

R C M Strouts	(bow)	vs.	H V Noone	(bow)
H N C Campbell	(str)		C Moresby	(str)

Appended are details of the finals:—

JUNIOR SCULLS.

Finals.

G. K. Walker beat R. C. M. Strouts, after a good race by a foot.

TUB-SAILING RACE.

Crews of three, of which one must be a lady. Post Entries.
Mrs Dobbs (cox).
Major Robertson.
Captain Cornwall.

CLUB FOURS.

W R Stephens	(bow)	beat	C W Layard	(bow)
J B Cunliffe	(2)		C Moresby	(2)
M Mursch	(3)		H K Warren	(3)
F H Wilson	(str)		A H Wellman	(str)
W G Molesworth	(cox)		R C Holland	(cox)

Time—3mins. 10⅗secs.

TUB RACE.

Lady coxswains. Post Entries.
Mrs. Bryce (cox)
F W Wilson
G K Walker.

SENIOR PAIRS.

R C M Strouts	(bow)	beat	H V Noone	(bow)
H N C Campbell	(str)		C Moresby	(str)

The Cups and prizes were given away by Mrs. Jackson. The function was preceded by a speech from the Hon'ble Sir Arnold White, who tendered the hearty congratulations of all present to the Committee of the Boat Club for the very excellent Regatta which they had witnessed that afternoon. The good sport which they had seen was ample proof that rowing in Madras was still very much alive. He should also like to offer his congratulations to Mr. Wilson and his crew for the very sportsman-like way in which they won the Cup. What might have happened if bow of Mr. Wellman's crew did not meet with the catastrophe, he could not say. However, there was no use in speculating about the matter and it could not be denied that the crew which won the Cup was an excellent crew. As they were all aware the Cup was initiated about six years ago to encourage rowing in Madras. The idea was to discover and develop good material and to send teams and crews elsewhere to compete with other crews. He hoped that that idea would be fulfilled. Madras unfortunately had not been conspicuously lucky in rowing. He had just been told that some of those who took part in the contests of that evening were proceeding to Colombo to try their luck against the Colombo Club. He trusted that when the event came off the Madras crew would meet with success.

Three cheers for Mrs. Jackson, and three more for Mr. W. W. Paul, the Acting Honorary Secretary, brought a most pleasant evening to a close. The Band of the 28th M. N. I. played during the afternoon.

Cricket.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.—Played on the Gymkhana ground last Friday, the game ending in a draw in favour of the Gymkhana. Score:—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr H Cheetham, l-b-w, b Vakil	...	39
" P J Mead, b Vakil	...	2
Lieut A Langhorne, c Cooper, b Vakil	...	6
Mr H E Harrington, c Parakh, b Vakil	...	0
Lieut W F Lumsden, c Cooper, b Vakil	...	40
Lieut H O Carroll, st Mulla b Khan Saheb		0
" P J Armes, b Vakil	...	18
Mr C J Stileman, b Vakil	...	0
" G H White, c Khan Saheb, b Vakil	...	6
" S McCausland, not out	...	4
" E E Coombs	did not bat.	
" A N Powell	did not bat.	
Extras ...		5
Total		120

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.

Mr N N Vakil, st Mead, b Cheetham	...	7
" Mulla, c Langhaorne b Lumsden	...	5
" J D Mody, l-b-w, b Lumsden	...	7
" Gimi, c Coombs, b Cheetham	...	0
" P Vakil, b Lumsden	...	2
" Ashburner, st Mead, b Cheetham	...	6
" Khan Saheb, not out	...	3
" Parakh, b Cheetham	...	0
" Cooper, b Coombs	...	5
" Vatcha, b Coombs	...	0
" A J Mody (did not bat)	...	
Extras	...	10
Total (for 10 wkts)	...	45

BOMBAY GYMKHANA AND VISITORS *vs.* BARONET C. C.—These teams met on the Gymkhana grounds last week. The Baronet C. C. went in first and put up 225 for seven wickets, colabawalla playing a good innings of 100 not out. The Gymkhana made 129 for 5 wickets, the match thus ending in a draw.

BARONET C. C.

F P Colabawalla, not out	...	100
D M Raja (Junior), b Faviell	...	44
D M Raja (Senior), b H O Carroll	...	5
R P Meherhomji, b Lumsden	...	22
N C Bapasola, b H O Carroll	...	10
F Messani, b Sale	...	17
P M Polishwalla, b H O Carroll	...	1
K Irani, b Sale	...	16
B D Gazarat	did not bat	
M E Pavri	did not bat	
D S Ranji	did not bat	
Kapadia	did not bat	
Extras	...	10
Total	...	225

* Innings declared closed.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA AND VISITORS.

Lt W F O Faviell, c Bapasola, b Kapadia	...	0
Lt B M Carroll, c Messani, b Kapadia	...	32
Mr H Cheetham, c Bapasola, b Meherhomji		33
Lt A Langhorn, c Meherhomji, b Kapadia	...	5
Mr J Monteath, not out	...	18
Lt W F Lumsden, b Kapadia	...	13
Mr C L Burns, not out	...	1
Mr A H Aston	did not bat	
Mr E Priestly	did not bat	
Lt H O Carroll	did not bat	
Capt J H McDonald	did not bat	
Mr E L Sale	did not bat	
Extras	...	26
Total (for 5 wickets)	...	129

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Football.

RUGBY IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA *vs.* CUSTOMS.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 22nd instant the home team being strongly represented. The Customs kicked off, but their opponents soon got possession and after some brilliant passing by the three-quarters Landon crossed the line, P. Browne converting. On restarting the ball was brought down and another try scored, W. Browne doing the needful with a splendid kick. Before the interval two more tries were registered, one of which was improved on. After changing ends the visitors played hard and some good work was done but they never got dangerous and Calcutta scored two more tries through Macdonald and Siddons. The place failed on both occasions and time arrived leaving them victorious by three goals and 3 tries (21 points) to *nil*.

CASUALS *vs.* CITY.—These teams met on the Rangers' ground on Saturday, the City team who showed superior combination winning by a goal and a try to *nil*. Nothing was scored in the first half, but in the second period Williams and Schaumberg both got over, Grieff converting the second try.

CALCUTTA *vs.* UNITED SERVICES.—Played on the Calcutta ground on the 25th instant, the home team having the best of it throughout. Within a few minutes of the start F. Siddons crossed the line, but the place failed. A clever double by McLeod resulted in a second try, no goal resulting. McLeod ran in with a third try shortly after. Good play by Martelli gained a lot of ground and Dundas getting possession ran over with the fourth try which he succeeded in converting. Play ruled more even in the second half and nothing was scored till near the end when Sherman got over the line, Dundas kicking a fine goal. Calcutta thus won by two goals and three tries (19 points) to *nil*.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE form displayed by the Calcutta team in their recent matches has to a great extent confirmed the opinion expressed last week as to their developing into a far stronger side than the wearers of the red and white jersey have had for many years. As the fifteen which is to represent the premier club has not yet been finally decided on it is impossible to judge of their chances of wresting the Cup from the Welsh Regiment who are the present holders, but there is no doubt, after last Saturday's match against the Customs, that a radical change will have to be made in the half-back line and it is the difficulty of satisfactorily filling this position which is at present exercising the minds of the Selection Committee.

The newly-formed Armenian Club have, by their excellent exhibition against a strong Calcutta team stamped themselves as a side who are second only in local football to the premier club. The result of this match, which was contested in the best spirit by both teams, was in the balance right up to the call of time and the victory of Calcutta by 1 goal to nil was hard earned and represents pretty accurately the superiority of the winners Calcutta have been defeated previously by both the Customs and City teams, but it must be remembered that on both these occasions the home fifteen was far from being representative, whereas against the Armenians they were almost at full strength.

The Armenians have the advantage over most local teams of being thoroughly conversant with the laws and science of the game, and although they lack weight in the pack this weakness is to a great extent nullified by the cleverness with which they use their feet and their splendid tackling. Outside they have in Apcar and Yackjee two of the speediest and cleverest three-quarters in Calcutta whose only fault is their tendency to kick too frequently. At half-back they, like most other clubs, require strengthening. Creet is one of their best forwards and the whole team play with such dash that, if they are lucky in the draw, will assuredly take them into the final for the Cup.

The meetings of the Customs and City was fraught with a good deal of interest by reason of the fact that both teams had previously defeated Calcutta, but the match was a scrambling one and the Customs' victory was entirely due to another fine display by Rowe, who scored two extremely clever tries as the result of long individual runs from the region of the half-way line. Maitland was also noticeable for his speed and dodging powers in addition to which his tackling is sound, if at times unnecessarily forceful. Fitzgerald as usual was conspicuous in the loose.

For the City Williams worked hard but was playing far below his usual form and the forwards were completely beaten by the opposing pack. The three-quarter backs are fast but have absolutely no combination and are seldom fed by the men in front of them.

Calcutta were, with the exception of Curtis-Hayward, at full strength on Saturday last when they played their return match with the Customs before a large attendance and with the ground in good condition a very interesting if somewhat

one sided game resulted. Contrary to expectation the Customs were completely outplayed in every department of the game and it says much for their pluck that they stuck so perseveringly to their hopeless task to the bitter end. The Calcutta pack, in which Heilgers was included for the first time this season, played a magnificent game from start to finish Their footwork has improved considerably and the tackling if still somewhat high was sounder than in previous matches. Berridge led his men with consummate judgment and his efforts were well backed up by Heilgers, Brown and McLeod who were always in the van. P H. Browne was also very conspicuous in the loose.

At half-back Macdonald, who on this occasion was not opposed by Rowe, showed his abilities in opening out the game for the men behind him and his passing and running were alike excellent. His partner, Jacob, however, gave a terribly mediocre display and repeatedly spoilt splendid openings by sticking to the ball too long in addition to which his passing was of the daisy cutter order. This is not good enough for Cup form and I anticipate an early change in this position.

The three-quarters were at times brilliant, but on other occasions disappointing and this was especially so in the case of Langdon. This player has a splendid stride and a clever swerve which make him a difficult man to tackle, but he is inclined to hold the ball too long and repeatedly bores his wing man on to the touch line before passing to him which is a serious fault for a centre three-quarter. The elder Siddons is at present the best of the quartette and combines well with his brother who is fortunately possessed of the knack of passing inwards which Dundas must cultivate.

Newton, who made a welcome re-appearance at full back, was quite at his best. He had no tackling to do but repeatedly got his side out of difficulties by his cleverness, whilst his kicking showed an improvement on even his last year's form.

This "colt" by the way is now entering on his 25th year of rugger—prodigious !!

The school competition commences on the 2nd of next month and present appearances point to the ultimate victory of either the Armenian College or La Martinière. The latter will probably be the bigger and heavier lot, but the Armenians' knowledge of the game combined with the speed of three-quarters should give them the Cup.

The Casuals are not meeting with the success their initial appearance against Calcutta led one to expect, and this is to be attributed simply and solely to the fact that more than half the team have not yet mastered the game. However, with such an able exponent as Whitie to lead them, it should not be long before they improve on their present form and it is the general hope that the Casuals will be found amongst the entries for the Cup.

Calcutta have entered for the Bombay Rugger Tournament and present acceptances point to a strong combination being sent over, of which further particulars next week.

IMPARTIAL.

FOOTBALL IN RANGOON.

WALTER LOCKE CUP.—The following is the result of the drawing for the Walter Locke Cup.—

1st Round.

Sept. 7th 1 Govt. Collegiate School *vs.* 61st Co., R. G. A.
" 14 h 2 Rangoon Gymkhana *vs.* East Yorks
" 14th 3 Royal Fusiliers *vs.* Y M. C. A.
" 12th 4 Border Regt *vs* 70th Co. R. G. A.
" 9th 5 Burma Social *vs.* Baptist College.
" 8th 6 Rangoon College *vs.* Catholic Club.
Rangoon Club. } Byes.
The King's Regiment. }

2nd round.

Sept. 15th 7. Rangoon Club *vs.* Winners of 1.
" 17th 8. Winners of 2 *vs* Winners of 3.
" 19th 9. Winners of 4 *vs.* Winners of 5.
" 21st 10. The King's *vs.* Winners of 6.

Semi finals.

Sept. 22nd 11. Winners of 7 *vs* Winners of 8.
" 24th 12. Winners of 9 *vs.* Winners of 10.

Final.

Sept. 26th 13. Winners of 11 *vs.* Winners of 12.

Golf.

GOLF AT POONA.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S PRIZE.—Over thirty competitors turned out on the 17th instant for this competition, the first in the Annual Club Tournament. Twenty-one returned their scores which were as follows :—

	Ser	Hcp	Nett
Lt-Col Montgomery Campbell	82	6	76
Capt Kemble	91	8	83
Major Anderson	83	Scr	83
W T Morrison	92	8	84
F W Browne	94	10	84
Sir R Low	97	12	85
H Bromley	101	16	85
Hon'ble Mr J Tate	98	12	86
W H Plunkett	93	6	87
Capt Watson	104	16	88
T Le Mesurier	98	9	89
C Fawcett	105	16	89
H N Alexander	111	20	91
F Young	102	10	92
A W Dalby	104	12	92
Capt Laing	106	12	94
E Giles	110	16	94
Capt Stack	111	16	95
General Greenfield	114	18	96
Col Broomfield	113	16	97
Hon'ble Mr E Fulton	125	24	101

Sir James Monteath's prize was competed for on the 18th instant and resulted in a win for Lieutenant-Colonel Carter, who played a fine game. Score :—

	Handicap.	Score
Lieut-Col Carter	6	3 down.
Mr T LeMesurier	12	1 up.
Major Young	6	all square.
Mr F Young	10	all square.
The Hon Mr Edgerly	scr.	1 down.
Mr F K Boyd	scr.	1 down.
Major Anderson	scr.	2 down.
Lieut-Col Feversham	10	2 down.
Mr T Fry	scr.	3 down.
Mr W Plunkett	6	3 down.
Mr H Bromley	16	3 down.
Lieut Col Campbell	3	4 down.
Capt Kennedy	24	4 down.
Sir Robert Low	12	5 down.
The Hon Mr Tate	12	6 down.
Mr W T Morrison	9	7 down.

THE MEN'S FOURSOMES.—Played at Yerrowda on the 19th instant. Play was rendered difficult by rain. Results were as follows :—

	Handicap.	Score.
Col Bromfield, Maj Anderson ...	6	all square
Maj Walker, Capt Kemble ...	5	3 down
The Hon Mr Edgerley, Mr T B Fry ...	scr	5 down
Mr Muir Mackenzie, Mr Boyd ...	2	5 down
The Hon Mr Tate, Mr Morrison ...	8	5 down
Mr Keatinge, Mr Fawcett ...	11	6 down
Sir Robert Low, The Hon Mr Fulton ...	13	7 down
Capt Laing, Mr Browne ...	9	7 down
Mr Wroughton, Mr Giles ...	7	10 down

The match between Poona and Bombay resulted in a win for the home team by 19 holes. Score :—

POONA.		BOMBAY.	
Mr T B Fry	1 up	Mr Osborne Marshall	0
" F K Boyd	6 up	" C J Jones	0
Major Anderson	0	" L Stansfield	1 up
Mr R C Wroughton	0	" C M Gray	3 up
Col Campbell	0	" F H Greig	4 up
Col Carter	4 up	" J Carnegie	Returns
Major Walker	6 up	" D H Brand	not
Major Young	10 up	" H R Greaves	received
	27 holes		8 holes.

Sports.

A GAY WEEK IN PALMANER.

THE district of North Arcot is fortunate in possessing a little sanitarium of its own on the edge of the Mysore plateau, greatly improved by a former Collector, Mr. Whiteside, who planted what are now fine banyan trees, laid out roads and in other ways left his mark upon the place. The present Collector, Mr. E. L. Vaughan, has been staying there for some little time and took the opportunity to give a Palmaner week. Most of the District Officers were able to avail themselves of the invitation, and arrived there on Saturday, 18th July. They were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, and when their bungalows and the Forest Bungalows were full tents were pitched in the Collector's compound, where excellent golf links have been recently made. On Sunday two services were held, and on Monday there was an all-day picnic at Gungamachitzu, 13 miles away. The first part of the journey was made on horses, bicycles, or in jutkas, but the last four miles through jungly and hilly country gave an opportunity for walking which was seized by most of the party as the only alternative was to be carried in chairs. The walk ended in a drop in a wooded ravine with a deep still pool into which in the rainy season a magnificent waterfall leaps. After a bath breakfast under the trees followed. Various diversions occupied the afternoon and after tea when it began to get cool the return was made. The scenery alone was well worth the journey—ranges rising above ranges, here clad with forest, here wild bare scarred rock. Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and an impromptu sing-song followed. On Tuesday the Golf Tournament began—9-hole course; bogie 42. The chaplain distinguished himself by doing it in 97 amid wild excitement and loud applause. Dinner at the Collector's on Wednesday the bogie contest was concluded, Mr. Hawkins winning In the afternoon there was a Gymkhana in the grounds. The Missing Word Competition went to Mr. Bardswell, the Menagerie Race to Mr. Anderson and his goat, Mr. Loveluck's ram with its owner in tow arriving a good second. But *the* event was the Ladies' Race as the number of genuine ladies was limited, any one was admitted who could find appropriate costume and in consequence there was a good turn out. One or two new women were most lady like, but there were others who were reminiscent of Bow Street on Monday morning. Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Hawkins ran a dead heat for the ladies' prize and Mr. Anderson that for the Bow Street gang. After the race a fatigue party disinterred those competitors who had got bunkered at the jumps. Mr Tyler won the blindfold bladder fight after a triangular contest with the survivors of previous rounds Thursday was an an off day; Golf and Tennis and dinner at Mr. Hawkins. On Friday there was a paperchase on horse back Messrs. Tyler and Atkinson were the hares and over an 8. mile course with 7½ mins' start they won easily and the hounds faulted several times and followed false trails with beautiful fidelity. The first hound in was Mr Squire. In the evening Mr. and Mrs Hawkins gave a fancy dress dinner—among the costumes were Powder Puff (Mrs. Vaughan); My Sweetheart (Mrs. Hawkins); Orpheus and his lute (Mr. Hawkins) as a pensioned Madras Constable; a Knight of Windsor (Mr. Vaughan); a Mohammedan noble (Mr Anderson); a Madrassi boy (Mr. Bardswell); a Burman (Mr. Squire); Buffalo Bill (Mr. Williams); No Trumps (Mr Loveluck); French Chef (Mr. Althinson); the Nine of Hearts (Mr Jones) and Three Japs (Messrs. Tyler, Lane and Atkins). The first prize went to Powder Puff, second to the Burman.

On Saturday the Golf Handicap was won by Mr. Squire and the week terminated with a farewell dinner and concert at the Collector's bungalow.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to the hosts and hostesses and the party broke up amid loud cheers, choruses and the rattle of departing jutkas and bandies

C. M. A.

3rd BOMBAY CAVALRY GYMKHANA.

There was a large gathering at the Gymkhana given by the 3rd Bombay Cavalry at Poona last week. An interesting programme was provided and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one. Details :—

TUG OF WAR.—On Ponies by teams of four.

There were four teams competing.

1st—The Scratch team beat the Artillery team.

2nd—The Buffs beat the Oxford's team.

Final—The Scratch team pulled the Buffs over.

DIANA STAKES.—Lady and Gentleman to ride together to a post where they will both dismount and, without help of syces change their saddles, mount and ride back together.

First—Miss Dodington and Mr. Smith.

Second—Miss Day and Major Geddes.

POLO PONY SCRAMBLE.—Polo ponies to be ridden round posts to test pace and handiness

(Ponies must have been regularly played at polo.)

1st heat—Mr Clayton on Phelwan.

2nd heat—Mr Shaw on Baby.

3rd heat—Mr Weatherby on Lady Betty.

FINAL HEAT.

Baby—1st Lady Betty—2nd Phelwan—3rd

GEOGRAPHICAL KNOWLEDGE STAKES.—Gentlemen to ride with a letter and give it to lady partner. The lady will write answers to the questions and the gentlemen will ride back. Five marks each question answered correctly. Ties decided by order of arrival at winning post.

1st—Mrs Grynne Griffith and Mr Marriott.

2nd—Mrs Carter and Major Brewin.

LADIES NOMINATION.—For all ponies 14-1 and under which have never won Rs. 49 added money. Ponies to be nominated by ladies. Catch weights over 11 stone Prize to the nominators of 1st and 2nd ponies

1st heat—Col Eccles' Pomfret, 11st, 3lbs Captain Casson.

Time—41 secs

2nd heat—Captain Knight's Blue Peter, Owner, 11 stone.

Time—41secs.

3rd Heat—Capt. Hickman's Woodpigeon, 11stone, Owner.

Time—41⅘ secs.

FINAL HEAT.

1st—Pomfret nom. by Miss Dodington.

2nd—Blue Peter nom. by Miss Grey.

3rd—Woodpigeon

Won by six lengths easy. Time—40secs.

JUMPING COMPETITION.—A prize to the best performer amongst horses and another to the best performer amongst ponies 14-1 and udder.

HORSES.

Mr Boase's Dawn 1st, Mr Gavin Jones's Larry 2nd.

PONIES.

Mrs Anderson's Frida, Captain Hewlett

COTILLON STAKES.—Ladies to be given a coloured ribbon. Gentlemen to ride to a row of tubs containing coloured ribbons hidden in bran and when they have found their partners colour to return and give it to partner. First back to win.

1st—Miss Muir Mackenzie and Capt Casson.

2nd—Miss Scott and Mr Weatherby.

Shows.

THE FIFTH MURREE DOG SHOW.

THE Murree show of 1903 was held on the 13th instant, and characterised as being a show entirely for dogs and not a Horse and Dog Show. The two functions were separated both for the sake of ground room and also to obtain more time for the judging, and walking round and seeing the exhibits after the awards. The date fixed was intended to avoid any clashing with the Mussoorie show of September and to enable exhibitors to attend both if desired.

The fifth show of this hill station, though not quite so large in entries as some of its predecessors, was particularly strong in fox-terriers, was patronised more than locally, was largely attended and was altogether a great success. Colonel Rattray and Mr. Goodwin judged the classes with conscientious care, but that will be alluded to in the details that follow. The show was held under the rules of the Northern India Kennel Association which offered three specials for competition, an *open* special for the champion of the show, a *Limit* for dogs which had never won a first prize, and a *Novice* open to novice dogs and novice members of the Northern India Kennel Association, no exhibitor to compete for and win more than one of the three. All three of the prizes were captured by fox-terriers. Mr. Lionel Jacob won the Best in show with his well-known winner "Roddy Owen," Mr Arden Close won the Limit with "Carrol" and Mr. Heseltine the Novice with "Cricket". Lieutenant-General Sir Bindon Blood presented a handsome cup for the Best Puppy, any breed in the show, and this was also won by a fox-terrier, Mr. Lionel Jacob's, "Cutty Sark :" the fox-terriers were quite inimitable.

The prizes were given away by Lady Blood. The officers of the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifles were "At Home" on the ground, and all the arrangements were excellent. The local Honorary Secretaries were Mr. Heseltine and Mr. Culme Seymour. The awards are given below.

CLASS I.—SPANIELS.

1	Mr Cargill's Cocker	*Peter*
2	Mr Price's "	*Rob*
Reserve,	Mr Crockett's Clumber	*Nansen*
V. H. C.	Rev. G. E. Hickox's Water Spaniel	*Koko*

A good level class in merit, but there was no exhibit in it of conspicuous show form. The spaniels were merely useful dogs of good working type, brisk, intelligent, and active, but not benchers. There was nothing approaching the form of home exhibits.

CLASS II.—SPORTING DOGS.

1	Mr W E Trotter's	Wavy-haired Retriever	*Roger*
2	Captain Harvell's	Gordon Setter	*Don*
Reserve,	Mr W E Trotter's	Wavy-haired Retriever	*Rena*
V H C	Mr. Pearl's	Red Irish Setter	*Grouse*

This was on the contrary a very good and strong class, containing two excellent retrievers, the dog beating the bitch in size, power, and head points, while the latter was better in quarters, coat, and action; a very good Gordon Setter; two Irish Setters, and a Pointer. Next to the fox-terriers, it was quite the best class in the show

CLASS III.—OTHER LARGE DOGS.

1	Sergeant Griffith's	Greyhound	*Glitz*
Reserve,	Major Reade's	Boarhound	*Smut*

A poor class, the winning greyhound was a nice one, but there was nothing else in it. The so-called boarhound was a fine, large, powerful animal, but apparently a cross bred creature.

CLASS IV.—IRISH TERRIERS.

1	Rev Charles Stewart's	*Shiela II*
2	Mr Lane's	*Mikey*

Irish terriers have usually been very strong at Murree, but the death of Major Rich has deprived the breed of one of its strongest supporters in India. The kennel of H. H. the Maharajah of Jhind was absent, and altogether the class was a very indifferent one. Shiela II is a real good bitch who will be heard of again, she is still in her puppy-hood. A good dog, *Badger*, the property, of Colonel Lund, did not turn up in time or he would have been a good second. There was nothing else of pronounced merit.

CLASS V.—WELSH TERRIERS.

1	Mr G Cookson's	*Del Mawr*
2	" Hopkins'	*Ready II*
Reserve,	Mr Abadie's	*Tuffy*

This class was also not so strong as when Mr. Lionel Jacob used to exhibit in it. It nevertheless contained some good terriers mainly of his strain. *Del Mawr* is a good and very typical bitch Second is also a first-rate terrier. The rest failed mostly in coat and colour points that require the attention of Indian breeders.

CLASS VI.—WIRE-HAIRED FOX-TERRIERS. DOGS.

1	Mr Lionel Jacob's	*Roddy Owen.*
2	Colonel Moody's	*Maybole Peter.*
Reserve,	Captain Hildebrand's	*Baynton Turk.*

Mr. Lionel Jacob's kennel is no longer what it was as he has disposed of all but a very few on his approaching transfer to Burma. He, however, exhibited his old veteran *Roddy Owen* in rare form and had no difficulty in securing the blue riband. Peter and Turk are both good terriers.

CLASS VII.—WIRE-HAIRED FOX-TERRIERS, BITCHES.

1	Mr Lionel Jacob's	*Diva.*
2	Captain Hildebrand's	*Bayston Chrysanthemum*
Reserve,	Mr. Heseltine's	*Cricket.*

The lovely bitch, Diva, never beaten in any bitch class, and in splendid condition, won easily; the other two in the mention quite good.

CLASS VIII.—SMOOTH FOX-TERRIERS, DOGS.

1	Mr Arden Close's	*Casper.*
2	Mr A C Stewart's	*Lyons Surprise.*
3	Rev Charles Stewart's	*Wynnefield Core.*
Reserve,	Mr Culme Seymour's	*Carbon.*

A very strong class, in which all last Lahore show veterans except Major Impey's kennel, fought their battle over again and with different results. *Casper* was put down in rare trim and won over that sterling terrier Lyons Surprise. Third was a new face, a nice terrier but a little bitchey in face and long in loin. *Carbon* has thickened since the Lahore Show.

CLASS IX.—SMOOTH FOX-TERRIERS, DOG, NOVICES.

1	Rev Charles Stewart's	*Wynnefield Core.*
2	Mr Arden Closes'	*Cable.*

This was a special class to give the Novices a chance, the winner has already been mentioned. *Cable* is a showy puppy, but too large in size, and not small enough in ear.

CLASS X.—SMOOTH FOX-TERRIERS, BITCHES.

1	Mr Arden Close's	*Carrol*
2	Ditto	*Caress*
Reserve,	Sergeant Miles'	*Flossie*

A class of very fair bitches, in which Mr. Close was successful.

CLASS XI.—OTHER TERRIERS.

1	Mrs Barnett's	Scottish Terrier	*Zip*
2	„ Barbell's	Lhassa Terrier	*Donald*

A small and poor class calling for no particular remarks.

CLASS XII.—FOX-TERRIERS, PUPPIES. DOGS.

1	Mr Heseltine's	*Benjamin*
2	„ Lionel Jacob's	*Bikram*

A very good class of smooth and wire puppies. First and second fell to a very smart pair, litter brothers, bred by Mr. Jacob by his *Don't Go Bang ex Diva.*

CLASS XIII.—FOX-TERRIERS, PUPPIES, BITCHES.

1	Mr Lionel Jacob's	*Cutty Sark*
2	Ditto	*Sally Lunn*
Reserve,	Mr Heseltine's	*Mona*

Also a very interesting class and close competition. It is a question whether *Sally Lunn* should not have been first, but it was just a matter of opinion between all three in the mention, all daughters of Don't Go Bang.

CLASS XIV.—OTHER PUPPIES.

1	Rev Charles Stewart's	*Shiela II*
2	Mr C Cookson's	*Del Mare*
Reserve,	Colonel Lund's	*Badger*

A strong class. (1) was first in Class IV and (2) in Class V, all three good ones.

CLASS XV.—VARIETY.

1	Mr R B Skinner's	... Dachshund	... *Simon*
2	„ Lane's	... Poodle	... *Tommy*
Reserve,	Lce-Sergt McIn's	Dachshund	... *Trilby*

Here two Dachshunds, a Poodle, a Bull-dog, and a Pekinese competed. Simon was too good for his company. The Poodle was a very fair specimen. Rest outclassed.

CLASS XVI.—SOLDIERS' DOGS.

1	Sergeant Miles'	... Fox-terrier	... *Flossie*
2	„ Perkins'	... Fox-terrier	... *Nimbo*
3	„ Griffiths'	... Greyhound	... *Glitz*

A numerically very strong class, with also considerable quality, all three prize winners distinctly good specimens of their breeds, other good ones crowded out by the competition.

SPECIALS.

N. I. K. A. BEST IN SHOW."

Mr. Lionel Jacob's Fox-terrier *Roddy Owen.*

A keen contest between the first prize winners of classes. It was generally held that the same owner's bitch *Diva* should have won, but the judges appeared to fancy the wire-haired *Roddy Owen* and the smooth *Casper* of the competitors in the ring, and champion honours fell to the former.

N. I. K. A. LIMIT.

Mr. Arden Close's Fox-terrier *Carrol.*

N. I. K. A. NOVICE.

Mr. Heseltine's Fox-terrier *Cricket.*

The Limit and Novice Specials fell to two Fox-terrier bitches, the former a smooth bred by Mr. Close by *Casper*, and the latter a wire bred by Mr. Jacob by *Champion Cackler of Notts ex Cara Mia*

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

Mr. Lionel Jacob's "Cutty Sark."

The competition for the Cup given by Sir Bindon Blood for the best Puppy, any breed under 12 months, was very keen. It eventually narrowed down to a contest between Mr. Jacob's bitch and *Benjamin* the winner in Class XII, the former showed herself remarkable for a bitch and a small puppy, and on careful point judging obtained the award.

The Story Teller

A CHANGE OF IDENTITY.

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IT would be difficult, perhaps, to defend the ethics of the affair but as this story only concerns itself with the true and veracious account of the doings of the two heroines who chose to exchange identity, ethics may go hang. The correct working of finances had been carefully arranged for between the two girls, all necessary cheques being drawn by the real Miss Browne and made over by her to her representative. The "acting" Miss Browne, therefore, had no lack of funds to carry on the campaign, and, thus fortified, she took her very fair share in all the amusements and social doings of India's cold, weather capital. She had ridden out as a looker on to a paperchase, and having duly observed events and taken counsel of Mr. Ridley and others, had formed the intention of "riding" on the next occasion with a view to seeing whether she could live with the first flight. Accordingly the following meet saw her ready for the fray, well enough mounted it is true, but wearing workmanlike garments of a rather out-of-date cut. People were beginning to remark that for so wealthy a personage Miss Browne hardly exhibited such fastidiousness in matters of dress as they would expect, and put her down as a bit of a screw accordingly. The same meet also attracted four members of the Cullen household, namely Geoffrey Strange—intent upon showing Calcutta sportsmen what Lucknow could do; Ella, her governess, and Mr. Cullen, the three latter as mere lookers on.

Mr. Cullen had kept his word about providing Miss Hunt with a better mount than old Sobersides, and she felt the animal she now rode might have carried her not without distinction in "The Shires" themselves. The whole turn-out was exceedingly classy, as slangular people would call it—and so thought Geoffrey Strange. Ordinary frocks and furbelows he had no particular eye for, otherwise he could not have failed, as he had done, to notice what a remarkable young person Miss Hunt was. Like Ella he was strongly biased by any one who excelled on horseback: "what a pity you are only going to look on" he said.

A large field had assembled, and "Constance Hunt's" mare in the delirium of so much company, began to get decidedly fractious. She knew the game and loved it ardently, so that when she found she was not intended to "go" her outraged feelings got too much for. Up and up she reared remaining poised for a large part of a minute. Her forefeet had scarcely touched earth when she went up again. "Take care! take care! let her have her head" cried Mr. Cullen in an agony of apprehension. "Can you manage the course? Then you'd better let her go."

And off they went. It was thus that Calcutta had the unique spectacle of an instructor of youth riding—as Whyte Melville's barmaid put it—"at the top of the hunt."

The first jump, it must be admitted *was* rather a chance affair, but safely over that the mare, finding that she was not going to be done out of the fun, allowed the firm light hand of her rider to control her and they sailed away, going comfortably and well pleased with one another. After some considerable distance had been covered "Miss Hunt" found her cousin in fairly close proximity, so she checked a little to allow her to draw up.

"Well dear" was the first remark "for a staid and sedate governess, wishful to keep in the background, I must say you *are* 'going it' not a little."

How could I help it? it was the mare's fault. She *would* go, and as I did not want to dismount hurriedly before all those people, the only thing was for me to go with her."

"Yes and as you *are* here you had better get on. It's no good waiting for me, my mount is about done with. Yours might be well up at the finish."

"Constance Hunt sped on and soon found she had very much diminished field to reckon with. She was of course ignorant of the country and had only a very vague idea of the correct line to follow, but luckily for her there were two very energetic individuals in front whose movements kept her right. About a quarter of a mile from home somebody a little behind her called out,

"If you will come along and follow me now, we can cut those two fellows down: they have bucketted their horses to bits."

Geoffrey Strange shot past her, and waking the mare up she followed in hot pursuit. They caught up and passed the labouring vanguard, leaving them hopelessly done for. Then Geoffrey eased up, telling her to go on, and "Constance Hunt" signalised her first ride in a Calcutta paperchase by coming in a comfortable first.

"What a ripping girl!" was Captain Strange's comment on the fact; and that evening, much to his aunt's disgust, the "wealthy Miss Browne" was entirely deserted by him for somebody with golden hair who he found danced as well and joyously as she rode.

Five months have passed and the scene has changed from hot muggy Calcutta to the light-hearted Capua of India, where have assembled those whose duty or inclination take them to the cool regions of Simla. Lucky people! Mr. Cullen alone in his large house in Chowringhee thinks enviously of their happy lot. Lady Lackcash and "Miss Browne" are at Peliti's: Ridley, busy with frontier tribes and difficult problems set by erring Natives States, may be found at the Club; whilst Geoffrey Strange professes to be much overworked by a two-hours a-day attendance at the Veterinary Class. At the close of the previous season he had vowed to have nothing more to do with Simla or Simla ways, yet here he was again on the flimsy excuse of a thirst for information he knew already. The card-room knows him not, the gay grass widows who had thought him so 'nice" a year ago consider that Captain Strange has wonderfully altered, is putting on side or become hopelessly slow, and have given him up as no use to them at all. He seems to have become curiously fond of children and surely no elder cousin was ever so good to a petulant bear as he was to Ella. Then the whisper went round—he was pursuing that designing governess.

All this was most perturbing to poor Miss Cullen in her pretty house near the Lakha Bazaar. "She is such a nice girl" she said to herself over and over again, "but it's impossible, quite impossible." Then she made up her mind to speak to her erring nephew about it.

"Geoffrey," she said, "you must go away from Simla."

"Yes, I know worse luck" he replied "when this class is done."

"No; no I don't mean that. You must go away at once."

"But I can't, the authorities won't let me. I'm on duty you know, and have to gain all the knowledge of mules and ponies I can" The dragoon twisted his moustache and looked rather sheepish: then he added: "And there's another which is much more important. I don't want to go."

His aunt fanned herself vigorously and felt she was embarking on a very forlorn hope, but she had no intention of quitting the struggle yet.

"That's just it" she said. "You wilfully mean to get yourself into an impossible position."

Geoffrey got up from the chair in which he was sitting and strolled across to the mantelpiece. The attack was developing and knowing the weak spots in his defence he wished to gain time.

"Tell me aunt," he said after a short consideration—"what do you mean by an impossible position"?

"Marriage with Constance Hunt. How can you with your tastes and—and—there's nothing but your own term expresses it—your "stoney-brokedness" ever hope to marry a penniless girl?"

"As for my tastes, my dear aunt, I thope to—in fact I have curbed them to a great extent. The stoney-brokedness will vanish in due course."

"But you will always be so miserably poor; your uncle will do nothing for you and life in a British cavalry Regiment with a wife and—and perhaps children—Oh Geoffrey! You can't."

"Yes, aunt," he said, "I can; but not in a British Cavalry Regiment. I've sent in my application for the Remount Department"

"You've done it!" cried the lady. "But no, it's not too late, you must get it back or refuse the appointment when offered. Oh Geoffrey you *can't* do it! And are you sure that Constance Hunt—she's a dear girl I know—are you *sure* that she would be suitable? putting aside the question of means altogether."

"About that I am quite sure."

"You have never spoken to her?"

"Yes, aunt, I have, frequently and in your presence You must have observed that, surely."

"Of course I don't mean that: how annoying you are. You have never asked her to marry you?"

"No."

"Nor—nor been foolish or kissed her?"

"Men don't kiss ladies they mean to make their wives until they have the best reason for knowing they may do so" said Geoffrey rather sternly. "I am glad nobody else asked me such a question."

She had still another card to play, the last and, as she felt in the young man's present state of mind, the most likely to prove effective.

"Her age Geoffrey! She is a good deal older than she looks."

"Yes she is twenty-six I believe: you told me so yourself."

"And—and—I hate giving another woman's secrets away; but Geoffrey she makes up."

"Nonsense! you'll tell me that Ella does next."

"But I assure you it's true. She told me so herself. *She dyes her hair.*"

'Never' said Geoffrey with conviction. "No dye that was ever yet manufactured made hair look like that."

"But she does; she admitted it to me, and, what's more, *she gave me the recipe and I've used it.*"

Geoffrey burst into a peal of laughter. Absolutely unable to restrain himself, he laughed and laughed again. Then he crossed over and kissed her. "My dear aunt," he said, "confess now, has it made any difference whatsoever? I see no change in you."

"No, Oh I'm afraid there is not."

Geoffrey took his departure, whilst Miss Cullen sat in her pretty drawing-room and hoped against hope that she had not precipitated matters. "It's so annoying and so impossible" she thought. "If *only* it was that rich Miss Browne, who is really a very nice looking girl. And then Mr Ridley would do so well for Constance: he's very well off and such a suitable age, but he *will* make himself miserable over Miss Browne because he cannot bear that people should think he is marrying her for her money; he simply dare not propose on that account. Oh dear! I wish I had the ordering of these matters: I'm sure I'd make them work out much better than they seem to be doing. And what I'm to do about Ella if Constance goes I don't know I'm sure."

It was at Sipi Fair, whither all Simla society had gone to lunch in the open, wander through the glorious woods and gaze curiously at the gaily dressed dark-eyed damsels sitting row upon row, where the final catastrophe dreaded by Miss Cullen occurred. All our acquaintances had been invited to partake of the hospitality offered by the Viceregal Staff and had made use of it. After the inevitable photograph had been taken, poor Miss Cullen had the mortification of seeing her nephew pair off with Miss Hunt and make their way towards the fair, now at its full height. They were overtaken and joined by Miss Browne, accompanied by the faithful Ridley. The four wandered round together, inspected the cheap trash set out to tempt the unsophisticated Aryan brother, made a few purchases, and passed on to get a closer look at the patiently sitting crowd of native women and girls.

"Poor things!" said Constance. "How long do they have to sit like that?"

"I suppose until somebody comes along and asks them to marry him" replied Geoffrey, whose knowledge of native manners and customs was limited. "It must be nearly as trying as the looking-glass figure in a Cotillon."

"Is that why they are all dressed in their best and wear so much jewelry?" asked Miss Browne.

"I suppose so." said "Constance" "Don't you know that man always goes where he can get most?"

The effect of this remark was rather curious. Ridley got very red in the face, Geoffrey became pale, and Miss Browne, without any doubt whatsoever, was furiously angry. "That's a horrid thing to say," she said and turned away followed by Ridley.

"I'm glad you said that" he remarked as soon as they were sufficiently far away not to be overheard. "Very glad."

"What do you mean?"

"Your disapproval of Miss Hunt's remark." He paused and then went on: "For a long time I have wanted to speak but have not dared. Yes I was an absolute coward, but your words have made me think you will not misconstrue my motives."

Miss Browne walked on rapidly; but like many another self-conscious man, when once started there was no stopping him. It came without further hesitation.

"I have the deepest affection—love for you, and I ask—"

The girl stopped and turned towards him.

'No Mr. Ridley" you must say no more. I—I have no right to listen. Believe me I—

"Feel highly honoured you would say" he broke in, speaking rather bitterly—"but decline—with thanks no doubt for the sake of politeness."

"No. No—not that indeed.' There were tears in her eyes as she spoke.

"Then what is it! Listen, please: hear what I have to say."

"Mr. Ridley I am a sham: my supposed wealth does not exist: I am almost a penniless girl."

"Then, thank God! that removes the one obstacle I dreaded. I don't know what it means, I don't care. I have ample resources of my own, and now—and now—

There is no need to say any more; fate had already settled matters for them, and though fate plays strange pranks at times, she is the best guide to follow. Ridley and Constance Hunt—to give her her correct name—felt they had no cause to complain, and Geoffrey Strange and the governess, when they rejoined the rest of the party, showed clearly that they too had some far from unpleasant understanding, between them.

They were alone in Miss Cullen's drawing-room, where that excellent but much-tried lady had left them feeling that matters had quite passed out of her hands, when Lady Lackcash's jampanis rattled her rickshaw up to the front door at a pace which absolutely amazed the portly sirdar of the establishment. Her ladyship descended with more haste than elegance and ran—actually ran, if one can apply such a term to a fourteen-stone lady of full habit through the little hall and into the room occupied by the happy twain.

"Oh my dear!" she gasped—"But how very, very naughty of you. I know all, and—"

"Oh Geoffrey!" cried the girl. "*You* didn't know! Tell me you didn't! But no: I'll trust you, I'm sure you didn't" and she took his hand in her's utterly ignoring the presence of Lady Lackcash, or the entry of Miss Cullen, who had come to see what all the disturbance was about.

"Know!" said Geoffrey much puzzled. "Know?" I only know that you are the dearest girl in the world and that I am the happiest man. What else is there to know?"

"Only that besides being the dearest girl in the world, your future bride—I think I must be right in calling her so—is quite the richest girl in Simla and I think I might say in India." Lady Lackcash positively beamed as she made this announcement. "Yes" she continued. "*Constance Hunt* and Mr. Ridley have told me all. They have settled matters for themselves, and now what are we to do?"

"Why! Land a double event over it like father did in the Viceroy's and Cooch-Behar Cup two year's ago" said the pert Miss Ella who had come in unobserved. "That's my advice"—

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FLAT RACING IN ENGLAND DURING 1903.

I.—LINCOLN TO GOODWOOD.

IT is remarkable how eagerly the opening of the season at Lincoln is always looked forward to, and the year 1903 was not an exception to the rule by any means. The winter had been a mild one throughout, and it was known that trainers had taken advantage of the open weather to get their charges into form, and consequently a successful commencement with large fields was confidently anticipated. The antepost betting on the first great Handicap, the Lincolnshire, proved as usual but a snare and delusion when the result was known, although there were some spirited market movements, to afford subjects for conversation and to keep excitement up to a high pitch. One of the chief movements was that in favour of the three-year-old filly Our Lassie—daughter of Ayrshire and Yours—who hailed from C. Morton's stable, and was one of a lot of three accepted for by that astute trainer, the other two being His Lordship and Binocle. Early in March it was announced that these three had been tried together, the three-year-old having simply "lost" the others; and the public, anxiously awaiting some indication as to the "selected" of the stable, quickly appreciated the importance of the trial and Our Lassie was forthwith so heavily supported that in a few days the price came from 40 to 1 offered down to 6 to 1 wanted and the filly was installed first favourite. Meanwhile it became known that Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin, the runaway victor in the last year's Goodwood Stewards' Cup, would be the one relied on by Grensil's stable, and the market spoke eloquently of the confidence reposed in him by his connections. Astute enquirers observed that it was exactly 20 years since an aged horse had won the Lincolnshire, and that Mauvezin was the only aged horse entered in the race, and they looked forward to history repeating itself. Others, and as the event proved, the lucky ones, were content to ignore all market quotations and the gossip from the stables and clubs and pinned their faith to "Over Norton", arguing that he was nearly 40lbs better "in" compared with Sceptre than he was then when in 1902 the crack filly beat him a short head for second place. The story of the race is soon told—how that all the first favourites were never in evidence in the actual race—how that Mauvezin's chance was said to have been "snuffed out" by being kicked in the ribs by Sceptre at the post—and how that Over Norton simply ran away from his field in such style that many of the cleverest judges refused to regard the "form" disclosed as in any way correct or reliable for future guidance—an opinion to which considerable support was given when a few days later Portcullis, second to Over Norton, was hopelessly beaten in the Doveridge Handicap also run over a straight mile by Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's five-year-old colt Kunstler.

Mention of the last-named leads to the remark how frequently the failure of one year is the success of the next, and, too, *vice versâ*; for in 1902 Kunstler was one of the worst "bogies"—a terror to go at home in his trials, he never showed to any advantage in an actual race, running six times without a single win, and yet in 1903 he wins four races "off the reel" over dis-

tances varying from 5 furlongs to 1 mile and a quarter. And later on at Doncaster May he wins the Spring Handicap and again at Ascot the Royal Hunt Cup at the long price of 33 to 1. Such another too was Fighting Furley, who, during the previous year, also ran in six races frequently heavily backed and only once got placed third in a field of six : whereas in 1903 he wins at first time of asking an important handicap like the Liverpool Spring Cup, and follows this up by running away from a field of a dozen smart horses in the £1,500 Queen's Prize at Kempton on Easter Monday.

The Liverpool Grand National created as much interest as ever, and there can be little doubt that in Drumcree the best horse won. His owner, Mr. J. S. Morrison, had for some time previous to the great contest been highly confident of success, a confidence which was equally felt by his trainer Sir Charles Nugent. Mr. Morrison is one of those genuine sportsmen who are ornaments to the Turf, and his liberality to celebrate the victory was appreciated by many. It was a race full of incident : out of 23 starters only 7 stood up at the end, and amongst them was the Grand Old Man of Steeplechasing, "Manifesto," who though 15 years old fought for and gained by a head the judge's verdict for third place, giving to Kirkland, who was fourth, eight years and nearly 2 stone. Truly this splendid son of Man of War—Vae Victis is a hero, and one could wish now that his labours may be finished and that he might be "on view" somewhere in the Metropolis. How many thousands who have watched or read of his performances year after year would willingly pay a few shillings to see him and may be to stroke his nose.

Newmarket Craven Meeting was held in bitterly cold weather with frequent blizzards of snow and sleet, but thoroughly interesting sport was witnessed, the usual surprises in the way of winners turning up from the "any priced division" occurring as they always do on the historic heath. It was very observable at Newmarket that the three-year olds were not nearly so successful as they were in the opening weeks of the season. At Lincoln Spring and again at Liverpool did the three-year olds repeatedly beat their elders in weight-for-age races as well as in handicaps, while the Northamptonshire Stakes run over 1 mile 5 furlongs on the 31st March fell to the three-year old filly Florinda, by Florizel II out of Wise Flower, at the long price of 20 to 1. No doubt these successes of the juniors were largely due to the open winter to which reference has already been made.

One of those extraordinary occurrences which from time to time turn up in racing was connected with the great Metropolitan Stakes run at Epsom on the 21st April, the course being a zigzag one of 2¼ miles. There were nine runners and a brisk market in the Ring proved that there were several fancied articles. The race was started without much difficulty, and Major Edwardes' Wavelet's Pride, a recent winner of 1,000 Sovs. Hurdle Race was first past the post by many lengths, his next attendant being the outsider of the party Liquidator, and the third horse the favourite Prince Florizel. No sooner were the horses past the post, than there were rumours that "something was up." This something soon took definite shape, and it became known that Trigg, the rider of Parody, who had run fourth, claimed the race on the ground that seven out of the field including the first three horses had gone the wrong course. Investigation showed that this was quite correct, but the judge having left the box when Parody passed the post, the latter was not placed fourth, and indeed there was no official recognition of the mare except as being in the "also ran" division. What was to be done? It was a pretty muddle, but the Stewards took what must on consideration be regarded as the only sensible course, namely, they decided that the race should be run over again later in the afternoon. But the misfortunes were not over yet, for at the second start, the new patent electrically worked "gate" would not act, and the permission of the Stewards had to be obtained to start the race in the old style. At last the field were despatched, but on this occasion only five were found ready to go the 2¼ miles a second time ; among them being the previous winner, who won again but by a short head only owing to his jockey easing his mount too soon ; but neither the second nor the third in the first race was among the starters the second time, and this caused a good deal of annoyance and disappointment to some S. P. place backers, while others had good cause to congratulate themselves on their "luck." It transpired subsequently that the course had not been properly marked, an omission which the Stewards quite properly dealt with by fining the Clerk of the Course.

The next day of course was decided the ever-popular City and Suburban Handicap, the field for which was this year much below the average in the way of class. In 1902 the field included a Derby winner (Volodyovski), an Eclipse Stakes winner (Epsom Lad), a St. Leger winner (Doricles), a Middle Park Plate winner (Floriform) and a previous winner of the City and Suburban (Australian Star). This year there was nothing at all approaching this class, as may be gathered from the fact of the weights having to be raised by 9lbs. owing to the non-acceptance of all the top weights. As with the Lincolnshire, so with the City and Suburban, the public eagerly followed as soon as a lead was given in the support of one candidate in particular, in this case again a three-year-old, Uninsured. This gelding trained at Netheravon by Fallon had one of the best records in the previous season, and the public were quick to appreciate the immense chance he had at the weights, and he was accordingly supported strongly to large and small money, and quickly became the favourite. Suddenly, however, there was a surprise, and almost on the eve of the race it was announced that "something had gone wrong," and the next day this was confirmed by the news that he had been scratched. Of the other fancied competitors, few were more frequently the subject of gossip and rumour than the French trained three-year-old filly Brambilla (half sister to Kunstler) who, it was believed in well-informed quarters, held a chance second to none. The field comprised 15 runners, rather less than the average, and the result was a victory for the French ; Brambilla, Valenza, Over Norton being the order in which they finished with the disappointing Pistol close up fourth. It seems that directly after this the winner went amiss, for the very next week at Newmarket she was heavily supported to win the March Stakes, but could not do better than finish fourth to Handicapper, who till now had not earned brackets since his sensational win over the same course in the Two Thousand Guineas of two years before—another of the numerous cases which support the principle so many go upon of "Horses for Courses."

A field of eleven runners contested the Two Thousand Guineas Stakes at Newmarket, among them being Sermon, the well-named son of Friar's Balsam—Listen, who had won in slashing style the forty-fourth Biennial Stakes at the previous Meeting and was consequently regarded by many as the danger to Rock Sand ; but he showed to no advantage whatever, Rock Sand winning in his usual style from Flotsam and Rabelais, thereby confirming exactly the two-year-old form. This colt of Sir John Miller's who had throughout the winter been far and away first favourite for the Derby, now became at once an odds on chance ; and if ever there was a triumph for the "Figure System" Rock Sand truly furnishes it. The learned writer in the *Sportsman* in his valuable articles in January wrote, after his review of the performances and pedigrees of the three-year olds, "Fortunately there is no need to worry very long over this, so far as the winner of all three events (*i.e.*, the classic races of 1903) goes. Pedigree performances and individuality alike point to Rock Sand as almost certain, with ordinary health and luck, to win the two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St. Leger."

The start for the One Thousand Guineas was unfortunately quite a *fiasco*, not so bad indeed as in the case of the Wokingham Stakes of 1902, when some dozen or so horses were completely left at the post and some of those which did get off came back, their riders thinking it was not a start at all ; still the chances of Hammerkop were completely extinguished and Prince Soltykoff's Sun Rose also was terribly handicapped, though the latter ran through her field splendidly and only failed by a length and a half to get up to Quintessence, who by the way was one of the few unbeaten two-year-olds of the previous season.

It is frequently remarked that the Brocklesby Stakes winner rarely lives up to its early form, and this is a strong argument in favour of the views of those many good judges who hold that the youngsters should not be raced before Ascot ; but 1903 seems to be an exception to the rule, for the winner this year, Marsden, son of Orvieto—Virtus,—who won at 20 to 1 had no difficulty in carrying his penalty to victory in the Newmarket Two-Year Old Plate, and later on at Manchester June won the valuable Whitsuntide Plate ; while a few weeks later he ran a good third at Sandown with 9st. 6lbs on his back in the National Breeders' Produce Stakes of 5,000 sovs. The 1903 Brocklesby was also noteworthy in that it constituted a break in the run of luck with regard to this race of the Newmarket trainer Watson, who for the last five or six years had led in the victor ; this year the successful trainer being A. Sadler, junior, also of Newmarket, however, so that it is about time that a provincial stable provided the winner of the first two-year-old race.

The ill-luck of Kingsclere which was so persistent last year seemed to follow unabated into 1903, for in the Chester Cup the specially trained Throwaway (the sensational winner of the Liverpool Autumn Cup at 33-1 after a dead heat with King's Courier) could do no better than finish second to the 10-1 chance Vendale, hailing from Duke's clever stable. The latter half of spring is always a busy time in the Turf world and the Chester Cup was quickly followed by the ever-popular Jubilee Handicap at Kempton Park for which there was a useful field of 19 runners. The "talent" here were not wrong in their selection, the favourite Ypsilanti (third to Over Norton in the Lincolnshire) having little or no difficulty in winning, his nearest attendants being the disappointing Duke of Westminster and the Hungarian Hazafi, each of whom were among the 25-1 division. It was thought by some that but for another piece of Kingsclere ill-luck "the Duke" would have won, and there is no doubt he was rapidly overhauling the leader when, seeing a shadow or something of the kind, he gave a jump and threw himself quite out of his stride. Later on, however, Duke of Westminster was destined to make some amends by at last earning winning brackets in the Rous Memorial Stakes at Ascot, when he gave Flotsam 5lbs. and a two lengths beating, the only other runner being Royal Lancer ; and this was the first victory of Mr. Faber's unlucky 20,000-guinea purchase since his sale by Mr. Sievier.

The Derby of 1903 will be remembered for many things ; in the first place the field was numerically very poor, only seven runners going to the post, a number which only once before in recent years faced the starter, namely, in Ladas's year 1894. Then again the order in which they finished was an absolute confirmation of previous public form, and finally the presence of the French crack Vinicius gave the race the only piece of interest as a contest it possessed. Rock Sand, Vinicius, Flotsam, Rabelais was the order with the King's horse Mead fifth. There were many who hoped and almost expected the King's champion to win, the writer among the number : for it was observed that Rock Sand had never run a race of a mile and a half, whereas Mead had won the Payne Stakes run over that distance ; and further Rock Sand always appeared to need driving, though it must be admitted he invariably (except in the falsely run Middle Park Plate) was equal to the demand made on him. Undoubtedly he is a first-class colt, but no Isinglass by a long way, as the subsequent running in the Sandown Eclipse Stakes proved.

The weather at Ascot was for two of the days simply miserable, bitterly cold wind and rain being almost continuous, but still the meeting was a decided success. The three chief Handicaps provided benefits for the Ring by the success of little fancied candidates ; the Ascot Stakes falling to Genus at 20 to 1, the Royal Hunt Cup to the reformed Kunstler at 33 to 1, and the Wokingham Stakes to Glass Jug at 20 to 1. A friend of the writer's who knew as he said "nothing of horses" and was present at the meeting only as a social function, was lucky enough to have three bets only, these being a sovereign on each of the three winners named, the reason of his bet in each case being that he "liked the name." Truly is it better to be born lucky than wise, for the wise of one class would have left betting alone, and the wise of another class would have supported something with more promise of success "on the book". There were some rather unkind things said and printed too about Sceptre not running for the Gold Cup, and so allowing this almost classic race to fall to the Frenchman Maximum II, who had but to beat a poor class field, Rising Glass having completely gone off. But it had long been arranged that the daughter of Persimmon—Ornament—was to make her first public appearance in her new owner's colours in the Hardwicke Stakes on the following day, and it was only on the eve of the Cup that the English champion William the Third suddenly went lame. Mr. Bass is far too good a sportsman to merit anything that was said or even hinted, and the result can only be regarded as one of those unfortunate events that must from time to time occur.

Not for many years has there been such a race as the Eclipse Stakes of this year, and the hope of

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And here perhaps one may most appropriately break off the review of the first half of the year's racing, leaving the performances of the two-year olds to be considered after the decision of the Dewhurst and Middle Park Plates.

Special Telegrams.

THE GIMCRACK STAKES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Thursday, 27th August 1903.*

The Gimcrack Stakes—Of 5sovs. each, 3 ft. to the fund, with 1,000sovs. added by the members of the York Gimcrack Club, for two-year olds; colts 8st. 12lbs., and fillies 8st. 9lbs; a winner (selling races excepted) of any race value 200sovs. to carry 3lbs., of two of 200sovs., or one of 450sovs., 6lbs., of two of 450sovs., or one of 950sovs., 9lbs. extra (extreme penalty); maidens at starting allowed 5lbs; the second horse to receive 75sovs., and the third 25sovs. out of the stakes; six furlongs, straight.—130 entries. Closed 6th January 1903.

Mr H Sandford's ch f, BARBETTE, by Avington—Breach, Dalton ... 1
Mr F Alexander's br c ANDOVER, by Rightaway—Sister Lumley, Cannon ... 2
Mr Russell's ch c ORME SHORE, by Orme—Virginia Shore, Madden 3
Sir S Scott's bf SCALLARDALE, by Martagon—Ardvourlie 0
Sir E Vincent's br c DON PAEZ, by Donovan—Hampton Agnes 0
Lord Carnarvon's ch c EL MAESTRO, by Bathampton—Sistrum 0
Mr Richard Croker's b c HERBERT VINCENT, by St. Simon—Stubhampton ... 0
Lord Derby's ch c HIS MAJESTY, by Melton—Silver Sea 0
Mr J H Houldsworth's ch c LOCHRYAN, by Enthusiast—Spring Ray 0
Mr Bankes's ch c BRAWLER, by Buccaneer—Sally Brass II 0
Sir E Cassel's ch c HARK, by Martagon—Listen 0
Mr C F Hildyard's b c HEWORTH, by Oriflamme—Hayton 0

(*Winner trained by I'Anson.*)

Betting: 11 to 4 agst. Barbette, 5 to 2 Andover, 7 to 1 Orme.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third.

THE ST. LEGER BETTING.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Wednesday, 2nd September 1903.*

The following is the betting on the most fancied horses this evening:—

7 to 4 agst Rock Sand.
8 to 1 „ Mead.
10 to 1 „ William Rufus.
100 to 6 „ Dazzling.

The French horse Vinicius is a doubtful starter.

Sporting Notes.

THE second entries for the Poona races are confined principally to Mr. Jack Scott's string; he has entered his C.-B's Saloon, Louis and Gentle Lady; his waler ponies Yankey Boy and Yardley and Forest, Secunder, Ritual and Up Guards. These entries were anxiously awaited and he has not disappointed us. The C.-B. owners were hoping against hope that his C.-B.'s would be conspicuous by their absence, but it was not to be. The other entries do not call for special mention, and the wonder is that some of them are entered at all. The additions to the steeplechases are not likely to increase the fields.

The Darjeeling Sky Races have been fixed for the 1st and 3rd October, the programme on each day comprising eight races.

The Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show will be held on the 26th instant at Happy Valley. All classes are being catered for as will be seen by the prospectus to be found further on.

We have received a copy of Volume XVI of that always welcome Turf publication the Australian Racing Calendar which deals with the racing of every registered meeting held in the antipodes from 1st February to 31st July 1903. Every detail that can be required is here given and it is again a pleasure to be able to congratulate compiler and publisher on the excellent results of their labours.

The Mysore Dussarah Polo Tournament has been fixed to commence on the 3rd proximo. First entries close on the 10th and final entries on the 25th instant.

The second meeting of the Murree Sky Races came off on the Gharial Race Course last Saturday, when a programme of seven events was put through.

Our Poona Correspondent writes:—The Poona Junior Polo Tournament is the excitement of the week, though naturally one does not look for a very high form of scientific polo and no very brilliant combined play was displayed by any team, though there was plenty of life in the proceedings throughout. It seems a pity, however, that it was not found possible to get it through without a wrangle which, saving under the most dire necessity, should be absent from a sporting contest of this description. After the Poona Gymkhana team had handsomely defeated the 2nd Lancers Hyderabad Contingent by no less than 5 goals and six subsidiaries to one goal the latter team lodged an objection on the ground, I believe, (1) that some of the ponies playing belonged to Captain Wilson of the 10th Hussars and (2) that more than one of the Gymkhana team, namely, Captain Davie and Captain Meynell had played in a first-class tournament.

Captain Wilson was originally selected to play in the Gymkhana team, but owing to the postponement had to return to duty. He, however, sportingly lent his ponies and as he was a member of the Gymkhana and there was no rule saying that ponies played must belong to the actual four men playing, this objection was rather frivolous and was promptly overruled. Regarding the second objection the point was whether the Quetta Tournament was a first-class one or not, and consequently whether Captain Meynell was qualified to play or not. To avoid further unpleasantness the Gymkhana team withdrew from the Tournament. But it was a pity those responsible for the selection of the Gymkhana team did not, in the face of the very clear rule on the point, satisfy themselves in the first instance as to the qualification of every member of their team and a still greater pity that the Hyderabad Lancers were not able to find it possible to lodge a protest before they had received so handsome a drubbing instead of after. Any little hitch of this sort must of necessity tend to mar the harmony of sport.

One hears a great deal of nonsense talked about the physical degeneration of the country-born, but I see in the local paper that at the Poona School's Athletic Sports a lad called Boardman threw the cricket ball 103 yards and one called Plunkett jumped 17 feet 3 long and 5 feet 1 high, while another youth under 16 named Hopkins jumped 4 feet 8 and one Clifford (also under 16) jumped 15 feet 1 broad. In the face of the above there doesn't seem much wrong in the present condition of country-born lads.

Among the evening excitements of the past week were the performances of the Dallas Company who have been considerably strengthened in talent since I last saw them and have been playing to crowded houses in the Connaught Institute; the ball given by the Oxford Light Infantry at the Gymkhana Club which was excellently done and the Fancy Dress Ball at Government House, a most "gorgeous function" in very truth, though after all one large Fancy Dress Ball is much like another. For every one woman looks entrancing and most of the men look idiots and most of them feel they do.

Poona is, of course, full of farewells to Lord Northcote. A banquet at the Club of Western India admirably done as usual, an evening reception at the Council Hall and Massed Bands and a Torchlight Tattoo on the Poona Gymkhana grounds. Looking back on it all one wonders when one slept or if one slept at all.

Taking advantage of a public holiday on Wednesday Mr. Gray slipped in an extra day's "Extra-Meeting" and the public fully showed their appreciation. The bill of fare contained two hurdle races, in both of which that useful horseman Penton rode the winners, riding an admirable race on that arch rogue Veneda who seemed trying to cut it all the journey, and on Malice upset the favourite, Aga Shamsudin's Funny with A. Hoyt up in the Pony Hurdles.

Mr. Artin's good little pony Little Joker (13-1½) is evidently coming back to his Bombay form as starting at 6 to 1 he comfortably disposed of a useful field of 14 handers.

Everyone was glad to see the hitherto aptly named Regret win the small Arab Handicap over a mile with such well-known performers as Oriental, Shaihoob and others behind him. As Regret was, I believe, a failure in professional hands and is now trained by his owner, Captain Benn has every reason to be proud at his performance.

Major Beevor, R. A. M. C., who previously had not been able to show us much of his quality as a horseman had a fortunate leg up on Misty in the Yerrowda Stakes, as Captain Casson, who had come to grief in the Pony Hurdles on Colonel Eccles' Pomfret and put his shoulder out again, was unable of course to ride. The impost of 11st. 10lbs. on so small a horse over a mile seemed rather a crusher, but what there is of Misty is all quality and Major Beevor riding an admirably patient race waiting handy till inside the distance came away and won fairly comfortably. A good performance on the part of Misty as he gave two pounds to the handsome Madeira.

It is not often one sees a two-year old Arab winning races over here, but Mr. A R. Amir's young colt easily disposed of his opponents over 6 furlongs. A handsome colt, but he scarcely looks like lasting through a long racing career.

Mr. Bass has lost little time in winning back some of his purchase money with Stockbell as she easily annexed the Closed Welter Stakes. Those who followed the often sound principle in G. R. races of backing the jockey and not the horse and consequently trusting to Major Edwards's riper skill made Matilda a hot favourite burnt their fingers,

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for with the perversity of Fate Matilda got off very badly and had to come round on the outside, while the novice getting off nicely on Stockbell, who seems as quick as a rabbit on her feet appropriated the rails and the owner of Sceptre had only to sit still and feel happy, while Stockbell did the rest. A wonderfully nice looking field of ponies it was for a closed race.

A thoroughly interesting day's racing was that on Saturday, the 29th. In the 1¼ mile handicap we were treated to a rare finish between Turkish Flag with Kamad up and Victory steered by Melsom. Well within the distance Turkish Flag looked all over a winner, but little Melsom kept pegging away on Victory and sitting down rode a most determined and strong finish and Victory answering gamely won a great race.

Then came one more objection, as in the Dwarf Handicap Little Joker and Greyleg were running a great race home when within the last 50 or 60 yards little Bennett on Little Joker began to ride a finish and the joker swerving out jostled Greyleg and it was obvious that an objection would follow. The Stewards upheld the objection giving the race to Greyleg and their verdict seemed to me the only one possible. Hard luck on Little Joker who was running a very game race, but rules are rules and must be upheld.

In the Closed Race for a Cup presented by His Excellency's Staff, Colonel Eccles' Rocket won quite comfortably with Southall up carrying an 8lb. penalty thereby. A good looking pony is Rocket and people were glad to see the gallant Colonel's luck take a turn.

But the excitement of the day was in the Horse Consolation Handicap over 1 mile, for right up the distance it was obvious that a great race was in store, for H. H. the Aga Khan's and Aga Shamsudin Shah's Carreewick (a beautiful looking mare) and that charming little quality horse Mr. Mill's Misty were having a terrific set to head and head and in the last few score of yards Mr. Pestonjie's Blue Blood came swooping down on the struggling pair and gaining on them at every stride. Past the post the three flashed in an almost perfect line and "the boldest held his breath for a while." A burst of applause greeted the judge's verdict—a dead heat between Carreewick and Misty with Blue Bood beaten a short head! One scarcely wants anything better than that and had the judge tripled them no one would have wondered.

The owners decided to run it off when Misty's superior fitness told and taking every advantage in his pull in the weights the little black led out from the start and won all the way. But the race itself was a triumph of the handicapper's art and Mr. Cursetjee had congratulations showered upon him.

A charming little mare in Western Queen won the Medium Handicap cleverly from Key West and Pride o' Dharamtala, 13-3¾ the winner is measured and none too well measured it would seem from her size in the paddock, where she seemed a veritable minnow among Tritons. A selling race won by Mr. Percy Fischer's Talisman brought a very interesting day's card to a close, the run off of the dead heat ringing down the curtain.

With reference to the recent controversy regarding the elephant in Southern India, referrd to in a recent issue, "Junglewalla" writes to the *Madras Mail* as follows :—

"Mr. W. L. Edmiston, writing to a contemporary on the above, which appeared in your columns on the 17th, is of opinion that the elephant is neither ornamental or useful, and protests against the law preventing the destruction of this most ingenuous animal. I shall give a few of the general uses of the elephant. An animal possessed of such strength and docility as the elephant must be useful wherever he thrives. In a country like this his services can readily be appreciated, large areas being covered by dense impenetrable jungle, immense marshy tracts, steep hills, deep ravines, and intersected by rivers, large and small. In the absence of waterways in a country such as described, he is more than useful, he is indispensable. Mules, ponies, and bullocks can travel along bridle-paths, and at times over very rough ground : buffaloes can drag timber, etc, over level ground, but an elephant can be ridden, drag timber, or carry a cart-load through dense pathless forests and over the worst ground. His immense size and weight enable him to make a fair track as he moves along ; and he can cross wide rivers, ford fast-running streams, carry men and baggage across swamps and heavy marsh land, penetrable to no other kinds of transport animal. On the back of an elephant, the engineer, forester, or surveyor is raised above the surrounding undergrowth, which otherwise would shut out his view in all directions, and thus can more rapidly form a conception of his surroundings. He can take with him heavy instruments, and strike across country in any direction he pleases. On the Anamalais (Mounstuart), the Wynaad and in the Malabar District elephants are very extensively employed in the timber industry : in fact, the industry may be said to depend in a great measure on the ability to procure elephant labour. The valuable timber is scattered over such extensive areas that it is impossible to construct sufficient useful roads of transport and timber slips, as it would be necessary to make a road or slip to each single or small group of logs ; and the great importance of having elephants for timber operations consists in their peculiar suitability to the work of collecting logs together over great stretches of hilly country. It is necessary to see some of these immense logs to understand the amount of labour required to drag them through jungle, over ridges, down ravines, to convenient spots. My experience of elephants as transport animals is, that thay are decidedly good. They are no doubt a destructive lot, and if cultivators wish to protect their crops, they should dig trenches of sufficient depth and width to prevent their intrusion, but not to make use of scarecrows to scare them away."

A home contemporary writes :—Reports from the moors indicate that the grouse-shooting this year in Yorkshire and over the North of England generally will be distinctly below the average. The weather in the breeding season was so bad that it prevented many eggs being hatched, while it carried off a great many of the young birds, as well as many old ones. Severe frosts late in April caused many eggs to be addled, and continuous wet weather after the birds were hatched destroyed many of the young ones before they came to maturity. These conditions were experienced on practically all the higher moorlands over the North of England, and in these shooting prospects are by no means rosy. The lower moorlands will afford better sport. On these, more than on the higher ground, the birds nested a second time, but the coveys are not so numerous as first broods would have been, and the birds will hardly be ready for shooting before the end of August or the beginning of September. The season is, therefore, likely to be not only relatively poor, but also rather late.

We regret to hear, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that Captain Allenby, 13th Madras Infantry, has had rather a serious encounter with a water-buffalo, which will put him on the sick list for some time. The circumstances appear to be that, on the 12th August, about half-past seven a party of the 13th Madras Infantry were out at field manœuvres in Alexandra Road, near where the camp of the regiment is fixed. On crossing a brick field, one of those huge black water buffaloes, used in Malacca and the Province for agricultural purposes and in Singapore for draught and field work, made a determined attack on one of the soldiers. Captain Allenby went to the help of the sepoy and appears to have belaboured the ungainly brute—one of two or three belonging to a Chinaman, and engaged in drawing clay—with the but end of a rifle. The animal then turned on Captain Allenby, charged him at a great pace, and tossed him. When he dropped, the buffalo continued to attack him, goring him badly with great ferocity. Captain Allenby managed to get hold of the brute's horns and his men immediately tackled the animal. Unfortunately they were not carrying their bayonets and had to resort to main force to drag off the buffalo, some hanging on to his tail, others to various parts of his body. Before he could be got away he had severely mauled his victim, who had to be taken back to camp on a stretcher. On examination his wounds proved to be somewhat serious—two ribs broken, and a wound penetrating the breast, and various injuries to the face and body. It is feared that it will be some time before he is able to return to duty. The escape seems to have been a narrow one. Docile to a degree to the smallest natives, these black buffaloes when angry are dangerous brutes to Europeans. It will be remembered that Mr. Walter Egerton, C. M. G., now resident of Negri Sembilan, suffered severely from a buffalo that attacked him some years ago in the Province. We believe there is a regulation requiring the wide spreading horns of this animal to be guarded by a bar of wood. It does not appear that in this case the horn guard was used, the animal being free to use the large pointed horns which are such a formidable weapon of offence. Captain Allenby will not have a particularly pleasant recollection of Singapore, this being the second accident that has befallen him, the former being a fall at Changi Bungalow, which hurt his head rather badly.

Corporal K. D. Curtiss, of the Royal Horse Artillery, Umballa, gives an interesting account of a recent shikar expedition by himself and a comrade in the Dun, where they obtained a tiger 10 feet 11¼ inches long, "properly measured," before skinning, and the larger of the two leopards 7 feet 11 inches. We got "stripes," he writes to *The Morning Post*, at Raiwalla, in the Dun, and the head forest guard there said that he had never heard of a longer one, but the brother of Raja Rumber Singh had shot one 10 feet 10¾ inches . . . . Several officers who have inspected the skin say they have never seen its equal. It has not a scratch on it and the claws and whiskers are all intact.

While waiting at Patri, near Lhaksar, four of us went to Shah Mahomed's tomb, some 12 miles off, for a few days' bivouac. The second morning, about daybreak, we thought we heard a stag calling close to where we were sleeping. So S——and I nipped out after him. I had kicked off my boots after a few moments, as I was making too much noise. On turning round the end of a big lump of currant bush I met a leopard on the same path about 30 feet off. S.——was on the far side of another patch of stuff, and the leopard was watching him, for he never heard or saw me till I shot. It was the chance of a lifetime, and I let him have it in the shoulder. S——rushed over to see what I had fired at, but I stopped him with "mind that leopard." The latter was stone dead, however.

Later I went up to Dehra Dun and got a special permit to kill carnivora there. We got into Raiwalla on the 19th June. On the 24th S——was up a tree on the river-bed near the edge of the forest about three-fourths of a mile from the station. He saw a big pair of feet, legs, and then the head push out of the bush ; he banged at it and knocked "stripes" down. The tiger picked himself up and sprang, but missed, and went off into the jungle. S——got down and found plenty of blood and a piece of bone as big as the end of one's thumb. We did not follow the tiger as it was near 6 P.M. but started after him the next morning early, finding plenty of blood, and traces where he had rested during the night. Finally we lost the blood, and had to crawl most of the time, so two of us covered S——and the forest guard who were doing the tracking. I left S——marking the lost blood and threw a circle round to the right towards where I could hear a monkey chattering in a tree. I found a small nullah about 10 feet wide and 7 feet deep. Following this up there was "stripes" lying head on in clear view some 50 feet away looking over his shoulder and snarling quietly at my dog. He saw us—(I had the head guard with me)—at the same instant that we saw him, he pulled himself together ; but I was lucky enough to hit him between the eyes and knocked him down (·500 express expanding bullet). He was dead in 10 minutes.

The bullet of the night before had struck over the left eye and blown the piece of bone from the skull out of the ear. He could not possibly have lived till sunset ; but I thought when I turned him up that I was justified in shooting as he looked so very much alive. I am afraid it took the edge off S——'s pleasure a bit, but he took it very nicely, and he has the skin. We found the tiger not more than 200 yards from where he was shot first.

Y——who had a camera then came up and "took" him as he lay. The next day after we had the skin tacked up, a Major Graham from Roorkee came to see him and took a shapshot of the skin as it was, and also measured the whipcord with which we had made shift to measure him. This officer made enquiries of the forest guard, so that you will be able to verify the correctness of the account.

[This tiger apparently beats the previous record, which stands at 10ft. 7ins., shot by Colonel Evans Gordon at Ramshai Hat, in the Bengal Dooars ; but the whipcord make-shift alluded to is incompatible with proper measurement we fear.—ED., *I. F.*]

The C. T. C. Official Measurer will class, age, and measure horses and ponies at Lucknow about 24th and 25th September ; Meerut, about 20th and 29th September ; Umballa, 30th September and 1st October ; and Rawalpindi, about 3rd and 5th October.

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The Calcutta Light Horse held their fourth monthly tent-pegging competition, for the Challenge Bowl, on Tuesday. The Judges were Colonel Henry, Commandant of the Calcutta Light Horse and Captain Palin, Adjutant of the C.V.R. The result of the competition was Sergt. H. R. Cobbold first and Lce-Corpl. W. A. Miles second. The finals in the tent-pegging competition for the Beginner's Cup will be held next Tuesday.

Up to the time of going to press we have not seen the entries—if any—for the proposed Gymkhana at Tollygunge on Saturday, but we shall be surprised to learn that they are at all satisfactory. The principle of differentiating between a Gymkhana pure and simple—is all right in theory, and a very proper sentiment, but unfortunately in order to put it into practice, a sufficient number of enthusiasts have to be unearthed who are the proud possessors of animals which are not race horses but which they are willing to knock about in the present somewhat sultry weather, for the sake of a possible nine and forty rupees, coupled with as much honour and glory as they can get out of it. There *may* be a sufficiency of these public-spirited benefactors in Calcutta, but we confess to having misgivings on the subject. The only event we can see filling is the chase for paperchase horses, though we do not suppose that these will be very strongly represented as regards class, and it is possible that some sort of a field may be scraped together for the pony hurdles, but what hope the executive can have of filling the contest for the embryo warriors of Calcutta, we cannot, in the face of the complete failure of a similar event included in the first Gymkhana, for the life of us imagine. The maiden horse race might have drawn a few, but we hear a rumour to the effect that, with a wholly laudable desire to purify the atmosphere of the meeting, the "ring" are to be rigidly excluded, and if this be the case we fear that owners of promising maidens will require some additional inducement to gallop their champions, besides the nine and forty chips above alluded to. How would a laurel wreath, or a garland of marigolds to be hung round the neck of the victorious rider pan out? This we think should lend a fine old-world flavour to the proceedings, and do away with the repugnant idea of striving for filthy lucre.

As regards the remaining event for horses which have not been entered for a race within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, we cannot but think that, granted a field, this should prove amusing, but having regard to the rapidly shortening days, we would suggest that proceedings should open early as this event will probably—we believe it is a six furlongs—take some considerable time.

Athletic Notes.

SUSSEX beat Yorkshire by four wickets on the 26th ultimo. Lancashire beat Leicestershire by eight wickets and Gloucestershire defeated Surrey by 18 runs. The match between Essex and Hampshire was drawn and the match between Middlesex and Kent abandoned.

Middlesex beat Surrey on the 29th ultimo by an innings and 94 runs and thus wins the Championship. Kent beat Hampshire by an innings and 67 runs.

The South Indian A. A. willhold their public Gymkhana sports at the People's Park, Madras, on the 5th instant, when the usual programme will be discussed.

A Boxing Tournament, open to all garrisons in India, will be held at Wellington on the 3rd and 4th instant.

We hear that a boxing match of 20 rounds, catch weights, for Rs. 300 aside, has been arranged between Fisher and Bert Delaney. Articles have been signed and the fight will probably come off in three weeks.

Another fight is also on the *tapis* at Secunderabad. Drummer Smart, Middlesex Regiment, has challenged Private Bolton, Lincoln Regiment, for a purse of Rs. 200 to fight a fifteen two-minute round contest. The fight will take place on or about the 23rd instant.

Mr. E. C. Deefholts, who has achieved a local reputation as a sprinter, left last week for England. It is possible that he will do some running at home, though on his Indian form it is hardly likely that he will figure prominently in the Championships and other big athletic meetings.

The Punjab Annual Rackets Tournament will be held at Murree towards the end of September.

The brothers Doherty won the Davis International Cup at Longwood, (America) on Saturday, the 8th ultimo defeating Wrenn and Larned (America). R. F. Doherty defeated Wrenn (6—4, 3—6, 6—3, 6—8, 6—4). H. L. Doherty defeated Larned (6—3, 6—8, 6—0, 2—6, 7—5).

At the Celtic Football Club Sports, Glasgow, on the 8th and 10th ultimo some new records were put up. Nicholson won the Hammer throwing by a throw of 153 ft., thus beating the Scotch record. D. Horgan won the Putting the Weight with 46ft. 1 in. T. Nicholson who was second with 44 establishing a new Scottish record. The High Jump went to C. Leahy with 5ft. 11 ins. and P. J. Leahy won the Long Jump with 22ft. 10½ ins.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—In another three weeks the return cricket match between the Presidency and Parsees will take place at Poona and the supporters of both teams are already looking forward to it with keen interest. The team by which the Europeans were represented in Bombay, three weeks since was admittedly the weakest that had ever done duty for the Presidency in these matches, but I am almost inclined to think that the team for the Poona match will be even weaker—most of the well-known players who have rendered yeoman service for the Presidency in recent years are no longer among us, added to which both Sale and Weatherby will be unable to play, the former having proceeded to England on leave, while Weatherby is under orders to embark for Somaliland almost immediately. This will be a big loss to the Presidency, as the Poona wicket is one on which both have always scored. For the Bombay match the Selection Committee experienced much difficulty in getting together anything like a representative eleven—their difficulties will now be increased, as this leaves two more places to be filled. I sincerely hope they will be able to unearth some good players from somewhere, but must confess that at the present moment the team's prospects of success are far from bright.

During the past week we have had plenty of cricket in Bombay, the principal match being between the Bombay and Parsee Gymkhanas, which was played on Wednesday. For this match the Parsees put a strong team in the field, but their opponents were by no means strongly represented and I was not a bit surprised to see them badly defeated. Looking at the constitution of the Gymkhana team the impression it made on one's mind was that it was very much of an experimental eleven—and the experiment did not prove a success. Knowing that the Parsees always put a strong team in the field for this fixture, one would have thought the Gymkhana would have tried to do likewise. But this was not the case—the team included three or four men who were absolutely out of practice, and the result was a defeat by over a hundred runs. Batting first the Europeans put on 51 runs for the first two wickets, but were eventually all out for 78. With the exception of Cheetham and Aston,

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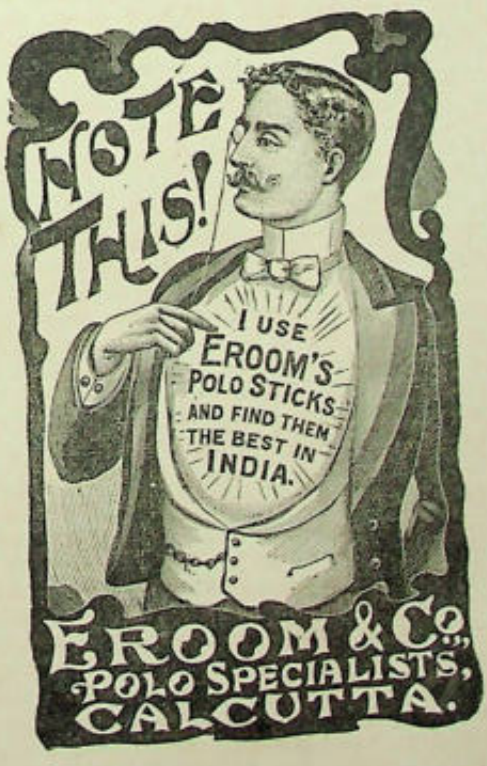

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who between them made 53 out of the total of 75 from the bat, the team failed miserably as a batting side. Pavri captured 5 wickets for 20 runs, while Bulsara took 4 for 18. The Parsees responded with 187, the chief feature of their innings being a dashing display by R. E. Mody, who scored 72. Bowling for the Europeans Coombs put up a very fine performance by taking six wickets for 35 runs—the analysis reads 15 overs, 5 maidens, 35 runs, 6 wickets. He is bowling decidedly well this season, and I don't think there is much doubt but that he will be asked to figure in the Presidency team for the Poona Match—in fact no little surprise was expressed at his non-inclusion in the team for the recent Bombay match, especially when a fast bowler was badly wanted. In a low scoring match yesterday (Saturday) the Gymkhana defeated the Islam Gymkhana by 14 runs—80 to 66. For the winner, Stileman, who is a recent arrival in India, captured six wickets for 14 runs.

Golf continues to go strong in Bombay, and on Sunday last the Gymkhana sent a team of six to play the representatives of the Pali Hill Gymkhana, whom they succeeded in defeating by a margin of 13 holes. Mr. W. P. Pechey was the only member of the home team who managed to win his match, going out in 38, being six up at the turn, and maintaining his lead till the finish. His opponent was Mr. L. Stansfield, who had bad luck on the putting greens. Messrs. C. M. Gray and T. D. Moore had a good game, the former being dormy two, but only winning on the last hole. Mr. H. G. W. Meikle proved much too strong for Mr. J. Beath, whom he defeated by eight up, while Mr. F. Greig easily disposed of Mr. S. S. Clarke by six up. Messrs D. Love and J. Carnegie were all even at the 16th hole, but the latter won both the 17th and 18th, and finished two up. Mr. H. Greaves beating Mr. E. Comber by the same margin.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote and a large number of Civilians were present at the cricket match between the Civil Service and Government House held at Ganeshkhind on the 1st instant. The Civilians made 115 and their opponents 150.

We have to offer congratulations to Mr. George Brown on his having secured the Calcutta Swimming Bath Gold Time Badge for 100 yards. He swam the course on Monday, 31st, in 1min. 17½secs., being half a second within the time limit. His is the first attempt in the last 12 years to secure this badge, the blue riband of the bath, the only other holder being Mr. H. P. Henderson, who won it in 1891 in the excellent time of 1min. 12½secs. All honour to young Brown.

General Notes.

WE are sorry to hear that Lady Lawrence, wife of H. E. the Viceroy's Private Secretary, is seriously ill with a persistent attack of Malta fever and has been ordered home.

The Bombay Civil Service dinner was held at Poona on Tuesday night. The Hon. Mr. Fulton, second Member of Council, presided and His Excellency the Governor and Staff were present.

Calcutta has benefited by the will of the late Mr. W. B. Colville, who has made the following bequests:—£1,000 to the Bengal Masonic Association and £500 to the Building Fund of the new Masonic Temple. Mr. Colville has also left his books, bookcases, and pictures to the Tollygunge Club.

Mr. E. P. Stebbing's lecture on "The Study of Insect Life in India" delivered at the Royal Asiatic Society's rooms, Calcutta, last Tuesday night, was both interesting and practical and awakened in his audience a hope that a series of such lectures might be arranged embracing other forms of the animal life around us.

Messrs. Walter Locke and Co. have greatly extended their business this year and have now large engineering and electrical workshops from which they are prepared to turn out every sort of electrical fitting and accessory. We are reminded of this by the receipt of a copy of their recently issued advance catalogue.

Bridge players will be interested to hear of the advent of the "Lynx Bridge Scoring Tablet," a new marker which, from all accounts, is to save players all further trouble in totalling the scores, a business that is, at times, a weariness of the flesh to the majority of men. The "Lynx tablet" is a most simple contrivance of the true labour-saving order and so efficient is it that one almost expects it to do the addition itself. Messrs. W. Newman and Co. will probably have these novelties on view in a few days.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 14th August, 1903.*

THE Law Courts are closed, the High Court of Parliament has scrambled through the fag end of its work with the expedition born of reduced attendance, and the grouse season is begun. These be the principal events of the week and the last seems the most interesting. Judging from the meagre reports so far accessible the season promises much better than had been looked for a few weeks ago: but accounts of disease are always to be taken with a grain of salt, there being an unconquerable tendency to exaggerate. I am told that the demand for shooting and fishing quarters north of Tweed for this year has exceeded that ever known previously; no explanation is suggested, but it seems possible that the Royal visit to Edinburgh opened the eyes of His Majesty's subjects to the fact that there is a country called Scotland at the other end of several railway lines, which country has a great deal to recommend it.

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The hearts of motorists are sore within them, for that, say they, the Government—this never-sufficiently-to-be-anathemised Government—has bewrayed them and sold them chained and bound unto their enemies: and that fine talent for vituperation which motoring develops in motorists and their victims alike is being more freely exercised in the papers than ever. Says one smitten advocate for the motor, "automobilism in this country will receive a blow from the Bill the effect of which it is impossible to exaggerate; (I am glad of it) "a year or two ago it might have proved fatal." (If only it *had* fallen a year or two ago!) "I think, however, that many people will be deterred from purchasing motors, while others who possess them will give up the struggle and wait for better times." So there is a gleam of hope for us non-motorists and horsemen after all. Meantime the motor hums and smells with an energy undiminished, enjoying I suppose the little day left it before the black night of operation of the new Bill. Did I ever mention in these notes the fact that numbers of houses on the Brighton road which used to be in keen demand at high rents now stand empty and crying for tenants at any price? Cause—the motors whose dust smothers houses and gardens and renders them simply impossible for human habitation.

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It is a thankless task to try and distribute the blame for that fearful disaster on the Paris Metropolitan Railway. The Managing Director attributes it entirely to the driver of the burnt train who, he says, disobeyed the printed instructions which require a driver to immediately isolate a damaged motor. Chamris, on the contrary, put out the fire on the machine with hand grenades (or thought he did) and tried to reach the terminus: with the result that the fire broke out again the moment fresh air at Barbes station gained access. As regards the length of the death roll the impression is growing that the victims had themselves to blame to a great extent: the officials warned them of their danger but they refused to leave the train till they got their money back. The guard Chedal started to drag them out by force and was roughly handled by the crowd which refused to believe in the existence of danger till the lights went out and the tunnel filled with soot-laden smoke. Had the unhappy passengers only listened to warning there is every reason to suppose they could have escaped. As it is eighty-four lives lost for three sous apiece!

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As a matter of course the horror has turned all eyes upon the Tube people asking whether a similar disaster is not possible thereon even as on the Paris railway. The assurances of the Tube authorities who have been interviewed are not quite satisfactory to my mind: the fact that the trains practically fit the tube as a piston fits its cylinder is a feature of our system which sticks in one's throat. Granting that the longest run between stations is 90 seconds, supposing a motor to break down and set fire to the train half way between stations, how are the passengers to get away? Through the train which is open from end to end, is the obvious reply: but then the way to safety in the station last left lies along the tube with that "live rail" which conveys the current. It is stated that "many of the cars are asbestos roofed and steel framed and have steel panelling outside"; but what of the others? 'Tis many days since I used the Tube, but the general impression I have of the interior of the cars is one of wood furnishing, etc., and I am by no means satisfied that the case for the invulnerability of the system is made out. On one point, however, I feel quite certain: and that is, if a train load of tube passengers be called upon to alight any day while the memory of the Paris holocaust lingers with us, nobody will wait for the refund of his twopence before he quits his seat. I doubt much if Londoners would have taken up that disastrously economical position in any event.

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We have not yet reached the exciting stage of the Humbert trial and some of us begin to doubt whether there is much to get at beyond revelations of credulity. Madame has so far conducted the case of herself and family with a torrential fluency that leaves her counsel Maitre Labori little to do. She will say nothing yet she declares: so long as she can hope for the arrival of the Crawfords with those millions she will not speak. The millions will come, she says, but perhaps the Crawfords will not; and if the Crawfords, whose name by the way is not Crawford, but something else known to none but Madame, do not come she will tell everything. Meantime the court proceeds to take evidence from witnesses who lent Madame money on the security of those shadowy millions and Madame calls the witnesses bad names. The striking feature of the affair is the supreme domination of Madame: she takes the gage of battle for the family into her own most competent hands and fights for all: the men sit dumb, a row of cyphers.

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There are to be two new theatres in Aldwych when that thoroughfare arises from the existing chaos of wrecked brickwork, dust and scaffolding. Mr. E. E. Saunders is the owner of one, and the plans for its interior have been passed by the L. C. C. Mr. Murray Carson will own the other which is to flank the Waldorf Hotel on its other side. On the other hand old houses vanish: the Gaiety of our youth now opens its most secret interior to the winds and the boards are up on the portico of the Lyceum. But this is no time to write of theatres when more than half the houses in town are shut. The list "under the clock" in to-day's *Times* gives the bill at eleven theatres and two music halls; and without effort I reckon up the names of fifteen houses of the first rank which do not figure there.

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Abuse, if applied with sufficient good will, is as valuable a stimulant as praise: I do not think a single good word has been said in print for that ghastly exhibition at the Garrick, save what Mr. Bourchier himself may have said; but it remains on and apparently will continue to remain on. Mr. Bourchier has claimed that "The Soothing System" will do good if only it "reduces the number of persons who like prying about lunatic asylums." People who enjoy the sensations offered by these institutions are not likely to accept the Garrick play as an alternative and how "The Soothing System" is to check a morbid interest it is difficult to understand. If Mr. Bourchier had said that it would reduce the number of people who go to the Garrick one could believe him: but then we should soon hear that the horrible production was "off."

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Sophie Larkin is dead. The rising generation of playgoers do not know Miss Larkin, but hers was a name to attract, if not to conjure with, twenty and thirty years ago. She made her bow in London so far back as 1865, when she appeared at the old Prince of Wales's as Mrs. Pontifex in *Naval Engagements*. Her most memorable part, I suppose, was that of Clarissa Champneys in Byron's famous *Our Boys*; for the whole phenomenal run of the piece from its first night, 16th January 1875, till it was

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taken off, four years and three months, she sustained the part, a record I imagine in the career of any actress.

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The death of Dr. William Playfair is announced this morning. One of the most able and successful men of his profession his career for a long period of years was one of unchequered prosperity: then in 1896 came the sensational libel case arising out of Dr. Playfair's statement concerning Mrs. Arthur Kitson, a connection of his own by marriage. Opinion was sharply divided concerning his action, but we need not weigh the perplexities of the quarrel again at this time of day. The £12,000 damages which Dr. Playfair had to pay was a small matter to him; but the trial wrought him much harm as a practitoner and the anxieties contingent thereon affected his health. He never wavered in his conviction that he had done right in making the communication he did make to Mrs. Arthur Kitson's relatives: he told an intimate friend of mine whom he was attending professionally a year after the trial "under similar circumstances I should act in precisely the same way again."

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The British Medical Association has published a report which it has drawn up dealing with the grievances of the Indian Medical Service, and suggesting remedies. Those interested in this matter will no doubt find full details in their professional journals and I need not lay your space under contribution to consider the subject here beyond remarking that the disabilities of which members of the Indian Medical Service have to complain have been weighed in a judicial but sympathetic spirit and that the remedies suggested are practical and deserve consideration by the authorities. As we learned from yesterday's papers, you are to enjoy the rule of Lord Curzon for an extended term, so the reforms may possibly be made under the *régime* which saw them started.

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The Royal Commission on Alien Immigration has presented its Report: by some means the Report was presented to the press before it was presented to His Majesty's faithful Commons: whereat some of our legislators are naturally wroth; but that is a detail. Viewed as a whole the Report is strong and sane; the shipowners and those responsible for the cheap passenger services from continental ports won't like it, but a movement of this sort is bound to tread on somebody's tail. The Commission recommend that "undesirables," whether they come under that category owing to disease, pauperism or crime, be prevented from landing in this country and returned to that which produced them: that judges be empowered to order the export of foreign offenders after they have served their sentences; that certain areas (chiefly in large industrial centres) be closed against aliens. The last aims at reduction of overcrowding: it is notorious that some of the pauper immigrants who endue us with their unsavoury presence, herd together like rabbits in defiance of law, order, and decency. The Commissioners urge that such of their recommendations as can be put in force without recourse to Parliament should receive immediate effect; sure indication that they deem the situation a grave one.

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Mr. Whitaker Wright was on view for the second time at the Guildhall on Tuesday: he was "in excellent spirits," greatly relieved no doubt by his escape from the troublesome formalism of American law and relegation to the tenderer care of British justice. He is allowed bail: his own recognizances for £25,000 and sureties in a like sum; this is the heaviest bail I can remember being required for a person in Mr. W. Wright's situation.

ONLOOKER.

What, it may well be asked, would a jockey of the present day think of the costume worn by the rider of Diomed, who won the Derby in the year of its institution, 1780? It consisted of a black velvet cap, with a long French peak, and a bow of black satin ribbon behind; a white cambric neckcloth of ample folds, tied at the back; a long coat with flaps and wide skirt, buttoning at the side; kneebreeches fastened with straps; white cotton stockings, and black leather Oxford shoes, with long tongues and silver buckles.

The inconvenience of riding a close finish over Epsom Downs in a long body garment, with tails streaming out behind, can well be imagined, and naturally led to a compromise. Necessity is the mother of invention, and some jockey—history neglects to give his name—hit upon the happy expedient of tucking his skirts inside his breeches. The next step towards the costume of the jockey of the present day was to curtail these annoying appendages.

Reviews.

A POCKET ATLAS.*

AMONG the numerous publications issued by Messrs. George Newnes, Limited, few possess a better claim to consideration than *The Handy Shilling Atlas of the World*, a little volume that fits comfortably into the pocket, the while it is a marvel of clear printing. There are 15 world maps beginning with the hemispheres and going up through orographical features, climate charts to commercial products. Each of the contents are mapped as whole areas and taken separately by small sections and these are followed by a world's gazettier, alphabetically arranged and of much value as a reference. A really handy and useful booklet.

**The Handy Shilling Atlas and World's Gazettier.* London: George Newnes, Limited.

THE SELECTION OF THE PIANO.*

INTO a neatly got-up little shilling book, entitled "On Choosing a Piano, Mr. Algernon Rose, well-known in musical arcles at home and as a writer of books on music and kindred subjects, compresses all the knowledge that one can possibly want when approaching that important domestic problem, the purchase of the piano. Here we have the subject regarded from almost every point of view and the amateur is offered suggestions that should be extremely helpful to anyone unacquainted with the true inwardness of making a choice of an instrument that enters so largely into our socialities. The chapters are quite untechnical, are written in a style calculated to be understood by every reader, and if after a careful perusal of these pages a person cannot make up his or her mind on the subject we fear there must be no mind to make up.

**On Choosing a Piano.* By Algernon Rose. London: The Walter Scott Publishing Co., Ld.

THE SECRET WAY.*

Mr. J. S. Fletcher, author of "When Charles the First was King," "Three Days' Terror," etc., puts into three hundred odd pages of very readable type an exciting novel entitled *The Secret Way*, which bids fair to recall Wilkie Collins's enthralling mystery of "The Woman in White" of one's younger days. Similarity in detail of the remarkably clever plot, there is absolutely none; but we have the story written in two books by different people, a prologue and an epilogue, while the motive for the murders so cleverly committed is the same—the attainment of large family property and great wealth. We have too the confidential family lawyer, the good and wicked aspirants to the hand of the expected heiress, the foreign villain, the professional and amature detectines and—though it seems scarcely fair to tell—the inevitable happy ending.

But this does not come until after the reader's excitement, interest and curiosity have been fully excited and as fully sustained: we have no intention of "giving away" the clever means by which the writer arrives at his conclusion. Suffice it to add that anybody who wishes to while away the tedium of a railway journey, a long afternoon when there is nothing to do, or the horrors of a sleepless night, cannot do better than invest in a copy of this interesting book.

**The Secret Way.* By J. S. Fletcher. London: Digby Long & Co., 18, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street, E.C.

ANNE JUDGE, SPINSTER.*

A very different style of novel is the next that lies before us for review—*Anne Judge, Spinster*, written by F. W. Robinson, author of "Grand Mother's Money," etc.

From a few plain facts occurring in a dull little English village and with no greater element of romance than a weak-headed youth heir to some property and the oft-told story of man's deception and woman's folly, the results of which affect the whole tenor of the life of the bright and wholesome heroine, the author has woven a pleasant and readable story, the interest of which grows with each succeeding page. There is little or no descriptive matter in the volume; and it speaks well for the vigour and force of the writer's methods that he is enabled to almost entirely dispense with description, sustaining the reader's interest in his narrative and his characters by his simple but effective pourtrayal of most of the human passions—good, bad, and indifferent: and also by means of cleverly constructed, very easy and natural dialogue, leading the story on step by step. Anne is a charming character, and all our sympathies are in favour of her not retaining her undesirable cognomen. But so cleverly is the interest sustained that it is not until we turn almost the last page that we are certain of what her fate, as well as that of her clever and original lover will be. It is seldom that a plain unvarnished story of everyday life, told in what would be in the hands of a less clever writer almost an uncompromising style, appeals so much to the reader.

**Anne Judge, Spinster.* By F. W. Robinson. London: Digby, Long & Co., 18, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street, E.C.

THE STORY OF NOTATION.*

The Walter Scott Publishing Company have issued in their Music Story Series, edited by F. J. Crowest, an erudite and interesting work yclept *The Story of Notation*. In these wonderful twentieth century times, when the study of music, even in its simplest rudiments, has been placed on a strictly scientific basis, the volume lying before us will doubtless prove of much value to students and others interested in its history. A laborious task the compilation of the volume must have been, for, as the author very truly remarks in his preface, "the roots of our modern musical system lie so deeply embedded in antiquity" that the tracing of them can have been anything but easy work. The author—Mr. Abdy Williams—has spared no pains in what has evidently been to him a labour of love, and all that modern research can achieve has been done to present *The Story of Notation* in a most exhaustive form. Valuable works at home and abroad have been consulted, and the result is very complete indeed.

Chapter II, which the author invites "those who may be alarmed at the lengthy and strange-looking words used by Greek musicians"—to skip, is not the least interesting, for it gives the origin and development of the ancient Greek notation, and the ancient names of various obsolete stringed instruments, as well as other valuable information; while one of the chief features of the work is its numerous illustrations of various forms of notation. The final chapter, as is only fitting, concludes the history of notation with the modern Tonic Sol-fa system. The value of the work—which may on application to the publishers also be obtained in superior leather binding, in which form it would make a splendid gift book—is further enhanced by a very fine steel engraving of Dolci's well-known picture of "St. Cecilia Seated at her Organ."

**The Story of Notation.* By C. F. Abdy Williams, M.A., Mus. Bac. London: The Walter Scott Publishing Co., Ld. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1903.

Shikar.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEASON.

One morning last week I was gladdened by the sight of my faithful shikari, who brought me the welcome news that he knew of a spot where I might pick up a few couple of snipe. He mentioned the exact number—eight couple—and strongly advised my going after them at once.

For many moons past had the "faithful one" been eating the bread of idleness save and excepting only one unsatisfactory day when he enticed me out on a fruitless search for hares. Now he was anxious to get to work again, and to enjoy the enhanced *tullub* which successful work brings.

My few preparations were soon made. A cartridge bag filled with the remainder of last season's eights, and the time table for last March hunted from its lair, for we were to travel "up the line" a little way, though nothing of course would induce me to say up *which* line.

Your snipe shikari is as close as any oyster, and wild horses could not stamp the secret of his hunting ground out of him.

Whilst my preparations were in progress a tap at the door was followed by the appearance of my old chum C. Would he come with me and assist in the slaughter of the innocent eight couple? It would be a nice way of passing the afternoon.

He agreed provided I would lend him a gun and cartridges.

"Right you are, and we'll meet at the station at 2-45 sharp."

Here we are at the station, good old C. looking as cheerful as anything, in a knicker bocker suit, pipe-clayed boots and a stick-up collar. What! got no change of togs with you? Didn't think it necessary? Tut! Tut!!

An enormous baboo obscures all view of the ticket office. He has had his body, half in and half out of it for the last ten minutes. Thank heavens he is not hopelessly jammed, but is now backing out counting his change.

Two first returns to——. No, nothing shall induce me to mention the name of the station—and a couple of thirds for the faithful one and his youthful ally who are freighted with the implements of the chase and a few extras.

Lucky we have the compartment all to ourselves, and now I can explain the mystery of my spare gun to C. It is a Winchester repeating shot gun and takes a bit of knowing.

"And mind old man if anything jams or you get mixed up with it in any way don't try to do anything, but wait till I come to you." The habitual cheerful smile on C.'s face fades away and is replaced by a haggard, anxious look which I don't like to see.

"Here we are. It's quite close sahib, just down the line and over the stile," and wonderful to relate it is quite close. What a treat it is to be in amongst the young green paddy once more. We keep to the little bunds and don't trample it. "How hot it is," say C.; he has shed his coat and I suggest that he doff his collar. It is hot, the water is hot, the sun is hot, and the air is hot, but there are clouds about and the promise of rain.

In which direction Oh, faithful one, shall we find our quarry? "To the right, sahib, and, and if not there then away across your canal, close to those distant trees."

To the right be it. Slow going this with each foot heavily weighted with the clinging mud. Still to the right. "I am sure," moans C. "that snipe never sit in such deep water as this." "Courage mon brave"; they are not here, therefore they must be over there beyond the canal. "These shikaries are such liars," says C. fretfully, and then adds irrelevently, "I know what it is, I generally eat about this time."

Far be it from me to have C.'s death at my door either from hunger or heat apoplexy. Return therefore to the station and in the wicker basket seek refreshments; perchance too in the station may be means of drying those sodden hose.

And now to cross the canal by the mud dam which I see to the left and that as quickly as possible for time flies fast. Whirr!! What is that—missed him with the first, but got him with the second, and there, by Jove, is another one. Mark him down near that long grass across the canal, and then to the dam. A little blue kingfisher sitting solemnly, half way across, looks askance at us and darts off to a twig hard by on the bank. What do you see boy there in the water? A snake sahib; a tiny head with two beady little eyes just above the water. It was near those tall reeds that

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we marked that bird down, and there will be others there. Here they are, five of them, three fly off across the canal and after wheeling round and surveying the ground, decide to pitch close to the spot where we flushed that first bird. Two they leave behind to grace the stick.

A little farther on we put up half-a dozen more and secure a couple of them. It is dull and overcast now with a little rain falling, the birds get up silently and go away low, close to the ground. Not easy shots by any means. "It's going to rain a lot," says the small boy with obvious truthfulness An inky black cloud is rolling slowly across from the eastward and already we can hear the sound of the rain. What a deluge, but I have on an old waterproof fishing jacket, which keeps out the worst of it and how deliciously it cools one down.

Back again over the mud dam; slippery mud this time, where the little kingfisher again looks as though he would like to dispute our passage and hardly consents to move out of the way. Two more birds at the first spot and then to the station, where C. awaits us refreshed and cheerful albeit with wet feet. Dry clothes, a smoke and back in the train with our three and a half couple. Not a big bag, but the pleasantest afternoon I've spent for a long while.

THE WATERMAN.

THE NILGIRI GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Association convened for Saturday last, the 22nd August, took place at the District Collector's Office room. The attendance of members was far from large, only about a dozen being present. The Collector, Mr. Mullaly, as President of the Association, took the chair, and Captain Packard, Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, took his seat as the newly-appointed Honorary Secretary of the Association, *vice* Mr. Gordon Hadfield, District Forest Officer, who has resigned.

A draft copy of the Annual Report having been circulated previously to all the members, it was taken as read and adopted on the proposition of Sir Frederick Price.

Colonel H. S. Fitzgerald, Messrs. J. Longmore, C. E. Martin, and F. E. Barber were duly proposed, seconded and elected as members of the Committee.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Van Ingen, the local taxidermist, for a statement of number of heads shot down during the year under review. This statement contained only those heads that were sent to him for treatment, so that it was not a complete list. In this connection Captain Packard emphasised the fact that shooters are not at all disposed to afford any information as to the number and measurements of heads bagged by them, they seem also unwilling to specify locality of their shoot. It was suggested by a member that printed blank forms should be issued to all license holders to be filled in and sent to the Honorary Secretary. The member evidently was quite forgetful of the fact that every license as well as his own had such a form printed on the back of it. It was therefore agreed that sportsmen should not be pressed for this information, notwithstanding that it would be very desirable for the Association to have same.

The Honorary Secretary then read a letter from Mr. L. W. Wynch, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Lord Ampthill, Patron of the Association, expressing his Lordship's inability to be present at the meeting from press of work, and that Lord Ampthill had read the Annual Report with much interest.

Much amusement was caused when a member proposed and was duly seconded that all Putta license holders—natives—should have the barrels of their guns reduced to one foot in length as is the practice in the Punjab. Another member *sotto voce* suggested that the stock of their guns should be removed.

The President said that he was not aware what the practice was in the Punjab, but he would enquire, and place the result of his enquiries before the Association.

Veterinary Surgeon Herbert Brown proposed and was supported by Mr. Mackenzie, that only three black buck and four spotted deer be shot during a season by any one license holder. This was carried unanimously.

The raising of the reward for the slaughter of wild dogs from Rs. 12 to Rs. 25 was then discussed, and it was finally resolved to do so.

It was unanimously carried that the shooting of ibex during the next open season should be permitted.

En parenthesis I gather from the report that Lord Ampthill it very desirous of having a Nilgiri Saddle—back to his name. The report says that his Lordship and others have seen large numbers of ibex at various places on the Kundahs, therefore there is sufficient to warrant the re-opening of the shooting of ibex.

The maintaining of game watchers on the Nilgiri lower slopes was then discussed. Mr. H. Percival Hodgson said these men were useless and an unnecessary drain on the funds of the Association, adding that a few of the useful men might with much advantage be employed on the plateau. Sir Frederick Price was of the same opinion, but one of the members thought that the Wynaad license holders would object to this, and that its consideration should lie over *sine die* to give them an opportunity to have their say on the matter. Mr. Hodgson very appropriately remarked that they had an opportunity of being present at the meeting and to enter their protest, but, having failed to do so, they must suffer the consequence. On the proposition being put to the meeting it was carried by a majority.

A stormy discussion ensued against the proposal of the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations to hand over to his department for the extension of cinchona cultivation certain sholas adjacent to what is at present known as the Dodabetta Cinchona Plantations. The meeting unanimously recorded a strong and emphatic protest against such a measure, which the President said he would in due course submit to the Government for its orders. The financial condition of the Association was reported to be satisfactory.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Will you or any of your readers kindly tell me—

1. Is there a "close season" for "Ghoral?"
2. If not, can a Municipality or other similar body frame and issue any rules to prohibit "Ghoral" shooting?
3. What is the actual date of beginning and ending of the "shooting season," particularly with regard to feathered game? Is it the same all over India, or different dates for the various provinces?
4. Please quote authority.

IGNORAMUS.

EARLY SNIPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The first snipe of the season that I have knowledge of in this district were four seen at Suri on 23rd August.

The first I have shot was a Pintail which I got this morning at Durgapur. I saw no more in a walk of five miles.

SWEVTOWN.

BIRBHOOM, *27th August 1903.*

"A TALK ON TONGAS."

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The tongas on some routes, though excellent in other respects, lack the sloping portion of the roof, both in front and behind, which so effectually keeps out sun and rain; consequently, unless provided with water proof or overcoat the passenger is liable to find himself wet through in half an hour. In some parts of the country the pole of the tonga is attached to the cross-bar by means of a stout spring, which is a distinct advantage. In the case of tongas in which the cross-bar is fastened direct to the pole by means of a pin running through both, it allows the cross-bar to swing forwards and backwards horizontally; but entirely prevents any vertical motion. Therefore, when one or both of the ponies break into a canter, considerable shaking of the conveyance is experienced. This is almost entirely avoided by using the spring already alluded to; both vertical and horizontal motion being then possible for the cross-bar, to the comfort of the occupants of the tonga. Wooden cross-bars are preferable to steel ones; the latter making such a continual clatter, especially when the ponies' pace is increased beyond a trot.

In the matter of tonga-saddles, upon which the cross-bar rests, they might with advantage be lengthened, so as to reach farther back over the loins of the pony. Not only would the weight of the traction be then distributed over a larger surface, but the saddle would be less likely to tip up backwards when ascending a steep hill, or under any other condition where the load is temporarily increased. Some readers may assert that the girths, if properly adjusted, should prevent any tipping up of the saddle. The girths of a tonga-saddle would be found to fulfil their purpose better, if they be not both passed round the "girth" of the pony, just behind the elbow, as in riding-saddles. It is an advantage for one of them to be passed round the abdomen, as far back as possible, as in the case of camels and some commissariat mules; the other girth being fastened in the ordinary position behind the elbow. In the case of a badly shaped pony, whose measurement round the "girth" is considerably less than round the abdomen, the tendency of the tonga-saddle (with the existing method of fastening the girths) is to continually slip forward; with the result that girth-galls are of frequent occurrence. True, the crupper may be tightened to keep back the saddle; but this is generally only "robbing Peter to pay Paul," because a tight crupper galls as badly as a girth does.

In the old country, it used to be considered the proper thing when driving a pair, for the slower animal to be on the off side under the whip. This allows silent stimulation of the sluggard, without the horse on the near side being aware of the fact. The tonga driver does not realise this; as often as not, the pony which requires all the whipping is placed on the near side Consequently, in reaching over to punish him, the better animal hears the whip, and increases his pace too. Undoubtedly, in matching tonga ponies, colour is often considered before the more important question of quality.

The bitting of horses is an art unstudied by the Indian coachman. Only the other day, a poor little tonga pony was seen wearing a great military curb bit, with the reins fastened as low down as possible. Luckily, the curb-chain was considerably looser than to allow only the regulation "two fingers" under it, or the pony's jaw would have been in danger. A suggestion was made, and carried out, that the reins be fastened higher up, where the brass bosses had once been. The throwing up of the animal's head, in rebellion against such unnecessarily severe treatment, then at once ceased. Woe to the poor unfortunate tonga-pony which indulges in the vice of biting! He will assuredly be muzzled with a leather bucket, with two tiny holes in the side. Presumbly, the holes are for the animal to breathe through; but they are seldom over his nostrils, which are effectually compressed by the tightness of the muzzle. Quite recently, upon four different occasions, has the writer, seeing the distress of the almost stifled pony, given him instant relief by cutting two holes in the muzzle with a penknife: the holes being exactly over, and the same size as, the nostrils. In each instance this was done whilst the coachman and a small crowd of syces averred that the relieved pony, which was now able to respire freely, would worry something or somebody. It was briefly explained to them that biting is done with the teeth, and not the nostrils.

On some tonga routes more than others the ponies get too near the pole, to the extent of rubbing the hair off their sides. This can be prevented by increasing the distance of the inner upright pins of the cross-bar from the pole. The metal rod, which is fastened between the ponies' heads to keep them apart, should be attached to the nose band under the jaw and not to the bit. When fastened to the latter, the corners of the mouth become numbed by continual jerking of the rod, and guiding the ponies then becomes a matter of difficulty. The inner reins of most tonga-harness are permanently stitched at their junction with the outer rein, instead of being fastened by a buckle, and provided with holes for adjustment. Some ponies, when at work, tend to lean inwards with all their weight towards the pole; others, from the pole, outwards. In the former case, slackening the inner rein at the buckle, and in the latter, tightening it, gives the driver power to keep the ponies from wasting their energies by unnecessary force towards or from the pole, respectively. A short time ago, the writer was being driven behind a pair of tonga-ponies, which were both pulling sideways away from the pole, to the extent of almost doing "the passage" required in the riding-school. There being no buckle at the junction of the inner and outer reins, the simple expedient was adopted of tying a knot upon each of the inner reins; the coachman was then able to keep the ponies straight. "Honour to whom honour is due": the tonga-driver, whatever his faults, knows perfectly well that in going up hill the weight tends to be behind the vehicle; whilst, in descending, the opposite is true. This is why he sometimes puts a heavy stone in the back of the tonga, when going down hill.

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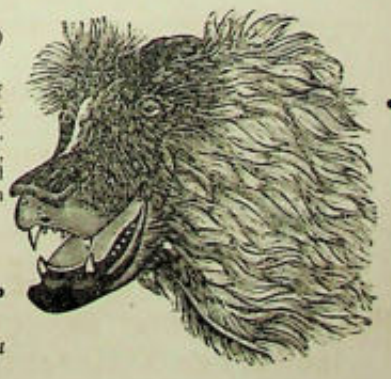

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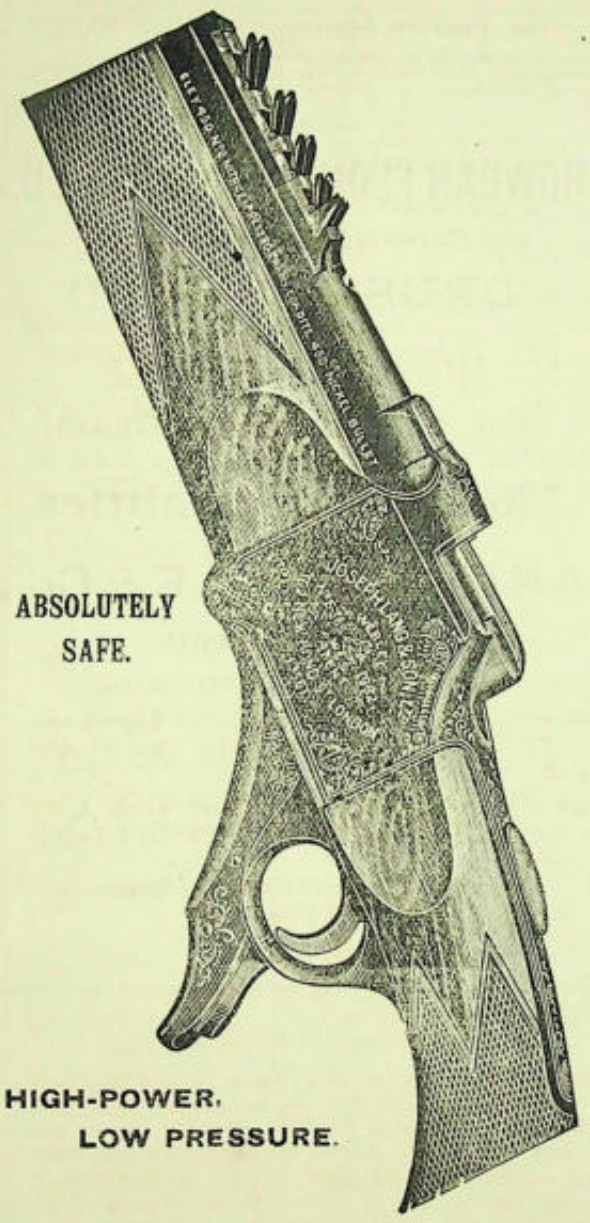

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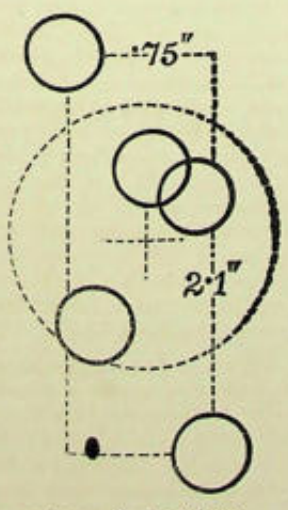

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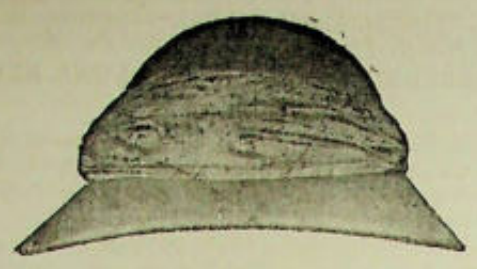

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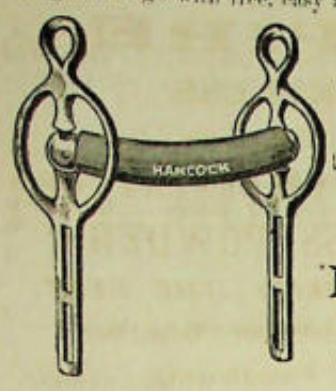

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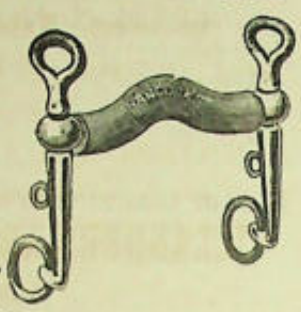

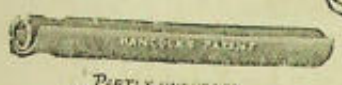

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2. The entry fee is Rs. 2 for each class for which a Horse is entered (Rs. 3 second entries), but Rs. 5 will cover all fees to all classes for which any one Horse is eligible. (Rs. 6 second entries).

3. 1st Entries close on 10th September, second entries close on 21st, September after which no entries will be accepted.

4. CLASS E.—An I. P. A. Certificate or a certificate from the Secretary of a Polo Club that the pony entered has been played regularly must accompany the entry. Ponies must be shown mounted.

5. There will be a Measuring Committee at the Happy Valley at 12 noon on 25th September for measuring Ponies without Certificates of height. Fee for measurement Rs 2. Applications for measurement should be made to the Honorary Secretary three days before. Fees to accompany applications.

6. Picketting gear to be sent with all Horses.

7. All Horses to be on the ground at 12 o'clock. Standings will be allotted to each horse from which it must not be removed without the sanction of the Committee.

DOG SHOW.

(*Under N. I. K. A. Rules.*)

The Classes will be as follows :—

(Subject to modification and alteration at the discretion of the Committee, according to the entries.)

I—Variety (Hounds)
II—Cross-Breeds
III—Great Danes
IV—Coursing Dogs
V—Setters
VI—Other Gun Dogs
VII—Spaniels
VIII—Dachshunds
IX—Poodles
X—Bull Dogs
XI—Bull Terriers
XII—Airedale Terriers
XIII—Fox Terriers
XIV—Wire
XV—Irish Terriers
XVI—Welsh Terriers
XVII—Eastern Dogs
XVIII—Variety (Small)
XIX—Griffons Bruxellois
XX—Braces
XXI—Puppies
XXII—Litters
XXIII—Soldiers' Dogs

RULES.

DOGS.

(*Rules 1 to 13 Rules of the N. I. K. A.*)

1. Every dog exhibited must be the *bonâ-fide* property of the exhibitor. But should a temporary owner be empowered, during the real owner's absence from India, to exhibit in his own name such entries will be accepted on the production of a Certificate signed by the real owner to the above effect.

2. Any dog declared by a qualified veterinary opinion to be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall be disqualified.

3. A dog found to be objectionably "faked" by the officiating judge, whose judgment is supported by the opinion of a local Sub-Committee consisting of at least two members, assisted by a Veterinary officer, shall be disqualified and debarred from future competition at any show supported by the Association.

4. For the meaning of "objectionable faking" members shall be guided by the rules of the English Kennel Club, for the time being.

5. The case of any dog disqualified under Rule 3 shall be reported to the Secretary of the N. I. K. A. by the local management for necessary action. The owner of such dog shall, however, be allowed a right of appeal to the Committee of the Association whose decision shall be final.

6. Any other objection than that allowed for in Rules 3 to 5 can be made to the Local Committee, the members of which shall be empowered to decide it, subject to the proviso that an appeal can be made to the Committee of the N. I. K. A. whose decision shall be final.

7. In all cases of objection or appeal, the objector and appellant shall be required to deposit a sum of Rs. 16 each which shall be forfeited if, in the opinion of the Local Committee or of the Association Committee, the objection or appeal is of a frivolous nature.

8 All cases decided by the Local Committee shall be reported in writing within one month to the N. I. K. A. Committee, for purposes of record.

9. Whenever possible, separate classes should be formed for separate breeds.

10. All judging at shows in any way assisted by the N. I. K. A. shall be public.

11. In every show held under the auspices of the N. I. K. A. at least one prize for members only shall be given.

12. No dog imported after 1st January 1900, or born in India after 1st January 1900, shall, if cropped, be eligible for competition at shows held under these rules.

13. The term "bred in India" shall mean "begotten and born in India."

14. *Entries.*—All entries must be made on the special forms provided for the purpose and entry fees must accompany the applications.

15 *Entry Fees.*—First entry fees Rs. 2, for each dog. Second entry fees Rs. 3, for each dog. First entries close on 14th September, second entries on 21st September, after which no entries will be accepted.

16. *Registration.*—All dogs including puppies unless already registered *must* be registered in the N. I. K. A. books; special forms are sent out with entry forms which must be filled in and returned to the Honorary Secretary, with the entries. The Registration fee is Re. 1 for each Dog, and must be sent with the entry fees. Dogs already registered in the English Kennel Club Books are registered free in the books of the N. I. K. A. on production of registration certificate. *Unregistered Dogs will be disqualified.*

17. *Chains.*—All dogs must be provided with a strong chain and suitable leather collar. Exhibits sent with chains unsuitable for the purpose will be liable to rejection.

18. *Identification Cards.*—All dogs must be accompanied with cards, *securely fastened to their collars*, on which are written their name as well as the names of their exhibitors, thus :—

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19. *Instructions for entry forms :*—

(*a*). In the "Breed" columns it is not sufficient to state merely "Terrier" or "Spaniel," etc., the exact breed such as "Wire-haired Fox Terrier." "Cocker Spaniel" or as the case may be should be clearly stated.

(*b*). Puppies should be declared as in Rule 20.

(*c*). Pedigrees if given should be very brief. It will be sufficient to name sire and dam.

(*d*). Prizes previously won should be mentioned in the briefest possible manner.

(*e*). Exhibitors may state in the entry forms if their dogs are for sale or not which fact will be shown in the catalogues.

20. *Puppies.*—A Puppy to be eligible must be under twelve months of age on the 26th September, 1903. Such Puppies may compete in other classes and if so entered will require fees as mentioned in Rule 15 for each class, and the entries *must* be distinctly recorded in the entry forms.

The exact date of birth of all puppies entered in the "puppy classes" must be given.

21. There will be two classes (big and small dogs) for soldiers alone, if there are sufficient exhibits. These two classes alone are post entries, and a nominal charge of 4 annas for each entry will be made. Dogs entered in these classes need not be registered. Soldiers wishing to enter dogs in other classes must do so in the usual manner.

GENERAL.

1. Judging will commence as soon after 10 A.M. as possible. Exhibits not in their places when judging commences will be liable not to be judged. The order of judging will be determined by the Committee. The decisions of the judges will be final, unless there is any such misrepresentation or breach of Rules as to render revision necessary, a point which the Committee will decide. Judges are empowered to withhold a prize, or prizes, in any class, if in their opinion there is a conspicuous want of merit.

2. No animals other than exhibits, will be allowed on the ground on any pretext whatever.

3. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason; and to exclude or remove any exhibit which, in their opinion, is not in a fit state for exhibition from disease, vice, or any other cause.

4. The above Rules are subject to addition or alteration at the discretion of the Committee. Should any question arise not provided for by the Rules of the time being, the decision of the Committee will be final. All Exhibitors will be deemed to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Committee on whatsoever point, and it is only on this understanding that entries will be received.

5. The Northern India Kennel Association will present Special Prizes, the terms of which will be made known hereafter.

6. Any exhibit intended for sale may be claimed at the catalogue price. All such claims to be made to the Honorary Secretary who will register the sale to the first claimant. In the event of two or more claimants applying at the same time for the same exhibit, so that priority of application cannot be decided, such exhibit will be auctioned among the above claimants, no exhibit will be recognised as having changed hands until the show is over. Ten per cent. commission will be charged by the Show Fund to vendors of exhibits.

7. *Safety of animals.*—The Committee will be most anxious for the care and safety of animals sent for exhibition, or any other property entrusted to them; but it must be distinctly understood by exhibitors and all other persons, that the Committee will not be responsible for the loss, detention of or damage to any animals or other property whether arising from accident or other cause whatever, or from any act or omission of themselves, their officers, agents, servants or others.

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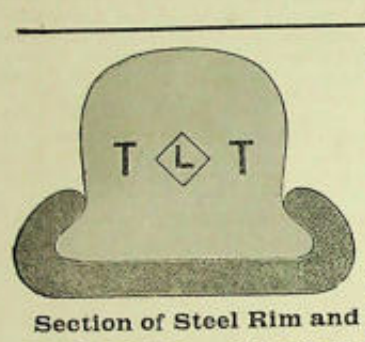

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Fourth Calcutta Meeting	Sep.	5	
Fifth do do	"	12	
Bangalore 2nd Extra	"	3	
Tollygunge Gymkhana	"	5	
Quetta Autumn	"	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases ..	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3, 5 & 10	
		29 & Oct. 1	
Debra Autumn Sky	"	28 & 30	
Cocanada	Oct.	6 & 8	374
Simla Autumn	"	22 & 24	210
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	27, 29 & 31	
Dinapore Gymkhana	"	1 and 3	
Darjeeling Sky Races	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Umballa Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Rangoon Autumn	"	26	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	"	11 & 14	382
Hyderabad	"	12, 14 & 17	
Meerut Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	370
Lucknow Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Karachi Autumn	"	4 and 6	
Mhow Races	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Terpore	"	3 & 10	
Rawalpindi Autumn	"	12	
Calcutta First Extra	"	19	
" Second Extra	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
" First Meeting	"	26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	Jan.	16 & 23	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	2 & 9	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Dacca	"	19, 21 & 22	382
Madras Winter	"	20	
Calcutta Third Extra	Feb	6	
" Fourth "	"	2, 4 & 6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	
Bombay			

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ..	Second ..	.. 15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra ..	.. ..	.. 8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ..	.. ..	.. 15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting ..	First ..	.. 2nd Nov.
	Second ..	.. 1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting ..	First ..	.. 1st Dec.
	Second ..	.. 9th Jan.
	Third ..	.. 16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First ..	.. 2nd Nov.
	Second ..	.. 1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First ..	.. 2nd Nov.
	Second ..	.. 1nd Jan.
Poona	Second ..	.. 25th "
	Final ..	.. 8th Sept.
Civil Service Cup	Third ..	.. 16th Sept
	Fourth ..	.. 1st Dec.
	Final ..	.. 20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second ..	.. 1st Oct.
	Third ..	.. 14th Nov.
Debra Autumn Sky	Second ..	.. 10th Sept.
Terpore	First ..	.. 1st Nov.
	Second ..	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	Second ..	.. 26th Sept.
	Third ..	.. 24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn ..	First ..	.. 31st Oct.
	Second ..	.. 25th Nov.
	Final ..	.. 1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First ..	.. 20th Sept.
	Second ..	.. 17th Oct.
	Final ..	.. 24th "
Hyderabad	First ..	.. 15th Oct.
	Second ..	.. 2nd Nov.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Poona Open Tournament	14th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Cawnpore Tournament	Week following Army Cup.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta) ..	Begins 11th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Naini Tal Tournament	Begins 28th September.
Sonepore Tournament	During Sonepore Meet.
Mysore Dusserah Tournament ..	Begins 3rd October.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show ..	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November
Masonic Horse and Dog Show ..	26th September

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament ..	Begins 11th September.

GOLF.

The Nasik Week	14th to 21st September.

SWIMMING.

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Autumn Meeting	19th September.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Challenge Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournament	14th to 19th September.
Poona Open Tournament	Commences 14th Sept.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

BOXING.

Wellington Tournament	.. 3rd and 4th September.

SPORTS.

South Indian A. A. Gymkhana ..	.. 9th September.

RACKETS.

Punjab Annual Tournament Murree ..	.. End of September.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Great Yorkshire Handicap (Im. 6f. 132 yards)	.. Tuesday, Sept. 8
Champagne Stakes	.. Tuesday, Sept. 8
The St. Leger (1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards)	.. Wednesday, Sept. 9
Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles) ..	.. Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles) ..	.. Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles) ..	.. Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	.. Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	.. Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs) ..	.. Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	.. Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	.. Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles) ..	.. Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	.. Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1¼ miles)	.. Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	.. 26th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	.. 7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

A. J. C. Derby	.. 12th September.
Caulfield Guineas	.. 10th October.
Caulfield Cup	.. 17th October.
Victoria Derby	.. 31st October.
Melbourne Cup	.. 3rd November.

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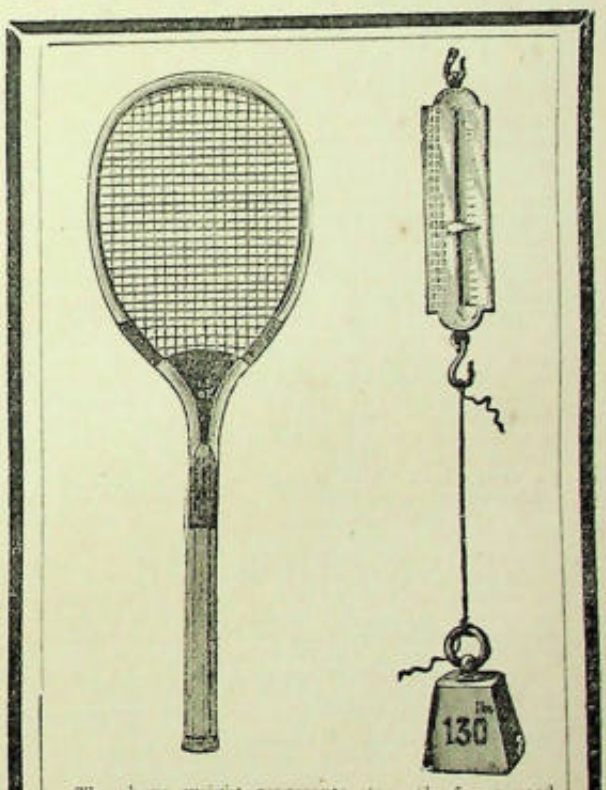

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Wednesday, 26th August, 1903.

THE going to-day was very far from being on top and there can be little doubt that in many instances it affected the results. Being a week day (though Gunputi holiday) the attendance was not very large, but those who were present were good patrons of the ring.

The most interesting incident of the afternoon was the presence of Mr. W. Bass, the owner of Sceptre, who has added to his string nearly all the Hon. Capt Greville's best racing ponies, and it was on one of these that Mr. Bass sported his own colours at the meeting. He did not get away any too well on Stockbell, who was made favourite, but he rode a patient race, and wearing [illegible] his field won with something in hand. Mr. Bass has now a string in training with Bleach and his colours should be [illegible]ominently this season.

The Horse Hurdles drew a large number of entries but only a trio contested the stakes, and of the Kour Saheb's pair Stoddart was preferred to Pope. That old rogue Veneda took the lead up the straight and won; he was showing indications of curling up when Stoddart rattled up behind him in hot pursuit, but Mr. J. B.'s candidate was humoured and got home right enough.

Scott was disappointed no doubt but he got substantial consolation in the next event, for which Funny was well supported by his stable and the public, but there was good money also for Malice. In the end the issue lay between these two and Malice, who has come on a great deal lately, held the chestnut safe at the finish and won as she liked. Once more did Good Boy beat Free Trade, who seems to be running much below the form expected of him by his connections.

That Little Joker of Mr Essayie's pops up serenely when least expected to do so, and he won the Futurity Stakes after a tight race with Moored and Kour Saheb. The latter was in most demand and with the services of that accomplished horseman Robinson was confidently expected to win; but he was giving away a stone and more to those who finished in front of him, and no doubt the softness of the going militated against his chances.

Last year The Robber ran some most sensational races at Poona, and as Pearson, who has just come back to Poona, turned him out in fine fettle he was backed equally well as Oriental, but whatever chance he had was dissipated by too much use being made of him at the start and the heavy weights being pumped by the pace in the sticky going; the light weight bobbed up and Regret won from Skylark, with Oriental third.

Clarke has a really handsome little son of Petronel in his charge and his patience with this black horse, which came out last year, has improved each time he has run this season. The way he came with a wet sail after Alix on the Saturday previous and caused her to be shaken up gave backers a good line to go on and he was supported pretty freely, a little money always being laid on Madeira. He is a slow beginner, but seems to have a rare dash at the finish and just as in his race against Alix he lay back till the entrance to the straight and then came with one long run and won anyhow.

It is not often we see a two-year-old Arab on the course, but Bendigo is an exception to this rule. His *début* was duly noted and he ran so well that his chance in the Consolation Plate was considered decidedly rosy, and so it proved. Of course, he was getting a big stick of weight off for age allowance, but he won with at least a stone and more in hand. Connaught ran quite up to his best form, but could get no nearer than third.

The following are details of racing:—

THE HORSE HURDLE HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs. 50. A handicap hurdle race for horses 1¼ miles over 7 flights.

Mr J B's b aus h Veneda 11st ...	Penton	1
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's br aus g Stoddart, 9st 9lbs ...	Hoyt	2
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's bl aus g Pope, 11st 5lbs	Morrison	3

(*Winner trained by H. Goode.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Stoddart, 6 to 4 agst Veneda, 3 to 1 Pope.

Won by half a length: five lengths between second and third. Time—3mins. 2⅘secs.

THE STICK STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs. 50. A handicap hurdle race for ponies 14-2 and under. 1¼ miles over 6 flights.

H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's br aus m Malice, 11st 9lbs	Penton	1
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ch aus g Funny, 11st 2lbs	Hoyt	2
Mr Percy Fischer's g aus g Good Boy, 10st 5lbs	Morrison	3
Mr A W B's ch aus g Free Trade, 11st 10lbs	Beasley	0
„ R J Hunter's br aus m Beryl, 10st 3lbs	Egan	0
Dr Spooner Hart's br aus g Goodchap, 9st 8lbs	Williamson	0
Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 9st 7lbs ...	Capt Casson	0

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

BETTING: Evens Funny, 2 to 1 agst Malice, 3 to 1 Beryl, 4 to 1 Free Trade, 10 to 1 the rest.

Won by two length easily: ten lengths between second and third. Time—2mins 34⅘secs.

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Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 7st 8lbs	Kamad	1
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed, 7st 6lbs ...	Heroo	2
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Saheb, 8st 9lbs	Robinson	3
Capt the Hon'ble C F Greville's g a h Scattereash, 9st 7lbs	Hoyt	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' g a h Flying Childers, 9st 11lb ...	Cowell	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Minting King, 8st 3lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Salvation, 8st 11lb ...	O'Neil	0
Mr R R S's ch a h Najaffi, 7st 12lbs ...	Southall	0
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's ch a h Rex II, 7st 3lbs	Brown	0
Col Anderson's g a h Surhan, 7st ...	Nelson	0
Mr A M Amer's b a h Supporter, 6st 8lbs ...	Nama	0

(*Winner trained by Byramji.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Kour Saheb, 3 to 1 each Scattereash and Najaffi, 7 to 1 Little Joker, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

Won by three quarters of a length; neck between second and third. Time—1min. 1⅘secs.

THE SMALL ARAB HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. 1 mile.

Capt Benn's g a h Regret, 7st 4lbs ...	Hoyt	1
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 6st ...	Bennett	2
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental, 9st 2lbs ...	Robinson	3
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 8st 11lbs	Oomerkhan	0
„ M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 8st 10lbs	Kamad	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 8st 4lbs	Heeroo	0

(*Winner trained by Bleach.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Oriental, 3 to 1 The Robber, 4 to 1 Regret, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

Won by two lengths; three lengths between second and third.

THE YERROWDA STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs. 50. A welter handicap for horses which have not won race value Rs. 1,000 since 31st March 1900. G. R's, Jockeys penalised. 1 mile.

Mr Mill's bl e h Misty, 11st 10lbs ...	Major Beevor	1
Vety-Col Hazelton's b nth am m Madeira, 11st 8lbs	Capt Meynell	2
Major Edward's ch aus m Runaway Girl, 10st 2lbs	Owner	3
Mr G O Boase's b aus g Dawn, 11st ...	Owner	0
Major Cleveland's br aus g Rising Sun, 9st 10lbs	Mr Bingham	0

(*Winner trained by Clarke.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Misty, 2 to 1 agst Madeira, 5 to 1 Dawn, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length easily: three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 57⅘secs.

THE ARAB CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs. 50. For Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 50 or over. W. A. reduced 4lbs. Allowances.—Ponies 14 hands and under new measurement 7lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr A R Ameer's b a h Bendigo, 6st 4 lbs ...	Kamad	1
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Bikanir, 8st ...	Oomerkhan	2
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Connaught, 8st 6lbs	Heeroo	3
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' ch a h Golden Plover, 8st 6lbs ...	Mr Cowell	0
Mr Galtrey's b a h Rochester, 8st 6lbs ...	Hoyt	0
Messrs A A Saif and J Antonie's g a h Purser, 8st 2lbs	C P Mahomed	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h New Moon, 8st...	Dhondi	0
Mr S A Wahed's ch a c Isinglass, 7st 2lbs...	Kunai	0
Col P K L Beaver's g a h Bridge, 7st 2lbs	Melsom	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 each Bendigo and Connaught, 4 to 1 each Rochester and Bikanir, 10 to 1 the others.

Won anyhow by three lengths; two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 27⅘secs.

THE WELTER STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; and third, Rs 50. For all maiden ponies 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 11st. 10lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winner since 31st March 1901, race value Rs. 180 or over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Ponies measured previous to 1st April 1899. 7lbs extra. Allowances.—C. B's. 14lbs., Arabs 24lbs., ponies which have never won race value Rs. 50 or over 4lbs. G. R's. Jockeys penalised. 1 mile.

Mr W Bass' b aus m Stockbell, 11st 11lbs	Owner	1
„ Leslie's b aus m Matilda, 11st 11lbs ...	Major Edwards	2
Vety-Col Hazelton's b aus g Patrician, 11st 11lb	Capt Meynell	3
Capt Hickman's b aus m Saucebox, 11st 11lb	Owner	0
Mr W Bass' b ch m Tam Ring, 11st 11lb ...	Major Beevor	0
Capt Benn's ch aus m Estelle, 10st 6lbs...	Mr Bingham	0

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Matilda, 3 to 1 Stockbell, 4 to 1 Patrician, 5 to 1 Saucebox, 10 to 1 the rest.

Won by two lengths: same distance between second and third. Time—35⅘ secs.

POONA EIGHTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 29th August, 1903.

The racing to-day was full of interest. Five handicap events had to be negotiated and it was not to be wondered at that even the *cognoscenti* took a bad fall, the bookmakers wearing a self-satisfied smirk at the end of the day's proceedings.

There was as much excitement as could well have been wished for, with an objection which was upheld and a dead heat which was run off. Besides this it was the last visit of H. E. Lord Northcote to the course and he was cheered repeatedly as he went away. He has been a good patron to sport in the Presidency and he must have been pleased at the hearty reception he received.

It was hardly expected that Money Spinner would start in the Novelty Plate, but when he was declared to do so there was money for him despite his recent failures and under Jimmy Robinson the grey retrieved his character by running bang up to his private gallops and won like a game 'un. In view of this his recent failures go to show that he must have been out of sorts.

Victory won the Melton Stakes and Second Dealers' Plate at Bombay two years ago and what very often happens to the newly landed Arab who performs this trick he broke down in one of his fore legs. He was sold as a polo pony and getting into Captain Dunbar's hands was patched up and once more put into training and won some small races up-country. The W. I. T. C. handicapper remembering his breakdown no doubt allotted him 6st. 7lbs. in the New Stand Plate and he just got home nicely from Turkish Flag II, but it was a tight finish after a mile and a quarter, the verdict being obtained by only a neck.

Another disappointer got the race when Greyleg won the Dwarf Handicap Stakes. He was a winner by virtue of being bumped by Little Joker, who was first home but disqualified for bumping the grey at the finish; this gave Governor third place which was very welcome to those who still follow the aged chestnut.

Oh what a fall was there when Rocket won the Staff Cup from the better fancied Duldul and Hamilton! These two ran exceedingly well till Rocket came with a rattle at the end and won his patient owner a race at last. Colonel Eccles has a lot of ponies of sorts with which he has shown great perseverance and Rocket's success must have been very welcome.

Undoubtedly the event of the evening was the Horse Consolation Handicap. Acetine was left in but was not declared to start and after the numbers went up Carreewick was installed favourite, but not before the jaunting brigade were quite sure Firecracker was not the selected of the stable. A grand finish was witnessed, the favourite and Misty under the whip came along in great style, stride for stride, and the excitement was so intense that hardly a word was breathed: then a new feature was altered to the pent up feelings of backers, for Blue Blood seemed to come from nowhere and from some points of the stand it looked like a dead heat between the three, but Carreewick and Misty only had dead heated and Blue Blood had lost by a short head. Both owners declared to run off and Misty won anyhow leading the whole way: I think now that the son of Petronel has showed such wonderful form it is time to bottle him up for the big meeting. His two-mile races on Saturday will not add quite to his good chances unless he gets a spell off the game of a week or two. When I saw him soon after landing last year he looked undersized, but Clarke has worked wonders in him and after all blood tells.

Tragedian was run up to the shortest of odds and in a handicap calculated to give the whole field an even chance. Western Queen, one of the light weights, won, but what a grand mare Key West is. Placed at the top of the Handicap as she was she looked like a winner till the lightly treated Western Queen wore her down. Key West was giving the winner 2st. 8lbs. and lost by only three-quarters of a length! Olga ran badly on the whole. Her stable is dead out of luck this season!

Buktawar and Sweetlips were most fancied for the Selling Plate, but Talisman, who had satisfied Fowler in a private trial, was backed with some confidence by his owner and won easily, Mr. Fischer buying him in for Rs. 875. And so ended a good day's racing with a rather bad Monday for some whose transactions on the nod were not all on the right side of the ledger. Details:—

THE NOVELTY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under which have not won flat race value Rs. 50 or over. 14 hands to carry 9st. W. I. Ponies measured previous to 1st April, 1899, 7lbs. extra. 5 furlongs.

Col Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 9st	Robinson	1
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed, 7st 10lbs	Hoyt	2
Messrs Abdoola and M Shamlan's b a h Turn of Luck, 8st 8lbs	C B Mahomed	3
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Bikanir, 8st 8lbs	Oomerkhan	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h New Moon, 8st 8lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr R R S's' ch a h Najaffi, 8st 2lbs ...	Melsom	0
„ D S Mehta's ch a g Avenger, 7st 7lbs...	Ahmed	0
„ A M Amer's b a h Supporter, 6st 12lbs	Nama	0

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 Money Spinner, 3 to 1 Bikanir, 4 to 1 each Mooreed and New Moon, 6 to 1 Najiffi, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by three lengths; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min. 11⅘secs.

THE NEW STAND PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs. 1¼ miles.

Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 6st 7lbs ...	Melsom	1
Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 8st	Southall	2
Messrs F Nowrojee and H Jamsetjee's g a h Propeller, 7st 11lbs	Hoyt	3
Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's b a h Hakum 9st 2lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Magtoom, 7st 9lbs	Heeroo	0

(*Winner trained by F. Pearson.*)

BETTING: Evens Turkish Flag, 3 to 1 each Hakum and Magtoom, 4 to 1 Victory, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a neck; half a lengh between second and third. Time—2mins. 26⅘secs.

THE DWARF HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arab Ponies 13-3 and under. 6 furlongs.

Captain Wilson's g a h Greyleg, 8st 11lb ...	Robinson	1
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheet's b a h Young Taisseer, 7st 5lbs	Hoyt	2
Mr Fischer's ch a h Governor, 8st 4lbs ...	Southall	3
„ B D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 8st 11lbs	Oomerkhan	0
„ M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 8st 7lbs	Kamad	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h Minting King, 7st	Heeroo	0
„ Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 6st	Bennett (dis.)	

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

BETTING: Evens Greyleg, 2 to 1 Little Joker, 3 to 1 The Robber, 6 to 1 Shaiboob, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min 25⅘ secs. An objection for bumping against little Joker was upheld and he was disqualified, the race going to Greyleg.

THE STAFF CUP.—Winner a cup, value Rs. 200, presented by the Members of the Staff of H. E. the Right Hon'ble Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E., with Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third from the Fund. A Welter Handicap for Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. G. R's. Jockeys penalized. 5 furlongs

Col Eccles' b a h Rocket, 9st 13lbs ...	Southall	1
Major Murray and Capt Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 10st 7lbs	Major Beevor	2
Major Eustace's b a g Naseri, 10st 11b ...	Mr Bingham	3
Mr W Bass' b a h Huddal, 10st 8lbs ...	Owner	0
„ L C Swifte's b a h What Ho, 9st 10lbs	Mr Smith	0
„ C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 9st 8lbs ...	Capt Hickman	0
Major Edwards' ch a g Conway, 9st 7lbs	Owner	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 9st 2lbs ...	Penton	0
Capt Wilson's br a h Ashton 9st ...	Robinson	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 each Duldal and Hamilton, 3 to 1 each Rocket and Huddal, 6 to 1 Naseri, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

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HORSE CONSOLATION HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50. A handicap for horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over since 31st March, 1901. 1 mile.

Mr Mill's bl e h Misty, 7st 6lbs ...	Bennett	1
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus m Carreewick, 8st 11b	Heeroo	2
Mr M Pestonjee's br aus m Blue Blood, 8st	O'Neil	3
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Firecracker, 8st 5lbs	Robinson	0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's ch aus m Gnullo, 7st 13lbs	Williams	0
Mr R M Roy's ch aus h Altamas, 7st 12lbs	Southall	0
„ A W P's b aus g Fando. 7st 10lbs ...	Kamad	0
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's br aus g Dioptrics, 7st 6lbs	Hoyt	0

(*Winner trained by A. Clarke.*)

BETTING : Evens Carreewick, 3 to 1 Dioptrics, 4 to 1 Altamas 6 to 1 Misty, 10 to 1 the others.

A dead heat between Misty and Carreewick, Blue Blood a neck behind. Time—1min. 47⅘secs.

Run off Misty won all the way in 1min. 47⅘. secs.

MEDIUM HANDICAP.—Winner. Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; thrid Rs. 50. A handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Harper's ch aus m Western Queen. 7st 4lbs	Hoyt	1
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 9st 12lbs	Robinson	2
Dr Spooner Hart's b aus m Pride O'Dharamtala, 8st 10lbs...	O'Neil	3
Messrs A Nanji and M Goculdas' b aus m Olga. 9st 10lbs	Cowell	0
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Tragedian, 9st 2lbs	Southall	0
Mr W Bass' b aus m Stockbell, 8st ...	Melsom	0
„ A W P's bl aus m Black Swan, 6st 11lbs	Native	0
Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 6st 10lbs ...	Kamad	0
Mr Noble's b aus m Miss Birnie, 6st ...	Bennett	0

BETTING : Evens Tragedian, 3 to 1 Olga, 4 to 1 Key West, 10 to 1 each Stockbell and Pride O'Dharamtala 15 to 1 Western Queen.

Won by three-quarters of a length : a neck between second and third.—Time—1min. 21⅗secs.

THE SELLING PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arabs. Horses entered for Rs. 1,500 to carry 10st. Ponies 14 hands entered for Rs. 1,500 to carry 10st. W. I. 3lbs. for each Rs. 100 down to Rs. 500. Allowance—Horses and ponies who have not won race value Rs. 150 or over 4lbs. 5 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's b a h Talisman, 8st 11b	O'Neil	1
„ A A Amer's b a h Fakir II, 8st 10lbs ...	C B Mahomed	2
„ S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips, 8st 11b ...	Oomerkhan	3
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass's g a h Wild Fox, 8st 7lbs ...	Penton	0
Aga S Shah's b a h Musketeer, 8st 6lbs ...	Robinson	0
Mr M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar, 7st 12lbs	Southall	0
„ Galtrey's b a h Rochester, 7st 8lbs ...	Hoyt	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Settler, 7st 6lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 7st... ...	Bennett	0

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 Musketeer, 3 to 1 each Sahsman and Sweetlips, 6 to 1 Settler 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length easily ; one and three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min. 10⅗secs.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

THE A. R. C. GRAND NATIONAL.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE.—A handicap of 350 sovs.; second horse to receive 50 sovs. out of the stake. About two and a half miles.

£35	Mr J F Kain's b m Bay Lavender, by Carlyon—Water Lily, 5yrs, 9st 2½lbs —including 2½ lb over	Owner	1
£19	5/ Mr C Quinn's b g The Distiller, 4yrs, 9st	T McInerney	2
£363	Mr V Elliott's b g Ina, aged, 10st 6lbs	M Whelan	3
£169	Mr F W Allen's b g Bombastes, aged, 10st	R Gough	0
£152	10/ Mr F Burmeister's b g Corral, aged, 13st 2lbs	C McEnhill	0
£190	10/ Mr R Howie's b g Prospero, 6yrs, 11st 5lbs	D Lyons	0
£212	Mr T C Wheeler's b g Warranook, aged, 11st 3lbs	F Barr	0
£70	5/ Mr E J Hatwell's b g Mick, 6yrs, 10st 9lbs	A Ellis	0
£594	Mr A P Bowman's c g Gunbower, aged, 10st 2lbs	C Howie	0
£26	10/ Mr T Keily's c g Lorne, 6yrs, 10st	A Bennett	0
£100	5/ Mr J Patterson's b g Kebbuck, aged, 9st 7lbs	H W Holmes	0
£13	5/ Mr R McDonald's c g Reindeer, 6yrs, or aged, 9st 5lbs	T Barnes	0
£91	10/ Mr W Mallen's b or br g Burlaway, aged, 9st 4lbs	T Tinham	0
£24	10/ Mr Reid's b g Aristos, 5yrs, 9st 2lbs - including 2lbs over— ...	E Copely	0
£28	15/ Mr S Ferry's c g Hornpipe, aged, 9st	L Joskin	0
£60	5/ Mr W Scanlon's b g Generalissimo, aged, 9st	T Driscoll	0

(*Winner trained by W. Jacobs.*)

Amount of totalizator, £1,950 10/. Dividend, for £1 ticket, £50 3/.

A great race home resulted in a head win for Bay Lavender with The Distiller two lengths clear of Ina, who was third. Bombastes was fourth. Warranook fifth. Kebbuck sixth. Gunbower seventh. Corral eighth, Burlaway ninth. Generalissimo tenth. Reindeer eleventh, Mick twelfth, Hornpipe, thirteen, Artistos fourtheent, and Lorne last. Time—4mins. 50secs.

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Entries for Races.

POONA RACES AND STEEPLECHASES.

2ND ENTRIES CLOSED ON TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST 1903.

1st Day. Wednesday. 23rd September 1903.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Distance—1 mile.
(1st Entries 11.)

12 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Up Guards
13 „ J D Scott's ... ... Forest

H. H THE FIRST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 13.)

14 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Secunder
15 Capt Dunbar's ... ... g a h ... Victory, 14-0

THE BREEDERS' PLATE.—Distance—6 furlongs.
(1st Entries 9.)

10 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Saloon
11 „ J D Scott's ... . Louis
12 „ J D Scott's ... ... Gentle Lady

THE NEW STAKES.—Distance—6 furlongs.
(1st Entries 13.)

14 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Yankee Boy
15 „ J D Scott's ... ... Yardley

THE STAND PLATE—Distance—¼ mile.
(1st Entries 10.)

11 Capt Greer's ... ... ch aus g ... Whenan, 13-3
12 Mr M Nussetwanjee's roan ch c ... Jal 13-2½

2nd Day, Saturday. 26th September 1903.

THE WESTERN INDIAN STAKES.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 15.)

16 Mr J D Scott's ... ...Up Guards

THE CRITERION.—Distance—7 furlongs.
(1st Entries 15.)

16 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Ritual
17 Major Broadrick's ... b aus m ... Wahine

THE POONA DERBY. Distance—1½ miles.
(1st Entries 18.)

19 Mr J D Scott's ... . Secunder

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES.—Distance—5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 17.)

18 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Yankee Boy
19 „ J D Scott's ... ... Yardely

3rd Day, Monday, 28th September 1903.

THE POONA GRAND NATIONAL. Distance—about 2¾ miles.
(1st Entries 12.)

13 Major Broadrick's ... b aus m ... Wahine

THE KIRKEE CHASE.—Distance—about 2 miles over the Pony Steeplechase Course.
(1st Entries 10.)

11 Captain Dunbar's ... g a h ... Victory, 14-0

THE SEPTEMBER STAKES.—Distance—1 mile.
(1st Entries 18.)

19 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Ritual
20 „ R J Hunter's ... b aus m ... Repetition

THE AGA KHAN'S PURSE.—Distance—1 mile.
(1st Entries 11.)

15 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Secunder
16 „ M Ally's ... ... ch a h ... The Robber, 13-3

THE WANOWRIE STAKES.—Distance—6 furlongs.
(1st Entries 24.)

25 Thakur Sripal Singh's ... ch a h ... Omar, 13-3½

THE LILLIPUTS.—Distance—¼ mile.
(1st Entries 18.)

19 Mr R M Roy's ... ... g a h ... Farewell, 13-2½
20 Major Eustace's ... b a g ... Naseri, 13-3

4th Day. Thursday. 1st October 1903.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Distance—R. C. and Distance.
(1st Entries 21.)

22 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Secunder

THE STEWARDS' PURSE.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 16.)

17 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Ritual

THE MERCHANTS' CUP.—Distance—1 mile.
(1st Entries 11.)

12 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Gentle Lady
13 „ J D Scott's ... ... Louis
14 „ J D Scott's ... ... Saloon

THE CORONATION STAKES.—Distance—7 furlongs.
(1st Entries 21.)

22 Mr J D Scott's ... . Yardley
23 „ J D Scott's ... . Yankee Boy
24 „ J D Scott's ... ... Gentle Lady

THE LAWN STAKES.—Distance—5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 22.)

23 Colonel Eccles'... ... b a h ... Sweet William, 13-2
24 Major Eustace's ... b a h ... Naseri, 13-3
25 Mr R M Roy's ... ... g a h ... Farewell, 13-2½

5th Day, Saturday, 3rd October 1903.

THE ORIENTAL STAKES.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 15.)

16 Mr J D Scott's... ... . Up Guards

THE OCTOBER STAKES.—Distance—6 furlongs.
(1st Entries 20.)

21 Mr J D Scott's... ... . Forest

THE WINNERS' HANDICAP.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 15.)

16 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Secunder
17 Capt Dunbar's ... ... g a h ... Victory, 14-0

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Distance—1¼ miles.
(1st Entries 9.)

10 Mr J D Scott's ... ... Gentle Lady
11 „ J D Scott's ... ... Louis
12 „ J D Scott's ... ... Saloon

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Distance—5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 10.)

11 Capt Greer's ... ... ch aus g ... Whenan, 13-3

THE KIRKEE CUP.—Distance—5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 22.)

23 Colonel Eccles' ... b a h ... Rocket, 14-0
24 Mr R M Roy's ... g a h ... Farewell, 13-2½
25 Thakur Sripal Singh's ... ch a h ... Omar, 13-3½

THE GHORPURI STAKES.—Distance—7 furlongs.
(1st Entries 12.)

13 Mr M Ally's ... ... ch a h ... The Robber, 13-3

6th Day. Monday. 5th October 1903.

THE POONA GRAND ANNUAL. Distance—about 2¼ miles.
(1st Entries 12.)

13 Major Broadrick's ... b aus m ... Wahine

THE GANESHKHIND CHASE.—Distance—about 2 miles over Pony Steeplechase Course.
(1st Entries 10.)

11 Colonel Eccles' ... ... b aus g ... Pomfret 14-1
12 „ Eccles' ... ... b aus g ... Widgeon, 13-3

THE POONA HANDICAP.—Distance 5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 22.)

23 Mr J D Scott's... ... ... Forest

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Distance—1 mile.
(1st Entries 20.)

21 Colonel Eccles' ... ... b a h ... Rocket, 14-0
22 Mr M Ally's ... ... ch a h ... The Robber, 13-3

THE LILIPUT HANDICAP.—Distance—¼ mile.
(1st Entries 18.)

19 Colonel Eccles'... ... b a h ... Sweet William, 13-2
20 Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's ... ... b a h ... Settler, 13-1½

THE COMMISSIONER'S PURSE.—Distance—5 furlongs.
(1st Entries 14.)

15 Mr J D Scott's... ... . Yankee Boy
16 „ J D Scott's... ... . Yardley

Final Entries close on Tuesday, 8th September 1903.

POONA, *26th August 1903.* CECIL GRAY.
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Judge.—H. GOUGH, ESQ.

First Day, Thursday. 12th November.

THE TRIAL HURDLES.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—W. A. & C. raised 2st. Allowance—Horses that have never won a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs. Penalties—Winners of a hurdle race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 1¼ miles over 6 flights of hurdles.

THE HYDERABAD PLATE.—Rs 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—W. A & C raised 2lbs. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 4lbs Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE CHUDDERGHAUT PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—English and Australasians 14-2 to carry 12st. 7lbs C.-B's 14-2 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-2 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs Penalties—Winners of race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or over 1st. extra. Cumulative. 6 furlongs.

THE ASIATIC PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st., Arabs 14-1 to carry 10st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 5 furlongs.

THE BEDOUIN PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arabs. Weights—For age raised 1st. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs., ponies 13-3 and under allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or more aggregating to Rs. 500 or more, 1st. extra. 7 furlongs.

THE MALLET PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* Arab polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over, allowed 5lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 3 furlongs.

Second Day, Saturday. 14th November.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 100 and Rs. 25 to the second. For *bonâ fide* polo ponies. (Certificate from Secretary of any recognized Polo Club to accompany entry.) Weights—Handicap. 3½ furlongs.

THE COLONIAL HANDICAP.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For horses. Weights—Handicap. 1 mile.

THE SAIFABAD PLATE.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 14-2 and under. Weights—Handicap. 7 furlongs.

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second For Arabs. Weights—Handicap. 1 mile.

THE ORIENTAL HANDICAP.—Rs. 150, and Rs. 50 to the second. For Arab and C-B. ponies 14-1 and under. Weights—Handicap. 6 furlongs.

THE DECCAN PLATE.—Rs. 100, and Rs. 25 to the second. For C.-B. horses. Weights—Weight for age. Allowances—Horses that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or more allowed 4lbs. Ponies 13-3 and under allowed 10lbs. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over, once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 12lbs. extra. 4 furlongs.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entrance money goes to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.
2. A course fee of Rs. 3 will be charged for every horse or pony trained on the course between the 1st of October and 15th of November 1903.

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3. Entries for all races close as follows :—1st Entries Rs. 10 on the 15th October 1903 at 9 P. M.; 2nd Entries Rs. 15 on the 2nd November 1903 at 9 P.M.

4. If, in any race, there are less than three entries in *bonâ fide* separate interests, such race will be declared void, under Rule 140.

5. All Telegrams must be confirmed by letter.

6. Starting declarations, accompanied by a jockey's fee for a losing mount, if not already paid, must be sent in on forms which will be supplied by the Honorary Secretary, showing correct weight, colors and name of rider to be placed in a box kept for the purpose at the Grand Stand Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

7. In W. I. Races, the height, and in W. A. Races, the age, must be stated at the time of entry.

8. Nizam's C.-B.'s will be allowed 7lbs. in all races except handicaps.

9 C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. Certificates and Certificates by Local Stewards under Rule 39, only accepted.

10 There will be a measurement by the Local Stewards (Rule 39) at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maidan, Chudderghaut, on the 9th of November 1903, at 8 A. M.

11. Handicaps will be published at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, the Officers' Mess, Futteh Maidan, and at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, by 9 A.M. on the day before the race, and acceptances and starting declaration to be placed in the Declaration Box at the Grand Stand, Futteh Maiden, Chudderghaut, and at the U. S. Club, Secunderabad, by 12 noon the day before the race.

12. Gentlemen riders who have never ridden the winner of a race value Rs. 50 allowed 3lbs. in all races except handicaps.

13. Licensed jockeys penalized 7lbs. in all races, handicaps included.

14. Any three Stewards form a quorum.

NOTICE.

1. Rupees throughout the Programme mean Government Rupees.

2. There will be a totalizator on the ground ; tickets Rs. 2.

3. 10 per cent. of the totalizator to go to the Fund.

4. Entrance to the Grand Stand and Enclosure Rs. 4 per diem, or Rs. 6 for the meeting. Ladies and owners free.

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Hyderabad Races.

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

The following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on 14th, 17th and 21st August 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Annis	b br aus m	Mr W Griffiths	Aged	13-2	For life.
Arina	ch aus m	Mr D Norton	Aged	13-3	For life.
Asthore	dk r gr cb m	Mr C F McKenzie	Aged	14-0	For life.
Bestman II	g aus g	Mr D Norton	Aged	14-1½	For life.
Eight	b br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Eighteen	b aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Eleven	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Fifteen	ch aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Five	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Forty	b aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Four	b aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-1	31st March '04.
Fourteen	bk aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Harebell	ch aus m	Mr O M D Bell	6	14-1	For life
Jiffy	br aus m	Mr W Griffiths	Aged	13-3	For life.
Jimmey	b aus g	Mr R B Lamotte	6	14-1½	For life.
Lady Bell	br aus m	Mr J B Cautley	6	14-1½	For life.
Lady Richmond	ch aus m	Mr D Norton	6	14-0½	For life.
Molka	br aus m	Mr D Norton	Aged	14-0½	For life.
Muriel	b aus m	Messrs F Chapman & Co	Aged	14-2	For life.
Mystery II	bk aus m	Mr B Bence	5	13-3½	31st March, '04.
Nineteen	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-2	31st March '04.
One	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Partridge	b aus m	Mr H Coonan	Aged	13-3	For life.
Red Shot	ch aus h	Mr W Moran	3	13-3½	31st Mar. 1104.
Richard	gr aus g	Mr A T Walker	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Sally Horner	sk aus m	Mr H Ryder	6	13-1	For life.
Seventeen	d aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Six	b br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Ten	b aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	Aged	13-2	For life.
Thirteen	b br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-2½	March '04
Thirty	ch aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Thirty-one	b br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2	For life.
Thirty-two	r gr aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-1½	31st March 1904.
Thirty-three	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Thirty-four	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Thirty-five	br mouse aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Thirty-six	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-2	31st March 1904.
Thirty-seven	b aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Thirty-eight	b aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-2	31st March 1904.
Thirty-nine	gr aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-2½	For life.
Three	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-1½	For life.
Twelve	gr aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	5	13-2	31st March '04.
Twenty	gr aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Twenty-one	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-1	For life.
Twenty-two	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Twenty-three	b aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	Aged	13-2	For life.
Twenty-four	br aus g	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-1½	For life.
Twenty-eight	ch aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	6	13-3	For life.
Twenty-nine	br aus m	Messrs Powell Bros	Aged	13-2	For life.
Wiff	ch aus m	Mr D Norton	3	13-2½	31st March 1904.
Whitchery	b aus m	Mr R Bence	Aged	14-1	For life
Wollongong	br aus m	Messrs Mackellar	4	14-1½	31st Mach. 1904.

The following horse was classed and aged, on 14th August 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Horse	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*
Impolita	ch aus m	Mr A T Walker	5

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

THE following horse was classed and aged by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 10th August, 1903.

Horse's Name	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*
Huntley	b a h	Mr. Abdool Gany	6	.....

The following pony was classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 17th August, 1903.

Postmistress	b aus m	Mr Spooner Hart	6	14-3	

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LONDON, *Friday, 14th August, 1903.*

THE TURF.

LEWES SUMMER MEETING.

FAVOURED with delightful summer weather, a large crowd patronised the first day's proceedings at Lewes on the 7th instant. The card contained seven entries, and, although fields were only of moderate size, there were sufficient runners to make the sport interesting throughout, and backers did fairly well. The De Warrenne Handicap was notable for the remarkable performance of Sandridge, who, carrying only 3lbs. short of 10st, gave Clairetta 3st. 8lbs. and a three-quarters of a length beating, the distance (five furlongs and a few yards) being covered in the quick time of 60⅘secs. Santry made short work of the opposition in the Astley Stakes. It was only his second time out, he having previously run second to Montem in the New Stakes at Ascot Tiger, winner of the Juvenile Plate, was bought in at the subsequent auction for 270 guineas, the surplus of 220 guineas over the conditional selling price being shared by J. Thursby, whose Ben Davies finished second, and the fund. Other horses to gain brackets were Merry Andrew, Folle Farine, Maisie II., and Bellivor Tor, the last-named in the Nevill Welter Plate, upsetting the odds laid on Lady Drake.

THE ASTLEY STAKES.—Of 710 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs; with penalties and allowances. T.Y.C. (five furlongs and a few yards).

Lord Carnarvon's br c Santry, by Gallinule—E P, 8st 11lbs	W Lane	1
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's b or br f Topiary, 8st 8lbs	K Cannon	2
Lord Wolverton's b f by Juggler—Gold Crest, 8st 8lbs	M Cannon	3
Mr Douglas Baird's Mousqueton, 9st 4lbs	H Aylin	0
Capt Bewicke's Ticket o' Leave, 8st 11lbs	O Madden	0
Mr W Bass's f by The Rush—Ripplestream, 8st 8lbs	Hardy	0
Mr G Edwardes's Kalmia, 8st 8lb	Randall	0

(*Winner trained by Greusil, at Whatcombe.*)

BETTING : 9 to 4 agst Santry, 5 to 2 Topiary, 7 to 2 Mousequeton, 8 to 1 the Gold Crest filly, 10 to 1 Kalmia, and 100 to 7 each Ticket o' Leave and the Ripplestream filly

Won easily by three lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Mousqueton was fourth, Kalmia fifth, and Ticket o' Leave last.

THE DE WARRENNE HANDICAP.—Of 250 sovs. T. Y. C. (five furlongs and a few yards).

Mr J B Joel's ch h Sundridge, by Amphion—Sierra, 5 yrs, 9st 11lbs	M Cannon	1
Sir E Vincent's ch f Clairetta, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs	Janek	2
Mr J C Dyer's b f Lady Macdonald, 4 yrs, 6st 2lbs	Griggs	3
Mr H J King's Orchid, 5 yrs, 9st 3lbs	H Jones	0
Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin, aged, 8st 9lbs	J H Martin	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Ardeer, 6 yrs, 8st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Major J D Edwards's Robino, 6 yrs, 6st 11lbs	Compton	0
Mr H Bottomley's Le Blizon, aged, 8st 7lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	J Hare	0
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, 3 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Plant	0

(*Winner trained by C. Morton.*)

BETTING : 7 to 4 agst Sundridge, 9 to 2 Le Blizon, 7 to 1 Mauvezin, 8 to 1 Clairetta, 10 to 1 each Orchid, Ardeer, Robino, and Arabi, and 100 to 6 Lady Macdonald

Won cleverly by three-quarters of a length ; a length and a half divided the second and third. Le Blizon, close up, was fourth, Arabi fifth, Robino sixth, Orchid seventh, and Ardeer last. Time by Benson's chronograph 60⅘secs.

In view of an early finish, racing started at 1-15 on Saturday, the 8th at Lewes, when twelve runners weighed out for the Coombe Plate. Again the weather was delightfully fine, and there was a large attendence to witness exceptionally interesting sport during the afternoon. Mr. Peebles started auspiciously with Milk Way II., and subsequently won the Mount Harry Plate with Value. The odds laid on Priam to win the Hamsey Welter were never in doubt, and backers made no mistake either in selecting Lord Carnarvon's Mountain Rose to win the Lewes Handicap. Supported at 11 to 10 on, Floriform gave Mr. Thursby his second winning mount for the afternoon, and then W Lane added to his winning list by landing Sir J. Blundell Maple's Newsboy home in the Priory Stakes.

THE LEWIS HANDICAP.—Of 447 sovs. One mile and a half.

Lord Carnavon's b c Mountain Rose, by Blairfinde—Roseroot, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	Martin	1
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Valenza, 5 yrs, 9st 2lbs	Randall	2
Mr L Brassey's b c Alderman, 3yrs 7st	Plant	3
G Parrott's Cerillo, 4 yrs, 8st 5lbs	K Cannon	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Aquascutum, 6 yrs, 7st 12lbs	W Lane	0
Sir E Vincent's Parody, 4 yrs, 7st 7lbs	Trigg	0
Mr W M G Singer's Harmony Hall, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	Hardy	0
Mr E A Wigan's Lapsang, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs	Compton	0
Mr A Walton's Mat Salleh, 5 yrs, 6st 5lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Greusil.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Valenza and Mountain Rose, 5 to 1 Parody, 8 to 1 Alderman, 10 to 1 each Cerillo Mat Salleh, and Aquascutum, and 100 to 8 each Lapsang and Harmony Hall.

Won by a head ; a length separated the second and third. Mat Salleh was fourth, Aquascutum fifth Parody sixth, Harmony Hall next, and Cerillo last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min. 36⅘secs.

THE SOUTHDOWN CLUB WELTER PLATE.—Of 100 sovs. weight for age, etc. One mile and a quarter.

Mr T Simpson Jay's ch h Floriform by Florizel II—Maid of Athol, 5 yrs 11st 11lbs	Mr G Thursby	1
Mr R H Henning's br c Rainfall, 3 yrs, 10st 9lbs	Mr Peebles	2
Mr E L Heinemann's b f Avocation, 3 yrs, 10st 8lbs	Mr H Ripley	3
Mr F Coob's Chiselhampton, aged, 11st 8lbs	Owner	0
" A Gorham's Ministre, 6 yrs, 11st 8lbs	Mr Hartigan	0
" de Wend Fenton's Racine, 4 yrs, 11st 6lbs	Owner	0
Major J D Edwards's Voodoo, 4 yrs, 11st 3lbs	Mr H Nugent	0

(*Winner trained by A. B. Sadler*).

BETTING : 11 to 10 on Floriform, 3 to 1 agst Avocation, 10 to 1 Chiselhampton, and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won by three lengths ; a length divided the second and third. Ministre was fourth, Racine fifth, and Voodoo last throughout.

KEMPTON PARK SECOND SUMMER MEETING.

There was a very good attendance at Kempton Park on the 11th instant when racing commenced, notwithstanding the decidedly threatening weather early in the morning. Seven events were on the programme, and, taken altogether, the fields were fully up to the average for this season of the year. The principal event was the International Breeders' Two-Year Old Stakes, and favouritism at once being shared by Melodious and La Joie colt at 6 to 4, the former had little difficulty in winning from the little-fancied Queen Beauty, the Irish colt being third. Eight runners faced the starter in the Apprentices' Plate, won by Abstainer, Shaun Rhu falling even to obtain a place. The Rose Marjorie filly upset a very fancied article in Bourton Hill for the Vauxhall Selling Plate, and Country Girl won the Shepperton Handicap Plate, backers again being at fault. Ronald easily landed the Feltham Selling, after which Noblesse continued her winning vein by accounting for the August Handicap, the day's sport being brought to a conclusion when Bellivor Tor won the Hanworth Park Maiden Plate.

THE KEMPTON PARK INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' TWO-YEAR OLD STAKES.—Of 635 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 8st 10lb. fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs, with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Mr J Musker's ch f Melodious, by Jaquemart Meldola, 8st 7lbs	O Madden	1
Sir R Waldie Griffith's ch f Queen Beauty, 7st 12lbs	Croft	2
Capt Greer's b c by Wildfowler—La Joie, 8st 11lbs (car 8st 2lbs)	K Cannon	3
Mr H Randall's Bucolion 8st 3lbs	Randall	0
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's Erinfa, 7st 10lbs (car 7st 12lbs)	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by Gilbert*).

BETTING : 6 to 4 each agst Melodious and La Joie colt, 9 to 2 Bucolion, and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won by half a length ; four lengths between second and third Erinfa was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 3⅕sec.

THE AUGUST HANDICAP PLATE.—Of 261sovs. One mile.

Mr W G Langland's b f Noblesse by Raeburn—Noble Countess, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (inc 10lbs ex)	Trigg	1
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m Game Hen, 6 yrs, 8st 3lbs	W Lane	2
Mr J F Hallick's b m Sun Bonnet, 6yrs, 7st 6lbs	Miller	3
Mr Spencer Gollan's Australian Star, aged, 9st	Halsey	0
Mr R Croker's Rodrigue II, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs	J H Martin	0
" C Morbey's Csardas, 4yrs, 8st 6lbs	K Cannon	0
Capt Laing's Padlock II., 5yrs, 8st 4lbs	Hardy	0
Mr G A Prentice's Karakoul, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs	O Madden	0
" L Brassey's Portcullis, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs	Griggs	0
Major E Loder's Startling, 4yrs, 7st 4lbs	R Margan	0
Mr W Johnston's Slumberer, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs, (car 5st 8lbs)	Shaw	0

(*Winner trained by W. Nightingall at Epsom.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Noblesse and Sun Bonnet, 100 to 15 Game Hen, 8 to 1 each Startling and Slumberer, 100 to 12 Portcullis, and 100 to 7 any other (o).

Won a good race by a neck; two lengths between second and third. Karakoul was fourth, Starling fifth, Portcullis sixth, Padlock II, seventh, Csardas next, and Slumberer last.

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Due doubtless to the inclement weather experienced on Tuesday, there was a decided falling off in the attendance at Kempton Park on the 12th when the meeting was brought to a successful conclusion in splendid weather. Again the executive placed a capital programme before their patrons, and throughout the sport was interesting, good fields being the order. The card comprised six events, the principal item being the valuable City of London Breeders' Foal Plate, for which seven runners weighed out. Unfancied was looked upon as the pick of the lot, but he failed to get a place even, and the winner turned up in Mr. J. R. Keene's American bred Surbiton. Mr. H. Bottomley opened a very successful afternoon by winning the Mortlake Two-Year Old Plate, as, following this, he accounted for the Princess Plate with Le Blizon and subsequently the Teddington Selling Welter with Fantastic. Fielders had much the worst of the deal when Wrinkles won the Maiden Two-Year Old Plate at 6 to 5 on and when Cappa White gave the followers of Fallon's stable a good win in the concluding race, the Sunbury Handicap.

THE SUNBURY HANDICAP PLATE—Of 261 sovs; the second received 30 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr W B Purefoy's b g Cappa White, by Buckingham—Eiver, 4yrs, 9st ...	Halsey 1
Major J D Edwards's ch g Shaun Dhuv, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs	Watts 2
Sir T R Dewar's b m Lady St George, 5yrs, 7st 11lbs	W Lane 3
Lord Dunraven's Morganatic, 4yrs, 7st 12lbs	Griggs 0
Mr Ledlie's Thoas, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	Plant 0

(*Winner trained by Fallon.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Cappa White, 2 to 1 Thoas, 5 to 1 Lady St. George, 6 to 1 Morganatic, and 100 to 12 Shaun Dhuv.

Won easily by two lengths; a head between second and third. Thoas was last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min. 30⅘ secs.

THE CITY OF LONDON BREEDERS' FOAL PLATE—Of 1,180 sovs, for three-year olds; colts 8st 12lbs fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs with penalties and allowance. One mile and a quarter.

Mr J R Kemp's br c Surbiton, by Kingston—Virginia Water, 8st 3lbs ...	Lyne 1
Mr A Jame's br c Stephanas, 9st 11b ...	M Cannon 2
„ J Musker's br f Baroness La Fleche, 9st 2lbs	O Maden 3
Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, 8st 11b (car 8st 2lbs)	K Cannon 0
Sir J Miller's Ischia, 7st 12lbs ...	J H Martin 0
Capt F Forester's Uninsured, 8st 12lbs ...	Halsey 0
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's Cerisier, 8st 11b	W Lane 0

(*Winner trained by M. Allen.*)

BETTING: 5 to 4 agst Uninsured, 9 to 4 Surbiton, 5 to 1 Stephanas, 8 to 1 Baroness La Fleche, 10 to 1 Gourgaud, and 20 to 1 any other (-).

Won by a length and a half; three parts of a length between second and third. Gourgaud was fourth, Uninsured fifth, and Cerisier last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 11⅘ secs.

CRICKET.

YORKSHIRE *vs.* MIDDLESEX.—Played at Leeds on 10th 11th and 12th August. Yorkshire won by 230 runs. This match was by far the most important of this week, perhaps of the whole season, for a great deal depended on the result. It did not necessarily follow that the side which was victorious would be champion county, but the winning side would gain a great deal. It was more important for Yorkshire to win than for Middlesex to do so, because a defeat would almost certainly have damaged their chances so much that they would not be able to recover their lost ground. Under these circumstances it was not at all surprising that a very large crowd should have assembled on the first day. Both sides were almost at full strength, although the absence of Hunt may possibly have made a great difference to Middlesex. Yorkshire had the good fortune to win the toss, but the wicket at one end helped the bowling a good deal. Runs were only made with difficulty, and the Yorkshiremen had to play a game to which they are hardly accustomed. J. T. Hearne was especially hard to deal with, but without much doubt he would have been much more effective if the Yorkshiremen had not been allowed to become accustomed to him; he was bowling for an hour and a half without a break before lunch, and for two hours and a half afterwards—four hours in all, which is assuredly much too long a time for any bowler to be used with the best effect. The scoring of the Yorkshiremen was, as a rule, very slow, and it took them practically the whole of the day, with the exception of a break of twenty minutes on account of the bad light, to score 263 runs. Tunnicliff played what was undoubtedly his best innings of the season and for the greater part of it he was seen at his best. He never hurried, and was at the wickets for two hours and ten minutes for his 77. Hirst's innings of 52 was chiefly noticeable for its restraint, and he very seldom played in his usual brilliant manner, but he adopted the best game for the circumstances; he was batting for an hour and fifty minutes. By far the best cricket of the day was seen during the partnership of Hirst and Earnest Smith; it produced 53 runs in half an hour. At the end of the innings Haigh and Hunter put on a most useful 42 runs in just over half an hour. Middlesex had to go in for about twelve minutes and Macgregor and E. A. Beldam scored seven runs without loss. Thus, on paper, there was very little to choose between the two sides, for with plenty of batting, Middlesex stood a more than reasonable chance of equalling the Yorkshire total. But as a matter of fact, with the weather very unpromising, their chances were not really as good as they seemed, although, as it turned out, there was no rain. Another large crowd assembled on Tuesday morning, and as it was composed entirely of Yorkshiremen, there was much rejoicing at the downfall of the Middlesex team against Hirst and Rhodes. In three-quarters of an hour five wickets fell for 30 runs. At the end of the innings Rhodes came with a rush and nobody could stand against him. The visitors' innings only lasted for a couple of hours. Yorkshire were leading by 174 runs, but Lord Hawke decided not to make Middlesex follow on. It was thought that there would very likely be some sensational cricket in the Yorkshire second innings after what had happened to Middlesex, but the team played even better than on the previous day, and at the close of play the total was 233 for six wickets, or 407 runs on, so that Middlesex were in a desperate position. F. S. Jackson played a magnificent innings on a wicket which was anything but easy, and Brown, Denton, and Ernest Smith all did exceedingly well. On Wednesday morning Lord Hawke at once declared, leaving Middlesex with five hours and a half in which to make 408 runs, or play out time. Jackson's unfinished innings, which was his highest of the year, was in every respect worthy of a great cricketer. Middlesex lost Moon before a run had been scored. But Warner and Beldam then played so finely that at one o'clock the total was 78 for one wicket. At 83 F. S. Jackson was put on for the first time. Every ball in his first over was difficult to stop, but Beldham played each one in masterly style until the last, which was just too good for him; he had batted in a manner quite worthy of his reputation. So far there was nothing to show that Middlesex might not at least play out time, but with the departure of Beldam the fortunes of the game veered round again, and from that moment Yorkshire were winning hand-over hand. But as long as Warner remained there was hope, for he was playing easily and well. Douglas was uncomfortable and was lbw to Jackson at 107. At 115 Lord Hawke made a splendid catch at point and thus Bosanquet was disposed of for six. Then came lunch, with Warner still going strong, and four wickets down for 120. In the second over after lunch Warner was bowled by Rhodes after playing a beautiful innings of 58 in two hours and a-half. Total 123. Things were nearly hopeless now, and although the tail did fairly well, nothing could stop the Yorkshiremen, who at four o'clock had the pleasure of gaining the first victory of the season over Middlesex. Jackson's bowling had a lot to do with the success of his side and all-round play in the match was so good that it makes one regret more than ever that he is not going to Australia.

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Brown, c Beldam, b Hearne ..	16	b Trott ...	36
Tunnicliffe, c and b Hearne ...	77	b Wells ...	10
Denton, c Bosanquet, b Hearne	0	b Hearne ...	20
Hon F S Jackson, c Wells, b Hearne	4	not out ...	82
Hirst, c Moon, b Wells ...	52	c Moon, b Hearne	12
Wilkinson, b Hearne ...	1	c Beldam, b Hearne	14
E Smith, c Douglas, b Wells ..	28	c Macgregor, b Trott	46
Rhodes, b Hearne	13	not out ...	0
Lord Hawke, c Bosanquet, b Wells	5		
Haigh, c Macgregor, b Rawlins .	29		
Hunter, not out	13		
Extras	15	Extras ...	13
Total	253	Total ...	*233

*Innings declared closed.

MIDDLESEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
E A Beldam, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	16	c Denton, b Hirst	15
G Macgregor, c Lord Hawke, b Hirst	11	c Tunnicliffe, b Hirst ...	10
P F Warner, c Lord Hawke, b Hirst	0	b Rhodes ...	0
I. J Moon, b Hirst	1	c Brown, b Hirst ...	58
G W Beldam, lbw, b Rhodes ...	5	b Jackson ...	41
J Douglas, B Hirst	0	lbw, b Jackson ...	9
B J T Bosanquet, c Hirst, b Rhodes	15	c Lord Hawke, b Jackson ...	6
C M Wells, c Hunter, b Rhodes	13	b Jackson ...	8
Trott, c Smith, b Rhodes ...	5	c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes ...	8
Rawlin, st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	0	b Hirst ...	10
Hearne, not out	2	not out ...	6
B 4, lb 6, nb 1	11	Extras ...	6
Total	79	Total ...	177

MIDDLESEX *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Bristol on 6th, 7th and 8th August. Middlesex won by 272 runs. On Saturday morning there was about as much likelihood that Middlesex would win this match as that Shamrock III. will carry off the America Cup, for Middlesex with four wickets down in their second innings were only 70 runs on. Again later in the day when Middlesex declared, their chance of winning seemed almost infinitesimal, for Gloucestershire had to bat on a good wicket with only two hours and a half before them. On the first day the play was fairly even, although possibly Middlesex had a little the best of the game, since they had made 245, and had dismissed Rice, C. L. Townsend and Wrathall for 72 runs. There was nothing at all remarkable in the day's cricket, for although nearly all the Middlesex team made a few runs, C. M. Wells alone made over 50. Even this innings was not quite as interesting as is usual when Wells is concerned, for the strokes were not always made with confidence, while defence was much more noticeable than defiance. On Friday C. O. H. Sewell played a good game for Gloucestershire, but the most attractive cricket of the day was shown by Langdon and Board, who, coming together with the total at 156 for seven wickets, were not parted until they had increased it by the same number of runs in a couple of hours, this giving their county the lead instead of leaving them with a long adverse balance, as at one time seemed very probable. Langdon, who, after playing himself in, hit with great determination, was at the wickets for two hours and thirty-five minutes. Middlesex had now to make 81 runs before drawing level, and lost Warner, Moon and Beldam before this was accomplished. But Douglas and Bosanquet greatly improved matters by putting on 76 in an hour for the fourth wicket. Bosanquet's share of these runs being 52. The total at the end of the day was 151, Douglas being not out 40, and McGregor not out 10. There was a surprising change in the fortunes of the game on Saturday, for Douglas played a wonderfully good innings, while MacGregor, who has so often made a useful score after going in over night to play out time, was seen to very great advantage. His partnership with Douglas produced 132 runs in an hour and three quarters. At lunch time Douglas and Wells had brought the total from 267 to 330, and Middlesex were 219 runs on with four wickets in hand. It began to look as if they would soon be able to declare but it was not until more than another hundred runs had been put on that the innings was closed.

Whether it was the fear of Jessop that had caused the Middlex captain to leave Gloucestershire to make 374 runs in two hours and a half, or a wish to allow Douglas to make his two hundred, or a feeling that it would be impossible to get Gloucestershire out on a good wicket in such a short time, matters not. In any case the innings was closed as soon as Douglas had made over two hundred. He was two hours and a quarter in scoring his first fifty, but made his runs much more quickly afterwards his entire innings lasting for five hours and a quarter. His partnership with Wells added 187 for the sixth wicket in an hour and three-quarters. Wells was seen at his best in this innings. Gloucestershire entered on their task at four o'clock, and it was nearly an hour later when the first wicket fell, so that no one on the ground dreamed that the match would be finished. But three men were out when the total was 51, and Jessop and Brownlee fell to two successive balls. Five for 58. This startling change was brought about by Bosanquet and Wells, who, when they once got a start, bowled with great judgment. Sewell did his level best to stem the tide of disaster, but by six o'clock Middlesex had gained a wonderful victory.

MIDDLESEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
P F Warner, lbw, b Robert ...	21	c Rice, b Dennett ...	33
L J Moon, c Rice, b Robers ...	16	c Townsend, b Roberts	1
G W Beldam, c Board, b Dennett	34	st Board, b Roberts ...	12
J Douglas, c Langdon b Roberts	3	st Board, b Brown ...	204
B J T Bosanquet, c Wrathall, b Roberts ...	14	c Wrathall, b Brown...	52
C M Wells, c Board, b Jessop	58	not out	82
R W Nicholls, c Brown, b Dennett	10		
Trott, c Wrathall, b Dennett	16		
G MacGregor, c Board, b Dennett	27	c Board, b Roberts ...	67
J H Hunt, not out ...	27		
Hearne (J T) b Roberts ...	9		
B 1, lb 1, w 8	10	B 2, w 1 ...	3
Total, ...	245	Total (6wkts)*...	454

*Innings declared closed.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
R W Rice, b Bosanquet ...	8	b Bosanquet ...	19
C L Townsend, c Douglas, b Hearne	23	c Moon, b Wells ...	8
Wrathall, st MacGregor, b Bosanquet ...	5	b Wells	19
C O H Sewell, c and b Hearne	47	c Moon, b Bosanquet...	39
W S A Brown, run out ...	19	b Wells ...	5
G L Jesop, c and b Wells ...	26	st MacGregor, b Bosanquet ...	0
Langdon, b Hunt ...	116	lbw, b Bosanquet ...	0
L D Brownlee, b Hearne ...	13	c & b Bosanquet ...	3
Board, c Douglas, b Wells ...	65	b Bosanquet ...	
Dennett, c MacGregor, b Wells	4	c Bosanquet, b Wells ...	1
Roberts, not out ...	0	not out ...	0
B 9, w 1	10	B 3, lb 1 ...	4
Total ...	326	Total ...	101

YORKSHIRE *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Leicester on 6th and 7th August. Yorkshire won by ten wickets.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C E de Trafford, b Hirst ...	7	c Brown, b Rhodes ...	14
C J B Wood, not out ...	118	c Hunter, b Hirst ...	8
Knight, b Hirst	3	c Tunnicliffe, b Haigh	15
King, b Rhodes	9	b Rhodes	12
V F S Crawford, c Denton, b Ringrose	77	b Haigh	3
Whitehead, b Ringrose ...	9	c Hawke, b Rhodes ...	0
R T Crawford, c Hunter, b Ringrose	29	c Smith, b Haigh ...	18
A F Davis, c and b Brown ...	5	not out	15
Gill, b Ringrose	61	b Haigh	16
W W Odell, c Hunter, b Hirst	0	b Haigh	1
Allsopp, c Smith, b Ringrose	1	c Hunter, b Hirst ...	1
B 5, w 2, nb 5 ...	12	B 2, nb 1 ...	3
Total	322	Total ...	106

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, c V Crawford, b King	75	Haigh, c Whitehead, b b Allsopp ...	0
Tunnicliffe, b Gill ...	36	Lord Hawke, not out ...	41
Denton, c R Crawford, b Allsopp	38	Hunter, c Davis b Whitehead	0
H Wilkinson, c Knight, b Whitehead ...	31	Ringrose, c Allsopp, b Odel	4
Hirst, c Odell, b King ...	98	B 10, lb 10, w 1, nb 2	23
E Smith, lbw, b Whitehead	2	Total	415
Rhodes, b Odell ...	72		

Second innings:—Brown, not out, 10; Tunnicliffe, not out, 5.—Total (no wicket) 15.

LANCASHIRE *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 6th and 7th August. Lancashire won by nine wickets.

DERBYSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L G Wright, by Hallows ..	116	c Spooner, b Brearley ...	11
Storer, b Hallows	29	b Hallows ...	11
C A Ollivierre, c Maclaren, b Cuttell	53	c Hallows, b Brearley ...	8
R Gregory, b Brearley ...	1	not out ...	29
A E Lawton, c Findlay, b Hallows	0	c Hollows, b Barnes ...	17
Needham, b Brearley ...	2	b Hallows ...	8
E M Ashcroft, c Findlay, b Brearley	13	c sub, b Hallows ...	1
Warren, b Brearley ...	12	b Barnes ...	0
Cadman, c Findlay, b Hallows	3	c Maclaren, b Barnes ...	1
Humphreys, not out ...	0	c Tyldesley, b Hallows	6
Bestwick, lbw, b Hallows ...	0	c Findlay, b Barnes ...	2
B 4 lb 3	7	B 2, lb 3, nb 1	6
Total	236	Total	91

LANCASHIRE.

A C Maclaren, c Bestwick, b Cadman	83	Sharp, c Bestwick, b Warren	19
R H Spooner, b Bestwick	28	Hallows, not out ...	24
Tyldesley, c Warren, b Bestwick	0	Cuttell, c Ollivierre, b Warren	8
W Findlay, lbw, b Bestwick	0	Barnes, lbw b Gregory	2
A Eccles, lbw, b Gregory	3	W Brearley, c Humphries, b Gregory ...	0
A H Hornby, c Bestwick, b Warren ...	57	B 5, lb 1 ...	6
		Total	230

Second innings:—A C Maclaren, not out, 56; R H Spooner, c Needham, b Lawton, 41; Tyldesley, not out, 0; wide 1.—Total (1 wkt) 101.

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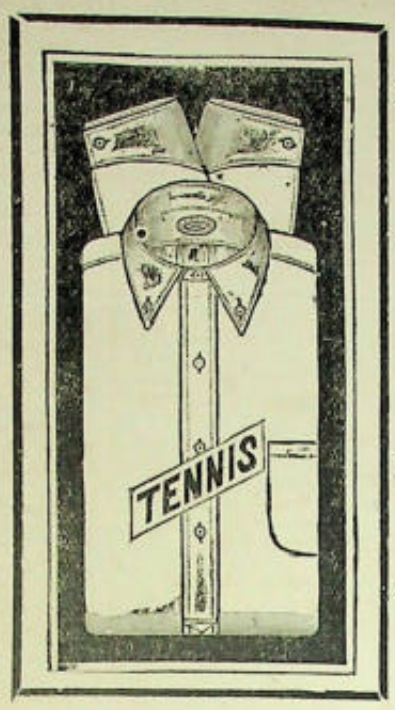

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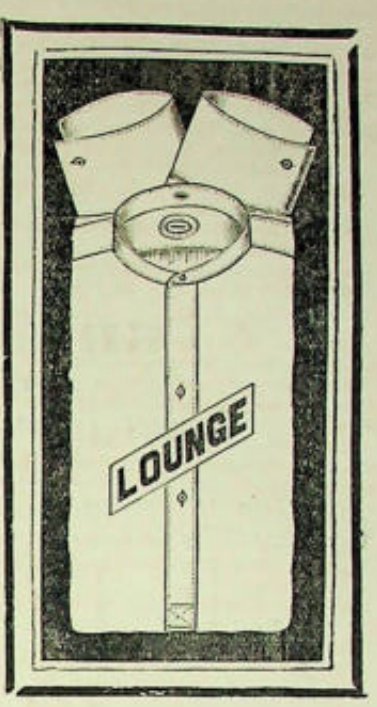

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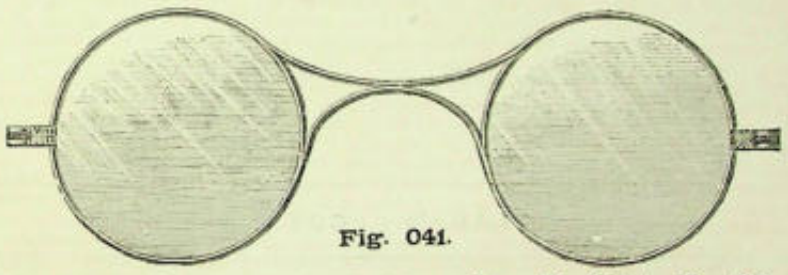
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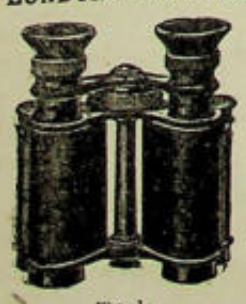
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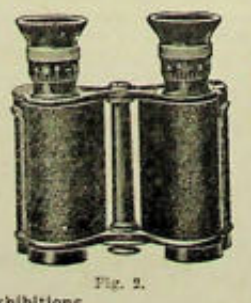
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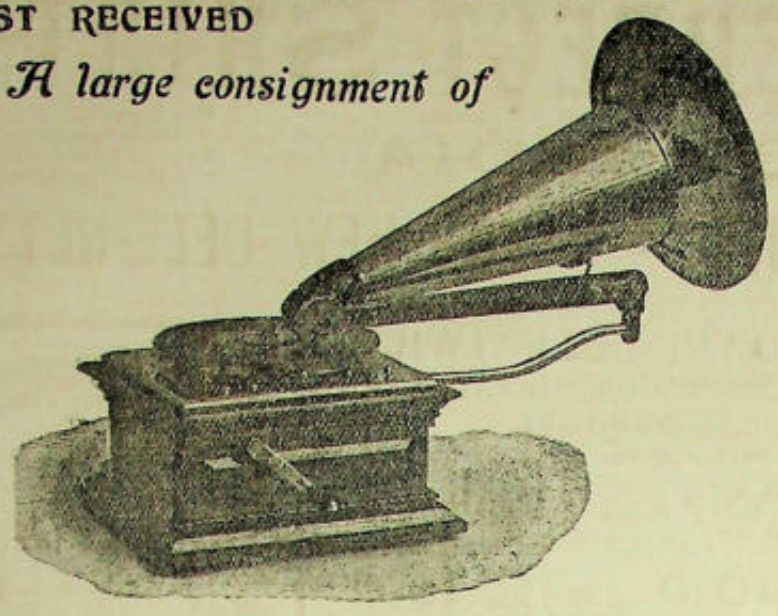

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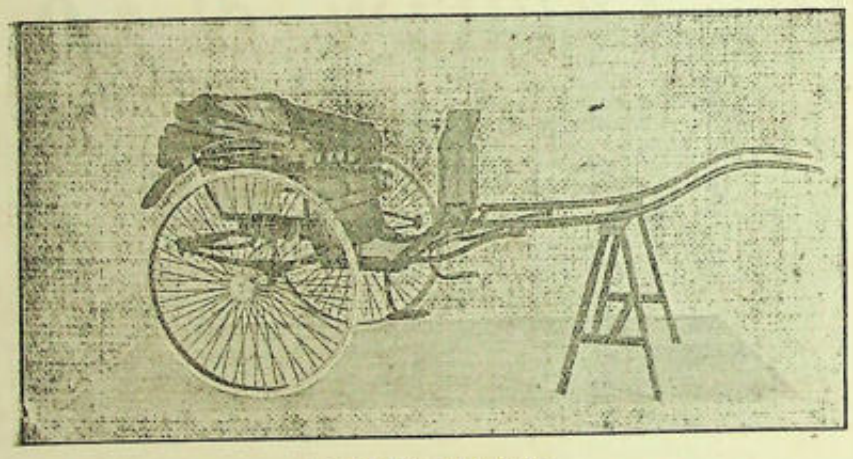

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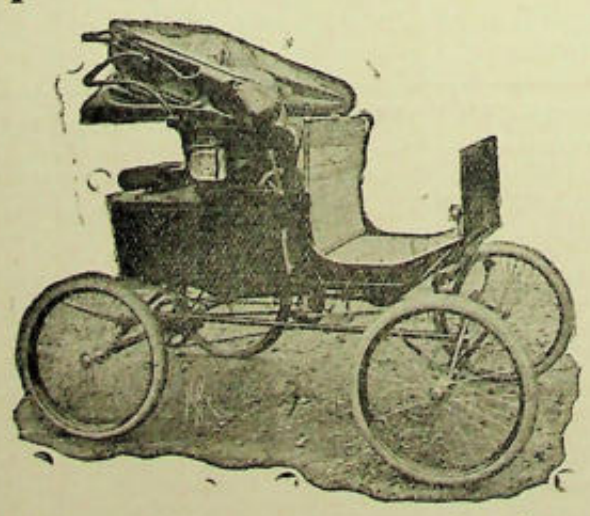

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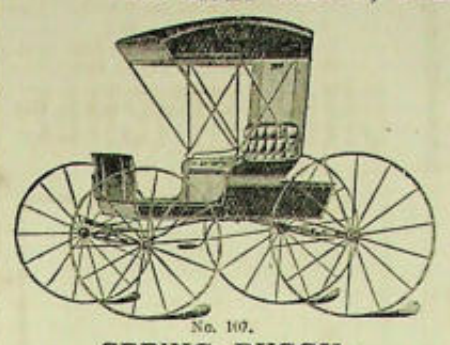

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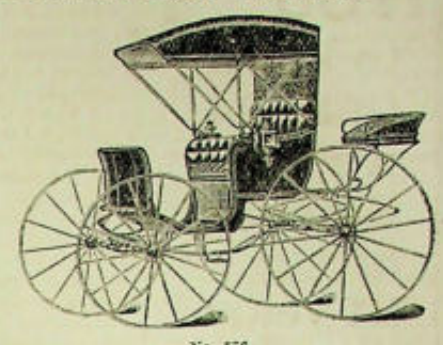

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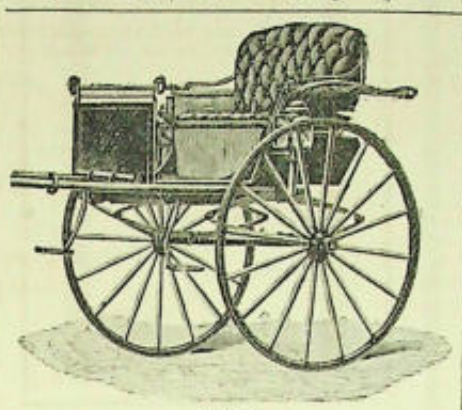

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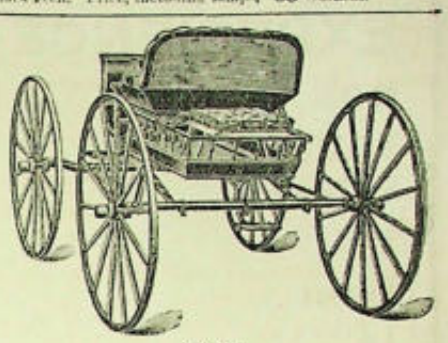

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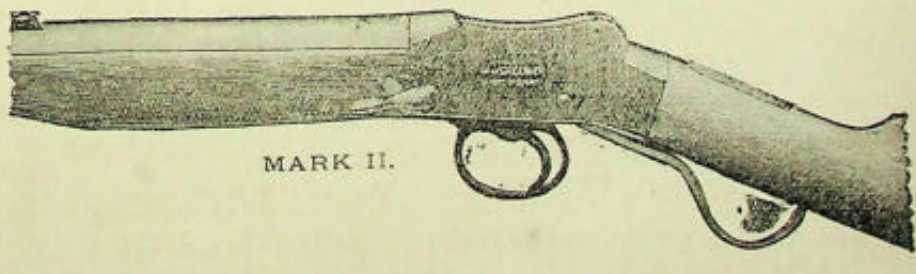

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ESSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
F L Fane, b J Gunn ...	13	c Oates, b Hallam ...	26
Sewell, c Oates, b Taylor ...	9	b Taylor... ...	12
C H McGahey, c Oates, b J Gunn	19	b J Gunn... ...	11
J H Douglas, not out ...	40	lbw, b J Gunn ...	5
Buckenham, lbw, b J Gunn	10	b J Gunn... ...	13
A P Lucas, b J Gunn ...	8	b J Gunn...	20
P Perrin, b Taylor ...	4	c and b J Gunn ...	110
R P Keigwin, b Taylor ...	3	not out	22
Young, c Oates, b J Gunn ...	3	c W, b J Gunn ...	0
Russell (T), run out ...	14	c W, b J Gunn ...	11
Mead, c Iremonger, b J Gunn	0	c Jones, b J Gunn ...	5
B 5, nb 1	6	B 6, lb 8 ...	14
Total	129	Total ...	249

NOTTS.

A O Jones, c Sewell, b Douglas	73	Anthony, b Douglas ...	5
Iremonger, c & b Young...	36	Hallam, c Sewell, b McGahey ...	8
Gunn (W), b Young ...	66	Oates, c Russell, b Mead	29
Gunn (J) c Russell, b Buckenham .	52	Taylor, c Russell, b Buckenham ...	10
G T Branston, c Russell, b Mead	16	B 5, lb 3, w 1, nb 3 ...	12
Gunn (G) not out ...	54	Total ...	380
E G Allen c Perrin, b McGahey	19		

KENT *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played on the St. Lawrence ground on 6th 7th and 8th August. Kent won by 196 runs.

KENT.

First innings.		Second innings.	
E W Dillon, b Wilson ...	4	b Arnold	75
Hearne (A), not out ...	79	not out	67
Seymour, b Arnold ...	18	c Bromley-Martin, b Bird	129
C J Burnup, H Foster, b Arnold	14	c and b Arnold ...	29
S H Day, lbw, b Arnold ..	9	c Bromley-Martin, b Bird	20
J R Mason, c H Foster, b Arnold	10	b Wilson	21
K L Hutchings, c R Foster, b Arnold	32	not out	5
R N R Blaker, b Bird ...	0		
Huish, lbw, b Arnold ...	0		
Blythe, st Gaukrodger, b Bird	1		
Fielder b Arnold ...	11		
Lb 1, w 2	3	B 5, lb 1, w 1, nb 1 ...	8
Total	172	Total (5 wkts) ...	*354

Innings declared closed.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
H K Foster, c Fielder, b Mason	18	c Blaker, b Fielder ...	0
Bowley, c Huist, b Blythe ...	33	c Mason, b Fielder ...	26
S W Caldwell, b Fielder ...	33	c Seymour, b Fielder...	0
R E Foster, c Seymour, b Mason	19	b Fielder	2
Arnold, c Burnup, b Fielder...	11	b Fielder	5
G E Bromley-Martin, c and b Blythe	38	lbw, b Hearne ...	7
Wheldon, c Hearne, b Blythe	79	c Mason, b Fielder ...	0
Gaukrodger, b Fielder ...	2	b Blythe	8
Bird, b Blythe	0	not out	4
Wilson, c Blaker, b Fielder ...	0	c Mason, b Fielder ...	3
Keene, not out	5	c Hearne, b Blythe ...	12
B 6, lb 6, w 1, nb 3 ...	16	B 1, nb 8 ...	9
Total	254	Total ...	76

SURREY *vs.* DERBYSHIRE.—Played at the Oval on 10th, 11th and 12th August. Drawn.

SURREY.

Holland, c Lawton, b Warren	81	Lockwood c Warren, b Gregory	41
Hayward, c Humphries, b Bestwick	8	Lees, c Warren, b Gregory	2
Hayes, c Needham, b Gregory	59	Clode, b Bestwick ...	7
E M Dowson, not out ...	100	Strudwick, c sub, b Gregory	2
Capt H S Bush, c & b Cadman	23	Richardson, not out ...	3
		B 11, lb 1, w 2 ...	14
I. Walker, c Wright, b Bestwick	47	Total (9 wkts)*	334

* Innings declared closed.

DERBYSHIRE.

I. G Wright, c Holland, b Lees	11	Cadman, c Holland, b Clode	30
C A Ollivierre, b Lees ...	25	Humphries, not out ...	2
Storer, b Clode... ...	6	Bestwick, c Clode, b Lockwood	10
E M Asheroft, run out ...	2	A. E. Lawton, absent ..	0
Needham, c Holland b Clode	35	B 2, lb 3, w 2 ...	7
G R Gregory, b Lockwood	2	Total ...	135
Warren, c Walker, b Lockwood	5		

Second innings:—L. G. Wright, not out, 30; C. A. Ollivierre, not out, 19.—Total (no wkt.) 49.

SOMERSET *vs.* KENT.—Played at Taunton on 10th, 11th and 12th August. Drawn.

KENT.

C J Burnup, c and b Braund	6	K L Hutchings, b Robson	106
Hearne (A), b Cranfield	0	R N R Blaker, not out ...	9
Seymour, c Lee, b Cranfield	36	Huish, c Newton, b Cranfield	0
E W Dillon, c Coyle, b Robson	20	Blythe, not out ...	2
S H Day, st Newton, b Cranfield	10	B 12, lb 2, w 1 ...	15
J P Mason, c Woods, b Robson	65	Total (8 wkts) ...	*269

*Innings declared closed.
Fielder did not bat.

• Second Innings.—Hearne, c Cranfield, b Woods, 0; Burnup, not out, 55; Seymour, c Phillips, b Woods, 27; Dillon, not out 2; B5, lb 2, w 3. Total (2wkts) 94.

SOMERSET.

L C H Palairet, b Blythe ...	2	Coyle, c Burnup, b Mason	10
Braund, c Hutchings, b Fielder	49	Robson, c Blaker, b Mason	18
F M Lee, c Dillon, b Blythe	1	G Fowler, b Blythe ...	7
F A Phillips, c Huish, b Fielder	52	A E Newton, st Huish, b Blythe	2
S M J Woods, c Hearne, b Blythe	18	Cranfield, not out ...	0
Lewis, c Huish, b Blythe ...	2	Extras	8
		Total ...	164

SOMERSET *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at Taunton on 6th, 7th and 8th August. Drawn.

SOMERSET.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Braund, b Relf ...	4	c Fry, b Killick ...	111
Lewis, c Smith, b Cox ...	50	c Butt b Killick ...	12
P R Johnson, b Relf ...	50	c Heygate, b Relf ...	121
F M Lee, c Butt, b Relf ...	28	b Bland	0
J Daniell, c Fry, b Relf ...	19		
O M Samson, run out ...	16	c Butt, b Cox ...	31
L C H Palairet, c Relf, b Cox	54	b Cox	46
Robson, b Cox	11	not out	62
A E Newton, b Relf ...	17	not out	13
G C Vassal, b Cox ...	1	b Bland	1
Cranfield (B) not out ...	0	b Cox	6
B 6, lb 6, w 2, nb 2 ...	16	B 15, lb 1 ..	16
Total	236	Total (8 wkts) ..	419

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, b Braund ...	80	Cox, b Cranfield ..	20
Vine, c and b Lewis ...	55	C L A Smith, c Robson, b Braund ...	18
Killick, b Lewis ..	44	Butt, not out ...	3
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Lee, b Braund ...	25	Bland, c Daniell, b Braund	1
G Brann, b Braund ...	90	B 18, lb 4 ...	22
R B Heygate, c and b Braund	22		
Relf, c Palairet, b Braund	6	Total	386

SUSSEX *vs.* LANCASHIRE—Played at Brighton on 10th, 11th and 12th August. Drawn.

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, c Hallows, b Cuttell	98	G Brann, b Cuttell ...	4
Vine, c Maclaren, b Barnes	52	R B Heygate, c Findlay, b Cuttell	18
Killick, b Cuttell ...	86	C L A Smith, not out ...	2
K S Ranjitsinhji, not out	144	B 12, lb 1, nb 5 ...	18
		Total (5 wkts)	*422

*Innings declared closed.

LANCASHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A C Maclaren, c Cox, b Killick	29	not out	43
R H Spooner, c Butt, b Ranjitsinhji	73	b Cox	26
Tyldesley, c Smith, b Ranjitsinhji ...	64	b Bean	13
H G Garnett, b Relf ...	5	not out	9
A H Hornby, c and b Relf ...	0		
W Findlay, not out ...	18		
Sharp, b Relf	1		
Hallows, c Smith, b Relf ...	0		
Barnes, c Ranjitsinhji, b Bean	5		
Cuttell, c Cox, b Relf ...	2		
W Brearley, c Butt, b Relf ...	0		
Extras ..	14	B8, lb 5, nb 4 ...	17
Total ...	211	Total (2 wkts) ...	108

LEICESTERSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 10th, 11th, and 12th August. Drawn.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

C E de Trafford, c H Foster, b Bird	22	R T Crawford, b Keene	18
C J B Wood, c G Foster, b Arnold	1	Gill, b Arnold ...	37
		Coe, b Wilson ...	4
King, c Bowley, b Keene ...	72	Whiteside, c R Foster, b Arnold ...	1
Knight, not out	229	Allsopp, run out ...	11
V F S Crawford, c R Foster, b Wilson	32	B 5, lb 15, w 1 ...	21
Whitehead, c R Foster, b Arnold	17	Total ...	465

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		second innings.	
H K Foster, c Whiteside, b King	49	c Whitehead, b Gill ...	2
Bowley, lbw, b King ...	3	not out	55
W S Caldwell, c Whitehead, b Gill	101	c R Crawford, b Gill ...	0
R E Foster, b Allsopp ...	5	b Gill	2
Arnold, c Whitehead, b Gill ...	16	not out	34
G N Foster, c Whitehead, b Gill	0		
Wheldon, c Whiteside, b Gill...	46		
Gaukrodger, not out ...	39		
Bird, c Whitehead, b Allsopp...	18		
Wilson, run out ...	4		
Keene, b Gill	6		
Extras ...	7	Extras ...	5
Total ...	294	Total (3 wkts.)	98

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Southampton on 10th, 11th and 12th August. Drawn.

HAMPSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
D A Steele, b Moorhouse ...	40	b Moorhouse ...	3
Stone, c Quaife, b Hargreave	7	c Lilley, b Hargreave	0
E M Sprot, b Hargreave ...	18	run out	0
Rev W V Jephson, c Hargreave, b Moorhouse ...	0	b Hargreave ...	1
Llewellyn, b Hargreave ...	20	c Charlesworth, b Hargreave	12
A C Johnston, c Santall, b Moorhouse	59	b Moorhouse ...	2
Bowell, run out	8	b Moorhouse ...	5
F H Bacon, c Quaife, b Moorhouse	5	not out	39
Langford, c Fishwick, b Hargreave	33	c Lilley, b Hargreave	1
Smoker, not out	22	b Moorhouse ...	0
H Hesketh-Pritchard, c Devey, b Charlesworth ..	7	c Lovelitt, b Hargreave	3
B 2, lb 6, w 1, nb 2 ...	11	Extras ...	3
Total ...	230	Total ...	72

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WARWICKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Quaife, c Steele, b Langford ...	1	lbw, b Langford ...	24
Devey, c Stone, b Pritchard ...	9	b Langford ...	29
Charlesworth, c Johnston, b Langford	0	b Langford ...	4
R F Lovelitt, b Langford ...	0	lbw, b Langford ...	1
T S Fishwick, lbw, b Langford	6	c and b Langford ...	6
Lilley, b Langford ...	5	c Stone, b Langford ...	15
Hargreave, c Bowell, b Pritchard	3	not out	0
J F Byrne, c Bowell, b Llewellyn	9	hit wkt, b Llew ellyn...	16
Moorhouse, c Smoker, b Llewellyn	39	not out	13
Santall, lbw, b Llewellyn ...	18	c Llewellyn, b Sprot ...	25
Field, not out	8		
Extras ...	3	Extras ...	13
Total ...	101	Total (8 wkts) ...	146

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RESULTS OF MATCHES.

	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Abnd.	Total.
First-class fixtures ...	6	6	2	1	15
Other matches	1	0	1	0	2
	7	6	3	1	17.

Date and Place.		1st ins.	2nd ins.	Tl.
June 8, 9, 10 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	209	224	433
Cambridge ...	Cambridge University ...	379	55*	434
Lost by six wickets. *Four wickets down.				
June 11, 12, 13 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	214	86*	300
Oxford ...	Oxford University ...	87	...	87
Drawn (rain) *Eight wickets down.				
June 16, 17 ...	G of Phialdelphia ...	155	...	155
Cheltenham ...	Gloucestershire ...	86	43	129
Won by an innings and 26 runs.				
June 18, 19, 20 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	159	400*†	559
Nottingham ...	Nott	154	220	374
Won by 185 runs. *Nine wickets down. †Innings declared closed.				
June 22, 23 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	85	93	178
Lord's ...	M C C and Ground ...	104	55*	159
Lost by five wickets. *Five wickets down.				
June 25, 27 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	311	116	427
Beckenham ...	Kent	176	189	365
Won by 62 runs.				
June 29, 30 ...	G. of Philadelphia ...	74	219	293
Taunton ...	Somerset ...	228	67*	295
Lost by ten wickets *No wickets down.				
July 6, 7, 8 ...	G. of Philadelphia ...	187	143*	330
Manchester ...	Lancashire ...	183	171	329
Won by nine wickets. *One wicket down.				
July 9, 10 ...	G. of Philadelphia ...	112	191	303
Coventry ...	Warwickshire ...	153	151*	304
Lost by seven wickets. *Three wickets down.				
July 13, 14, 15 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	233	145	378
Worcester ...	Worcestershire ...	388	205	593
Lost by 215 runs.				
July 16, 17 ...	G. of Philadelphia ...	230*	...	230
Southampton ...	Hampshire ...	372*	...	372
Drawn. *Seven wickets down.				
July 23, 24, 25 ...	G. of Philadelphia ...	82	183	265
Oval ...	Mr. P. F. Warner's XI ...	187	274*†	461
Lost by 196 runs. *Nine wickets down. †Innings declared closed.				
July 27, 28, 29 ...	G of Philadelphia	abandoned (rain)		
Brighton ...	Sussex			
July 30, 31 ...	‡G of Philadelphia ...	175	8*	183
Cardiff ...	Glamorgan ...	92	88	180
Won by ten wickets. *No wicket down.				
Aug 3, 4, 5 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	200	287	487
Leicester ...	Leicestershire ...	104	222	326
Won by 161 runs.				
Aug 6, 7, 8 ...	G of Philadelphia ...	387	251*†	638
Oval ...	Surrey	241	287	528
Won by 110 runs. *Five wickets down. †Innings declared closed.				
Aug. 10, 11 ...	‡G of Philadelphia ...	302	—	302
Edinburgh ...	XI of Scotland ...	143	83*	226
Drawn. *Three wickets down. ‡Does not reckon as first-class.				

SUMMARY OF RUNS (All Matches).

Philadelphians: ..	5141 runs for 263 wkts; ... av,	20·68
Opponents: ...	5224 runs for 260 wkts; ... av,	20·09

BATTING AVERAGES (15 innings) up to 8th instant.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B ...	32	5	2163	234	80·11
Hirst ...	26	2	1264	153	52·66
Quaife (W G) ...	24	4	994	130	49·70
Ranjitsinhji, K S...	23	4	1166	162*	48·33
Warner, P F ...	22	4	859	149	47·16
Perrin, P A ...	29	3	1210	170	46·5
Maclaren, A C ...	40	6	1530	204	45·23
Tyldesley ...	36	4	1446	248	45·16
Iremonger ...	30	1	1280	210	44·18
Foster, H K ...	33	2	1366	216	44·03
Gunn (J) ...	33	2	1361	294	43·96
Jones, A O ...	32	2	1308	296	43·69
Sprot, E M ...	16	1	634	103	42·26
Jessop, G L ...	28	0	1161	286	41·46
Poidevin, L O S ...	18	1	688	172*	40·40
Bosanquet, B J T...	22	1	845	108	40·23
Lester, J A ...	23	3	786	126*	39·30
Killick ...	32	3	1102	116	38·00
Dowson, E M ...	31	2	1097	135	37·82
Denton	40	1	1473	153	37·76
Hayward ...	50	3	1765	156*	37·55
Knight ...	34	3	1158	144*	37·35
Gunn (W) ...	28	1	1084	139	37·13
Bowley (F) ...	34	2	1176	164	36·75
Hayes ...	45	5	1456	145	36·40
McGahey, C H ...	31	4	946	144*	35·03
Hawke, Lord ...	24	6	628	79	34·88
Brown, (J T, sen)...	34	1	1113	125	34·72
Wright, L G ...	29	1	940	133	33·57
Lewellyn ...	27	5	715	148	32·50
Arnold ...	35	5	963	128	32·10
Beldam, G W ...	23	2	673	118	32·04
King (J H) (Leicestrshr) ...	25	3	1023	167	31·96
Wheldon ...	30	1	899	112	30·68
Burnup, C J ...	37	2	1071	134	30·60
Spooner, R H ...	37	1	1085	247	30·13
Braund ...	36	2	999	111	29·38
Eccles A ...	29	6	673	126	29·26
King, J B ...	22	1	614	118*	29·23
Wood, C J B ...	40	3	1054	118*	28·48

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BOWLING AVERAGES (30 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hirst ...	... 536·2	149	1279	102	12·53
Ringrose ...	... 191·4	51	475	36	13·19
Keene ..	... 202·5	70	423	30	14·10
Hargreave ...	... 754·4	232	1488	105	14·17
Rhodes ...	...1025·2	339	2011	134	15·00
Hearne (J T) ...	... 693·2	231	1566	103	15·20
Blythe ...	... 667	227	1387	91	15·24
Mead ...	... 791	289	1475	95	15·52
Evans, W H B ...	... 282·2	72	751	48	15·64
McDonell, H C ...	... 200·1	34	567	36	15·75
King, J B ...	... 451·3	102	1253	78	16·06
Moorhouse ...	... 294·5	83	693	43	16·11
Young (H) (Essex)	... 353·2	95	826	49	16·85
Bosanquet, B J T	... 308·1	58	963	57	16·89
Fielder ...	... 388·1	112	1036	60	17·26
Hearne (Alec) ...	... 274·3	95	577	33	17·48
Burn, R C W ...	... 281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Lockwood ..	... 454·4	83	1395	78	17·87
Arnold ...	... 836·5	258	1937	108	17·93
Haigh ...	... 618·3	188	1493	81	18·43
Barnes (S) ...	... 921	335	2104	114	18·46
Gunn (J) ...	... 882·2	264	1935	103	18·78
Hulme ...	... 268·2	57	800	42	19·04
Martin, E G ..	... 327·1	118	710	37	19·18
Trott (A E) ...	... 489	99	1542	80	19·27
Field (Warwickshire)	... 329·2	74	1005	52	19·32
Beldam G W ...	... 298·3	100	687	36	19·62
Relf	... 786·4	270	1795	90	19·94
Bland ...	... 462·4	114	1212	60	20·20
Lees ...	... 643·5	182	1610	79	20·37

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

RELATIVE POSITIONS TO 12TH INST.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Per-centage.
Middlesex ...	... 12	7	1	4	6	75·00
Yorkshire ...	... 22	13	4	5	9	52·34
Sussex ...	... 18	5	2	11	3	42·85
Notts ...	... 18	6	3	9	3	33·33
Worcestershire	... 17	7	4	6	3	27·27
Lancashire	... 22	7	5	10	2	16·66
Essex ...	... 16	6	5	5	1	9·09
Warwickshire	... 16	4	4	8	—	—
Kent ...	... 15	5	5	6	—	—
Surrey ...	... 21	6	8	7	—2	14·23
Somerset ...	... 14	4	6	4	—2	—20·03
Derbyshire ...	... 14	4	7	3	—3	—27·27
Hampshire	... 9	1	6	2	—5	—71·42
Leicestershire	... 16	1	7	8	—6	—75·00
Gloucestershire	... 16	0	9	7	—9	—100·00

The matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th, and 9th May, Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on 15th June, &c., Middlesex *vs.* Essex, at Lord's, 15th June, &c., and Somerset *vs.* Hampshire at Bath, 15th June, &c., and Essex *vs.* Hampshire, at Leyton, 27th July, &c., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

ATHLETICS.

CELTIC F. C. SPORTS.

There was a large attendance at the sports of the above leading Scottish Football Club, held in Glasgow on Saturday, the 8th instant. A 100 Yards Invitation Handicap formed the chief attraction, and in this, in addition to A. F. Duffey and J. S. Westney, of America, there competed Dennis Murray, the Irish champion, and W. Murray, who won the Booth Hall Plate last week, R. W. Wadsley, and two Scots in J. P. Stark, of Glasgow High School, and J. Murray, of Saltcoats. The finish was a magnificent one, the High School sprinter winning by inches from Dennis Murray, whose namesake was a foot behind. Duffey ran disappointingly, as also did R. W. Wadsley, both being outside the first four. The "gate" and stand receipts totalled £780, and it is estimated that over 25,000 spectators were present. Chief results :—

One Lap Cycle Handicap (amateur).—Final heat : J.S.Benyon, scratch, 1 ; J. Threlfall, Southport, 12 yards start, 2 ; W. Smith—St. Andrews, 60, 3. Won by a length. Time, 38 ⅘sec.

International 100 yards Invitation Handicap.—J. P. Stark, Glasgow High School, 5½ yards start, 1 ; J. Murray, Saltcoats, 6, 2 ; Dennis Murray, Dublin, 3 ; J. S. Westney, Greater New York I.A.A, 2½ 0 ; W. Murray, Dublin, 4, 0 ; R. W. Wadsley, Los Angees, 3, 0 ; A. F. Duffey, Georgetown University, scratch, 0. All were away to a good start, except the little American champion, and the race resolved itself into a struggle between the limit men, with Westney coming up hand over hand. The three placed runners had only half a yard between them. Time —10secs.

100 Yards Flat Race Handicap.—Final Heat ; D. Murray, Dublin, 3½ yards start, 1 ; D. G. McCrae, N.A.C., 2 ; J. Anderson, Queen's Park. 3, 3 ; F. Watson, Deniston, 12, 4. The Irish sprinter ran splendidly, and secured a popular win by inches. Time—9 ⅘secs.

Half mile Flat Race Handicap.—A. Russell, Walsall, 40 yards start, 1 ; W. H. Mill, West of Scotland H., 30, 2 ; D. Hilston, S.A.F.C., 57, 3. Won by twenty yaras. Timed, 1min—57 secs.

High Jump Handicap.—C. Leahy, Ireland, 5ft. 11in., 1 ; R. G. Murray, Scotland, rec 2in., 5ft. 10 in., 2 ; P. H. Leahy, Ireland, 5ft. 8in., 3.

Putting the 16lb Weight.—Dennig Horgan, Banteer, 45ft., 1; Thos. R. Nicolson, Kyles Athletic A.C., 44ft., 2. In this the latter established a Scottish native record, the previous best being 43ft 3in.

440 Yards Flat Race Handicap—Final heat : G. M. Oliver, Jedforest, 12 yards start, 1 ; W. G. Wylie, Dunlop F.C., 14, 2 ; W. A. Hewetson, Motherwell, 23, 3. Won by a yard ; same distance between second and third. Time,— 51 ⅘secs.

Throwing the 16lb Hammer.—T. R. Nicolson, Kyles Athletic A.C.-53ft 1in. Dennis Horgan, Banteer, 124ft. 8in, 2. New Scottish record.

Long Jump Handicap.—P. Leahy, Ireland, 22ft. 10½in., 1 ; Con Leahy, Ireland, rec. 1in. 22ft. 10in., 2 ; R. G. Murray, West of Scotland H., ree 2ft. 6in 20ft. 11½in.

Five-mile Scratch Cycle Race.—J. S Benyon, Chester, 1 : A. E. Liddell. Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2 ; C. H. Threlfall, Southport, 3. Capital finish, won by a wheel. Time,—12mins 57 ⅕secs.

Another very successful supplementary meeting was held at Celtic Park, Glasgow, on the 10th instant, under the auspices of this club. Such was the interest in the meeting no fewer than six thousand people were present. The Open Hundred, which throughout produced some excellent running in spite of the strong wind, was won by Dennis Murray, the Irish champion, off three yards, who has had the unique distinction of pulling off two sprint handicaps at the same gathering, and the significance of the victories lies in the fact that the Sprint Handicaps of the Celtic Club are regarded as the most important of the Scotch season. A. F. Duffey, the American, took part in the race, but was only third in his heat in 10mins ⅘sec. In the cycle events, Benyon, who lost his connection at Leith for Copenhagen, where he is to represent England in the World's Amateur Championships, participated, but was unexpectedly beaten in the Three-mile Scratch by Threlfall, of Southport, while in the Two-lap Handicap, in which there were practically two races, the English crack, owing to the loafing tactics of the backmarkers, only got third. It is estimated that the drawing from all sources for the two days would fall little short of £1000. Details :

100 Yards Handicap,—Winners of heats : J Marshall, Stewart's, College, 10 yards start ; D. J McCrae, Edinburgh University 8½ ; W. Dodd., Stevenston. 10 ; A. Kerr, Bellahouston H, 8 ; J. C. Taylor, West of Scotland H., 8½ ; D. Williamson, Ayr, 13 ; J. Wood, Olympic H., 11½ ; J. Baxter, Shettleston 12; J. Cameon, Maryhill H., 8½ ; T. Dunning, Springburn H., 11; W. Johnstone, Garscube H., 12; A. Aitken, Ayr, 10½; Dennis Murray, Dublin, 3; M. Quail, Clydesdale H., 9; F. McCall, Ayr Parkhouse, 10; and T. Collins, Springburn H. 11; Final heat : Murray, 1; Marshall, 2; Aitken, 3. A grand race, the Irish champion winning by inches. Time,—10 ⅕sec.

Two-lap Cycle Handicap.—Winners of heats : Brownlie, East Stirlingshire, 40 yards start ; Ben Jones, Wigan, 40; J. Brook, jun, Stalybridge, 28; J. Benyon, Chester, Scratch; J. Thomson, Rutherglen Wheelers, 100; J. Somerville, S.C.U., 120 ; J. E. Gilchrist, Wishaw, 45 ; and R. S. Stewart, Pollokshaws, 40. Final heat: Thomson, 1; Somerville, 2 ; Benyon, 3. The limit men had matters all their own way, the backmarkers showing a disinclination to make the pace, and Thomson won easily. Time—1min. 19⅖ secs.

220 Yards Handicap.—Winners of heats : J. Wood, Kelburn, 15 yards start; W. Smith, West of Scotland H , 17; Thos Dunning Springburn H., 17; J. S. Westney, New York, 3; F. McColl, Ayr Park House, 16; J. Ramsay, Ayr, 18; A. Aitken, Ayr 17; W. G. Wylie, Dunlop F. C., 12 ; and T. Ramsay, Bellshouston H., 15. Final heat : Ramsay, 1 ; Wood, 2 ; Wylie, 3. Won by half a yard. Time—23⅖ secs.

Three-mile Cycle Scratch Race.—C. H. Threlfall, Southport, 1 ; J. S. Benyon, Chester, 2 ; J. Brownlie, East Stirlingshire, 3. Won by two yards ; a wheel between second and third. Time—7mins 31 ⅘ secs.

1,000 Yards Flat Handicap.—S. Kennedy, Garscube H , 34 yards start, 1; W. H. Mill, West of Scotland H., 35, 2 ; S. G. Young, Paisley H., 50, 3. Won by three yards ; five yards between second and third. Time—2mins 16 ⅖ secs.

H. Martin *vs.* one mile flying start and 1 mile standing start records created new Scottish figures, the times being 1min 8⅖ secs, and 1min 21⅘ secs respectively.

CYCLING.

A remarkable ride, even taking the most exaggerated form of artificial pacing into consideration, was accomplished on Saturday last at Charles River Park Track, Boston, by Ben Munroe, a young American pace-follower. In the concluding stage of a four-day race of one hour per day, Munroe, De Guichard, and Lawson faced the starter, and as the former announced his intention of going for the world's hour record a standing start was taken instead of a flying one as is generally the custom in paced races in the States, so that in the event of Munroe being successful the record could be officially recognised. Getting away quickly, Munroe soon secured a lead on his rivals and got inside records at five miles. Sticking closely to his work, and riding like an automatic machine, he succeeded in covering the remarkable distance of 49 miles 210 yards in the hour, as against Henri Contenet's previous best of 48 miles 1,222 yards, accomplished at the Parc des Princes Track, Paris, on July 5th. De Guichard finished second with a score of 47 miles 1,055 yards, and Lawson, who had trouble with his motor, third with 39 miles 176 yards. The total classification for the four days was: Munroe first with 190 miles, De Guichard second with 180 miles, and Lawson third with 150 miles. The track has a wooden surface and is five laps to the mile, being considered the fastest in the world. We are now gradually reaching fifty in the hour, which will no doubt be accomplished before the season closes, and our Paris correspondent informs us that Hall, the English representative, stands a good chance of being the first to perform the feat judging by his recent private trials. In competitions and record-breaking essays he, however, is very unlucky.

SWIMMING.

A.S.A. HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Harold Park, Lowmoor, near Bradford, on Saturday, the Half-mile Amateur Championship was decided. There were five entrants, but only three faced the starter, *viz.*, D. Billington, of Bacup (holder), Law, of Chadderton, and Shorthouse, of Salford. A good start was made with Billington leading the way. He kept a steady stroke, and when a quarter of the distance had been traversed he was four yards ahead of Low, with Shorthouse a yard further away. At the half-distance, Billington had increased his advantage to twelve yards, the position of the other two being unchanged. At the three-quarter mark Billington was leading by two dozen yards, and he won in easy fashion by about thirty-five yards in 13min. 10⅗secs. Low was second and Shorthouse third. Billington, it will be remembered, recently placed the One Mile Amateur Championship to his credit.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

Kees' Corner was the scene of the meet on the 22nd ultimo and hounds soon found at Druid. They ran their jack through Baikiel to the foot of Denmark Shola, where he went to ground but was routed out and killed. Jackal Shola was then drawn blank but hounds viewed near Rawlings' Shola and a sharp burst followed through Round Shola, Martyn's Shola, Shaw's plantation into the Yemakal Valley to Parson's Valley, where the jack was lost.

On the 27th ultimo the meet was at Sandy Nullah Toll Bar The swamp below the 6th milestone on the Pykara Road was drawn blank. Then hounds oponed on a couple of cold scents. Below Bracken Cover jungle sheep, sambhur, and porcupine were started so hounds were called off and Briar Shola and Gibb's Shola were both drawn blank. A jack was started below Staircase and gave hounds some good work. They hunted him over Staircase and Herbert Plantation and into Yemakal Valley where hewent to ground near Yemakal Shola.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

A FAIRLY large field assembled at the Canal Bridge on the old Satara Road to do honour to the Master and seek for sport on the 23rd instant, though the meet in question is not I gather one of the most popular. But the unexpected oft times happens and Colonel Sheringham has been showing such wonderful sport of late that lovely women and brave men fear to shirk a single day lest peradventure they should miss the enjoyment of *bonne bouche* and suffer the ignominy of being pointed at with the finger of contumely by more fortunate comrades.

The large nullah between the place of assembly and the far-famed hill of Parvati—crowned with its gleaming temple—was the first venture and one not without success, for a jack was soon afoot and streaked away for Dunkwadi. (May Fortune send I write these weird names aright !) Over the most appalling ground lay the line, rocks and stones, innumerable and steep hillocks in rapid succession with here and there a stone wall of very "warrantable" size and I heard of one hunter badly injured I believe over one of these Galway obstacles. Towards Ambegaum this hill jack led his field and the pace was too good, taking together with the nature of the ground for all save the first flighters who had most of this brief but severe little run practically to themselves, as I hear from one of the ruck that only a select handful really rode this hunt through from find to finish An effort on the part of the now pad weary jack to seek sanctuary in a field of standing crops was promptly frustrated be the relentless drive and vigour of Colonel Sheringham's killers—the peerless Poonas and killing Kirkees—and once more this bold Reynard faced the open But he had evidently grasped the sad fact that all was lost save honour and loth that his glorious end should be witnessed by but a few he circled round and back to the main body of the original who were performing the hapless duties of rear guard hereto fore and with one last dying request to the Master to bestow his brush on Mrs. Lucas, who has thus happily nicked in with the rest this good jack murmuring "I die that Sport may live" was rolled over and yielded up the ghost. A slice of luck for the straggler apparently and a trifle rough on those few who bore the heat and burden of the fray, though in such cases as some of us have known in days gone bye (may blest Providence be praised even for its memories) virtue has its own reward. I suppose there are greater joys on earth than being "alone with hounds." But I have seldom quaffed them. After breathing time, the Master moved on to try Katraj Ravine and one of the native whips in an agony of excitement announced that he had viewed a jack sneaking away in the distance. The Master lost little time in getting hounds on to the line—indeed for a moment or two they seemed to overrun it—a mistake which was promptly rectified—too promptly indeed, as before this a parently soft-hearted jack could make up his mind which way he had better steer his course hounds were on him and any further mental indecision or his part had of necessity to be deferred till he reached the coverts of the happy grounds. Some very likely looking country was then drawn without success and when the hound cart and private vehicles hove in sight the day was still young and sporting ardour unassuaged so the Master—ever ready to turn on the tap of sport to those who thirst there for—readily took the hint to try on and drew the country in the direction of Kondwa. On nearing the Solemn Towers of Silence where our Parsee friends go for their last journey on this earth of ours, a festive little chinkara jumped up to relieve the solemnity of the moment and led hounds a merry scurry and shortly after a brace of these sprightly little beauties sprung up and joined in the fun playing havoc with all discipline for the nonce and by the time order was resumed it was time to wend one's way homewards. Barring for the lucky few who snatched golden fortune by appropriating the first run when they got the opportunity it was not apparently a great morning's sport, but Fate gives to those who take and those who missed it had only themselves to blame. But for all it was a healthy sporting morning, for fresh air and exercise are better than physic and physicians.

Owing to the Fancy Dress Ball at Government House on the previous night only a small field saluted the Master at Aundh on the morning of the 27th, only one lady having, I am told, the energy to put in an appearance. The first move was made to some jowari fields which were, however, barren of jackals. Recrossing the nullah the Master drew a covert which has seldom failed in the moment of need and fortunately did not damage it's reputation on this occasion. After a few brief moments of anxiety a joyful whimper coming from the further end of the covert proclaimed glad tidings which were speedily confirmed by a burst of music from seventeen couple of deep-toned throats and a "gone away" from the Master set everyone agalloping to make up lost ground. The going was quite of the best until reaching a precipitous hill up those break-neck heights hounds raced at a pace which left no possible doubt as to their wonderful fitness. So steep was it that few reached the summit in their saddles, even the Master I hear doing a lead. On reaching the top the jack must have jinked left handed, a most unfortunate effort at wiliness on his part as a few couple of hounds a bit to the left cut him off and humbled him over in some long grass on the hill top. Time about 15 minutes, very fast to the bottom of the hill, but the rest of it as may be inferred somewhat of the mountaineering description. After performing the usual obsequies the Master sinking the hill drew along the river bank trying several *lantana* coverts on the way which to everyone's astonishment and disgust were drawn blank. Leaving the river side hounds happened on a jackal in a jowari crop and ran him into another standing crop, where he performed several circles before being again forced to face the open. A faint-hearted jack he must have been for running was evidently not to his liking. Whether he preferred natation I cannot say, but he made straight for the river. Any attempt at suicide was, however, frustrated, as before he could reach the flowing stream hounds ran into him in some long grass near the bank. The next move was to the Botanial Gardens, near the Ganeshchind back gates which, however, seems to have sheltered nothing more sporting than wild cats and after fruitlessly drawing this likely but disappointing covert the Master gave it up and made for home.

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FIRST ROUND.

THE Poona Junior Polo Tournament has filled remarkably well this year, the presence of the Hyderabad Contingent regiments and a sporting veterinary class helping to swell the entries, while, the popular Buff's regiment has entered two teams.

Heavy rain caused a postponement of a week in this fixture and on Thursday last owing to a continued downpour it was feared that either a further adjournment would be necessary or that the *reune* would have to be changed to Kirkee, where the ground is not in such apple-pie order as that at Poona.

Proceedings opened, however, in king's weather and some excellent play was witnessed on Monday, 24th August, when the Veterinary Class, thanks to the brilliant play of Major Chesney, defeated the Buffs' B team and the Oxfords after tying with the R. F. A. won a keenly contested match after time had been extended and the goal posts widened

VETERINARY CLASS	THE BUFFS' B TEAM.
1 Capt Gresson	1 Mr Potter
2 Mr Forsyth	2 ,, Hawley
3 Major Chesney	3 ,, Beevor
Back : Mr Kearsey	*Back* : Capt Knight

Umpires :—Captains Hewlett and Lambert.

First Chukker.—Fast play was at once initiated, but though some rapid runs were recorded excepting the subsidiary scored

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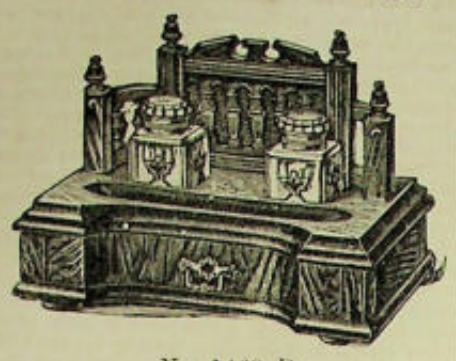

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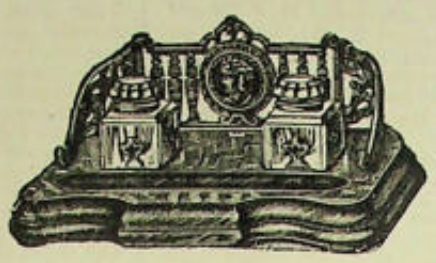

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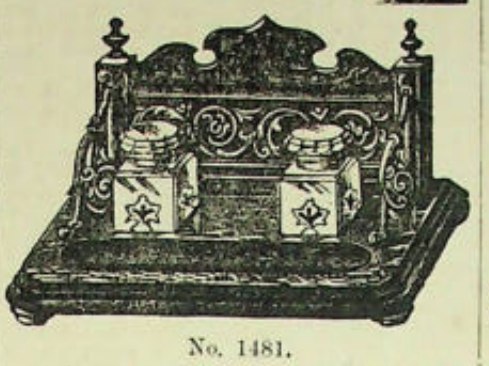

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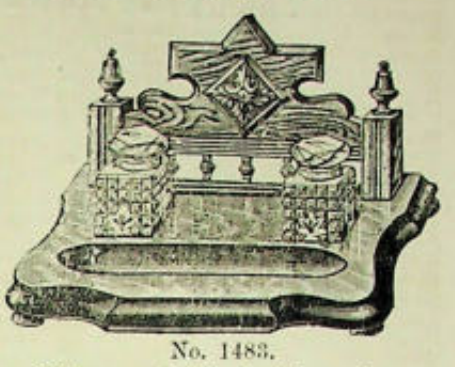

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in the opening phase of the chukker by Major Chesney they were unproductive. Score : Veterinary Class 1 subsidiary. Buffs *nil*. Time—6mins. 10secs.

Second Chukker.—A most determined attack by the Veterinarians just missed scoring and then the Buffs secured the sphere Beevor having the legs of his nearest opponents scoring a subsidiary and adding another off his own stick almost immediately afterward. Chesney, who had had one or two smart attempts to break loose nipped in the bud at length got away and scored a subsidiary, the chukker which closed soon after being a fairly even set to. Score : Veterinary Class 2 subsidiaries ! Buffs 2 subsidiaries. Time—11mins. 40 secs.

Third Chukker.—Some rather hot play before the Buffs' goal resulted from the restart and it was with some degree of luck that the Buffs cleared their country and carried the war into the Veterinary lines, here Chesney in attempting to clear gave Hawley an opening which the latter failed to take advantage of but he redeemed the mistake a moment later by scoring a goal and a subsidiary. The Veterinary bucked up and closed the chukker by scoring a goal. Score: Veterinary Class 1 goal 2 subsidiaries, Buffs 1 goal 3 subsidiaries. Time—17 mins. 3 secs.

Fourth Chukker.—The Buffs showed out in the attack and Beevor after one abortive attempt scored a subsidiary from a long range. Up and down play followed and then Chesney seized the ball and hitting out to Forsyth placed it so well that the latter was able to score a goal easily Score : Veterinary Class 2 goals 2 subsidiaries, Buffs 1 goal 4 subsidiaries. Time—22 mins 47 sec.

Fifth Chukker.—After some sticky play near the pavilion the Buffs scooped the ball out and invaded the opposite country ; after a few short exchanges Knight was given a chance and siezing it scored a subsidiary, the game ending soon after. Score : Veterinary Class 2 goals 2 subsidiaries, Buffs 1 goal and 5 subsidiries. Time—25mins.

OXFORD L. I.	R. F. A.
1 Mr Weatherby	1 Mr Martelli
2 „ Keyworth	2 „ McDonough
3 Capt Carter	3 Major Strange
Back : Capt Firth	*Back :* Major Geddes

Umpires :—Captains Harbord and Davie.

First Chukker.—As soon as the ball was thrown in Carter carried it away and despite the opposition scored a subsidiary. The Gunners cleared their country at once and a determined combined attack resulted in their No. 1 hitting a subsidiary. Up and down play of a non-productive character in which Strange was conspicuous ensued. Score : R. F. A. 1 subsidiary. Oxfords 1 subsidiary. Time—7 mins. 2 secs.

Second Chukker.—Some fast play up and down the ground with both goals jeopardized resulted in the Gunners making a somewhat good combined run down, but the ball was soon returned to Firth, who went away in great style and scored a goal. To this the Gunners replied with a subsidiary by Strange. Score. R. F. A. 1 goal 1 subsidiary; Oxfords 1 goal 1 subsidiary. Time 13mins. 2secs.

Third Chukker.—Some rather careless play got the Gunners penalised, but the Oxfords did not score from the free hit. After some fruitless runs Weatherby got possession and placed the sphere into the mouth of goal. The Gunners should have cleared but failing to do so Weatherby wheeled round and with a back hand scored a subsidiary and Strange closed the round by equalizing. Score : R. F. A. 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. Oxfords 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. Time—18mins. 12secs.

Fourth Chukker.—Now up, now down the field was the ball borne, misses being made by both sides, but the best efforts of Strange and Weatherby were useless and the chukker closed without any addition to the score. Score : R. F. A. 1 goal 2 subsidiaries., Oxfords 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. Time—21mins. 32secs.

Fifth Chukker.—A barren 28secs. play resulted in a draw.

Extra Chukker.—The Gunners were guilty of a dangerous foul and Carter with a good eye to his hit scored a goal. The Oxfords were now most aggresive and Weatherby showed up to advantage scoring a goal after one futile attempt. Mr. Donough, who had not shown up much in the previous chukkers now brightened up and after a fine run scored a goal and Strange was almost able to beat Firth when Weatherby paid him too serious attentions to allow of straight hitting. Geddes, however, who was not going to have the Gunners denied scored a subsidiary. Time—30 mins. Score : Oxford 3 goals 2 subsidiaries. R. F. A. 2 goals 3 subsidiaries.

On Tuesday two more games were played and the first of these was a somewhat one-sided affair, the Poona Gymkhana quartette proving far too strong for the officers of the 2nd H. C. Lancers and winning by 5 goals and 6 subsidiaries to 1 goal. Captain Davie, Royal Scots, played quite up to his old form and as back kept his country clear with great success, while Mr. Keighley of the well-known Central India Horse team and Captain Meynell A.-D.-C., did tremendous execution. Captains Harbord and Bird on the opposing side worked hard but without success for the opposing team but were not able to stem the tide of affairs.

Although the 3rd Bombay Cavalry won the other match by a fairly respectable margin the game was a most interesting and fast one, some really brilliant play being shown by both sides. Captain Alexander and Anderson were throughout conspicuous for the Cavalry, while for the Buffs Captains Hickman and Baker tried hard to make matters even. The weather was good and a large audience including Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote were present to witness the play.

POONA GYMKHANA.	2ND LANCERS H C.
1 Mr Keighley, C I H	1 Mr LeMarchant
2 Capt Meynell, A-D-C	2 Capt Birch
3 Capt Bremner, R E	3 Capt Harbord
Back : Capt Davie, R Scots	*Back :* Capt Lambert

Umpires :—Major Edwards and Capt Hewett.

First Chukker.—The Lancers were quickest on the ball, but Davie pulled them up and the Gymkhana No. 1 carried the ball smartly in the opposite direction. Lambert tried to save disaster by Keighley would not be denied and scored a subsidiary and a moment later he scored another subsidiary. The Gymkhana bore down a moment later, while Bremner paid attention to Lambert, Bremner notched a goal. Score : Gymkhana 1 goal and 2 subsidiaries, Lancers *nil* Time—5 mins. 31 secs.

Second Chukker.—The Gymkhana were smartly in possession, but Birch pulled the ball out of the fire, not for long, however, was it kept out of the Lancers' goal, Bremner scoring. The Lancers then made two futile attempts to score, but the Gymkhana got hold of the sphere and Bremner having carried down passed to Keighley who scored a goal. Score : Gymkhana 3 goals and 2 subsidiaries Lancers *nil*. Time—11 mins. 42 secs.

Third Chukker.—The Lancers opened the attack strongly, Harbord being distinctly dangerous, but Davie managed to save and a moment later carried down himself and scored a subsidiary adding a goal in quick succession. Birch well backed up brought off a goal to which Bremner immediately replied with a subsidiary before the chukker ended. Score: Gymkhana 4 goals and 5 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal. Time—16 mins. 45 secs.

Fourth Chukker.—The Gymkhana were simply galloping over their opponents in this chukker, Bremner scoring a subsidiary at long range and later well supplied by Davie scored a goal. The period was all in favour of the Gymkhana. Score: Gymkhana 5 goals 6 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal. Time—22mins. 14 secs

Fifth Chukker.—Play was of a somewhat more even character, but neither side was able to add to the score. Which was : Gymkhana 5 goals 6 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal. Time—25secs

3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY *vs.*	THE BUFFS (A TEAM).
1 Duf Fazand Ali	1 Capt. Power
2 Capt. Anderson	2 „ Hickman
3 Major Edwards	3 „ Porter
Back : Capt. Alexander	*Back :* Capt. Barker

Umpires :—Col Onslow, R. E. and Capt. Hewett, C. I. H.

First Chukker.—The Cavalry were able to wear down the opposition by degrees and eventually through Alexander scored a goal. Up and down play of a very even nature followed, the goals of both sides being assailed but kept intact. Score: Cavalry 1 goal, Buffs *nil*. Time—5mins. 25 secs.

Second Chukker.—Anderson was very nippily away and scored. Restared the Cavalry attacked but the ball was immediately returned and Barker, who was able to run right down the field, scored a goal in fine style. The Buffs now pressed hotly and seemed like scoring again but for the fine way Edwards pulled the ball out of the fire. Score : Cavalry 2 goals, Buffs 1 goal. Time—10 mins. 57 secs.

Third Chukker.—The Buffs were quickly put on the defensive and for a time their goal was distinctly endangered ; a good combined run, however, brought relief and Hickman getting a good pass scored a subsidiary. The Cavalry put out their best efforts in the latter part of the chukker and their No. 2 hit a pretty goal. Score : Cavalry 3 goals, Buffs 1 goal 1 subsidiary Time—15 mins. 57 secs.

Fourth Chukker.—A foul marked the opening phase of the chukker, the Cavalry getting a free hit, but failing to score. Both backs were conspicuous during this period and Alexander crowned a fine long run with a goal. Score : Cavalry 4 goals. Buffs 1 goal 1 subsidiary Time—21 mins. 12 secs.

Fifth Chukker.—The last period nearly saw the Buffs' score increased, but neither side was able to get through. Score : Cavalry 4 goals, Buffs 1 goal 1 subsidiary. Time—25mins. Timekeeper—Major Murray.

SEMI-FINALS.

We expected to see two games in the Semi-finals played off on Thursday, but an objection was lodged against the Poona Gymkhana team (1) that some of the ponies played were not the property of the players and (2) that the rule of the junior tournament which restricts a team to only one member who has played in a first-class tournament was contravened. The Stewards were in position to decide point No 1 at once, but they were not qualified to decide the second point as it was not known definitely whether Mr. Meynell had or had not played at Quetta in an open polo tournament.

As a *via media* it was suggested that the *personnel* of the team should be altered and their match against the H. C. Lancers replayed or that some other player should be subsituted for Meynell in the Semi-final against the 3rd Bombay Cavalry.

The objection was settled on Thursday night by the Poona Gymkhana team scratching.

The Oxfords opposed the Veterinary Class in the Semi-finals as advertised and playing with great dash were able to make rings round their opponents. Major Chesney strove hard to keep the Vets from defeat, but the mounting of the Oxfords was superior and their combination much more effective than that of their opponents. The riding off of Keyworth was very plucky, while Weatherby fairly outplayed the opposing No. 2. The score of 5 goals and four subsidiaries to one subsidiary fairly represent the respective play of the two teams.

OXFORD.	VETERINARY.
1 Mr Keyworth	1 Capt Gresson
2 Mr Weatherby	2 Mr Forsyth
3 Capt Carter	3 Major Chesney
Back : Capt Firth	*Back* : Mr Kearsey

Umpires :—Col. Onslow and Capt. Hewlett.

1st Chukker.—The Vets opened well but got pulled up sharply near the Oxford's goal. Keyworth essayed a good run, but being baulked passed to Weatherby who failed to score. Major Chesney got on and galloped down in rare style, but danger was averted. Just before the period closed a foul against the Vets let the Oxford through and two subsidiaries were promptly registered. Score : Oxfords 2 subsidary. Vets. *nil* Time—5min. 10secs.

2nd Chukker.—The chukker opened disastrously for the Vets, Keyworth snatching the ball from the restart and scoring a goal immediately. Some good combination a little later gave Weatherby an opening and he notched another goal. Chesney now showed out conspicuously but was not well backed up, the Vets, however, after a *mêlee* before goal scored a subsidiary. Score : Oxfords 2 goals and 2 subs. Vets. 1 subs. Time.—12 mins. 3 secs.

3rd Chukker.—Aggressive methods by the Oxfords marked the opening phase of this round and Weatherby missed the goal by an ace, only a subsidiary accruing after a long run down the field. Carter was the next to break loose and scored a goal. The Vets made futile efforts to avert the disastrous tide of affairs and a combined movement gave the Oxfords yet another subsidiary. Score : Oxfords 3 goals, 4 subs Vets. 1 subs. Time—17mins. 7secs.

4th Chukker.—Some fast but badly directed play was witnessed for some time, till at length the Oxford back got away and scored a goal. Score : Oxfords 4 goals 4 subs, Vets, 1 sub. Time—22mins. 52secs.

5th Chukker.—Fast play mostly in favour of the Oxfords and ultimately while Keyworth paid great attention to Gresson, Weatherby secured the ball and had an unopposed and successful shot at goal. Score : Oxfords 5 goals and 4 subs, Vets. 1 sub. Time—25mins.

On Friday the H. C. Lancers met the 3rd Bombay Cavalry in the second game of the Semi-finals.

The game was a very fast one and the Cavalry had the best of matters throughout. The latter team changed positions, Alexander going No. 3 and Edwards back. Anderson (No. 2) and Alexander combined splendidly and did most execution. Do what the Lancers would they could not avert defeat, the Cavalry running out winners by 5 goals and two subsidiaries to one goal and one subsidiary.

The Cavalry combination was so good on Friday evening that it will be a good fight between them and the Oxfords on Monday in the Final. I am disposed to think that the Cavalry will carry off the Cup although it must be admitted that they are a shade less well mounted than their opponents, but when it comes to riding off I fancy the "Luskerwallahs" will come off victorious.

3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY	2ND LANCERS H C.
1 Duffadar Fazand Ali	1 Mr LeMarchant
2 Capt Anderson	2 Capt Birch
3 „ Alexander	3 „ Harbord
Back: Capt Edwards	*Back*: Mr Lambert

Umpires :—Captain Dane, Royal Scots and Captain Hewlett, C.I.H.

1st Chukker.—Alexander opened the Cavalry score with a goal and before the chukker closed the Lancers throughle Marchant equalised, but on the whole the Cavalry had the best of the exchanges. Score : Cavalry 1 goal, Lancers 1 goal. Time—5mins.

2nd Chukker.—Play opened with the Cavalry on the aggressive and Anderson scored a subsidiary, it might have been a goal, but for Birch's attention. For a time the Lancers pressed hard, but Alexander cleared the Cavalry country and ended by saving a goal. Score : Cavalry 2 goals 1 subsidiary Lancers 1 goal. Time—10 mins.

3rd Chukker.—After up and down play of a pretty even character the Cavalry broke away and Edwards and Alexander combining the latter added another goal to the score. Not long after Anderson became irresistible and notched yet another goal and further contributed to the score with a subsidiary. Score : Cavalry 4 goals 2 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal. Time—15mins. 40secs.

4th Chukker.—The Lancers pressed hotly and their No. 2 managed to score a subsidiary, but they were kept well engaged thereafter. Some rather up and down play resulted in Harbord scoring another subsidiary. The chukker was distinctly in favour of the Lancers. Score : Cavalry 4 goals and 2 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal and 2 subsidiary. Time—21mins. 20secs.

5th Chukker.—The Cavalry No. 1 went down in great style and passed to Anderson, but the effort was unproductive ; later the same player was able to hit a goal. Score : Cavalry 5 goals and 2 subsidiaries, Lancers 1 goal and 2 subsidiaries. Time—25mins.

The racing parson, if not as extinct as the dodo is rapidly passing out of existence, and though one may occasionally come across a "white-chokered" individual at Ascot or other of our most select gatherings, he is such a *rara avis* as to attract general attention. Even in his day he was not a favourite with his bishop, though there were, of course, exceptions.

A good many years ago now one of these jovial clerics departed in hot haste immediately after the sermon one Sunday morning, and the clerk gave out that there would be no service that afternoon, as the parson had gone to Lewes Races. That fixture then began on a Monday, and as the parish we are speaking of was in another county, and railways were not then in existence, he found it impossible to wait for the afternoon service.

Some busybody, being extremely shocked by the announcement posted off to the Bishop of Winchester, and with a very long face complained that there was no evening service, as the parson had gone to the races.

"And what of that?" inquired the bishop, coolly, showing none of that ecclesiastical indignation which his informant had expected.

"But he is going to *ride*," persisted the latter.

"Is he! Then I'll bet you two to one he wins," was the quick rejoinder.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* BOMBAY HINDUS.—The Bombay Hindus went up to Poona to play the Gymkhana on the 21st and 22nd ultimo and beat them by an innings and 126 runs. Telang put 101 for the winners and was ably assisted by Messrs. Mehta and Banda. Score :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Faviel, not out ...	29	b Talpade ...	5
Mr Greene, st Seshachari, b Mehta	1	b Talpade ...	0
Capt Tancred, c Pai, b Mehta ...	2	not out ...	0
Mr Forsyth, c Banda, b Talpade ...	0	c and b Talpade ...	12
Mr Hughes, c Bhutwady, b Mehta	17	b Talpade ...	0
Mr Wallinger, b Talpade ...	1	b Mehta ...	6
Mr Maitland-Kirwan, l-bw, b Mehta	1	b Mehta ...	8
Capt Davy, c Talpade, b Mehta ...	0	st Seshachari, b Mehta ...	36
Capt Frith, c Pai, b Mehta ...	0	c Mehta, b Talpade	4
Mr Sargent, c and b Talpade ...	0	c Bhatwadeker, b Talpade ...	0
Capt Gresson, not out ...	4	c Agasker, b Talpade ...	2
Extras ...	3	Extras ...	8
Total ...	58	Total ...	81

BOMBAY HINDUS.

1st Innings.	
Telang, st Greene, b Wallinger	101
Parshotam, b Wallinger	4
Banda, c Wallinger, b Forsyth	37
C V Mehta, b Forsyth	45
Talpade, l-b-w, b Forsyth	8
Pai, b Faviell	3
Date, c Forsyth, b Faviel	10
Seshachari, not out...	13
Deshmukh, c Forsyth, b Wallinger ...	22
Bhatwadekar, not out	7
Agasker, did not bat	0
Extras	15
Total ...	265

ELPHINSTONE C. C. *vs.* POONA GYMKHANA.—Played at Poona on the 28th and 29th ultimo, the Gymkhana eventually winning by 8 wickets and 6 runs. Score :—

ELPHINSTONE CRICKET CLUB.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Driver, c Hardy, b Elliott ...	14	c Green, b Faviell ...	0
Sanjana, b Carroll ...	12	c Green, b Faviell ...	4
R P Master, b Elliott ...	26	b Carroll	4
Meherhomji, c Faviell, b Carroll	6	lbw, b Faviell ...	41
R E Mody, c Kirwan, b Elliott	0	b Carroll...	0
M Umrigar, c Carroll, b Faviell	0	lbw, b Faviell ...	0
Karaka, b Faviell... ...	6	not out	36
Doctor, c Carroll, b Faviell ...	1	c Kirwan, b Carroll ...	6
Bulsara, c Elliott, b Faviell ...	10	c Davie, b Faviell ...	2
J N Umrigar, c Green, b Elliott	2	lbw, b Faviell ...	2
B D Aria, not out ...	0	c Elliott, b Faviell ...	0
Extras ...	17	Extras ...	1
Total ...	94	Total ...	96

POONA GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr P J Meade, run out ...	18	b Meherhomji ...	11
Mr B M Carroll, lbw, b M Umrigar	11	not out ...	49
Mr Campbell, lbw, b M Umrigar	18	lbw, b M Umrigar ...	4
Mr Faviell, lbw, b Bulsara ...	2	not out	21
Mr Elliott, run out ...	7		
Capt Hughes, c and b M Umrigar	4		
Capt Davy, c Karaka, b M Umrigar	7		
Mr H W Green, b Bulsara ...	0		
Mr M Kirwan, c Karaka, b Bulsara	0		
Mr Hardy, b M Umrigar ...	10		
Mr Sargent, not out ...	19		
Extras ...	6	Extras ...	9
Total ...	102	Total ...	94

R. G. A. COLABA *vs.* THE BUFFS.—A two days' match on the 24th and 25th ultimo between these teams resulted in a win for the Buffs by an innings and 23 runs. Scores :—

THE BUFFS.

Lt Faviell, b Mason	30
Lt Hardy, b Mason	26
Cop Hopkinson, c Lumsden b Munt	5
Pte Billson, c Stiffe, b Munt	9
Pte Foster, c Brindley, b Lumsden	8
Lieut Green, b Mason	29
Pte Fowler, b Mason	25
Sgt Taylor, c Lumsden, b Mason	0
Pte Ingles, c Langhorn, b Munt...	12
Pte Attree, not out	9
Pte Cadman, c Bookham, b Jackson	47
Extras	18
Total	218

R. G. A. COLABA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lieut Langhorn, b Cadman ...	32	c Inglis, b Hopkinson	34
Br Pooler, c Taylor, b Billson ...	4	b Cadman ...	1
Lt Lumsden, c Cadman, b Faviell	1	c Billson, b Hopkinson	14
Bookham, b Hopkinson ...	37	b Billson ...	6
Capt Stiffe, b Hopkinson ...	1	lbw, b Cadman ...	2
Mason, c Attree, b Hopkinson ...	3	c Billson, b Faviell ...	15
Munt, c Foster, b Hopkinson ...	0	b Faviell	8
Jackson, c Fowler, b Hopkinson	8	b Attree	5
Kewen, c Faviell, b Cadman ...	1	st Green, b Faviell ...	0
Sullivan, not out	10	c Inglis, b Faviell ...	1
Brindley, c Inglis, b Hopkinson	0	not out	2
Extras	1	Extras	9
Total ...	98	Total ...	97

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CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* PARSEE GYMKHANA.—Played on the 26th ultimo on the Bombay Gymkhana ground, the visitors winning by 109 runs. R. E. Mody played a fine innings for 72. Score:—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr. H. Cheetham, b Pavri	26
Mr P J Mead, b J J Pocha	6
Mr A H Aston, c Saklatwala, b Bulsara ...	27
Mr E Priestley, b Pavri	0
Lieut P J Armes, c D D Kanga, b Pavri ...	5
Mr G H White, c Bulsara, b Pavri ...	1
Capt L T R Hutchinson, not out	4
Lieut H O Carroll, b Bulsara	0
Mr S McCausland, c Pocha, b Bulsara ...	6
Mr E E Coombs, c J Mody, b Bulsara ...	0
Mr H L Richardson, b Pavri	0
Extras ...	3
Total ...	78

PARSEE GYMKHANA.

E Pavri, c Hutchinson, b Coombs... ...	6
H D Kanga, run out	9
D D Kanga, c Priestley, b Richardson. ...	20
R E Mody, c Mead, b Coombs	72
J D Mody, c Cheetham, b Coombs ...	27
N B Saklatwalla, b Coombs	0
J M Dastur, b Coombs	0
M D Bulsara, b Coombs	0
J J Pocha, c Priestley, b McCausland ...	0
R P Lalla, not out	12
M B Watcha, st Mead, b Cheetham ...	14
Extras ...	27
Total ...	187

BOMBAY GYMKHANA RESERVES *vs* BARONET C. C.—These teams met on the 26th ultimo, the Reserves winning by 13 runs. Powell and Macdonald played well for the victors, while Nagporewalla was highest scorer for the Baronet C. C. Score:—

GYMKHANA RESERVES.

Lieut Manners, b Hiraji	3
Capt Bond, st Messani, b Polishwalla ...	8
Mr Powell, c and b Mody	52
„ West, b Hiraji	1
„ Housin, b Hiraji	0
Lieut Scott, c Mody, b Polishwalla ...	3
Capt MacDonald, b Polishwalla ...	30
Mr Cooke, c Messani, b Polishwalla ...	5
„ Gratwicke, c Mody, b Polishwalla ...	4
„ MacCanlish, st Messani, b Polishwalla ...	2
„ Revie, not out	2
Extras ...	5
Total ...	115

BARONET C. C.

D M Raja (junior), c Scott, b Manners ...	18
Darabsett, c Cooke, b West	24
Messani, c Revie, b West	0
N Mody, b West	3
R Wadia, b MacDonald	6
Polishwalla, b Manners	4
R Mody, c Scott, b West	0
Nagporewalla, c Bond, b Cooke	32
Hiraji, b Manners	5
Pestonjee, c Manners, b Cooke	1
N Bharucha, not out	4
Extras ...	3
Total ...	102

CRICKET AT NAGPUR.

NAGPUR GYMKHANA *vs.* BILASPUR.—This match was played on the 22nd ultimo at Nagpur, the home team winning by 60 runs. Score :—

NAGPUR GYMKHANA.

Mr Cleveland, c Bourne, b Kasturchand ...	7
Capt Goring-Jones, c Ryan, b W Creais ...	3
Mr Hullah, b Kasturchand	8
„ Ali Hussan, c Kelly, b W Creais ...	47
„ Playfair, b Kelley	26
„ Harriot, c J Creasis, b W Creais ...	0
„ Glasscot, c and b Kasturchand ...	13
„ Lowsley, c and b Kelly	0
„ Pedd, not out	6
„ Fanshawe, b Kasturchand	1
„ Willford, b Kasturchand	0
Extras	5
Total	116

BILASPUR.

Mr J Creais, c Ali Hussan, b Cleveland ...	0
„ Rowland, c and b Cleveland ...	14
„ Kasturchand, c Fanshawe, b Cleveland ...	1
„ Mr Daly, b Ali Hussan	4
„ Considine, b Cliveland	6
„ Kelty, l-b-w, Ali Hussan	2
„ W Creais, b Ali Hussan	8
„ Fourne, b Ali Hussan	10
Capt Stokes, run out	2
Mr Ryan, b Cleveland	4
Mr Meer Pasha, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	56

PERHAPS the most magnificent contest which the Ascot Gold Cup has ever furnished was that which ended in a dead-heat between the Duke of Cleveland's Tim Whiffler and Mr. Merry's Buckstone in 1863. Tim Whiffler had been an extraordinarily good performer as a three-three-old, and was made favourite, both for the actual race and in the run-off. Yet, to the surprise of most of the onlookers Buckstone won the decider easily by a length and a half.

The result of the race was a mystery to most sportsmen of that day very few being in possession of the facts of the case, which were as follows: The weight both horses had to carry was 8st. 7lb., but the normal poundage of Tim Whiffler's jockey was 9st. 5lb., and for some time previous he had experienced great difficulty in scaling below that weight. Though not having any fraudulent intention, he was too lazy to waste, and he had such a high opinion of his horse's merits that he thought he could win even though thus heavily handicapped.

"But how how did he manage to pass the clerk of the scales?" will be asked. Well, he was smarter than that functionary, for the instant the register indicated 8st. 7lb., he cleverly dug his spur into the ground and lifted himself out of the chair.

Since that time it has always been insisted upon that jockeys shall be weighed out with their feet in the air, though one rarely hears of any anxiety on the part of either owner or jockey to carry more weight than the handicapper has apportioned.

Football.

RUGBY IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA *vs.* CITY.—Played on the Calcutta ground last Thursday, the home team gaining an easy victory by a goal five tries to *nil*. The visitors started the ball and after some loose play in mid-field A. Siddons opened the scoring for Calcutta, no goal resulted, but it was not long before two more tries had been scored by Berridge and Landon The place failed on both occasions and half time arrived with Calcutta leading by 9 points to *nil*. On resuming the home team continued to have the best of matters and three more tries were obtained by Dunlop, Martelli, and Bell. The last was the only one converted, Calcutta winning as stated.

CALCUTTA B. TEAM *vs.* CUSTOMS.—On the Calcutta ground last Monday the home team had an easy victory over the Customs by two goals and two tries to *nil*. The visitors did not show good form, their combination being poor. After some loose "scrums" Rowe got away, but was brought up by Martelli and play transferred to the Customs' twenty-five Some good work by Ragshawe and Martelli resulted in the latter getting over, but the try was not converted. The Customs did not improve in the second half and the home team had it all their own way. H. Sherman crossed the line and Martelli did the necessary. Yule then scored a try; Martelli followed up with another which he converted, Calcutta thus winning by 16 points to *nil*.

CALCUTTA *vs.* BALLYGUNGE.—On the Calcutta ground last Saturday the homesters beat the Suburbans team by two goals and two tries to *nil*. In the first half the game was of a very scrambling nature. Ballygunge got away, but were brought up by Newton and Crawford getting possession crossed the line, Siddons converting. On changing ends F. Siddons scored two tries, the latter being improved on by A Siddons, who was credited with the fourth try from which no goal resulted. Ballygunge were unable to score and the game ended as stated.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE premier club have by their recent victories over Ballygunge, Customs, and City proved themselves far too strong for any of the local teams to tackle with any prospect of success, although the Armenian Club must be exempted until they have shown their capabilities in the return match with Calcutta, which takes place on Monday next. The match against the City, which was played on Thursday last, was a very one-sided affair and is worthy of notice only by reason of the continued feeble attempts at goal-kicking by the home team, who were only able to convert one out of the six tries scored!

There can be no denying the fact that Calcutta are sadly in want of a reliable goal-kicker as, is evidenced by their record up to and inclusive of last Saturday, which shows that out of 48 tries scored—a large proportion of which have been in comparatively easy positions—only 16 have been successfully converted. This unsatisfactory feature of an otherwise excellent team has no doubt been the cause which has led to a generous supporter, who does not desire his identity disclosed, presenting a cup to be competed for annually for place kicking, and it is sincerely to be hoped that this will result in an improvement being shown in this department of the game.

The competition this year takes place on Tuesday next, and present appearances point to several aspirants for the trophy, but in naming either France, Brown or the younger Siddons as the ultimate winner I don't think I shall be found wide of the mark

Despite the fact that Ballygunge were eventually beaten by sixteen points to *nil* in their match against Calcutta on Saturday last, the suburban club gave their formidable opponents a very hard game indeed, which must be considered especially meritorious, as they were playing one short throughout and were without Hayward and Harvey. In the pack they fully held their own, although a much lighter lot than Calcutta, which tends to show that several of the home forwards were not working *too* hard; whilst they were very little inferior at three-quarter back, but it was at half that Ballygunge were badly served, as Macdonald and Crawford completely outmanœuvred and outplayed the opposing pair.

Of the suburban forwards Browne, Voigt and Horncastle worked hard throughout, the latter being especially prominent in the loose; at half. Hemingway, who usually plays three-quarter, was no match for Macdonald, to whom he was opposed, but King did some good defensive work, his tackling and spoiling tactics often proving successful. Of the three-quarter backs Dundas and Bagshawe were most prominent, but they seldom had opportunities in consequence of the slowness of the men in front of them. Dick at full back was not at his best his fielding of the ball was very faulty.

For Calcutta Bell, Szczpanski, and Heilgers were always to the fore, as was Dunlop; but the latter has not yet cured himself of his tendency to play offside, whilst Heilgers was repeatedly penalised for "foot up" in the scrum. Crawford at half was a distinct improvement on Jacob, as although somewhat slow he appears to know the game and feeds his three-quarters judiciously. Landon at three-quarter gave a very indifferent display; he still sticks to the ball far too much and on Saturday quite starved his wing man, Sherman. In addition to this he must learn to run straight. Newton saved the side on many occasions by his clever feinting and long kicks, which invariably found touch.

The first big match of the season takes place on Saturday next when the following will probably be found doing duty for the respective teams:—

England.—H. Sherman, back; Landon, the brothers Siddons and V. Sherman, three-quarter backs; Williams and Crawford, or King half-backs; Berridge, Pell, Brown, Browne, Simpson, Harnack, Hilary and Szczpanski, forwards.

Scotland.—Newton back; Dundas, Dick, and two others, three-quarter backs: Macdonald and another, half-back; McLeod, Whitie, Heilgers, Dunlop, and others not yet selected, forwards. It ought to prove an excellent game, with England, who will be much stronger behind the scrimmage, ultimate winners by a small margin.

Everyone will be pleased to learn that the Casuals, who were again beaten by the City on Saturday, have, despite their bad luck, decided to enter for the Cup. Other entries up to date include Calcutta, Welsh Regiment, Customs, Madras, Armenian Club, West Riding Regiment, and City—so an excellent tournament should result.

As stated in my notes last week, the prospects of the premier club being able to send a strong team to Bombay for the Rugby Tournament appear very bright, as the following have all intimated their willingness to make the journey, if selected, *viz* :—

Back Dick; three quarter backs, Martelli, the brothers Siddons, Landon, Dundas and Bagshawe; half-backs, Macdonald, Crawford, and Legge; forwards, Berridge, Brown, Browne, Bell, Heilgers, Dunlop, Szczpanski and Hilary, with McLeod and Whitie as possibles. The pick of these ought to be capable of making a very bold bid for victory, and it is many years since Calcutta have had such a chance of lifting both Cups.

IMPARTIAL.

Golf.

UPPER INDIA AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.

THE long looked for Gulmarg week has at last arrived and the anxious men and ladies gathered together to compete for the championship had their opening day on Monday, the 17th August. The first event commenced at 10-30 A.M., the sun shining brightly for a wonder, yet the greens were wet, and though the greens was deplorably squashy, owing to the recent heavy rain, first-rate drives and second shots stopped exactly where the ball fell. There was no run on the balls, the lofting iron was principally used to get out of the wet grass and mud. The very best players were puzzled and came to grief. The bunkers were torrents one was glad to escape. At the first green approach about the distance for a good drive was a villainous pathway used by baggage ponies going and coming from the south side of the Merg; the hoof marks were plentiful, in fact perfect traps for the Haskell ball, which was principally used. As the drive was over the hill and down the other side it was impossible to see where to direct the ball. Luck was everything to enable the player to get his second shot near the green. An indifferent hit lodged you in the meandering stream which guarded the front and right side of the green. At the back was a nasty drain for taking off the water; in dry weather this was a 4 hole, but on Monday it was anything between a 5 and 9 hole.

On Tuesday the contest was continued for anthor 18 holes, by that time the ground had got better, yet bad enough for unlucky men, as here and there it was swampy still, and many a good man had to play a stroke under great disadvantages. In the first round Captain Elsmie with a handicap of 14, showed up well with a net score of 80. Then came Captain Williams, and R. Robertson with 83 each. In the second 18 holes Captain Elsmie still played steadily and finished with the same score as he did the day before, total 160. There is little doubt that he played well. Being a stranger his play was not known, otherwise he might not have been so liberally treated in the handicap.

The ladies' handicap was played in the afternoon, each day 14 holes. In this instance the handicapping was indifferent, the good players had not a ghost of a chance against Miss Bond with 56 for 28 holes. There is no doubt there is very great difficulty in handicapping as all the ladies have a grievance; never mind how liberal you are to them. The Honorary Secretary I understand had a bad time of it when trying to do his best. The very great difference between a net score of 114 and 194 shows his exertions to please them all was not crowned with success.

OPEN HANDICAP.

Monday, 17th August, 1903.

	Handicap	1st round	2nd round	Total.
Capt Elsmie	... 14	80	80	160
Capt Williams	... 14	83	81	164
Capt Addison	... 24	87	79	166
D Vanrenen	... 6	86	84	170
Capt Davies	... 4	86	86	172
R Robertson	... 6	86	90	173
Major Simpson	... 24	91	83	174
Capt Brown	... 2	87	88	175
Major Hunter Blair	... 6	87	89	176
R MacAllan	... 1	89	87	176
A D Anderson	... 4	88	99	177
Capt J Hill	... 2	87	90	177
H S Nicholetts	... 24	90	88	178
Capt Buist	... 4	89	91	180
Capt A Boyd	... 1	91	92	183
Major Kaye	... 10	86	98	184
Capt Blois Johnson	... 2	94	90	184
L Vanrenen	... 24	90	90	185
Col MacLean	... 14	93	94	187
Major Medley	... 11	99	98	188
Capt Hyslop	... 6	91	100	191
A D Murray	... 20	94	97	191
General A D Anderson	6	98	95	193
Capt Warburton	... 11	98	95	193
Major Kennedy	.. 24	102	95	197
Major Tsacke	... 20	106	98	204
Capt Laverton	... 24	115	92	207
G Millais	... 24	111	107	218
R Anderson	... 8	90		
J Mackenzie	... 3	93		
Capt Carter	... 12	93		
Capt Sanet	... 20	93		
A Crum	... 8	95		
R C Young	... 1	96		
A C Milward	... 12	96		
Col Young	... 20	97		
Major McLeod	... 24	97		
Capt Smallwood	... 12	98		
Capt Thoyts	... 24	99		
Capt Booth	... 20	102		
A B Fry	... 12	104		
J H Phelps	... 6	105		
J Coke	... 21	105		
L Robertson	... 12	93		

No returns from nine other players.

LADIES' OPEN HANDICAP.

	Score.	Handicap.	Total.
Miss Bond ...	... 170	56	114
Miss Morgan ...	... 159	32	127
Mrs. Vanrenen ...	... 193	46	147
Mrs. Davies ...	... 162	10	152
Miss McDonell ...	... 166	8	154
Miss Dunn ...	... 188	32	156
Miss Mangan ...	... 213	56	157
Mrs. Kitchin ...	... 225	56	169
Miss Nicholetts ...	... 180	10	170
Mrs. MacLean ...	... 232	56	176
Miss Percy Smith ...	... 233	56	177
Mrs. Hunter Blair ...	... 222	28	194
Mrs. Peebles ...	...	no score sent in.	
Mrs. Williams ...	...	ditto.	

Last year's champion Miss. F. McDonell, and last year's winner of the handicap Miss Nicholetts had no chance owing to indisposition brought on by a month's heavy rain.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Was played under the Amateur Championship rules beginning on 20th August. Entrance fee Rs. 10.

The renner up to receive prizes valued at Rs. 50 each, the loser in the semi-finals to receive prizes valued Rs. 25 each.

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The sun has been shining brightly for the last four days and drying up the links leaving the greens in perfect order, owing to the untiring exertions of Private Smith, the green man.

The first two to start were McAllan of the Cameronians, who won the Championship last year against Brown. the play was good at first, then McAllan fell off and his opponent improved and won by 6 holes and 5 to play. Capt. J. Hill, who won the Championship in 1901, had a bye as his opponent Crum scratched at the last moment. Mackenzie was too strong for Vanrenen. L. Robertson beat Major Curll 3 up and 2 to play. Carter beat Macmahon 9 up and 8 to play. General Anderson beat Holland. R M. Robertson of the Black Watch won against Captain Blois Johnson. Williams and Elsmie byes A. D. Anderson beat Colonel MacLean, Boyd beat Hunter Blair 1 up, Captain C Davies beat Young easily, Phelps beat Browne, Medley and Buist byes.

On the second rounds. Hill opposed Brown, both good men, long drivers; at the 15th hole Hill was one up, a hard drive placed him well over the river. Brown was unfortunately placed, but his second shot was a grand one on to the green. Hill went twenty yards to the left, but a mashie loft put the ball within 6 inches of the hole. Brown overshot the hole, and his next put was fatal as the ball moved as he struck at it and he had to try again and missed the hole. Hill holing out, the 16th tee shot placed Hill in a bad place from which he lofted into the river. Brown winning the hole, Hill was now 1 up and 2 to play. Both drove exceedingly well at 17th hole. Hill's second shot being six feet from the green. Brown slightly further off his mashie shot overshot the hole considerably. Hill by a carefully played loft lodged his ball within 6 inches of the hole. Brown missed his put and Hill won by 2 up and 1 to play. Mackenzie beat L. Robertson, General Anderson beat Carter, R. M Robertson beat Williams easily. A. D. Anderson and Elsmie fought it out well, being ties at the 18th hole. In playing off the tie Anderson won. Boyd beat C. Davies after a most exciting match on the last green. Phelps beats Browne and Buist beat Major Medley 4 up.

3rd Round.—Mackenzie played well and Hill seemed to be off his game so was beaten. R. M. Robertson went away from General Anderson and won easily. A D. Anderson was beaten by Boyd, who played good Golf throughout. Buist beat Phelps.

4th Round. R. M. Robertson in a masterly manner managed to beat Mackenzie, Boyd and Buist played well, and at last Boyd forged a head and won.

The putting with the new core ball was anything but good, all the matches were lost on the green.

The finals of 36 holes came off on Saturday between R. M. Robertson of the Black Watch, and Boyd of R. H. A both hailing from Musselburgh and St. Andrews, young fellows who played Golf when able to toddle, There was no resisting their steady play. The older players of renown had to make way for the youngsters and enviously watch from the adjacent hillock, how lads taught at St. Andrews can play. The first 18 holes was so evenly contested that there was not much to choose between the players. Most of the holes were done in 4 and 5; the long hole with its numerous pitfalls was an exception. The course was superb drying well after the recent rain. In the afternoon the last round was played and at the 11th hole Robertson was five up. Here Boyd made an effort and won hole after hole for four holes running by real good play. After a hard tussle Robertson won the next hole. Both drove well at the 16th, Robertson being on higher ground lofted across the river on to the green. Boyd failed in his lofting shot and dropped into the river. Owing principally to the bad tie this shot was fatal as it gave the hole to Robertson who ended the contest by 3 up and 2 to play, thus winning the Silver Shield and Championship of Upper India. Boyd played pluckilythrough out: Robertson in his quiet unobtrusive manner played accurately without show.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Ladies commenced in the afternoon, the entries were few as the reputation as players of some of them kept the timid from trying their luck. Mrs. Laverton was beaten by Mrs. Williams 5 up and 4 to play, Mrs. C. Davies disposed of Mrs. Kennedy 7 up and 5 to play. Miss Morgan won against Miss Nicholetts, and Mrs. Vores beat the last year, champion Miss McDonell. In the Semifinals Mrs. C. Davies beat Mrs. Williams easily. Mrs Vores disposed of Miss Morgan after a hard fought battle by 2 up. In the finals the struggle was well maintained up to the last. The holes were won and lost alternately. As both played well till the 15th hole which was a difficult up hill one, it seemed when one of them made an indifferent shot, the other followed. At the 17th hole Mrs. C. Davies was leading by one. Mrs. Vores' drive at the 18th hole unfortunately lodged her ball on the road on the other side of the green, in a deep cut. An unfortunate penalty for a long drive, the mashie stroke was a failure, and she had to play again. Mrs. C. Davies cleverly approached the hole with her mashie shot and holed out in 3, and won the Silver Sheld and Championship for 1903.

Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Hutchinson were "At home" on the 18th green and all were most hospitably entertained. In the evening there was a big dinner at Nedon's Hotel, which did not satisfy the ladies as some were allowed to sit in the drawing-rooms. As no gentlemen were forthcoming to take them in, they had to follow and find their seats as they could. The lady champion was left in the cold till a sub had pity on her. One young Boer I understand amused himself by altering the names by which idiotic proceeding several ladies sat in a line together as also did several gentlemen.

There were numerous speeches made and the proceedings" wound up by a dance till midnight, when "God Save the King ended the tournament week.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

THE MONTHLY MEDAL CUP.—This competition was brought to a conclusion on the 21st ultimo, when Mr. W. Taylor Mitchell beat Colonel Pope by 1 hole after a closely contested game. The following are details of the final stage of the competition :—

First Round.

W. Taylor Mitchell (4) beat C. R. T. Balston (3) by 1 hole.
A. B. Macdonald (3) beat H. K. Beauchamp (6) by 3 up and 2.
Colonel Pope (4) beat D. Annan (2) by 3 up and 1 (after a tie).
R. T. Gibbs (6) beat W. A. Beardsell (5) by 1 hole.

Second Round.

W. Taylor Mitchell beat A. B. Macdonald by 1 hole.
Colonel Pope beat R. T. Gibbs by 3 up and 1 (after a tie).

Final Round.

W. Taylor Mitchell beat Colonel Pope by 1 hole.

THE GUINDY CUP.—The final in this competiton was played off on the 22nd ultimo, Mr. O. J. Sykes beating Mr. A. P. Symonds by 1 hole. Details :—

First Round

A. P. Symonds (3) w.o. F. E. Hooper (2) absent.
W. A. Beardsell (7) beat C. R. T. Balston (5) by 3 up and 2.
F. M. Robinson (5) beat D. Annan (3) by 3 up and 2.
O. J. Sykes (5) beat Major Waller (4) by 5 up and 3.

Second Round.

A. P. Symonds beat W. A. Beardsell by 4 up and 2.
O. J. Sykes beat F. M. Robinson by 1 hole.

Final Round.

O. J. Sykes beat A. P. Symonds by 1 hole.

ST. THOMAS'S MOUNT *vs.* MADRAS.—This match came off on the Guindy Links on the 22nd ultimo and resulted in a win for the Mount by 2 holes. Score :—

ST. THOMAS'S MOUNT.		MADRAS.	
R A Anstruther	4	Major Temple Cole	0
Major Waller	0	D Annan	5
Major Banbury	0	C R T Balston	3
Colonel Boteler	3	W A Beardsell	0
Major Loudon	0	Graham Ross	2
Major Thomson	0	Colonel Pope	0
J G Faris	5	R T Gibbs	0
Total	12	Total	10

GOLF AT POONA.

MIXED FOURSOMES.—The competition for the Aga Khan's prize was played at Yerroda on the 25th ultimo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fawkett	68—10½ = 57½
Col Carter and Miss Fulton	65— 6 = 59
Capt Kemble and Mrs. Carter	66— 3 = 63
Major Walker and Mrs Bayard	70— 7 = 63
Mr Clements and Miss Anderson	76—13 = 63
Major Young and Miss Adams	73—10 = 63
Mr Boyd and Mrs R Anderson	66+ 1½ = 67½
Major Anderson and Miss Low	74— 5 = 69
Capt Browne and Mrs Dobbs	80— 9½ = 70½
Col Bromfield and Miss Martin	86—10½ = 75½

The Ladies' Foursomes played on the Yerrowda links last Thursday resulted as follows :—

	Handicap. Strokes.	Result. Down.
Mrs Cadell ...	4	4
Mrs R Anderson ...		
Mrs Carter ...	6	9
Miss Fulton ...		
Mrs Bayard ...	15	11
Miss Adam ...		
Mrs Dobbs ...	15	12
Miss Henderson ...		
Mrs Bagshawe ...	15	14
Miss Anderson ...		

GOLF AT KARACHI.

ANNUAL GOLD MEDAL.—This competition was brought off on the 20th and 21st ultimo, when 15 players turned out. The conditions of the match were medal play from scratch and two rounds of the links. The Rev. A. Cant, who has won it for three years running was once more successful, his total reading 93 for the two rounds, the best ever done for the Gold Medal. Several competitors sent in no returns. Details:—

Entries.	1st round.	2nd round.	Total.
Revd A Cant	48	45	93
Mr W L Cameron	51	52	103
„ D Miller	50	54	104
„ C B Mc Conoghy	54	50	104
„ Rogers Harrison	56	49	105
Capt Lowsley	50	64	114
Col J McCloghry	54	no return	—
Mr J Smith	67	55	122
Mr A E Cumming ...	58	—	—

GOLF IN BANGALORE.

BANGALORE *vs.* MADRAS.—This match was played in Bangalore on the 29th and 30th ultimo, the whether being very wet on the first day. Owing to this two matches were not completed. Madras won by 26 points. Scores:—

	1st Round.		2nd Round.		3rd Round.		TOTALS.	
	M.	B.	M.	B.	M.	B	M.	B.
C. Morrison ...	0		0		2		2	
J. G. Tait ...		0		0		0		0
A. E. Lawson ...	1		did not complete				1	
G. Dunbar ...		0						0
Major T. Cole ...	0		0		0		0	
Capt. Barstow ...		0		2		4		6
R. Anstruther ...	6		0		2		8	
Capt. Pirrie ...		0		1		0		1
W. B. Annan ...	5		5		0		10	
Capt. Ryder ...		0		0		0		0
A. P. Symonds ...	0		did not complete				0	
Major Burt ...		1						1
Comdr. W. Mitchell ...	2		7		2		11	
Col. J. P. Grant ...		0		0		0		0
C. R. Balston ...	4		1		2		7	
H H Sparkes ...		0		0		0		0
Col T. Pope ...	0		3		0		3	
Capt. W. S. Traill ...		2		0		2		4
T. M. Hare ...	0		0		0		0	
H. A. Morgan ...		1		0		3		4
Total ...	18	4	16	3	8	9	42	16

One morning in the spring of 1848 a number of touts were in the tavern discussing the advisability of soon having a "celebration," when Stebbing, who was behind the bar, said that, as they had all been very respectful and had not given him away too much, he would add some money to the fund in order that a better spread than usual might be put on. In due course the dinner was brought off, Harry acting the part of host in fine style. After the cloth was removed, spirits were forth-coming, and the trainer voted a "good sort."

The following morning any amount of messages were received by the horse-watchers from their patrons inquiring why Flatcatcher had been backed so heavily for the Two Thousand Guineas. Ofcourse the touts were unable to give any explanation, and it was not until after Flatcatcher had won the Guineas that it was known the head lad and Basham, the jockey, had tried the horses while the dinner was in progress, and that Flatcatcher had gained a six lengths' victory.

Quoits.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The earlier stages of this annual tournament do not call for much remark, but considerable interest was taken in the final tie between Mr. A. F. Simson and Mr. T. Drimmie which was played on Monday last and after a most determined struggle resulted in the narrowest of victories for the former. Mr. Simson, who has won several times before, is by far the strongest player in the club and was heavily penalised, with the result that Mr. Drimmie, pitching very well soon took a long lead. Mr Simson, however, eventually caught him up and after an exciting finish won by two points, the score being 42 to 40. Both men showed excellent form. The final tie was 42 up and all the others 21, and the following is the result of the various matches :—

First Round.

Mr. G. Gillespie (8) beat Mr. J. B. Warburton (12) scratched.
" T. Drimmie (3) beat Mr. W. D Stiven (scr).
" C. Engel (6) beat Mr. G. Pickford (9) scratched.
" W. T. Reid (scr) beat Mr. F. H. Stewart (8) scratched.
" J. S. Smith (5) beat Mr. D Drimmie (10)
" T. McMorran 6) beat Dr. W. Forsyth (6)
" A F. Simson —5 beat Mr. D. Pym (3).
" E. T. Plummer (9) beat Mr. B. O. Roberts (9)

Second Round.

Mr. T. Drimmie (3) beat Mr. G. Gillespie (8).
" C. Engel (6) beat Mr. W. T. Reid (scr).
" T. McMorran (6) beat Mr. J. S. Smith (5).
" A. F. Simson —5 beat Mr. E. T. Plummer (9).

Third Round.

Mr. T. Drimmie (3) beat Mr C. Engel (6).
" A. F. Simson —5 beat Mr. T. McMorran (6).

Final.

Mr. A. F. Simson —5 beat Mr. T. Drimmie (3)
by 42 points to 40.

The Kennel.

THE VACCINATION OR IMMUNISATION OF DOGS AGAINST DISTEMPER.

IN the year 1896 Professor Lignieres discovered the specific microbe of distemper, termed a cocco-bacillus, or the *Pasteurella canis*, the common characters of which resemble those of the microbes of fowl cholera, equine influenza, swine-fever, guinea-pig destemper, white scour and lung disease of calves, &c. Following on this, Dr. Phisalix investigated a disease of the guinea-pig resembling canine distemper, and isolated a similar microbe which he afterwards cultivated in such a manner that he was able to vaccinate the guinea-pig and prevent the disease. After this, he applied the same method to the dog and during the last three years many thousands of dogs have been vaccinated in various countries, including France, Algeria, Alsace, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Great Britain and Ireland.

It reduces the liability to the disease from ninety to one hundred per cent. to five per cent., and the mortality from ninety or fifty per cent. to two or three per cent.

The principle of the method is that introduced by Pasteur in 1880 for fowl cholera and afterwards for anthrax and rabies, and by other authorities for black-quarter and many other microbic disease.

It consists in producing active immunity in a dog by injecting a series of virus-vaccines of various grades af virulence. These vaccines contain the living, but attenuated, microbe of the disease, and when injected at suitable intervals, a degree of resistance, proportionate to the dose or virulence of the microbe, is obtained. This kind of immunity, which is comparatively slowly produced and lasts a considerable time, must be developed before the onset of the disease. It is preventive, but can never be curative.

It does not cause the disease and is not injurious to those animals already effected, but, if properly carried out, prevents natural infection or contagion.

The first inoculation is made with a very mitigated or attenuated culture, called the first vaccine : fifteen to twenty-one days after this a second inoculation or vaccination is performed, this time using a more virulent or stronger culture—the second vaccine. For the majority of cases the two inoculations are sufficient However, in very sensitive animals, and in kennels where malignant distemper usually rages, a third inoculation may be deemed necessary. This third inoculation may be made either by using a larger dose of the second vaccine or by using a still stronger, or slightly attenuated culture—the third vaccine, allowing an interval of one to three months from the second inoculation.

The dose of the first vaccine is, for a puppy of six to eight weeks old, 2 cc.; of eight to twelve weeks, 2½ cc.; and over twelve weeks, 3 cc.

It should be injected under the almost hairless skin inside the thigh, after it has been previously washed with warm water and soap. The best kind of syringe to use is a Roux' sterilisable antitoxin syringe, which should be sterilised in boiling water before use. It should have a capacity of 3 to 5 cc., ent (a cubic centimetere is equivalent to 16·9 minims).

The dose of the second vaccine is from 2 to 3 cc It is to be injected, under the usual precations, fifteen to twenty-one days after the first inoculation, but under the skin of the opposite thigh.

If a third inoculation is decided upon, this may be done with either 4 cc. of the second vaccine, or 2 cc. of the third vaccine, one to three months, the latter preferably, after the second inoculation.

The vaccine should be freshly prepared and, after the bottle has been opened, used up at once. If it is not going to be used immediately it should be kept in a dark, cool place, such as a cellar, as light and heat cause it to deteriorate. Before use the bottle should be well shaken up, when it produces a light turbidity. I have used musty and mouldy vaccine without producing any swelling or illness.

Within a few hours after the injection there may be a slight feverishness, characterised by temporary loss of appetite and slight dulness ; also, there may be stiffness of the inoculated limb, especially if there is a swelling, which is to be desired, at the seat of the injection. Usually the animal is "itself" after a few hours. I have never seen any accident arise from the inoculation. Beyond the few phenomena above mentioned, it seems very harmless to dogs of all breeds, even including Japanese spaniels, toy Griffons, toy Pomeranians, &c, of all weights and of all ages, provided they are strong and free from disease or infection. Healthy puppies or adult dogs only should be vaccinated.

It should be adopted early, preferably at the age of two months, before the puppies are exposed to the risk of coming in contact with distempered dogs, or of being placed in infected quarters or surroundings. Although two months seems to be the most suitable age, dogs of any age may be vaccinated to advantage.

The vaccinated animals should be kept in a clean, warm and dry place, free from draughts, but well ventilated, and should have suitable food given them they ought not to be allowed to drink out of dirty pools, or eat filth or come in contact with other dogs, until at least a fortnight or three weeks after the *second* or last inoculation. The disease is not likely to be prevented if the dog is exposed to contagion during the vaccination period, or is already the subject of the infection at the time of inoculation. *Baily's Magazine.*

The Naturaiist.

IMPORTED POULTRY FOR INDIA.

THERE has been a good deal of complaint lately about the unfair dealing of poultry exporters in England with Indian and colonial correspondents, inferior birds having been sent and charged for at exorbitant rates I therefore think it may be timely to point out that for people who want poultry for practical purposes—as opposed to fanciers' monstrosities—there is very little need to send home at all The indigenous *mooreghee* is certainly not the *beau ideal* of gallinaceous beauty, neither has it a brilliant laying record or an opulence of flesh ; but there are to be had birds of a much better stamp. From the Calcutta dealers can usually be procured "black China fowls" of a large size, which are simply the original "Langshan," a breed which the home fancy has now spoilt by breeding it ridiculously long on the leg. The Orpington, a good useful breed with a preponderance of Langshan blood in it, has clean short legs, whereas those of the Langshan are not only long, but slightly feathered. Many of the Chinese birds to be seen in Calcutta have clean legs, and these should be selected in preference, as feathers on the legs are useless and only harbour dirt.

For a cross with either this breed or the common country fowl the native game-cock or "Asel" should be employed. This bird is nearly the same breed as the "Indian game" so much kept at home, the latter being merely not bred up to the true indomitable spirit of the Asel, which sometimes exactly resemble it in plumage but is more compact in build.

The pure Asel hen is intolerably quarrelsome and the worst of layers, but the cock, with his very meaty figure, is a splendid cross for any breed deficient in flesh on the breast and a bird beaten in the ring will do well enough for this The jungle fowl itself, which can easily be tamed, is a fine table bird, but rather too small for use in the pure state, a cross between the jungle cock and black China hens should give a hardy well-shaped bird of a good useful size.

The Bussorah fowls to be had in Bombay are a very serviceable breed in build ; they much resemble the English Dorking, but have not the absurd deformity of the fifth toe ; they are of various colours, and often crested They are, I believe, good layers.

It is therefore pretty obvious that for general purpose fowls we need not go outside India ; non-sitting breeds are hardly wanted where incubators are hardly used, unless anyone yearns for an unusually large egg-yield, when the importation of some Leghorns, Minorcas, or Hamburghs might be desirable. But it should always be remembered that birds, so long as they are not cross-bred, need not be up to show form to be serviceable specimens of the breeds they represent, the practical utility of the various races interesting the show breeder very little if at all. The existence of the Asel in India where it has been known for about a century at least, shows that a pure breed can be readily kept up without exhibitions when bred for a practical purpose, even if this be the brutal sport of cock-fighting.

I believe it would be found that the old English fighting game now largely resuscitated, would be on the whole the best pure breed for India, if such a breed he much desired. It is in many cases a very fair layer and always a fine table-bird ; it is a good forager, and its extreme activity and courage will I bring it out of dangers to which an ordinary fowl would succumb helplessly. Cocks of this breed have been known with their natural spurs to kill a kite and even a fox ; and hens in defence of their broods have slain a rat, a rook, a hawk, and a weasel. An observer in Shetland found that the fighting game was the only breed of poultry which did well with them, being alone able to resist the hooded crows and ravens ; a cock on one occasion knocking one of the latter almost senseless, and teaching a much-needed lesson to a tame Bouxie or great Skua-gull, which bullied everything else.

The "black-red" game, of the Jungle-fowl colour, should be selected, as this is on the whole the hardiest and gamest type, and if there were need of fresh blood the jungly itself, which resembles the old game more than any other breed, might be resorted to for a cross, if the game were fairly large and of a good laying strain. It seems a great pity that in the East, the native land of poultry, a good indigenous domestic breed has not yet been raised, thought it could certainly be easily done.

F. FINN.

An incident which proves how widely owner and trainer may differ in their estimate of horses occurred in connection with the Derby of 1843. Amongst the animals engaged was one called Gaper, the property of Lord George Bentinck, who had formed a high estimate of the horse's powers. Not so his trainer, John Day, who thought so little of Gaper's abilities that he deemed it any easy of way "making a bit" by laying against the horse. This he did at long prices, until he found that in the event of the horse's success he stood to lose £40,000.

But "honest John" had to pay dearly for the liberty he had taken. The weight of money which flowed into the market from his owner and friends caused Gaper to take a front place in the quotations, and, imagining that Lord George had got Cotherstone and several of the other competitors "safe"—for the Danebury trainer invariably judged others from his own standpoint—he began to get seriously alarmed.

It was impossible to "get out" on anything but ruinous terms and in his predicament John Day went to Lord George and explained the dilemma in which he was placed. It says much for the terms on which master and man stood that his lordship, so far from resenting the action his trainer had taken, accommodated him with a bet of £30,000 to £3,000 about the horse, and though this made John a heavy loser, he was doubtless pleased to be made easy on any terms.

As a matter of fact, his perturbation was unnecessary, for Gaper ran like the moderate horse the trainer had always believed him to be, and Cotherstone, on whom Lord George also had a stake, won easily It may be mentioned that several attempts were made to "get at" the Northern horse, even to setting fire to his stable at Leatherhead, and many of the bookmakers of the time had good reasons to remember Cotherstone's victory.

Chess.

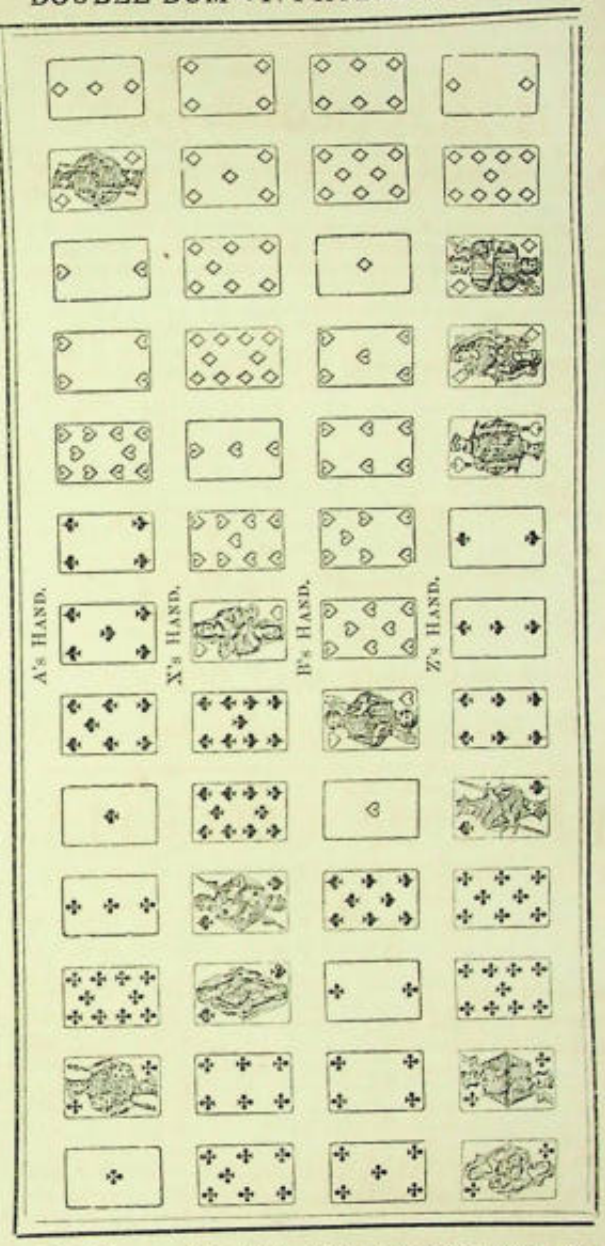
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No 23.

White.	Black.
1. Kt to B 7 (ch)	
2. K to K 2	
3. Kt back to Kt 5	Black's moves are all forced.
4. Kt to K 5	
5. Kt to B 6 (ch)	
6. Kt mates	

Cards.

WHIST.

DOUBLE DUMMY. PROBLEM No. 12.



Clubs Trumps. The author thinks it would be much more interesting to inquire of the solvers the numbers of tricks that A and B can make, and how they make them against the best play—A having the lead. We have hitherto stated the number of tricks that one side has to get, but if our readers think with the composer, that the present idea is better, there is no reason why we should not occasionally try it. Any way, the composer has a right to name his own conditions.

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THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 1903.

FOX-TERRIER PUPPIES

THE subject of puppies forms no unimportan part of this series. With the advent of the litters, the owner's perplexities are by no means at an end. It has been assumed that he has started operations with two brood bitches. Roughly speaking they will come in season twice a year, and very probably very near the same time, but each will be bred from only once in the twelve months. If there happens to be the one big show in prospect, at which the owner desires to exhibit in Puppy and Produce Classes, both bitches can advantageously be permitted to breed at the same time of year. The owner will then have a larger selection, and can also face the troubles of rearing once and for all as far as that particular year is concerned. If, however, there are two or more shows to be considered, one bitch might be bred from in the spring and the other in the autumn to suit the particular circumstances of the case. The point is one in which the owner can suit his own convenience.

No trouble should be spared over the young stock, the extra time and expense needed is not great and will be amply repaid. Neglect may mean that the one really high-class show puppy of the batch turns out ricketty, badly nourished, or worse, and the whole season's operations have therefore been thrown away. It is perhaps needless to say that one show terrier is worth numbers of others which have just missed the mark, and many times over. All should be thoroughly healthy and strong to prevent any chance of disappointment. Any fox-terrier bitch in health will rear three puppies satisfactorily, most will rear four, five are apt to be troublesome unless the dam is a particularly good brood bitch, six puppies are usually more than any bitch will bring up well. A foster mother should be employed if necessary. The dams should be liberally fed; and if the milk supply is deficient, the whelps should be taught to supplement their source of nourishment with artificial feeding at, say, three weeks of age. Delicate puppies should be destroyed if not worth rearing, otherwise special attention should be paid to them. A puppy that starts life a little backward will, without help, continue to suffer in the struggle for existence. Its stronger brothers and sisters will obtain more than their share of nutriment, and for all that is known at that age, the one weakling may be the one plum in the basket.

It is not intended to enter into the numerous details of puppy rearing here, it is merely desired to indicate that every puppy reared at all should be reared well. The difficulties of selection are great enough without adding to them. If some of the puppies are sound and healthy, and others emaciated and pot-bellied with internal parasites, no just comparison is possible. All should be tended over their infantile troubles into a well-conditioned, level lot. There are people who say that too well-fed, too well-cared for puppies, grow too large. They should not be believed. There are far more puppies too small and weakly than the other way. A large, well-grown pup does not necessarily mean an oversized adult. There are also people who say that leigginess is promoted by over-exercise, this statement should be disregarded also. Let the whelps lead a healthy, natural existence; exercise, food and sleep, exercise, food, and sleep, in turn, and in abundance. Æsop has a pretty little fable of the

fir and the crab-apple tree which has a wholesome application.

The puppies will go all sorts of ways as nature intended them, the one thing that the owner can do is to ensure that they are healthy. Selection will then come into play, and this is the crucial point on which so many breeders fail. There is no opportunity of "walking" numerous puppies in India as there is in England. The owner has to watch development under his own eye. The fewer the puppies he has, the more chance of doing each and all justice; but he may in error dispose of the best. If he keep them all until there is no shadow of doubt, they are perhaps too many to thrive, to exercise, to really look after well. Overcrowding increases the risks of distemper and many other evils. The motto should be, draft out as soon as possible to limit numbers, and never draft out until it is practically certain that the puppies have no chance of being show dogs. There are men who say that they can invariably spot the pick of the basket at six weeks of age, but these cock-sure gentlemen are rarely successful breeders. The experienced breeder recognises certain signs shortly after birth, he recognises certain features at weaning time, but he is always liable to hideous mistakes. Between weaning time and three months, little can be told. At that age puppies begin to give decided indications. At four months, they are cutting their permanent teeth, and whatever else is known, head points are fairly obvious. At six months, assurance is most sure, at eight things are pretty certain; but even then only to the experienced. A forward youngster, looking so promising, may easily grow too large and coarse after that age. A lean, and unthrifty-looking one may develop into quality lines almost at a bound. There is nothing certain with young puppies except the uncertain. It has happened over and over again that the one ugly duckling has proved the one swan.

Certainty becomes certain only when a defect has become so positive that it is past redemption. For instance, it is known that a puppy's ears can never become smaller than they are. If then, theyhave grown so large that they must be decidedly over-sized and objectionable, even at full age, it is obviously time to draft. Mouths slightly over-shot or under-shot may possibly right themselves at the time of the appearance of the permanent teeth: but if the defect is very pronounced, there is no hope, and such puppies can be disposed of at an early age. Large, portruding, and light-coloured eyes, and very soft, woolly coats are often early indications; but the matter of coat will frequently demand expert knowledge. Not only will too heavy a jacket be sometimes suddenly shed, and a light one come on almost with a bound, but maturity will work important changes, especially in the case of wire terriers. The jacket of a puppy, which promises to be almost perfect to the uninitiated eye, will sometimes grow far too profuse, while a scantily clad, but hard-coated youngster, will often be all that is desired in later life. Badly carried ears are a common feature in puppies, but temporary or permanent defect will depend in great measure on the precise nature of the carriage and the thickness of the leather. Experience is the only guide and even experience will make mistakes. Suffice it to say that a puppy with nice-sized, nice-shaped ears, not too thick in substance, should never be hastily drafted merely because the ears are not always correctly carried. They will as often as not, oftener in well-bred terriers, fall to the regulation drop in course of time. The first litter has often proved the turning point with bitches.

Too gay a carriage of stern is also an early indication. A ringtailed puppy will improve to some extent as the bone hardens, but if the defect is very pronounced there is little hope. A mean carriage of stern in a dog will often improve considerably in adult age when he begins to feel sex and pugnacity. The best tail carriage in the show ring is often a low and poor carriage at rest; and *vice versâ* a satisfactory carriage when a dog is trotting about will often be too gay a one under excitement. Actual deformity of feet and legs can be seen in early puppyhood, but the perfection of straightness of front is rarely shown by young puppies. Crooked legs will often become straight after extraordinary deviations from the path of beauty. The puppies which appear the best in this respect, with straight firm legs, toes perhaps very slightly turned in, will frequently become too wide in front, or out at elbow, or bossy in shoulder, or pigeon-toed, in after-life. The less taking ones, narrower in front with toes turned a little out, often develop into perfect conformation.

Character will also change as well as physical form. Usually the really bold whelps are plucky from the beginning; but it will happen at times that game, friendly puppies devolop into shy or timid adults, while a heavy, dull, uninteresting whelp smartens with age, and development of sex into the very best. Puppies grow and develop by fits and starts, in this direction or that, but rarely proportionately all over. The head will take a sudden fancy to develop, and everything else is at a standstill. The ears take a turn and stop. Then the legs, or perhaps the coat. The deceptions a puppy unwittingly practices are legion. It looks a picture one week and the owner is exulting. Next week, he is bitterly disappointed, everything seems to have gone the wrong way. In another fortnight, there are signs of marked improvement. Flying ears drop into position, crooked legs straight, an over-grown puppy stops growing and a lean one furnishes with extraordinary suddenness. A cobby little chap becomes all legs and wings, a tall, wiry youngster lets down and fills out and is completely transformed.

The less experienced the breeder, the longer must he bide his time. For that reason he has been recommended not to commence breeding on too large a scale. With a small number of puppies he can afford to be patient and study his early impressions. Everything comes in time to those who know how to wait. But there is one special point on which it is necessary to sound a note of warning. There are both early and late matured puppies. Those that arrive at early maturity will, as puppies often appear, at a great advantage compared to their more unformed brothers and sisters, but beware of them. That very early maturity is often in itself a pronounced defect. A puppy shaped like an adult is only too likely to still further furnish into a coarse cloddy terrier, and in a few months it may be clean out of the hunt. The lasters are rarely at their best at an early age. By all means exhibit the prematurely matured youngsters, and having won with them, sell them, the chances are they will not win again. For the permanent inmates of the kennel, select those built on quality lines and likely to last. The lasters will almost always be somewhat on the light, lathy, undeveloped side in their puppy hood.

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LONDON, *Tuesday, 8th September 1903.*

Major Eustace Loder's ch f PRETTY POLLY, by Gallinule—Admiration, Lane ... 1
Mr J R Keene's b c LANCASHIRE, by Kingston—Calico, Lyne 2
Mr L de Rothschild's b c ST. AMANT, by St. Frusquin—Lady Loverule, K Cannon ... 3
Sir J Miller's ch c CINQUE FOIL, by Sanfoin—Countess of Macaroni, Hands ... 0

(Winner trained by Gilpin.)

BETTING: 11 to 10 agst Pretty Polly, 33 to 1 Lancashire, 6 to 4 St. Amant.

Won easily by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third.

WINNERS SINCE 1880.

1881 Kermesse (6)	1892 The Prize (7)
1882 Hauteur (5)	1893 Ladas (2)
1883 Superba (4)	1894 Solaro (5)
1884 Langwell (8)	1895 Omladina (7)
1885 Minting (6)	1896 Velasquez (2)
1886 Panzerschiff (4) Grandison	1897 Ayah (8)
1887 Ayrshire (7)	1898 Mark For'ard (5)
1888 Chittabob (7)	1899 Democrat (7)
1889 Riviera (4)	1900 Orchid (6)
1890 Haute Saone (3)	1901 Game Chick (7)
1891 La Fleche (6)	1902 Rock Sand (4)

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LONDON, *Tuesday, 8th September 1903.*

Mr C Perkins's b c CLIFTONHALL, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4yrs, Dalton 1
Sir E Cassel's b c LOVAT, by Love Wisely—Hildesheimer, 3yrs, Plant 2
Major J D Edwards's b h WAVELET'S PRIDE, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, Maher 3
Mr W Goodchild's b m SCULLION, by St Florian—Cinder, 5yrs 0
Mr H E Randall's br g GENIUS, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs 0
Duke of Portland's ch c CARO, by Carbine—Nenemoosha, 4yrs 0
Mr H J King's br c PRINCE FLORIZEL, by Florizel II—Good Hope, 4yrs ... 0
Lord Ellesmere's b c JOSHUA, by Childwick—None the Wiser, 4yrs 0
Mr C T Pulley's b f LADY HELP, by Ladas—Serfdom, 3yrs 0
Mr L de Rothschild's b c GOURGAUD, by Sir Visto—Gagoul, 3yrs ... 0

(Winner trained by I'Anson.)

BETTING: 9 to 4 agst Cliftonhall, 8 to 1 Lovat 20 to 1 Wavelet's Pride.

Won by a length; six lengths between second and third.

WINNERS SINCE 1886.

1887 Merry Duchess 5y 8st 2lb (10)	1895 Bard of Avon 4y 7st 8lb (12)
1888 Button Park 5y 7st 8lb (13)	1896 Drip 3y 7st (7)
1889 Houndsditch 3y 6st 11lb (11)	1897 Carlton Grange 5y 7st 12lb (9)
1890 Silver Spur 4y 8st 5lb (10)	1898 Locarno 3y 6st 5lb (11)
1891 Alloway 4y 8st 11lb (14)	1899 Calveley 4y 8st 7lb (12)
1892 Springtime 4y 7st 11lb (14)	1900 Osbech 5y 8st 12lb (6)
1893 Chesterfield 5y 9st (9)	1901 Balsarroch 3y 6st 6lb (11)
1894 Bushey Park 5y 8st 12lb (16)	1902 Templemore 4y (12)

THE ST. LEGER.

THE ST. LEGER STAKES—Of 25sovs. each, for then three-year olds; colts 9st., and fillies 8st. 11lbs.; owner of the second horse to receive 300sovs., and the third 100sovs., out of the stakes; Old St. Leger Course, about one mile, 6 furlongs, and 132 yards. —213 subs. Closed 17th September, 1901.

LONDON, *Wednesday, 9th September, 1903.*

Sir J Miller's br c ROCK SAND, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, Maher 1
Mr J Musker's ch c WILLIAM RUFUS, by Melton—Simena, Madden 2
His Majesty's ch c MEAD, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, Cannon 3
Sir E Cassel's b c LOVE CHARM, by Love Wisely—Omaha, Halsey 0
His Majesty's br c PERSISTENCE, by Persimmon—Laodamia, Jones 0

(Winner trained by Blackwell.)

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Rock Sand, 100 to 9 agst William Rufus, 7 to 1 Mead, 10 to 1 Love Charm; 100 to 1 Persistence.

Persistence led from Rock Sand and Love Charm; after six furlongs had been travelled, Rock Sand got on terms and shortly afterwards went to the front. At distance William Rufus headed the rest with Mead close up, Persistence dropping back last. Rock Sand went on and won in a canter by four lengths: half a length between second and third.

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				Maid of Palmyra (1855)	Splitvote (184)
					Orlando (1841)
					Maliboran (1830)
		Sanda (1878)	Wenlock (1869)	Lord Clifden (1860)	Pyrrhus I (841)
				Mineral (1865)	Palmyra (1838)
					Newminster (1848)
					The Slave (1852)
			Sandal (1861)	Stockwell (1849)	Ratsplan (1853)
				Lady Evelyn (1847)	Mangenese (1853)
					The Baron (1842)
					Pocahontas (1837)
	Roquebrune (1875).	St Simon (1881).	Galopin (1872)	Vedette (1854)	Voltigent (1847)
				Flying Dutch (1853)	Mrs Ridgeway (49)
					Fly'g Dutchman ('46)
					Merope (1841)
			Ste Angela (1865)	King Tom (1851)	Harkaway (1834)
				Adeline (1854)	Pocahontas (1837)
					Ion (1835)
					Little Fairy (1832)
		St. Marguerite (1870).	Hermit (1864)	Newminster (1848)	Touchstone (1833)
				Seclusion (1857)	Beeswing (1833)
					Tadmor (1816)
					Mrs Sollon (1851)
			Devotion (1865)	Stockwell (1849)	The Baron (1842)
				Alcestis (1860)	Pocahontas (1837)
					Touchstone (1834)
					Sacrifice (1847)

WINNERS SINCE 1895.

1895	Lord Rosebery's Sir Visto ...	3	18½	S Loates (11)
1896	Prince of Wales's Persimmon	3	20	J Watts (7)
1897	Mr Gubbins's Galtee More	3	31½	C Wood (5)
1898	Captain Greer's Wildfowler	3	13	C Wood (12)
1899	Duke of Westminster's Flying Fox	3	15½	M Cannon (6)
1900	Prince of Wales's Diamond Jubilee	3	9½	H Jones (11)
1901	Mr L de Rothschild's Doricles	3	8½	K Cannon (13)
1902	Mr Sievier's Sceptre ...	3	12½	F W Hardy (12)

Sporting Notes.

DINAPORE, we are glad to see, is holding an Open Gymkhana meeting on the 27th, 29th and 31st October, first entries closing on the 15th idem. From what we can gather at this early stage the meeting promises well, for ponies are expected from Jubbulpore, Allahabad, Lucknow, and other mofussil stations and we see no reason why a Calcutta contingent should not find its way to this meet.

The Tollygunge Gymkhana which took place on Saturday might have been described, in the words of the Leicestershire swell, as flat, dirty and unpleasant, the going suggested snipe ground, the attendance was mainly confined to Aryan brethren of an oily and unpleasant aspect, and the racing, with the solitary exception of the Maiden Horse Race, was such as to invite the kindly drawing of a veil over it The fields, as we predicted, were on the small side with the exception of the Charger Stakes for which no less than nine competitors got to the post. The pony race drew ten entries, but five of these were from one stable and were apparently entered out of a spirit of curiosity to see what weights would be allotted to them, as they were immediately afterwards struck out. Of the remaining five Mr. Evers' Blair Athol, nicely ridden by his owner, had no difficulty in disposing of his very moderate opponent and won in a canter by several lengths. The Maiden Horse race provided a close finish between Sylvia and Sunshine, resulting in a win for the former by a neck. The remaining events call for no comment.

In view of the principle, so often brought to our notice, that the object of a Gymkhana is to provide *sport*, and that nothing is, or should be, further from the minds either of the executive or of owners than the amassing of filthy lucre, we would respectfully suggest that the exclusion from the club grounds on these occasions of the large crowd of wholely undesirable natives who infest it, would not in any way lessen the enjoyability of the afternoon, and in view of the above-quoted principle, the loss of their gate money at three dibs ahead should not be a matter to be taken into consideration.

A full report of the Gulmarg Horse and Dog Show will be found further on.

That unfortunate craft *Shamrock III*, after having been boomed *ad nauseam*, has been defeated at every point by the *Reliance* and the America Cup remains in Yankee land. She was outclassed, outsailed and outmanœuvred all along and her exhibitions were consistently miserable and disappointing. Perhaps now these contests between America and the wealthy English provision dealer will be allowed to drop, though, of course, whether he wins or loses Lipton gets the full value of the advertisement.

The following horses have been purchased in Ireland by Mr. Paris :—Rathcoon, East Ferry, colt by Wild Sherry out of Leggan Hall's dam, and a colt by Wild Sherry.

As only five teams have so far been entered for the Poona Open Tournament which commences shortly the time for entries has been extended to the 8th.

Second entries for the Meerut Autumn Meeting close on the 15th instant.

Final entries for the Dehra Autumn Sky Meeting close to-day.

Mr. Harry Goldspink is on his way out to India in the *Persia* due to reach Bombay on the 19th September. He will attend the big Poona Meeting and then come on to Calcutta.

In drawing attention to Mr. Harry Yeend's new announcement made in our Turf columns to-day we might remind such of our readers who have not yet inspected his last shipment that they are missing a good thing.

The Bombay Polo Tournament for 1903 will commence on 12th October and will be held under the rules of the Indian Polo Association. Subject to the above the Tournament is open to any regiment, polo club, gymkhana, station or district in India. Any number of officers of Royal Artillery or Royal Engineers or of the members of the Civil Service in one Presidency may join in sending a team to compete. Two regiments of Bombay cavalry or infantry may also combine to send a team. No restriction as to the number of teams entered by any regiment, polo club, etc. The maximum number of ponies for any team shall be 16 only. The entrance fee per man of each competing team will be Rs. 10. The winning team will be entitled to the custody of the Bombay Polo Challenge Cup for twelve months or until the date of the Tournament in the following year, when it must be returned to the Bombay Gymkhana. This Cup is not to be taken out of India. A cup of the value of Rs. 500 and the entrance fees will be presented to the winning team, or if preferred, expended in the purchase of four Cups, for the members of the winning team. As the Railway Companies require a certificate from the Honorary Secretary certifying the number of players and ponies in each team, before granting the usual concession, the Secretary of each team is requested to inform him as early as possible (*a*) how many ponies his team intends to bring, (*b*) when the ponies will start for Bombay, and (*c*) when his team will start for Bombay ; and he will obtain a letter from the General Traffic Manager authorising the Company to carry the team and ponies on the reduced terms. It is requested that teams intending to enter will communicate as soon as possible with Mr. R. F. R. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, Bombay Polo Tournament. Entries will close on the 1st October. The Tournament will not be held unless four or more teams in separate interests compete.

Acetine, the property of Mr. Spooner Hart, the well-known Calcutta livery stable keeper, won the All Horse Stakes at Poona last Saturday, carrying 10st. 2lbs., and beating Corrie Roy (6st. 9lbs.) Altamas (7st.) and Fitzeros (6st 13lbs.) and seven other good ones including Hoop Iron (9st. 6lbs.) Evidently the big grey gelding is in form and if he continues therein we see no reason why he should not make a good show in the Western India Stakes in which, taking a line through last Saturday's race, he ought to carry 10st 7lbs. We append a list of his performances and by way of comparison those of Great Scot, leaving our readers to decide which is the better horse.

ACETINE g. g. by Trident—Duenna. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 18th March 1899. Flying Welter £60, 2nd £5. 6½ furlongs. Acetine 8st. unplaced. Time—1min. 24½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 29th April 1899. Welter Handicap £60 and £1-4 each, 2nd £10. 6 furlongs. Acetine 8st. 7lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 19secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 6th May 1899. Hight Weight Handicap. £50 and £1 each, 2nd £5. 6 furlongs. Acetine 8st. 7lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 17½secs. *Tatt's Club* (N. S. W.) 16th August 1899. Hampden Stakes £128, 2nd £20, W. F. A. and all. 9 furlongs. Acetine (all. 3lbs.) 7st. 5lbs. unplaced. Time—2mins. 2½secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 26th August 1899. Stewards' Mile £78-15, 2nd £10. Acetine 8st. 6lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 50¾secs. *A. J. C.* 12th September 1899. Spring Maiden £298, 2nd £50, Sp. W. 1½ miles. Acetine 7st. 6lbs. unplaced. Time—2mins. 47¾secs. 16th September 1899. Members' Handicap £321, 2nd £50. 9 furlongs. Acetine 7st. 4lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 56½secs. Randwick Plate £447, 2nd £75, 3rd £25. W. F. A. 2¼ miles. Acetine 6st. 13lbs. Third. Time—4mins. 11½secs. *Canterbury Park* (N. S. W.) 30th September 1899. Park Stakes £75, 2nd £5. 6 furlongs. Acetine 8st. unplaced. Time—1min. 18secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 16th June 1900. Welter £69-12, 2nd £10. 6 furlongs. Acetine 8st. 7lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 21secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 30th June 1900. Flying Welter £77-10, 2nd £10. 6½ furlongs. Acetine 8st. 7lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 26lbs. *Warwick Farm* (N. S. W.) 14th July 1900. Pace Welter £64, 2nd £5. 6 furlongs. Acetine 8st. 10lbs. Third. Time—1min. 18½secs. *Warwick Farm* (N. S. W.) 4th August 1900. Steward's Mile £68., 2nd £5. Acetine 7st. 7lbs. First. Time—1min. 46secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.) 8th September 1900. Epsom Handicap £1,861, 2nd £200, 3rd £100. 1 mile. Acetine 6st. 11lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 41¾secs. *V. R. C.* 3rd November 1900. Coburg Stakes £408, 2nd £50, 3rd £25. 1 mile. Acetine 7st. 1lb. unplaced. Time—1min. 41secs. 6th November 1900. Yan Yean Stakes £310, 2nd £40, 3rd £20. 1 mile. Acetine 6st. 12lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 41¾secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 29th June 1901. Welter Mile £91-5, 2nd £10. Acetine 8st. 9lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 44½secs. 17th August 1901. Parramatta Mile £88-15, 2nd £10. Acetine 8st. 2lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 44¾secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.) 7th September 1901. Kensington Handicap £363, 2nd £50. 7 furlongs. Acetine 7st. 6lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 28¼secs. 9th September, 1901. Squatters' Handicap £551, 2nd £75, 3rd £25. 1¼ miles. Acetine 6st. 8lbs. Third. Time—2mins. 8¼secs. 11th September 1901. Suburban Handicap £343, 2nd £50. 1 mile. Acetine 7st. 11lbs. Second. Time—1min. 41½secs. *City Tatt's* (N. S. W.) 21st September 1901. City Tattersall's Cup £114, 2nd £20, 3rd £10. 1 mile, 3 furlongs. Acetine 6st. 11lbs. First. Time—2mins. 25½secs. 28th September 1901. Canterbury Handicap £108, 2nd £20, 1¼ miles. Acetine 7st. 11lbs. First. Time—2mins. 16½secs. *V. A. T. C.* 12th October 1901. Soorak Handicap £600, 2nd £75, 3rd £25. 1 mile. Acetine 7st. 9lbs. (inc. 3lbs. pen.) unplaced. Time—1min. 46¼secs. *Moonee Valley.* 26th October 1901. Moonee Valley Cup £200, 2nd £60, 3rd £40, 1 mile, 3 furlongs. Acetine 7st. 12lbs. unplaced. Time—2mins. 24secs. *Maribyrong* 29th October 1901. Maribyrong Cup £100, 2nd £10, 3rd £5. 1¼ miles. Acetine 7st. 13lbs. unplaced Time—2mins. 10½secs. *V. R. C.* 2nd November 1901. Hotham Handicap £289, 2nd £40, 3rd £20. 1½ miles. Acetine 7st. 11lbs. unplaced. Time—2mins. 37¼secs. 5th November 1901. Melbourne Cup £6,117, 2nd £1,000, 3rd £500. 2 miles. Acetine 6st. 9lbs. unplaced. Time—3mins. 30½secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 8th March 1902. High Weight Handicap £72-10. 2nd £10. 6 furlongs. Acetine 10st. unplaced. Time—1min. 18secs. Hawkesbury (N. S. W.) 22nd March 1902. Clarendon Handicap £58, 2nd £10. 7 furlongs. Acetine 8st. 3lbs. First. Time—1min. 29½secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.) 29th March 1902. Doncaster Handicap £1,670, 2nd £200, 3rd £100. 1 mile. Acetine 7st. 8lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 41¼secs. 31st March 1902. Sydney Cup £2,504, 2nd £300, 3rd £150. 2 miles. Acetine 7st. 2lbs. Second. Time—3mins. 28secs. 5th April 1902. Place Handicap £190, 2nd £75, 3rd £25. 1½ miles. Acetine 8st. 4lbs. Second. Time—2mins. 39½secs. 2nd April 1902. City Handicap £534, 2nd £75, 3rd 25. 1½ miles. Acetine 8st. 2lbs. Third. Time—2mins. 37secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.) 26th June 1902. Flying Handicap £189, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. 6 furlongs. Acetine 9st. unplaced. Time—1min. 14¾secs.

GREAT SCOT. ch. colt. by Lochiel—Scotch Mary. *V. R. C.* 5th October 1901. Maribyrong Trial Stakes £175. 2nd £50, 3rd £25. 4 fur. 82 yrs. 7st. 5lbs. car. 7-6). First. Time—55¼secs. *V. A. T. C.* October 16th 1901. Moona Handicap £150, 2nd £35, 3rd £15. 5 furlongs. Great Scot 6st. 12lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 4½secs. 19th October 1901. Groyn Nursery £300. 2nd £35. 3rd £15. 2-yrs olds. 4½ fur. Great Scot 9st. 2lbs. Second. Time—57½secs. *Moonee Valley* 26th October 1901. St. Albans Handicap £100. 2nd £10, 3rd £5. 2-yrs. olds. 4 furlongs. Great Scot, 9st 10lbs. First Time—52secs. *V. R.* . 2nd November 1901. Maribyrong Plate £1,543. 2nd £300, 3rd £150. 2-yrs. old Sp. W. with pen 5 furlongs. Great Scot., 8st. 10lbs. Third. Time—1min. 2½secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.) 23rd November 1901. Tyro Stakes £128, 2nd £30,

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Our Poona correspondent writes.—The Cantonment Magistrate of Poona is dealing with the grave nuisance and indeed danger of led (or rather misled) horses and evidently "means business" and the move is one very much on the right direction. The most recent order on the subject is that all horses are to be led with the syce on the off side, with the obvious, and so far as it goes sound, object "that led horses keeping the 'rule' of the road" that is on the left will have their syces between them and road traffic. But horses from time immemorial have been led with the leader on their near side presumably so that the attendant may hold them with the right or stronger arm. Leading a horse with the left hand will I imagine come awkwardly to most men and it certainly seems a question whether a high spirited, restive and powerful horse can adequately be so held. It would almost seem preferable that horses should be led on the right side of the road with their attendants on their near side permitting the grooms both to be between their charges and the traffic and at the same time to use their right hand for leading and controlling purposes.

It will be remembered that last week a protest was lodged, and, at the time, sustained against the Gymkhana team in the Poona Junior Polo Tournament on the grounds that some of the ponies played by the Gymkhana team, though belonging to a member of the Gymkhana did not belong to any member of the team playing, and secondly that Captain Meynell having played in the Quetta tournament which it was asserted was an open one, he was consequently disqualified from playing since another open tournament player, namely, Captain Davie was already in the team.

A telegraphic reference to Quetta, however, elicited the fact that the Quetta tournament was not an open one and the objection on that score obviously fell to the ground, the only one remaining being the qualification of the non-playing member's ponies —a reference on which moot point has been made to the Indian Polo Association. As many tournaments are apparently now ceasing to be genuine open tournaments in the face of the decision barring native teams it seems clear that the rule regarding the qualifications of players in Junior Tournaments must also be revised.

Under the circumstances the Gymkhana team was reinstated and had consequently to meet the 3rd Bombay Cavalry who accepted the contest under protest pending decision of the Indian Polo Association on the pony qualification point.

The result of the meeting of the two teams in question was a most exciting game. The somewhat better combination, which was indeed only to be expected, on the part of the regimental team being more than compensated for by the individual excellence of Captain Davie and Captain Meynell, who were very prominent throughout with the result that at the end of the third chukker the scores stood : Poona Gymkhana 1 goal and 3 subsidiaries to 3rd Cavalry 0 goal and 4 subsidiaries. As may well be imagined the play in the fourth chukker was of the most dashing description and when a subsidiary to the Gymkhana was followed by a goal to the credit of the Cavalry the excitement was great and with the score at 1 goal and 4 subsidiaries all the time bugle sounded. There was clearly nothing for it but an extra chukker with widened goal posts. Soon after the commencement of play Major Edwards made a determined run up the ground and Duffadar Fazand Ali backing him well up failed to hit quite straight and missed the major point but secured a subsidiary and the Gymkhana failing to score during the allotted five minutes the Cavalry won a well fought and exciting game.

The final between the 3rd Cavalry and Oxford Light Infantry calls for few remarks as after fighting stubbornly through the first two rounds in which Mr. Wetherby particularly distinguished himself the Oxfords had to yield to superior force and were eventually beaten by 5 goals and 1 subsidiary to *nil*.

The Poona Ninth Extra Meeting afforded a thoroughly excellent day's racing—perhaps the best on the whole we have yet had. Proceedings unhappily commenced with an accident which might have had the most serious consequences but luckily turned out not to be as serious as it at first seemed. In the first race of the card in which eleven Arab ponies were competing and between the half mile and three-furlong posts when they were all in a cluster people in the stand were horrified to see two ponies roll over like shot rabbits and a further inspection showed them to be Kyam with Oomer Khan up and Sweet William with Jimmy Robinson in the saddle and it was with intense relief that both these fine horsemen were soon seen on their legs. The former got off cheaply, but Robinson was much knocked about the face and severely bruised. The cause of the accident was not I believe fully proved, but was attributed to a jockey in the race having come across one of the ponies in question, but such dangerous practices occur so quickly that probably even the jockeys who come to grief thereby cannot say for certain how it all happened.

That expensive pony Wink looked all over a winner in the Sydney Stakes, when Comeback—a wonderfully good looking pony—came swooping down in the last fifty yards and snatched the victory.

The wonderful two-year old Arab Bendigo added yet another win to his baby record, winning like a race horse, and it is to be noticed that his owner, the well-known Arab dealer Abdul Mohsen Amer, was running another two-year old "butcha" in the same race.

But the treat of the day was left for the All Horse Handicap over 7 furlongs in which eleven out of the twelve horses on the card accepted the handicapper's awards and what good reason owners had to be hopeful may be judged from the result. Fifty yards from home any one of seven or eight horses looked a winner and after a desperate finish Acetine, the top weight at 10st. 2lbs. beat Corrie Roy, the bottom weight, at 6st. 9lbs. by a short head just clear of Altamas at 6st. 12lbs. with Fitzeros 6st. 13lbs. alongside and practically the whole of the rest in a bunch close up. A truly wonderful piece of handicapping for which Mr. Cursetjee deserves unstinted praise. O'Neil on the winner and the native boy Kamad on Corrie Roy, who had none the best of the luck in the race, rode admirable finishes.

A good finish too was afforded in the "Captain's race," when that well-known horseman Major Edwards on Colonel Eccles' Pomfret just got home in front of Captain Randall on Colonel Hazelton's charming little pony Patrician for whom the distance was possibly not sufficiently far.

The well-known Arab importer, Ali bin Talib, annnexed the Small Arab Stakes somewhat easily with his handsome pony Moon, Victory being second and Aga Shamsudin Shah's Arabistan third in a field of thirteen little bits of Arabian blood.

Another closed race, a welter handicap for horses brought this very interesting day's racing to a close and once more we were treated to an exciting finish. Major Edwards' Runaway Girl, who had hitherto in her several efforts, shown nothing like racing form, winning like a race horse on this occasion in the masterly professional hands of Hoyt, who came with a great rattle at the end and just won from Ombree with Madeira a short length behind for third place.

Amongst the additions during August to the Zoological Society's Gardens, Regents Park, London, were the three following birds presented by Mr. E. W. Harper, F.Z.S.: one Himalyan Whistling-Thrush (*Myiophoneus temminecki*), one Malabar Whistling-Thrush (*M. horsefieldi*), and one Chinese Pitta. The first and last-mentioned species were new to the collection.

The following resolution appears in the *Gazette of India* on the mortality caused by wild beasts and snakes: "In the Home Department resolution, dated 9th September 1902, it was stated that the mortality among human beings reported to be caused by wild animals in 1901 had been greater than that reported any previous year except one since 1875. In 1902 the total mortality (2,836) from the same cause was considerably below 1901 (3,651). The number of deaths caused by hyænas was, however, 164 as compared with 26 and by other animals 713 as compared with 479 in the previous year. Deaths reported from snake-bite number 23,166 in 1902 compared with 22,810 in 1901.

Of the total number of deaths (1,046) reported caused by tigers more than half (544) occurred in Bengal, the largest number (65) being reported from Singbhum. In Hazaribagh the number of deaths from this cause rose from 31 in 1901 to 63 in 1902. The increase was due to the depredations of a man-eating tiger for the destruction of which a special reward of Rs. 250 was offered without a result. In Palamau of 43 persons killed the most were victims of another man-eater, for the destruction of which special rewards were also sanctioned. In the Central Provinces the number of deaths caused by tigers fell from 357 in 1901 to 185 in 1902. In Assam too the mortality declined from 88 to 63 and Burma from 72 to 49. The number of deaths in Madras and Bombay Presidencies rose from 83 and 28 respectively in 1901 to 99 and 46 in 1902. In the United Provinces the mortality was the same as in 1901, *viz.*, 39.

The number of deaths caused by wolves fell from 403 in 1901 to 377 in 1902. There was a satisfactory decrease in the United Provinces which usually show the greatest number, from 285 in 1901 to 204 in 1902. The campaign undertaken against wolves in the Rohilkhund and Allahabad divisions met with a considerable measure of success and these animals have been almost exterminated from the Cawnpore District, where they used to abound. In Rohilkhund Division though the loss of life was still heavy a large number of wolves were destroyed and had a distinct effect in reducing the mortality.

Bengal as usual accounts for the largest number of deaths from snake-bite, the mortality in the Province amounting to 11,150 out of a total of 23,166 of the whole of British India. The number of deaths reported from the Patna Division alone was 3,258 and from the Presidency Division 1,617. In the United Provinces 5,110 deaths from the same cause were reported and in 1902 1,160, 1,123 and 1,304 deaths respectiveiy were reported in Madras and Bombay Presidencies, Burma, and the Central Provinces. The number of cattle killed by wild animals rose from 78,896 in 1901 to 80,796 in 1902, while the number killed by snakes fell from 9,123 to 9,019. In Bengal alone 24,777 cattle were destroyed by wild animals, while the figures of Madras and Central Provinces and Assam were 11,005, 14,135, and 15,372 respectively. The total number destroyed by tigers amounted to 30,555, leopards 38,211, wolves 4,719, and hyænas 2,387.

The number of wild animals for whose destruction rewards were paid during the year was 14,983 compared with 14,301 in 1901. The numbers of tigers, leopards, bears, wolves and hyænas destroyed were 1,331, 4,413, 1,858, 2,372, and 706 respectively. The amount of rewards paid for the destruction of animals was Rs. 1,00,987. The total number of snakes killed was 72,595 as compared with 70,289 in 1901, and the rewards paid for their destruction amounted to Rs. 3,529.

The number of licenses issued free of cost under the Indian Arms Act for the destruction of wild animals and the protection of crops was 9,006 against 8,840 in 1901, and the total number of licenses of this nature in force in 1902 including such as were valid from previous years amounted to 37,933 as compared with 41,249 in 1901.

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From *The Feathered World* we learn that our old friend Mr. Frank Finn lately liberated twelve "golabi" mynahs (rosy pastors) in one of the London Parks, where they appear to be thriving.

Stringent rules have been made in Russia against the use of any drug on the racecourse, and the long period during which horses engaged in the races of the day have to remain out in the open under the eyes of the Stewards would appear to have minimised the field of action of the "doper." A Russian breeder, M. W. Klenewski, offers premiums of £100, £200, and £400 to any jockey, trainer, or owner who can give him such information as will permit him to criminally prosecute any person guilty of "doping."

Sir William Orr-Ewing, Bart., we regret to report, died the week the mail left, after a lingering illness, at his residence, Ardencaple Castle, Dumbartonshire, at the age of 55. He was the eldest son of the late Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, M. P., and for many years held a commission in the 3rd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was keenly interested in sport, but was not so ardent a follower of racing as his brothers, Major J. A. Orr-Ewing and Capt. J. Orr-Ewing the former of whom died for his country in the late war. The deceased Baronet had no issue, and the title goes to his eldest surviving brother, Capt. Archibald Ernest Orr-Ewing.

The following is a list of the winning owners on the English turf compiled to the 15th August:—

WINNING RACES.

	Horses.	Won.	£	s.
Mr J Gubbins ...	3	4	16,750	0
Sir J Miller ...	4	7	15,892	0
Mr L de Rothschild ...	12	27	14,744	10
Sir J Blundell Maple	22	41	11,608	10
Mr J B Joel ...	9	17	11,019	0
Sir E Cassel ...	11	20	9,579	10
Lord Howard de Walden	11	15	7,841	0
Major Eustace Loder	2	4	7,081	0
Mr J Musker ...	8	12	6,694	0
Lord Falmouth ...	2	4	6,551	0
Mr Leonard Brassey ...	6	10	5,456	0
„ Arthur James ...	5	7	5,097	10

Anent the crusade against the mosquito the following letter was sent by Surgeon-Major Ross to the *Times* of Monday, the 16th August:—

CAIRO, 10th July, 1903.

Dear Major Ross,—As the prevention of malarial fever is of the utmost importance to us in the Sudan, I have recently paid two visits to Ismailia to study on the spot the measures which, on your recommendation, are now being enforced for the destruction of mosquitoes.

The results have been remarkably successful.

The town is practically free from mosquitoes, which only a short time ago were very abundant. Mosquito nets can almost be dispensed with, for one can now sleep without being bitten, as I found from personal experience.

The operations you recommended are in full swing. Two marshy swamps to the north-east of the town have been filled up with sand, and a third, the largest, will shortly be dealt with. It will be drained by a pipe 22 centimetres in diameter to convey away the water. Other marshes to the south of the town have been filled up. At my last visit I saw a gang of 180 workmen busily employed in filling up pools, mowing the coarse grass and undergrowth and clearing the numerous small channels or branches in connexion with the main canal.

The foreman of works informed me that when the men first commenced operations they were much worried with swarms of mosquitoes towards evening, but that now they scarcely saw any.

Coincident with the destruction of mosquitoes and other larvae, malarial fever at Ismailia this year shows a most striking improvement. All medical officers employed there are agreed upon this. Statistics show that up to the present it is the healthiest year on record.

Dr. Pressat informed me that from 1st January to 30th June of this year there were only three cases of malarial fever in hospital, against 52 for the same period last year, and that throughout Ismailia there were 569 cases of fever from 1st January to 30th May 1902 (an average year), against 72 for the same periop this year. It is more than probable, moreover, that many of the cases were relapses from previous infection.

Bearing in view the remarkable diminution in malarial fevers that has attended the present operations against mosquitoes, it is more than probable that when they are completed, malarial fevers will have practically disappeared.

Yours sincerely,
R. H. PENTON.

The following are particulars of a suit which was filed in the Sub-Court at Ootacamund by Dr. L. J Bischoff against the Secretary of State through the Collector of the Nilgiris:—In consideration of Rs. 30 paid by plaintiff to the Collector, he was granted a license to hunt and shoot subject to certain conditions. By his proceedings, dated the 6th May last, the Collector illegally purported to cancel the license of the plaintiff on the ground that he had wilfully aided and abetted Mr. J. Van Ingen in shooting ibex within the Nilgiri game limits on the 29th March last. Plaintiff addressed a letter to the District Forest Officer, and received a reply, but was not allowed an opportunity to defend himself against the charges brought against him. Plaintiff puts the defendant to proof that he has committed any breach of his license or that he abetted Mr. Van Ingen in shooting ibex. He also puts defendant to proof of any right in defendant to cancel his license. Plaintiff pleads that he has, by the action of defendant, his servants, the Collector and the District Forest Officer and their subordinates been put to loss and injured in his reputation. The plaintiff prays judgment against defendant:—(1) For a declaration that the notice sent by the Collector of the Nilgiris (agent of defendant), dated 6th May, 1903, is void and of no effect; that the license is still subsisting, and that the plaintiff is entitled to have the same renewed. (2) For an injunction to prevent the defendant, his agent or servants from interfering with the rights of plaintiff under his license or a renewed license. (3) For Rs. 500 damages and the costs of the suit.

"Derg," writing to *The Field* about Indian bird markets, says:—

I found the market in Bombay a most interesting place about six o'clock in the morning. In the bird market may be seen all manner of birds for sale, some for food, and some as pets. In immense flat hampers covered with grass matting are quails and partridges of various species. A couple of native men or women sit with each hamper, in which there is an opening for the hand and arm to be thrust in for the birds, which they grasp as best they can (generally by a wing or leg), and, without delaying to change the first hold taken, the poor birds are tied in bundles of half a dozen and thrown across the hampers to the purchaser, generally a servant who markets for the well-to-do people. From what I saw in the markets in India it would seem that game must soon be exterminated in that country when taken in such large quantities and sold for such trifling sums. Quail are sold at eight for one penny; partridges for a penny each. Ducks of various kinds and peafowl may also be seen, while immense wicker-work hampers also filled with hundreds of diminutive little cage-birds of various sorts.

These generally go to Italy, though for what purpose I could not discover, probably for sale as cage birds. They sell also great numbers of mynahs, which are somtimes very good talking birds; but those that talk well command big prices, the ordinary, untaught mynah being worth but little. In Bombay market I saw a fine hawk, the largest I had ever seen. It was in the market for several days, and I thought of buying it, but on inquiry I learnt that a rajah had bought it. I have never seen one like it, and it should have been big and strong enough for a gazelle or a fox. I always make a point of seeing the markets in every place I visit, for there one may note the manners and customs of the native population and see the produce of a country better than anywhere else. The finest, cleanest, and most beautiful market I have seen is in Madras.

"Derg" is right enough about the fiendish cruelty of the native game vendors, but when he quotes prices he gets completely off the rails. Fancy partridge at 3 pice each, or 8 quails for the same sum, my masters!

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Among the new boys who have come to Poona is Fred Manley, who can go to the scale at 7st. He was the most successful jockey who ever rode over the Kensington Race-course at Sydney and holds a fine record of winning mounts on ponies. He should be in fair demand once he exhibits his abilities here. He has ridden in South Africa for a time, but returned to Australia and after a season or two there has turned his attention to India.

The entries for the Fourth Calcutta Monsoon Meeting are fairly good, though whether the fields will be anything like proportionate remains to be seen, since there appears to be no little dissatisfaction at the handicapping; and we must confess that the adjustment of some of the burdens is beyond our humble comprehension. We are, for instance, curious to know why Twilight should be conceded 7lbs. by Actress, why Beeswing should be allowed only 12lbs. for a ten lengths beating by Actress on a former occasion, and why the bottom weight should be 9st. 7lbs. instead of 9st. In the Belvedere Plate too, Twilight appears to have been very leniently treated after the taste he gave us of his quality in the Sixth Extra Meeting last season. In the Zeerut Plate Granny is very well in at 8st. 7lbs., and we fully expect to see her in front when she is wanted. Not Yet, on the other hand, has been decidedly harshly treated, as her beating by Perfect, on the last occasion they met, looked to us like a good deal more than a 9lb. one, and the last time she met Shylock she beat him two lengths when in receipt of 7lbs. On this occasion they meet at a difference of 9lbs. in favour of Shylock, which is equivalent to allowing the latter 16lbs. for a two lengths beating. The September Stakes also presents problems. On the three occasions on which Autocrat and Naiades met last season the results were as follows:—Naiades (won) 6st. 11lbs., Autocrat (unplaced) 8st. 7lbs., Autocrat (4th) 10st. 6lbs., Naiades 9st. 7lbs., Autocrat (2nd) 10st. 4lbs., Naiades (3rd) 9st. From this it would appear that Autocrat is about a stone and a half in front of Naiades, yet on this occasion the latter is set to give him 4lbs. Again at Tollygunge Races last winter, Naiades and Kittylea met at 8lbs. in favour of the former, who won by a short head. On this occasion the difference is 4lbs. the other way. To us 12lbs. seems a liberal allowance for a short head defeat! Trollop also ran second to Loch Arden, the weights being Loch Arden 10st. 6lbs., Trollop 9st. 11lbs., Naiades (unplaced) 9st. 10lbs., but here we have Loch Arden 10st. 7lbs., Trollop 8st. 2lbs. From this we observe that we have two horses neither of whom have run since last season, one of whom is treated to about 18lbs. more than her last season's form warrans, while the other is let in at about 20lbs. below it! The reason for this seems to us to ask for some sort of elucidation. As regards probable results we plump for the following:—

Club Stakes	...	Twilight, Flamingo.
Belvedere Plate	...	Kittylea, Fairlight.
Zeerut Plate	...	Pekin, Moss Rose.
Pony Handicap	...	Granny, Perfect.
September Stakes	...	Autocrat, Kittylea, Kellnerin.
Entally Plate	...	Shirley, Euryalus.

TIRHOOT NOTES.

Mr. W. Marsham left the district for England on the 19th of last month. He was a general favourite throughout Behar, and a good all-round sportsman, and will be greatly missed by his many friends in the three districts.

Mr. E. Stevens returns again from England in October, and takes up his old appointment as Manager of the Rhuni Syedpore Concern.

Last month a boar on the Mhow *dearas* managed to do a considerable amount of damage, killing one native, and cutting several others. A party went out after him, but were unable to find him in the crops and *jowah*, though some days after Messrs. Marsham, Rawlins, Daubeny, and Fendall had the luck to put up another pig, which they killed after an excellent run.

While on the subject of pigsticking, the sport that two well-known "spears" in Behar and a young Civilian had at Barisal last cold weather is worth relating. They went out some thirty to forty miles from Barisal, roughed it in the jungles, and had three very good days' sport amongst the pig. The party out were K. H. M., W. M., two brothers, and G. They had a very scratch lot of ponies, their stud consisting of one 13-3 Arab, one 13-3 Waler, another 13-hand Waler and a country-bred. Twenty-two pig were killed in the three days, all of which measured anything between 29 inches and 31 inches.

The first day they were out they hadn't a single beater, they getting the pig by riding through the jungle, which consisted of thick tufts of grass, and wild holly. Two pig were found right out in the open country, another was found lying down, with some buffaloes grazing not twenty yards off him. Six pigs were killed this day, and if the horses hadn't been so done up, another half dozen could easily have been stuck.

The second day, after several hard gallops, another six pigs were added to the bag.

The third day the party tried for leopards in a jungle, about 200 acres big, cut up into three big patches; they were unsuccessful in finding leopards, but they turned out quite thirty pigs and killed ten, all of which fought well, and gave grand runs across the open. If they had only had a few more horses, they could have easily killed twice the number of pig; as it was, considering the few horses they had, they did very well, and had excellent sport.

I wish to make no remarks on the Bain case, the papers have already said all that is necessary on the subject, and the way in which the subscriptions have poured in for Mr. Bain's defence speaks for itself.

Writing as a planter, when the general public consider the isolated position of a manager, or assistant in a tea garden, or an indigo concern, they can then realise, to a small extent, the difficulties of his position, for he has to practically single-handed rule and keep order amongst a large number of workmen, and in some cases thousands of natives. He has to do this more or less merely by his prestige, and tact, and I consider it extremely creditable to the large number of English gentlemen in the two industries, that they carry out their duties so well. No planter is safe from a false case, and the danger and difficulties of his position have been increased a hundred per cent. by the support and encouragement the native receives from those who should be above such short-sighted policy. Any planter who is put upon his trial for an alleged assault on one of his native workmen is tried long before this, and condemned by the whole of the native press who have no fear of being brought up and punished for contempt of court.

If Government wish to ruin two of the most important industries in India, they are going the right way about it in encouraging the native to think that there is one law for them, and another for the white man.

If the planter does escape imprisonment, the native who has brought the false case against him loses nothing and risks nothing; he is a man of straw, and not worth the powder and shot of being proceeded against, while the planter, on the other hand, is practically a ruined man by the heavy law expenses he has been put to.

The Mozufferpore August Meet was a great success, though not as big as usual. Mr. W. Rawlins got a spill at polo, and broke a small bone in his arm, while Mr. J. A. Wilson had an unusual accident while playing polo. He, it appears, lost his stirrup and while bending forward to strike the ball under his pony's neck, he hit the stirrup, which swinging upwards gave him a nasty wound on the head.

Athletic Notes.

IN the Simla Tennis Handicap the Men's Doubles have been won by Captains Turner and Beynon, who beat Major C. Clay and Mr. Mitchell in the finals.

Ranjitsinji put up 204 in the match between Surrey and Sussex on the 5th instant.

Leon Meredith, the English 50 miles champion, won the 50 miles championship of the Southern Counties Cycling Union, of England, on a Dunlop tyred racer.

Duffy continues to run quite up to his form, putting up 10secs. for the hundred almost every time he competes. At the Belfast Celtic Sports on the 15th ultimo he won the 100 Yards Invitation Handicap from scratch in 10secs., a record for Ireland. In the 100 Yards Open Handicap, owing 1½ yards he won his heat in 10secs., but did not compete in the finals.

At the International Swimming Races in Paris on the 16th ultimo T. A. Jarvis, the English champion won the 500 metres championship, in 8 mins. 33⅗secs. Curwen was second, nearly a minute behind and Clavenot third.

The Trades assistants of Rangoon are going to have a walking match. A seven-mile course has been agreed upon and the race is fixed for the 10th October.

Some magnificent riding was seen at the Parc des Princes on the 16th ultimo, when the French cyclist, Dangla, succeeded in establishing a world's record for the hour, covering 81 kilometres 108 metres against Robl's record of 80 kilometres 663 metres. Tom Hall (England) was leading at the fifteenth mile, and was within four-fifths of a second of the record when his motor cycle pacer broke down. Dangla then passed him and made new records from 30 kilometres upwards.

The M. C. C.'s invitation to go to Australia has been accepted by the following:—P. F. Warner (Middlesex) captain, R. E. Foster (Worcestershire), B. J. T. Bosanquet (Middlesex), Hirst (Yorkshire), Rhodes (Yorkshire), Hayward (Surrey), Tyldesley (Lancashire), Braund (Somerset), Strudwick (Surrey), Arnold (Worcestershire), Relf (Sussex), Fielder (Kent), Lilley (Warwickshire), Knight (Leicestershire). Those who have declined the invitation are:—C. B. Fry (Sussex), Hon. F. S. Jackson (Yorkshire), A. C. Maclaren (Lancashire), G. L. Jessop (Gloucestershire), L. C. H. Palairet (Somersetshire), E. M. Dowson (Surrey), H. Martyn (Somerset).

Mr. E. H. D. Sewell, writing in the *Athletic News* in reference to native Indian cricket, says:—"I cannot close this article without alluding to the disadvantage whereunder native cricket labours and always will labour until the supporters thereof take the remedy which lies at their door. And that is professional coaching. Once every two or three years those who have the interests of native cricket at heart should secure the services of one or two good men from this country to be in India from mid-October to mid-March to coach according to season in different localities. For example the coaching should begin in Madras in October just when the season is beginning to get into full swing, as cricket is almost impossible there in March or even February. A month or six weeks there would leave the professional free to put in a week or ten days early in December in Poona, thence for six weeks to two months in Bombay, thence north to Aligarh from February to March, and so on. If two professionals made the trip so much the better, their stay might thus be longer at each pre-arranged centre. It is, of course, a question of finance, but that should be easily overcome if the proper people set to work as they have for next year's tour to overcome what is after all a surmountable difficulty."

Surrey beat Leicestershire by three wickets on the 2nd instant. The match between Kent and Sussex ended in a draw and the Players defeated the Gentlemen by an innings and eight runs.

General Notes.

A SEVERE shock of earthquake was reported at Rangoon on the 8th instant.

Lady Curzon's Children's Fancy Dress Ball is to be held on the 14th instant.

The Annual Dinner of the Calcutta Football Club will be held at the Saturday Club on the 19th instant.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Messrs. W. Leslie and Co.'s latest general catalogue, a well arranged, profusely illustrated and interesting publication.

The news of the death of Mr. Arthur Shanks, formerly a partner in the Engineering firm of Messrs. Burn and Co., Calcutta, will be received with regret by all who knew him.

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Instead of the visit to Kashmir H. E. Lord Curzon will go on a trip in the Kumaon Hills to the Pindri Glacier, leaving Simla on the 25th instant and returning about the middle of October. The party should have some good sport during the excursion.

A sad drowning fatality recently occurred at Akyab. Three members of a picnic party were bathing in deep water when one of them, Mr. Wilson, went under. Messrs. De Silva and Pereira went to his assistance, but were unsuccessful and all three were drowned.

A farewell dinner will be given at the Calcutta International Shipmasters' Club, 2, Mango Lane, at 8 P.M., next Saturday, to Mr. J. E. Needham, of Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Co., Vice-President of the Club, who is about to leave Calcutta to join the Bombay branch of the firm.

Simla was the scene of a big fire on the morning of the 7th instant, when another old landmark disappeared, the Metropole Hotel being burnt and completely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have started in the gas room at 4 A.M. and quickly spread over the building. There was no loss of life, the twenty-two residents all getting away. The property was insured.

Chess players in Calcutta will be sorry to hear of the departure of Monsieur A. Frere, the Belgian Consul. He has been appointed Consul-General for Belgium at Pretoria, and will go home before taking charge of his new post. Monsieur Frere was the founder and President of the Staunton Chess Club in Calcutta and one of the finest exponents of the game in the city.

Last week Reuter wired us the news of the demise of Dr. William Hastie, Professor of Divinity at Glasgow and erstwhile Principal of the General Assembly's Institution at Calcutta, and who will ever be remembered for the prominent part he played in that filthy and disgusting case Piggott *cs.* Hastie and which did more to throw dirt on Scotch missionary work in this country than anything that has occurred since missions began to exploit this unfortunate country.

The Photographic Society of India gave an "At Home" in the hall of the Asiatic Society last evening. A hundred slides were shown, all of the most interesting description. Twenty-five were Japanese coloured views and types and the remainder were views and types taken in Calcutta, Darjeeling, South Africa and at the Durbar by members of the Society. The entertainment was a great success, and it is the intention of the Society to hold a series of these lantern exhibitions during the cold weather.

From the annual report of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company for 1902, we learn that the new Assurances under proposals received were 2,538 for £818,686, and deducting £133,882 for those declined and not completed, the policies issued were 2,211 for £684,804 giving a new Premium Income of £30,757 5s. 0d. The total Premiums received amounted to £283,421 11s. 9d., and after deduction of £8,635 2s. 7d. paid for Re-assurances, the net Premiums were £274,786 9s. 2d., being an increase of £10,304 over the previous year. During the present Quinquennium, the increase in the Premium Income has amounted to £43,036. The total Income of the Company was £340,594 5s. 3d., including £65,748 11s. 1d. from Interest and Dividends, the average rate yielded on Invested and Uninvested Funds being £3 19s. 1d. per cent. The claims by death with Bonus additions amounted to £105,050 11s. 3d., which is not only less than the amount reported for the previous year, but well within the expectancy. Those under Endowment Policies amounted to £25,322 17s. 0d. After payment of all other outgoings the sum of £133,566 4s. 7d. was added to the Funds, which now stand at £1,763,068 8s. 4d.

The Quinquennial Valuation has on this occasion been made on a stricter principle than that adopted five years since, when the Canadian portion was valued at 4 per cent. The whole of the Business has now been placed on a 3½ per cent. basis, thus further strengthening the Reserves and improving the general financial position of the Company. The net Liability under Assurance Transactions is £1,639,744, and the Life Assurance Fund £1,742,871, showing a surplus of £103,127. Of this Surplus it is proposed that £85,000 be divided as follows:—1. Proprietors' Share of Profits.—One-fifth of the divisible surplus, namely, £17,000, belongs to the Proprietors' Fund, less an amount of £1,397 to be contributed in terms of Clause 109 in the Articles of Association, which provides for an increased proportion of profits in respect of Policies issued subsequently to 31st December 1897, thus giving such Policies a nine-tenth share of the profits. It is proposed to pay during the current five years, in addition to the ordinary Interest of 2s. per share (equivalent to 5 per cent. on the amount paid up), a Bonus of 6s. 3d., making together 8s. 3d. per share, as against 7s. per share for the previous five years.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 21st August, 1903.*

We who abide in town at this season find more to interest us in what is going on anywhere rather than in the metropolis which, it is hardly necessary to remark, is in a state of suspended animation. Those of us who could not rest happy without more convincing evidence of the progress of the America cup races than is supplied by Reuter and Dalziel have been able to follow the fortunes of the two yachts at Earls' Court or the Hippodrome. At the former resort the relative positions of *Shamrock III* and *Reliance* are illustrated by model yachts on a model course buoyed out on the ornamental water, the boats being moved by a clever arrangement of wires from time to time in accordance with the news received by cable. The Hippodrome catered for country cousins—who are present in vast quantities this year—with a seascape on which the "varying fortunes of the race" (copyright phrase) is indicated from time to time. The fact that the first race had been abandoned was notified last night by rocket signal from the Alexandra Palace—a red rocket and a green being sent up together. Would I were a country cousin to be dazzled by the marvels of London! The simple joy of it: a front seat on the 'bus top with guide book, opera glasses and informing 'bus driver to point out the Albert Hall, Apsley House, Burlington House, the Nelson Monument and the lions! The 'bus top is the recognised stall, dress circle seat or private box whence the country cousin views his or her London: and I gathered the other day that the omission of 'buses to pass Buckingham Palace affords ground for grave complaint in the Provinces: it is the only architectual "sight" which is not accessible from the 'bus top. Some day, when I have time and can find somebody to take me, I mean to visit the Tower of London, the Backwall Tunnel, the British Museum and Southwark Cathedral. I have been to St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. Speaking quite seriously people who live in London know less about it than the country cousin. I remember some years ago how a man electrified a lunch party with the announcement that he had the day before been to the National Gallery: his audience learned with genuine interest that it was the most representative collection of painters in Europe. That a free show of pictures which is always open could be worth going for to see had never occurred to them: though a goodly majority had done their duty with interest in the galleries of continental capitals.

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The L. C. C. are not going to abandon their plan of establishing a steam-boat service on the river. Next season will see a Bill brought forward which will, we are told, differ materially from that recently rejected save in what the mere rate-payer may hold the material question of expense. The rejected one proposed a capital outlay of £258,000: the new one wants to spend £21,000. I doubt if the abatement will secure passage of the Bill: the bare fact that such reduction of the capital outlay has been found possible seems to indicate decided want of ordinary business capacity on the part of our City-aunts. Imagine a limited liability company asking the public to subscribe a quarter of a million and then calmly giving equal publicity to the discovery that it could do with £40,000 less. Would you apply for shares Editorjee? I wouldn't.

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Holbein has postponed his attempt to swim the channel till a more convenient season: and truly it had been little short of insanity to try it any day this week when the weather has been bad enough to discourage a channel steamer. So bad was it on Tuesday that an excursion boat had to put back to Boulogne after being as nearly as possible swamped. No harm was done unless you reckon decks awash and doors burst in by the seas, but the incident furnished the evening papers with what they have sadly wanted latterly, a sensational line for their contents bills.

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Macedonian affairs, the naval manœuvres and the Chamberlain fiscal policy practically monopolise the papers. The bird's-eye view of the first afforded you by Reuter is much clearer, I doubt not, than any narration I could evolve from the fog and chaos of disturbing report. It is most difficult to make out anything at once definite and reliable concerning the progress of events in Macedonia, but it seems clear that affairs in the whole Balkan peninsular are brewing up for a big and serious row.

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Turkey, as you know long ere now, hastily executed the murderer of the Russian consul at Monaster and his accomplice, doubled her offer of compensation to Madame Rostkowsky and proposes an expiatory mission to St. Petersburg. The Russian fleet which left Sebastopol in an unostentatious manner last week, has appeared in Iniada Bay and the Russian Ambassador has kindly explained to the Porte that the move is not hostile but only intended as a demonstration to hasten the acceptance of Russia's demands: let us hope the Unspeakable saw the difference.

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The Porte must be feeling a trifle befogged over "explanations" offered by the foreign ambassadors lately. I am curious to know how the Sultan regards Sir Nicholas O'Conor's explanation of Mr. Balfour's expression used in Parliament." "Prince Arthur" told somebody in the House that "the balance of criminality" lay with the Macedonian rebels; our ambassador was requested to tone down any elation officialdom at Stamboul might feel on hearing this by intimating that the language held by Mr. Balfour "was of a purely Parliamentary character being designed for purposes of esoteric debate." Esoteric debate is a thing at which the Sultan and his advisers are not half bad themselves, but whether they will recognise such nice distinctions among nfidel Westerners is another thing altogether.

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Touching the naval manœuvres there have been rather more breaks down than the mistress of seas can approve. The *King Alfred*, the fastest vessel of the "X" fleet, broke down twice and had to turn back unable to keep up: the *Powerful* came to grief too and had to bear up for Gib as best she might a complete cripple. The cruiser *Diadem* had to stop both engines for eight hours to repair defects, a delay calculated to impair her utility: the *Illustrious* had trouble with her boiler tubes which required the fleet to reduce speed for her to make things good. The *Empress of India* had to stop for nearly twelve hours to repair a mishap in the engine room and again the day after for a couple of hours to settle accounts with a defective air pump, and the cruiser *Sutlej* broke down. Having regard to the number of ships engaged and the fact that some of those named in the casualty list above were commissioned specially for the manœuvres, the tale of mishaps is less disturbing than it might have been: more specially when we consider the awful weather experienced by the "B." fleets: but should the Real Thing have to be faced presumably we shall have to commission vessels specially and take our chances of weather, and such mishaps as our own correspondents record may prove expensive. I have not included the *Blake* disaster with its accompanying loss of life: you would have had news of that by wire.

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The Chamberlain Fiscal Policy has furnished those who love "writing to the *Times*" with an invaluable text and some would-be political lights have been at exceptional pains to exhibit their want of understanding. Sir James Blyth took two columns of the *Times* the other day to expound his views on the value of bounties. It was a solemn and portentous letter fortified by figure and fact: but there was one fact wanting: the writer did not say where the money for his bounties was to come from. Passing over the host of small fry who engage in epistolary strife in small type, Sir W. V. Harcourt rushed into print falling violently foul of Mr. Chamberlain. The *Times* handled the Squire of Malwood rather unkindly in its leading article, but he was no doubt prepared for that. What strikes the simple mind

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in all this flood of rhetoric is nobody seems to realise that before you can buy food, dear or cheap, you must earn the money to buy it with ; and that protective duties will stimulate our manufacturers to the advantage of "hands." These high matters are out of my province I know ; but this looms so large even in social intercourse that it must be mentioned.

ONLOOKER.

Shikar.

THE WESTERN DOOARS IN OLDEN DAYS.

AT the time of the Bhootan war and for some time after, Jalpaiguri, now itself a district, was a subdivision of the Rungpore District and the northern portion of the present Western Dooars was Bhooteah territory. In 1864 after the war the British frontier was considerably extended to the north and included some very fine shooting country. The neighbourhood of Ramsahai Hât which is I understand, now seldom visited by the larger wild animals at that time held rhinos, tigers, wild elephants, buffaloes, deer, etc., and afforded good sport to the officers of the native regiment quartered at Julpaiguri and to the civil officers both of that place and of the new Dooars District, the head-quarters of which had been established at Mynaguri, distant some 7 miles westward, and as there were then a large number of commissariat elephants kept there for military purposes, these through the courtesy of the officer in charge of them afforded every facility to sportsmen.

I was at the time stationed at Rungpore and my inspection duties took me periodically to Julpaiguri, so that I had on several occasions opportunities of joining the shooting parties got up on one occasion in March 1866. C., the Sub-Divisional Officer at Buxar and P., the District Superintendent of Police at Mynaguri arranged, a meet with me at the latter place. I had brought six zemindari elephants with me, P. had four Government elephants, C. had two others and we got six more commissariat animals which gave us a respectable line. Riding out in the cool of the evening from Mynaguri to Ramsahai Hât, where our tents were pitched, we learnt that a young buffalo had just been killed by a tiger close at hand. P. had had a recent attack of fever and did not care to risk sitting up at night in such a malarious place. C. and I, however, arranged to do so and sent men out at once to tie up a *charpoy* on the nearest tree to the kill and followed ourselves almost immediately. Fortunately a tree with a suitable protruding branch stood about 8 yards from the spot to which the tiger had dragged the buffalo's body, and on this and a bamboo laid across it to an other branch, the *charpoy* was securely fastened, it was about 10 feet from the ground and only accessible by climbing a bamboo placed against it and steadying oneself against the trunk of the tree, not a very easy matter. Seated, however, after some trouble with blankets under and our guns alongside of us we dismissed the men who had accompanied us with directions to return with pad elephants if they heard shots. It being too early for dinner and not knowing how long we might have to remain out we had taken the precaution to bring some biscuits in our pockets and a bottle of tea each.

It was a bright moonlight night and from our post we could see the hill clearly as it lay in some low grass, which, however, had been well trodden down when the tiger had dragged the body into it. We soon began to find our vigil an uncomfortable one owing to the closeness of the air and the attention of the mosquitoes and other insects which abound in those parts, but for their buzz all was still around, occasionally a sambhur might be heard calling in the distance, and once or twice we heard a suspicious cackling of underwood as if some animal was moving about, but the hours passed slowly and we were both getting drowsy and tired of our enforced silence and somewhat cramped position. I had my back against the trunk of the tree and sitting with my gun across my legs, fell into a doze, a touch of C.'s hand on my knee, however, presently roused me and I saw he was looking intently and pointing in the direction of the kill, just then a slight rustle in the grass told us some animal was a foot close to it, and in another moment a large tiger's head and shoulder showed out clearly in the moonlight. C.'s ready gun was levelled in a moment and a ball knocked the animal over, he rolled about on the ground roaring loudly, but C.'s second ball through the head finished him. all this had happened very quickly, and almost before I had completely recovered from my drowsiness. We remained sitting quietly on our *charpoy* till the men arrived with the elephants, when having padded the tiger we tramped home and fell to on a good supper about 11 P.M., and then to bed.

The following morning after having had the tiger skinned and taken some breakfast, we took the elephants out to some heavy swampy jungles three or four miles to the west of the camp which were reported to be frequented by rhinos. In the distance to the north lay the lower ranges of the Himalayas thickly wooded to the summit, but our road lay through the vast forests below. As we passed peacocks and jungle fowl constantly rose around us and occasionally a pig startled from his grass lair would rush by, or a sounder of sows and their young. We presently reached our ground and put the line into a long narrow swampy piece covered with long grass, in places over our heads in the *howdahs* and studded with large trees, the ground was very heavy and the elephants made but slow progress. Here and there the grass had been cleared or trodden down by buffaloes or rhinos wallowing, and water lay in pools whence divers storks and other water birds rose flying off with wild cries as we roused them. After we had beaten about ½ a mile several large animals rushed round the right end of the line near P.'s *howdah* elephant and a cry of "*Bhainsa*" (buffaloes) was raised, the line turned at once and beat back over the same ground. As we approached the end of the swamp three buffaloes suddenly galloped out into some open ground in front of my elephant on the left of the line, and stood looking at us, and I was able to get a fair shot at a fine bull, bringing him down on his knees ; he, however, recovered himself and immediately charged down, but being again badly wounded turned and attempted to make off; he, however, dropped a hundred yards away to rise no more and was then given the *coup de grace*. His companions had in the meantime got away into some distant heavy jungle, we therefore turned and began again beating down the swamp. A little beyond the spot where we had turned up the buffaloes a sudden rush in front of C. in the centre of the line warned us that something large was again afoot and a short distance further on two rhinos broke back between P. and C. The elephants in that part of the line were very excited and restive imparting their fears to the whole line which resulted in a great deal of squealing and trumpeting ; they were, however, gradually got round and the swamp was again beaten back, but near the end of it both the rhinos charged at a gallop, one behind the other and passed through the line under a volley from C. and myself, but though we used heavy bore rifles with hardened bullets they did not appear to be much the worse.

The elephants which had again got very excited were at length with some trouble brought round to beat up after the animals. This time they stood so still in the high grass that without knowing they were so close we had actually passed them when they suddenly came down on the line from behind and one of them rushed into a small pad elephant striking her on the side and ripping her up behind her fore leg with his large side tooth bowled her clean over. P.'s Goorkha orderly Bagbeer, who had been mounted on her, was sent flying with his gun and the rhinos passed gaily on. The elephant was bleeding badly from a deep cut 8 or 9 inches long and the orderly was badly bruised and presented a very comical appearance, having dropped into a deep muddy pool. Both were unfit to proceed further and were therefore sent back to camp. The line followed the rhinos on through the swamp for about three miles, and though they were heard and sighted again several times we never came up with them again and had to return to camp picking up my buffalo on the way and only getting in at dusk. We had had a hot day and were glad of a bath, dinner, and early bed.

RAJAH.

Correspondence.

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BRIDGE QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—A point cropped up in the formation of a Bridge table, on which I would ask for an opinion, as the rules do not seem quite definite on the point.

A table was complete with 6 players, with a seventh man waiting to come in. At the end of a rubber, one of the players, who was out by rotation, left. Has the seventh man an equal right to cut into the next rubber with the two who had previously formed the complete table, and who had been sitting out the previous rubber? Further, had it been one of the players who was in by rotation, who left, what are the seventh man's rights in that case?

BRIDGE MANIAC.

[In the first case, he has no right to cut in, the 5th and 6th players complete the table. In the second case, he can take the place of the man retiring.—ED.]

CURLEWS AND SNIPE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—For the past three days, that is, from the morning of the 1st instant, vast number of grey curlews, *Numenius Arquatus*, have migrated south. The first of these winged wanderers begun their passage over my place between 2 and 3 in the morning and continued passing over at intervals for nearly a couple of hours ; exactly the same thing happened on the morning of the 2nd, but on the 3rd the birds were much later coming and begun passing over shortly before dawn. A score or so of the more tired or hungry ones pitched in a pool of water some 300 yards from the factory, but were off again before I could get anywhere near them. While thus migrating the birds seemed to be calling constantly to each other, their cru-weé, cru-weé sounding clear and distinct in the still night air. All these birds were evidently making for the sand banks and mud flats of the Roopnarain and which lie only a short distance from here, as the crow flies. These curlews seem to spend the best part of the year among those countless creeks and mud flats that are such a feature of the country 50 to 60 miles south of this. Hundreds of these birds may be seen on their favourite haunts well into April. Most of the curlews that migrate to Bengal from their distant northern breeding grounds, spend fully eight months here. For the past two years, the birds begun flying north homeward between the 20th April to the end of the month and this year they passed over the factory on the 22nd and 23rd April. One of the most interesting sights on the Roopnarain is to watch the curlews, sand pipers, stilts and others watching for the bore to come in. They seem to know by instinct of its coming. No sooner is the wall of water in sight, than the excitement among the feathered hosts increases and as wave after wave dashes or rolls over the shelving banks, they hover over, every now and then darting down to secure a dainty morsel or run after the innumerable little crabs that come up with these bores.

Snipe promise to be very plentiful this year, and owing to the short rainfall, suitable and favourite resorts, should be much more concentrated. The first snipe this year, were marked down by my man on the 17th August, but having just got over a bout of fever, I could not go out. I went out for the first time the day before yesterday (the 2nd) and got 8½ couple snipe and 1 blue winged teal. I might have got a few more birds, but had to bolt back owing to the awful heat. All the snipe, except one, were pintails and I was surprised to find them in such poor condition, as there ought to be plenty of good feeding at this time of the year.

RAOUL.

MIDNAPORE, *4th August 1903.*

WHAT ARE VERMIN?

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—That the destructive instincts man has inherited from his savage ancestors continue down to the present day no one can deny, permeating as it does all grades from the brat with his catapult up to the fowler with his choke-bore or the mightier nimrod with the heavy bone smasher ; and despite all endeavours it will probably endure for all time, or until absolute dearth of fish, flesh and fowl compel abstention from killing for mere killing's sake. To whatever country we turn comes the universal complaint of the gradual extinction of the wild denizens, plentiful enough within the recollection of middle-aged men ; facilities for travelling to and in the earth's remoter regions and almost daily advance in the perfecting of arms of precision tending to intensify the evil towards the inevitable result, unless very much more stringent means than those hitherto adopted are resorted to, to arrest it. True the several Governments, at the instigation of true lovers of Nature, are framing rules for the conservation of the more useful types, but those indiscriminately labelled, or libelled, under the name which heads this paper are left out in the cold the crusade against them being conducted much on the principle of "giving a dog a bad name," yet it must be apparent that in thus stigmatising numerous members of the animal kingdom, their merits and usefulness are too much overlooked, for that everything in life has its particular mission is an axiom handed down from the dimest historic times, so that, while the several game preservation societies devote their endeavours chiefly to the nobler animals some little attention may well be accorded to those of lesser note whose usefulness is too seldom acknowledged.

No doubt reptiles, from their generally repulsive appearances, come in for the least consideration, yet all have some sphere of usefulness, from the huge voracious unsightly mugger of tropical rivers down to the tiny little lizard who scuttles about our houses. What, for instance, in this country, would become of the carrion (animal and human) that comes floating down the river were it not disposed of instead of surging backwards and forwards to contaminate the water? Ascending in the scale of saurians think for a moment of the enormous amount of insect life each contributes to keep under. Snakes again come in for an undoubtedly unmerited share of condemnation, the most venomous are as a rule sluggish in their movements until interfered with, only becoming aggressive under provocation, while it must be allowed that we ourselves in tolerating rank vegetation and accumulations of *débris* among our surroundings afford them the asylums they affect. It must also not be forgotten that the harmless snakes far outnumber their less desirable compeers, rats and mice can be more effectually hunted from a dwelling by the introduction of the lattter han by the entertainment of the pampered domestic cat. There is certainly an ingrained horror in most human minds about snakes, probably of superstitious origin, but let any one calmly consider the good they do and carefully study the individual beauty

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most display and he will cease to wonder at the pronounced revulsion that is manifesting itself in their favour (also that it should be confined to their dead skins) but the majority of mankind regard snakes as objects to be immolated wherever found.

Birds again, until very recently, were regarded by the uneducated agricultural classes as their worst enemies and though it is quite within the range of probability to have too much of a good thing the good they accomplish from the little twitterer up to the fierce Imperial eagle or scavanging vulture will be found to far outbalance the evil they are generally credited with. One has but to watch the small birds flitting from blossom to blossom and note the hosts of minute insects they pick out; the crow, intrusive, thievish and impudent as he is were he to absent himself from any tropical city would render it uninhabitable in a week, the same with the kite and most jays, though the latter levy toll pretty freely on fruit. The vulture's business needs little dwelling on, and though the nobler bird mentioned, indents on unprotected domestic animals, stoats and the lesser cats poachers furnish the real bulk of his larder. The Oriental yokel has no better friend than the egret, who stalking familiarly behind the ploughman, rids the freshly turned up soil from grubs, worms, snails and such like. The fish-preying birds likewise cannot said to be altogether meer pirates as they rid the streams and bheels of the larger finny tribe that create such havoc among the more tooth-some.

I have enumerated but a few of what are regarded as vermin, or objectionable creatures "Varmint," presumedly a corruption, is usually reserved for reynard, but yet at any rate in these days when he is becoming scarce, owing to the spread of cultivation he may be said to have been passing out of the category of the term, at least in European countries, in many of which he is being preserved; out here he and his congener the "jack" may be so classed though truth to tell the latter's misdeeds are amply balanced by his good ones. What constitutes the fox a true member of the vermin fraternity is his marked predilection for cleaner feeding, while jack, if any thing, prefers garbage and other objectionable matter. Fortunately for the sportsman, but not for himself, jack is quite numerous and fecund enough to bear thinning, so while giving him (metaphorically) a passing pat on the head for his undoubted useful qualities we nevertheless leave him under the ban. The genuine foxes in India, are of two kinds, the big one of the plains and diminutive little fellow found in the lower hill ranges, and while not advocating persistent persecution of either, to give them their due they do little harm and afford good enough sport, but still that does not exonerate them from sharing in the obliquity of the term. Leaving out the larger animals that trample on crops, such as elephants, buffaloes, and deer, while according the big carnivora, the wolf and wild dog a class to themselves, we come down to the lesser or true vermin tribe yet many of these admit of being whitewashed to a certain extent, such as the mungoose. In the poultry yard or dovecot his presence is decidedly undesirable and though his pertinacity and cunning as a hunter after feathered ground game must be admitted as proven against him, we ought not to omit taking into consideration the extenuating circumstances that he keeps under the vast multitude of snakes making no distinction between the noxious or innocuous, while the number of eggs of these reptiles he destroys entitles him to consideration. Again, the rat and bandicoot he specially selects for prey, for it is on record that when the invading host of the latter swept so destructively cross North Burma and the countries to the west of it in 1871-72, irregular packs of this, their inveterate foe, hung on their flanks making short work of stragglers, so this agile little ferrit is not so black as he is painted. But can anything be advanced in favour of the stoat whose ways are as evil as his odour. The little beast is no true hunter but simply lies in wait for his victims, preferring ground game as a rule, but on spotting a nest climbing up to it, seldom content till he has sacrified both birds, chicks or eggs to his lust for blood; reckless in his appetite he merely indulges in the tit bits to obtain which his path is marked by wholesale destruction. Let him be anathematised. The wild cat, though certainly a poacher of the most determined character, has the redeeming quality of being just as much "death on rats" as on poultry or rabbits so his offences will well bear condonation and, moreover, he is seldom found in well-wooded spinnies which form the best breeding grounds for our best feathered or furred ground game, preferring to hang about the outskirts of civilisation. The civet is a bolder marauder and no doubt causes considerable loss, and I know of nothing that can be cited in his favour excepting, perhaps, that he has not the gormandising traits of the others, and divides his attention equally between fowl and fish, seemingly preferring the latter when he can get it; take him all round, he may be a varmint but a mild one. The badger I cannot include in the opprobrious list, though writers and hunters do so, most likely adhering to the term from its being handed down from those times when the animal was numerous enough to afford sport in those countries where systematic persecution has since well nigh annihilated him. The otter, in Europe, has come to be classified as vermin and hunted as varmint, simply because the human fish poacher with his nets and weirs has deprived him of his chase of natural food, but as we have not yet gone the same length in India in exhausting our fish supply, though in certain parts we are doing our level best to do so, the otter may be excluded from the list of the maligned, albeit here he is more gregarious hence more destructive than in those countries where it has been bestowed upon him. In conclusion ere hastily condemning so called vermin we ought to weigh their merits and demerits with impartiality, giving the devil his due and when in doubt accepting the Scotch verdict "not proven."

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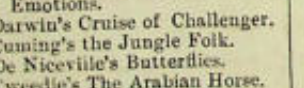

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HORSE SHOW.

1. The Classes will be as follows :—
   A.—All Arabs—14-2 and under.
   B.—C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under.
   C.—English and Colonial Ponies 14-2 and under.
   D.—All Horses over 14-2.
   E.—Polo Ponies 14-1 and under.
   F.—Hacks.—Ridden by men, entries in this class not eligible for G.
   G.—Hacks.—Ridden by Ladies.
   H.—Children's Ponies.
   I.—Jumping Horses over 14-2.
   J.—Jumping Ponies under 14-2.

The above Classes are subject to alteration and modification at discretion of the Committee.

RULES—HORSES.

1. All entries will be made on the special forms provided for the purpose, and which can be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary. Entry fees must accompany the application.

2. The entry fee is Rs. 2 for each class for which a Horse is entered (Rs. 3 second entries), but Rs. 5 will cover all fees to all classes for which any one Horse is eligible. (Rs. 6 second entries).

3. 1st Entries close on 10th September, second entries close on 21st, September after which no entries will be accepted.

4. CLASS E.—An I. P. A. Certificate or a certificate from the Secretary of a Polo Club that the pony entered has been played regularly must accompany the entry. Ponies must be shown mounted.

5. There will be a Measuring Committee at the Happy Valley at 12 noon on 25th September for measuring Ponies without Certificates of height. Fee for measurement Rs. 2. Applications for measurement should be made to the Honorary Secretary three days before. Fees to accompany applications.

6. Picketting gear to be sent with all Horses.

7. All Horses to be on the ground at 12 o'clock. Standings will be allotted to each horse from which it must not be removed without the sanction of the Committee.

DOG SHOW.

(Under N. I. K. A. Rules.)

The Classes will be as follows :—

(Subject to modification and alteration at the discretion of the Committee, according to the entries.)

I—Variety (Hounds)
II—Cross-Breeds
III—Great Danes
IV—Coursing Dogs
V—Setters
VI—Other Gun Dogs
VII—Spaniels
VIII—Dachshunds
IX—Poodles
X—Bull Dogs
XI—Bull Terriers
XII—Airedale Terriers
XIII—Fox Terriers
XIV—Wire
XV—Irish Terriers
XVI—Welsh Terriers
XVII—Eastern Dogs
XVIII—Variety (Small)
XIX—Griffons Bruxellois
XX—Braces
XXI—Puppies
XXII—Litters
XXIII—Soldiers' Dogs

RULES.

DOGS.

(Rules 1 to 13 Rules of the N. I. K. A.)

1. Every dog exhibited must be the *bonâ-fide* property of the exhibitor. But should a temporary owner be empowered, during the real owner's absence from India, to exhibit in his own name such entries will be accepted on the production of a Certificate signed by the real owner to the above effect.

2. Any dog declared by a qualified veterinary opinion to be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall be disqualified.

3. A dog found to be objectionably "faked" by the officiating judge, whose judgment is supported by the opinion of a local Sub-Committee consisting of at least two members, assisted by a Veterinary officer, shall be disqualified and debarred from future competition at any show supported by the Association.

4. For the meaning of "objectionable faking" members shall be guided by the rules of the English Kennel Club, for the time being.

5. The case of any dog disqualified under Rule 3 shall be reported to the Secretary of the N. I. K. A. by the local management for necessary action. The owner of such dog shall, however, be allowed a right of appeal to the Committee of the Association whose decision shall be final.

6. Any other objection than that allowed for in Rules 3 to 5 can be made to the Local Committee, the members of which shall be empowered to decide it, subject to the proviso that an appeal can be made to the Committee of the N. I. K. A. whose decision shall be final.

7. In all cases of objection or appeal, the objector and appellant shall be required to deposit a sum of Rs. 16 each which shall be forfeited if, in the opinion of the Local Committee or of the Association Committee, the objection or appeal is of a frivolous nature.

8. All cases decided by the Local Committee shall be reported in writing within one month to the N. I. K. A. Committee, for purposes of record.

9. Whenever possible, separate classes should be formed for separate breeds.

10. All judging at shows in any way assisted by the N. I. K. A. shall be public.

11. In every show held under the auspices of the N. I. K. A. at least one prize for members only shall be given.

12. No dog imported after 1st January 1900, or born in India after 1st January 1900, shall, if cropped, be eligible for competition at shows held under these rules.

13. The term "bred in India" shall mean "begotten and born in India."

14. *Entries.*—All entries must be made on the special forms provided for the purpose and entry fees must accompany the applications.

15. *Entry Fees.*—First entry fees Rs. 2, for each dog. Second entry fees Rs. 3, for each dog. First entries close on 14th September, second entries on 21st September, after which no entries will be accepted.

16. *Registration.*—All dogs including puppies unless already registered must be registered in the N. I. K. A. books; special forms are sent out with entry forms which must be filled in and returned to the Honorary Secretary, with the entries. The Registration fee is Re. 1 for each Dog, and must be sent with the entry fees. Dogs already registered in the English Kennel Club Books are registered free in the books of the N. I. K. A. on production of registration certificate. *Unregistered Dogs will be disqualified.*

17. *Chains.*—All dogs must be provided with a strong chain and suitable leather collar. Exhibits sent with chains unsuitable for the purpose will be liable to rejection.

18. *Identification Cards.*—All dogs must be accompanied with cards, *securely fastened to their collars*, on which are written their names as well as the names of their exhibitors, thus :—

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19. *Instructions for entry forms :*—
(*a*). In the "Breed" columns it is not sufficient to state merely "Terrier" or "Spaniel," etc., the exact breed such as "Wire-haired Fox Terrier." "Cocker Spaniel" or as the case may be should be clearly stated.
(*b*). Puppies should be declared as in Rule 20.
(*c*). Pedigrees if given should be very brief. It will be sufficient to name sire and dam.
(*d*). Prizes previously won should be mentioned in the briefest possible manner.
(*e*). Exhibitors may state in the entry forms if their dogs are for sale or not which fact will be shown in the catalogues.

20. *Puppies.*—A Puppy to be eligible must be under twelve months of age on the 26th September, 1903. Such Puppies may compete in other classes and if so entered will require fees as mentioned in Rule 15 for each class, and the entries *must* be distinctly recorded in the entry forms.

The exact date of birth of all puppies entered in the "puppy classes" must be given.

21. There will be two classes (big and small dogs) for soldiers alone, if there are sufficient exhibits. These two classes alone are post entries, and a nominal charge of 4 annas for each entry will be made. Dogs entered in these classes need not be registered. Soldiers wishing to enter dogs in other classes must do so in the usual manner.

GENERAL.

1. Judging will commence as soon after 10 A.M. as possible. Exhibits not in their places when judging commences will be liable not to be judged. The order of judging will be determined by the Committee. The decisions of the judges will be final, unless there is any such misrepresentation or breach of Rules as to render revision necessary, a point which the Committee will decide. Judges are empowered to withhold a prize, or prizes, in any class, if in their opinion there is a conspicuous want of merit.

2. No animals other than exhibits, will be allowed on the ground on any pretext whatever.

3. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason; and to exclude or remove any exhibit which, in their opinion, is not in a fit state for exhibition from disease, vice, or any other cause.

4. The above Rules are subject to addition or alteration at the discretion of the Committee. Should any question arise not provided for by the Rules of the time being, the decision of the Committee will be final. All Exhibitors will be deemed to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Committee on whatsoever point, and it is only on this understanding that entries will be received.

5. The Northern India Kennel Association will present Special Prizes, the terms of which will be made known hereafter.

6. Any exhibit intended for sale may be claimed at the catalogue price. All such claims to be made to the Honorary Secretary who will register the sale to the first claimant. In the event of two or more claimants applying at the same time for the same exhibit, so that priority of application cannot be decided, such exhibit will be auctioned among the above claimants, no exhibit will be recognised as having changed hands until the show is over. Ten per cent. commission will be charged by the Show Fund to vendors of exhibits.

7. *Safety of animals.*—The Committee will be most anxious for the care and safety of animals sent for exhibition, or any other property entrusted to them; but it must be distinctly understood by exhibitors and all other persons, that the Committee will not be responsible for the loss, detention of or damage to any animals or other property whether arising from accident or other cause whatever, or from any act or omission of themselves, their officers, agents, servants or others.

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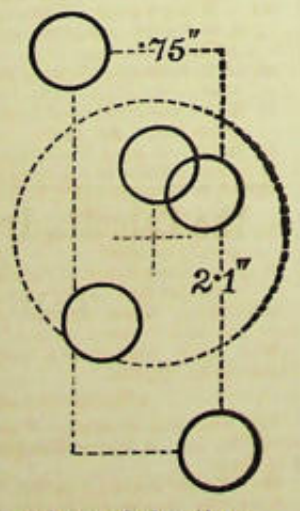

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Name of Races.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Fourth Calcutta Meeting	Sep.	12	
Fifth do do	"	19	
Quetta Autumn	"	22, 24 & 26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3, 5 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Cocanada	"	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	374
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Dinapore Gymkhana	"	27, 29 & 31	
Darjeeling Sky Races	"	1 and 3	
Pachmarhi Gymkhana Meeting	"	6 and 8	
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	
Hyderabad	"	12 & 14	382
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	375
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Mhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Terpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Rawalpindi Autumn	"	8 & 10	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Calcutta Second Meeting	Jan.	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 22	382
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup	Third	16th Sept
	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Dehra Autumn Sky	Second	10th Sept.
Terpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	29th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th "
Hyderabad	First	13th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana	First	14th Oct.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Bombay Tournament	Begins 12th October.
Cawnpore Tournament	Begins 24th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Dilkusha Tournament	9th October.
Dehra Dun Challenge Cup	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament	Begins 16th November.
Mhow Open Tournament	Begins 7th November.
Mhow Junior Tournament	Begins 14th November.
Mysore Dusserah Tournament	Begins 3rd October.
Naini Tal Tournament	Begins 28th September.
Neemuch Tournament	Begins 14th December.
Poona Open Tournament	15th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Quetta	Begins 14th September.
Rajputana Tournament	Begins 31st November.
Sonepore Tournament	Begins 2nd November.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	31st, 32nd & 33rd September.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November
Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show	20th September

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	14th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Begins 11th September.

GOLF.

The Nassik Week	14th to 21st September

SWIMMING.

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Autumn Meeting	19th September.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Begins 14th Sept.

RACKETS.

Punjab Annual Tournament Murree	End of September

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Doncaster Cup (about 2 miles)	Friday, Sept. 11
Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1¼ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

A. J. C. Derby	12th September.
Caulfield Guineas	10th October.
Caulfield Cup	17th October.
Victoria Derby	31st October.
Melbourne Cup	3rd November.

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POONA NINTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 5th September 1903.

THE card opened with the Little Consolation Stakes and for this the issue was expected to lie between Silver Fox and Mooreed. The latter has been running on and his two recent performances certainly inspired confidence. There was money going for Buktawar and Kyam, but whether they had any chance one cannot say as a rather serious accident occurred at the three-furlong post. Sybarite ridden by Melsom crossed Kyam and brought him down, Robinson, who was on Sweet William, being immediately behind, also fell and was knocked out of time for a while and received a slight kick from one of the ponies, his mouth being hurt but not seriously, and though a bit shaken he rode in Mr. Gaulstan's colours in the next race. Omerkhan escaped without a scratch and both ponies got off scot free.

To return to the race Silver Fox led at the distance, but Mooreed full of running, came out in front of the stand and won by a length.

For the Sydney Stakes Key West was looked upon as being exceedingly well handicapped for the company and was accordingly freely supported at prices ranging from 2 to 1 to even money. At the end there was somewhat of a rush for her stable companion, Wink. Min and Tragedian were the next best backed, but only for small amounts. The result in some respects resembled the performance of Key West and Wink just twelve months ago. At the distance Wink, who had led all the way, appeared to hold everything safe, but Comeback came with such a rattle that although Wink was shaken up he lost by half a length. Whether he would have won if he was taken along at the distance is an open question, but he certainly appeared to be galloping within himself till the sudden call came. Key West ran a good third. Comeback has run and won among horses in Australia and is evidently returning to form.

Scattercash was well named. In the New Arab Stakes he had pride of place in the betting ring and was freely backed at even money but failed to show up at all. The two-year old colt, Bendigo, however, was a cut above his field and galloping over them all went to the front in the straight and won as he liked.

The event of the card was the All Horse Stakes. Quite a parade of blood was seen when eleven of the twelve figuring on the programme were saddled. Acetine, though carrying a certain amount of flesh, looked ready enough. Carrying 10st. 2lbs. to-day in a smart field he came through when asked and won like a race horse. I saw him after he was taken to the stall and unsaddled and he was chewing lucern unconcernedly and was not warmer than he would have been after an exercise canter. For the race Ayrdale was picked out the best handicapped horse.

Altamas ran a solid race from start to finish, but had to put up with third place. Hoop Iron looked a bit dry in the coat, while Glen Albyn is manifestly not quite ready. Alix, who was run in cotton wool and bandages, was heavily backed for place, but was never in it. Corrie Roy's running was an eye-opener, but I expected Fitzeros to fill the place the former did at the finish.

Such a fall was there, when Pomfret won the Service Stakes, but Major Edwards' riding did it for he just lifted Pomfret past Patrician by a neck in the last two strides. Moon received no uncertain support for the Small Arab Stakes, but Arabistan was always the better favourite. Moon won from Victory, but if the latter had got through earlier he would have upset the pot. Moon, Victory and Arabistan were the choice of backers and they finished up in front of the others.

Running on 28th August with 10st. 2lbs. Runaway Girl ran third to Misty 11st. 10lbs. and Madeira 11st. 8lbs. To-day she was carrying the light impost of 8st. 7lbs. and her owner thought that with the services of a professional she would stand a good chance. The public, however, were on Ombree to a man. A fine finish was witnessed, Runaway Girl winning from Ombree by a neck. Capt. Randall on the latter riding a fine finish. Details :—

THE LITTLE CONSOLATION STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For maiden Arabs 13-3 and under which have not won race at Poona Extras 1903. 13-3 to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, race value Rs. 180 or over once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., three times 10lbs, oftener 14lbs. Ponies measured previous to 1st April 1899, 7lbs. Allowance—Ponies which have not won race value Rs. 50 or over 4lbs. 5 furlongs.

Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed, 8st 2lbs	Hoyt	1
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Silver Fox, 9st 2lbs	Penton	2
Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 8st 4lbs	Kamad	3
Mr M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar, 9st 5lbs	Nama	0
„ Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 9st 2lbs	Southall	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer, 8st 13lbs	C B Mahomed	0
Mr Abdoolla Shamlan's ch a h Galib, 8st 10lbs	Heeroo	0
Lt-Col. Eccles' b a h Sweet William, 8st 7lbs	Robinson	0
Mr Sassoon Ezekiel's g a h Kyam, 8st 2lbs	Omerkhan	0
„ Abdul Razak Sulleman's b a h Sybarite, 7st 10lbs	Melsom	0
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 7st 11lb	Bennett	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Mooreed, 3 to 1 Silver Fox, 5 to 1 Kyam, 6 to 1 Young Taiseer, 10 to and longer odds the next.

Won by a length easily; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 10⅘secs

(Winner trained privately.)

THE SYDNEY STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Ponies 14-2 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr R G Baldock's b aus g Comeback, 9st	Penton	1
„ Percy Fischer's br e h Wink, 7st	O'Neil	2
„ Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 8st 10lbs	Omerkhan	3
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 9st 9lbs	Lansdown	0
„ J C Galstaun's b or br aus h Metalgia, 8st 10lbs	Robinson	0
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Tragedian 8st 2lbs	Southall	0
Capt F C Stratton's ch e g Jolly Roger, 8st	Dhondi	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass' b aus m Annie Laurie, 7st	Hoyt	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Key West, 3 to 1 Wink, 6 to 1 each Comeback and Tragedian, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third, Min fourth. Time—1min. 5⅗secs.

(Winner trained by Tagey.)

THE NEW ARAB STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100 Third, Rs. 50. For Maiden Arabs landed since 1st July 1902 W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners race value Rs. 180, or over once 5lbs., twice 10lbs., oftener 14lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 7lbs. 7 furlongs.

Mr A R Amer's b a h Bendigo, 6st 11b	Kamad	1
Messrs F Nowrojee and H Jamsetjee's g a h Propeller, 8st 9lbs	Hoyt	2
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Connaught, 7st 11lbs	Heeroo	3
Capt the Hon C F Greville's g a h Scattercash, 8st 3lbs	Southall	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Bikanir, 7st 11lbs (car 8st 1½lbs)	Omerkhan	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Najeed, 7st 11lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr S A Wahed's ch a c Isinglass, 6st 9lbs, (car 6st 11lbs)	Dhondi	0
Mr A M Amer's b a h Berlin, 6st (car 6st 1½lbs)	Bennett	0

BETTING : Evens Scattercash, 3 to 1 Bendigo, 4 to 1 Propeller, 6 to 1 Berlin, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Najeed fourth. Time—1 min. 43 secs.

(Winner trained privately.)

THE ALL HORSE STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; Third Rs 50. A Handicap for Horses. 7 furlongs.

Mr Spooner Hart's g aus g Acetine, 10st 2lbs	O'Neil	1
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 6st 9lbs	Kamad	2
Mr R M Roy's ch aus h Altamas, 6st 12lbs	Melsom	3
„ A W P's ch aus g Fitzeros (aged) 6st 13lbs	Hoyt	0
Mr J C Galstaun's b aus g Hoop Iron, 9st 6lbs	Robinson	0
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Glen Albyn, 8st 8lbs	Ivemay	0
Mr R & S's ch aus g Wedlock (aged) 8st 7lbs	Native	0
H H Aga Khan's br e g Ayrdale, 8st 3lbs	Penton	0
Messrs M Pestonji and R Bhikaji's b aus g Kingston, 8st 3lbs	William	0
Mr M Pestonjee's br aus m Blue Blood (aged) 7st 9lbs	Bennett	0
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus m Alix, 7st 8lbs	Southall	0

BETTING : Evens Ayrdale, 5 to 4 agst Blue Blood, 6 to 1 each Alix and Fitzeros, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a head; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 32⅘secs.

(Winner trained by Ferguson.)

THE SERVICE STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Welter Handicap for Ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 9st 13lbs,	Major Edwards	1
Vety.-Col Hazelton's b aus g Patrician, 10st 12lbs	Owner	2
Col Eccles' b aus g Widgeon, 9st 10lbs	Mr Bingham	3
Capt Hickman's b aus m Saucebox, 10st	Capt Randall	0
„ Greer's ch aus g Whenan, 9st 8lbs (car 10st)	Southall	0

BETTING : Evens Patrician, 2 to 1 Whenan, 4 to 1 Saucebox, 6 to 1 the others.

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Won by a neck ; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 23½secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE SMALL ARAB STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 8st 11lb ...	Omerkhan	1
Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 7st 11lbs...	Melsom	2
Aga S Shah's b a h Arabistan, 9st ...	Robinson	3
Major Eustace's b a g Naseri, 7st 4lbs ..	Kamad	0
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's b a h Brigand, 9st 11lbs	Southall	0
Capt Benn's g a h Regret, 8st 6lbs ..	A Hoyt	0
Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 8st 5lbs	Heeroo	0
Col Eccles' b a h Rocket, 7st 13lbs ...	Dhondi	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' b a h Chancellor, 7st 12lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips, 7st 5lbs	Etul	0
„ Rasheed Shamlan' sh a h Turn of Luck, 7st 3lbs	Ahmed	0
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 7st 11lb ...	Native	0
Mr R R S's ch a h Najaffi, 6st 7lbs ..	Bennett	0

BETTING : 3 to 1 Arabistan, 4 to 1 Moon, 5 to 1 Brigand, 8 to Victory, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a neck; half a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 24⅘ secs.

(*Winner trained privately.*)

THE AMATEUR WELTER STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50. A Welter Handicap for Horses. Closed as per Special General Conditions. G. R.'s Jockeys penalized. 5 furlongs

Major Edwards' ch aus m Runaway Girl (a ged) 8st 7lbs	A Hoyt	1
Mr Aoketell Jones' b aus g Ombree, 10st 11 lbs	Capt Randall	2
Vety-Col Hazelton's b nth am m Madeira, 10st 12lbs	Major Edwards	3
Mr G O B ease's b aus g Dawn (aged) 9st 10 lbs	Owner	0

BETTING : Evens and 2 to 1 on Ombree, 3 to 1 agst Madeira, 4 to 1 the others.

Won by a neck ; half a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 6⅘secs.

(*Winner trained by Bleach.*)

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Saturday, 5th September 1903.

A wet afternoon, a poor attendance and uninteresting racing about sums up this little meeting, of which details are appended:—

THE NOVICE STAKES.—A flat race for horses that have never been entered during the last year for a race of any description value Rs. 51 or over. Catchweights 10st. 10lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr N McLeod's ch aus g Odin, 10st 10lbs	Mr R Pugh	1
„ F G Hawkins' ch aus g Bucephalus, 10st 10lbs	Owner	2
Mr H K Pierson's br aus g Energy, 10st 10lbs	Owner	3
Mr R A Maunder's b aus g Return, 10st 10lbs (dec 11lbs)	Owner	0
Mr C B Ching's b aus g Weihine, 10st 10lbs	Owner	0
Mr R Westmacott's br aus m Haidee, 10st 10lbs	Owner	0
Mr S Eustace's b aus g Waterline, 10st 10lbs	Mr Allen	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Odin, 5 to 2 Bucephalus, 5 to 1 Waterline, 6 to 1 each Energy and Haidee, 10 to 1 each Waihine and Return

The totalisator paid Rs. 12 (win), Rs. 7 and Rs. 9 (place).

Won by one and-a-half lengths ; three lengths between the second and third.

PONY FLAT RACE.—A handicap flat race for maiden ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr T G Evers' b aus g Blair Athol, 10st 7lbs	Owner	1
Capt Sellar's br aus m Heather, 9st 7lbs (dec 7lbs)	Mr Pugh	2
Mr E A Woodhouse's gr aus g Moonray, 10st 7lbs	Mr Allen	3
Mr J D Marshall s br aus g The Owl, 7st (dec 1st 9lbs)	Mr Hawkins fell	
Mr E T Schilizt's b a h Sugden, 8st 7lbs (dec 5lbs)	Mr Westmacott	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 Blair Athol, 3 to 1 Moonray, 3 to 1 Heather, 6 to 1 each Sudgen and The Owl.

The totalisator paid Rs. 13 (win), Rs. 7 and Rs. 8 (place).

Won by two lengths ; same distance between the second and third.

THE TALLY-HO PLATE.—A handicap steeplechase for *bonâ fide* paperchase horses. 1½ miles.

Mr A Birkmyre's b aus g Chummy, 11st 7lbs (dec 7lbs)	Owner	1
Mr E L Ralli's b aus g True Blue, 10st 12lbs	Owner	2
Mr A G Macpherson's ch aus g Rufus, 10st 7lbs	Mr Pugh	3
Mr W A Miles' b aus g Bacchus, 10st 12lbs (dec 4lbs)	Owner	0

BETTING : 5 to 4 True Blue, 3 to 1 Chummy, 4 to 1 each the others.

The totalisator paid Rs. 29 (win), Rs. 12 and Rs. 7 (place).

Won by four lengths ; twelve lengths between the second and third.

THE CHARGER STAKES.—A flat race for horses belonging to, or which have been regularly ridden on parade by, recruits of the C. L. H. joined since 1st April 1903. Competitors to ride in ordinary every-day kit. Catchweights, recruits up. 5 furlongs.

Mr P A Scaramanga's ch aus m Satine ...	Owner	1
„ R Rees' br aus g Drums	Owner	2
„ T A Simpson's b aus m Lady V ...	Mr G A Wilmot	3
„ A C Ralli s b aus m Iona	Owner	0
„ R Smyth's b aus g Tommy ...	Owner	0
„ T E Upton's br aus g Recruit ...	Owner	0
„ T H Westmacott's br aus g Bay Leaf	Mr J G Ballantyne	0
Mr J Reid's br aus m Barmaid ...	Owner	0
„ L Voigt's b aus g Farewell ...	Owner	0

The totalisator paid Rs. 21 (win), Rs. 9, Rs. 10 (place).

Won by two lengths ; three lengths between the second and third.

THE BUSSA ROAD STAKES.—A handicap flat race for maiden horses. 6 furlongs.

Mr T Curtis-Hayward's b aus m Sylvia, 10st 2lbs	Mr Dudley	1
Mr T G Evers' b aus m Sunshine. 10st 7lbs	Owner	2
„ E A Antram's b aus m Myrene, 9st 7lbs	Owner	3
„ J W Orr's ch aus g The Jewel, 9st 7lbs	Mr Westmacott	0

BETTING : Evens each Sunshine and Sylvia, 6 to 1 each the others.

The totalisator paid Rs. 9 (win), Rs. 5, Rs. 5 (place).

Won by a quarter of-a-length ; four lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 30secs.

BANGALORE SECOND EXTRA MEETING.

Thursday, 4th September 1903.

The second extra day's racing in Bangalore cannot be described as a brilliant affair, for the attendance was sparse and at no time during the afternoon was the enclosure even fairly filled.

Favourites won in four races out of five, and Lancer was well backed in the Scurry so that if punters could have got prices they should have had a good time.

One pony won during the afternoon which will be worth watching next year and that was King Cobweb. He is on the improve all the time, and was simply a *butcha* so far as racing went when he cut up so badly at the late Bangalore meeting. When he won on Thursday he seemed to think the whole affair rather a lark. Events and results :—

THE NOVICE PLATE.—Rs. 150, of which the second pony will receive Rs 25. For ponies which have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 50 or over. 3 furlongs.

Mr Strickland's b aus m Rosamund, 9st 9lbs,	Mr. Saunders	1
Mr C P Graham's ch aus m Shot Silk, 11st 7lbs	Owner	2
Lieut-Col J. Desaraj Urs' br aus g The Peer, 9st	Narrainswamy	3
Mr N B Abbay's b aus m Pompadour. 11st	Mr Knight	0
Major Lawless' bk aus g Black Michael, 10st	Owner	0

BETTING : Evens Rosamund, 2 to 1 agst Shot Silk, 3 to 1 The Peer, 4 to 1 each Black Michael and Pompadour.

The Peer led for two furlongs when Rosamund came through and won without an effort by three lengths ; a short head between second and third. Time—43 secs.

THE CUBBON PLATE.—Rs. 150, of which the second horse will receive Rs. 25. For horses. 5 furlongs.

Major Hamilton's ch aus g Rubicon, 9st 7lbs	McQuade	1
Major Vans Agnew's bk aus g Gaylad, 9st	Mr Saunders	2

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Rubicon and 6 to 4 on Gaylad.

Rubicon made all the running and won by a length, but his jockey had to wake him up in the last few strides. Nevertheless he had a good bit in hand.

Time—1 min. 10⅖ secs.

THE STEWARDS' PLATE—Rs. 150, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr R Moss King's b a h King Cobweb, 9st 7lbs	Mr Saunders	1
Capt R M Bell's g a h Superb, 9st 7lbs ...	Major Lawless	2
Mr O Dignum's g a h Defendant 8st	Pacha	3
Capt R M Bell's g a h Essex, 10st ...	Capt Tatam.	

BETTING : 3 to 1 cn King Cobweb, 6 to 4 agst Superb, 2 to 1 Essex, and 4 to 1 Defendant

Defendant made strong running until the home turn, where he died away and King Cobweb came through, jockey and pony looking round them as if to ask what all the bother was about. The winner is a young, good and improving pony. Time—1 min. 30⅖ secs.

THE SCURRY.—Rs. 150, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25. For ponies. ½ mile.

Capt Dougall's ch aus g Lancer, 10st 6lbs ...	Owner	1
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus m Momao, 8st 10lbs	Santali	2
Mr C P Graham's ch aus m Shot Silk, 10st	Owner	3
Capt Tatam's ch cb m Filigree 9st 7lbs	Mr Saunders	0
Mr R L Kindersley's br e m Freda, 9st 4lbs	Major Lawless	0
„ H West's ch aus m Firefly, 8st 8lbs ...	Meah Jan	0
„ W P Allardice's g aus g Sardine, 9st ...	McQuade	0
„ Strickland's ch cb m Whitefield, 6st 2lbs	Marie	0

BETTING : Evens Momao and Firefly, 2 to 1 each Lancer, Filigree and Freda, 4 to 1 Sardine and 8 to 1 Whitefield.

Lancer led throughout from Momao and no important change took place in their positions, a fair race resulting in favour of Lancer by three-quarters of a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—55⅖secs.

THE POLO SCURRY—Rs. 150, of which the second pony will receive Rs. 25.

For *bonâ fide* polo ponies 14-1 and under which have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 100 or over. 3 furlongs

Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' br aus g The Peer, 11st 3lbs	Capt Dougall	1
Major Lawless' bk aus g Black Michael, 12st 11b	Owner	2
Mr A M Swifte's b aus g Light Heart, 12st 7lbs	Mr Saunders	3
Mr D Ker's bk cb m Black Maria, 9st 9lbs	Meah Jan	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on The Peer, 2 to 1 each agst Light Heart and Black Michael and 3 to 1 Black Maria. Black Michael led from The Peer, but when it came to racing the latter won easily by half a length, with Light Heart two lengths behind Black Michael. The latter pony is fast but does not like a distance. Time—43⅘secs.

MURREE SKY RACES.

Saturday, 29th August, 1903.

THE second Meeting was successfully brought off this afternoon. a programme of seven events being discussed. The officers of the Wiltshire Regiment were " At Home " and the regimental band discoursed sweet music throughout the afternoon. We were pleased to see the colours of Vety.-Lieut.-Col. R. Pringle out once more. They were well known in the Punjab in the " eighties." but this is their first appearance for many years. The Army Plate produced great fun, Private Fletcher winning after an exciting race. Details :—

THE POLO SCURRY—Rs. 32. For all *bonâ fide* polo ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50. About 4 furlongs.

Mr H W Hamilton's ch c-b g Kadir, 11st 11b	Owner	1
„ H P Burn's blk a g Saracen, 11st 7lbs	Mr Furnell	2
„ F H Dansey's b c-b m Tatters, 11st 8lbs	Mr Stewart	3

Also ran—Fitz, Polly and Safety.

BETTING : Evens Tatters, 4 to 1 on Kadir, and 6 to 1 against the others.

Won easily by three lengths ; half a length between second and third.

THE KASHMIR STAKES.—Rs. 32. For all maiden Arabs 14-1 and under. About 7 furlongs.

Mr Evans's g a h Strawberry, 10st 2lbs ...	Mr Stewart	1
„ Seymour's ch a h Patchwork, 9st 4lbs	Owner	2
„ Bell's ch a h Marron Glace, 9st 2lbs ...	Mr Furnell	3
„ Soni's g a h Wild Irishman, 9st 2lbs ...	Owner	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Patchwork, evens Marron Glace, and 6 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length ; a neck between second and third.

GHARIAL STEEPLECHASE.—Rs. 49. For ponies 14-1 and under, Arabs and C.-B's. About 1 mile.

Mr R E Bates's b c-b m Brown Bess, 10st 11lbs	Mr Seymour	1
Mr F H Dansey's b c-b m Tatters, 10st 8lbs	Mr Stewart	2
Mr A G C Fane's ch c-b g Mephistopheles, 9st 4lbs	Owner	3

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Brown Bess, evens Tatters, and 4 to 1 Mephistopheles,

Won by a length.

THE ARMY PLATE.—Rs. 16 to the winner ; Rs. 8 to the second ; and Rs. 4 to the third. Open to all certified bazaar ponies to be ridden by private soldiers in uniform. Winner at previous meeting barred. Once round the course.

Private Fletcher, R G A	...	1
„ Croley, 9th Lancers	...	2
„ Goodman, K R R	...	3

Twenty-one others ran.

THE GARRISON STAKES.—Rs. 49. For all maiden Arab and C-B ponies 14-2 and others 14-1 and under the property of anyone who has been resident or stationed in Murree Hills for at least six weeks in 1903. About 7 furlongs.

Vety-Lieut-Col R Pringle's b c-b m Maggy Lauder, 11st 10lbs	Mr Gamble	1
Mr Seymour's g a g Niblick, 10st 5lbs ...	Owner	2
„ Abren's b c-b m Louise, 11st ...	Cookson	3

BETTING : Evens Niblick, 2 to 1 agst Maggie Lauder.

Won by four lengths.

THE MURREE STAKES.—Rs. 32. For all maiden ponies 14-1 and under, Arabs and C.B.'s About 5 furlongs.

Captain Tordiffe's b a g Off Chance, 9st 13lbs ... — ...	Mr Beaumont	1
Mr Evans's g a h Strawberry, 10st 2lbs ...	Mr Stewart	2
„ Hamilton' b c-b g Kadir, 10st 8lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran—The Bey and Florizelle.

BETTING : Evens Florizelle and Strawberry, twos Off Chance and fours the others.

Won by a neck.

GHARIAL STAKES.—Rs. 32. For ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a Gymkhana or race of any description. About 5 furlongs.

Mr Fitz-King's ch c-b g Bill, 10st 8lbs ...	Mr Beaumont	1
„ Leith's br c-b m Pompom, 11st ...	Mr Seymour	2
„ Gill's ch c-b m Amberite, 11st ...	Owner	3

Also ran—Blarney's Fair Lassie, Saracen, Jack and Yelling Spook.

BETTING : 4 to 1 agst the winner.

Won by a neck ; a neck between second and third.

GYMKHANA AT MYSORE.

The third Gymkhana Meeting was held on the 29th instant. The weather was threatening, but the rain held off and a successful afternoon's sport was carried through. H. H. the Maharaja secured two wins, and H. H. the Yuvaraj rode three winners. Details:—

STEWARDS' PURSE.—Rs. 20 to the winner and Rs. 5 to the second horse. Handicap for all Arabs 14 hands and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Kantharaj Urs' c a h Mashoor, 9st ...	Venkoba Row	1
H H the Maharaja's gr a p Taoos,10st 10lbs	H H Yuvaraj	2
Mr Gopalraja Urs' bl a h Rustum, 8st 3lbs	Jhamal Khan	3

Won easily by two lengths.

PALACE PURSE.—Rs. 20 to the winner and Rs. 5 to the second horse. Handicap for ponies 13-3 and under. ¼ mile.

Mr Chamapaji Urs' ch a p Boopaty, 8st 11b,	Shunkar Row	1
Mr Lutchmikanthraj Urs' gr a p Limerick, 10st 7lbs	Murad Beg	2
Mr Kantharaj Urs' b a p Chungiz, 9st 7lbs	Venkoba Row	3

Also ran : Midget, Timoor, Shahab.

Midget led for two furlongs when Boopaty came to the front and won by two lengths.

H H MAHARAJA'S CUP.—(In specie.)—Handicap for all horses. 1 mile.

H H the Maharaja's b aus g Bobs, 10st 7lbs	H H Yuvaraj	1
Mr Lingaraj Urs' ch aus g Robin, 10st 7lbs	Wahab Khan	2
Mr Lutchmikanthraj Urs' bl aus g Baron, 11st 4lbs	Owner	3

Also ran : Blackbird, Jack, Cannon, Chota Sahib, an Lachimy.

Bobs and Robin ran a dead heat, but Robin was disqualified for short weight.

H. H. THE MAHARANI C. I.'s CUP.—(In specie.) Handicap for all Arabs. ½ mile.

H H the Maharaja's b a h Chance, 10st 10lbs	H H Yuvaraj	1
Mr Kantharaj Urs' b a h Mashoor. 8st 10lbs	Venkoba Row	2
„ Pallonjee's b a h Bobs, 9st 10lbs ...	Mr Bowring	3

Also ran : Sovereign and Sandow.

Chance walked home an easy winner by five lengths.

STAND PLATE.—Rs. 20 to the winner and Rs. 5 to the second horse. Handicap for all ponies 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Bowring's ch cb m Benmore, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
„ Dasappa's b aus g Bayard, 9st 10lbs ...	Thompson	2
„ Kantharaj Urs' b a h Kismut, 8st 3lbs...	Venkoba Row	3

Also ran : Mayfly and Morning.

Benmore led from start to finish and won in a common canter.

LILLIPUT PURSE.—Rs. 10 to the winner. For ponies 12-2 (Catchweights). 3 furlongs.

H H Yuvaraja's b aus p Nymph ...	Owner	1
H H the Maharaja's g br p Box ...	Venkoba Row	2
Mr Putta Bassappajee Urs' d b p Thakadijum —	Owner	3

Also ran : Khadum Pyaree.

Nymph won a good race by a length.

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MAJOR EUSTACE, 5th D. G.

Judge.—MAJOR DIBBEN, A. V. D.

Clerk of the Scales.—C. LANG, ESQ., 5th D. G.

Starter.—SERGEANT-MAJOR COMBE, 5th D. G.

Saturday, the 5th September 1903.

Originally given for the 27th of last month, and postponed because of the weather, the 5th Open Gymkhana of 1903 came off on Saturday last. The day was sticky in the extreme and the skies threatening; nevertheless there was a very good attendance. They had got out a very attractive card of five races, all of which had filled well, and the sport was good. The best race of the day was the last, in which Mr. Symon's Chaffinch just got home by the shortest of heads. There were one or two bookies there, but there was no sensational betting; indeed, I heard of one case when a bet of Rs. 50 on a horse sent his price from evens to two to one on! That, however, is neither here nor there; it was a most successful show and the thanks of Lucknow are due to Mr. Norwood, the Honorary Secretary, who arranged it all. The following are the results:—

THE RAILWAY PLATE.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ and under and other ponies 14-1 and under, that have not won a race of any description since 1st January 1903. English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ to carry 11st., C.-B. ponies 14-1 to carry 11st, Arab ponies 14-1 to carry 10st. W. I. 2 furlongs.

Thakur Sripal Singh's Fairy Dale, 9st 4lbs	Native	1
Mr Salmon's Active Service, 11st ...	Owner	2
Capt Home's Scamp, 9st 7lbs ..	Native	3
Mr Symon's Kilal, 10st 3lbs ...	Owner	0
,, L M Miller's Why Not, 9st 4lbs	Major Sitwell	0
,, A F Freemantle's Ednamay, 9st 6lbs...	Pankhurst	0

Won easily by Fairy Dale by four lengths; Active Service securing place money by a length from Scamp Time—26 secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 4.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have not won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. C.-B. ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs., Arab ponies 14-1 to carry 10st 7lbs. W. I.—½ mile.

Lieut Col Reid's Trout, 9st 5lbs ...Mr Pankhurst		1
Capt Home's Bashir 8st 5lbs ...	Native	2
Thakur Sripal Singh's Diamond 9st 3lbs...	Native	3
Mr Kennedome's Robin, 8st 5lbs ...	Major Sitwell	0

Trout was the only horse in it and romped home a winner by five lengths; Bashir and Diamond had a good fight for second, the former getting there by a neck. No time taken. Totalisator paid Rs. 5.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B ponies 14-1 and under that have not won a flat race of any description since 1st April 1903. C.-B. ponies 14-1 to carry 12st., Arab ponies 14-1 to carry 11st W. I. 3 furlongs.

Nawab Asgar Ali and Chaudhri Ghansham Singh's Chumpa, 9st 3lbs...	Major Sitwell	1
Mr Brand's Lady Mary, 10st 11lbs ...	Mr Salmon	2
,, A F Freemantle's Firoz, 11st 3lbs ...	Owner	3
,, Craigie's Asthore, 12st	Owner	0
Nawab Asgar Ali and Chaudhri Ghansham Singh's Dame Ethel, 10st 4lbs ...	Native	0
Lieut.-Col Reid's Rolland 9st 13lbs ...Mr Pankhurst		0

Won in a canter by four lengths; one length separated second and third. Time—42secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 3.

THE LILLIPUTS.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. A handicap for Arab and C.-B ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 900 or over and maiden English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ and under. 1,000 yards.

Capt Home's Sadoon, 8st 5lbs... ..	Native	1
Thakur Sripal Singh's Ursula, 9st 4lbs ...	Major Sitwell	2
Thakur Sripal Singh's Sister Sue, 8st 7lbs	Native	3
Thakur Sripal Singh's Polly Hall, 10st	Native	0
Mr F Warren's Birdie, 9st 9lbs ...	Native	0

Sadoon got away from the start and led all the way round, winning easily by four lengths; one length between second and third. Time—1min. 4secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 7.

THE POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 10 to the second. For *bonâ fide* polo ponies 14-1 and under in regular play up to day of entry, that have not won a race of any description since 1st January 1903. English and Australasian ponies 14-1 to carry 12st, Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Gentlemen Riders only. 3 furlongs.

Mr Symon's Chaffinch 12st	Owner	1
Mr Salmon's Active Service, 10st 10lbs ...	Owner	2
Capt Newnham's Seagull, 10st 5lbs ...	Owner	3
Mr Pankhurst's The Reaper, 9st 7lbs ...	Owner	0

This was far and away the best race of the day. Chaffinch, with Mr Symon's up, came away and led to the stand, when Active Service came up with a rush, but could not quite manage it, and Chaffinch won by a short head. One length separated second and third. Time—42secs. Totalisator paid Rs 6.

Entries for Races.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

Fourth Meeting, Saturday, 12th September 1903.

THE CLUB PLATE.—About 1½ miles over 7 flights.

	st	lbs.
Mr G B Paris' gr aust m Actress	11	7
Mrs G B Paris' br aust g Twilight	11	0
Mr R A C Pugh's b aust m Firefly	10	7
Mr R A C Pugh's bk aust m Beeswing II.	10	2
Mr R G Bates' b aust g Flamingo	10	2
Mr Curtis Hayward's b aust m Sylvia	9	10
Mr N McLeod's ch aust g Odin	9	7

THE BELVEDERE PLATE.—About 1¼ miles over 7 flights.

Mr F Dowling's b or br aust g Fairlight	11	0
Mr Dudley's b aust g Dundonald	9	12
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aust m Kittylea	9	7
Mr R A C Pugh's b aust m Ladybird	9	0
Mrs G B Paris' br aust g Twilight	9	0

THE ZEERUT PLATE.—About 1 mile over 6 flights.

Mr Mackellar's bk aust m Yuletide, 14-1	11	0
Mr Creet's b aust m Yellow Mantle, 14-0½ ...	10	5
Mr S G McCall's ch aust m Moss Rose, 13-3 ...	10	2
Mr Cowper's ch aust h First Guide 14 0½	9	7
Mr T G Evers' b aust g Blair Athol, 14-0	9	0
Mr Bell Irving's b aust m Peeping Tom, 13-3½ ...	8	2
Mr S G McCall's bk aust g Puck, 13-3	8	0
Mr Barton's b a g Bloater, 14 0	7	7
Mr Thomas' ch a h Pekin II., 13-2½ ...		

THE SEPTEMBER PLATE.—5 furlongs.

Mr Galstaun's b aust g Springlock	10	9
Mr Gal Gregory's ch aust h Loch Arden	10	7
Mr Raban's br aust m Naiades	9	0
Mr S F Reynolds' ch aust g Flashlight	8	11
Mr Pike's b aust g Autocrat	8	10
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aust m Kittylea	8	10
Mr Paris' ch em Kellnerin	8	3
Mr A N Dass' b e g Trollop	8	2
Mr Rees' br aust g Ocean Maul	8	0

THE PONY HANDICAP.—5 furlongs.

Mr Galstaun's br aust m Gun Metal, 14-1½ ...	11	10
Mr B B's b aust m Second Thought, 14-1	10	9
Mr Rodocanachi's b aust m Perfect, 14-0½	10	5
Mr Galstaun's b aust m Not Yet, 13-3½	9	8
Mr Rodocanachi's b aust g Shylock, 14-1½	8	13
Mr B B's b ch h Reveille, 14-1	8	7
Dr Taylor's b aust m Granny 13-3	8	7
Mr Cowper's ch aust h First Guide, 14-0½	7	8
Mr Cowper's b e g Mocassin, 14-0½	7	0
Mr Gye's dk br aust m Snap Shot, 1 -0½	7	0
Capt Sellar's b aust m Heather, 13-3½	7	0
Mr A N Dass b aust m Rezia, 14-0	7	0

THE ENTALLY PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr Galstaun's b aust h Royal Artillery	9	5
Mr A N Dass' b aust g Euryalus	9	5
Mr Mannings' ch aust g Shirley	9	0
Mr R A C Pugh's b aust m Firefly	8	9
Mr Gal Gregory's bk aust g Mystery	8	3
Mr T G Evers' b aust m Sunshine	8	2
Mr Beagle's b aust g Seaview	8	0
Mr Deakin's b aust g Invincible	8	0

LUCKNOW AUTUMN SKY MEETING.

FIRST ENTRIES CLOSED 1ST SEPTEMBER.

First Day, Thursday, 22nd October 1903.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—½ mile.

1	Mr Bass's	b e m	Lady Cheltenham, 13-2½
2	,, Farmer's	b ch h	Blue Blood, 14-0½
3	,, C D's	b aus m	Goodness, 13-3½
4	,, S J S's	b aus m	Sanjala, 13-3½
5	Ditto	b ch h	Ring Faulka, 13-3½
6	Thakur Sripal Singh's	g a h	Anderson, 13-3
7	Col Beaver's	br aus m	Tasmania, 13-1
8	Ditto	ch aus m	Double Keys, 13-3½
9	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch aus m	Parlour Maid, 13-2½
10	Major Berryman's	sk aus g	Quilt, 13-2
11	Ditto	b aus m	Canary, 13-3½

THE MAIDEN STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Capt C Greville's	b ch g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
2	Mr S J S's	b aus m	Bell Metal, 13-3½
3	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
4	H H the Koer Sahib of Patiala's	ch aus m	Parlour Maid, 13-2½
5	Major Berryman's	b or br e m	Silver II., 13-3
6	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Ursula, 13-3

THE CLUB STAKES.—6 furlongs.

1	Vety-Col Hazelton's	b nth arm m	Madeira
2	Capt E Harding Newman's	br aus m	Paddy Melon
3	Mr S J S's	b e g	Redlight
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch ch h	Turkman
5	Lieut-Col Brazier Creagh's	br e m	Lady Marjorie

THE DESERT STAKES—½ mile.

1	Mr C D's	b ch m	Namuna, 13-2½
2	,, S J S's	b ch m	Lucky, 14-0
3	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's	br ch g	Fortune, 13-1½
4	Nawab Asghar Ali Khan and Chaudhri Ghansham Singh's	b ch m	Chumpa, 13-1½

THE LAWN STAKES—1,000 yards.

1	Mr Bass's	b a h	Huddal, 12-2½
2	,, Maydwell's	g a h	Titus II., 13-3½
3	Capt E Harding Newman's	b a h	Hindustan, 13-2½
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	b a h	Mathura, 13-3
5	Col Beaver's	g a h	Broadside, 13-3½
6	Ditto	ch a h	Gossip, 13-3½
7	Ditto	g a h	Mabrook, 13-2½
8	Ditto	g a h	Faisal, 13-1½
9	Ditto	b a h	Bloodstone, 13-3
10	Ditto	ch a h	Rob Roy, 14-0
11	Ditto	g a h	Punchbowl, 13-1
12	Capt Home's	b a g	Bashir, 13-2½
13	Lieut-Col Brazier Creagh and Mr Melville's	ch a h	Young Prince, 13-3
14	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	b a h	Hazard, 14-0
15	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch a h	Brat II., 13-3

THE EMAMBARA STAKES—1,000 yards.

1	Capt C Greville's	b aus m	Stockbell, 14-1
2	,, Stewart Balmain's	g aus m	Ladydean, 13-0½
3	Mr S J S's	ch aus m	Blackspot 14-0½
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Elsie, 13-3½
5	Major Carroll's	b aus g	Invest, 14 0
6	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	ch ch g	Easter Day, 14-1½
7	Col Beaver's	br aus m	Millicent, 14-0
8	Ditto	b aus m	Hiliadoe, 14-0½
9	Ditto	b aus m	Perquisite, 14-1
10	Ditto	br aus m	Princess Royal, 13-3½

THE CITY STAKES—1¼ miles over 6 flights.

1	Mr C D's	b ch m	Namuna, 13-2½
2	Vety-Col Hazelton's	br aus g	Patrican, 14-0½
3	Mr Salmon's	d afr g	Active Service, 13-3½
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	b aus m	Sister Sue, 13-3½
5	H H Kour Sahib of Patiala	ch ch h	Tom, 14-0½

Second Day, Saturday, 24th October.

THE GOOMTEE STAKES—R. C. About 2 miles.

1	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
2	H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch ch h	Tom, 14-0½

THE HORSE HANDICAP—5 furlongs.

1	Vety-Col Hazelton's	b nth am m	Madeira
2	Capt E Harding Newman's	br aus m	Paddy Melon
3	Mr S J S's	b e g	Redlight
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch ch h	Turkman

THE OPEN HANDICAP—5 furlongs.

1	Capt C Greville's	b ch g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
2	Mr C D's	b ch m	Namuna, 13-2½
3	Mr Bass's	b e m	Lady Cheltenham, 13-2½
4	Mr S J S's	b aus g	True Aim, 13-2
5	Ditto	br aus m	Bellmetal 13-3½
6	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Fairydale, 13-1½
7	Ditto	br aus m	Polly Hall, 13-3
8	H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch aus m	Parlour Maid, 13-2½
9	Major Berryman's	sk aus g	Quilt, 13-2
10	Ditto	b aus m	Canary, 13-3½

THE CHARBAGH STAKES—5 furlongs.

1	Capt C Greville's	b aus m	Stockbell, 14-1
2	Capt Stewart Balmain's	g aus m	Ladydean, 14-0½
3	Mr S J S's	ch aus m	Blackspot, 14 0½
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch aus m	Elsie, 13-3½
5	Major Carroll's	b aus g	Invest, 14-0
6	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	ch ch g	Easter Day, 14-1½

THE DILKUSHA STAKES—½ mile.

1	Capt C Greville's	b ch g	Tam Ring, 14-0½
2	Mr C D's	b aus m	Goodness, 13-3½
3	Mr S J S's	b ch m	Lucky, 14-0
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	br aus m	Fairydale, 13-1½
5	H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch aus m	Parlour Maid, 13-2½
6	Ditto	br ch g	Fortune, 13-1½
7	Mr F Warner's	g aus m	Birdie, 13-1
8	Major Berryman's	b or br e m	Silver II., 13-3

THE PADDOCK STAKES—6 furlongs.

1	Mr Bass's	b a h	Huddal, 13-2½
2	Mr Maydwell's	g a h	Titus II., 13-3½
3	Capt E Harding Newman's	b a h	Hindustan, 13-2½
4	Thakur Sripal Singh's	ch a h	Omar, 13-3½
5	Capt Home's	ch a h	Sadoon, 14 0
6	Lieut-Col Brazier Creagh and Mr Melville's	ch a h	Young Prince, 13-3
7	Thakur Baldeo Sahai's	b a h	Hazard, 14-0
8	H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's	ch a h	Brat II., 13-3

Final Entries will close on 15th October 1903.

J. NORWOOD,
Hon. Secy., Lucknow Races.

Races to Come.

PROGRAMME OF THE DINAPORE 1ST OPEN GYMKHANA.

TO BE HELD ON

27th, 29th and 31st October 1903.

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STEWARDS:

MAJOR W. K. BERRYMAN, R.A M.C.
CAPT A. S. KOE, 2nd K.O.S. BORDERERS.
CAPT. W. J. BLOIS, R.F.A.

Honorary Secretary—CAPT W. H. S. MCALISTER, 2nd K. O. S. BORDERERS.

FIRST DAY.

THE KELLNER CUP.—For Maiden Arabs and C.-B.s 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 12 stone, Arabs allowed 7lbs Distance—½ mile

THE BELL CUP.—For ponies 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 12 stone W. I. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—For ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description, Gymkhana or otherwise 14-1 to carry 12 stone. Arabs allowed 28lbs., C.-B.'s allowed 21lbs. W. I. Distance—½ mile.

THE CLUB STAKES.—For Maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 12 stone. W. I. Distance—1 mile.

K. O. S. BRS SUBALTERN CUP.—Regimental conditions. Distance—

THE MIDGET.—For maiden ponies 13-3 and under. 13-3 to carry 11 stone. Arabs allowed 28lbs., C.-B.'s 21lbs. Distance—½ mile.

Winners once 3lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs.

DINAPORE POLO RACE.—For *bonâ-fide* Polo ponies 14-1 and under played regularly in Dinapore, Bankipur, and Behar. 14-1 to carry 12 stone. Arabs allowed 28lbs., C.-B.'s 21lbs. W. I. Distance—3 furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

POLO SCURRY.—For *bonâ-fide* Polo ponies 14-1 and under. 14-1 to carry 12 stone. Arabs allowed 28lbs., C.-B.'s 21lbs. W. I. Distance—3 furlongs.

PONY HURDLES.—For ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50. Australasians to carry 11-7. Arabs and C.-B.'s allowed 21lbs. W. I. Distance—1 mile over 6 hurdles.

THE KHAGOLE STAKES.—For ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 E. A. 14-1 to carry 12-7. Arabs allowed 28lbs., C.-B.'s 14lbs. Distance—½ mile.

HORSE RACE.—For maiden horses. C. W. A. C. Distance—1 mile.

RACE.—For maiden C.-B ponies. 14-1 to carry 12 stone. W. I. Winners once 3lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. Distance—½ mile.

THIRD DAY.

POLO HANDICAP.—For *bonâ-fide* Polo ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—3 furlongs.

MIDGET HANDICAP.—For maiden ponies 13-3 and under. Distance—½ mile.

ARAB HANDICAP.—For Arabs 14-1 and under. Distance—½ mile.

K. O. S. BRS. REGIMENTAL.—Distance—

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GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Entries, Rs. 5, to close at 12 noon on 15th October.
2. Entries, Rs. 7, to close at the Lotteries.
3. All entries go to the fund.
4. If less than three in separate interests start the race will be void.
5. Starting declarations at the Lotteries.
6. C. T. C. Rules will be followed.
7. Licensed European Jockeys 7lbs. extra, and licensed Native Jockeys 5lbs. extra, in all races except Handicaps and Jump races.
8. Lotteries will be held at the Club at 9-30 P. M., on the night previous to racing. Ten per cent of Lotteries to go to the fund.
9. Rupees 40 to 1st pony.
10. Rupees 10 to 2nd pony.
11. All races to be ridden in colours
12. C. T C., W. I. T. C., and I. P. A. C. Certificates of height only accepted. Ponies not in possession of above can be measured on applying to the Honorary Secretary.

CAPT. W. H. S. McALISTER,
2ND K. O. S. BORDERERS.
Hony. Secy., Dinapore Open Gymkhana.

PROGRAMME OF MHOW NOVEMBER MEETING.

4th and 6th November 1903.

STEWARDS.

LT.-COL. C. T. M. KAVANAGH, D. S. O., 10th Royal Hussars.
MAJOR LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK, D. S. O., 10th Royal Hussars.
MAJOR S. D. BROWNE ... R. H. A.
MAJOR E. ST. A. WAKE ... 10th B. L.
And Another.

Honorary Secretary :—WILLIAM BASS, 10th Royal Hussars.

NOTE—First Entries close on 30 h September 1903.
Second ,, ,, ,, 21st October 1903.
Final ,, ,, ,, 29th ,, 1903.

First Day—Wednesday 4th November.

PONY HURDLES—Rs. 200, out of which the second receives Rs. 30, and the third saves entrance. For ponies 14-1 and under. W. I. Weights—English and Australasians 14-1 to carry 12st., C.-B's 14-1 to carry 10st. 10lbs., Arabs 14-1 to carry 10st. Penalties—Winners of a Hurdle Race value Rs. 50, or over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. Of a race value Rs. 500, 14lbs extra. Allowances—Ponies that have never started for a hurdle race, or Steeplechase value Rs 50 or over allowed 7lbs. Distance—1¼ miles over 6 flights.

MAIDEN DESERT STAKES.—Rs. 200, out of which the second receives Rs. 30, and the third saves entrance. For Maiden Arabs. W A. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1901, race value Rs. 150 or over, once 4 lbs, twice 7 lbs, three times 10 lbs., oftener 14 lbs. Allowances—Ponies 14-0 and under, new measurement. 7lbs. Horses which have never won race value Rs. 50 allowed 5 lbs. Distance—1 mile.

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Second Day, Friday, 6th November.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1.—W. I T. C. Rules.
2.—A course fee of Rs. 5 will be charged for each horse, or pony running at the Meeting.
3.—Entrance money goes to the Fund.
4.—The full advertised money will be given in every case, except in the case of a walk-over, when only half the advertised money will be given and according to Rule 140.
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LONDON, *Friday, 21st August, 1903.*

THE TURF.

ROYAL WINDSOR AUGUST MEETING.

THE disagreeable change in the weather, and the continuous downpour of rain materially affected the attendance at Windsor on the 14th instant, and the proceedings were quieter than usual, although, with two exceptions, fields ruled fairly large and the sport generally interesting Backers started rather unfavourably when, in twelve runners for the Club Two-Year Old Plate, they laid 9 to 4 on Copthorne, who did not even get into the first three. The judge was unable to separate The Convict and Mrs. Peggoty in the Romney Selling Plate, after which fielders for the third time in succession scored when Claqueur and Gayboy finished in front of Childwickbury. Notwithstanding his previous defeats, followers of W. Lane pinned their faith to him once more in the Clewer Plate, and on this occassion the good thing came off, as Irish Gal made all the running and won by a length. Chant accounted for the Forest Handicap and backers' cup of misery filled when, in the Manor Plate, with four runners, they failed to select the winner, Minie, the favourite, being beaten by three-quarters of a length.

THE CASTLE HANDICAP—Of 263sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr A Hamblin's b g Claqueur, by Tyrant—Hear Hear, 5yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	C Escott	1
Mr A Taylor's b g Gayboy, 3yrs, 6st 5lbs...	Griggs	2
Sir J Blundell Maple's br g Childwickbury, aged, 8st	W Lane	3
Mr H Flaval's Lad o' Wax, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs...	Reynolds	0

(*Winner trained by H. Escott.*)

BETTING: Evens Childwickbury, 3 to 1 each agst Claqueur and Gayboy and 6 to 1 Lad o' Wax.

Won by a length; six lengths between second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 39⅘secs.

THE CLEWER PLATE—Of 174 sovs. for two-year olds colts 8st 13lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 10lbs; with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Capt Bewicke's ch f Irish Gal, by Gallinule—Erin, 8st 10lbs	W Lane	1
Mr A Thorne's b f by Juggler—Bonnie Queen, 8st 10lbs	Halsey	2
Mr W G Stevens's bl or br G By Bradwardine—Moglantine, 8st 7lbs ...	Watts	3
Mr R C Garton's c by Patron—St Lucia, 8st 7lbs	K Cannon	0
Mr R H Henning's Portman, 8st 7lbs ...	Elliott	0
,, T Parkington's Juno, 8st 7lbs ...	Hardy	0
,, Randall's Bucolion, 8st 7lbs ...	Randall	0

(*Winner trained by J. Powney.*)

BETTING: Evens Irish Gal, 6 to 4 agst the Bonnie Queen filly, 6 to 1 Bucolion, and 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won a good race by half a length; six lengths between second and third. Juno was fourth, Bucolion fifth, and Portman last. Time—by Benson's chronograh, 1min. 4secs.

There was a decided improvement in the weather at Windsor on Saturday, the 15th, when the concluding stage was entered upon, although there were still evidences of the previous day's gale, which very probably affected the attendance also The programme was confined to six events, and, with one exception, the fields ruled faitly large, especialy in the Two-Year Old Selling Plate, which brought out fourteen runners. Business was resumed with the Flying Handicap, and backers started none too well in selecting Shenfield for favouritism, as the colt was not even placed, the winner turning up in Goodrest, the mount of K. Cannon. Fielders again were on the right side when, in a large field, odds of 11 to 8 were laid on Rightful, as he also was beaten out of a place. Maid of the Mint filly a 20 to 1 chance, winning by a length. Papola and Aquascutum were the fancied pair for the August Handicap at "twos," and, after a pretty finish, the first-named won by a length. Following up this success, Mr. W. M. G. Singer accounted for the Slough Heavyweight Selling Handicap with Phylloxera, who gave K. Cannon his second winning mount. W. Lanes bad run of luck seemed to follow him in the Meadow Welter, as on the favourite, Cheriton Belle, he could only get second to Pure Gold, and then the meeting terminated when Scullion easily won the Rothschild late, starting at evens.

THE FLYING HANDICAP—Of 167 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr J Tyler's ch h Goodrest, by Isobar—Zelica, 5 yrs, 9st 4lbs	K Cannon	1
Mr S Henry's ch g Egmont, 6 yrs. 8st 8lbs	Trigg	2
,, R McCroery's b c Brill, 3 yrs, 6st 12lbs	Griggs	3
,, R H Henning Briar Patch, 3 yrs, 7st 8lbs	Janek	0
,, G Edwardes's Country Boy, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	Compton	0
Mr E Courage's Shenfield, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs (car 8st)	Randall	0
Mr A Stedall's Exaltation, 5 yrs, 7st 7lbs	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by J. B. Tyler.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Shenfield, 4 to 1 each Goodrest, Briar Patch, and Brill, 6 to 1 Country Boy, 10 to 1 Egmont and 100 to 8 Exaltation (o).

Won by half a length: a neck between second and third. Exaltation was fourth, Shenfield fifth and Briar Patch last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 2⅘secs.

THE AUGUST HANDICAP—Of 252 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr W M G Singer's ch m Papola, by Tyrant—Poppy, aged, 7st 8lbs ...	Watt	1
Sir J Blundell Maple's bl or br a h Aquascutum, 6 yrs, 7st 13lb, ...	W Lane	2
Mr J Buchanan's b f Sankence, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs	Trigg	5
Mr R Kroker's Rodrigue II, 4 yrs, 9st ...	Martin	0
,, W Bass's Grey Tick, aged, 8st 8lbs ...	Hardy	0
,, J Collins's Decave, 4 yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	B Lynham	0
Sir R Waldie Griffith's Loch Leven, 4 yrs, 8st (rec 5lbs ex)	Griggs	0
Mr A P Cunliffe's Caper, 3 yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	B Dillon	0
Mr T Southall's Energetic, 5 yrs, 6st 13lbs	Knight	0

(*Winner trained by A. Taylor.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Aquascutum and Papola, 7 to 1 Caper, 8 to 1 Sankence, 10 to 1 each Grey Tick, Loch Leven, and Energetic, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won easily by a length; six lengths between second and third. Loch Leven was fourth, Rodrigue II. fifth, Grey Tick sixth, Energetic next, and Caper last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 10⅕secs.

STOCKTON MEETING.

The weather was delightfully fine at Stockton on the 19th and in consequence the attendance was large. Backers began badly by standing the veteran, Deep Sea, who had to give way to Fiorino, for the Norton Plate; but in the Stockton Stewards' Handicap they did the right thing over Martaban, though it was a very close finish between the winner and McMayne. Mr. Rothschild's Bass Rock performed very poorly in the Hardwicke Stakes, which after a rare tussle between Mousqueton and Sweet Duches filly, ended in favour of the former by a head. Only a quartette stripped for the Great Northern Leger, Lady Help, in receipt of 10lbs, from William Rufus, being a firm favourite. The race proved a match between this pair but Madden, riding very strongly defeated the filly in clever style. The biggest field of the day was seen out for the Mandale Selling Handicap, Trigg on Erroll winning for Mr. Eustace Barlow. The sport terminated with the popular victory of Sir Edgar Vincent's Midshipman in the Lambton Two Year Old Stakes. Madden had three winning mounts in the course of the afternoon.

THE GREAT NORTHERN LEGER.—Of 443sovs, for three year olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs, with penalties and allowances. One mile and five furlongs.

Mr J Musker's ch c William Rufus, by Melton—Simena, 9st 10lbs ...	Madden	1
Mr C T Pulley's b f Lady Help, 9st ...	Miller	2
Sir S Scott's b g Series, 8st	H Aylin	3
Mr R Sandford's Craigmount, 8st 10lbs ...	Dalton	0

(*Winner trained by Gilbert*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 on Lady Help, 13 to 8 agst William Rufus, 8 to 1 Series, and 100 to 6 Craigmount.

Won a lucky race by half a length; three lengths separated the second and third. Time—by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 53secs.

THE HARDWICKE STAKES.—Of 497 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 8st 12lb, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs, with penalties and allowances. 5 furlongs.

Mr Douglas Baird's b c Mousqueton, by Carbine—Musa, 9st 5lbs ...	H Aylin	1
Sir R Waldie Griffith's b f by Isinglass—Sweet Duchess 8st 4lbs	Croft	2
Mr L de Rothschild's gr c Bass Rock, 9st, 8lbs	K Cannon	3
Sir E Vincent's Orgueil, 8st 4lbs ...	O Madden	0
Mr J Lowther's Bilbao, 8st 11b ...	Watts	0
Mr Jas Joicey's f by Grand Duke—Queen of the Brine, 8st 11b	Lyne	0

(*Winner trained by Enoch.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Bass Rock, 4 to 1 agst Sweet Duchess filly, 100 to 14 Mousqueten, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won a fine race by a head; three lengths between second and third. Orgueil was fourth and Queen of the Brine filly last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min 2 ⅕ecs.

The executive of the Stockton Meeting had every reason to congratulate themselves on the successful close of the proceedings on the 20th, as, with good weather, the attendance was fully up to the average. Six events were down for decision, and backers made no mistake when they selected La Joie colt to win the Thornaby Two Year Old Selling, and they followed up this success by supporting Mr. King's Mimiery in the Middlesbrough Welter. The odds of 9 to 4 on Dumbarton Castle were never in doubt towards the finish; but Rosglas, a 6 to 1 chance, gave fielders a good turn when he won the Billingham Selling Handicap. Ethelbruce won the Wilton Welter Handicap, and Orme Shore brought the day's sport to a close by landing the Elton Two-Year Old Plate.

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Mr G A Prentice's b c Dumbarton Castle, by Wolf's Crag—Chemistry, 9st 11b ...	O Madden	1
‡Mr J Osborne's b c Roover Crag, 7st 13lbs	F Osborne	2
,, C J Blake's ch f by Lesterlin—Mary Hamilton, 8st 4lbs	Miller	3
Lord Farquhar's Gilbert Orme 9st 6lbs ...	H Aylin	0
Mr J Lowther's Blesilla, 8st 7lbs ...	Watts	0
,, H Sandford's St Barts, 8st 6lbs ...	Dalton	0

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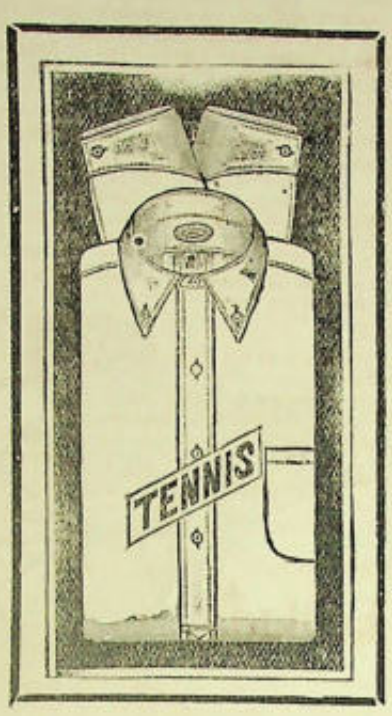

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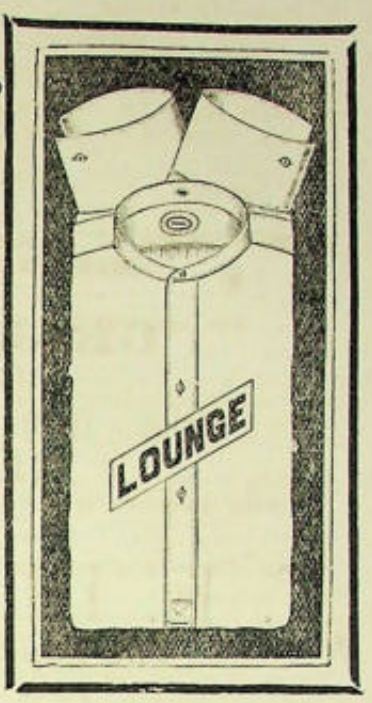

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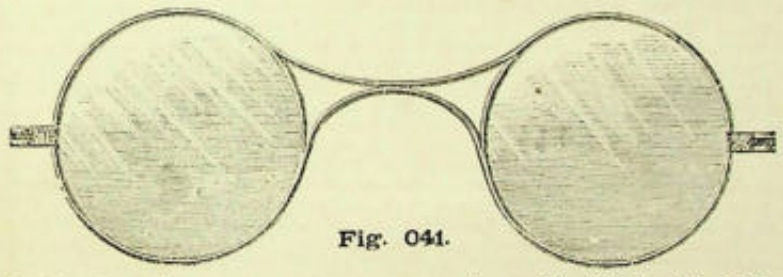

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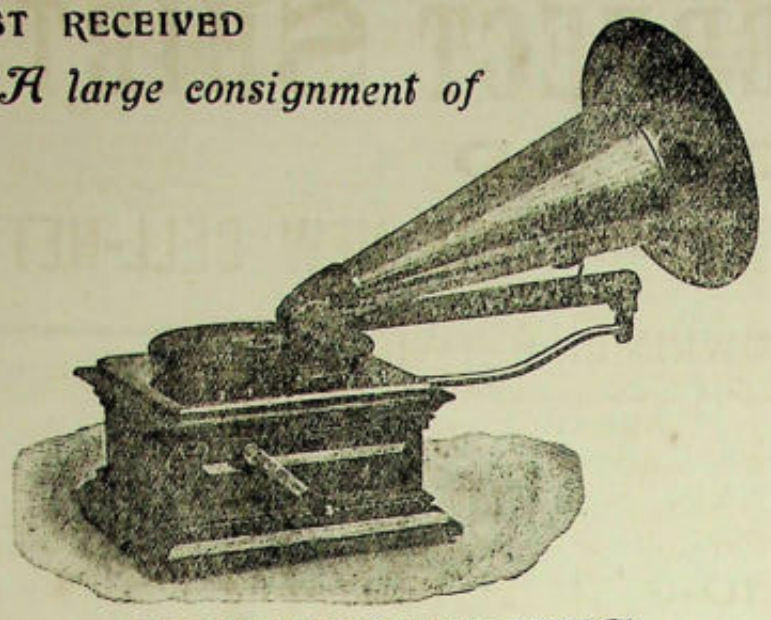

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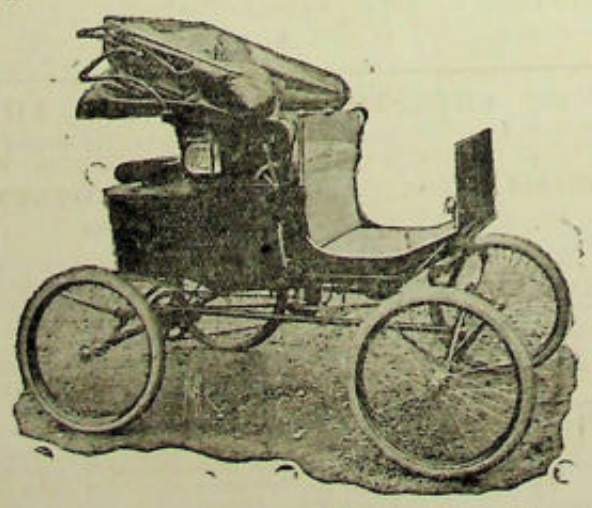

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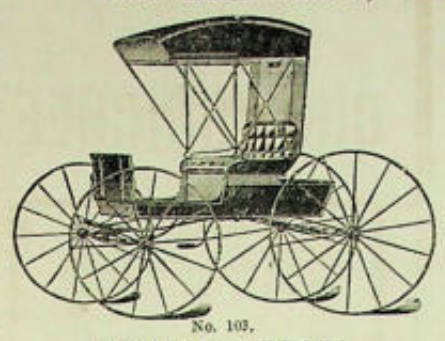

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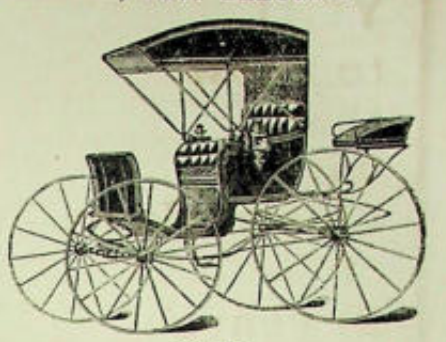

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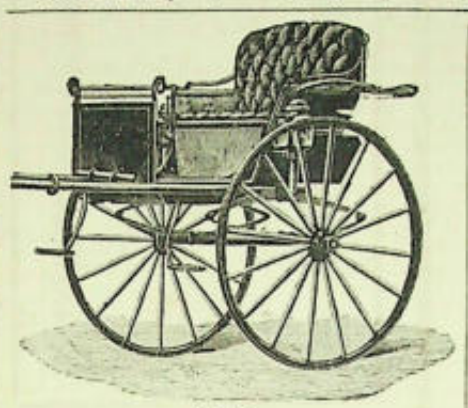

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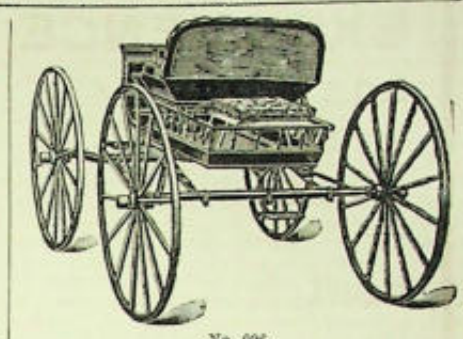

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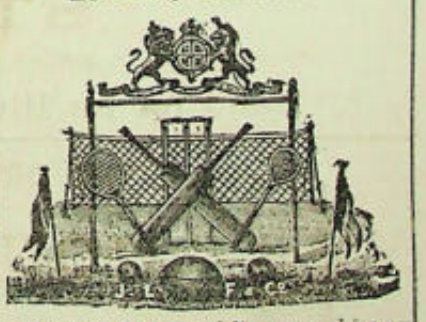

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CRICKET.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* KENT.—Played at Cheltenham on 13th, 14th and 15th August. Gloucestershire won by 219 runs. For once the Gloucestershire team ended the first day's play with more than a reasonable prospect of gaining a victory, although the members of the team must be so used to defeat that they could hardly have felt very confident. Cheltenham had escaped the rain which fell in most parts of England, and the wicket seemed a good one. Thanks to steady play by Rice and Wrathall and a useful innings by C. L. Townsend, Gloucestershire began well enough, and when C. O. H. Sewell was joined by Jessop for the fourth wicket the total was 87. Jessop was in brilliant form, and in the course of twenty minutes before luncheon the score was increased by 41, of which Jessop claimed 32. After lunch Jessop still continued his brilliant play, while Sewell took every opportunity of scoring. It was not until the partnership had put on 102 runs in a little less than an hour that Sewell was dismissed for an excellent innings. Jessop was out for 62, when only two more runs had been made. He scored his first fifty out of 81, and his 62 out of 102, and he was batting less than an hour. Just before Sewell was out the score stood at 189 for three wickets, but when eight were down it was only 228. Roberts and Dennett added 30 for the last wicket, the former making two-thirds of the runs. When Kent went in Roberts followed up his useful batting by bowling so well that the total was only 49 when half the men were out, Roberts taking the whole of the wickets in eleven overs for 15 runs. Afterwards Day and Hutchings put a better appearance on the game, and without being parted added 38 runs to the total. When the day's play ended Kent had made 87 for five wickets. On Friday no one except Day and Hutchings did much for them, and the innings ended 127 behind. Before stumps were drawn Gloucestershire had increased their lead by 146 for the loss of four wickets, and were thus in a very strong position. Wrathall was dismissed before a run had been scored, but Rice and C. L. Townsend then brought the total to 67. Rice, as usual, played a strictly defensive game, and was half-an-hour before he made a run. Nor did Townsend score very rapidly, and when he was dismissed he had been at the wickets for an hour and three-quarters. But both men played good cricket, and their stand was most useful. Jessop and Langdon stayed together until stumps were drawn, the former being not out 42, made in three quarters of an hours, and the latter not out 11. On Saturday Jessop was out almost as soon as play began, and Langdon did not last long. But W. S. A. Brown and Board made useful scores, and when the innings came out to an end Kent, with four hours and a quarter before them, had to make 348 to win. At lunch time the total was 37 for two wickets, and afterwards there was some slow cricket. But Gloucestershire always seemed to have a fair chance of getting the Kent team out in time, they were able, comfortably enough, to claim their first victory of the season. Burnup played a very sound not out innings.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
R W Rice, c and b Blythe ...	27	c Burnup, b Blythe ...	13
Wrathall, c Mason, b Fielder	42	b Blythe ...	0
C L Townsend, b Blythe ...	17	c Day, b Mason ...	53
C O H Sewell, c Hutchings, b Mason ...	39	c Blythe, b Mason ...	16
G L Jessop, c Day, b Fielder	62	b Mason	48
Langdon, c Dillon, b Blythe	30	c Day, b Blythe ...	17
W S A Brown, c Huish, b Fielder	5	c Burnup, b Hearne ...	36
Board, c Mason, b Blythe ...	1	b Hearne	20
L D Brownlee, c Blaker, b Fielder	0	b Hearne ...	0
Dennett, not out ...	7	b Blythe	4
Roberts, c Huish, b Mason,	22	not out	1
B 5, nb 1 ...	6	B 10, lb 2 ...	12
Total ...	258	Total ...	220

KENT.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C J Burnup, c Board, b Roberts	6	c Sewell, b Roberts ...	56
Hearne (A), c Brownlee, b Roberts	12	lbw, b Dennet ...	0
Seymour, c Townsend, b Roberts	7	b Dennett ...	12
E W Dillon, c Brown, b Roberts	14	b Dennett ...	25
S H Day, c Townsend, b Dennet	41	b Dennett ...	0
J R Mason, c Dennet, b Roberts	0	b Jessop	1
K L Hutchings, c Wrathall, b Roberts	31	st Board, b Dennett ...	12
R N R Blaker, c Jessop, b Dennet	11	b Dennett ...	1
Huish, c sub, b Dennet ...	1	run out	1
Blythe, c Board, b Roberts ...	0	b Roberts ...	4
Fielder, not out ...	0	not out	1
B 6, lb 1, w 1 ...	8	B 13, lb 1, w 1 ...	15
Total ...	131	Total ...	128

SOMERSET *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Taunton on 13th, 14th and 15th August. Somerset won by 4 wickets. On the first day of this match the play was so even that an interesting finish was to be looked for. Against a total of 186 Somerset scored 148 for the loss of 7 wickets. By far the most noticeable feature of the day's cricket was the splendid batting of L. C. H. Palairet, who was in brilliant form on a difficult wicket. He was batting for an hour and fifty minutes for his 97, which included twelve 4's. When he left the total was only 147 ; he made 70 out of the first hundred. While he was in with Lee some very attractive cricket was shown, and in the course of thirty-five minutes the pair increased the total by 61 runs. On the Worcestershire side H. K. Foster played a fine game, and the tail did very well indeed, notably Carson. On Friday it was not possible to begin play until three o'clock, and then the three remaining Somerset wickets fell for an addition of 6 runs, so that Worcestershire had a lead of 32. But Cranfield and Braund were in great form with the ball when Worcestershire went in a second time, and, with the exception of Caldwell, who carried his bat nearly through the innings which lasted about an hour and a half, nobody could play them. In the end Somersetshire had to make 105 to win, and in the course of the forty-five minutes which remained for play they lost three wickets for 39. On Saturday they had some anxious moments, but succeeded in pulling off the match with some ease.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
H K Foster, c Phillips, b Robson	42	c Philips, b Cranfield	12
Bowley, st Newton, b Braund	2	b Braund	2
W S Caldwell, c Samson, b Cranfield ...	0	not out	25
Arnold, b Robson ...	7	c Lee, b Cranfield ..	8
Wheldon, c Lewis, b Cranfield	16	c Newton, b Cranfield	0
G N Foster, lbw, b Braund ...	7	c Lee, b Braund ..	3
Gaukrodger, b Cranfield ...	17	c Newton, b Braund ...	8
Carson, not out ...	36	lbw, b Braund ...	0
Burrows, c Braund, b Cranfield	19	c Robson, b Braund ...	0
Bird, lbw, b Cranfield ...	5	c Hardy, b Cranfield	0
Keene, c Lewis, b Cranfield	12	c Robson, b Cranfield	11
B 16, lb 7	23	Byes	3
Total	186	Total ...	72

SOMERSET.

First innings.		Second innings.	
L C H Palairet, b Keene ...	97	c Pearson, b Bird ...	17
Braund, b Arnold	4	not out	17
Lewis, c Gaukrodger, b Arnold	0	b Keene	10
F A Phillips, b Arnold ...	10	run out	27
Robson, b Arnold ...	6	c and b Arnold ...	11
F M Lee, c Caldwell, b Bird...	24	b Arnold	9
O M Samson, c Wheldon, b Arnold	8	not out	5
Hardy, b Bird	0		
S M J Woods, c and b Bird...	2	c Wheldon, b Bird ...	2
A E Newton, c Arnold, b Bird	0		
Cranfield, not out ...	0		
B 2, lb 1	3	B 5, lb 4 ...	9
Total	154	Total (6 wkts) ...	107

SURREY *vs.* KENT.—Played at the Oval on 17th, 18th, and 19th August. Kent won by 292 runs.

KENT.

First innings.		Second innings.	
C J Burnup, c and b Clode ...	0	c Lockwood, b Richardson ...	64
Hearne (A), c Hayes, b Clode	11	b Lockwood ...	26
Seymour, c Clode, b Lees ...	1	b Lockwood ...	0
E W Dillon c Hayes, b Clode	6	c sub., b Lees ...	55
S H Day, run out ...	94	b Lockwood ...	0
J R Mason, b Lockwood ...	33	b Lockwood ...	15
K L Hutchings, c Strudwick, b Richardson	11	c Walker, b Lockwood	18
R N R Blaker, c Lockwood, b Lees	60	not out	13
Huish, b Lockwood ...	0	st Strudwick, b Lockwood	4
Blythe, not out	0		
Fielder, b Lockwood ...	0		
B 4, lb 1, nb 1 ...	6	B 11, lb 2 ...	16
Total	222	Total (8 wick)	*211

*Innings declared closed.

SURREY.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Holland, b Hearne ...	0	c Hutchings, b Blythe ...	18
Hayward, c Mason, b Blythe	37	absent ill ...	0
Hayes, c Huish, b Hearne ...	9	c Seymour, b Blythe...	8
E M Dowson, b Blythe ...	3	c Seymour, b Blythe ...	1
Capt H S Bush, b Blythe ..	6	b Hearne ...	10
Lockwood, c Hearne, b Blythe	3	c Blythe, b Hearne ...	2
L Walker, c Seymour, b Blythe	2	c Seymour, b Blythe ..	6
Lees, not out	4	c Blaker, b Hearne ...	7
Clode, c and b Hearne ...	0	not out	3
Strudwick, b Blythe ...	4	c Burnup, b Blythe ..	0
Richardson, b Blythe ...	11	b Hearne ...	0
B 4, lb 6	10	Byes ...	3
Total	89	Total ...	52

SUSSEX *vs* HAMPSHIRE.—Played at Portsmouth on 13th, 14th and 15th August. Sussex won by an innings and 20 runs.

HAMPSHIRE.

First innings.		Second inning.	
D A Steele, b Relf ...	5	c Bean b Cox ...	10
Stone, c Cox, b Relf ...	8	c Fry, b Cox ...	0
E M Sprot, not out ..	61	b Relf	2
A C Johnston, b Killick ...	7	b Relf	0
Llewellyn, c Fry, b Relf ...	21	c Heygate, b Cox ...	1
Bowell, c Smith, b Relf ...	23	c Brann, b Cox ...	14
F H Bacon, c Cox, b Relf -	0	st Butt, b Cox ...	12
E G Read, b Bean ...	4	run out ...	6
Langford, c Cox, b Bean ...	0	b Relf	3
Soar, lbw, b Killick	0	b Relf	3
Smoker b Killick ...	0	not out	0
B 18, lb 2, nb 3 ...	23	B 5, nb 1 ...	6
Total	152	Total ...	51

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, b Soar ...	43	R B Heygate, not out	8
Vine, lbw, b Langford ...	4	C L A Smith, b Langford	0
Killick, c Steele, b Langford	11	Cox, b Langford ...	5
K S Ranjitsingji, lbw, b Langford	95	Butt, b Soar ...	1
G Brann, b Langford ...	30	Bean, b Langford ...	4
Relf, c Steele, b Soar ...	9	B 1, lb 11, w 1 ...	13
		Total ...	223

ESSEX *vs.* LANCASHIRE.—Played at Leyton on 13th, 14th and 15th August. Lancashire won by 119 runs.

LANCASHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
A C Maclaren, c Lucas, b Tremlin	5	not out	52
R H Spooner, b Mead ...	17	lbw, b Douglas ...	7
Tyldesley, c Sewell, b Douglas	26	not out	20
H G Garnett, c Lucas, b Mead	78		
A H Hornby, b Mead ...	8		
Sharp, b Mead	8		
Hallows, c and b Tremlin ...	6		
Heap, c Russell, b Tremlin ...	4		
Cuttell, st Russell, b Mead ...	1		
Barnes, not out	5		
Worsley, b Mead ...	0		
Byes	10	Byes	5
Total	168	Total (1 wkt)* ...	84

*Innings declared closed.

ESSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
F L Fane, c Worsley, b Barnes	0	c Spooner, b Barnes ...	5
Sewell, c and b Barnes ...	5	c Worsley, b Barnes ...	5
P Perrin, c Heap, b Cuttell ...	35	c Worsley, b Cuttell ...	3
C McGahey, st Worsley, b Barnes	17	c Hornby, b Barnes ...	0
C J Kortright, c Hornby, b Barnes	0	c Sharp, b Barnes ...	9
J H Douglas, c Maclaren, b Barnes	6	c Hornby, b Hallows...	5
A P Lucas, b Barnes ...	0	c Hornby, b Barnes ...	0
Buckenham, c and b Cuttell	4	c Barnes, b Hallows ...	12
Tremlin, c Heap, b Barnes ...	0	lbw, b Barnes ...	5
Russell, T, not out ...	0	not out	3
Mead, c Hornby, b Barnes ...	2	b Hallows ...	11
Leg-bye	2	B 2, nb 2 ...	4
Total ...	71	Total... ...	62

GLOUCESTERSHIRE *vs.* WORCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Cheltenham on 17th, 18th and 19th August. Gloucestershire won by 109 runs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
R W Rice, b Keene ...	32	b Arnold	13
Wrathall, b Arnold ...	0	b Wilson	73
C L Townsend, b Wilson ...	52	c Keene, b Arnold ...	0
C O H Sewell, c Arnold, b Keene	8	b Wilson	8
G L Jessop, b Wilson ..	26	b Arnold	0
Langdon, b Wilson ...	13	lbw, b Arnold ...	0
W S A Brown, not out ...	9	lbw, b Wilson ...	5
Spry, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	3	b Wilson	0
Board, lbw, b Wilson ...	0	c and b Arnold ...	11
Dennett, b Wilson ...	0	b Wilson	0
Roberts, b Wilson ...	0	not out	2
B 3, lb 2	5	Byes	2
Total	148	Total ...	114

WORCESTERSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
W L Foster, c Brown, b Dennett	14	c Brown, b Dennett ...	15
Bowley, b Roberts ...	5	b Jessop	18
H K Foster, c Langdon, b Dennett	8	c Wrathall, b Roberts	2
Arnold, b Roberts ...	2	lbw, b Roberts ..	40
G E Bromley-Martin, c Rice, b Dennett ...	0	b Roberts ...	0
Wheldon, c Townsend, b Dennett	0	b Roberts ...	11
G N Foster, b Roberts ...	0	not out	13
Gaukrodger, c Dennett, b Roberts	1	c Board, b Roberts ...	0
Bird, not out	0	b Roberts... ...	2
Wilson (G.), c Jessop, b Roberts	4	c Jessop, b Roberts ...	6
Keene b Dennett ...	2	b Roberts ...	5
B 2, nb 8	10	Extras	4
Total ...	46	Total ...	116

YORKSHIRE *vs.* ESSEX.—Played at Sheffield on 17th, 18th and 19th August. Drawn.

YORKSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Brown, c Sewell, b Young ...	43	b Mead	27
Tunnicliffe, c Russell, b Mead	18	b Mead	7
Denton, c McGahey, b Douglas	2	not out	23
E Smith, c Douglas, b Mead	21	b Mead	1
Hirst c Russel, b Mead ...	3	not out	14
H Wilkinson, c Douglas, b Young	5		
Rhodes, b Young ...	5		
Haigh, c and b Mead ...	7		
Lord Hawke, b Mead ...	1		
Whitehead, not out ...	3		
Extras	7	Extras ...	4
Total ...	115	Total (3 wkt-)* ...	76

* Innings declared closed.

ESSEX.

First innings.		Second innings.	
F L Fane b Hirst ...	0	c and b Haigh ...	13
Sewell, c Denton, b Rhodes	13	lbw, b Rhodes ...	8
P Perrin, c Hawke, b Rhodes	47	lbw, b Haigh ...	1
C McGahey, b Haigh ...	4	lbw, b Rhodes ...	2
C J Kortright, b Haigh ...	11	c Haigh, b Rhodes ...	0
J H Douglas, b Haigh ...	7	c Haigh, b Rhodes ...	1
R F Keigwin, c Hunter, b Rhodes	0	b Haigh	0
Mead, c Denton, b Rhodes ...	10	not out	4
Young, c Denton, b Haigh ...	0	not out	0
Buckenham, not out ...	8	lbw, b Rhodes ...	3
Russell lbw, b Haigh ...	0	B 2, lb 1, nb 1 ...	4
Extras	6		
Total ...	106	Total (8 wkts) ...	36

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DERBYSHIRE *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Chesterfield on 17th, 18th and 19th. Drawn.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Quaife, c Humphries b Bestwick ...	0	Moorhouse b Bestwick	41
Devey, run out ...	66	Santall, c & b Lawton	2
Fishwick, lbw, b Hulme ...	27	Whittle, c Gregory, b Bestwick ...	5
Kinneir, b Bestwick ...	2	Hargreave, not out ...	1
Charlesworth c Bestwick, b Hulme	7	Extras ...	15
Lilley, c Humphries, b Bestwick	8	Total ...	226
Lovett, c Gregory, b Lawton	52		

Second innings :—Moorhouse, c Needham, b Lawton, 9 ; Devey, not out, 4.—Total (one wicket) 13 *

* Innings declared closed.

DERBYSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Ashcroft, b Hargreave ...	0	b Santall ...	8
Lawton, b Santall ...	48	c Devey, b Hargreave	18
Storer, run out	0	lbw, b Santall ...	7
Ollivierre, run out ...	19	c and b Santall ...	0
Needham, lbw, b Hargreave	0	lbw, b Santall ...	0
Warren, c Whittle, b Santall	22	b Santall	0
Gregory, c Lilley, b Santall...	0	not out	6
Else, c Kinneir, b Hargreave	0	not out	1
Hulme, b Hargreave ...	2		
Bestwick, b Hargreave ...	1		
Humphries, not out ...	1		
Extras ...	2	Wide	1
	95	Total (6 wkts) ...	41

OTHER MATCHES.

The following matches were abandoned : Yorkshire *vs.* Derbyshire, played at Harrogate on 13th 14th and 15th August ; Notts *vs.* Middlesex, played at Trent Bridge on 13th, 14th and 15th August ; Middlesex *vs.* Lancashire played at Lords on 17th, 18th and 19th August.

BOXING.

THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

There is more than one reason why the contest decided at the Yosemite Club, San Francisco, on Friday, 14th instant, between the two Californians, Corbett and Jeffries, was looked upon with a deal of suspicion. To begin with, there was not a penny staked by either side ; then the match was made in the most amicable manner, notwithstanding the old story about the men being deadly enemies ; further, there were the "funny" bets that Corbett would not last until the tenth round was reached—which he just did—and lastly, the remarkable physical disparity both in age and weight that existed between them. A reference to the appended table will indicate this :

JEFFRIES.

	Height.	Weight	Neck.	Chest.	Waist.	Biceps.
	ft. in.	lbs	in.	in.	in.	in.
Age.						
27	6 1	215	17½	43½	35	16

CORBETT.

	Height.	Weight.	Neck.	Chest	Waist.	Biceps.
	ft in	lbs	in	in	in	in
Age.						
27	6 1	189	17	38	33	14½

In fact, on paper, Jeffries had nothing more nor less than a gift, for who could have expected Corbett to make any better show than he did when the pair last met at the Seaside Club, New York, in May of 1900? Then "Pompadour" Jim made the running, was by far the cleverer, and would have won easily on points, but, after twenty-three of the twenty-five rounds had been fought, he was put out with a hard left-hand swing. If Corbett wanted a lesson he had it, and as he does not lack intelligence, he probably remembers what happened then. Besides he is experienced enough to know that no boxer—no matter how clever he be—can give away 2½st in weight and ten years in age. These reasons alone indicate that the match was nothing more or less than a gate-money affair, and from the reports to hand, it appears to have been highly successful. Ten thousand people were present, and it is said the takings amounted to 54,000dols., which would make even the loser's end of the pool more than the Post Office Savings Bank would accept as a single deposit. The most remarkable thing in connection with the contest was its attractive powers. Sportsmen from all parts of the American Continent were drawn to San Francisco to see the fight, notwithstanding the fact that Jeffries was a strong favourite at 5 to 2 on, and that there were not a few who said that it was all arranged for the "pictures." According to the reports of the contest, Corbett appears to have made several attempts to get in a good punch below Jeffries's heart, but, although landing on several occasions, he lacked the power necessary to shake the Herculean Californian. He clinched a deal and in the eighth round made a fine spurt, only to be beaten to a standstill in the tenth from several heavy swings on the body. Jeffries, it is said, was very quick on his feet, evaded his opponent cleverly, and all the time was reducing his man by swings on the body. Occasionally he hit low and the crowd called 'Foul!" but the referee, Mr Graney, let the affair go on until the end came, and Corbett, for the second time, was beaten by Jeffries. The latter is not yet one of the "has-beens," although at boxing men are veterans early in life. However, it is to be hoped that, at all events, "Pompadour" Jim will now forsake the ring for his second love—the stage. He has now quite a number of lost battles to his account, and thus may not prove such an attractive star as when he was undefeated ; but still, as he has plenty of "side" and is a good talker, he will no doubt be able to explain away these reverses

The light showed Jeffries alone in his class. He has never been in better condition or lighter on his feet, and his improvement in speed and skill astonished everybody. Corbett has lost his old-time speed, while the few blows he landed in the first part of the fight lacked sting. Corbett's physical condition, however, was all he claimed for it. He stood many of Jeffries's blows without wincing and came back with swinging rights and lefts, of which many landed. He was game to the end and made a number of facetious remarks, such as 'Watch him trying to knock me out!' or "Go ahead' knock me out!' At such times Jeffries only grinned and went at him harder than ever. Corbett did not keep away, but clinched at every opportunity. He also did some clever ducking, but from the first it was a hopeless case for him. He was the favourite in the galleries, and every blow which he got home was greeted with cheers.

In the first round Jeffries feinted, while Corbett stepped lively. Jeffries swung over his adversary's head, and a clinch followed. They were slow in breaking away, when Jeffries put a light left to Jim's ribs. Corbett got in a blow over Jeffries's heart, clinched, and put a hard right on Jeffries's body. They were careful in breaking, and Jeffries forced his man across the ring. Corbett then landed two rights over the heart. Jeffries laughingly exclaimed, "Ah!" It was evidently Corbett's plan to attack Jeffries's heart, for all his best blows were directed there.

In the third round Corbett had to run to avoid a rush. Jeffries gave indications of forcing matters and fighting in. In the fourth round the referee stopped the fight to look at Jeffries's glove, which had burst, thus giving Corbett a breathing spell. Hard fighting followed, Jeffries repeatedly landing hard swings, amid calls from the spectators that Jeffries was fighting foul. Corbett slipped to his knees from a left in the stomach.

In the fifth round Jeffries again scored on the stomach. Corbett looked tired when the gong rang, and there was no force behind this blows. Corbett went down for 9secs with a left on the chin in the sixth. It was a rough round, and ended with Jeffries chasing his man round the ring.

In the eighth Corbett staggered Jeffries with a blow on the nose and fought fiercely, sending in half a dozen good blows n the face. It was Corbett's round, and he was cheered wildly.

In the ninth Jeffries rushed like a mad bull. The faces of both men showed lumps. Corbett's fancy boxing tactics were useless against his burly antagonist, whose savage swings landed and began to tell. Corbett, however, kept cheerful, repeatedly taunting Jeffries with, "You can t knock me out!"

In the tenth round Jeffries stood straight up and came after his man without hesitation. They exchanged lefts to the face and then Jeffries got in his vicious stomach blows. After it was ended Corbett appeared to be suffering pain, and a chair was brought for him. When he had rested a minute he got up and shook hands with Jeffries, saying, "Jim, you beat me fairly. You stand alone. No one can touch you."

The fight was witnessed by 10,000 persons in the Mechanics' Pavilion, this being a record attendance in this country. The gross receipts were 54,000dols. The betting just before the fight was 2 to 1 in favour of Jeffries. Fitzsimmons was Jeffries's leading second.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

THE meet on the 3rd instant was at Golf Corner in drizzling rain. A line was crossed on the way to Jackal Shola, but the jack headed towards Bagman, and hounds were called off. A jack broke out of Jackal Shola on arrival at the place and made for Druid, then by Denmark Shola to the Bridle Road to below Cairn Hill, where hounds were stopped. Ballywood was next drawn blank. But a jack was viewed on Lawley's course and away they went after it ; over the course to Staircase, on the top of which hounds divided. Some made for Martyn's Shola and returned to Staircase, where the jack went to ground. The others with a fresh quarry got into the Yemakal Valley, the jack going to ground near Chemund.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

EVERY tide must have its ebb ; one cannot expect the full tide of prosperity always, and I am sorry to have to briefly chronicle a turn in the several weeks' wonderful good sport enjoyed by the above excellent pack. Three days' hunting were there this past week (for the Master generously chucked in a bye-day), but results were, I gather by no means up to the previous high standard, which indeed obviously could not last for ever, however desirable such a state of affairs must be. On the 30th August the meeting place was Chinchward station, outside the ten mile radius for dwellers in Poona and Wanowrie, though convenient for the gunner settlement in Kirkee. But even the distance failed to choke off several keen sportsman from the capital proper, and a fairly large field put in an appearance. On the previous occasion on which hounds met at Chinchward I remember that it was reported to me that the regular sugarcane coverts and surrounding land was practically under water and wholly unrideable. On this occasion luckily (or possibly unluckily) it was not so, for from all I can learn there was an abundance of jackals, but at the same time alas a superabundance of cane coverts. Hounds worked with wonderful patience and perseverance I believe, but the morning was spent in hustling jacks out of one patch only to see them pop into another in proximity, and hounds were eventually taken home without diminishing the plenteous supply of foxes at Chinchward. But such a plethora should mean great sport later on, if only it is the custom to cut the sugarcanes before hunting for the season ends.

The bye-day meet late in the morning was fixed for His Highness the Aga Khan's Palace near Yerowda, but only a few, I believe, availed themselves of the Master's well meant act of grace. A brace of jack were found during the morning, but were evidently lying up for their midday *siesta* and, like many of us feel at times, "could'nt run to save their lives," and both were run into after all too brief runs, and the Master then decided to take hounds back to kennels.

Kirkee Railway Station was the *cynre* for the 4th, as owing to the intermediary bye-day the meet was altered from the regular Thursday to Friday. Considering the handiness of the trysting place the number of sportmen who put in an appearance was not, I hear, very great. Some sugarcane stretching from the station to the Botanical Gardens outside the back gate of Government House demesne was drawn blank. Nothing daunted the Master then threw hounds into the Botanical Gardens, an almost certain find, but to general dismay even this safe harbourage was drawn blank too, and it was not till reaching a small patch of cane on the out skirts of the enclosure that welcome music proclaimed that the eagerly songht varmint was discovered. But the joy was short, lived, for just as hopes of a run must have risen high in many a sporting breast, the jack ran into a large *jowari* field close by, from which strived they never so keenly hounds were unable to evict him. Once the jack I hear made a bid for the open, but was evidently headed, for he turned back and frustrated in this one half hearted bid for freedom confined his further efforts to repeated evolutions in the crop till eventually the inevitable happened, and he was massacred in the thick of the crop. Most determined hunting on the part of hounds it was I am assured. A move was next made in the direction of the Bamburda hills and in some sugarcane another jack refused to break cover and paid the life penalty. Not a great day's sport, but it was no fault of hounds, whose work was, I am told, worthy of all praise.

SCARAMOUCH.

For the guidance of those taking part in the competition for the original Newmarket Town Plate, the following "orders of the day" were devised in the reign of Charles II.

One of the rules is worded as follows : " Every horse that rideth shall be bridled, saddled, and shod, and his rider shall weigh twelve stone, fourteen pounds to the stone, and every rider that wanteth above one pound and a half after he hath rid the heat shall win no plate or prize."

Another rule says : "Whosoever doth stop or stay any of the horses that rideth for this plate or prize, if he be either owner, servant, party, or bettor, and it appears to be willingly done, he shall win no plate, prize, or bets."

Moreover, "Every rider that layeth hold on, or striketh any of the riders, shall win no plate or prize."

Another rule confers on the judges the following power : "Any of the judges may call any of the riders at the end of any of the heats, and if he be found to have fraudulently cast away any of his weight, and want any more than his pound and a half, he shall lose the plate, prize, and stakes."

One more extract from these rules will suffice : "Whosoever winneth the plate or prize shall give to the clerk of the course twenty shillings, to be distributed to the poor on both sides of Newmarket, and twenty shillings to the clerk of the race, for which he is to keep the course plain and free from holes and cart roots."

Polo.

POONA JUNIOR POLO TOURNAMENT.

THE Poona Junior Polo Tournament has been won by the representatives of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry and well do they deserve their victory. They were put through a pretty severe ordeal and came out on top owing to their dashing play.

A most regrettable *contretemps* occurred during the course of this tourney and its recurrence should be guarded against in the future. The Bombay Gymkhana having won the first round, exception was taken to the fact that they played some of Mr. Wilson's (10th Hussars) ponies, he not being a member of the Poona Polo Club. An objection was also lodged under the rules of the junior tournament against the team playing more than one member who had played in a first-class tournament, it being alleged that Mr. Meynell, A. D. C. to the Governor, had played in a first-class tournament, Capt. Davie being the other.

On the score of riding ponies not belonging to the club the Committee were prepared to decide at once. Mr. Wilson was to have played in the Poona Gymkhana team and his ponies played in the practice games, but he himself went to Mhow and so he did not become one of the selected quartette. Under these circumstances the objection to the ponies was overruled, but the other point was referred to Quetta But while the answer was awaited the Poona Gymkhana appear to have declared the withdrawal of their team. This being the case the H. C. Lancea team which had been beaten by the Gymkhana was revivery and a match was played between them and the 3rd Bombay Cavalry as a semi-final. The latter team playing with good combination won and expected to make their next appearance in the final.

This was not to be, for a reply having been received to the effect that Mr. Meynell had not played in a first-class tournament at Quetta, it was notified that the Gymkhana would meet the Bombay Cavalry in the semi-finals.

There was a team which had scratched, revived. Once scratched it was to say the least a most peculiar proceeding to reinstate the Gymkhana team and it was distinctly hard lines on the 3rd Bombay Cavalry who had won the semi-finals to ask them to play it over again.

They objected strongly and eventually decided to play under protest stating that they would reserve their right to refer the matter to the Indian Polo Association.

The game was a very fast one and also a very even one, the game at the end of the fifth chukker being no one's. An extra chukker with widened goal posts however, resulted in the Cavalry winning by the narrowest of margins. This was most undoubtedly the best and fastest game played in the tournament.

The finals did not provide such a close game as was anticipated. It was feared that the Oxfords would lose the services of Weatherby, who was booked to sail on Wednesday, but the S.S. *Ramses* departure was deferred and so the Infantry team was represented at its full strength. Despite their two hard games the Cavalry ponies carried their tails jauntily and were as nippy as ever. For a time the exchanges were fairly even, but after the third chukker the Cavalry simply made rings round their opponents and scored freely, the Oxfords seldom having a chance to attack, being kept well occupied in clearing their country from the successive attacks of Alexander and Anderson.

For the victorious team chief credit must be given to Captain Alexander, who played a fine galloping game throughout the tournament. His hitting was very clean and generally he played a dashing game. Captain Anderson also did well, while Major Edwards as back most successfully cleared his keep even when most hotly assailed. The 3rd Bombay Cavalry have shown themselves good exponents of the game and they should stand a good chance in the open tournament. In Poona the junior tournament often kills the open fixture. Let us hope that will not be the case this year

SEMI-FINAL.

POONA GYMKHANA	*vs.*	3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY.
1 Mr Keighly, C I H		1 Duf Fazand Ali
2 Capt Meynell A D C		2 Capt Anderson
3 ,, Bremner, R E		3 ,, Alexander
Back : Capt Davie, Royal Scots		*Back* : Major Edwards

Umpires :—Lieut-Col Onslow, R E, and Capt Hewlett, C I H.

1st Chukker.—The Cavalry opened the attack. Anderson making a smart run down and scoring a subsidiary. Play remained in the Gymkhana quarter and only the sound defence of Davie saved scoring and later Keighly notched a subsidiary Some reckless play resulted in a free hit to the Gymkhana and Davie just missed the goal but scored a subsidiary. Another foul against the mounted arms gave Davie a second free hit but Alexander saved disaster. Chukker in favour of Gymkhana ; Cavalry a bit two eager. Score: Gymkhana 2 subs., Cavalry 1 sub. Time—5mins. 9 secs.

2nd Chukker—Fine up and down play opened this round the Cavalry making a splendid run down, while the Gymkhana a little later made a smart a sweep down the field, but neither effort was productive of scoring. Later Meynell by a brilliant individual run scored a subsidiary. Thence onwards the Cavalry prevailed and scored two subsidiaries through Edwards and Alexander. Score : Gymkhana 3 subs., Cavalry 3 subs. Time—12 mins 2 secs.

3rd Chukker—Rough play on the part of the Cavalry gave Bremner a free hit for goal, of which he did not fully avail himself. Alexander receiving the ball from Edwards scored a subsidiary and then the Gymkhana team combining with great effect crowned their efforts with a goal. The Gymkhana distinctly held their opponents up after this till the bell sounded. Score : Gymkhana 1 goal 3 subs., Cavalry 4 subs. Time—17 mins. 2secs.

4th Chukker.—The Cavalry opened with great determination and for a spell the Gymkhana were kept actively engaged in defending their country. No score, however, resulted till Bremner scored a minor point, wild riding followed and a dangerous foul against the Gymkhana was the closing feature of this round. Score : Gymkhana 1 goal 4 subs., Cavalry 4 subs. Time—23 mins. 12 secs

5th Chukker.—Some smart passing by the Cavalry gave Anderson possession and he equalised amidst the wildest excitement. Score : Gymkhana 1 goal 4 subs., Cavalry 1 goal 4 subs. Time—25 mins.

Extra Chukker.—This necessitated an extra chukker of five minutes with the goal posts widened. After some quick play the Cavalry got hold of the sphere, and Edwards fed Fazand Ali nicely with the result that the latter scored the winning point as nothing was scored after the subsidiary struck by him, though the Cavalry were distinctly dangerous on more than one occasion thereafter. Score : Gymkhana 1 goal 4 subs., Cavalry 1 goal 5 subs. Time—25 mins.

THE FINALS.

3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY	*vs*	OXFORD.
1 Duf Fazand Ali		1 Mr Weatherby
2 Capt Anderson		2 ,, Keyworth
3 ,, Alexander		3 Capt Carter
Back Major Edwards.		*Back* Capt Firth

Umpires—Captain Davie, Royal Scots, and Major Gebbs, R. F. A.

1st Chukker.—The Oxfords were quickest on the ball, but the Cavalry securing possession Alexander from a combined run down scored a goal. Up and down play of an inconclusive character closed the chukker. Score : Cavalry 1 goal Oxfords *nil*. Time—5mins. 8secs.



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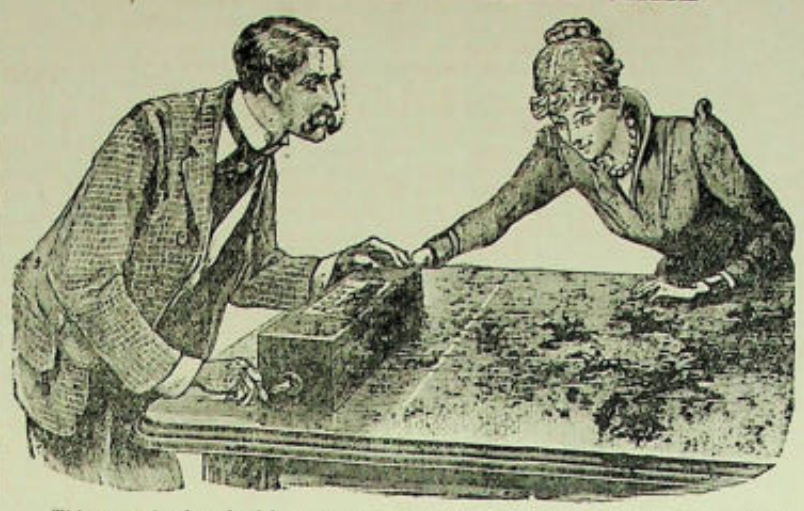

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2nd Chukker.—Gallop and attack as they would neither side could score, but the Cavalry certainly held the upper hand. Score: Cavalry 1 goal, Oxfords *nil*. Time—10 mins. 10secs.

3rd Chukker.—Alexander swooped the ball from the throw in and added a minor to the score. The Oxfords now bucked up but were soon stopped and some neat combination on the part of Edwards and Alexander resulted in the latter adding a goal to the score. Score: Cavalry 2 goals 1 sub. Time—15 mins. 23secs.

4th Chukker.—The Cavalry attacked strongly and Anderson was able to break through the defence of Davie and scored a goal. The Oxfords now looked like scoring, but despite two well-directed attacks were prevented from scoring. Later the Duffadar broke away and notched a goal. Score: Cavalry 4 goals 1 sub, Oxfords *nil*. Time—21 mins 36 secs.

5th Chukker—Playing for all they were worth the Oxfords were unable to stop their opponents. Anderson scoring a goal and the Cavalry keeping up the attack harrassed the Oxfords till the call of time. Score: Cavalry 5 goals 1 sub. Oxfords *nil*. Time—25 mins

At the end of the game Sir Robert Low handed the Cup to the winners, congratulating them on their victory.

THE GULMARG TOURNAMENT.

The Polo Tournament commenced on Monday, the 24th August.

Owing to the unprecedental weather and the uncertainty as to whether the Polo ground would be fit for play or not several teams withdrew and the members went away, no practice being possible till a day or two before the date fixed for the tournament so only 6 teams came to the scratch. The first game was between Royal Artillery *vs.* Bengal Cavalry.

At the commencement it appeared as if the Cavalry were going to walk away. Fortunately it was not the case as the Royal Artillery played up pluckily kept pace with their opponents till they were 4 goals 3 subsidaries all. There was little or no combination, each man appeared to do the best he coulc for his side The play was not brilliant. Capt. Smith, Bengal Cavalry, was good and hit well. Anderson backed him up and acquitted himself satisfactorily. No. 4 was the weak one. For the Royal Artillery Murray was prominent. There was too much missing and loose hitting when there was a chance of making a goal: in the 3rd chukker the Cavalry forged ahead, then the Royal Artillery caught them up but failed to keep their position. The fifth chukker settled the question as the Cavalry made three goals in succession, and the game ended: Bengal Cavalry 8 goals and 5 subsidiaries to Royal Artillery 4 goals and 3 subsidiaries.

Bengal Cavalry Team	*vs.* R. A. Team.
1 Mr Muspratt	Mr Newland R A
2 " R Anderson	" Boyd, R H A
3 Capt Smith	" Murray, R A
4 Mr Vanrenen	" Furse, R A

Umpire—Capt C. Davies.

The next game was between the Q. O. Corps of Guides and Kashmir Club A team. This was a runaway game as there was no holding the Guides in check, they got 3 goals and 1 subsidiary in the first chukker, three goals in the second chukker, two in the third chukker without anything for the other side in the fourth chukker. A team got 1 goal, and 1 goal in fifth chukker against 4 goals and 2 subsidiaries by their opponent. Buist and Hodson were a host in themselves. Davies and Hay were not wanting by any means. If the Guides had liked they might have piled up any number of goals. Last year the Guides' Subaltern team was beaten by the 4th Dragoon Guards, so this year the Guides sent a senior team who from their play appear irresistible. Guides 14 goals 4 subsidiaries to 4 goals.

Q. O. Corps of Guides.	Kashmir Club A Team.
1 Mr Bruce Hay	1 Capt Booth
2 Capt Davies	2 Major Simpson
3 " Buist	3 Capt Carter
4 Major Hodson	4 Mr Barron

The best game was that between Punjab Frontier Force, and Bengal Cavalry team, there was little to choice between them, both played good polo. Muspratt showed up well, hitting strong and true and was well backed up by Anderson. It was give and take throughout the sixth chukker. Captain C. Davies, a good all-round man, came to the front, and Henslow backed him up. The attacks at goal were well delivered and the defence on both sides good. If Davies made a goal for his side, Anderson or Muspratt would respond with one for their side. It was a game well worth seeing. At the end of the sixth chukker the P. F. F. had 4 goals 4 subsidiaries to the Cavalry's 4 goals 4 subsidiaries. The goals were then widened for another chukker to decide the tie. Good play ensued in the middle of the ground, but Davies at last took the ball to the goal and scored. Again the fight was desperate till the P. F. F. were not to be denied. They passed their adversaries time after time and again secured a goal. Worsley and Peck backed up Davies and Henslow well, Muspratt and Vanrenen doing their best to avert defeat. The chukker ended with another goal. P. F. F. 7 goals 4 subsidiaries to Cavalry's 4 goals 4 subsidiaries.

Punjab Frontier Force.	Cavalry.
1 Mr Worsley	1 Mr. Muspratt.
2 Capt C Davies	2 Mr. R. Anderson.
3 " Henslow	3 Capt. R. Smith.
4 " Peck	4 Mr. Vanrenen.

The game between Kashmir B team and Guides was not interesting as the Guides playing well heaped up goal after goal, lathough Lee and Featherstonhaugh did their best, being well backed up by Major Macan. The sixth chukker ended: Q. O. Guides 7 goals 2 subsidiaries to 2 goals 4 subsidiaries.

Kashmir B Team.	Q. O. Guides.
1 Mr Lee	1 Mr Bruce Hay
2 " Watson.	2 Capt Davies
3 " Featherstonhaugh.	3 " Buist
4 Major Macan.	4 Major Hodson

The finals were played between the Q. O. Guides and P. F. F. team, a real good game ensued. The Guides had a very strong team, well organised and drilled and accustomed to play together. The P. F. F. were well mounted, but owing to the recent heavy rain had had little or no practice together, so were at a disadvantage. Buist, a very strong hitter, seldom failed, and Hodson a sure No. 4, were a host in themselves, especially with such good players as Captain F. Davies and Bruce Hay. The first chukker ended by Guides getting two goals against 1 subsidiary by P. F. F.

In the second chukker the P. F. F. got a goal and 1 subsidiary, the Guides could only manage one subsidiary. The third chukker was hard fought at last. Davies hit a goal for the Guides, and Henslow secured a subsidiary missing the goal by 6 inches. The Guides got the ball and Hay made a subsidiary. The 4th chukker showed good play the P. F. F. were very unlucky, making three subsidiaries in one of them. The ball struck the goal post. Captain F. Davies secured a goal and 1 subsidiary with the greatest difficulty. Fifth chukker was a hard fought one, both sides seemed to be getting tired. At last Hay made a good back hander and passed the ball through the goal. In the sixth chukker time was short but the play was good. The P. F. F. worked hard and hit past the goal. The Guides closed the chukker with one of Buist's hard hits. Thus ended the contest for the Challenge Shield. Q. O. Guides 6 goals 5 subsidiaries, P. F. F. 1 goal 6 subsidiaries.

Q. O. Guides.	Punjab Frontier Force.
1 Mr Bruce Hay	1 Mr Worsley
2 Capt F Davies	2 Capt C Davies
3 Capt Buist	3 " Henslow
4 Major Hodson	4 " Peck

In the evening the prizes were given away by Mrs. Colvin. The Guides walked off with the large silver challenge shield, and a miniature shield for each of the team.

POLO AT LUCKNOW.

AFTER many postponements, due to the state of the ground, a start was made on Monday, 31st August, in the Polo Tournament for a cup presented by Colonel Humphery, who is shortly retiring from the command of the Gloucesters. Only one tie was finished on Monday, that between the 6th Bengal Cavalry and the East Surreys, which resulted as follows:—

6th B. C.		East Surreys
Mr Craigie		Mr Stafford
Mr Craster	beat	Mr Robinson
Capt Newnham		Capt De la Fontaine
Khubi Ram		Mr Storey

By 5 goals 2 subs. to 2 goals.

The Cavalry had a fairly easy task, as the East Surreys were a more or less untried team; a little more practice, however, will do a lot, and this team should be heard of again.

On Wednesday, two ties, begun on Monday, were finished, the competing teams being the Gunners *vs.* the Gymkhana, and the 5th D.G.'s *vs.* the Gloucesters.

The following were the results:—

R. A.		Gymkhana.
Mr Armitage		Mr Fremantle
Mr Stanley	beat	Mr Baker
Major Baikie		Capt Gardner
Col Massy		Col Reid

By 4 goals 3 subs. to 3 goals.

The Gunners, who were without Colonel Massy, on the sick list, pressed hard the whole game. But for Colonel Reid, who played a splendid game, the defeat of the Gymkhana would have been very much heavier than it was.

5th D. G's.		Gloucesters.
Mr Pankhurst		Mr Richmond
Major Stuart	beat	Mr Symons
Mr Head		Mr Sweedie
Capt Clay		Mr Ruck

By 3 goals 3 subs. to *nil*.

The Gloucesters were hardly up to form in this game, and the 5th walked round them.

On Friday, in the semi-finals, the 5th D. G's. met the R. A., somewhat to the latter's discomfiture.

5th D. G's.		R. A.
Mr Pankhurst		Mr Stanley
Major Stuart	beat	Mr Armitage
Mr Head		Major Baikie
Capt Clay		Col Massy

By 5 goals 2 subs. to 1 goal 4 subs.

Although they were playing their full team on Friday, the R. A. did not succeed in making much of a game of it against the 5th D. G's.

TOURNAMENT AT BANGALORE.

A tournament is being held on the American system of scoring. Seven teams have entered. The game consists of three five-minute chukkers and the team with the greatest number of won games wins the tournament.

On the 1st instant Carabiniers B team (+5) beat the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers (+3) by 11 goals to 9.

The R. A. and R E. Team (scr.) beat the Mounted Infantry (+7) by 8 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 7 goals.

The Rovers (+9) beat the Durhams (+7) by 14 goals and 1 subsidiary to 11 goals and 3 subsidiaries.

On the 3rd instant the Magpies (+7) defeated the Carabiniers A Team (+4) by 8 goals to 5.

The Durhams (+7) beat the Carabiniers B (+5) by 7 goals and 1 subsidiary to 6 goals and 1 subsidiary.

The Rovers (+9) beat the R. A. and R. E. Team (scr.), neither side scoring.

The Mounted Infantry (+7) beat the Imperial Service Lancers (+3) by 9 goals to 6 goals and 2 subsidiaries.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT NAGPUR.

Nagpur Gymkhana *vs.* Royal Scots.—Played on the Gymkhana ground. The home team beat the Royal Scots by 33 runs, Mr Cleveland playing a fine innings of 76. Score:—

Nagpur Gymkhana.			
Mr Cleveland, c McKenzie, b Martin	...	...	76
Mr Hullah, c Ricketts, b McKenzie	...	...	22
Mr Harriott, l-b-w, b Lumsden	...	...	1
Mr Ali Hassan, l-b-w, b Pickett	...	...	7
Mr Blunt, c Wilson, b Pickett	...	...	6
Capt Goring-Jones, not out	...	...	28
Mr Beddy, c Pickett, b Sanderson	...	...	4
Mr Lowsley, not out	...	...	18
Mr Hogarth, Mr Fanshawe, Mr Mell	did not bat.		
Extras	...	...	13
*Total	...	...	175

*Innings declared closed.

Royal Scots.			
Sgt Hibbard, b Ali Hassan	...	...	12
Pte Lister, b Ali Hassan	...	...	2
Corpl McKenzie, b Ali Hassan	...		24
Lieut Lumsden, c Lowsley, b Ali Hassan	...	...	32
Lieut Smith, b Ali Hassan	...	...	17
Pte Colvel, c Cleveland, b Bullah	...	...	4
Corpl Pickett, b Ali Hassan	...	...	11
Lieut Sanderson, c Hullah, b Ali Hassan	...	...	19
Lieut Pearce, c Hogarth, b Ali Hassan	...	...	1
Corpl Martin, not out	...	...	6
Sergt Wilson, not out	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	11
Total	...	...	142

CRICKET AT POONA.

Civil Service *vs.* Ganeshkhind.—The Government House team beat their opponents by 45 runs in the match played at Ganeshkhind on the 1st instant Score:—

Ganeshkhind.			
Mr Winterbottom, b Elliott	...	...	11
Mr Langhorne, c sub, b Crump	...	...	0
Sergt Fillis, c Carmichael, b Crump	...	...	1
Mr Macdonogh, b Gibb	...	...	41
Vet-Col Hazelton, st Boyd, b Mead	...	...	10
Capt Bayford, c Heaton, b Campbell	...	...	26
Capt Crawford, c and b Elliott	...	...	12
Major Beevor, b Crump	...	...	8
Capt Meynell, c Stewart, b Campbell	...	...	26
Mr Hill, not out	...	...	2
Mr Macqueen, c Carmichael, b Crump	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	10
Total	...	...	150

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INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr J C Mead, b Macdonogh	22
Mr M C Gibb, l-b-w, b Macdonogh	10
Mr C S Campbell, l-b-w, b Winterbottom	13
Mr J Sladen, c and b Macdonogh	6
Mr R E Elliott, st Bayford, b Hazelton	9
Mr R B Stewart, b Macdonogh...	3
Mr K R Barlee, b Macdonogh	9
Mr G Carmichael, c and b Macdonogh	0
Mr L C Crump, run out	5
Mr F K Boyd, not out	14
Mr J G Heaton, b Macdonogh	2
Extras	12
Total ...	105

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* POONA YOUNG CRICKETERS.—Played on the Gymkhana ground on the 3rd instant and ended in a draw. Score :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr Faviell, c Tambe, b Mehendale	32
Mr Hardy, c Agashe, b Joshi	0
Mr B Carroll, l-b-w, b Joshi	30
Col Hazelton, c Agashe, b Mehendale	21
Capt Davey, c Tambe, b Joshi	31
Mr Sargent, c Bopatker, b Joshi	88
Mr Hawley, c Barve, b Mehendale	8
Capt Logan, c Bopatker, b Joshi	6
Capt Harbord, not out	12
Capt Stiffe, b Joshi	1
Mr Bager Shah, c Agashe, b Karve	9
Extras	9
Total ...	191

POONA YOUNG CRICKETERS.

Mr Shevde, c Hawley, b Faviell	24
Mr Barve, c and b Hawley	25
Mr Samel, run out	22
Mr Bopatker, b Hazelton	12
Mr Tambe, not out	13
Mr Mehendale, c Faviell, b Harbeard	0
Mr Karve, c Hazelton, b Hardy ... —	2
Mr Kulkarani, c Hardy, b Carroll	0
Mr Agashe, not out	1
Mr Joshi ... ... } did not bat.	
Mr Mehendale ... ... }	
Extras	22
Total (for 7 wkts.) ...	121

Football.

RUGBY IN CALCUTTA.

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP.

The drawings in this competition took place last Saturday with the following results :—

1ST ROUND.

A.—Calcutta F. C (A) team *vs.* Customs.
B.—United Service *vs.* Calcutta United.
(To be played off by the 14th September.)

2ND ROUND.

C.—Calcutta (B) team *vs.* Armenian Club.
D.—Madras Gymkhana *vs.* West Ridings.
E.—City *vs.* Welsh Regiment.
F.—Winners of A *vs* Winners of B.
(To be played by the 15th September.)

3RD ROUND.

X.—Winners of F *vs.* Winners of C.
Y.—Winners of D *vs.* Winners of E.
(To be played by the 17th September.)

FINAL.

X. *vs.* Y.
(To be played on the 19th September.)

ENGLAND *vs.* SCOTLAND.—This annual match was played on the Calcutta ground last Saturday and resulted as was expected in a win for England. The ground was heavy and consequently "scrums" were very frequent. The Scotchmen kicked off and Macdonald got away, but was brought up and the English forwards getting possession a pass from Browne to Landon resulted in the latter crossing the line. Siddons adding the extra points. Loose play followed till Williams got away with a good run and passing out to Landon the latter got over once again. Siddons did the needful and the interval arrived with England leading by 2 goals to *nil*. In the second half play was very scrambly and "scrums" the order of the day. Siddons and Browne each scored a try, the former's being converted. The Scotchmen were unable to score and England thus won by 3 goals and a try (18 points) to *nil*

CALCUTTA B *vs.* ARMENIAN CLUB.—These teams met on the 7th instant on the Calcutta ground, the home team playing thirteen men and the visitors having one short. The game was contested in midfield at the start, then the Armenians got away and Dundas passed to Yakelee, who scored their only try. Peters failed with the place and loose scrums in the home "25" followed. Berridge relieved by finding touch and from the line out some fine passing by the Calcutta backs resulted in A Siddons getting over. No goal resulted, but play ruled very fast, Martelli doing good work. On resuming after half-time the home team invaded the visitors' "25" and were awarded a free kick for off side. Dick dropped a splendid goal. The Calcutta back division continued to give good exhibitions of passing and the three quarters taking the ball down Walter crossed the line. Martelli converting Calcutta thus won by two goals (one penalty) and a try, (11 points) to a try (3 points).

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE meeting between Calcutta and a scratch team representing the United Services furnished one of the best games of the season, both from a player's and spectator's point of view. The play was principally confined to the forwards, but there was a welcome absence of those continual scrimmages which are so monotonous, and both sides played a fast loose game. The scratch team had the valuable services of that fine forward Curtis-Hayward, who played a sterling game throughout, and the ultimate defeat of the premier club was largely due to his efforts. McLeod, Macdonald and F. Siddons were not playing for Calcutta, who otherwise had a good team, though they were outplayed in every department of the game, but especially so at half-back, where Arundel and Crawford combined well and gave the Service three-quarters innumerable chances, of which they generally availed themselves. A pretty bout of passing initiated by Crawford resulted in Landon getting through, but on being stopped by Newton he handed to Thomson, who scored the first try, which Brown failed to convert.

After the interval P. H. Browne picked up from a loose rush and dashed over with a try, which he converted and thus the premier club led by two points. Subsequently, however, Curtis-Hayward scored twice and thus enabled his side to claim a hard but well-earned victory.

Besides the players already mentioned, Browne, Szczepanski, and Stevenson were very noticeable, the tackling of the last mentioned being especially fine, while Maxwell kicked and tackled better than we have yet seen him. For the losers Berridge, Browne, and Simpson in the pack and Martelli and Dundas outside the scrum worked hard, but the forwards, as a whole, are not a hard-working lot and unless they improve in this respect will find themselves beaten when they have to meet a heavy team of hard scrummagers.

The success which attended the United Services in the game against Calcutta has led them to form a club of their own and they have entered, what promises to be a strong fifteen, for the Cup. This means that neither Browne, Landon, nor Crawford will be available for Calcutta, which undoubtedly will appreciably weaken the team and consequently their prospects of success are not so rosy as they originally appeared. However they have lots of good material to fall back upon, and if defeated will only succumb after a hard struggle.

The annual match between England and Scotland came off before a good attendance on Saturday last, but the team representing the Land o' Cakes was weakened at the last moment by the failure of such men as Caw and Watson to turn out, and this, combined with the strength of the Englishmen, resulted in a somewhat one-sided game. The English forwards, who proved faster and cleverer than the opposing pack, invariably obtained possession of the ball and consequently gave their outside men innumerable opportunities, of which Landon, Siddons and Williams made full use—the former, who scored three times, being in rare form. Macdonald and McEwan, who represented the Scotchmen at half, played a good defensive game, but the former was too well marked by Williams to become dangerous, and McEwan's want of condition was very noticeable during the second half. Of the forwards Curtis-Hayward was far and away the best on the field, but he was well backed up by Berridge, Harnack, and the two Browner. Heilgers, Dunlop, and Whitie played well for Scotland, but the best display was given by the Soccer International Fyfe, who was constantly conspicuous for clever dribbling and hard round tackling. It is a pity he does not play more regularly as he has all the makings of a really brilliant forward. Dundas and Newton were the best of the outsides, but it was in this department of the game that England showed immense superiority.

The accident to Curtis-Hayward on Saturday last will prevent him from playing again this season, a stroke of desperately bad luck both for him and for the Calcutta team, to whom his absence will make an incalculable difference, as it is quite impossible to adequately replace him.

The draw for the Cup Ties may be considered to have panned out satisfactorily, as although the United Services and Calcutta should have no difficulty in defeating Calcutta United and Customs respectively, the meeting of the two sides, which will probably take place on Saturday next, should furnish a rare struggle. I anticipate that the advantage forward will rest with Calcutta, but that the Service halves, Arundel and Crawford, will prove a better combination than McDonald and McEwan who, it must be remembered, have only played together once this season.

At three-quarters the teams will be fairly evenly matched. Landon is playing a fine game, but the same remark applies to Martelli, who has improved wonderfully since his first few mediocre displays. Dundas will be opposed by Bagshaw and there is nothing to choose between this pair, but the Services do not appear to have anyone capable of coping with the combination of the brother Siddons, and this weakness should give the premier club the victory, but only by a small margin.

The following are the Calcutta teams as finally selected :—

A team.—Newton, Dundas, Martelli and the brothers Siddons Macdonald and McEwan, Berridge, McLeod, Heilgers, Whitie, Browne, Dunlop, Bell, and Dick.

B team.—H. Sherman, Walker, Glanley, Hemingway, and Morbey, Jacob and King, Harvey, France, Black, Black, Horncastle, Vick, Piercey, and Knox Ord.

The Armenian Club should defeat the "B" team of Calcutta, although the probable inability of Yackjee to play, in consequence of an accident, will weaken their side, and the Welsh should not experience much difficulty in disposing of the City. Madras are probable non-starters, which will give the West Ridings a walk over in the second round, but their meeting with the Welsh in the third round should be one of the best matches of the Tournament. Present appearances point to the United Services or Calcutta having to meet the Welsh or West Riding Regiment in the final, but as neither of the military teams have arrived, criticism of their capabilities must be held over till next week.

Rugby football in the local schools and colleges must be at a very low ebb if the entries for the Cup presented by the premier club is to be taken as an indication, as only two teams were found to be willing to "do battle" and the standard of play was poor in the extreme.

The Armenian College eventually won easily and deservedly so, as the Martinière boys showed a respect for possible damage to their limbs which was not commendable. The winners infused considerable dash into their game, but their passing was erratic and kicking weak—in fact the team as a whole was far below the standard of previous years.

In view of this *fiasco* it would be as well if the conditions of this tournament were so altered as to insist upon a minimum number of entries being obtained—failing which there should be no competition.

IMPARTIAL.

C. F. C. PLACE KICKING COMPETITION.

The place kicking competition for the Silver Challenge Bowl was brought off on the Calcutta ground last Tuesday. The conditions were to kick from five different positions at each goal. Eleven competed, Messrs E. Martelli and C. G. Newton tying with five goals each. They tried again and once more placed five goals each. At the third attempt however, Mr. Martelli placed four goals in succession, his opponent only securing one out of four. Mr. J. G. Dixon, president of the Club, presented the cup to Mr. Martelli at the conclusion of the competition. Scores :—

	Fort end goal.	Garden end goal.	Total.
E Martelli	0 0 1 0 1=2	0 1 1 1 0=3	=5
C G Newton ...	0 1 1 0 0=2	1 1 1 0 0=3	=5
P H Browne... ..	0 1 1 0 0=2	0 1 1 0 0=2	=4
W A France... ...	0 1 1 0 0=2	0 1 1 0 0=2	=4
A Siddons	0 1 1 0 0=2	1 0 1 0 0=2	=4
K M Macdonald ...	0 1 1 1 0=3	0 0 1 0 0=1	=4
V Cooper	0 1 1 0 0=2	0 1 1 0 0=2	=4
F B Siddons... ...	0 0 1 0 1=2	0 1 0 1 0=2	=4
J C W Dick	0 1 0 0 1=2	0 0 0 1 0=1	=3
H M Sherman ...	0 0 1 0 1=2	0 0 0 0 0=0	=2
C M Browne ...	0 0 0 0 0=0	0 0 1 0 0=1	=1

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Golf.

GOLF AT POONA.

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE *vs.* THE WORLD.—Played at Yerrowda, the World winning by six games to one. Score :—

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

The Hon Mr Edgerley	5 up
Mr F K Boyd	3 down
Sir James Monteath	3 down
Mr Muir Mackenzie	6 down
Mr Morrison	2 down
Mr Heaton	5 down
Mr R B Stewart	all square
Mr Carmichael	2 down

THE WORLD.

Mr T W Fry	5 down
Major Anderson	3 up
Sir Robert Low	3 up
Major Walker	6 up
Major Young	2 up
Major Hill	5 up
Major Bayard	all square
Mr R C Wroughton	2 up

GOLF AT KARACHI.

LADIES' ANNUAL GOLD MEDAL.—This the most important of the Ladies' competitions was held on the 27th and 28th ultimo, Miss Mayne winning with a fine total of 84. Her score in the second round was a record for the course, the previous record being 41 made by herself. Full returns :—

Name.	1st round.	2nd round.	
Miss Mayne	44	40	84
Mrs Stephen	46	51	97
Miss Chetham	50	52	102
Mrs Van der Straaten	53	49	102
Mrs Cant	57	50	107
Mrs Bell	55	54	109
Mrs Miller	54	55	109
Mrs Currie	60	51	111

Lawn Tennis.

TOURNAMENT AT LUCKNOW.

ON the 17th of August, writes our correspondent, was begun a Tennis Tournament under the auspices of the Mahomed Bagh Club. The many delays and postponements have naturally caused public interest to flag; they have also, I believe, nearly turned the unfortunate Honorary Secretary's hair grey; it has, I must say, been very rough luck on Captain C. W. Compton, the Honorary Secretary; he has worked like a horse at getting the thing up, and the weather has been dead against him the whole times Still, it says volumes for his determination and energy that he has succeeded in bringing it to completion.

LADIES' SINGLES.

1st Round.

Mrs Lewis – ½30 beat Mrs Manson (scr); 6-0; 6-1.
" Wallace – 15 " " Saunders – 15; 6-2; 6-1.
" O'Neill – 15 " Miss Grey + 15; 6-0; 6-1.
" Anderson – ½ 30 beat Mrs Ryves + 15; 6-1; 6-3.

2nd Round.

Mrs Wallace – 15 beat Mrs O'Neill – 15; 6-2; 6-4
" Lewis – ½30 beat Mrs Anderson – ½30; 4-6; 7-5; 6-1.

Final.

Mrs Lewis beat Mrs Wallace; 6 – 4, 6-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

1st Round.

Mrs Gabourel and Mrs Ryves } + ½ 30 beat } Mrs Lawrence and Miss Gray } +30; 6-1; 6-2.
Mrs Anderson and Mrs Ross } – ½ 30 } Mrs Saunders and Mrs Manson } Scr.

Final.

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Ross } – ½ 30 beat } Mrs Gabourel and Mrs Ryves } +½30; 6-2; 1-6; 6-4

MEN'S SINGLES.

1st Round.

Lawrence + ½15 beat Gabourel – ½15; 3-6; 6-2; 6-4.
Head – ½30 beat Lewis – 15; 2-6; 6-4; 6-4;
May – ½15 beat O'Neill – 15; 6-2; 6-8; 6-3.
Le Fleming – 15 beat Shaw scr.; 6-1; 1-6; 6-4.
Sullivan – 30 w.o. Musgrave + ½15 scratched.
Wood – 15 w.o. Young + ½15 scratched.
Lovell – 30 beat Penny + ½15; 6-2; 6-2.
Ryves – 15 beat Brand – ½30; Brand resigned.

2nd Round.

Head – ½30 beat Lawrence + ½15; 6-2; 6-1.
Le Fleming – 15 w.o. Sullivan – 30 scratched.
Ryves – 15 beat Lovell – 30; 6-1; 6-2.
May – ½15 w.o. Wood – 15 scratched.

3rd Round

Head – ½30 beat May – ½15; 6-4; 2-6; 8-6.
Ryves – 15 beat Le Fleming – 15; 2-6; 6-0; 6-1.

Final.

Ryves – 15 beat Head – ½30; 6-1; 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

1st Round.

Chamier and O'Neill – ½30 beat Head and Clay – ½30; 6-4 6-2.
Lovell and Sullivan – 30 w.o. Manson and Musgrave + 15 scratched.
Tweedie and Blyth – 15 beat Shaw and Le Fleming – 15; 8-6; 6-4.
Ryves and Philippe – 30
Gabourel and Harward + 15
Cuppage and Lawrence + ½15
Wood and Brand – ½30
Young and Penny + 15 } Byes.

2nd Round.

Lovell and Sullivan – 30 beat Chamier and O'Neill – ½30; 6-2; 6-3.
Wood and Brand – ½30 beat Cuppage and Lawrence + ½15; 8-6; 6-2.

Ryves and Philippe – 30 beat Gabourel and Harward – ½15 ; 6-0 ; 6-1.

Tweedie and Blyth – 15 beat Young and Penny + 15 ; (scratched.)

3rd Round.

Lovell and Sullivan – 30 beat Ryves and Philippe – 30 ; 11-9 ; 6-4.

Tweedie and Blyth – 15 beat Wood and Brand – ½30. 11-9-6-4 ;

Final.

Lovell and Sullivan – 30 beat Tweedie and Blyth – 15 ; 3-6 ; 9-7 ; 6-1.

MIXED DOUBLES.

1st Round.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Anderson – 30 beat Major and Mrs. Lawrence + ½30 ; 6-2 ; 6-3.

Major Barnes and Mrs. Manson + ½15
Mr. and Mrs. Ryves + ½15
Mr. Brent and Mrs. Wallace scr.
Mr. Brand and Mrs. Ross – 15
Capt. and Mrs. Lewis – 15
Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill – ½15
Capt Young and Miss Gray + ½30
} Byes.

2nd Round.

Mr. Brand and Mrs. Ross – 15 beat Capt. and Mr. Lewis – 15 ; 6-1 ; 2-6 ; 6-1.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill – ½15 w. o. Capt. Young and Miss Gray + ½30 scratched.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryves + ½15 beat Mr. Brent and Mrs. Wallace Scr. 6-1 ; 5-7 ; 6-4.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Anderson – 30 beat Major Barnes and Mrs. Manson + ½15 ; 6-2 ; 6-3.

3rd Round.

Mr. Brand and Mrs Ross – 15 beat Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill – ½15 ; 6-1 ; 6-1.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Anderson – 30 beat Mr. and Mrs. Ryves + ½15. (W. O.)

Final.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Anderson – 30 beat Mr. Brand and Mrs. Ross – 15 ; 6-1 ; 6-2.

Shows

THE GULMARG HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

WE have a large number of lovers of the friends of man, so the horse and dog show was well attended, and the entries considerable. Some of the exhibits were handsome well set up animals. Class I.—Heavy weight Arab Polo ponies. Mr. Furse's g g. Big 'Un was decidedly a fine creature and took H. H. Raja Sir Amar Singh's prize, the Resident's prize went to Colonel Littledale's g.g. Peter, as the judges decided he must have been the best in Class II. Light Weight Arab Ponies. Chan Chal, b aus g, belonging to Captain Boothe, was the fancied one of the crowd. The judges came to the same conclusion and gave him the Maharaja of Baroda's prize. In Country-bred Pony Class Captain F. Davies' b g Dragon came to the front for Sir Amar Singh's prize, although Mr. Barron's g. g. Blue Grass was liked by good judges outside the ring as well.

The ladies' hacks came next. It was a nice sight to see the graceful way some of the Gulmarg roses sat their horses, all radiant, till politely asked to leave the ring. What brutes the judges must be to have the hearts to depress that sweet smile and turn it into a pained forced smile when the wearer is ignobly thrust out from the competition, disappointed but unconvinced. after a great deal of consultation and shrugging of shoulders Victoria, a br c b m, was selected and carried off the Hon'ble D. P. Masson's prize. From the 20 competitors, the outside crowd fixed on Starlight ir roan m, a well-known handsome mare, well ridden. Gentlemen's hacks came next. A number of fine animals came before the judges and the verdict went for Shah II, although ir roan m Starlight, appeared to be the better animal.

Among the weight, carrying hacks Mr. Furse's b aus g No Name was decidedly a fine animal and deserved Major Kay's prize. Jumping for hacks was not well contested. Mr. Newland on his b aus b Sir Garnet had it his own way, and took Major Macan's prize.

Appended is a list of the prize winners :—

HORSES.

CLASS I.—HEAVY WEIGHT ARAB POLO PONIES.

1	Mr. Furse's ...	... g g	... Big 'Un.
2	Major Kennedy's	... ches h	... Kinni.
3	„ Macan's	... b h	... Tuson.

CLASS II.—LIGHT WEIGHT ARAB POLO PONIES.

1	Col. Littledale's	... g g	... Peter.
2	Capt. C. Davis'	... ches h	... Selim.
3	„ „	... ches g	... Pasla.

CLASS III.—EUROPEAN AND COLONIAL POLO PONIES.

1	Capt. Boothe's	... b aus g	... Chan Chal.
2	„ C. Davis'	... ches aus m	... Mary.
3	The XII B.C. Polo Club's	br aus g	... Rex.

CLASS IV.—COUNTRY-BRED POLO PONIES.

1	Capt. F. Davis'	... b g	... Dragon.
2	Mr. Barron's	... g g	... Blue Grass.
3	Mr. Muspratt's		

CLASS V.—LADIES' HACKS.

1	Mrs. F. Davis'	... br cb m	... Victoria.
2	„ Littledale's	... g a g	... Peter.
3	Mr. Vanrenen's	...	... Shah.

CLASS VI.—GENTLEMEN'S HACKS.

1	Col Vanrenen's	... b a g	... Shah II.
2	Surg.-Genl. A. Scott Reid's	ir roan m	... Starlight.
3	Capt F. Davis'	... b cb g	.. Eager.

CLASS VII.—WEIGHT CARRYING HACKS.

1	Mr. Furse's	... b aus g	... No Name.
2	„ Newland's	... b aus g	... Sir Garnet.
3	H. H. Raja Sir Amar Singh's ...	... c b cob	... Forrester.

CLASS VIII.—JUMPING FOR HACKS.

1	Mr. Newland's	... b aus b	... Sir Garnet.
2	Major McLeod	... ches aus g	... Onward.
3	„ Stewart's	... ches aus b	... Goorkha.

DOGS.

Dog judging is not acquired in a day Judges are usually procured and appointed because of their position in society, not because they know the points of a dog, on this occasion there were some lovers of the dog who judged by appearance and did well.

Sir Amar Singh's prize fell to Mr. Cooper's Scamp, a well-made intelligent looking smooth-haired Fox-terrier. In Class II —Rough-haired Terriers Ailsa, an Aberdeen, terrier, belonging to Mrs. Pirie was awarded the first prize Major Henderson's Bobby was a good second. The Maharaja of Baroda's prize was difficult to judge as there were so many good ones to be selected from : at last Captain Thoyt's Mollie got the blue ribbon.

Some good sporting dogs appeared in Class IV. Mr. Warburton's Hubert, a smooth-haired retriever, was given Sir Amar Singh's prize. Class V. Variety Large Dogs was poorly attended. Colonel McLeod's magnificent Borzai, Czar, could not be approached by the others, so came in an easy first.

Dachshunds showed up well with their elongated bodies and misshapened legs. Their beauty consists in their ugliness. Mr. Henderson's Nap and Mrs. Robertson's Alphonse ran neck and neck, the verdict went for Nap, a personification of ugliness, but the sweetest creature going according to the ladies.

The prize presented by Major Bruce for puppies under 12 months went to a wire-haired fox-terier called Elsie belonging to Major Stewart.

Variety small dogs, prize presented by a small dog, was exceedingly difficult to settle, but Dainty Dudley, a wee Pomeranian, belonging to Mrs. Pirie walked off with the blue ribbon, and thus ended the show for 1903.

CLASS I.—SMOOTH-HAIRED FOX TERRIERS.

1	Mr. Cooper's	... Scamp	... 1st prize.
2	Capt Panet's	... Victor	... 2nd „
3	Mr. Featherstonhaugh's...	Jess	... 3rd „

CLASS II.—ROUGH-HAIRED TERRIERS.

1	Mrs. Pirie's	... Aberdeen Terrier, Ailsa,	1st prize.
2	Major Henderson's	... Bobby	... 2nd prize.

CLASS III.—IRISH TERRIERS.

1	Capt. Thoyt's	... Mollie	... 1st prize.
2	Major Kennedy's	... Jumbo	... 2nd „
3	Capt. F. Davis'	... Windsill	... 3rd „

CLASS IV.—SPORTING DOGS.

1	Mr. Warburton's	... Smooth-haired Retriever, Hubert-	1st prize.
2	Mrs. Pirie's	... Chunter Spaniel Grouse	2nd „
3	Capt. Roe's	... Spaniel ... Brandy,	3rd „

CLASS V.—VARIETY LARGE DOGS.

1	Col. McLeod's	... Borzai ... Czar	1st prize.
2	Mrs. Edwards'	... Poodle ... Que Vive,	2nd „
3	Sivajee Rao's	... Greyhound Czarina,	3rd „

CLASS VI.—DACHSHUNDS.

1	Mr. Henderson's	... Nap	... 1st prize.
2	Mrs. Robertson's	... Alphonse	... 2nd „
3	Mr. Worsley's	... Prince	... 3rd „

CLASS VII.—PUPPIES UNDER 12 MONTHS.

1	Major Stewart's	... Wire-haired Fox-terrier	... Elsie, 1st prize.
2	Col. Alexander's	... Pekinese Spaniel, Fu,	2nd „
3	Mrs. McNeale's	... Irish Terrier ... Pat,	3rd „

CLASS VIII.—VARIETY SMALL DOGS.

1	Mrs. Pirie's	... Pomeranian ... Dainty Dudley,	1st prize.
2	Col. Alexander's...	Pekinese Spaniel San Toy,	2nd prize.
3	Mr. Pike's ...	„ „ Daisy De Vigt,	3rd prize.

The Story Teller

SMITH, JONES AND ROBINSON.

"THANK Heaven ! we are really off at last, said Robinson as the train glided noiselessly out from Howrah station. The "we" referred to was a trio of three young subalterns—more correctly speaking of three very young second-lieutenants of a British Infantry Regiment, young in years, in experience, and quite new to India. Our combined service in the glorious East did not amount to twelve months all told. Our knowledge of the language was limited to a vocabulary of perhaps twenty-three words, which we could sling off pat at just the right or the wrong moment, as it might happen, without much thought or trouble. Our experience of Indian travel was represented by a three and a half days' journey by rail from Bombay to Dum-Dum. Our idea of the coinage of the land we were in, was limited from annas two, the smallest sum a whiteman should handle (because coppers—dirty coppers—were a sure source of carrying contagion from small-pox, leprosy, plague and another half-a-dozen deadly and filthy diseases common to India), to the whole rupee or dib—the largest sum that should ever be thrust upon a blackman all at once. Our faith in ourselves was unbounded : our hope was great as the world is wide, and our charity was of the home decription centred in our own selves, because we were members of that well-known society—the stoney-broke.

Well with all these advantages in our favour, our combined experience—for two heads are better than one, ergo three are better still—our knowledge of travel and *bundobast*—our collective faith, hope, and charity, we three were off on a ten days' tiger shoot—in the Central Provinces—and we were really off at last as Robinson had remarked. The trio consisted of Robinson, Jones and myself—my name is Smith by the way, I come of the well-known family of Smiths, a family known for its extensive and world-wide ramifications and for its very old pedigree. A pedigree traceable back to the days of Noah—all records previous to that date were lost in the flood—but we are content to leave it at that. An unfortunate break occurs in the pedigree about the time of Moses and Pharaoh. The cause of the missing links in the chain of the Smith pedigree, is due to the fact that the Israelites had no straw left to make paper with. When paper again became plentiful, the genealogical tree was continued, but during this paperless period—men's memories being short in those days—a series of outshoots to the original old tree had sprouted out—all the many ramifications of the hyphened-Smith had sort of grafted themselves on to the parent stem, and nowadays it's hard to know if one is a true Smith, or only a grafted on hyphen-Smith.

Jones also has—at least so he says—a pedigree as old if not older than the Smiths. This is of course absolutely absurd, as there is no mention of any Jones having entered the Ark at all. The Smiths entered under the name of Shem, which name they, that is, Mr. and Mrs. Shem immediately changed on leaving the Ark and coming to a strange land, to Smith, just to baffle pursuit from any creditors or duns that might just possibly have escaped from the drowning effects of the flood. Jones' theory that Japhet was the alias under which old man Jones entered the Ark is absurd. Who could possibly make Jones out of Japhet, or Japhet out of Jones. The funny thing is Jones is not really Jones but Jones is pumpkin-Jones He dropped the pumpkin and the hyphen when he joined the gallant 115th Foot grinders but he still signs himself Q. P. Jones, and he is very particular too about his P's and Q's I can tell you.

Well, Robinson is a strange case—heraldic lore is double Dutch to him ; he has no love for things mediæval, he scorns armour and laughs at knights-errant. If you ask him about his pedigree he says, says he, "I know my father and my mother (lucky lad !) and my grandfather and grandmother were at my christening, and I don't care a tinker's cuss who there was before them" Yet he plays a good strong game at Bridge, and generally manages to win too. Well, we three ; Smith, Jones and Robinson in the order of our pedegrics, had been at Wellington College together and in the same house ; we had struggled into and squeezed out of Sandhurst at the same time ; and funniest of all had all three been gazetted to the same regiment out in Dum-Dum : we had sailed out together and now here were we three going out on a tiger shoot together.

Robinson's remark "were off at last" was really a sigh of relief and we all joined in heartily in the "Thank Heaven."

We were travelling second class, and had secured a compartment to ourselves. We were jolly glad I can tell you, no officers came down to see us off—we should certainly have been court-martialled in the Mess Room for conduct unbecoming an officer of the gallant 115th Foot grinders in that we had deliberately travelled second class. It was a case of mere neccessity. We each respectively and severally were enjoying from a grateful country the enormous and generous screw of rupees twohundred and two only per mensem. A ridiculous sum to ask any gentleman to live on as an officer of the 115th Foot Grinders should.

However as we needed every dib we could get together for the destruction of the denizens of the forests, we made up our minds we would travel second and not waste our substance by filling the coffers of a Railway Company—a mere company of common carriers.

Our battery was as light as our cash was scanty. Jones had a double ·500 express, and a 12-bore choke shot gun. Robinson and I had each a 12-bore cylinder shot gun, that carried ball, with three and a half drams of powder. Our confidence in our own three selves individually, and collectively, was so great that we would I believe have collectively armed with revolvers only, have faced the angriest tiger afoot, and not considered it a great thing worth talking about.

At the junction where we breakfasted at ten o'clock a very amusing scene took place. The departure whistle had gone, and Jones and I had hurried away from the refreshment room to our compartment. Robinson with a huge plate of curry and rice before him, and an appetite not half satisfied kept his seat swallowing against time, but with an eye on the train waiting to see it move before, he left his food. Slowly the train glided out of the station, and we saw Robinson rushing hatless down the platform after it. Jones shouted out "where's your hat." Robinson heard, hesitated a moment, looked back towards the refreshment room. It was too far to go back. He glanced forward and his mind was made up, and he rushed on towards the compartment. As he passed the station master, a stout Eurasian—he deliberately snatched the Cawnpore Tent Club Helmet off his greasy head, clapped it on his own, rushed on, and gained the safety of our compartment—the amazed station master in full pursuit. Jones and I were convulsed with laughter. Robinson banged the door, to leant out and shouted to the panting station master, who was trying to signal the train to stop—"you'll find my hat—a bran new one—in the refreshment room—keep it—thanks for yours."

Yes, there was no room for doubt—Robinson was a man of action.

On Friday morning we reached the end of our railway journey. Here we were in reality hundreds of miles away from Dum-Dum—yet we were still officially at Dum-Dum and would remain there too till Monday next. What a ripper our adjutant was.

We had now an eighteen-mile drive by bullock cart, to the jungles at the foot of the range of hills over in the east there. Here we had permission to shoot within a certain area. Jones had a relative in the Forest Department down in these parts, who had put us on to this place, and had lent us a few forest guards to help us. This jungle sahib's name was something—Hyphen-Jones, and unfortunately he could not join our camp as his Boss-Conservator wanted him elsewhere on inspection duty.

It was lucky for him he didn't join our camp—our camp consisted of one eighty pound subaltern's tent, two camp beds and one waterproof wolsley valise. We took it in turn to sleep on the floor in the waterproof valise, so we managed to get two nights in bed regularly during our campaign.

The man who slept in the valise was generally awake a good hour before those who lay in luxury in the beds—and busy too, combing things out of his hair, picking things off, and gently rubbing various bumps that had risen during the night. Yes, a wolsley valise may be waterproof but there it ends.

Jones had told us all about his Forest Department cousin—the fine Government supplied camp he travelled with, the elephants, the shikaris, etc., and we were congratulating ourselves on joining his camp, for he had written to Jones saying he would be here.

A letter at the station met us saying he was called away on duty. It was a blow to us I can tell you. Arrived at our camping ground we were assailed by four forest guards and half-a-dozen very black natives (who we afterwards learnt were Gonds or jungle men) with news of tiger, and our chance of shikar. We all rather fancied ourselves in Hindustani, but I must confess we were fairly non-plussed by the babel of tongues going on here. At last calling up Mohammed Khan, Jones' kitmutgar, who had undertaken to act as cook to the expedition, and who knew a "leetle Engleesh," to act as interpreter, we found out that tiger and game was plentiful, and *kuzoor ke nasib se, ham log ko bahut bakeish mileage.* This sentence seemed to be the pith of the whole talk and argument—whatever it meant.

That afternoon we went out in the vicinity of our one tent camp, and got a few green pigeons, and a hare for the pot As we had to shoot for meat, Jones said, we should take sitting shots until the pot was full,—before sporting shots were risked. Alas poor hare—taken at a disadvantage, your legs availed you nought.

That night after a scratch dinner—dinner is always very scratch the first night in camp—Robinson by the light of a lantern read aloud from a book he had purchased at Howrah railway book stall, called a "Collection of Hints on Tiger Shooting." They were most useful. (1) Fire either between the eyes or behind the shoulder—the brain or heart are thus reached. (2) The neck shot is deadly if the jugular artery is severed. (3) Never advance on a tiger who is lashing his tail from side to side—he means business. (4) If walking up a wounded tiger always try and get up from behind instead of in front as he is less likely to see you then.

Full of these hints we retired to couches and dreamt tigers, at least the man in the waterproof valise did. I heard him myself yell out at least twice in the night, that something had got him. It must have been a tiger.

Next morning we sat down to a substantial breakfast previous to starting out to shoot the myriads of tigers that the forest guards stated dwelt in the immediate vicinity of your camp.

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We none of us knew exactly how many pellets of number eight chilled shot goes to an ounce and an eighth but that hare which was our *pièce de resistance*, certainly carried anything from five hundred to a thousand pellets. Certainly Calcutta gun-makers are liberal with their shot charges, judging from our breakfast dish, and poor Bunny must have caught every grain of lead in Jones' deadly cartridge. He (Jones) weakly confessed to having fired point blank at 15 yards. We others at once dubbed him a murderer, and refused to speak to him again during breakfast, but it was more due to the pain in our teeth, caused by stepping on lead pellets so to speak; and the constant and severe measures constantly needed to lever out shot from the crevasses of our teeth that kept us silent, rather than any real feeling against Jones the murderer.

That big bill I ran up six weeks later in the hooks of a well-known Calcutta tooth plugger—which by the way hasn't been settled up yet—was largely due to Jones' hare. However it will be all the same a hundred years hence. Breakfast over we footed it off with an army of coolies who were coming to beat for us so we were told.

Five miles we footed it through a magnificent jungle and then reached a narrow deep ravine, full of dense jungle undergrowth with here and there enormous trees standing out above the undergrowth jungle—a small stream bubbled down the centre of the ravine. Here the head shikari, commanding silence by placing a finger over his lip, led us quiety down into the ravine.

The coolies all remained on top. We were all three given places to sit in up rather comfortable trees, and our guns handed up to us. Again signalling to us that absolute silence must be maintained and pointing out to us the direction the beat was coming from, away slipped the shikari as noiselessly as a ghost. We could see each other plainly from our points of vantage. We all loaded up and looked forward in the direction the tiger might be expected to come from, with an intenseness of expectation that was hard to bear. Would he come out soon now, to be polished off by our deadly guns. Gradually we tired, looked forward less expectantly, grew drowsy, nodded our heads, closed an eye, and before long were all three. I firmly believe, dosing in our trees. At least, I knew I was—and I very nearly fell out of my perch, as I looked with a start to hear a long yell start suddenly about a mile away down the jungle. What the devil was up? I looked at Jones and Robinson and saw they had heard it too. They were both looking well ahead, and grasping their weapons in a nervous grasp.

Again that long drawn yell—yes, of course it was the coolies beginning to beat—but what a long way away they were.

Well they gradually came nearer and nearer, and their shouts grew less and less. Now and again they would suddenly all yell and shout together, as if they had seen, and been started, by some animal breaking cover. Poor devils how they managed to keep on shouting at all, in that fearful heat, was more than I could make out. Why sitting quietly in my shady tree I was parched up and had to keep licking my own tongue as it were, to keep my mouth moist. I hadn't a shout in me I knew well.

Presently a quiet, but distinct, pit-a-pat, pit-a-pat could be heard advancing over the dry leaves.

It must be one of the tigers surely and coming along steadily.

Yes, there was the glimmer of the yellow coat, pushing softly through that long grass just a glimpse—nothing more. Pit-a-pat, pit-a-pat.

Yes, there he comes, he must cross that open piece now—up goes the 12-bore, a glance along the line, and Jones and Robinson were also covering the spot with their trusty weapons. No, he could not escape us.

Pit-a-pat Pit-a-pat, and out walks a stately peacock, in full plumage. Down went our weapons, we glanced helplessly at one another—anyhow thank heaven we were all in the same box—we had had all been taken in.

Away flew the peacock, in great alarm over our heads, having with those sharp beady eyes spotted all three of us, the moment he stepped into the open. The beat came on, some pig, and a couple of cheetal, rushed under our trees, but we refrained from shooting, as we had agreed to shoot nothing but tiger our first day out after them.

Surely the wary beasts must be following in the tracks of the pig and deer.

On came the beaters, we could make out their faces—in two minutes they were all crowded under our trees jabbering like monkeys—every jack man talking, and devil a one listening at all to all that was being said. We listened hard, but it might have been Dutch or Hebrew for all the good it did us.

We had four more beats in this manner and tramped a lot of country that day; and arrived back at our camp about 6-30 in the evening dead beat and weary. We had several chances of firing at deer and pig, but refrained.

After dinner we got up the shikari, and got Mohammed Khan the English-speaking kitmutgar to explain we had come out to shoot tigers, and not pigs, and that "no tiger no *bakshish*," was our motto.

Next day we trudged out again in another direction, but took our interpreter with us; this was a great help to us, but we suffered for it at dinner time, as Robinson's servant who was commandeered as cook had absolutely no knowledge of the culinary art, beyond *chuppattis* and soup.

Arrived at the ravine we were to beat, an old grey-haired Gond pointed out some fresh tiger tracks—this filled our hearts with boundless joy. We held a consultation, and decided only to shoot at tigers again—he was undoubtedly in the jungle, with so fresh an indication of his presence before our eyes how could we doubt it. At breakfast, we had decided to fire at all and every living thing that gave us a chance.

The beat was over, but no tiger showed. A magnificient sambhur passed, giving an easy shoot—his head must have been anything from 40 to 50 inches, and massive too.

At the sale of Mr. Blenkiron's yearlings in 1864, there was a great deal of competition between the rival owners, Mr. Henry Chaplin and the Marquis of Hastings. Few who were at Eltham on that glorious June day expected to see the sensational incidents that arose owing to the career of one of the animals sold there.

Among those present was Mr. James Merry, who purchased a fine colt named Marksman for a thousand guineas. The next animal to be led into the ring was a colt by Newminster out of Seclusion, and for him there was some spirited bidding, the Marquis and Mr. Chaplin eventually having matters between them. With competition so keen, Mr. Tattersall did not waste any time, and when Mr. Chaplin offered fifty guineas more than his rival, the auctioneer soon settled it.

"A thousand guineas! One thousand! For the last time one thousand guineas!" Mr. Tattersall looked round to gain breath, and catching the Marquis' eye, said, "Surely, my lord, you do not mean to let him go!"

Without replying the nobleman turned away, and the colt became the property of Mr. Chaplin. What a difference it would have made to the Marquis had he but offered a few more pounds, or even given the auctioneer a little encouragement to wait, when somebdy else might possibly have joined in what had resolved itself into a duel, for the animal was the sensational Derby winner of 1867—Hermit. It seems curious that the two animals who followed each other in the catalogue, and who were sold for the same price, should have run first and second for this coveted Epsom prize.

Mr. Chaplin in after years said that the best friend he ever had in his life was Hermit; while he often asserted that the same animal was a better property than all his farms put together.

The old grey-haired Gond came up and said the tiger track led out of the jungle in the direction of a ravine a mile away Away we went. Silent as the grave we climbed into our trees.

The beat began, was over, and again fruitless, as far as tiger was concerned. Just then a villager came running up, saying a tiger had killed a cow near his village last night, and had dragged it into a neighbouring ravine. Would we come?

Would we come—what a silly question to ask! Hadn't we come all the way from Calcutta to bag a tiger, and would we not go a mile or two more in our quest?

Off we all went—again a fruitless beat. We saw the carcase of the cow—the villager hadn't lied. But we were clean out of luck. The head man of the village said he knew of a likely ravine where tiger had often been killed by *sahib log* before—would he guide us? Guide on old man, we said. The trudge there was longer than we had expected—a good three miles and mostly along an open unshady, dusty road.

At last reaching the jungle's edge, we sat down to rest a few minutes. In fact we were all pretty done, though we would not admit it.

Chatting quietly, we found we were getting all very sceptical about the existence of these tigers. "I don't believe there's a tiger within a hundred miles of us" said Robinson. "I wouldn't be too sure" said the ever-cautious Jones, "the books all say they turn up when least expected." Oh bother books, said I, "were not shooting by book."

"*Chalao sahib*," said the shikari and we started off.

Robinson was on the right of the line, and a shady, but very thorny tree, had been pointed out to him to climb into. After-events proved he had not climbed, but had lain down in the shade at the root of the tree.

Jones had a comfortable armchair class of tree, in the centre of the line; and I was perched on top of a big rock about fifteen feet high. After ten minutes in the sun, sitting on a black trap rock, as hot as a furnace I felt persuaded that the deep and grateful shade at the foot of the rock was the spot for me—and down I went.

In front of me was an open slightly rising ground 30 yards long and beyond I could not see. Oh, it was delightfully cool. I immediately recalled some verse—it is in Psalms I think it is, about "the shadow of a mighty rock in a thirsty land."

I quite agreed with David, it was delightful, and remembered the Sunday school teacher—such a pretty girl she was too—telling us, that in Asia and the East, daily illustration of Biblical quotations could be found everywhere. The beat began—I distinctly remember the first yell—and then well I must have slept or dozed I suppose—how long I do not know.

I remember waking suddenly quite wide awake and looking straight to my front. Great Heavens, what is that monstrous yellow sun rising over the edge of the open rising space in front of me.

A second, and the head and shoulders of a huge tiger came to a halt, and stared at me—and I can truly say I stared back. In fact I was fascinated, frightened, mesmerised I know not what. My eyes never left his face. Swish, Swish, the angry tail went, from side to side. The charm was broken, I had seized my trusty 12-bore, up to my shoulder it went bang.

A roar, good Lord the earth shook surely, and open mouthed the tiger sprang straight at me.

Bang! went the second barrel, the gun was still at my shoulder, and over I fell in a dead faint. I awoke presently to find Robinson pouring water down my throat, and Jones fanning me hard, and by heavens to find the tiger within five yards of me. I shuddered, and fainted again. I soon came round, and a nip of brandy steadied my nerves. My luck was tremendous—the second barrel had gone through the wide open roaring mouth, and broken the vertebræ of the neck, and the tiger had fallen stone dead, within five yards of where I lay in a dead faint. Good old 12-bore, you saved my life. Then Robinson and Jones now told their yarns of what had happened.

Robinson sceptical, like myself, about the presence of tigers in the beat, had lain on the ground, his gun resting on a stone in front of him, a lighted cigarette between his lips, had watched his front, and dozed alternately, for seconds at a time. He suddenly woke from a short dose, conscious of the presence of an animal. Looking slightly to his left, he beheld a tiger, seated on his haunches, watching him, or the smoke from his cigarette, as a cat watches a mouse.

The tiger was about thirty-five yards off. Fascinated, Robinson watched the great cat without stirring a muscle. The cat stood up suddenly, glanced around, and swished her tail from side to side.

Remembering the axiom laid down in the book on tiger shooting, he had purchased at Howrah railway bookstall, that a tiger that waves his tail from side to side means business. Robinson didn't hesitate for a fraction of a second, but with a [illegible] legged it up that thorny tree like a lamp lighter, regardless of thorns, torn clothes, or anything except a desire to be [illegible] above that "business-meaning-tail."

The yell, [illegible] frantic efforts of Robinson to climb faster than nature, had [illegible] meant him to do, so frightened the tiger that he gracefully [illegible] tired, and passed along in front of Jones, giving him, however, no chance of a shot through the dense undergrowth and he came over to my end of the line.

As its head appeared over the horizon, I awoke, and the rest you have already heard.

Next day we spent in camp, resting ourselves, skinning the tiger, and making a holiday of it generally.

As soon as the skin was off the tiger, the servants, forest guards, Gonds, chamars, and village hangers on nearly had a free fight over the carcase. We discovered they were squabbling for the fat, to which they attached medicinal virtues, and rare powers. We ordered all the fat to be collected and promised to divide it all among the servants, etc.; that those who worked well should receive some fat but that the lazy scoundrels should get nothing. We had three more days' shooting before we had to turn our steps to the railway homeward bound. Neither Robinson or I ever dreamt of sitting on the ground again. Robinson bagged a tiger, and Jones a panther and a cheetal, and we all returned to Dum-Dum as happy and proud of our trophies as any fond mother could be of her first-born.

At the railway station, we had to borrow fifty rupees from the station master, which he lent us with great reluctance. However we promised him a bottle of tiger fat as interest on the loan; which promise gladdened his heart so much that I believe he would have lent us another fifty, had we asked for it. His last word to us, as we steamed away were: "and please Sir don't forget the tiger fat you sending me, remember Sir, I am childless married man—may God bless you gentlemen!"

We returned the fifty rupees on arrival at Dum-Dum, and having no tiger fat handy we concocted a special brew, which consisted of two pounds best mutton fat boiled down with two ounces croton oil. Anyhow the mixture was guaranteed to blister any skin it was applied to, and we sincerely hoped the station master only intended it for external use.

We procured a label from the hospital "for external use only" and pasted it on to the bottle as a precautionary act. We do not know whether the station master is still childless, and still blesses us kind gentlemen, but we only hope he did not take tiger fat internally—anad we didn't make enquiries.

We wrote a joint letter to the Collector of the district, when we shot our tigers, and claimed the Government reward and at the end found out we were not much out of pocket over our ten days' shoot.

We had certainly done it on the cheap—but there was a good deal of discomfort.

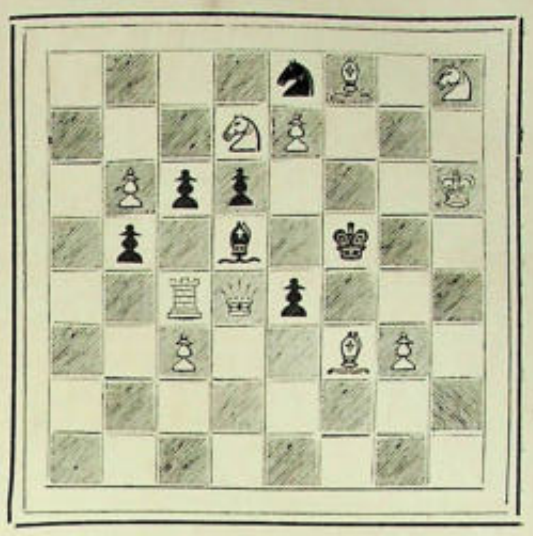
Before we go shooting again we hope to have done that Examiner of Languages in Calcuta in the eye, over the higher standard, and be able to sling the *bat* about ourselves a bit.

ABABIL.

Chess.

PROBLEM NO. 24.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME NO. 25.

White.	Black.
1. P to Q 4	1. P to Q 4
2. Kt to K B 3	2. P to Q B 3
3. Q to Kt Q 2	3. P to K B 4
4. Kt to K 5	4. B takes Kt
5. P takes B	5. Kt to Kt 3
6. Kt to B 3	6. P to K 3
7. Castles	7. P to Q Kt 3
8. K to R	8. P to K R 3
9. P to Q B 3	9. K Kt to K 2
10. P to Q Kt 4	10. B Kt to Q 2
11. B to Q B 2 (a)	11. Q to Q B 2
12. R to Q Kt (b)	12. Kt takes P
13 B to K B 4	13. K to K Kt 3
14. B to K Kt 3 (c)	14. Castles K R
15. Kt takes Kt	15. Kt takes Kt
16. Q to Q 4	16. P to K B 5
17. B takes P	17. R takes B
18. Q takes R	18. R to K B
19. Q to K Kt 3	19. P to K Kt 4
20. P to K B 4	20. Q to K B 2
21. K to Kt	21. Kt to Q B 5
22. P takes P	22. Q to K Kt 2
23. R takes R	23. Q takes R
24. P takes P (dis ch)	24. K to R
25. R to K B	25. Q takes P
And white gives checkmate in three moves	

(a) This B is well posted, and prevents a variation that Black might otherwise have played with advantage. (b) A subtle and most important move. Thus the preceding and subsequent moves, down to 19, are all parts of one combination. (c) This *coup de repos*, wins the game easily.

Cards.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM NO. 12.

1. A leads a small Heart; won by Z.
2. Z leads Spades 2; A wins with Ace.
3. A leads Hearts 4; won by B with Knave.
4. B leads Club 2; won by A with 10.
5. A leads Heart 10; won by B with Ace.
6. B leads Club 4; won by Z. A passing the trick.
7. Z leads small Spade; won by B.
8. B leads small Diamond; won by A.
9. 10. Two rounds of Clubs, trumps.
11. A leads small Diamond; won by B.
12. 13. Two Hearts. Solution five by cards.

An acquaintance developing into something akin to affection is by no means unusual between horses and other four-footed animals, and it is related of Charles XII., winner of the 1839 St. Leger and other important events, that he conceived so great a liking for a grey cat which attached itself to him that he was never happy when it was out of his sight. If after returning from his exercise gallops, puss was not waiting to welcome him. "Charles," whose nature was the reverse of tractable, did not fail to testify his displeasure, and the stable attendants generally had a warm time of it. Whenever the horse was sent away to a race-meeting the cat always accompanied him, this being an occurrence of sufficient rarity to merit special mention.

When taken out of the stable to run for the great event at Doncaster the horse kept looking wistfully behind him, and finally, after going a short distance, stood stock-still, and refused to move a step further. All at once it occurred to the lad in charge of him that he wanted his pet, and finding that no persuasion would induce him to proceed he ran back, fetched the cat, and placed her in the muzzle which hung at the saddle-bow, and without which Charles XII.'s equipment could never be considered complete. As soon as this was done, and pussy placed where he could see her, the horse gave a neigh of delight and proceeded quietly on his journey.

When he had won the race and was taken to his stall he gave a low whinny, which was the usual sign for his feline favourite. Up jumped the cat on his back, purring as though congratulating him on his success, and then, and not till then, did he begin to quietly munch his corn.

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THE AMERICA CUP.

THE home papers brought by last mail contain full descriptions of the races sailed for the America Cup up to the abortive event of Thursday, 26th August. The two completed races had, as we all remember, gone in favour of the *Reliance*, while the two which were declared "Undecided," owing to the lack of wind and consequent inability of the yachts to finish within the time limit, were not so far as they went, indicative of promise for *Shamrock III.* It is clear from the graphic and minute reports of the races telegraphed from New York to the English papers, that the American boat was not only better in light airs, as the critics predicted, but in the stiff breezes which it was thought would show the *Shamrock* at her best. In the first decisive race, that of Saturday, 21st August, it was recognised that the American boat was the faster whether beating or in running before the wind. It must be allowed that *Shamrock* was unlucky : the winds on that day were fitful and partial, and favoured the *Reliance* both on the outward and homeward run : the *Shamrock*, it is true on the homeward stretch, got the benefit for a few minutes of a wind which did not reach the *Reliance* in her leading position ; but on the whole the American boat was more fortunate than the challenger. The difference, however, was not enough to explain away the success of the *Reliance* ; the race 15 miles out to windward and 15 miles home before the wind was sailed under conditions calculated to fairly test seamanship and design of boat. Both skippers put in some smart work, but there can be little doubt as to which is the more able sailing master. The quarter of an hour between the firing of the preliminary gun and the starting gun was spent in keen manœuvring for the weather berth, and when the signal to go was given Barr, as on the abortive race of the preceding Thursday, crossed the line five seconds behind his opponent in the coveted position. After sailing about five miles Wringe put in a stroke of sailing craft which is described as "perhaps the finest display of rapid judgment coupled with profound skill in seamanship that has ever been seen on the America Cup course" ; he seized his chance when the favouring winds had left the *Reliance* and pushing *Shamrock* to windward fairly blanketted her. He sacrificed the temporary advantage thus gained by a mistaken move soon after and with *Reliance* pointing better and travelling faster, it was seen to be her race. The visitors had hoped that *Shamrock* would show her adversary a clean pair of heels running before the wind, but in this they were disappointed ; no sooner were the yachts round the mark and fairly set with all canvas drawing than it was seen that the superiority of *Reliance* before the wind was even greater than in beating. Better seamanship was shown on board the American boat in coming round the mark ; Barr had his sails changed, balloon jib and spinnaker out in fully half a minute less than Wringe's crew performed the manœuvre ; but that done the conditions of the race left little scope for seamanship. All the skippers had to do was to hold their boats dead before the wind, and thus this latter part of the race was a fair test of the relative merits of construction. The greater spread of canvas *Reliance* could show was of course to her advantage, but making all allowances, there could be no doubt as to which was the faster boat. It was agreed that

the Herreshoffs had shown sound judgment in conceding time allowance for the purpose of securing larger sail area ; in other words a 2,000 square feet of canvas proved a better investment than 1minute 57 seconds. *Reliance* won, on corrected time, by 6 minutes 52 seconds, having crossed the winning line 9 minutes before *Shamrock*.

The second race, that of Tuesday, 25th August, is considered to be the best bid yet made in the whole series of contests for the Cup, *Reliance* only beating *Shamrock* by 54 seconds, allowing for the circumstance that the challenger lost 25 seconds at the start. This, in accordance with the usual programme, was a thirty-mile race on a triangular course. The chief points to be noted on this race are that *Shamrock* was wearing a new mainsail which enabled her to hold more wind than the previous sail. *Reliance* sported a new jib, but it does not seem to have given her any advantage. *Reliance* again showed her superiority in pointing in light winds. Barr showed that he could hold her nearer the wind than *Shamrock* could manage : with a six-mile breeze *Reliance* proved the better, but when it freshened to 10 miles an hour *Shamrock* was steadier than her rival and sailed faster. On the first leg, though *Reliance* rounded the mark two minutes (excluding 25 seconds gained at the start) ahead of *Shamrock* there was no question which had done the better work ; it was *Shamrock's* race so far and her backers could find nobody willing to give a shade of odds. Then came an extraordinary and inexplicable collapse on rounding the first mark the yachts ran before the wind : *Reliance* had done better than *Shamrock* under these conditions in the first race, but now the defender simply went away from her it was a mere procession. *Reliance* travelling nine seconds per mile faster than *Shamrock*. No suggestion is offered to account for *Shamrock's* loss of form : nothing was wrong so far as seamanship could discover ; with the mysterious perversity of inanimate things she would not travel through the water. On the third leg she recovered her temper and sailed admirably save for a mile or two when she lost form again for a time. It would seem certain from the accounts of the race that had she sailed with any consistency at all she must have won this second race. Opinions were divided as to whether Barr's superior handling of *Reliance* on the first leg or *Shamrock's* unaccountable fit of sulks on the second leg cost the challenger the race ; but she came near enough to success to arouse hope. The race of Friday, 28th August, was called off, *Reliance* being yet a mile from the winning line when the time limit of 5½ hours expired. Reuter has given us news of the subsequent event, but it is of interest to glance at the particulars of this abortive race. It seems tolerably clear that although the wind was light and therefore favourable to *Reliance*, Barr felt, after the previous race, that he could not afford to let the challenger reap the benefit of her time allowance : by his manœuvres behind the starting line after the gun had been fired, he crowded *Shamrock* away from the line until after the two minutes' grace allowed by the rules had expired, then seized his opportunity and made a dash for it. It was a distinctly clever plan and was carried out with exceptional skill. The result was to produce a start practically identical with that made under R. Z. S. conditions under which a yacht benefits by the time gained in crossing the starting line first. *Shamrock*, completely outmanœuvred, crossed the line 61 seconds later, thus reducing her time allowance to 58 seconds : she was hopelessly out of it in the lighter wind and the seamanship on the American boat was again apparent. Had the wind freshened up for the homeward run instead of dropping as it did, there is not the least reason to think that the challenger could have recovered the time lost on the outward journey she rounded the mark 12 minutes 32 seconds after *Reliance*.

We have been beaten again and we can only explain by admitting that the American is the better boat, that the American is the cleverer sailing master and that the American was the better drilled crew. The inconsistency of the *Shamrock's* performance in the second decisive race is at once disheartening and mystifying. Her failure to travel before the wind on that day as she had done in the preceding race is apparently not to be explained by any shortcomings on the part of Wringe and his crew, for there is little scope for seamanship under such conditions of sailing. *Shamrock* on the whole, had a fair share of what were supposed to be the most favourable weather conditions ; she has failed to justify her backer's hopes, but at the same time she has made at least one good bid for victory and that on the occasion, so far as full reports show, when the *Reliance* also was seen at her best. The very narrow margin by which the American boat won the second decided race shows how wonderfully little there is to choose between the two racing machines ; apart from that inexplicable quality of "sulking" which *Shamrock* exhibited at so unfortunate a juncture the Irish boat would seem to be but little, if at all, inferior to the *Reliance*. Where superiority was displayed was undoubtedly in the handling of the latter yacht : it is stated that some differences of opinion arose between Wringe and Mr. Fife during the second decided race, but both, very properly, refused to allow outsiders to share such differences of opinion if it existed, and in the circumstances there is nothing to be said on the subject. The work of the American crew was smarter than that of the Irish boat when opportunity permitted an estimate : this was only another instance of that close attention to small details which distinguishes the American in all sporting matters, as we found occasion to remark in these columns in another connection some weeks ago.

Special Telegrams.

THE DONCASTER CUP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Doncaster Cup—Of 1,000 sovs (a Cup value 200 sovs and the remainder in specie), added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, 5 ft ; the sweepstakes to be divided between the second and third horses, *viz.*, two-thirds to the second and one-third to the third horse ; three-year olds 8st 4lbs, four 9st 4lbs, five and upwards 9st 5lbs : m and g allowed 3lbs ; the winner of the Derby or Oaks at Epsom, the Doncaster St. Leger, the Alexandra Plate at Ascot, the Grand Prix de Paris, or Doncaster, Ascot, or Goodwood Cups, or Jockey Club Cup, Newmarket, or of any race value 5,000 sovs in any year 10lbs, or of any race exceeding one mile value 900 sovs (handicaps excepted) at any time 7lbs extra ; maiden three-year olds allowed 7lbs, four 10lbs, five and upwards 14lbs. Two miles, over the Old Course. (18 entries.)—Closed 7th July.

London, *Friday, 11th September 1903.*

Major J D Edwardes' b h WAVELET'S PRIDE, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs 9st 12lbs	1
Mr F L Alexander's b c THROWAWAY, by Rightaway—Theale, 4 yrs 9st 11lbs ...	2
Lord Carnarvon's b c ST EMILION, by St. Frusquin—La Rose, 3yrs 8st 11lbs ...	3
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m VALENZA, by Winkfield—Bellizona, 5 yrs 9st 12lbs ...	0
Lord Howard de Walden's bh ST MACLOU, by St Simon—Mimi, 5 yrs 9st 5lbs ...	0
Lord Penrhyn's br m BLUE GRASS, by St George—Arrowgrass, 5 yrs 9st 5lbs ...	0
Lord Ellesmere's br c KROONSTAD, Kilwarlin—Sabra, 3 yrs 8st 11lbs ...	0
Lord Rosebery's br f ORIOLE, by Ladas—Orle, 3 yrs 8st 11lbs	0

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Grand Duchess (1867)		Parmesan (1857)		Queen of the Gipsies (1860)		Buccaneer (1857)		Isoline (1860)		Stockwell (1849)		Whisper (1857)		Oxford (1857)	
Princess (1856)	King Tom (1851)	Gruyere (1851)	Sweetmeat (1842)	Rubbing Katie (1847)	Chanticleer (1843)	Daughter of (184)	Wild Dayrell (1852)	Bassishaw (1847)	Ethelbert (1849)	Pocahontas (1837)	The Baron (1842)	Silence (1848)	Flatcatcher (1841)	Honey Dear (1844)	Birdcatcher (1833)
Incurable (1848) / Kellingworth or Brocklesby (1851)	[illegible] (1832) / Harkaway (1834)	Jennala (1840) / Verulam (1833)	Lollypop (1836) / Gladiator (1833)	Flyer (1840) / Melbourne (1834)	Whim (1832) / Inheritor (1833)	Belle (1830) / Red Rover (27)	Ellen Middleton (46) / Ion (1835)	Miss Whinny (1838) / Prime Warden (30)	Repair (1841) / Faugh a Ballagh (41)	Marpessa (1830) / Glencoe (1831)	Echidna (1838) / Birdcatcher (1833)	[illegible] (1841) / Melbourne (1834)	Decoy (1830) / Touchstone (1831)	4y Dear (1841) / Plenipotentiary (31)	Inheritor (1823) / Sir Hercules (1826)

WINNERS SINCE 1892.

1893 Prisoner 3y 8st 6lbs (4)	1898 Pinfold 3y 8st 1lb (3)
1894 Sweet Duchess 3y 8st 1lb ... ... (8)	1899 Claveley 4y 9st 4lb (3)
1895 Kilsallaghan 5y 10st 1lb (4)	1900 King's Courier 3y 8st 4lbs (5)
1896 Laodamia 6y 9st 2lbs (8)	1901 Merry Gal 4y 9st 8lbs (4) Sidus 4y 9st 4lbs
1897 Winkfield's Pride 4y 9st 4lbs ... ... (2)	1902 William the Third 10st (3)

Sporting Notes.

THE Calcutta Fourth Monsoon Meeting could not be held last Saturday afternoon, six inches of rain having fallen during the twenty-four hours preceding the hour fixed for the first race on the card. The meeting will be held next Saturday, weather permitting.

The Calcutta track was open for fast work on Tuesday and most of the strings had a few representatives galloping. Loch Arden went a nice five furlongs alone, moving in grand form. Oom Paul (Mr. Galstaun) and another covered the same distance at a useful pace. First Guide (Mr. Raban) and Mocassin (native) went a working gallop over five furlongs, but neither were extended. Pekin and Yellow Mantle, ridden by Bond and Hard respectively, went over four flights of hurdles. The former is looking well and is jumping a lot quicker than formerly. With his light weight he will have to be reckoned with on Saturday.

Yuletide (Hard) and Blair Athol (Mr. Evers) went a full school at a fast pace, Blair Athol having somewhat the best of it. This is a much improved pony and shapes well at the jumping business. *Apropos* of the postponement of last Saturday's meeting we hear growls from several owners as to no steps having been taken to inform them of the postponements. Indeed we hear that not a few race horses actually turned up at the course in the afternoon. Considering how very few owners, comparatively speaking, there are who are interested in these monsoon meetings, it does seem as though it would not have been too big a job to send round and let them know. In these days, however, there is rather a tendency to regard the owner as merely the very humble servant of the racing public at large, and the punter in particular.

As will be seen from an advertisement appearing in our Turf Notifications the Official Measurer of the C. T. C. has altered the dates of his up-country tour which will now begin at Lucknow about the 24th instant, and end at Umballa about the 6th October.

We publish elsewhere second entries for the Dehra Autumn Sky Races.

Government is opening a Veterinary Institute in Madras under Veterinary Major Gunn, Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, and a special concession is to be made in favour of Eurasian candidates, who will not be required to produce a matriculation certificate as a test of educational fitness. Tuition will be free, and Government offer ten scholarships of Rs. 10 per month. The course extends over three years and passed candidates will start on Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 per month.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes :—Paperchases continue weekly, but as there is no account kept at present of the winners with any view to average cups, it is not necessary to write at great length on the subject. On the 8th instant, however, when Colonel Sprot and the officers of the Carabiniers were "At Home" to their friends, Miss Sprot most appropriately arrived home first in the horse-chase, Colonel Sprot himself and a young officer of the corps—Mr. Christie—riding quite a desperate finish for second place which was hardly definitely decided. I still look forward to an average cup.

A decided innovation in the polo way is in progress here at present, in the shape of a skittle polo tournament on the American system. No less than eight teams have entered and as may be imagined the tournament provides any amount of play, whilst judicious handicapping renders the matches interesting. The combined team of the R. A. and R. E. are at scratch the Imperial Service Lancers receiving 3 goals start, and the remaining teams various allowances according to their capabilities. The tournament is doing much to popularise the game in the station and is, it would seem, an example that might well be followed elsewhere. In a match which remained drawn—an usual event in polo—½ a win was allowed to each team.

The R. A. and R. E. are a decidedly strong lot and are doing well in spite of having to concede points to all other teams, but the "Rovers" are my choice for ultimate winners. They are all four Essex officers, and comparatively new to polo and consequently receive the liberal start of 7 goals, but they have lots of dash and have won all their

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games to date. The Carabiniers have two teams entered, but they have not done much at present, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Swifte's team contains three of the men who lately made so good a fight with the 4th Hussars in the Bangalore Tournament. Put briefly the state of the tournament at present is as follows :—

	Matches played.	Won	Lost
"The Rovers" (+ 7 goals) ...	3	3	0
Imperial Service Lancers (+ 3 goals)	4	2½	1½
R A and R E (scratch) ...	3	2	1
"The Magpies" (+ 7 goals) ..	3	2	1
"Mounted Infantry" (+ 6 goals)...	4	2	2
Col Sprot's Team (The Carabiniers) (+ 5 goals)	4	1½	2½
Durham L I Novices (+ 7 goals)	4	1	3
Mr Swifte's Team (The Carabiniers) (+ 4 goals)	3	0	3

One of the most important things for women to realize when they commence to ride is that ten, twenty or forty lessons will not make experienced horsewomen of them. Riding should be considered an art as well as a sport ; and I do not think any rationnal persons would think of calling themselves finished singers, pianists or painters after ten or twenty lessons. Then why should riding be easy to learn—when it is not only difficult, but, if not learned properly, dangerous?

Any woman possessed of the normal amount of courage has every chance to become a good horsewoman. She will not have the advantage of years of youthful practice, but close application will do much and she can always bear in mind the true saying, that "Horsewomen are born, not made."

But being one of the "born" is not enough. It is a great thing to have the material there ; yet a strictly "ready made" rider is a bad thing. A certain knowledge of form and detail is necessary to produce a finished horsewoman. We have been asked many times of late our opinion of women riding astride. I think that in some cases, as in games, it is permissible, even advisable ; and some women hunt that way. In polo, for instance, where so much depends upon getting away quickly, riding straight, and rapid turning, the advantage of a leg on each side of a horse must be great. Yet it is worthy of notice that women who played the best polo in Aiken last winter played in a side-saddle.

Many people have an idea that riding astride is safer than the side-saddle ; that there is less danger of being dragged and more chance of escape if a horse falls. But with a safety skirt and safety stirrups, there is no chance of dragging from a side-saddle. Then, too, women are not usually physically adapted for a man's saddle ; their legs are not long enough or strong enough to get a good grip astride.

The more plainly one dresses for the saddle the better. Safety skirts should always be worn. These are made in two different ways. One is practically nothing but an apron, and gives the effect of a skirt when in the saddle, but is awkward when one is dismounted. The other is more convenient. It is more like the ordinary habit skirt, but has an open seam, which is provided with fasteners permitting it to be closed when off the horse and readily opened preparatory to mounting.

No other skirt should be worn beneath the habit skirt. Plain, close-fitting underclothes add greatly to one's comfort in the saddle. Balbriggan drawers, such as boys wear, and socks are best. Stockings are bad, as they often wrinkle and chafe, and elastics sometimes interfere with the circulation.

A Swift Automobile once swept proudly past a Tired Cart Horse. "Hello, Old stick-in-the-Mud!" it called, tauntingly. "Back to the Bone-yard, you Dead One!" So saying, it disappeared in a Cloud of Steam. A little further down the Pike, the Tired Cart Horse came upon the Swift Automobile, now busted. "Aha!" said the Steed, with a Horse Laugh, "who is Stick-in-the-Mud now? You are indeed far from your Happy Home." While the Cart Horse was thinking up other Biting Sarcasms of this Nature, they hitched him up to the Damaged Vehicle, and he was compelled to yank it laboriously to the stable, fourteen miles away on an Up Grade. This fable teaches us that it is wrong to gloat over the downfall of our enemies, until we are sure they can't no longer injure us.

We are just now, writes our Lucknow correspondent on 13th September, having the usual lull before the storm. The only thing fixed for the next month or so is the Annual Regatta which takes place on Thursday and Saturday of this week and Tuesday of next week. A very good programme has been arranged, and, with any sort of luck, the affair should be a great success. The events are as follows :—(1) Race for the R. E. Challenge Bowl, for four-oared crews representing Regiments, Volunteer Corps, Clubs and Departments quartered or stationed at Lucknow. (2) Pair Oars. (3 Double Sculling for Gentlemen with Lady Cox. (4) Single Sculling. (5) Scratch Fours. In addition to the Challenge Bowl, prizes have been offered by Major-General Black, Commanding the District, Mr. Pope, the Traffic Superintendent, Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway, and Mr. Smythe, of the local Brewery.

I said just now that we were having the lull before the storm. Towards the end of next month we shall get the storm with a vengeance. The Sky Week marks the beginning of the cold weather season, and then there is no rest even for the good, until the end of March. Those who are catering for our amusement this year evidently believe in making a good beginning for the Sky Week, we are promised three days' polo, two days' racing and a horse show, the programme for which last is just out. There are fourteen classes, which I give in full for the information of your readers. Class I. For all hacks and chargers, 14-3 and over. Class II. Arab Polo Ponies 14-1 and under, heavy weight class. Class III. The same, light weight class. Class IV. Country-bred Polo Ponies, 14-1 and under, heavy weight. Class V. The same, light weight class. Class VI. Waler and imported Breed Polo Ponies, 14-1 and under. Class VII. Brake and Team driving competition (open to Regiments and Batteries) only one team per Regiment or Battery allowed—best of two drives. Class VIII. Trappers, single harness. Class IX. Jumping competition for horses, 14-2 and under. Class X. The same for ponies 14-1 and under. Class XI. Ladies' Hacks, to be ridden by ladies. Class XII. Turn out, single harness, to be *bonâ fide* property of ladies and to be driven by owners. Class XIII. For the best horse in the ring over 14-2, open to winners only. Class XIV. For the best pony in the ring 14-1 and under, open to winners only. I think the above list will give most of our local sportsmen a chance.

I had hoped to have been able to send you the result of the final of the Polo Tournament, played off here for the Cup presented by Colonel Humphery in time for last Thursday's *Indian Field* ; but the weather has again been against us, and, though it was begun on Monday, the rain came down in the middle and play had to be abandoned for the day. On Monday the VIth Bengal Cavalry, who were meeting the Vth Dragoon Guards, had rather the best of it, and scored two goals one subsidiary to the one goal of their opponents. On Wednesday they were again the better form and added one goal one subsidiary to their score, thus winning the Cup. The VIth Dragoon Gards had distinctly bad luck in the way their men kept on getting seedy On Monday there were two changes in the team, Pankhurst and Major Stuart being absent, and Brand and Stott taking their places, then Wednesday found Captain Clay down with fever ; Major Stuart, who was better, playing for him.

From right along the lower northern hills between the Indus and Irrawaddi, news reached us of indications of an early setting in of winter on the higher ranges. Snow falling so early as this with the volume of the big rivers already diminishing is abnormal, while the descent of bears and leopards from their summer resorts point to a plethora of those creatures, all indicating a good shooting season. How matters are faring among the water fowl on their breeding grounds on the far side of the Himalayas we have yet to learn, but the appearance of such harbingers as snipe, widgeon and even teal on the jheels and in the centre of the Gangetic delta promise an equally early advent of geese and duck. Altogether the season has been an unusually favourable one for game propagation in the hunting regions of India proper, for we have every reason to infer that similar hopeful conditions have prevailed in the rest of the peninsula south of the latitude of the Vindhya range. No great floods or extensive forest fires have been reported, so that breeding must have gone on under the best conditions. Crop prospects on the whole are satisfactory, hence the usual legitimate food, jungle fruits, seeds which suffer as equally from

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deficient rainfall as their prototypes, having been as abundant, together with the insects luxuriant foliage begets, have nourished plenty of ground feathered game. The outlook for the Indian sportsman for his shooting season is far more promising than that of his European compeer, for very doleful tales are to hand as to the havoc wrought on moor and in spinnies by the long continued inclement weather of the northern spring and summer, as also the increasing ravages of the new disease specially affecting pheasants—entritis. Predatory creatures have no doubt shared in the advantages of the mild Indian weather since April, so there should be ample opportunity for those anxious to secure trophies without resorting to wholesale slaughter. With this probable wealth of game, it is to be trusted that no relaxation of the close time or other restrictions or regulations will be permitted, as although game will be more than usually plentiful it must be remembered that the young are still as immature as in ordinary seasons. In the têrai east of Darjeeling heads of the older stags of each kind will be in their prime for the next six weeks; we hope that those essaying shooting during the coming pooja outings will confine themselves strictly to these; all full does killed before the middle of January in Northern India means the death, by premature weaning, of fawns, the same applies to feathered ground game, and were licenses granted only to such sportsmen as can restrain themselves previous to the 15th of the month mentioned, we should not have to lament the indiscriminate slaughter of "innocents" that now goes on from the first setting in of the cold weather.

The following is the betting on the Viceroy's Cup:—Friar Tuck 4 to 1 against, Great Scot and Carabine 5 to 1, Acetine 7 to 1, Vasto and Cretonne 10 to 1.

The Calcutta Light Horse held the last tent-pegging competition of the season on Tuesday. The best aggregate scores were: Troop Sergeant Major Westmacott with 54 points and Trooper Touch with 53 points. The former thus holds the Challenge Bowl for the year, and the Cup for the runner up goes to Trooper Touch. Trooper Ching won the Beginners' Cup with 44 points

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W. Cowell, the well-known jockey, died at Bombay on Tuesday night. He was one of the best professionals in the country and was under engagement to Messrs. Anandji Nanji and Mathuradass Goculdass. We are without particulars.

Athletic Notes.

WE HAVE to remind our readers that the annual meeting of the Calcutta Swimming Club will take place at 4-30 P.M. on Saturday, 19th current.

The Bath building is being prepared for the entertainment and electric fans are being fitted above the ladies' gallery. Light refreshments will be provided free of cost.

The programme comprises a two lengths handicap for members. There were eighteen entries for this and preliminary heats were put through on Tuesday. The final should afford a good race.

The next item is a 100 yards scratch race for soldiers. Preliminaries were swum off last evening.

The great event of the day, the six lengths handicap for the Viceroy's medal has unfortunately only drawn five entries, of which two will probably be absentees owing to the Rugby final. This leaves three only—a miserable entry as compared with the other races. The other events are eight lengths team race for which the entries are the Swimming Club, the Calcutta Football Club, and the Seebpore College teams, also a water polo tournament, in which the Swimming Club will meet the Seebpore boys. We should back the Swimming Club to win both these events. In addition there will be a display of diving and fancy swimming and a comic event consisting of a two lengths race in clothes with a tall hat on and an umbrella, the latter to be kept open. It is no easy work to swim two lengths in clothes leave alone the umbrella, and as there are about 20 entries and all will be in one heat the event should prove fairly exciting. The Club Committee have worked hard to make the meeting a success, and it is hoped the show will be as well patronised as in former years.

The Annual Athletic and Sporting Meeting of the Bombay Gymkhana will be held in Bombay during the week—26th to 31st October.

The following are the results of the drawing in the Durand Tournament:—

First Round.

A. Welsh Regiment *vs.* Royal Irish Rifles 14th September
B. Black Watch *vs.* New Club A. ... 15th September
C. Queens *vs.* Welsh Fusiliers ... 16th September
Royal Artillery, Jutogh
Royal Artillery, Meerut
Gordon Higlanders — Byes.
Simla Volunteers
New Club B team

Second Round.

B. R. A. Meerut *vs.* New Club B team ... 17th September
E. Winners of A. *vs* Gordon Higlanders 18th September
F Winners of B. *vs.* winners of C ... 19th September
G. R. A. Jutogh *vs* Simla Volunteers ... 21st September

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—Three Bangalore Rugby football players accompany the Presidency team to Calcutta, namely, Messrs. Rolland, Robinson, R. A., and Bailey, R. H. A. Of these the first two are forwards and the third a very fast and nippy three-quarters, who may prove dangerous to the C. F. C.

The 58th Battery R. F. A were beaten in the first tie for the Madras Command R. A. football tournament by "G" Battery R. H. A., the score being 3 goals to *nil*. The 31st Battery have beaten the 25th Battery in Bellary and are expected here shortly, for finals and semi-finals will I hear be played in Bangalore this year. But if the 55th Battery from St. Thomas' Mount are anything like what they were two years ago, they will take a lot of beating.

Cricket prospects continue only fair, although the weather is at present a disturbing element—literally speaking—in the game. Bangalore has always produced good cricketers, but at present we want a really good fast bowler badly—not an uncommon want in higher class cricket than is usually seen in Indian stations. One curious circumstance may be mentioned as regards Bangalore cricket. We nearly always possess a cricketing General officer commanding, and General H. B. McCall's sound innings just before his retirement are still well remembered. In fact I have heard it quoted as a proof of the absurdity of the compulsory retirement system that a man who would field all day in the sun and make forty or fifty runs afterwards should be considered too old for further service.

Yesterday saw another decidedly notable achievement here by a General Officer. Going in first with Major Hayes, for the "Rest of the Gymkhana" *vs.* "R. A. and R. E." General Nixon, C. B., scored 59 runs and was second out, putting on in partnership with Major Hayes, 112 runs for the first wicket. And the bowling was not bad either, Captain Barstow and Mr. Robertson have been well known in Bangalore for a goodish while. More power to the country which breeds men who remain athletes when descendants of other nations are thinking only of arm-chairs and card-tables.

We remind our readers that entries for the Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta close on Saturday evening. The Dinghy race has so far drawn but two entries, there are, as far as we are aware, no entries for the Senior Double Sculls, and for the Senior Fours there are in practice but two crews composed as follows:—

D Carvill *bow*	A Cochran *bow*
W C Burke 2	H R Pilcher 2
J C Buchanan 3	W D Braithwaite 3
C V Green *str*	A V Venables *str*

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—The chief attraction just now is the Bombay Rovers' Association Football Tournament, for which fifteen teams have entered from various parts of India. The first match in the opening round was played off on Friday, but the Committee hit upon the happy idea of inaugurating the tournament with a charity match, on Thursday evening in which the opposite sides were the Bombay Presidency *vs.* All India. The former team consisted of the pick of the players in the teams which have entered from the Presidency, the other eleven being composed of players from other parts of India. As was only to be expected combination was not always of the best, but, considering that the players were practically all strangers to each other's play, a very interesting exhibition of the soccer code was witnessed. The sides were very evenly matched and at half-time the score stood 2 goals all, All India eventually winning by 3 goals to 2. The tournament proper commenced on Friday evening, when the Buffs, who are now stationed at Poona met the Bombay Rovers. The latter is a much improved team, and very early in the game gave evidence that they were not so weak a combination as many people appeared to think. The opening half was fairly evenly contested, the Rovers, if anything, having rather the best of matters. In the forward line they showed better combination than their opponents, while their half backs fed them well and experienced little difficulty in breaking up the combination of the Poona players' front rank. The Bombay players had chances of scoring on two or three occasions, but failed at the critical moment as a result of some of their forwards showing a tendency to stick to the ball too long. At half time the teams crossed over with a blank scoring sheet.

In the second half quite a change came over the game and it was soon apparent that there was only one team in it—and that was not the Buffs. The game had not been resumed five minutes before Rodwell twice sent into the Buffs' net, greatly to the delight of the civilian team's supporters. Encouraged by this success, the homesters played up strongly—again and again their forwards carried the ball close up to their opponents' goal, the military backs repeatedly letting them through, and, but for erratic shooting, they should have scored on several occasions. Three or four times the Buffs broke away, but only to be speedily driven back again, and they had to do all they knew to keep the Bombay players from increasing their lead. For a time they were successful, but eventually Tyler dribbled close up and sent in the Rovers' third goal. From now to the end the Bombay players continued to hold the upper hand, but there was no further scoring and they eventually left the field victorious by 3 goals to nil. The Rovers had asserted their superiority in every department of the game, and were unlucky in not winning by an even larger margin. The game on Saturday evening was between the North Staffords, stationed at Bombay, and the Lincolns, who have come down from Secunderabad. The result was a pointless draw. The game was a very fast one, both ends of the ground being visited in rapid succession. The passing on both sides was very pretty, while the head work, of which there was a lot, was neatly and well directed. It would be difficult to say which side showed the better combination, but certainly the North Staffords showed up to more purpose towards the end of the struggle.

While on the subject of football, I should like to briefly refer to the forthcoming Rugby Tournament which is to be held under the auspices of the Bombay Gymkhana, and which gives every promise of being one of the most successful of recent years. The last three or four tournaments under Rugby rules have been only productive of a small entry, and consequently the event has lost much of its interest. Thanks, however, to the efforts of Mr. P. J. Arnot, the energetic Honorary Secretary, a capital entry has been secured for this year's tournament and we are looking forward to seeing some interesting rugger. The teams which have entered are: The Welsh Regiment (holders of the Cup), the Gloucesters (from Lucknow), the Buffs (from Poona), Bombay Garrison, Calcutta F. C., Madras Gymkhana, and Bombay Gymkhana. The Welsh have won the Cup for eight years in succession, but they are not likely to have such an easy time this year, although in the end I shall expect to see them once more victorious. On the 19th of this month the Bombay Gymkhana team leaves for Madras to play in the tournament there, but I am afraid they will be unable to take over their strongest fifteen, a number of men finding it difficult to get away. Last year a visit was made to Calcutta, and from the teams mentioned above, it will be observed that the latter are now returning the compliment.

Turning to cricket, I regret to hear that little real enthusiasm has been evinced by the general body of Indian cricketers up to date in the scheme to send a representative native Indian cricket team to England next year, and I for one sincerely hope that all who can afford to do so will come forward with their subscriptions, and that, too, without delay as there is not much time left to the Committee to complete the arrangements for the visit—by the middle of November, at the latest, definite information must reach the secretary of the M.C.C. that the team is coming in order to allow him to arrange fixtures. Up to date something like

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Rs. 15,000 have been either subscribed or promised towards the subscription fund and the guarantee fund, and several gentlemen have promised to contribute to one or other of these funds, but have not yet stated to what extent. As regards the players who are likely to compose the team, all with the exception of K. M. Mistri have signified their willingness to make the trip, and in Mistri's case the Committee are not without hope that arrangements will ultimately be made which will allow that brilliant all-round cricketer to join the team. Considerable interest is being evinced in the forthcoming match at Poona between the Bombay Presidency and the Parsees. The Presidency Selection Committee's difficulties have not decreased since the Poona match and I for one am none too sure that the Europeans will repeat their Poona success of last year, when they won by four wickets.

After several postponements occasioned by the inclemency of the weather, mounted sports were held in Bombay on Wednesday. A good programme had been arranged, but owing to a late start darkness interfered with it being carried through to a finish. Five or six half-sections competed in the tent-pegging (horses or ponies), and after close competition Mr. R. F. Cook and Lieutenant R. S. Scott were placed first, with Messrs. S. M. McCausland and A Sidney Galtrey bracketted second with Messrs. F. J. Rowe and T. D. Moore There were a good many competitors in the jumping competition for horses, which was won by Mr. Spence's Lippy (Mr. McLachlin up) with Mr Rowe's Mischief (owner) second, and Mr. Stovold's Red Lithtie (owner) third. Lippy took all the jumps in capital style, the result being never in doubt. The Skittle Lloyd Lindsay (by sections) was won by Messrs. Johnson and Carnegie. The programme wound up with a horse scurry (handicap), which resulted as follows: Mr. T. L. Roberts' Reminiscence (Mr. S. M. McCausland) scratch 1st; Mr. A. Sidney Galtrey's Under Housemaid (owner) 10yards., 2nd; and Mr. McLachlin's White Heather (owner) 10yds., 3rd. Reminiscence, who had the better of a poor start, won by half-a-length, the others being some distance behind.

General Notes.

MR. PEARSON'S successor as Chief Presidency Magistrate is to be Mr. Weston at present officiating as District Magistrate of Barisal.

Lieutenant Plant, who was committed to the Madras Sessions, was tried on the 11th instant and sentenced to six months' imprisonment for cheating.

The Indian Medical Service Dinner at the United Service Club, Simla, is fixed for Saturday, 19th and the Staff College Dinner for Monday, 21st instant.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. C. E. Vining, Traffic Superintendent of the Eastern Bengal Railway, which occurred on the P. and O. Steamer *Egypt* on the 7th instant.

It is rumoured that Lady Curzon may go home in a few weeks' time for a change. It is also probable that Lady Lawrence, who is improving after her attack of fever, will accompany Her Excellency.

Sergt. Swayne of the Governor's Band at Poona attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat last Friday. He had had fever for several days, but no motive for the act can be assigned. He is at the Station Hospital, Kirkee, in a precarious condition.

From the Report of the Sixty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Northern Assurance Company, held at Aberdeen, on Friday, the 12th day of June last, we learn that the premiums received in the Fire Department last year amounted to £960,365 15*s.* 9*d.*, showing, in comparison with the premiums of the previous year, an increase of £107,438 4*s.* 6*d.* The losses incurred amounted to £470,336 9*s.* 5*d.* or 49·0 per cent. of the premiums. This is the lowest ratio which has been experienced by the Company since the year 1878.

During the year 1,051 Policies were issued for New Life Assurances, amounting in the aggregate, after deduction of Re-assurances, to £352,217. Of this sum £192,142 was for Endowment Assurances payable at death or on the attainment of a specified age, and £7,525 for Ordinary Endowments payable at a fixed date. These new Assurances yielded Annual Premiums amounting to £13,793 15*s.* 4*d.* and Single Premiums amounting to £73 16*s.* 2*d.* The total income of the year (including Interest) was £393,950 6*s.* 8*d.* The claims amounted to £269,265 10*s.* 9*d.*, of which the sum of £46,807 3*s.* 2*d.* was for Endowments and Endowment Assurances payable during Life.

The funds of the Life Department now amount to £4,109,816 9*s.* 4*d.*, showing an increase for the year of £108,086 5*s.* *d.*

The Directors have during the year set aside and earmarked special securities as the absolute property of the beneficiaries of the various Life and Staff Funds. In the Accounts of the past year, therefore, there will be found for the first time special Balance Sheets for:—Participation Life Branch, General Life Branches (Non-Participation, Endowment Certain and Annuity), Staff Funds, in addition to the General Balance Sheet of Fire and Shareholders' Funds. The Securities allocated to the Life and Staff Funds were transferred at the lowest market prices. The surplus, which on re-valuation was found to exist, has been devoted in the first instance to writing down to the market value any securities in the Company's books standing above the same at the close of the year; the balance remaining has been set aside as an "Investment Reserve Fund."

The total amount proposed to be distributed amongst the Shareholders for the year 1902 is £96,000, *viz*:—Dividend of £1 per share paid in December last £30,000, Dividend of £1 10*s.* 1 per share to be paid now £45,000, third instalment of 4*s.* per share of Life Bonus £6,000, Bonus of 10*s.* per share £15,000.

London Week by Week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 28th August, 1903.*

THE bulletins of Friday and Saturday from Hatfield prepared us for the news which reached London about ten o'clock on Saturday night. After lying unconscious for some twenty-four hours Lord Salisbury died shortly after nine o'clock on Saturday evening; and with his death closes a great political chapter. Others in our time have enjoyed wider popularity in the vulgar sense, but no man has enjoyed in the same degree public respect and confidence. Beginning his public career fifty years ago as Lord Robert Cecil he had neither money nor the desire to win popularity: he had the prestige of a great name, but that had stood him in small stead with the personal qualities which made him. A great man in the best sense of the phrase he was able to take comprehensive views and grasp large issues: a brave one, he cared nothing for applause from those whose right to express opinions he always more than doubted. His career and the position to which he attained is as significant of the intelligence of the masses as it is proof of his own abilities: never pandering to popular outcry, never lending ear to the voice of an hour, never acting on impulse he gradually drew to the front as the man on whom the country could safely rely. In a word he was a statesman among politicians.

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He was a man of action rather than of speech: he appealed to his countrymen's heads rather than their hearts. As an orator I suppose he is scarcely entitled to rank at all: it is long since I heard him speak and I have forgotten the purpose or occasion of the address, but the manner of it remains vividly in mind. There was no rhetoric, no flourish; manner and voice alike impressive, but impressive, because the speaker was obviously sincere and had no thought for effect. That was the keynote of Lord Salisbury's character, sincerity; and though the electorate took its time to recognise it, to Lord Salisbury the electorate turned in time of stress or need; whether to meet peril from without when storm was brewing or to "clean up after Gladstone" at home.

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In one respect Lord Salisbury's methods might well stand as an object lesson to smaller men. Once within the gates of Hatfield he was no longer a public man: he held that private life should be private life and the morbid curiosity of an inquisitive public was never gratified by the smallest glimpse of the home life of Hatfield House. The personal paragraphist had to leave Lord Salisbury alone, and the seclusion in which it was the late premier's pleasure to live in his own home was one of the minor factors which contributed to his dignity and prestige and the respect he commanded. So it was to the last: no unseemly gossip to make sensational "Last Scenes" filtered down the back stairs to eager reporters. What the public have the right to know it knows: and the only point the sensationalists have been able to make is that the passing bell which announced the death by an undesigned coincidence tolled for as many minutes as Lord Salisbury had years instead of the prescribed hour. He is to be buried at Hatfield on Monday: quite privately.

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The Royal Commission on the War have issued their Report, and perusal of the same leaves one with such feelings as he, I perpend, must experience who drives across a bridge and hears it fall in ruins behind him. The Commission did not deal with the military operations themselves: they quote opposing opinions as to the proper strategy given by Earl Roberts and Lord Wolseley and, remarking that their body was not so constituted as to permit them to decide between two such authorities, proceed to deal with the military preparations. If one were to sum up the ten columns of the *Times* into which the Report is digested into a sentence, that sentence must be "nothing was foreseen and little was ready." The much abused Intelligence Department comes out of the fire unscathed: insufficient staff and scanty means notwithstanding, it did obtain very fairly accurate information concerning the Boer resources in men and arms and as to the feeling in the Republics. In February 1896 Lord Wolseley, on general grounds of expediency, urged a small addition to the forces in South Africa a regiment of cavalry, a battery of horse artillery and two battalions of infantry; and by the end of 1897 the force had been further increased to about 9,500 men and 24 guns: and there it stopped till July 1899 when Lord Wolseley suggested the despatch of 10,000 men.

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Space forbids my going into details—unless you can spare a whole issue of the *Indian Field* for the purpose. The Commission say that official records and evidence establish "the main fact that for at least three years before the outbreak of war the Intelligence Department of the War Office had been fully aware of the warlike preparations of the Republics." Lord Lansdowne's answer to the charge of non-preparation is that "it was not expedient to ask Parliament for a large sum of money and make open preparations which might have precipated a crisis." Lord Lansdowne's position as Secretary for War was to say the least singular: the important papers of the Intelligence Department were "never officially communicated to him." He seems first to have heard of them officially from Mr. Chamberlain! So we held on. The root of the trouble appears to lie in the organisation of the War Office and its dependence upon political considerations. Apart from the latter the Commission are at no pains to conceal their view that there is a dangerous lack of cohesion and unity of purpose among the Department in Pall Mall. What the several departments were doing on their own accounts we do not know: what they were not doing this Report tells us and astounding reading it is. Those responsible for clothing were too busy attending to gold lace and buttons to care for minor matters: hence I suppose the fact that there was no reserve of khaki clothing: 40,000 suits were made in the spring of 1899 to be condemned by the medical authorities as too thin. Says Sir Henry Brackenbury, a witness:—

All my difficulties have arisen from the fact that the troops sent out to South Africa had to be entirely reclothed from head to foot before being sent out. In the infantry the blue helmet had to be replaced by a white helmet, and the red serge frock by khaki drill. After embarkation had commenced the khaki drill frock was discarded for khaki serge. After manufacturing the khaki serge had commenced, a new pattern frock was ordered; that had to be discarded, as contractors objected to it, owing to difficulties of manufacture. Tweed trousers had to be replaced by khaki drill, afterwards changed to khaki serge. Even the boots had to be changed, as the foreign service boot differs from the home service boot. In cavalry and artillery there were the same changes in helmets and frocks as in the infantry; cloth pantaloons had to be replaced by cord pantaloons, knee boots had to be replaced by

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ankle boots and puttees. Similar changes had to be made for all services—Royal Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, &c. I submit that a system such as above described is eminently unpractical, and unsuited to the requirements of an army which is maintained to enable us to make war.

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Concerning arms, etc., we heard a good deal at the time. It is now admitted that there were 200,000 reserve rifles in stock and that 25,000 were issued before it was discovered that these were so badly sighted that they shot 18 inches to the left at 500 yards. Of 157 million rounds of small arm ammunition 66 millions were Mark IV, otherwise had expanding bullets and were not available under the Hague Convention. The ammunition pouches would not hold cartridges and scattered it around: the Wallace spade proved too weak to be useful. There was no stock of horse shoes or mule shoes: but having regard to the fact that we lacked both horses and mules so badly, this need hardly count. Nor need we deplore the fact that we possessed a reserve of 80 (*four score*) cavalry swords, in view of Sir John French's and General Baden-Powell's opinions that our cavalry sword is "the very worst that could possibly be used" and "perfectly useless as a sword or anything else." The most disturbing passage in the whole Report is the significant intimation that it "contains all that can be published with due regard to the public interest." Agreeable reading isn't it? The Report practically confines itself to pointing out defects and shortcomings—a formidable task conscientiously performed—and leaves the Government to find remedies: a more formidable task: but four of the nine Commissioners have set their hands to a recommendation of the most sweeping character, which is that there should be established "a complete scheme of national military education in national cadet schools" whereby every healthy boy of 17, not a sailor or member of a volunteer corps, should have to serve for a term in a school ordered on military lines. Lord Esher adds indeed that "this is the only alternative to conscription." Matters relative to the riding and shooting of our men in South Africa hardly come within the scope of these notes: the remarks of witnesses are instructive.

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There appears to have been one man and only one in the whole political world who foresaw what was coming in South Africa and at the same time was fully alive to the danger and strove for all he was worth to awaken the responsible authorities to a sense of the position. Of course it was Mr. Chamberlain. One cannot read without child-like wonderment the letter he wrote—officially as Secretary for the Colonies, mark it—to the Secretary for War in April 1897—observe the date please, nearly 2½ years before the war broke out, and again in May 1898. He saw the danger clearly: had his finger on the colonial pulse: realised what effect initial success or reverse must produce: and he "rubbed it in" with no sparing hand. If Mr. Chamberlain needed a character as a statesman and not as a politician it is writ here. The pity of it! We have so little use for statesmen in these days while wanting them so sorely. Forgive the paradox.

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The disappearance of the lady doctor, Miss Hickman, is beginning to attract wider attention. Briefly, the lady attended to her patients at the Royal Free Hospital on Saturday morning, 15th August; arranged to see casualty patients at six in the evening—and vanished: literally vanished, as nobody saw her leave the hospital and nothing has been seen or heard of her since. The police have taken up the case and are said to possess a clue; but meantime the lady's relatives freely air their conjectures concerning her fate in the papers. One theory is that she has been stricken with sudden loss of memory and has forgotten her own name and identity; such things have occurred. Another idea is that she is detained by Jesuits, "a prisoner of the Catholic Church" (the lady's father started this notion). Another relative believes she has been made away with by low class Italians: she was fond of Italians and all things Italian and was much in the quater where Italians live. The fact remains that a young, healthy, eminently sane and well balanced young woman of fine physique has completely disappeared from the midst of London. The thing is strange.

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Well! The Humbert trial is ended—ended in smoke so far as sensational revelations are concerned. Madame kept her end up bravely diffusing around her the atmosphere of penetrable mystery for no earthly reason apparently but to stimulate public curiosity and keep eyes upon herself. Maitre Labori could hardly have relished the task he undertook and the Regnier story fell deplorably flat, chiefly I suppose because nobody believed it. Madame has no right to complain. She had a glorious good time at other people's expense for twenty years and she does not pay too heavily for it with five years' solitary confinement. As a swindle the Humbert career has been a classic; for sheer daring it stands alone. Mons. Regnier whom Madame would have had the world believe comprised in his own person "the Crawfords" was the man who was mixed up with the Bazaine affair, you will remember. He took refuge at Ramsgate with no pretensions whatever to wealth; on the contrary his women kind had to turn their hands to work and established a laundry on the profits of which the family lived. The laundry is still going, but has long since passed into other hands.

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All the world is assembled in Dublin this week to talk horse. They have a capital entry for this year's show, 1,400 against last year's 1,300 and the young classes, a friend writes me, are particularly strong; but the Horse Show rank as a society function and its success in that sense depends not on entries, quality or the lack of them.

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The estate of "Sam Lewis," who combined in himself the apparently hostile callings of moneylender and philanthropist, has been revalued at over two millions and a half. Sam Lewis was happily described by the perverted text "He that lendeth to the lord giveth to the poor." The peerage would agree.

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I heard the other day that the Committee of one of the Ladies' Clubs in Dover Street have removed from the members' list at one fell swoop no fewer than fifteen names: not all names of nobodies.

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A few odds and ends from the theatrical world must be condensed. Dan Leno is very much better and was to leave Camberwell House for Boscombe early this week: his programme is to rest there, then go abroad for a time and, on his return home, do nothing till Drury Lane pantomime rehearsals come on. Lord Anglesey is starring the provinces with his own company: he was at Lichfield a day or two ago and gave *The Marriage of Kitty*, taking the part of Sir Reginald himself. The performance is well spoken of, but chief admiration is lavished on the furniture which is from Anglesey Castle. The Marquis' adoption of the stage altogether is I suppose only a matter of time. There is a rumour of concerted managerial action to make an end of the matinée hat: if I ever went to matinées I should seek out the pioneers of the movement and offer my aid: having but an academic interest in the matter I content myself with a benediction on wisely directed effort.

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AN ELEPHANTS' DANCING GROUND

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KIPLING, in one of his delightful tales, 'Loomi of the elephants' I think it is, refers to native rumours that elephants not only dance, but have regular dancing grounds where they meet for saltatory exercise. One would think they were the last creatures on God's earth to be accused of a predilection for the "light fantastic" yet after all why not? I have known even the Government secretariat capable of getting into a playful humour.

Doubtless Kipling heard of the idea from Sanderson, the kheddah man with whom I believe he was acquainted but even Sanderson himself never saw one of these grounds. I do not remember any mention of his having done so in his book "Thirteen Years Among the Wild Beasts of India," nor did he ever tell me he had, often and often as we have talked "elephant" together and discussed this very subject, which he said he had heard of. I think then that I am perhaps the only European who has seen such places. After all said and done, if what I saw were real dancing floors, they looked very ordinary sorts of places, and there is not much to indicate to the ordinary observer the exciting scenes which take place there, any more than the dirty, fusty smelling empty theatre by day discloses the brilliant scenes to be witnessed in it night after night. After all "The play's the thing," but not being able to show you that, I do the next best and show you where it is played. It is very probable that the theory holds good "once a dancing ground, always a dancing ground,' and as far as I see there is no reason why some enthusiastic naturalist, who has a little money and unlimited time at his disposal should not witness one of these so-called dances. They are held but four or almost five days' march from the old abandoned subdivisional headquarters "Ruma" of the so-called 'Bohmaung's circle" in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. I shall be pleased to give any one any further information as to how to get there, and in fact every detail should they care to ask you for it. The country swarms with game, so that even if they were not lucky enough to see a dance they could get good sport, and baskets full of orchids in the Ramagiri khall, besides other rare plants. For the present, however, I shall just give a few extracts from my diary which are is twenty years old. In those days a patrol of frontier police left Polityc. our most eastern frontier stockade, once a fortnight for "Dalukmai," a frontier police station in the Arakan Hill Tracts, there was no regular path, the sepoys just cut the jungle where needed, blazed a tree here and there and built a few lean-to-sheds of bamboos thatched with wild plantain leaves at the end of each day's march. Their duties were simple, they were to report if they saw any signs of Shekdoos about, or any village being built, or any joom being made within sight of the patrol line. Well one March I accompained them and here are my diary extracts.

15th and 18th March.—Started from Ruma for Polityel distance twelve miles. Got a brace and a half of hil, partridge, and a jungle cock on the way. Halted for breakfast at the stream, saw a lot of fish spotted like English trout. The orderlies Madoo Ram and Gour Singh got thirty-two; they waded into a pool which was but thigh deep and feeling about with their feet would suddenly reach down and bring one up 'I do not know how they managed it, I tried, but was a dismal failure. This pool they had dammed up, up stream, and then they, after some time, frightened the fish to the lower shallow outlet: over this a coolie with a *dao* stood and as each fish tried to dart past, it was cut and captured. Found a new fern here. Arrived at Polityc at twelve o'clock. In the afternoon collected several dendrobiums, angulatum, Parishii, gigantium, cruminatum and fimbriatum.

16th March—Started for Dalukmai, and halted at Koorookpalla sheds. No water between this and Poly. The patrol line passes along the mountain ridge leaving the lake Rhenkyang Khyne in the valley to the left. There is a long descent after a few miles out, and then a stiff climb. Arrived Koorookpalla about 4 P. M. Water good. On the way Madoo Ram put up a brood of Polyplectron pheasants. I did not notice what he was at, and when he shouted "Sir, sir, look under the bush. I did so without in the least knowing what I was to look for. The next moment a great big something flew right at my face so I loosed off my gun not knowing what it was, and blew the plucky little hen pheasant to feathers. We have got two of the chicks alive. Came across some sambhur, but failed to get a shot. After reaching Koorookpalla the men found a porcupine. I had some curried. Pottered about after reaching camp shot imperial pigeon, two jungle fowl and two and a half brace partridges. Saw a number of Polyplectron.

17th March.—Left Koorookpalla at dawn. First part of March all up hill; arrive at Dâná sheds at 11-15. A.M. Went on, arrived at Phool Bâsa at 2-30 P.M. Ataram (one of the five sepoys of the patrol) went lame. This was a most delightful march. The first part all trees, no undergrowth with a carpet of Nature's own weaving. For a hundred yards or so one would be tramping over a bed of yellowish golden brown fallen leaves. These would abruptly change farther on to one of flaming red ones; these after a litt e giving place to warm coloured brown ones. In and out, over and under these, played coveys and coveys of hill partridges. Bagged six, could have got treble that if I had tried. Elephant tracks far more numerous than yesterday's, but all old. Came on fresh sambhur tracks. Madoo Ram and coolies formed a small beat; posting me up a ravine they thought the animals would make up. I got a shot at about ten yards and smashed both shoulders, but my 8-bore rifle is too heavy for snap shooting and the others were off before I could slew round for a second shot. Rest of the day spent skinning and cutting up the stag.

18th March.—Started shortly after dawn. The men and coolies appeared to me to have spent the night feasting off that sambhur. The road to-day is one long ascent, all through beautiful park-like bamboo jungle. Clumps of bamboo are scattered about thinly, under foot is withered doob grass almost knee deep. It must have been magnificent feeding ground in the rains and elephants had evidently made the most of their time. Everywhere their tracks are seen in some places broad, hard-beaten paths have been made. Suddenly we dropped into the Ramagiri stream, along this were a few trees and bushes. Saw fresh rhino tracks, but the police wish to push on so up, up, up we go: again through bamboo jungle. There is positively no undergrowth. One could drive a coach and four round and about those giant clumps but for the steepness of the ground. At the top a magnificent view bursts on one. A tremendous valley stretches away to the east. Range after range of hills trend away on either side of it clothed in deepest forest or bamboo. The naik

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in charge of the patrol pointed out to me three dots over the frontier. They were doubtless houses. Now no villages should have been there and the men with me strongly suspect they may turn out to be the beginning of a Shendoo war village. Two men were told off to scout. A little further on we came upon curious open spaces. one space was at least about five hundred yards long by about thirty broad. It was perfectly level, not a particle of jungle growth on it. It appeared to have been cleared, and tramped. and pounded upon till it looked as hard and as bare as the floor of a native hut, or threshing floor. My coolies said this was where the elephants danced. that further on at Noonapani I would see where they ended the dance in the *must* pool From this place we walked along an elephant road fully twenty feet broad, others of nearly equal breadth branched off from it in all directions. Then we came to the steep part of the descent. Here the path narrowed, and passed between huge rocks, which I could hardly believe a fairsized elephant could squeeze between, and yet there were signs that it had been done. Midway down, there were sudden drops, like giant steps, from three to four feet in depth. How the elephants negotiated these I cannot imagine. An hour's journey from the top, brought us to the bottom Here we came upon a saltwater pool. The elephants appear to have held high revel here, for everything has been splashed with blue-grey mud. This is Noonapani, the second dancing place of the elephants.

We passed to the sheds, about twenty minutes' march farther on. Arrived there at about a quarter to one o'clock. Naik very anxious got my coolies to help cut and construct a rough chevaux de frise of pointed bamboos round our sleeping place, advised making up half loads in case of a surprise and a bolt being needed. After a bit of a rest I went back to the salt pool. This is just at the bottom of the steep descent. It is nearly circular in shape, being about twenty yards in diameter, nine or ten feet deep, at one side which was much more shallow than the other. A large rock jutted out from the water. In the centre a salt spring bubbled up causing the pool to overflow into a neighbouring fresh water stream. The water was very thick and muddy. Boulders had evidently been moved away on the hill side, for on that side they formed a sort of outer ring between which and the pool the ground had not so much as a blade of grass on it. It had been stamped hard and level. On all the other three sides the ground had been cleared of all but the largest trees and these had been stripped of all branches within eight to ten feet of the ground. A broad belt of ground right round this pool had been stamped as hard, bare, and level as a tennis court. Beyond this belt again elephant tracks covered the ground overlapping each other for hundreds of yards, but there was this difference that within the belt all was smooth beyond it, the ground was much cut up and rough like a muddy country road after herds of cattle have passed over it. Interspersed with the elephants' footprints I discovered several rhinoceros footprints, and numbers of gaur marks and sambhur What is most curious is that within the hard beaten level belt of ground, everything has been smothered in blue-grey mud. To a height of ten or twelve feet the tree trunks, every one of their branches or rather stumps of branches, every boulder on the hilly side and every boulder bordering the belt had been covered with this wash of blue grey mud, not merely casually here and there but most carefully every surface of everything within the belt, rock ground or tree trunk had been as completely covered as though a human being had painted them, and the height on the trees was kept nearly level also even to the hill side being splashed to nearly the level of the trees. I cannot and will not believe that this is the work of elephant but my men say it is. There was not a sign of any elephant being about the place then. I and Madoo Ram and one of the police went up stream to meet our two scouts, we put up a bull gaur. He was standing in the stream when first sighted. Madoo Ram and I crept across a bend and as he passed up the stream bed I got a bullet in rather far back of his shoulder : he pitched forward, but before he could pick himself up I had smashed his spine with my second barrel. Such a piece of luck I've not had for many a day. It was getting late, the coolies came and took what meat they wanted. I had the head buried. Our two scouts came in ;-they had not seen the slightest sign of Shendoos nor indeed of any one or anything except traces of previous patrol parties.

So much for my diary, beyond saying that I got a good lot of orchids and came across a tree, the bark and wood of which smelled like camphor. There is not much of general interest in it. I got to Dalukmai and had a real good time.

What is an elephant's dance, when and why is it indulged in ? These are subjects on which were I to give all the various tribal ideas, I should fill volumes and my space being limited I can but touch upon a few of them here. Take the second query first. All versions are agreed that these dances take place the day, or night before, the day or night after and on the night of the full moon. Some say they take place every month throughout the hot weather only. This I very much doubt, because our frontier police, who, as I have I think said before, patrolled that line twice a month would have known more about it. What appears to one a more reasonable idea is that, these so-called dances occur but once, or at most twice a year. and this is in fact what the Imaemis assert. Driven from the hills and higher grounds by want of water. in the cold, and hot season's elephants are then confined to the vicinity of such streams as do not dry up and these are not many consequently large numbers collect together, and it is either when they first so collect, or just before they begin to disperse on the arrival of the rains that the dances take place. The more prevalent belief is that they take place only at the latter time, and as I have stated on the night previous to and succeeding as well as on the full moon night itself.

Now for query number three. Why do elephants dance ? Not from mere exuberence of spirits surely ? Of all living animals, the elephant is the least likely to be seized with the insane desire to try and captivate his mistress's affections by pirouetting on his off hind toe, by a neatly cut "pigeon's wing" or joining in the giddy reel, though like the circumlocution department he may be good at a double shuffle. Neither do these exercises take the form of fights. for all the tribes agree that it is not on these occasions that the stronger males are called upon to prove their superiority. From all accounts the function is of a two-fold nature

Firstly the females surround the larger males, and force them, should resistance be shown, into taking, not only an annual saline bath, but a saline draught as well.

How absurdly English this sounds. Drinking the waters at bath eh ?

Secondly, after having submitted to or been forced through this indispensable annual course of waters the larger males proceed to choose (subject I suppose to limitations) their party for the next season, which not only consists of such females as he may consider desirable, but also of such younger males as is considered necessary for the safety and well being of that particular domestic circle. There is a curious point about the choice of such. It is not the old tusker the leader of the small family party who chooses them, but it is the females who do so at least so my jungle folk have always told me, and it is a well-known fact that the African as well as the Indian elephant prefer the attentions of the adolescent male to those of a more mature growth. Though contrary to the general customs of animals it should not be surprising to us "humans", for do we not see the same thing in every hill station in India.

The above mentioned annual course of waters internally as well as externally is said to be a specific against *must*, that temporary madness which now and again seizes the elder males. There may be a good deal of truth in this, for as the tribesmen say who ever heard of a wild elephant going *must*. There are rogue elephants of course, but they are not *must* ones, nor can the two be in any way confused, neither are they cause and effect : the one is a disease, the advent of which is easily foretold by experienced *mahouts*, the other mere sullenness of temper, without disease at all consequent on being sent to Coventry by his kind for some lapse of manners. I would carry the argument still farther than my jungle friends, and say, that even if there has been such a thing as a *must* wild elephant, may it not be due to his having evaded the annual course of saline waters, and hidden himself like a dirty boy, the while portly Mrs. Elephant hunts around with her companions exclaiming from time to time "Drat that boy I know, he's sickening for *must*, and now he goes and slips away just when he knows right well he ought to be having his bath and drinks."

Though I would not go so far as to accuse him of mere frivolous light footedness, yet Mr. Elephant, like most other persons with a reputation for extreme respectability is a bit of a humbug. He is by no means the domesticated austere, "cold dinner and black clothes on Sunday" sort of gentleman in reality that he would like us to believe, but rather of the "Detained-in-town,-important-business,-dont sit-up-for me" sort of individual. As a matter of fact his affections are fickle, and he swops best girls every second or third year, at least I am told that it is very rare to find all the same females under the same lord three years in succession. After all I may be doing the old gentleman an injustice, and this may be more his misfortune than his fault. Yet I don't know, it is ever safe to trust a fellow who always goes about in loose baggy pantaloons as he does. To my idea there is something very human about Mr. Elephas Indicus. He is like a big baby, both in form and action, with all the vices of the man about town, concealed at various points about him. A perfect bruiser with his own sex but a lamb with his women folk. Fancy his being driven to his annual course of waters !

It may be that Mr. Elephas Indicus is more loyal than he is given credit for and like other great personages feels it his duty to give a birthday ball, whereas with us humans, the young ladies of the race are placed on view, and trotted out for selection by the other sex. Well, if we, who are, according to Tennyson, "The first of things" do this, how shall we blame Mr. Elephas for following our example. Though for his own sake I do hope to goodness that, he will stop there and not follow up the imitation by supplying thirty shilling champagne to his guests, as it is averred was once done by the head of a province. It is however, just these little failings of the great, that, so to speak, brings them down to our own level. It shows them to be but human after all, without which the rarified atmosphere of their excessive altitude would be unbreathable. *Sed tamen amoda quaeramus seria ludo.*

We now come to the first query. What is an elephant dance ? That it is something more than an ordinary gathering, is certain from the smoothly beaten ground. A mere concourse of elephants would not necessarily flatten out the ground to the smoothness of a tennis court. on the contrary if it was at all soft, it would tend to cut it up very considerably. Therefore the only conclusion left for us to come to is that the ground has been designedly levelled and smoothed It is self-evident that it is not a mere every-day dip in a salt water bath, else why do such numbers resort to it, at the same time to take it in company. Why should not each family party come up by themselves to the bath ; and like "Sairy Gamp" of immortal memory take their dip or drink when so "disposed" in the privity of their own domestic circle. Why is every object so carefully splashed with the blue clay wash, mind not merely daubed in places here and there, or on one side but entirely and carefully covered with it to a certain level ; and how in the name of all the gods and little fishes was that level kept comparatively true ? What, however, is the use of idle speculation ? I could ask a dozen "whys" but there is no satisfactory answer. To accept the tribesmen's tales as true would be absurd, yet to reject them as not having the slightest germ of truth would to my mind be nearly as foolish. Tales such as these generally have a kernal of truth in them, no matter how small, or overlaid with embroidery and I am of opinion that at certain times, whether monthly, annually, or less often, elephants do congregate in vast herds of many hundreds for some occult reason, in purshance of which they designedly level and smooth larger or smaller areas of ground, deliberately denuding such places of all vegetation, rocks, or stumps lest they should interfere with certain unknown manoeuvres. That this obscure purpose which brings them together, must of necessity be of very short duration, is sure, because even the most dense jungles could not supply such immense numbers with food within the immediate vicinity of such meeting places for more than a few hours, and it is well known that unlike his African cousin, the Indian elephant will not travel long distances for either food or water, preferring to keep close to both.

As to the precise nature and details of the functions gone through at such gatherings opinions differ, and as I have not been able to interview any actual eye-witness I must fall back upon the hearsay stories told me by different tribesmen. I will now recount one such, though it may be far from reliable, it may yet prove interesting as a tribal superstition. As the smaller water courses dry up with the cessation of the rains, straggling families of elephants join one another on the larger streams, and as with the advance of the hot weather, these in their turn dry up, herd after herd are brought together wherever water in sufficient quantities can be found.

From every part of the country these, in every sense of the word, gigantic herds close in as near the dancing ground as the water supply will permit ; whence they send scouts to it, who meeting there fix a day for the great gathering. Having met at the time appointed. the larger females are said to take charge of the whole proceedings. The males that are old enough to, or are likely to go *must* that year, and this they appear to know from instinct, are separated from the rest and surrounded by a *cordon* of the larger females, who have need of all their blandishments to keep their prisoners in good humour. The rest of the females form round the pool packed dozens deep close as they can stand in a ring round it but some distance from it, thus forming a living barrier of heaving swaying flesh, save at one point where a lane is left between them, extending up to the imprisoned males. At a given signal, three or four of these are driven down this lane into the salt bath by an escort of females. There they are ducked and punched for a while, to an accompaniment of shrill trumpeting accentuated by the rhythmic stampings and swayings of the younger females. One or two steps right, one or two steps left. The younger males on the outside striving to break through and rescue their elders. Meantime, the elephants to be bathed are protesting all they know. Round and round they rush pursued by their attendants, on they are shoved out, they clamber trumpeting and spurting the salt water in the faces of the surrounding throng, in the hopes of making them flinch and of so breaking through. It is all, however, useless. They are hustled into their bath again till they have undergone the regulation procedure and only then are they released. Batch after batch are treated in this way till all are bathed. All who are satisfied with their existing family party then depart ; but there are young males to be promoted from second in command to heads of families. There are the young females who since last season have reached the marriageable age, lastly there are such animals as wish to change their mates. These all proceed to the other flat ground. The females are ranged more or less in lines, too deep, tail to tail and here they keep up in perfect unison a rhythmic swaying as was done at the pool. The males needing partners, the while walking round, and in some (evidently) pre-arranged order making their choice by touching trunks. The young lady so selected leaving the swaying line at once. So all are apportioned off to each other, and the huge pachyderms depart. Such is one account. To my mind it is far from satisfactory and while doubtless adding much to what really takes place, fails to account for what does, namely, the level plastering of the trees which I myself saw. I cannot now give the other versions in detail, there are, however, two other beliefs amongst the tribesmen which I must just mention. The first is that elephant dance over a place where they have buried their old and ailing members which instinct tells them are near their end. The dancing being to level down and harden down the earth so that no beast of prey can dig it up.

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The second other belief is that these dances are to celebrate the first coming together of such females as have but just attained to puberty, with a male. It is averred that such meetings are always held in public within a ring of females which is necessary to prevent the bride escaping, since that young person is by no means a consenting party and has always to be pretty severely coerced before she can be brought to accept the attentions of her lover. Such are some of the alleged reasons for the dances, as for the rhyme ; well with humblest of humble apologies to the manes of the late Lewis Carroll I submit the following :—

You must take a course of waters, said the Koonki to the male,
As she punched him in his tummy and hauled him by his tail.
Too salt, too salt her lord replies, the matrons then advance,
Will you, won't you, will you, won't ye.., won't you join the dance.
Really you can't imagine how horrible is *must*.
Your head is filled with megrims and you feel as if you'd *bust*,
The oftener you sip my dear the merrier you'd prance.
But don't get drunk, curl up your trunk
And come and join the dance.
Will you, won't you come and join the dance.
You must dip a little deeper said the matrons to the males,
You look so very shop-worn, they'd reduce you at the sales.
You are keeping us all waiting, sister, cousins, aunts.
Go hitch up your pants dear elephants and come and join the dance.
Will ye, nill ye, "silly Billy" come and join the dance.

POLITYE.

Shooting.

CONCERNING SHOT SIZES.

IF it were generally admitted by sportsmen that 20 bores were better than 12 bores, writes "X" in the *Country Gentleman* they would, nevertheless, not be much used. Shooting has now arrived at a point at which a man individually no longer organises war against the game. It is done by a variety of circumstances acting on, and being in their turn reached upon by, a number of individuals, not all of them shooters, and in order to change our present habits in respect to gun gauges we should have to convert not only ourselves but every one of our shooting acquaintances also and simultaneously. Shooting outfit is no longer a question only between the man and his loader. Each man at some time of the year may now be required to take 50lbs. weight of ammunition on to the field with him. This has to be arranged for by the host or his head keeper, and it is not everywhere across the moors that the ammunition cart can travel. The keeper in charge has done his share in such circumstances if he brings up enough ammunition to the shooting line, and he is not to be severely blamed under such circumstances if Lord A. gets Mr. B.'s supply, and the latter is accommodated from the magazine of the Duke of C. But if the ducal cartridges happen to be 20-bores one shooter in the line will not be happy ; most of the birds will naturally stream over the unhappy man who cannot shoot for want of cartridges, they always do, and there is never any time to regulate matters by a trot up the line of butts. Time and tide wait for no man, and the drive is started punctually by the watch, and in the absence of wireless telegraphy, cannot be delayed. It is the ruin of a drive to be cut off butt and seen by the grouse when the drive has begun, and it is almost equally so to be in the butt and not to shoot. The grouse, like other objects in nature, take the line of least resistance, and will escape in clouds over the unguarded butt. The same thing to a certain but less extent applies to cartridge loads as to guns. Good shots will probably do well with any ordinary load, but the man in search of an excuse who is supplied with Schultze powder instead of his favourite black (there are such men still), or who gets a supply of No. 5 instead of No. 7, will be completely put out by the change. He will, in his own figurative language, never be able to hit a barn, except from the inside, with such beastly stuff. Of course it is all fancy, or most of it ; of course, too, it proclaims the second-rate shot to be put off by such trifles, but there are many instances of it all the same However, that is their own look out, the circumstances will not be taken into account if the excuse maker has to tread eighty per cent. of the empties into the peat for the sake of his own self-respect, and avoid the kindly eyes of neighbours who have been much too busy to count anybody's shots but their own, but are never too occupied to take a friendly interest in the proportion of dead grouse and empty shells lying almost side by side. The unfortunate who can never hit much except when he has everything in his favour will generally have but a short shooting existence where an ammunition cart is required. This will be so however he may attempt to disguise the fact of his muffishness, and succeed once in a way in doing so. He may be a Duke and then his vitality will be longer, but only on the cutlet for [cutlet] principle. The majority are not Dukes, and perhaps because of it most people still have the right to apply their individual preferences to their orders for cartridges. Some there are who attempt to advocate small shot for all round the season work ; but I, who am an out and out advocate of a light load and No. 5, protest that small shot is the worst enemy to the game preserver, and also to the cruelty to animal society as well, or would be so to the latter if they attend to things that are practical by preference.

Why I say that there is cruelty in using small shot is on two grounds, one of which is pretty generally admitted when it is argued that two No. 7 pellets are better than one No. 5, although the latter goes in further. But to leave for an instant the question of smashing, which is all in favour of big shot, I want to attach an idea that is as general as a maid-of-all-work : it is that small shot gives the best pattern. Nothing is further from the truth it ought to do so perhaps, in theory, but in practice it does not. A vast lot of precious time has been expended before white-washed targets in the unprofitable task of counting pellet marks, but the choice made of sorts of shot for trial is not, as a rule, different enough in size to get at any useful principle—the principle that governs these things.

It would take hundreds of thousands of discharges and counted targets to arrive at the principle of variation if the tests were made say with shot pellets varying no more than Nos. 6 and 7. But go to a smaller size in one direction, and to a bigger in the other, and you instantly discover the trend of differences of results. Broadly speaking there is a much larger percentage of wildly scattered pellets when small shot is used : that is to say, for every reduction of the size of shot pellets there will be more chances of wounding. I will not say fewer chances of killing, because that so much depends upon the distance the game is away, and whether it is coming at the shooter or going away from him.

Probably the best experiments with small shot ever carried through to a definite and instructive conclusion, were those undertaken at the instance of the French Government some years ago. These experiments proved beyond question that the smaller the size of the shot pellets the greater was the inaccuracy of their flight ; and that many more pellets became mere stragglers than when large shot was used. The Frenchmen went to work in a totally different direction from that which had led, and misled, Englishmen for many years ; and in doing that they shed new light, which has taken a long time to illuminate our own sphere of action.

To our neighbours it appeared more necessary to discover the size of the circle necessary to embrace a certain percentage of the shot pellets, at various distances, than it did to count the pellets within an already measured space. By this means they discovered the great superiority, by percentage differences, of big shot over small in the matter of pattern ; and until then it was not really suspected what an enormous difference in target area there was necessary, say, for catching 75 per cent. of No 9, as against 75 per cent. of B.B. shot. It is not only a loss over the longer ranges such as might be expected but at near distances also the small pellets require a much bigger area to catch 75 per cent. of them on the target. Indeed the differences are so great even at 33 yards range that the area of No. 9 on the target from a choke bore is bigger than the area of B.B., with a cylinder bore at the same distance. The figures given by the French Governmental authority for 33 yards are as follows :—The diameter of the circle enclosing 75 per cent. of the load with B B., shot is 2·2 feet ; with No. 9 it is 3·3 feet. Then at 55 yards range the difference is even more startling, being 4.6 feet for B.B. shot and 9.2 feet for No. 9 shot. At greater ranges the diameter practically doubles for small shot. All the above facts apply to the choke bore. With the cylinder there are even more differences, thus :—At 33 yards the respective diameters for the same 75 per cent. proportion of pellets are, for B·B. 3·1 feet and 4·2 feet for No. 9. At 55 yards, 5·2 feet for B·B. and 10·8 for No. 9 shot.

The application of these figures is in the direction of finding the area of the circles and the number of pellets to each square inch, and then by multiplying that number by their respective remaining energies at the distance. But probably this letter is already too long, and sportsmen, who all hate wounding like poison, will understand that when you count the shot pellets in a 30-inch circle at 40 yards you have not thereby necessarily learnt much about the patterns of shot guns, and how they are effected by different sizes of pellets.

CALCUTTA REVOLVER CLUB.

The Sixth Monthly Prize Meeting was held at Milton Park last Saturday. The shooting was with the left hand and the range 20 yards. The shooting started somewhat later than advertised and was interfered with by bad light.

The scores consequently fell below the usual average.

The first prize was won by Mr. W. Boeckel, with a score of 31 – 3 = 28 ; then came.

Mr J K Chase ...	-	...32 – 6	=	... 26
Mr E Thmpson ...	...	...28 – 5	=	... 23
„ M Mertig ...	...	...28 – 6	=	... 22
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Letters and enquiries from anonymous correspondents will not receive attention.
Under no circumstances are questions answered by post.
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HENLEY REGATTA.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers tell me when Henley Regatta was started and whether at the first regatta the Grand Challenge Cup was rowed for ;

T. H. W.

[The Royal Regatta was founded in 1837 with the Grand Challenge Cup. A Town Cup was given in 1840, which developed into the Thames Cup in 1868. The Stewards' Cup dates from 1842, the Diamond Sculls from 1844, the Ladies' Plate and the Silver Goblets from 1845, and the Wyfold Cup from 1847.—ED.]

THE CALCUTTA TRAMWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Is there no chance of the Calcutta Tramways Company being able to take any measures for the comfort of their European passengers ? I am aware that from a purely commercial point of view the native traffic probably pays at least as much as the European ; but I cannot but think that it is the duty of every Englishman to assist, as far as may be, in counteracting the effects of the grandmotherly legislation—to call it by no worse a name—which has converted the Bengali from a harmless and respectable type of native into an offensive and dangerous nuisance. In these days of pusillanimous subservience to the "Exeter Hall division" on the part of the authorities, an Englishman is expected to put up with any insult from a native and should he retaliate by giving the latter the hiding which he so richly deserves, legal proceedings are the inevitable result. The knowledge of this valuable fact has rendered the manners of the average Bengali offensive beyond description, and until the authorities acquire either a better sense of proportion or some courage of their opinions, the only thing to be done is for Europeans generally to avoid coming in contact with any natives in Calcutta, other than those in their own employ, or under their jurisdiction, who of course know better than to display their latent desire to be impertinent.

One of the places, however, in which it is impossible to avoid contact with the Bengali, and one in which he is to be seen at his worst, is in the electric tram. The tram is a quick, cheap, and but for this objection, a pleasant means of reaching office, but at present, at office hours in the morning and evening, it is so overrun with babus as to be practically impossible for any one else. The babu, knowing that no European will willingly share a seat with him, invariably takes a whole seat to himself, and it is no uncommon sight to see a tramcar with each seat occupied by one fat, smiling babu with a rank cheroot between his betel-stained teeth, and a crowd of Europeans standing on the platform outside for whom, but for the abovementioned manœuvre, there is really ample room in the car. The other morning I actually saw a car, *half* of every single seat of which was occupied by a native, while a *lady* was standing on the platform outside in the sun ! Needless to say not one of them had a sufficient semblance of manners to offer her a seat. Now I think that without standing to lose anything by their patriotism, the Tramway Company, who I know are doing all in their power to render the new service popular and efficient, might do something for the comfort of the European portion of their passengers. The nuisance is chiefly confined to (roughly speaking), three hours a day, namely, from 9-30 A.M. to 11 A.M. and from 4-30 P.M. to 6 P.M., and I would suggest *one* of the following expedients.

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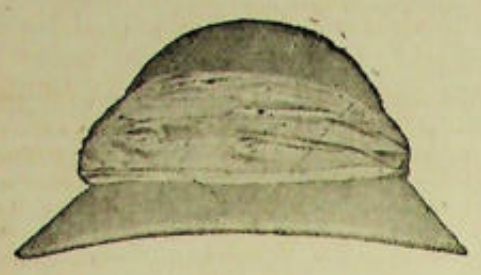

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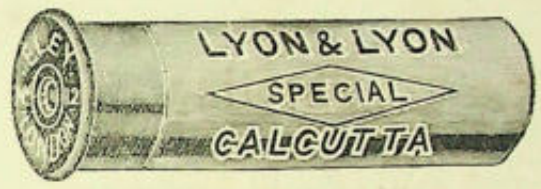

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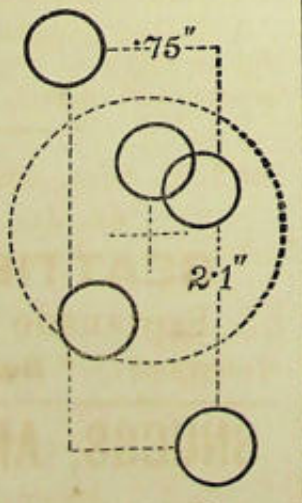

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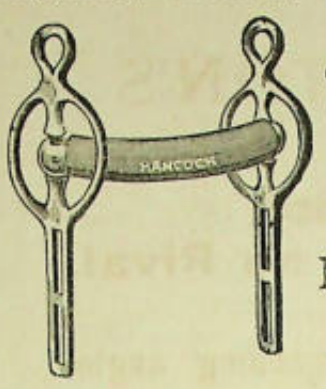

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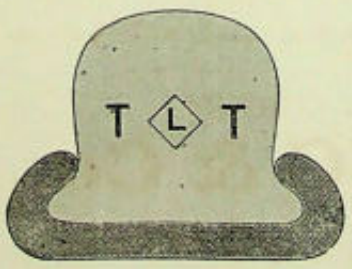

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NAME OF RACES.	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Fourth Calcutta Meeting	Sep.	19	
Fifth do do	"	26	
Quetta Autumn	"	22, 24	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	22 & 25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	23, 26, 28 & Oct. 1, 3 & 10	
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	
Cocanada	"	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	"	6 & 8	
Lucknow Autumn Sky	Oct.	22 & 24	374
Dinapore Gymkhana	"	27, 29 & 31	210
Darjeeling Bay Races	"	1 and 3	
Pachmarhi Gymkhana Meeting	"	6 and 8	
Umballa Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Rangoon Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	
Hyderabad	"	13 & 14	382
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	372
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Mhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Bassein Autumn	"	19 and 21	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 5	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	385
Madras Winter	"	18, 21 & 22	382
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	
Jorhat	"	3 and 5	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Tezpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st Dec.
Karachi Autumn	First	20th Sept.
	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th "
Hyderabad	First	15th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana	First	15th Oct.
Rangoon Autumn	First	3rd Oct.
	Second	17th "
	Third	24th "

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Bombay Tournament	Begins 12th October.
Cawnpore Tournament	Begins 24th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Dilkusha Tournament	9th October.
Dehra Dun Challenge Cup	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament	Begins 18th November.
Mhow Open Tournament	Begins 7th November.
Mhow Junior Tournament	Begins 4th November.
Mysore Dasserah Tournament	Begins 3rd October.
Naini Tal Tournament	Begins 28th September.
Neemuch Tournament	Begins 14th December.
Poona Open Tournament	14th, 16th, 19th & 24th Sept.
Quetta	Now on.
Rajputana Tournament	Begins 21st November.
Sompore Tournament	Begins 2nd November.

ROWING.

Lucknow Regatta	17th, 19th & 22nd September.
Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta	26th September.

CRICKET.

Bombay vs. Parsees (Poona)	21st, 22nd & 23rd September

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November
Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show	26th September
Lucknow Horse Show	During Sky Meeting week.

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	11th to 25th September.
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Now on.

GOLF.

The Nasik Week	Now on.

SWIMMING.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

Autumn Meeting	12th September.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Tournament	Now on.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Now on.

RACKETS.

Punjab Annual Tournament Murree	End of September

SPORTS.

Bombay Gymkhana Athletic and Sporting Meeting	26th and 31st October.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Prince Edward Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Sept 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1¾ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1½ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show .. .. .. 26th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall) .. .. .. 7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Caulfield Guineas .. .. 10th October.
Caulfield Cup .. .. 17th October.
Victoria Derby .. .. 31st October.
Melbourne Cup .. .. 2nd November.

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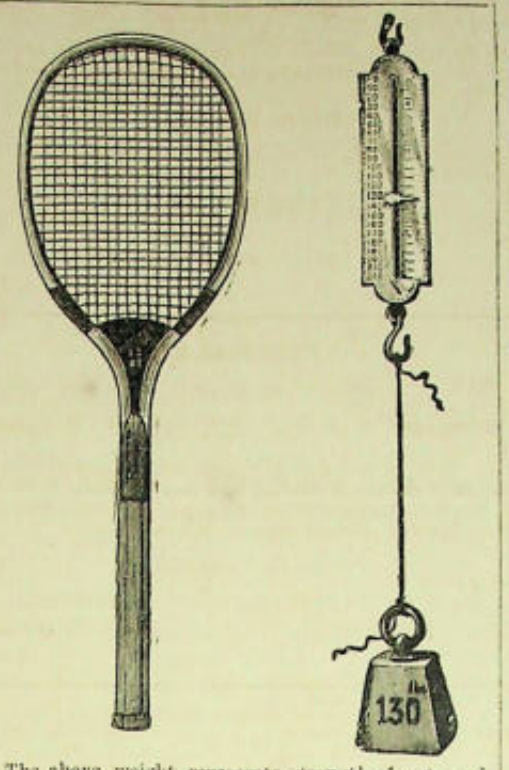

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MR A COURAGE, 15th Hussars.
MR F W BARRETT, 15th Hussars.
Starter.—MR. J. N. BLAKE

Thursday, 10th September 1903.

A successful meeting and fairly good fields on the whole. Mr. Barrett rode three winners and a good second on Bustard in the Cantonment Stakes. Details:—

POLO PONY RACE.—Winner, Rs. 32; second, Rs. 10. For all *bond-fide* polo ponies that have been played up to date. Arabs and C.-B's. 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. Walers 14-1 to carry 12st. 7lbs W. I. Three furlongs.

The Hon. Bingham's r m cb m Ruby, 10st 9lbs ... ... Mr Barrett 1
Capt Gaussen's ch cb g Gulala, 10st ... Mr Steeple 2
The Hon F R Prittie's ch a h Slieve Bloom, 10st 9lbs ... ... Mr Whitehead 3
Mr Baring's gr a g Cid, 10st 9lbs ... Willison 0
Mr Primrose Wells' ch cb g Blue Ruin, 9st 11lbs ... ... Owner 0

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time—44 secs.

SARDHANA STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 32; and second, Rs. 10. Arabs and C.-B. ponies 14 hands and under that have never won a race of any money value Gymkhana or otherwise. C.-B.'s 14 hands to carry 12st, Arabs 14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Four furlongs.

Capt Stratton's b a h Birdcatcher, 9st 8lbs ... Baichan 1
Col Beaver's g a h Punchbowl, 8st 10lbs ... Native 2
Mr Primrose Wells' b cb g Solace, 11st 2lbs ... Owner 3
Mr Whitehead's b a g Boski, 11st 7lbs ... Owner 0

Won by half a length; a length and a half between second and third. Time—1min. 1sec.

MEERUT STAKES.—For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, and others 14-1 and under. Arabs 14-2 to carry 10st 10lbs., C.-B's. 14-2 to carry 10st., others 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. —One mile.

Babu L Narain's r aus g Grig, 9st 11lbs ... Mr Barrett 1
Mr Southey's ch cb m Benefit, 9st 2lbs (car 9st 3lbs) ... ... Owner 2
Col Beaver's bk aus m Tasmania, 8st 11b ... Baichan 3
Mr Bennett's g a g Blue Beard, 11st (car 11st 7lbs) ... ... Owner 0

Won by three lengths; six lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 5secs.

N.-C. OFFICERS AND MEN RACE.—For all *bond-fide* ponies owned and ridden by N.-C. Officers and Men, Meerut District. Catchweights over 11st. Winner to receive Rs. 20, second Rs. 5, if six start. Entrance free. Half a mile.

F Q M S Smith's gr cb h Hussar, 11st ... Pte Both 1
Gunner Harris' ch cb h Feroze (late Circus) 11st ... ... Br Standen 2
S Major Ralston's ch a h Catapult, 11st, ... Pte Birbridge 3
Pte. H Both's b a h Monkey Brand, 11st ... Pte Gatehouse 0

Won easily by four lengths; seven lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 1sec.

OPEN STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 32; and second, Rs. 10. For all maiden ponies Arabs and C.-B's. 14-2 and under, and others 14-1 and under. Arabs 14-2 to carry 11st., C.-B's 14-2 to carry 11st. 7lbs., others 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs., twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. extra. Five furlongs.

Col Beaver's ch aust m Double Keys, 10st 3lbs ... ... Mr Barrett 1
B Lutchmee Narain's r aust g Grig, 9st 11lbs ... ... Pursun 2
Mr Primrose Wells' b cb g Solace, 8st 9lbs (car. 9st 11b) ... ... Owner 3
Capt Gaussen's ch aus m Sayonara, 10st Mr Steele 0

Won by a neck; ten lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 11secs.

CANTONMENT STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 32; and second, Rs. 10. For all ponies 14-1 and under. Arabs 14-1 to carry 11st., C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs, others 14-1 to carry 12st. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs., Allowances—Ponies that have never started allowed 5lbs. 1,000 yards.

Capt Stratton's g a h Gannet, 8st 9lbs ... Baichan 1
Mr Heywood's b a h Bustard, 9st 8lbs (car 9st 11lbs) ... ... Mr Barrett 2
Col Beaver's g a h Punchbowl, 7st 5lbs ... Native 3

Won by one and quarter lengths; bad third. Time—1min. 1secs.

CALCUTTA COURSE CHAT.

AFTER an enforced absence from the course, I was agreeably surprised and rewarded for my energy in getting down this morning (Tuesday) by being one of a few early birds to see a couple of interesting—not to say instructive—trials.

The first was a battle royal between Oom Paul (Galstaun) and Springlock (Rees) over the five furlongs, in which the former laid the latter out cold. The position of the riders affords ample food for reflection, or reading between the lines for those blessed with a second sight vision, but I only possessing an ordinary pair of optics, and—blinkered at that, give up the riddle and give you the trial just as I saw it. The timing, too, was good, so that when putting it on next Saturday, be sure you read the puzzle aright.

The next attractive bit was Blair Athol (Pugh) and Yuletide (Hard), who went the hurdle course a cracker, and the way the former jumped, and went away from the speedy black just as he liked, was a revelation. Had I not seen this trial, I would not have believed the deal could have ended as it did, and I don't think one need look much beyond the fashionably named flyer to land their little bit safely on Saturday.

Shirley (Piper), Major Cook (Bond), Seaview (native) put in a quick 6 furlongs, the first named holding the others safe. Seaview appeared to be blowing. First Guide (Raban) had the best of a 5-furlong fast flutter with Mocassin (native).

Kellnerin went a quick gallop, with Bloss up, in nice taking style, followed by Flashlight (native). Granny (Piper) took the change apparently out of two others from Smallman's; but I thought the hollow-backed one could have gone to the front if required.

Fairlight (Carter) went quick work on the flat. This perfect jumper requires no jumping to keep him in mind of his work, though when Twilight is on the job, as he probably will be on the 19th, he'll require all the beating. Even Fairlight can give him little if indeed he can do it at all. Gunmetal (Galstaun) and Royal Artillery (native) went a merry burst, with the amateur always in command.

Syd. White had out Heather from Wishart's. The Bloater's appearance and going attracted a good bit of notice from those who are supposed to spot a good thing at sight. Pekin (Bond) had the pull over Yellow Mantle (Hard) in a Pony Hurdle set-to, the Arab jumping in downright good style. Autocrat (Bloss) was exercised 12 annas, and there are many of opinion a win for him is quite near at hand.

Loch Arden (Hard) went his 5 furlongs as he does all his trials ; but when it comes to a tight fit at the finish, the ears go flop back and your coin's in the air, or the bookie's pocket, more correctly.

Mr. Dudley had Sylvia out for a gallop, but in clothing, and considering the closeness of the morning, the horse must have been uncomfortably warm.

Not Yet went in her own kittenish quick style, with Mr. Galstaun in the saddle, and if it is dry, the next time our little lady friend foots it out, a few dibs invested will repay the outlay, I think, as she's not the class to run three times in such company unplaced.

There are good reports of Petridge, who is now in first class fettle, thanks to Mr. J. D. Scott's care and attention, which gives Mr. Bass a double string to his bow—and what a pair of strings they are too—one being a son of the far famed Carbine, a representative of the flower of Australian and English equine blue blood.

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CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

TRAINERS' LOTS.

MESSRS. BELL-IRVING AND COWPER.

First Guide	Peeping Tom
Mocassin	Warrigal
Naiades	Yule Tide

FRANK SMALLMAN.

Jockeys F. Bond Piper and Johnstone.

Bin Rashid	Major Cook
Blazes	Merry Xmas
Clynder	Miss Prominence
Corydon	Pekin II
Euryalus	Red Rose
Granny	Sea View
Hello	Shirley
Lady Froude	Timekeeper
Lord Lieutenant	Yellow and Black

H. WISHART.

Jockeys Bloss and White.

Alan	Flashlight
Autocrat	Fairlight
Corick	Kellnerin

G. ROBINSON.

Jockeys P. Morrison and Morrison, Jr.

Light Artillery	Loch Maree
Captain	Lucy Grey
Florin	Mulwala
Gassima	My Fancy
Gunmetal	Not Yet
Heather Honey	Orsino
Loch Arden	Shooting Star
	Springlock

F. PEARSON.

Lochaber	Eileen
Rezia	Dundee
Western Queen	

MR. DUDLEY.

Sylvia	Comely
Dundonald	Oom Paul
Snapshot (late Ruby)	

FRED GERRARD.

Little Doris	Reveille
Second Thought	

M[illegible]. RODOCONACHI.

Sweet Talk	erfect
Shylock	Kittylea

MR. PUGH.

Beeswing	Firefly
Ladybird	

Entries for Races.

POONA RACES AND STEEPLECHASES, 1903.

FINAL ENTRIES CLOSED ON TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1st Day, Wednesday, 23rd September 1903.

H H the 1ST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE.—Distance—1¼ miles.

(1st Entries 13.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

16 Mr Richards'... ... ch a g ... Selpme
17 „ H J Grisewood's ... b a h ... Wandering Jew

2nd Day, Saturday, 26th September 1903.

THE POONA DERBY.—Distance—1¼ miles.

(1st Entries 18.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

20 Mr Ali bin Talib's ... b a h ... Moon, 13-3½

THE DEALER'S PLATE.—Distance—1 mile.

(1st Entries 18.)
(2nd Entries nil.)

19 Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's ... g a h ... Nainava, 13-3½

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES.—Distance—5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 17.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

20 W Bass' ... ... b aus m ... Stockbell, 14-1

3rd Day, Monday, 28th September 1903.

THE KIRKEE CHASE.—Distance—about 2 miles over Pony Steeplechase course.

(1st Entries 10.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

12 Colonel Eccles' ...b aus g ... Pomfret, 14-1

THE SEPTEMBER STAKES.—Distance—1 mile.

(1st Entries 18.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

21 Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's ... ...ch aus g ... Jack O'Lantern

THE AGA KHAN'S PURSE.—Distance—1 mile.

(1st Entries 14.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

17 Colonel Kavanagh's ... g a h ... Money Spinner, 14-0
18 Mr H J Grisewood's ... b a h ... Wandering Jew
19 Mr Richards ... ch a g ... Selpme

THE LILLIPUTS.—Distance—½ mile.

(1st Entries 18)
(2nd Entries 2)

21 Captain O Winter's ... ch a h ... Winchester, 131-½

4th Day, Thursday, 1st October 1903.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Distance—R. C. and a distance.

(1st Entries 21.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

23 Capt Benn's ... ... g a h ... Regret, 13-3½
24 Mr Ali bin Talib's ... b a h ... Moon, 13-3½

THE STEWARDS' PURSE.—Distance—1½ miles.

(1st Entries 16.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

18 Kumara Rajah of Pittapore's ... ... ch aus g Jack O'Lantern

THE CORONATION STAKES.—Distance—7 furlongs.

(1st Entries 21.)
(2nd Entries 3.)

25 Capt F C Stratton's ... ch c g ... Jolly Roger, 14-1½

5th Day, Saturday, 3rd October 1903.

THE OCTOBER STAKES.—Distance—6 furlongs.

(1st Entries 20.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

22 Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ... ... ch aus g Jack O'Lantern

THE WINNERS' HANDICAP.—Distance—1½ miles.

(1st Entries 15.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

18 Mr Richards' ... ... ch a g ... Selpme
19 „ H J Grisewood's ... b a h ... Wandering Jew

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Distance—5 furlongs.

(1st Entries 10.)
(2nd Entry 1.)

12 Colonel Eccles' ... b aus g ... Widgeon, 13-3

6th Day, Monday, 5th October 1903.

THE DESERT HANDICAP.—Distance—1 mile.

(1st Entries 20.)
(2nd Entries 2.)

23 Capt Benn's ... ... g a h ... Regret, 13-3½

POONA, *9th September 1903.* CECIL GRAY,
Secretary W. I. T. C.

DEHRA AUTUMN SKY MEETING, 1903.

SECOND ENTRIES—FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLES.

1. Mr Holford's ... b aus g ... Sailor, 14-0½
2. Major Fischer's ... dun cb g ... Hakeem
3. Major Fuller's ... ch aus m ... Decima
4. Mr J D Scott's ... b aus g ... Bones, 14-0½

NOVICE STAKES.

1. Capt William's and Mr Johnson's ... g cb h ... Card Account.
*2. Mr Cautley's ... ... Dash

RAJPUR PURSE.

*1. Mr Seggon's ... b cb g ... Cyclone

MUSSOORIE PURSE.

1. Mr Reynold's ... g a g ... Austerlitz, 13-2½

DESERT STAKES.

*1. Mr Seggon's ... b cb g ... Cyclone

DEHRA STAKES.

*1. Mr Cautley's ... Maureen

POLO SCURRY.

1. Mr Cautley's ... ... Maureen
2. Major Grimston's ... ch a g ... Goldleaf
3. Mr J D Scott's ... b c m ... Devonshire Cream, 13-2

SECOND DAY.

HURDLE HANDICAP.

1. Mr Holford's ... b aus g ... Sailor, 14-0½
2. Major Fischer's ... dun cb g ... Hakeem
3. Major Fuller's ... ch aus m ... Decima
4. Mr J D Scott's ... b aus g ... Bones, 14-0½

HIMALAYA STAKES.

1. Capt William's and Mr Johnson's ... g cb h ... Card Account
*2. Mr Cautley's ... ... Dash
3. Mr Kidd's ... ... ch cb m ... Sunrise

HARDWAR STAKES.

*1. Mr Seggon's ... b cb g ... Cyclone

CHARLEVILLE STAKES.

*1. Mr Cautley's ... ... Maureen
2. Mr Reynold's ... g a g ... Austerlitz, 13-2½
3. Capt Cameron's ... b aus g ... Don John, 13-3½

STEWARDS' CUP.

1. Mr Reynold's ... g a g ... Austerlitz 13-2½

POLO HANDICAP.

*1. Mr Cautley's ... ... Maureen.

*Entered by telegram ; not yet confirmed.

R. W. FULLER, *Major*, R. G. A.,
Honorary Secretary, Dehra Races.

Ponies.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on 28th August 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Black Patch	bk aus m	Mr D Norton ...	4	13-3	31st March 1904
Glenavon ...	bk aus m	Ditto ...	3	13-0½	31st March 1904
Glengarry ...	b aus g ...	Ditto ...	4	13-1½	31st March 1904
Glenlea ...	ch aus m	Ditto ...	4	13-3½	31st March 1904
Glenny ...	b aus m ...	Ditto ...	4	13-2½	31st March 1904
Lady Glen ...	b br aus m	Ditto ...	3	13-0½	31st March 1903
Sweet Alice	b aus m...	Mr W Walker ...	Aged	13-1	For life

THE following horse was classed and aged at Calcutta, on 28th August 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*
Metalwing ...	br aus g	Mr W Bell-Irving	Aged

POONA.

The following pony was classed, aged, and measured by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 30th July 1903 :—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*period*
Wakeful	br aus m	Mr W J Goode	Three	31st March 14-1	Until 1904.

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THE TURF.

HURST PARK AUGUST MEETING.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the weather was wet and disagreeable overnight, the surroundings were fairly comfortable when a start was made on the 21st at Hurst Park, the sun coming out brightly. Taken altogether, the attendance was fairly good and few could complain of the fields or the quality of those engaged. Six events were down for decision, and backers started well in selecting Mr. Randall's Miss Bryant as she won by a length and a half. The little-fancied De Lacy accounted for the Surrey Welter, and, following up this success, Lord Howard de Walden won the August Two-Year Old Plate with Long Glass. Lord Alington's colours were seen to the front when You Go Off won the Riverside Selling Plate, the favourite, Mr. H. Bottomley's Lady Voter, being third. Cappa White easily landed the odds in the Park Plate, and the day's sport was brought to a conclusion when Mr. C. D. Marnes's Guilty won the Apprentices's Handicap Plate.

THE AUGUST TWO-YEAR OLD PLATE—Of 443 sovs ; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs, with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.

Lord Howard de Walden's b c Long Glass, by Isinglass—Hautesse, 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	1
Mr J L Dugdale's b g Helter Skelter, 8st 11lbs	O Madden	2
Mr R S Sievier's ch f Heronry, 9st 4lbs ...	Hardy	3
Lord Rosebery's Chelys, 9st 2lbs ...	Watts	0
Mr J Buchanan's St. Kilda, 8st 7lbs ...	Randall	0
„ T Pilkington's Ozone, 8st 7lbs ...	Trigg	0
„ W M G Singer's c by Wolf's Crag—Carolside, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	0
Mr Douglas Baird's Marmontel, 8st 7lbs ...	H Aylin	0
„ R S Sievier's Sir Tammany, 8st 4lbs ...	Bonser	0
„ T W Blenkiron's Queen's Scholar, 8st 4lbs	B Dillon	0

(*Winner trained by Beatty.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst. Helter Skelter, 9 to 4 Heronry, 5 to 2 Long Glass, 10 to 1 Chelys, and 20 to 1 any other.

Won by a neck ; three lengths separated the second and third. St. Kilda was fourth, Chelys fifth, Marmontel sixth, Ozone seventh, and Sir Tammany last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min. 6⅗ secs.

The feature, of course, of Saturday's programme at Hurst Park was the Match between Mr H. Bottomley's Le Blizon and Mr. S. B. Joel's Sundridge. Odds of 7 to 4 were laid on the younger horse, but he really never had a chance with Le Blizon, who won as he liked at the finish. It is doubtful if the going affected the result, and undoubtedly the Wantage representative could never under the circumstances give the weight away to Le Blizon, who was admirably ridden, Hare, jun., fully justifying his selection to ride by Mr. Bottomley. Business started with the Walton Handicap, for which Portcullis was served up a warm favourite at "twos." Mr. Brassey's horse, however, was well beaten at the distance by Wet Paint, who carried Lord Marcus Beresford's colours successfully. Love Charm won the Hurst Park Lennox Plate, and Cloten gave fielders another good turn by winning the Earlsfield Welter. Mr. Fry's Alice Holt won the Summer Selling Plate and Mr. H Lindemere's Mrs. Hawkins the Two-Year Old Selling Plate, after which the meeting concluded when Billet Doux secured the Maiden Two-Year Old Plate, starting favourite at 6 to 4 against.

THE HURST PARK LENNOX PLATE—Of 1,725 sovs, for three-year olds ; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st. 11lbs., with penalties and allowances. One mile and a half.

Sir E Cassel's b c Love Charm, by Love Wisely—Omaha, 9st 8lbs... ...	Halsey	1
Mr Douglas Baird's b or br c Arion, 8st 7lbs	H Aylin	2
Mr J H Houldsworth's b c Prestwick, 7st 12lbs	O Madden	3
Mr W Brodrick Cloete's Guigne, 7st 9lbs...	Boardman	0
Duke of Devonshire's Maladroit, 9st ...	Miller	0
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 8st 7lbs ...	Croft	0
Mr J R Keene's Out of Reach, 8st 7lbs ...	Lyne	0
Prince Soltykoff's Jason, 8st 11lb ...	Randall	0
Capt Laigh's Ronaldshay, 7st 12lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, 9st 4lbs ...	M Cannon	0
„ W M G Singer's Jollybird, 8st 11lbs ...	K Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. E. Lambton.*)

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BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Arion, 4 to 1 Prestwick, 5 to 1 Jason, 6 to 1 Out of Reach, 7 to 1 each Love Charm and Jollybird, 10 to 1 Arabi and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won cleverly by a length and a half ; five lengths separated the second and third. Guigne was fourth, Ronaldshay fifth, Jollybird sixth, Morgendale seventh, Jason next, and Arabi last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 37⅗secs.

A MATCH—Of 500 sovs each, h ft, with a cup value 200 sovs to the winner, each contributing 100 sovs for the cup. Five furlongs and a half.

Mr H Bottomley's ch h Le Blizon, by Xaintrailles—Sunny Queen, aged, 7st 12lbs	J Hare	1
Mr J B Joel's ch h Sundridge, 5yrs, 9st 10lbs	M Cannon	2

(*Winner trained by Batho.*)

BETTING : 7 to 4 on Sundridge.

Won by a couple of lengths. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 8⅘secs. Value of the stakes, £600.

YORK AUGUST MEETING.

Although the weather was rather unsettled and threatening in the morning at York on the 25th, by noon the sky had cleared, and when racing started matters atmospherical were all that could be desired while the Knavesmire gave little ground for complaint to the most captious follower of racing. The sport, too, was interesting and fully up to the average throughout, a feature being the successful reappearance on a course of the popular American jockey, D. Maher. The card comprised seven events, and backers started badly when they selected Winnipeg to win the Nunthorpe Stakes, as Mr Craig's representative could only get third to Court Belle and Pantheon. As many good judges anticipated, Flavus won the Middlethorpe Handicap Plate, and then in the Bradgate Park Selling Plate the favourite, Tin Soldier, had to put up with second place to Rather Warm, ridden by Maher. After a close finish Hammerkop accounted for the Yorkshire Oaks, after which Maher rode his second winner, Cinquefoil, upon odds of 5 to 4 were laid in the valuable Prince of Wales' Plate. Although backed at 6 to 4 on, Jno. Osborne's Roover Crag failed to get into the first three in the Lonsdale Welter, and the day's proceedings were brought to a close when Orme Shore won the Badminton Plate by a head from Kibrit.

THE YORKSHIRE OAKS.—Of 645 sovs, for three-year old fillies. One mile and a half.

Major E Loder's b f Hammerkop, by Gallinule—Concussion, 9st 3lbs ...	J H Martin	1
Mr J A Miller's b f Muriel II, 8st 10lbs ...	W Lane	2
Mr L Brassey's b f Red Lily, 9st 1lb ...	Lyne	3
Prince Soltykoff's Sun Rose, 8st 10lb ...	Halsey	0
Lord Ellesmere's Intelligence, 8st 3lbs ...	Randall	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Lavello, 8st 3lbs ...	Hardy	0

(*Winner trained by Huggins.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Hammerkop, 11 to 4 Sun Rose, 5 to 1 Red Lily, 6 to 1 Muriel II., and 100 to 8 any other (o).

Won by a head ; four lengths separated the second and third Sun Rose was fourth and Lavello a long way last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 38⅘secs.

THE PRINCE OF WALES PLATE.—Of 890 sovs, for two-year olds. Five furlongs.

Sir J. Miller's ch c Cinquefoil, by Sainfoin—Countess Macaroni, 8st 7lbs ...	D Maher	1
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's b or br f Topiary, 8st 4lbs	K Cannon	2
Mr W O Whitney's b c Hands Down, 9st 8lbs	J H Martin	3
Lord Harewood's Almscliffs, 8st 7lbs ...	O Madden	0
Lord Rosebery's Rosalba, 8st 4lbs ...	Watts	0
Prince Soltykoff's Bonnie Wee Thing, 8st 4lbs	Halsey	0
Mr C. Perkins' Bareadaile, 8st 7lbs ...	Fagan	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell*).

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Cinquefoil, 3 to 1 agst Topiary, 10 to 1 Hands Down, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won easily by a length ; three lengths divided the second and third. Rosalba, close up, was fourth, Bonnie Wee Thing fifth, and Almscliff last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 4⅗secs.

As on the opening morning, the weather on the 26th was rather unsettled and threatening at York, but before proceedings were resumed it cleared, and when racing started there were no appearances of rain. This may have had a slight effect on the atttendance, which, however, as usual for the Ebor Handicap, was of large proportions. Again the sport was of an interesting character, but backers must have been given a substantial reminder of last year's York generally, as not one first favourite got home in the seven events on the card. Business started with the Clifton Plate, and in a field of nine runners Mixed Powder, the mount of Maher, was looked upon as the pick of the lot, but he could only get second to Isle of Man. Fielders fared equally well when Richmond, the fancied article in the Rous Selling Plate had to occupy a similar position (second) to Cockatrice, who started at 10 to 1 and, in the hands of W. Lane, won by a length. Cock of the Roost having easily won the Duke of York Stakes the way was made clear for the Ebor, for which as he had been generally anticipated, thirteen runners weighed out. At the close Throwaway was made a good favourite at 7 to 2, and at a point longer odds McYardley was most in demand. The pair fought out the finish, but after a great race McYardley lasted the longer and won by three-quarters of a length, this being Madden's fourth win in the event. Catgut, ridden by K. Cannon, upset a warm favourite in Melodious for the Convivial Produce Stakes, and, Madden putting a second success to his credit by the aid of Eon in the Falmouth Selling Plate, the day's proceedings were brought to a close when Reckitt, starting at "eights," won the Londesborough Plate.

THE GREAT EBOR HANDICAP PLATE—Of 900sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr J Musker's b h McYardley, by McMahon—Paradoxical, 5yrs, 7st 9lbs ...	O Madden	1
Mr F Alexander's b c Throwaway, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs, 8st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	2
Mr H J King's br c Prince Florizel, by Florizel II—Good Hope, 4yrs, 7st 11lbs	L Lyne	3
Mr J C Sullivan's Likely Bird, by Winkfield—Like a Bird, 6yrs, 7st 7lbs ..	Higgs	0
Major J. D Edwards's Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 9st ...	K Cannon	0
Mr C Perkins's Cliftonhall, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifden, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs ...	Fagan	0
Mr Spencer Gollan's Seahorse II, by Nelson—Moonga, aged, 7st 11lbs ...	Hardy	0
Sir J Kelk's Orvieto—Isabel, 5yrs, 6st 13lbs	J Jarvis	0
Lord Carnarvon's Preen, by Sheen—Coquette, 4yrs, 7st 3lbs	J H Martin	0
Lord Durham's Mardonius, by Orme or Martagon—Primrose Day, 5 yrs, 7st 2lbs	W Griggs	0
Sir E Vincent's Parody, by Avington—Portree 4yrs, 6st 8lbs	Janek	0
Mr C Russell's Florinda, by Florizel II,—Wise Flower, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	Plant	0
Mr C Mynors's Thremhall, by Gonsalvo—Oubliette, 5yrs, 6st 8lbs	Heppell	0

(*Winner trained by Gilbert.*)

BETTING : 7 to agst Throwaway, 4 to 1 McYardley, 100 to 112 Cliftonhall, 10 to 1 Seahorse II., 10 to 1 Prince Florizel, 10 to 7 Orbel, 100 to 8 Mardonius, 100 to 8 Wavelet's Pride, 100 to Likely Bird, 100 to 7 Preen, 100 to 7 Florinda, 20 to 1 Parody, 20 to 1 Thremhall.

The first to leave the paddock was Seahorse II., and he was followed in the parade by Prince Florizel, McYardley, Thremhall, Orbel, Mardonius, Florinda, Cliftonhall, Wavelet's Pride, and Throwaway, the last pair being Preen and Parody. They turned and cantered in the same order and the white flag was hoisted at 3-20. A capital start was effected five minutes later, the first to show in front being Florinda from Cliftonhall, Wavelet's Pride, Seahorse II., and Prince Florizel, with Likely Bird next in advance of McYardley, Mardonius, and Orbel, the whipper in being Throwaway for a quarter of a mile, when Preen struck into the heels of Orbel and fell, and Likely Bird drew out with a clear lead of Florinda, Orbel, and Seahorse II., and Wavelet's Pride, with Prince Florizel, and Mardonius, heading the remainder. So they ran till six furlongs from home, where Orbel took second place behind Likely Bird, their immediate attendants being Florinda, Cliftonhall, Seahorse II., Wavelet's Pride, McYardley, and Prince Florizel, till a quarter of a mile from home, when Throwaway dashed to the front, followed by Cliftonhall and McYardley, and the latter coming with a wet sail inside the distance, won cleverly by three-quarters of a length ; two lengths separated the second and third Likely Bird was placed fourth by the judge, Cliftonhall was fifth, Florinda sixth Orbel seventh, and Parody eighth, Mardonius next, and Seahorse II., last. Time by Benson's chronograph 3mins 2secs.

THE CONVIVAL PRODUCE STAKES—Of 490 sovs, for two-year olds. Five furlongs.

Mr L de Rothschild's ch f Catgut, by Lactantius—Catkin, 8st 2lbs ..	K Cannon	1
Mr J Musker's ch f Melodious, 8st 6lbs ...	O Madden	2
„ Jas Joicey's ch f by Grand Duke—Queen of the Vale, 7st 13lbs ...	Lyne	3
Mr C T Pulley's Lester, 8st 2lbs ...	Miller	0
„ T W P Rivise's Rosebury, 8st 13lbs ...	Fagan	0

(*Winner trained by Watson.*)

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Melodious, 6 to 4 agst Catgut, and 100 to 8 any other (off).

Won cleverly by a head ; six lengths between second and third. Lester was last.

Having been threatened with rain and unsettled weather on the first two days at York, the closing stages of the meeting fully justified the anticipations earlier made that rain would fall before the last race, as the curtain was rung down in a regular downpour. Naturally these circumstances and the fact that the Ebor was over very materially affected the attendance, which however, was still large, in view of the Gimcrack and Great Yorkshire Stakes. The card comprised six events, and business was resumed with the Stand Selling Handicap, for which fourteen runners faced the starter. Still in bad luck, backers selected Chain Mail to win, but the filly was not even placed. Madden continued in the winning vein when he landed Wild Night Again in the Harewood Handicap Plate, and then, Mr. J. Cannon's Chamois having accounted for the Lowther Selling Handicap, the way was paved for the historic Gimcrack Stakes. Exactly a dozen went to the post, and at once Andover and Barbette were chosen as the pick of the lot, and justified the confidence reposed in them by finishing first and second, although the actual favourite, Andover, failed to get home. In the Great Yorkshire Stakes Firmilian, ridden by W. Lane, made all the running and won by three-quarters of a length from Lovat, after which Mr. L. Brassey's Wild Oats, in the hands of K. Cannon, brought the proceedings to a close by winning the Fairfield Plate.

THE HAREWOOD HANDICAP PLATE—Of 425 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr F Hardy's ch f Wild Night Again, by St Hilaire—Anabasis 4yrs, 7st 8lbs ...	O Madden	1
Mr H J King's b h Orchid, 5yrs, 9st 11lbs	H Jones	2
„ F Alexander's b f Part Malt, 3yrs, 8st 11b	Hardy	3
Sir E Cassel's Speculator, 4yrs 9st 11b ...	Halsey	0
Mr G G Tod's Melete, 6yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	G McCall	0
Major Joicey's Sir Wroth, 3yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	Watts	0
Sir E Vincent's Clairetta, 3yrs 7st 5lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr T W P Rivis's The Foreman, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs	Trigg	0
„ R Dalgleish s Pitch Dark, 3yrs, 7st 7½lbs (car 7st 8lbs)	H Aylin	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Kentish Glory, 5yrs, 6st 3lbs	Janek	0

(*Winner trained by Bates.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Wild Night Again, 4 to 1 Kentish Glory, 5 to 1 Part Malt, 6 to 1 The Foreman, 10 to 1 each Speculator, Clairetta and Pitch Dark, 100 to 7 each Orchid and Melete, and 20 to 1 Sir Wroth (o).

Won by three parts of a length ; a length divided the second and third. Melete was fourth, Speculator fifth, Pitch Dark sixth, The Foreman next, and Kentish Glory last Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 1⅘secs.

THE GIMCRACK STAKES—Of 955 sovs, for two-year olds. Six furlongs.

Mr H Sandford's ch f Barbette, by Avington—Breach, 8st 4lb ...	Dalton	1
Mr F Alexander's br c Andover, 8st 7lbs...	M Cannon	2
„ Russell's ch c Orme Shore, 9st 1lb ...	O Madden	3
Sir S Scott's Scalladale, 9st 1lb ...	Watts	0
„ E Vincent's Don Paez, 9st 1lb ...	W Lane	0
Lord Carnarvon's El Maestro, 8st 7lbs ...	Hardy	0
Mr B Croker's Herbert Vincent, 8st 7lbs...	J H Martin	0
Lord Derby's His Majesty, 8st 7lbs ...	D Maher	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Lochryan, 8st 7lbs...	K Cannon	0
„ Banke's Brawler, 8st 7lbs	Lyne	0
Sir E Cassel's Hark 8st 7lbs	Halsey	0
Mr C F Hildyard's Heworth, 8st 7lbs ...	Randall	0

(*Winner trained by W. T. Jarvis.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Andover, 11 to 4 Barbette, 7 to 1 His Majesty, 7 to 1 Orme Shore, 100 to 14 El Maestro 100 to 7 any other (o).

Barbette, on the left, jumped off with a slight lead of Andover on the right, Don Paez, and Brawler, with Scalladale and Orme Shore next, and Heworth—who tried to run out after going a furlong—last and, never beinging headed, Barbette shook off the attendance of Andover and won cleverly by a length; two lengths divided the second and third. El Maestro was placed fourth, Don Paez was fifth, Loch Ryan sixth, Herbert Vincent seventh, His Majesty next and Heworth last Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 15⅕secs.

THE GREAT YORKSHIRE STAKES—Of 890 soves, for three-year olds. One mile and three-quarters.

Lord Ellesmere's b c Firmilian, by Zamiel—Travesty, 8st 7lbs	W Lane	1
Sir E Cassel's b c Lovat, 8st 12lbs ...	Halsey	2
Mr Douglas Bairp's b or br c Arion, 8st 5lbs	H Aylin	3
„ J Musker's Gilbert Handley, 9st 1lbs ...	O Madden	0
„ Jas Joicey's c by Grand Duke—Rameltion Lassie, 8st 10lbs	Lyne	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Valve, 8st 7lb	M Cannon	0
Mr L Brassey's Saltpetre, 8st 5lbs ...	K Cannon	0
Sir E Vincent's Donatello, 8st 8lbs ...	D Maher	0
Mr J H Houldsworth's Eoscene, 8st 12lbs	Watts	0

(*Winner trained by J. Dawson.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Arion and Firmilian, 4 to 1 each Lovat and Valve, 10 to 1 Donatello, and 100 to 7 any other (o).

Won by three-quarters of a length; three lengths between second and third. Eoscene was placed fourth, Saltpetre fifth, Donatello sixth, Gilbert Handley next, and Valve last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3 min 9⅗secs.

CRICKET.

SUSSEX vs. YORKSHIRE.—Played at Brighton on 24th, 25th and 26th August. Sussex won by four wickets. So heavy was the rain on Sunday night and the early hours of Monday, that play in this important match did not begin until just after four o'clock. Even then it was only possible because of a high and drying wind, and the well-known quickness of the Hove ground to recover from the effects of wet. The Yorkshiremen won the toss, and played such a deliberate game that when a storm broke over the ground after the game had been in progress for fifty five minutes, only 22 runs had been scored. The rain put an end to play for the day. Ernest Smith was not out 5, and Tunnicliffe not out 11. There was a full day's play on Tuesday, of which Sussex had decidedly the best. For a time Ernest Smith and Tunnicliffe were in such good form that, although the pitch was very difficult, they each seemed quite likely to run up a big score. But when once they were parted the end came with startling rapidity, not a single man except Whitehead who made 8 runs, being able to make anything of Cox or Tate, the latter having the fine record of six wickets for 31 for the innings. From the way in which the Yorkshire bowlers made the batsmen uncomfortable when Sussex went to the wickets, it did not seem at all likely that the Yorkshire total would be exceeded. So difficult were they to play that Fry and Vine took twenty minutes to score the first half-dozen runs between them, while Killick was in for twenty minutes without scoring. When play was adjourned on account of the bad light the total was only 17. Lunch was then taken, and when play was resumed Rhodes dismissed Vine at 24, and Ranjitsinhji at 25 ; Vine was at the wickets an hour for his nine runs. With four wickets down for 25, P. H. Latham and Brann came together, with encouraging results for Sussex, for before they were separated they had increased the total by 59 runs in an hour and five minutes. Both played splendid cricket, Brann occasionally making a fine drive. Eventually he was bowled by High after playing an invaluable innings of 43 in an hour and a half. Relf also played well, and the last two men, Tate and Butt, put on 21 runs. Yorkshire had to go in against a balance of 60, and lost Brown for six runs before the day's play ended, so that their prospect of success were by no means great. Yesterday Cox and Tate were again in great form, and before Yorkshire drew level, Tunnicliffe, Denton and Hirst were all out. Then Wilkinson was bowled, and five wickets were down for 63. Meanwhile Ernest Smith had been playing a great game, and he received very useful help from Rhodes. But when the innings came to an end Sussex only had to make 37 to win. The task seemed almost ridiculously easy, but when Fry was bowled without scoring and Killick dismissed with the total at 6, things did not look very well. Ranjitsinhji and Vine brought the score to 18 by lunch time, so that only 24 runs were now required. When Ranjitsinhji was bowled at 25, Sussex seemed to have the game in hand, but the Yorkshiremen never despaired, and it was not until six wickets had fallen that Sussex could claim the victory. Vine's innings of 20 was, under the circumstances, a magnificent effort.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.			Second Innings.		
Brown, c Butt, b Tate ...	2		c Ranjitsinhji, b Cox...	3	
Tunnicliffe, c Heygate, b Tate	26		st Butt, b Cox ...	4	
Denton, run out	3		b Tate	16	
E Smith, c Latham, b Tate ...	27		b Cox	18	
Hirst, c Killick, b Tate ...	0		b Cox	0	
H Wilkinson, c Heygate, b Cox	1		b Tate	3	
Rhodes, c and b Tate ...	0		b Tate	11	
Haigh, not out	5		b Cox	0	
Lord Hawke, b Cox ...	0		b Tate	1	
Whitehead, b Tate ...	8		b Cox	4	
Hunter, c Butt, b Cox ...	0		not out	1	
Extras	0		Extras ...	5	
Total	72		Total ...	96	

SUSSEX.

First Innings.			Second Innings.		
C B Fry, b Hirst... ...	4		b Hirst	0	
Vine, c Smith, b Rhodes ...	9		run out	20	
Killick, b Rhodes ...	0		b Hirst	1	
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Tunnicliffe, b Rhodes	11		b Haigh	6	
P H Latham, b Haigh ...	22		b Haigh	5	
G Brann, b Haigh ...	43		b Haigh	0	
R B Heygate, b Haigh ...	0		not out	2	
Relf, st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	18		not out	2	
Cox, b Haigh	0				
Butt, c Smith, b Rhodes ...	14				
Tate, not out	8				
Byes	3		Extras ...	1	
Total	132		Total (6 wkts)...	37	

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LANCASHIRE *vs.* NOTTS.—Played at Old Trafford on 20th, 21st and 22nd August. Lancashire won by five wickets.

NOTTS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A O Jones, c Littlewood, b Hallows	30	lbw, b Littlewood	34
Gunn (G), c Findlay, b Hallows	32	b Heap	18
Gunn (J), c Eccles, b Hallows	25	c Eccles, b Cuttell	50
W B Goodacre, c Findlay, b Hallows	19	c Hornby, b Hallows	15
G T Branston, c Hornby, b Hallows	2	b Cuttell	0
Dexter, lbw, b Cuttell	4	b Cuttell	6
Day, c Harry, b Hallows	1	lbw, b Hallows	3
Anthony, c Littlewood, b Cuttell	0	c Heap, b Hallows	2
Oates, b Cuttell	1	lbw, b Hallows	1
Hallam, lbw, b Hallows	4	not out	24
Wass, not out	4	c Maclaren, b Hallows	0
B 3, lb 2	5	B 8, lb 1	9
Total	127	Total	162

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings		Second Innings.	
A C Maclaren, lbw, b Hallam	38	c Oates, b Hallam	6
R H Spooner, lbw, b Wass	44	c Oates, b Wass	13
Tyldesley, c Dexter, b Wass	10	b Hallam	13
A Eccles, b Hallam	3	b Hallam	9
A H Hornby, c J Gunn, b Wass	24	c J Gunn, b Wass	13
W Findlay, b Wass	0	not out	0
Hallows, b J Gunn	41	not out	1
Harry, b Day	13		
Cuttell, not out	42		
Heap, b Wass	3		
Littlewood, c Oates, b Wass	5		
B 7, lb 4	11	Bye	1
Total	234	Total (5 wkts)	56

LANCASHIRE *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Old Trafford on 24th, 25th and 26th August. Lancashire won by eight wickets.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, b Cuttell	16	run out	16
Whitehead, c Worsley, b Cuttell	52	c Spooner, b Cuttell	0
Knight, b Cuttell	4	c Worsley, b Cuttell	0
King, c Maclaren, b Cuttell	10	c Hallows, b Rowlands	1
V F S Crawford, c Hornby, b Rowlands	31	c Hallows, b Rowlands	5
R T Crawford, b Rowlands	2	b Cuttell	7
F W Stocks, not out	5	b Cuttell	6
W W Odell, b Cuttell	1	c Spooner, b Rowlands	5
Whiteside, lbw, b Cuttell	0	c Worsley, b Cuttell	6
Marlow, c Maclaren, b Rowlands	8	not out	10
Allsopp, c Spooner, b Cuttell	1	st Worsley, b Rowlands	3
B 2, lb 2	4	Extras	11
Total	134	Total	70

LANCASHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A C Maclaren b Odell	55	c Stocks, b R Crawford	7
R H Spooner, c Whiteside, b R Crawford	0	lbw, b R Crawford	12
Tyldesley, b R Crawford	21	not out	48
Radcliffe (G) b Odell	3		
A H Hornby, c Marlow, b King	1	not out	33
Hallows, b Odell	0		
Cuttell, c and b King	3		
Harry, lbw, b King	0		
Heap, c Whiteside, b Odell	1		
Rowlands, not out	2		
Worsley, c Wood, b Odell	5		
Byes	4	Extras	8
Total	98	Total (2 wkts)	108

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* WARWICKSHIRE.—Played at Edgbaston on 20th, 21st and 22nd August. Warwickshire won by 139 runs.

WARWICKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Devey, c Bowell, b Langford	17	lbw, b Frederick	25
Quaife, c Sprot, b Langford	19	lbw, b Langford	0
T S Fishwick, st Stone, b Llewellyn	19	b Langford	29
Kinneir, c Stone, b Langford	1	b Sprot	50
Charlesworth, bit wicket, b Llewellyn	16	b Langford	3
Lilley, c Frederick, b Soar	57	lbw, b Soar	55
F R Lovcitt, c Frederick, b Llewellyn	30	not out	20
Moorhouse, st Stone, b Llewellyn	9	not out	9
Santall, lbw, b Llewellyn	2		
Whittle, c Frederick, b Llewellyn	0		
Hargreave, not out	3		
B 1, lb 1	2	B 3, lb 1	4
Total	175	Total (6 wkts)*	195

*Innings declared closed.

HAMPSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
D A Steele, c & b Hargreave	18	c Lilley, b Moorhouse	42
Bowell, b Hargreave	24	b Hargreave	15
E M Sprot, not out	56	lbw, b Hargreave	4
Llewellyn, c Loveitt, b Santall	1	b Santall	12
A C Johnston, b Santall	3	c Kinneir, b Moorhouse	10
F H Bacon, b Santall	0	b Hargreave	3
Rev W V Jephson, b Hargreave	1	c & b Hargreave	0
Stone, b Hargreave	19	c Lilley, b Hargreave	0
Langford, b Moorhouse	0	c Whittle, b Hargreave	0
E B Frederick, b Hargreave	0	not out	2
Soar, b Moorhouse	0	c Fishwick, b Hargreave	13
Leg-byes	4	B 9, w 1, nb 1	11
Total	126	Total	112

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SURREY *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Bristol on 24th, 25th, and 16th August. Gloucestershire won by 18 runs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C O H Sewell, c Lees, b McDonell	3	st Strudwick, b McDonell	16
Wrathall, run out	11	c Dowson, b Lees	12
G L Jessop, c Leess, b McDonell	28	run out	0
W S A Brown, b Lockwood	7	c Strudwick, b Richardson	32
Langdon, c Lees, b McDonell	18	b Lees	0
Board, lbw, b McDonell	10	b Lees	5
R W Rice, b Lockwood	13	b McDonell	2
L D Brownlee, lbw, b McDonell	15	run out	4
Spry, st Strudwick, b Lees	12	c Strudwick, b Lees	4
Roberts not out	6	b McDonell	3
Dennett, c Strudwick, b Lees	0	not out	0
B 8, lb 1, nb 1	10	B 2, w 1	3
Total	133	Total	81

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Holland, st Board, b Dennett	23	c Jessop, b Dennett	3
Hayes c Brownlee, b Dennett	10	b Roberts	2
E M Dowson, c Brown, b Roberts	9	c Spry, b Dennett	5
Capt H S Bush, c Rice, b Dennett	15	c Jessop, b Dennett	30
Lockwood, b Roberts	1	st Board, b Roberts	3
L Walker, lbw, b Dennett	3	c Sewell, b Roberts	7
Lees, c Dennett, b Roberts	1	b Roberts	10
Moulder, not out	5	c Jessop, b Dennett	13
H McDonell, b Roberts	0	c Board, b Roberts	11
Strudwick, lbw, b Roberts	0	not out	15
Richardson, b Bennett	10	b Roberts	16
Extras	0	Extras	4
Total	77	Total	119

SURREY *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Taunton on 20th, 21st and 22nd August. Drawn.

SOMERSET

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
L C H Palairet, c Bush, b McDonell	67	c Lees, b McDonell	114
Braund, b Lockwood	0	c Hayward, b Lees	17
P R Johnson, c and b McDonell	63	b Richardson	15
F A Phillips, lbw, b Lockwood	2	b McDonell	15
S M J Woods, lbw, b Lockwood	3	st Strudwick, b Hayes	23
F M Lee, c Hayes, b Lockwood	15	c Hayward, b Lees	7
Lewis, c Holland, b Richardson	20	not out	1
J Daniell, c Hayward, b Lockwood	43	c Holland, b McDonell	16
Robson, c Strudwick, b Richardson	0		
O M Samson, c Hayes, b Lockwood	12		
Cranfield, not out	11		
B 5, lb 3	8	No-ball	1
Total	244	Total (7 wkts)*	209

SURREY.

Hayward, st Palairet, b Cranfield	37	L Walker, c Lewis, b Braund	8
Holland, c Johnson, b Cranfield	2	Lees, c Lee, b Cranfield	18
Hayes, c Robson, b Cranfield	1	H C McDonell, b Braund	21
M Dowson, c Braund, b Cranfield	35	Strudwick, not out	2
H S Bush, lbw, b Cranfield	0	Richardson, b Braund	0
Lockwood, c Johnson, b Cranfield	34	Byes	15
		Total	171

Second Innings:—Hayward, c Lee, b Lewis, 79; Holland, c Palairet, b Robson, 40; Hayes, not out, 13; E. M. Dowson, not out, 4; Byes 13.—Total (2 wickets) 149.

*Innings declared closed.

YORKSHIRE *vs.* KENT.—Played at Canterbury on 20th, 21st and 22nd August. Drawn.

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown, lbw, b Blythe	9	c Hearne, b Blythe	0
Tunnicliffe, c Seymour, b Blythe	7	b Fairservice	0
Denton, c Mason, b Blythe	0	lbw, b Blythe	6
E Smith, c Day, b Blythe	22	b Blythe	1
Hirst, b Hearne	15	lbw, b Blythe	2
H Wilkinson, b Blythe	0	b Blythe	17
Rhodes, c Blaker, b Hearne	2	not out	7
Haigh, c Mason, b Fairservice	8	c Seymour, b Blythe	0
Lord Hawke, run out	11	b Blythe	4
Whitehead, b Blythe	1	not out	2
Hunter, not out	4		
Extras	0	B 9, lb, 3	12
Total	79	Total (8 wkts)	51

KENT.

C J Burnup, run out	45	S H Day, b Hirst	28
Hearne, c. Smith b Rhodes	51	Seymour, c Haigh, b Rhodes	5
K L Hutchings, b Hirst	3	E W Dillon, b Rhodes	2
J R Mason, not out	36	Huish, not out	7
R N R Blaker c and b Rhodes	4	lb 6, nb 1	7
		Total (7 wkts)	181

*Innings declared closed.
Fairservice and Blythe did not bat.

OTHER MATCHES.

The matches between Hampshire and Essex, and Sussex and Middlesex were drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES (17 innings) to 22nd August.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	35	6	2359	234	81·34
Ranjitsinhji, K S	31	6	1456	162*	58·00
Fremonger	31	1	1380	210	46·00
Hirst	33	3	1367	153	45·56
Gunn (J)	36	2	1545	294	45·44
Maclaren, A C	47	8	1743	204	44·69
Knight	39	5	1509	229*	44·38
Perrin, P A	33	3	1296	170	43·20
Quaife (W G)	30	4	1113	130	42·80
Jones, A O	35	2	1410	296	42·72
Tyldesley	43	5	1603	248	42·18
Jessop, G L	32	0	1297	286	40·53
Warner, P F	27	4	929	149	40·39
Foster, H K	39	2	1481	216	40·02
Palairet L C H	18	2	629	114	39·31
Lester, J A	23	3	786	126*	39·30
Dowson, E M	23	3	784	103	39·20
Podevin, L O S	36	4	1240	135	38·75
Hayward	19	1	688	172*	38·22
Killick	54	3	1926	156*	37·76
Bosanquet, B J T	35	3	1203	116	37·59
Gunn (W)	26	1	928	108	37·12
Hayes	29	1	1011	139	36·10
Denton	51	6	1576	145	35·02
Bowley (F)	47	2	1540	133	34·22
Wright, L G	40	3	1261	164	34·08
King (J H) (Leicestrshr)	31	2	981	133	33·82
Brown, (J T, sen)	38	3	1145	167	32·71
Burnup, C J	41	1	1279	125	31·97
Moon, L J	44	3	1303	134	31·78
McGahey, C H	23	4	599	122	31·52
Beldam, G W	35	4	969	144*	31·25
Arnold	26	2	746	118	31·08
Spooner, R H	41	6	1070	128	30·57
King, J B	44	1	1271	247	29·56
Daniell, J	22	1	614	113*	29·23
Garnett, H G	18	5	373	64*	28·69
Braund	26	2	687	122	28·62
Wheldon	41	3	1086	111	28·57
Hawke, Lord	35	1	963	112	28·32
Lewellyn	29	6	650	79	28·26
Eccles A	35	5	844	148	28·13
Wilson, F B	31	6	685	126	27·40
Bohlen, F H	19	2	464	76	27·29
Wood, C J B	24	0	639	93	26·62
Rhodes	45	3	1114	118*	26·52
	42	7	913	98*	26·08

BOWLING AVERAGES (34 wickets).

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver
Hirst	617·5	169	1466	115	12·74
Blythe	820·4	268	1699	130	13·96
Ringrose	194·4	51	485	36	13·47
Hargreave	887·1	271	1797	132	13·61
Rhodes	1145·5	371	2281	156	14·62
Mead	863·5	311	1618	110	14·70
Hearne (J T)	826·2	278	1862	120	15·51
Evans, W H B	282·2	72	751	48	15·64
Moorhouse	377·1	115	870	55	15·81
King J B	451·3	106	1253	78	16·06
McDonell, H C	225·1	35	659	41	16·07
Young (H) (Essex)	367·2	96	855	52	16·44
Lockwood	546·2	101	1555	91	17·08
Hearne (Alec)	360·5	118	775	45	17·22
Roberts (F G) (Glo'cstr)	526·5	168	1223	71	17·22
Keene	276·5	88	629	36	17·47
Arnold	942·2	286	2194	124	17·69
Haigh	662·2	197	1579	89	17·74
Burn, R C W	281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Fielder	422·1	119	1175	66	17·80
Barnes (S)	1021	364	2339	131	17·85
Santall	399	126	859	47	18·27
Relf	889·1	301	1930	107	18·50
Bosanquet, B J T	351·1	66	1155	61	18·93
Gunn (J)	941·4	276	2089	109	19·16
Martin, E G	327·1	118	710	37	19·18
Hulme	284·2	61	853	44	19·38
Field (Warwickshire)	334·2	75	1015	52	19·51
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	689·4	141	2251	115	19·57
Trott (A E)	579·1	114	1787	90	19·85
Bland	469·4	114	1212	60	20·20
Hallam	587·2	226	1363	66	20·65
Clark P H	520·2	83	1633	79	20·67
Lees	743·1	217	1857	88	21·10
Braund	847·4	178	2193	117	21·39
Hesketh-Prichard, H	432·4	97	1210	56	21·60
Richardson (T) (Surrey)	791·2	165	2360	108	21·85
Bestwick	678·4	178	1621	78	22·25
Buckenham	317	53	986	44	22·40
Cuttell	657·5	220	1382	61	22·65
Warren (A)	498·5	89	1639	72	22·76

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Lancashire	26	10	5	11	5	33·33
Notts	20	6	4	10	2	20·00
Warwickshire	18	5	4	9	1	11·11
Worcestershire	19	7	6	6	1	7·69
Essex	19	6	6	7	—	—
Kent	18	6	6	6	—	—
Somerset	16	5	6	5	—1	—9·09
Surrey	24	6	10	8	—4	—25·0
Derbyshire	16	4	7	5	—3	—27·27
Gloucestershire	19	3	9	7	—6	—38·33
Leicestershire	18	1	8	9	—7	—77·77
Hampshire	13	1	8	4	—7	—77·77

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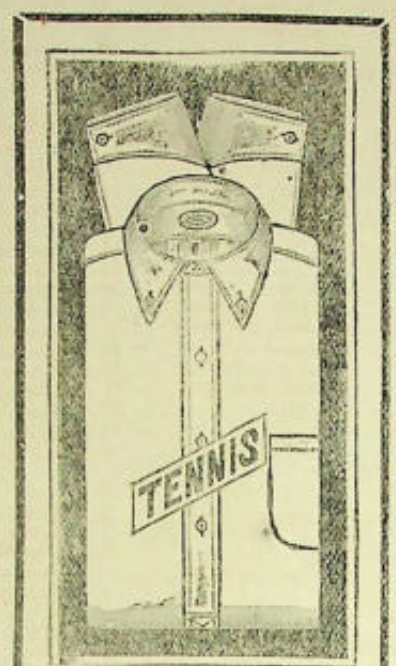

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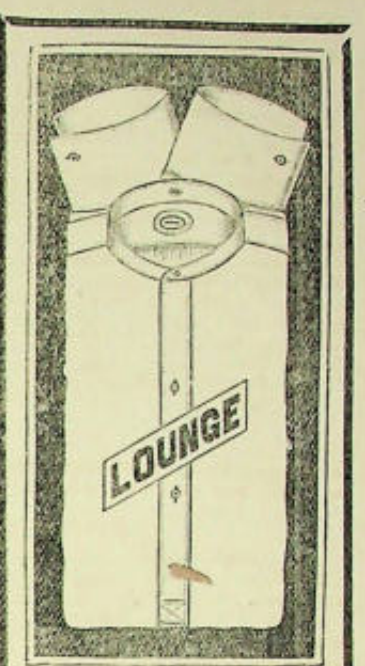

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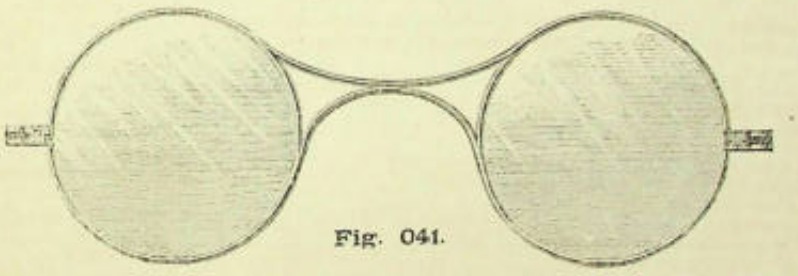
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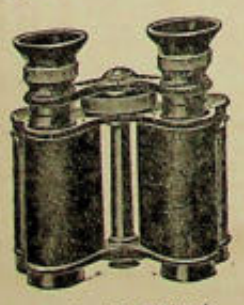

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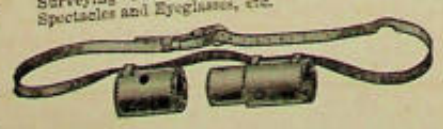

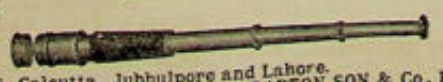

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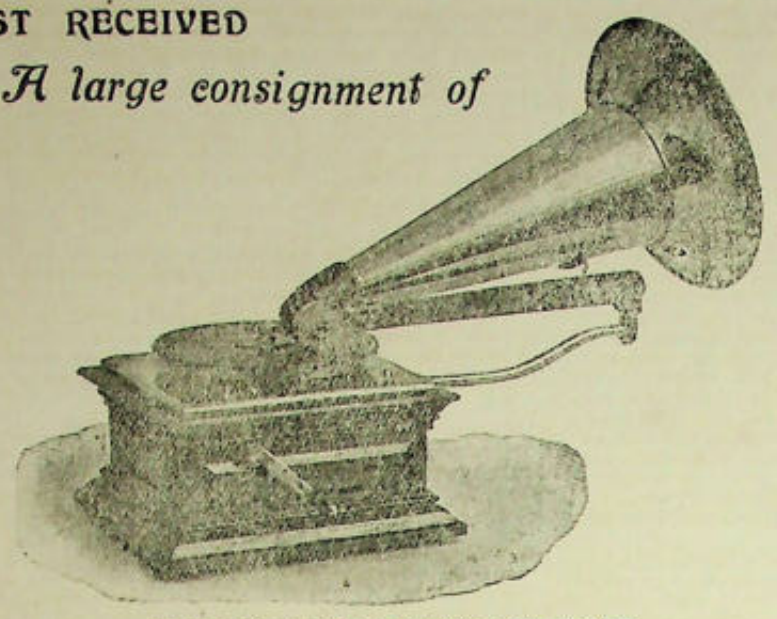

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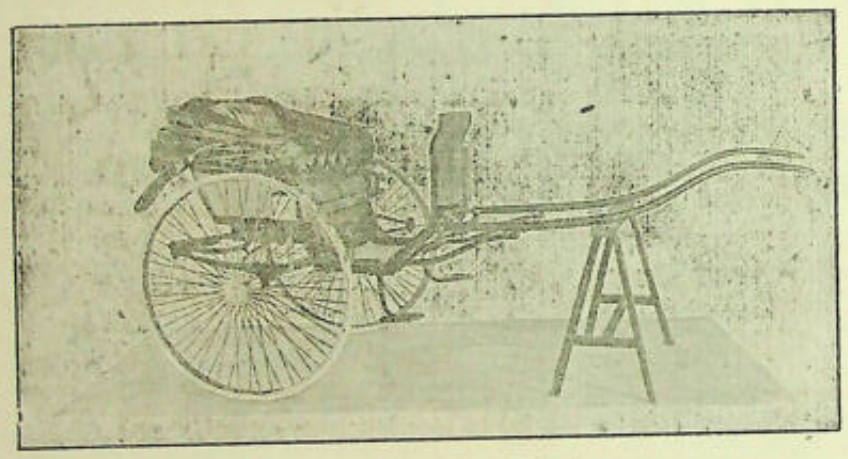

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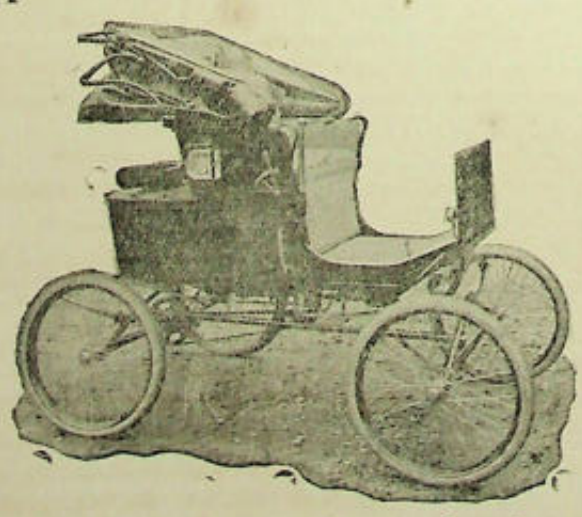

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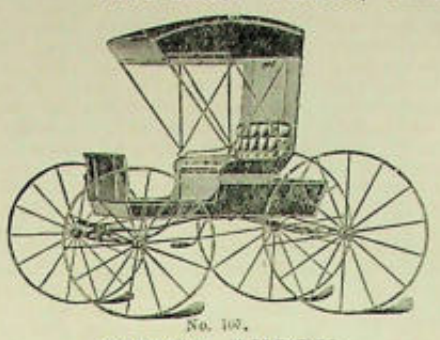

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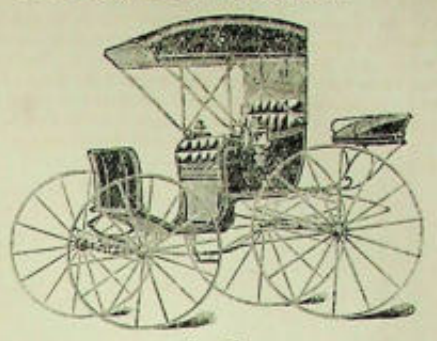

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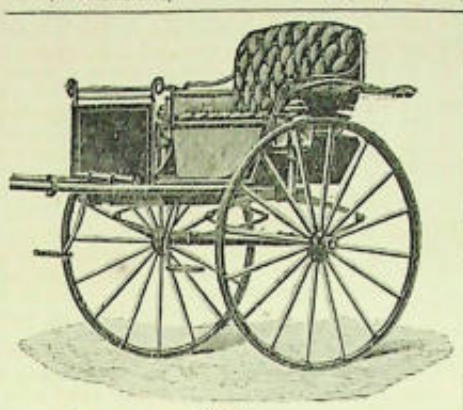

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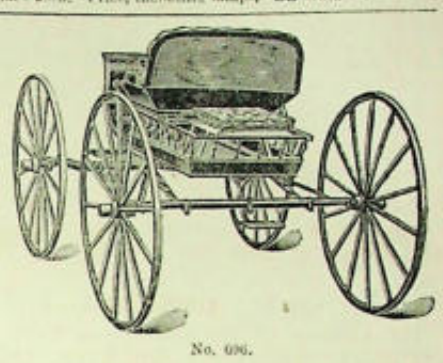

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Punctually to the advertised time, half-past four Hurst toed the mark, and was sent on his journey. For the first five miles he was paced by Tom Olliver, of Brighton, who kept him hard at work. Subsequently Len's brother Joe took a turn, in company with Charles Munroe, on a bicycle, but the greater portion of the work in this direction was done by Olliver, who, with only a couple of rests, kept with Hurst during twenty miles of the journey. For the first fifteen miles, Len kept well outside Mason's figures, but subsequently he went exceedingly well, and, keeping an unbroken stride, he got inside them at the twentieth mile. He afterwards left them well in the rear, and ultimately beat Mason's twenty-five mile record by 2mins 58secs. He finished very fit, and, needless to state, met with a big reception. Hurst's mile times were:

Miles.	H.	M.	S.
1	0	6	0
2	0	12	7
3	0	18	0
4	0	23	49
5	0	29	43
6	0	35	37
7	0	41	33
8	0	47	32
9	0	53	36
10	0	59	37
11	1	5	40
12	1	11	42
13	1	17	45
14	1	23	49
15	1	29	53
16	1	36	2
17	1	42	20
18	1	48	35
19	1	54	55
20	2	1	12
21	2	7	37
22	2	14	5
23	2	20	40
24	2	27	22
25	2	33	42

The Amateur record stood at 2hrs. 33min. 44secs by G. A. Dunning at Stamford Bridge, 25th December 1881.

CYCLING.

The delegates of the International Cycle Union resolved yesterday evening to annul the amateur two kilometres race for the championship of the world. The final heat between the Englishmen, Benyon and Reed, and the German, Engelmann, will be run off at Amsterdam on 30th August or 6th September As the German Union has prohibited Engelmann from racing again, the Council of the German Union has been telegraphed to the effect that Germany will be excluded from the International Union should the prohibition be maintained. Engelmann will be disqualified should he refuse to race. In the latter case the race will take place in England.

RECORD RIDE BY MISS M. FOSTER.—When Miss Maggie Foster, who is without doubt one of the finest lady cyclists, announced her intention of going for her own Brighton and back record, and had a schedule worked out to 5hrs. 45mins, or nearly half an hour better than her time of 6hrs. 23mins, 58sec, made just over six years ago, the task was thought impossible. A few, however, who have witnessed her work on the road and track thought otherwise, but were not prepared for time being beaten by 50mins 50secs. The favourite starting point, viz. the "Old Man's," Coulsdon, was adhered to, and shortly after 4 A.M., in a chilly atmosphere Miss Foster with G. Foster pacing on a "Bat" motor cycle, started on her journey. An exceptional run was made to Hyde Park and back (30 miles), in 1hr. 22mins, Miss Foster beating her previous time for this part by 14min, and the men's time when on the same record attempt by 3mins, having so early gained 12mins, on her schedule. Crawley was passed 2hrs. 7mins, from the start, with 13mins, better than the time sheet, and the Brighton Aquarium where some refreshment was taken, was timed at 3hrs. 21mins, from the start. The journey back to Coulsion, where cyclists innumerable were waiting to see the finish, was soon accomplished, although the ride was not without certain exciting incidents. Miss Foster, who was riding a B.S.A. spring frame cycle, with Constrictor tyres reached the starting point, having covered the 101 miles in the extraordinary time of 5hrs. 3 mins 8secs. or 50mins 50secs. better than her record made in August, 1897. The time was taken by W. L Woolveridge and A. J. Ockleford.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

AFTER the extraordinarily fine series of runs straight off the reel enjoyed by the above illustrious pack, my sad task last week of recording three runless days was so depressing that it was with anxious expectation I awaited the verdict of the sportsmen whose graphic description of the various days help me to pen my humble chronicles, and it was with a sense of heartfelt relief that I viewed beaming faces which anticipated the welcome news of an exceptionally brilliant run. The sixth mile stone on the Ahmednagar Road was the place of assembly—a very favourite meet I hear it is, safe for a run if there's a jack in the countryside and rare sporting going. It was therefore not surprising that despite recent disappointments a large field turned up, fearing the worst, but hoping fervently for the best, and vowing libations (from hunting flasks) to chaste Diana, goddess of the Sport of Kings and the Image of War, if she would but deign to vouchsafe to her faithful followers in the Deccan a straight-necked jack. Nor did they plead in vain For Her Divinity provided a jack so huge and such a phenomenal galloper that some of the field still aver that it was one of Mowgli's brethren—one of the galloping grey wolves of which there are more than a few still in these parts.

Jogging along a brace of miles on the hard high road the Master threw hounds in to a likely sugarcane patch near the eighth mile stone and hearts sank when the horn's mournful note sounded the "drawn blank." Grasping the gravity of the moment and feeling that after three blank days the field were yearning for a gallop Colonel Sheringham gave the order for an extended line to avoid the chance of an outlying jack slipping up one of the numerous small ravines unobserved. After going a short distance in open order one of the field viewed away a frolicsome little buck chinkara, which with an earnest desire to make everyone concerned as cheery and merry as itself jumped up in front of hounds and bounded off gleefully. Failing the Simon Pure, the Master promptly accepted what gifts the gods might send and clapped hounds on to the line Scarcely had he done so when a jovial brewer view holloa'd the genuine varmint sneaking away, and Colonel Sheringham grasped the state of affairs in a flash and the discipline and handiness of hounds and the promptitude of the first whip were, I am told, a treat, for with wonderfully little delay the Master had the entire pack on to the line of the fresh quarry. Handy as ladies' maids indeed must hounds have been, since over twenty couple were out that morning. But scant time was afforded for panegyrics, for away streaked the pack at racing speed and men had to sit down and ride all they knew to live with them. Away towards a neighbouring hill near the village of Kesnand and across the Ahmednagar Road they flung along with relentless drive and horses, saving the first flighters, tailed off in the most pitiable way in the first mile, testifying to the pace. Twenty-five minutes of the fastest gallop of the season I am assured it was when the rare stout, galloping varmint led hounds to the bottom of the hill without once having run to view. Hot foot they raced straight up the hillside so steep that no one had the heart to put horses at it and "dismount and lead" was the order, and by the time any one got to the brow hounds were out of sight in the valley below. After an interval hounds returned to the Master's horn and a hound had a bite mark on the muzzle from which a deduction was drawn that hounds had killed. A search, however, failed to discover the mangled corpse and an old and seasoned shikari, whom I have the privilege of knowing, gives it as his opinion that everything points to the opinion of the few who insist that hounds were running not a jack but a Deccan wolf. Jackal or wolf, it was a great run and a veritable red letter day in the annals of the hunt.

Truly luck follows luck. The exceptionally brilliant run from the Ahmednagar Road sixth milestone was followed by another excellent day on Thursday, the 10th. The favourite meet of Kalas Ford was the one on the card and a cloudy sky and a slight drizzle presaged a good lying scent Drawing along the banks of the river hounds soon began to feather briskly, and confirming the hint raced off to a breast high scent with a joyous burst of melody and the pace was quite of the very best. On they galloped in the direction of the illustrious Two Sister Hills, hounds going I hear with a great drive which was quite irresistible. This sprinting jack found it so, and after taking a fleeting shelter in some standing crop he vainly tried to evade his relentless enemies in a pool of water. "Tear 'im and eat 'im" was the order of the day and hound tore him to bits with such gluttonous fury that it was with difficulty Colonel Sheringham could save the usual trophies A rare keen lot of hounds they are and a treat should be in store for hound lovers lucky enough to get them when the Poona Hunting Season comes to an all too early conclusion.

But the little *bonne bouche* above related was not all the good luck in store for the lucky folk out that morning. A couple of hounds had gone off on line of their own and to these the Master now turned his attention. Keen eyes viewed the first whip a long way off and the Master grasping that something worthy of special attention going on forrard lifted hounds with little delay, when the pack at once owned to the line so carefully worked out by the truant couple aforesaid. But where the remarkable coincidence comes in is that two or three men who got a view declare unhesitatingly that it was on this occasion at any rate a wolf and not a jackal. A great run ensued and those who shared in it are loud in its praise. Up hill and down dale, rock stones and nullahs with ever and anon a stretch of splendid turf going to swing along over. Naturally the field began to tail out, but hounds kept pegging along, wonderfully well together I hear. Over a ridge of hills and down into the level below towards the village of Chobisa and into some standing crops which gave this Aryan lupus his life, for after patient eager hunting hounds had to give it up. Hard lines on them, and it would be most interesting to see how Colonel Sheringham's beauties would tackle a grey wolf. Doubtless they would not be found wanting. It was then found that the run had finished up close to Alandi on the Indryani, eleven miles from home. A rare fine run and lucky indeed were those who ran it.

SCARAMOUCH.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

The meet on the 7th instant was at Sandy Nullah Toll Bar and the weather was all that could be desired. The swamps below the 6th milestone on the Pykara Road and Dattmoor Valley were drawn without success. Wapshare Hare Shola was also blank, but at last the hounds started on a scent above the river in the Yemakal Valley and the jack provided a good run. He made first up the valley, then turned left handed to Yemakal Shola past which he was caught after a sharp burst, the hounds sticking to him all the way.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 28th August 1903.*

A REVOLUTION in the cab traffic of London may be shortly expected. The London Express Motor Service announce that in the course of a few weeks fifty motor cabs of a handsome and serviceable type will be placed on the streets. The car is petrol driven by a two-cylinder engine of 12-horse-power and has three speeds. The car is rather larger than the existing horse-drawn cab, and there is more room inside The driver sits in front of the passengers, but at one side, and there is an additional drop-seat next him, which can be utilised when wanted. The front can be raised or lowered by the passenger by a spring attachment, and there is a distance indicator, so that disputes can be avoided There is room for luggage in a boot at the back of the vehicle, and also on the floor by the side of the driver.

A few years back when the cycle trade was under a cloud, a great demand for ladies' cycles set in, and in many cases this proved the salvation of manufacturers, pulling them through the terrible "slump," and saving many firms from "going under." Now, however, the cycle makers report a drop in the output of ladies' bicycles, and the reason is said to be that ladies cannot endure the increasing discomfort which they are forced to endure through the rapdid passage of motor-cars and motor cycles. There may be some ground for this statement, but perhaps another season for the decrease of lady cyclists is that some of the ladies have themselves abandoned the bicycle for the fiercer joys of motoring.

A wonderful ride by a woman, Miss Maggie Foster, has just been accomplished. Shortly after 4 A.M., on the 25th, in a chilly atmosphere, Miss Foster, paced by her brother, G. Foster, on a motor bicycle, started on her journey in an endeavour to break her own Brighton and back record. An exceptional run was made to Hyde Park from Coulsdon (30 miles) in one hour 22 mins. Crawley was passed in 2 hours 7 mins. from the start, and the Brighton Aquarium was timed at 3 hours 24 mins. The journey back to Coulsdon was soon accomplished, where a hugh crowd of cyclists were waiting to see the finish. Miss Foster covered the 104 miles in the wonderfully fast time of 5 hours 33 mins. 8 secs., or 50 mins. 50 secs. better than her record made so long ago as 1897.

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In many out-of-the-way districts in the country accessibility to the various railway stations is often very difficult, entailing long drives by car. For the convenience of people living in remote parts of the country, the Great Western Railway have decided to establish road motor-car services as feeders to the various railway stations. Between outlying villages and small towns in different parts of the country, needing improved travelling facilities, these vehicles will furnish links. A beginning has been made with a road motor-car service between Helston and the Lizard, and has proved so successful and is being so well patronised, that many more cars are in course of being placed on the roads for the convenience of the public.

A rider relates his experience of a puncture gained in a very peculiar manner. He was spinning along at an ordinary speed when suddenly a little furry brown animal darted from an embankment and ran across the road right in front of his wheel. At once an ominous hissing sound proclaimed a puncture, and the rider got off to examine his tyre, and there sure enough were the marks of the little creature's teeth through both sides of the tyre and tube alike. The little animal had actually bitten through the tyre in its dying moments.

At Coventry, Henry Godfrey, labourer, Kingfields, an ex-artilleryman, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing a bicycle, of which he was bailee. Prisoner hired the machine, but did not return it, and induced another man to sell it. Prisoner on being sentenced struck the dock-rail violently, knocking the wood-work in, and exclaimed "Oh, good God, and for an innocent man!"

Two charges of stealing bicycles were heard against John Williamson, at Manchester. The prisoner obtained possession of one bicycle from the shop of a dealer on the pretence that he required it in order to fetch a deposit for two other machines which he had instructed the dealer to make. The same day the bicycle was pawned. A week or two later the prisoner suddenly vanished from a house, where he had been staying, and took with him another bicycle, which he also afterwards pawned. A further charge of stealing a suit of clothes from a tailor's shop was preferred against the prisoner, who obtained the clothes by first ordering a suit and then asking for one for temporary wear. The magistrate sentenced him to a month's imprisonment in each of the three cases.

Cricket.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

GYMKHANA *vs.* B., B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.—Played on the Gymkhana ground on the 12th instant and resulted in a draw. Mr. H. Cheetham played a good innings of 102.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr H Cheetham, not out	...	102
Lieut A Langhorne, c Carroll, b Bhanda	...	14
Mr A H Aston, b Date	...	56
Lieut P J Armes, c Ratcliffe, b Date	...	3
Mr S N Powell, not out	...	12
Mr A C Rumboll ...	...	did not bat.
Mr E Priestley ...	...	
Mr E Stikeman ...	...	
Capt McDonald ...	...	
Mr F H G Gratwicke ...	...	
Mr H G Richardson ...	...	
Extras ...		4
Total (4 wkts) ...		194*

*Innings declared closed.

B., B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Colabawala Cheetham, b Rumboll	...	33
Mr A T Smith, not out	...	27
Mr Peyton, run out ...	...	7
Patel, not out ...	...	5
Extras ...		7
Total (for 2 wkts) ...		79

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA *vs.* POONA HINDUS.—This match ended on the 8th instant in a draw. The Gymkhana made 118 in their first innings, the Hindus replying with 336 for seven wickets. Narsoo played a fine innings of 131 not out and was well backed up by Saraph (51), Bandoo (45 not out) and Sayenna (35). In the

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Gymkhana second innings Mr. Green put up 71 not out, one of his hits being for 7 which he ran out. Score:—

POONA GYMKHANA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mr Faviell, b Sardesai	38	b Sardesai	0
„ Hardy, b Bandoo	2	b Erasha	29
„ Sergent, b Bandoo	0	b Erasha	49
Sergt Hills, b Sardesai	18	did not bat	
Mr Green, b Joshi	14	not out	71
Capt Elliott, b Erasha	1	c and b A G Deshmukh	38
„ Davy, b Sardesai	0	b Deshmukh	2
Mr H Carroll, b Sardesai	1	b Erasha	0
„ Maitland-Kirwan, b Bandoo	10	b Joshi	2
Capt Harbord, c Narsoo, b Sardesai	11	c A Deshmukh, b Joshi	0
Col Hazelton, not out	1	b Bandoo	31
Extras	22	Extras	11
Total	118	Total	239

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.	O	R	M	W	Second Innings.	O	R	M	W
Sardesai	20	41	7	5		16	47	3	1
Bandoo	18·8	30	7	3		18	44	4	1
Joshi	5	10	0	1		12	49	1	2
Erasha	5	15	1	1		16·4	41	4	3
A G Deshmukh	...	...	...	...		7	41	1	2

POONA HINDUS.

B V Deshmukh, b Hills	0
Date, b Faviell	3
Saraph, b H Carroll	51
A G Deshmkh, c Green, b Carroll	5
Sayenna, st Green, b Kirwan	35
Divecha, c Faviell, b Hills	19
Sardesai, b Hills	0
Narsoo, not out	131
Bandoo, not out	45
Erasha, Joshi — to bat	
Extras	17
Total	306*

*Innings declared closed.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	R	M	W
Sergt Hills	16	33	6	3
Mr Faviell	11	36	1	1
*Mr Carroll	18	69	2	2
Col Hazelton	15	51	1	0
Mr Argent	7	27	2	0
„ Kirwan	8	44	0	1
„ Hardy	10	24	0	0
Capt Harbord	1	2	0	0
„ Davy	1	3	0	0

*Bowled one no ball.

CRICKET AT BANGALORE.

R. A. AND R. E. *vs.* REST OF GYMKHANA.—Played at Bangalore on the 10th instant. R. A. and R. E. put up 164, but their opponents made 209 for nine wickets, thus winning by a wicket and 45 runs. General Nixon and Major Hayes made a fine stand for the first wicket Score :—

R. A. AND R. E.—1st Innings.

Capt Barstow, c Hayes, b Rolland	7
Mr Robertson, c sub, b Rolland	14
Mr Wace, c sub, b Standage	27
Capt Peel, c Tufnell, b Puckle	25
Mr Wagstaffe, c Matthew, b Rolland	1
Major Johnson, b Rolland	8
Mr Bushell, c Raleigh, b Rolland	30
Mr Agnew, b Rolland	2
Mr Bayley, c Puckle, b Rolland	4
Capt Ryder, run out	22
Bombr Pollard, not out	22
Extras	2
Total	164

REST OF GYMKHANA.—1st Innings.

General Nixon, c Wace, b Bailey	59
Major Hayes, c Agnew, b Pollard	56
Mr Matthews, b Pollard	21
Capt Standage, b Pollard	6
Capt Tufnell, c and b Pollard	4
Mr Bowen, c Pollard, b Robertson	18
Capt Rolland, b Pollard	8
Capt Hare, b Robertson	17
Capt Puckle, b Pollard	0
Mr Raleigh, not out	4
P K Pillay, sub (did not bat)	
Extras	16
Total (for 9 wkts.)	209

CRICKET AT HOME.

A MEMBER OF M. C. C. sends us the following notes on the match between Surrey and Middlesex, and on "Lord's" topics generally :—Whatever may be the result of the match at the Oval between Middlesex and Surrey, it can hardly be claimed by the most enthusiastic Lordsman that his men displayed championship form in the opening stages. At the time of writing there is every appearance of a wet night—and with a glass as steadily unsteady as we have had of late, the probabilities, of course, are all in favour of "streaky" weather. Wherefore Middlesex undoubtedly hold a fairly strong position. For this they are indebted almost entirely to G. W. Beldam, who, I suppose, has rarely, if ever, displayed such extreme caution. Altogether on Thursday afternoon he was at the wickets for 265 minutes, and in that time saw the score taken from 3 to 228, of which his own share was 112. From time to time he was somewhat freely "barracked,"—but it is nonsense, as I heard some remark, to talk of "*Oval* form," the Lord's crowd is on occasion every whit as bad—and, of course, there is every excuse for spectators to show their impatience now and again.

But to return to Beldam. Unquestionably his play was tedious in the extreme to watch, but what else could he do? He is never a forcing bat, and with Warner, Moon, and Douglas all gone if ever there was a time to keep his wicket up at all costs it was then. As to the dismissal of the three for 13 between them, it was simply a case of bad cricket. The ground was slowish, and Richardson jumped up a little occasionally, but so far as I could see there was no earthly reason for so feeble a show. No doubt the Middlesex men lately have not had much match practice, but nearly all the while that the match ground at Lord's has been under water, very possibly a fact that has had a great deal to do with deciding the championship, play has been possible at the nets on the practice ground, and one would have thought that full advantage would have been taken of this. But Richardson bowled for 105 minutes on Thursday straight away, and had about 20 to 30 runs made off him, ball after ball on the off being let off through the batsmen hitting over or under, and generally mistiming him.

Besanquet looked like getting some runs till Strudwich took him very smartly on the legside, and it is to be hoped that if a similar incident occurs in Australia that this gentleman will retire to the Pavilion with a trifle more alacrity and a little less obvious dissatisfaction than he displayed at the Oval.

As a matter of fact, I should doubt very much if Besanquet—good and useful all round man though he be—will ever be wanted in any of the five Tests. Indeed, I look on him as about the weakest of the fourteen going out, though I shall be only too delighted to find myself *quite* wrong in this estimate, and to see him add still further to his reputation; for on sentimental and private grounds I would rather he came off than any man in the team. To my mind, though he is lacking in "class," he is about as dangerous a man now playing against second class bowling and fielding, and every now and again his bowling has accounted for a veritable collapse. He is, however, a most uncertain catch and casual fieldsman—and—well, I do not want to labour it but to my mind quite out of place in a representative team. As, before said, however, no one will be more gratified than the writer of these prognostications prove entirely beside the mark.

There is more talk—and I do hope it will eventuate in action—of the M.C.C. Australian team meeting a Rest of England side on 17th September and following days; and the venue suggested is—*don't* laugh—Lords! But then, of course, everybody knows that when once the cricket season proper is over, we shall really get a little cricket weather! early morning dew, and long shadows at 5 o'clock notwithstanding.

Football.

CALCUTTA SENIOR RUGBY CUP.

1ST ROUND.

CALCUTTA *vs.* CUSTOMS.—The Tournament started with this match on the 9th instant played on the Calcutta ground. The visitors were quite outclassed by their opponents who were the heavier team, and who displayed better combination. The Customs kicked off and rushing down Maitland receiving from Rowe got over with a try, Anderson adding the goal points. But Calcutta soon got together and the game till the interval was in the Customs' half. Dundas scored two tries and Whitie registered a third which Martelli converted. The teams changed ends with Calcutta leading by 11 points to 5. The home team continued to have the best of matters throughout the second half and except for an occasional rush by Rowe or Templeton the visitors were never dangerous. Newton dropped a splendid goal from half field and the brothers Siddons and McEwan each crossed the line, Martelli doing the needful on each occasion. Calcutta thus won by 5 goals (1 drop) and 2 tries to 1 goal (30 points to 5). Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Newton, *back*; A. Siddons F. Siddons, Martelli, and Dundas, *three-quarters*; MacDonald and McEwan, *half-backs*; Pope, Berridge, Dunlop, Simson, Dick Whitie, Heilgers, and Brown, *forwards*.

CUSTOMS.—Andersons *back*; Maitland, Templeton, Harris, and Wilson, *three-quarters*; Rowe and Shave, *half-backs*; Codd, Price, Farlam, Hogan, Fitzgerald, Harcourt, Petly, and Arratoon *forwards*

Referee.—Mr Browne.

UNITED SERVICE *vs.* CALCUTTA UNITED.—Played on the Calcutta ground last Thursday, the United Service team winning by 28 points to 5. The Services kicked off and at once showed their superiority, a dribble by McLeod resulting in a try. The place failed as did nearly all the place kicks owing to the greasy state of the ground and ball. Landon was the next to cross the line after a smart bout of passing. Bagshawe and Margery added tries, Arundell converting the latter's. McLeod and Crawford also got over with tries, McLeod adding the major points to Crawford's try. The interval arrived with the Services leading by 22 points to *nil* Play was very scrambling during the second period and the Calcutta United showed up better. Porteous got away and registered a try which McKay converted with a fine kick. Then the Service's team got command again and Landon and Margery put on two more tries, neither of which were improved upon. The Services thus won by 2 goals and 6 tries (28 points) to 1 goal (5 points) Teams:—

UNITED SERVICE.—Maxwell, *back*; Bagshawe, Landon, Margery and Stebbing, *three-quarters*; Crawford and Arundell, *halves*; Gardiner, Szczepanski, McLeod, Walker, Richie, Bruce Thompson, and Stevenson, *forwards*.

CALCUTTA UNITED. Boo, *back*; King. Platts, Vears and Reynolds, *three-quarters*; F. Hamilon and Porteous, *halves*; Seth, Grosser, Rozario, McKay, A. Hamilton, Piggott, David and Rowels, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. O. Rowe, Customs.

WELSH REGT. *vs.* CITY F. C.—These teams met on the City ground last Tuesday and a hard game resulted in a victory for the Welshmen by 14 points to *nil*. The home team played hard but were lacking in combination; however they got away on several occasions and were twice unfortunate in not scoring. The Welshmen were the better team and in the first half got over the line with two tries, Daly and Thomas being credited with the points. Neither try was converted, but in the second moiety Daly and Morgan added two more tries, Doble placing a fine goal from the second. The Welsh thus won by a goal and three tries to *nil*.

WELSH REGIMENT.—Williams, *back*; Mr. Montgomery, Jones, Harper and Morgan, *three-quarters*; Daly and Watts, *halves*; Gibson, Doble, Jones, Davis, Thomas, Floyd and Bartlett, *forwards*.

CITY.—Lees, *back*; W. Cunliffe, Schaumberg, Warden and Michael, *three-quarters*; Williams and Grieff, *halves*; Ewing, F. Cunliffe, Le Strange, Platts, Street, Stedwell, Johnstone and Sarkies, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. Martelli, C. F. C.

MADRAS *vs.* WEST RIDINGS.—A great deal of interest was taken in the meeting of these foreign teams on the Calcutta ground last Tuesday. The West Ridings proved themselves a good team and superior to the Madras men who were not strongly represented. The military took the game to the Madras "25" at once, but Cattell relieved and got in some good runs. The Madras men time after time worked the ball to midfield, but it was returned and after several scrums near the line Beaumont scored the first try for the West Ridings; the place failed, but before half time Oates had added a second try, no goal resulting. On resuming scrums in midfield and punting exchanges were the features of the opening play. Madras got away and a good run was spoiled by a knock on, Beaumont then got a pass and with a fine run crossed the line with a third try. S. Smith registered a fourth soon after and Highlands converted, the West Ridings, thus won by a goal and three tries (14 points) to *nil*. Teams :—

WEST RIDINGS.—Quin, *back*; Beaumont, Harrison, Flaherty and Highlands, *three-quarters*; Reeves and Halgate, *halves*; Lieutenant Gribbon, Riley, S. Smith, Robinson, J. Smith, Lester, Oates, and Garwin, *forwards*.

MADRAS GYMKHANA.—Paris, *back*; Bayley, Haughton, Allan and Robinson, *three-quarters*; Cattell, and Rickets, *halves*; Barret, Johnstone, Glauville, Rolland, Braithwaite, De Gruchy, Buckly and Hutchinson, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Connew.

SECOND ROUND.

CALCUTTA A *vs.* UNITED SERVICE.—Played on the Calcutta ground last Saturday, a fine game resulting in a win for the home team by two goals and a try to *nil*. The United Service men had a strong team out but Calcutta were without Curtis Hayward, Berridge and McEwan. Whitie kicked off for Calcutta and after some hot scrums the home pack forced their way down, Cooper getting over with the try, Martelli added the major points with a fine kick. A free to the visitors for offside against Bell gave them no advantage and play ruled midfield. Then the Service three quarters got away but Newton saved. Good play by Martelli and Cooper brought the ball back and a free was conceded to Calcutta, Newton just failing to place the goal. On resuming after half time the home team attacked and Cooper once more crossed the line; Martelli took the place which went wide. The United Service men played hard and Dr. Wilson was conspicuous Landon and Bagshawe nearly got through but were brought up by Newton. Crawford next came away but was collared. Cooper relieved and the home three-quarters took the ball to the visitors 25, where from some hot scrums Whitie picked up and got over with the third try. Martelli kicked a grand goal and Calcutta were left victors by 13 points to *nil*.

CALCUTTA.—Newton, *back*; A. Siddons, F. Siddons, Martelli and Dundas, *three-quarters*; MacDonald and Bell, *halves*; Whitie, McLeod, Dick, Heligers, P. H. Browne, Cooper and Pope, *forwards*.

UNITED SERVICE.—Maxwell, *back*; Bagshaw, Landon, Margery, and Stebbing, *three-quarters*; Crawford and Arundell, *halves*; Gardiner, Szczpanski, McLeod, Walker, Richie, Bruce, Stevenson and Dr. Wilson, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. R. Connew.

ARMENIAN CLUB *vs.* CALCUTTA "B" TEAM.—A large gathering witnessed this match on the Calcutta ground on the 14th instant. Neither side were at full strength, but the visitors were the quicker team and eventually beat their opponents by a goal and three tries to *nil*. The Armenians took the ball into the Calcutta "25" where several scrums took place, the visitors losing some opportunities through bad passing. An attempt at a drop by Joakim failed and the home team took the ball back to midfield. But the Calcutta "25" was again invaded and A. S. Apcar ran over with the first try, Staynor failing to add the major points. On crossing over after the interval the Armenians took the ball down and from a scrum near the home line H. Apcar put the ball over. The place again failed, but the visitors returned to the charge and Peters scored the third try, Simmons placing a good goal. The Calcutta men then pressed, but lost some chances from weak passing. A. S. Apcar then got possession and a fine run resulted in another try. No goal resulted, and time was called with the Armenians victors, as stated. Teams :—

ARMENIAN CLUB.—Mathews, *back*; Joakim, Gregory, Simmons, and A. S. Apcar, *three-quarter backs*; H. Apcar and Manuk, *half-backs*; Peters, Staynor, P. John, S. John, Akone, Matine, Vardon, and Micheal, *forwards*.

CALCUTTA "B" TEAM.—Sherman, *back*; Hemmingway, Granley, Morley, and Stevens, *three-quarter backs*; Park and King, *half-backs*; Clayton, Harris, Knoxord, France, Vick, Langford, Black, and Horncastle, *forwards*.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE "Lover of Football" who presented such a handsome Bowl for place kicking must have been more than satisfied by the amount of interest the competition engendered as well as by the close and exciting nature of the contest. The attendance was quite as large as generally assembles for even a Rugger Cup Tie match and amongst the competitors were to be found all the best place kickers of the Calcutta F. C.

The kicking, however was poor in the extreme as both Martelli and Newton, who tied for first place could not do better than 5 goals out of a possible 10, whilst those who were considered to have the best chances of winning the trophy, *viz.*, France, C. M. Browne and Dick, were exceptionally disappointing. Nervousness was largely responsible for many poor attempts, but on several occasions, notably in front of goal, great carelessness was displayed as to placing the ball which could not result otherwise than in failure.

Martelli's win was a very popular one, but the honours rest with the veteran Calcutta Captain Newton, who only succumbed after a ding-dong struggle in which the excitement was maintained right up to the winning kick.

The Rugby competition started in very promising fashion on Saturday last with a keen, close and hard-fought game between Calcutta and the United Services which resulted in a win for the former by 2 goals and 1 try to nil.

Neither side was at full strength as the Services were without that fine forward, Browne, whilst both Berridge and MacEwan were unable to assist Calcutta owing to injuries

The game was principally a forward one and both packs appeared very evenly matched. In the tight packs the Services had the better of the argument, but the premier club were vastly superior in the loose and it was this superiority that eventually won them the match.

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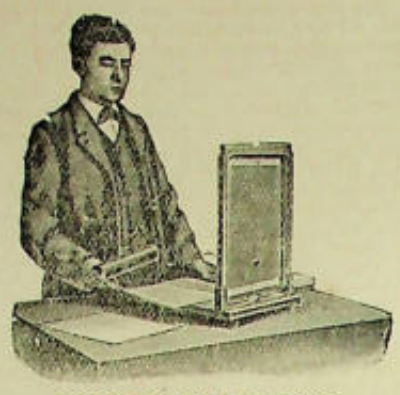

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CALCUTTA.

Despite their victory the Calcutta display was far from encouraging. As I have had occasion to remark before, they have far too many men amongst the forwards who shine in the open to the detriment of honest hard work in the scrum, and there can be no more convincing proof of this than last Saturday's match in which the heavy Calcutta forwards were repeatedly beaten in the tight scrimmages by men who were appreciably lighter and who had not had the advantage of playing together on more than a few occasions. McLeod, Heilgers, and Dick worked very hard throughout and Whittle on most occasions was seen to be doing his share, but Cooper's brilliancy in the open was quite neutralised by the fact that he was little better than a "passenger" when real hard work was required.

Macdonald and Bell at half had few opportunities, as the ball was seldom heeled out to them, but the former was not at his best as he failed to make openings for the men behind him and passed erratically, whereas Bell, who is essentially a forward, proved slow in getting the ball away. Thus hampered by their forwards and lacking combination they proved no match for Crawford and Arundel who both played a really fine game, when the former somewhat spoilt by sticking to the ball too long.

The three-quarters on both sides had very little to do, but Landon and Bagshaw were most prominent for the Services and had they been kept going would assuredly have broken through the Calcutta defence. Martelli played his usual sound game for the winners and Dundas was conspicuous for some dashing runs and clever fielding, but the elder Siddons again failed to maintain his reputation and seldom gave his brother a chance which he could profitably have done on more than one occasion. Both the full backs, Newton and Maxwell, were good and Wilson, Stevenson and Szczepanski were the pick of the Service forwards who all played a hard dashing game throughout.

Prior to the above match Calcutta had met and easily defeated the Customs, in the first round of the competition, by no less than 30 points to 5. The game commenced in startling fashion as soon after the kick off the Customs ran down and from a loose rush Maitland obtained possession and scored after a clever dodging run. The home team, however, soon pulled themselves together and from this point had matters entirely in their own hands. The Calcutta forwards packed well and heeled cleanly and both McDonald and MacEwan did all that was required of them most satisfactorily, and this resulted in several pretty bouts of passing by the three-quarters. Both Rowe and Maitland were prominent for strong running and hard tackling and Petly and Fitzgerald worked well in the pack, but the team as a whole were clearly outclassed by their heavier and cleverer opponents.

The other match in the first round between the United Services and Calcutta United permits of little or no description, as the Services scored almost when and where they pleased and even easily ran out the easiest possible winners by a large margin. The Calcutta United men showed plenty of pluck, but they had only a very crude knowledge of the game, whilst their tackling was entirely the reverse of the accepted style of *hard* and *low*.

In consequence of several men being held in reserve for the Calcutta A team, in case of accidents, the side which represented the B team of the premier club against the Armenian Club on Monday last was a very poor one and at no period of the game did they look like beating their opponents. The Armenian's played a scrambling game and one much below their usual standard, but the individual cleverness and pace of their three-quarters, notably Apcar and Joakim, combined with the weak tackling of the Calcutta three quarters, enabled them to cross the line on four occasions. For Calcutta Hemingway, King, Horncastle and Vick played best, but the general display was feeble in the extreme.

The Armenian Club have now to meet the Calcutta A team in the semi-final, and it is to be hoped that Yackjee will have sufficiently recovered from his accident to assist them. At the same time Calcutta should not experience much difficulty in winning although the Armenians may be relied upon to play a hard game of which their splendid tackling and kicking are the principal features.

Everyone was pleased when the news went round that Madras had, after all, been able to raise a team for the tournament, but they were somewhat handicapped by their inability to arrive before Monday morning as they were thus unable to have any practice matches before their meeting with the West Riding Regiment, which took place before a large concourse of spectators on Tuesday on the Calcutta ground. The game which was very fast throughout went in favour of the military from the start, their forwards, although somewhat on the small side, quite outplayed the Gymkhana eight both in the packs and loose work. Madras were unfortunately unable to bring their full side, and their weakness was especially noticeable amongst the forwards where the brunt of the work fell on five or six men. The West Ridings on the other hand are in the pink of condition and atone for their lack of weight by considerable dash and clever footwork. The half-backs are as fast and resourceful a pair as any team could wish to possess, whilst the three quarters combine great speed with a thorough knowledge of the game. The only fault to be found is a certain amount of hesitancy in running together with a tendency to pass high and forward.

The opening item was the result of a clever opening by Oates who handed to Beaumont, and the latter after kicking over the head of the opposing back just managed to score a somewhat lucky try. Shortly after this Oates himself got over and neither of the tries being converted the military led by 6 points at the interval. After the restart Holgate got the ball away to his partner who handing to Beaumont enabled the speedy winger to register a third try. Madras broke away on several occasions subsequently, Buckley being prominent for a good individual effort, but they lacked combination and failed at the critical moment. Another try to the West Ridings from a forward rush was the last score of the match and they thus qualified for the semi-final by 14 points to nil.

For the winners Oates and Beaumont were the pick of the back division, whilst Holgate appeared to be more reliable than his partner Reeves. The forwards all played a hard untiring game and if they can hold the heavy Welshmen, when the two teams meet on Thursday, I shall expect them to prove superior outside the scrimmage.

Haughton, who is possessed of great pace, played a great game for Madras, and Cattell showed good defence, but the inability of the Gymkhana forwards to obtain possession of the ball gave the outside men little or no opportunity for showing their capabilities.

Contrary to expectation the City put up a good game against the Welsh Regiment who eventually won by 1 goal and 3 tries to nil but the match was marred by a lot of unnecessary foul play on both sides, especially during the last quarter of an hour. The combination of the Welsh was considerably below the standard of previous years, whilst their tackling, though rather too robust, was decidedly uncertain. Doble was as usual noticeable for good work out of touch, but the men were slow in breaking up, and the footwork showed room for improvement. Watts and Daly were clever as usual, but found Referee Martelli more than a match for some of their "tricky" tactics. Morgan was the pick of the three-quarters, who, with the exception of one brilliant bout, did not show to particular advantage.

The City Captain, Williams, played a really fine game for his side—his defence and generally spoiling tactics being quite first class. Grieff worked hard but would improve his game by appealing less frequently, a fault which is very prevalent with the entire team.

IMPARTIAL.

THE DURAND TOURNAMENT.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* WELSH REGT.—This, the opening match of the Tournament, was played at Simla on the 4th instant. The ground was very heavy and slippery after the recent rain, but the Irish seemed quite at home and beat their opponents by five goals to *nil*. They started off and rushed the ball into the Welsh territory where a shot at goal failed. The Welsh worked the ball back and play ruled even for a while. Then the Irishman once more invaded the opposing half and notched their first goal. After half time, the Welsh goal-keeper was kept busy, and for the first part saved in great style. Then the Irish scored two goals in succession. Harcourt played a grand game for the Welsh, but all their efforts were useless and the Rifles returned to the charge and netted two more goals before time was called. Teams:—

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Elphick, *goal*; Fisher and Hanna, *three-quarter backs*; Craig, Morris, and Heggarty, *half backs*; Connolly, Lewis, Edmond, Rose and Smith, *forwards*.

WELSH REGIMENT.—Adams, *goal*; Simon and Garlick, *three quarter backs*; Smith, Llewelyn, and Lieutenant Harcourt, *half-backs*; Richards, Robinson, Lieutenant Mathias, Shipstone, and Moss, *forwards*.

BLACK WATCH *vs.* SIMLA NEW CLUB A.—Played at Simla on the 15th instant, a grand game resulting in a win for the Black Watch by two goals to one. The play was very fast and all the goals were secured in the first half. The New Club team showed fine form, the backs and goalkeeper doing good work. The Black Watch were frequently penalised for offside. In the second half both teams worked very hard, but no further scoring took place, the Black Watch winning as stated.

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FOOTBALL IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY *vs.* ALL INDIA.—This match was arranged by the Bombay Rovers' Association Football Committee in aid of the Nurses' Fund of the European General Hospital and was played before a large gathering on the 10th instant. The players were picked from teams entered in the tournament and a good game was witnessed. Up and down play opened the match and then the All India Territory was invaded and a corner forced: nothing resulted and All India taking the ball down Hogg found the net. Kelly equalised for the Presidency almost immediately and play ruled even for a spell. Then All India were penalised before their goal and the ball was put through from the free. The Presidency did not hold their advantage long for their opponents soon got going and Ratcliffe put them on even terms just before half time. The second period was fast and exciting, both teams trying hard to get the lead. At last the All India forwards took the ball down and registered a third goal. The Presidency were unable to add any further score. All India thus winning by three goals to two. Teams:—

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY:—*Goal*, Sheldon (*Cheshires*); *backs*, Coyne and Cadman (*B ffs*); *half-backs*, Cooke (*R. A. Colaba*); Dewhurst and Rancail (*West Yorks*); *forwards*, Jarvis and Gaffney, (*Cheshires*); Hartley (*R. A. Colaba*); and Kelley and Richmond (*R. F. A. Kirkee*).

ALL INDIA.—*Goal*, Haig (*Seaforths*); *backs*, Thomson and Stephens (*Seaforths*); *half-backs*, Rant (*Royal Scots*); Burton (*Lincolns*) and Mowatt (*A. and S. Highlanders*); *forwards*, Colthart and Macmillan (*Royal Scots*); Ratcliffe (*Lincolns*), Hogg and Montgomery (*A. and S. Highlanders*).

Golf.

GOLF AT POONA.

THE Ladies' Monthly Medal competition was played on the Yerrowda Links on the 8th instant and resulted as follows:—

Mrs Anderson	...	...	78	+ 4	= 82
„ Carter	...	...	95	- 1	= 94
„ Hallett	...	...	109	- 15	= 94
„ Cardell	...	...	107	- 10	= 97
„ Dobbs	...	...	115	- 18	= 97
„ Bagshawe	...	...	128	- 20	= 108

The following is the result of the monthly medal played for on the 10th instant:—

	Gross.	Handicap	Nett.
Col Feversham ...	99	10	89
Major Anderson ...	81	scr	81
Col Onslow ...	84	2	82
E W Brown ...	93	10	83
H Bromley ...	101	16	85
T Fry	86	scr	86
Col Carter	89	3	86
Major Walker ...	95	6	89
Major Hill	98	9	89
A Shuttleworth ...	107	18	89
A H Kearsey ...	97	6	91

Swimming.

CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 1903.

The heats in the preliminary two-lengths members' handicap for the Autumn Meeting were contested at the Calcutta Swimming Bath this evening, with the following results:—

1ST HEAT.

J Chaplin, 14secs start, time 56secs ...	... 1
A L Clarke, 11secs start, time 55⅖secs ...	... 2
H M Sherman, scratch	... 3

2ND HEAT.

W Goran, 7secs start, time 50⅗secs ...	... 1
G O Rushton, 9secs start, time 54⅕secs ...	... 2
E H Cann, 10secs start ...	... 3

3RD HEAT.

G Brown, 2secs start, time 45⅕secs ...	... 1
C C Walker, 9secs start, time 55⅕secs ...	... 2
W B S Harold, 10secs start	... 3

4TH HEAT.

A E B Siddons, 8secs start, time 50secs ...	... 1
H L Harvey, 8secs start, time 51⅕secs ...	... 2
H L Cox, 10secs start	... 3

Mr. H. P. Henderson acted as Timekeeper and Starter, and Mr. A. R. C. Miller as Judge.

Lawn Tennis.

OPEN TOURNAMENT AT POONA.

THE following is the result of the drawing for the Open Lawn Tennis and Badminton Tournaments at Poona :—

LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Finals.
Miss Mayne ...	Bye		
H S Lawrence ...			
Mrs Griffith ...			
F H Vincent ...			
Miss Laing ...			
Major Stone ...			
Mrs Bain ...	Bye		
Major Betham ...			
Miss Muir-Mackenzie ...	Bye		
J C Jukes ...			

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Finals
Major Betham ...	Bye			
H R Hume ...	Bye			
J C Jukes ...	Bye			
Capt Bagshawe ...				
L Barraclough ...				
W Reid ...	Bye			
Major Stone ...	Bye			
H S Lawrence ...	Bye			
J C Ker ...	Bye			

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

	1st Round.	Finals.
W Reid ...		
L Barraclough ...		
Major Betham ...		
H S Lawrence ...		
P G Percival ...		
J C Jukes ...		
Major Stone ...		
J C Ker ...		

BADMINTON.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

	1st Round.	Finals.
H F Beale ...		
A M T Jackson		
Major Betham		
G R Duxbury		
H R Hume ...	Bye	
L Barraclough		

The Story Teller.

A LITTLE DOPE

IT is true that American trainers are apt to be candid up to a certain point, after which they shut up like a knife, and words do not trickle from them as water undoubtedly trickles (in wet weather) down a ditch. Their gas is quickly turned off at the meter. Men may come and men may go leaving no address since implacable creditors are best dealt with in shadow at a distance from their emporium; yet, in gusts of confidence, we may easily say not only what is untrue but also what is inimical to our vital interest. Trainers from American are careful to avoid that *betise*.

One of them affirmed: "You must study and understand a horse's character before you need expect to dope him properly, because—and this represents a secret of the business—what suits one horse may not suit another at all. It is a question of temperament. Besides"—he lowered his voice, for he was reaching the end of his tether—"there is the right dope and the wrong dope, and if you happen to make a bit of a 'bloomer' at the critical moment, you may be walked off the course by your ear."

"Let the punishment fit the crime," I replied, having naught more bitter to say, "and instruct the criminal to play for safety the next time out."

So our subject was dropped at that; it was too exciting and exhaustive for a prolonged discussion. Truth is difficult to get at even when there is no profit to be made by dealing in the opposite commodity. Some men seem born to become liars; at least, what else they lived for is not apparent after they are dead. Many sporting reticences are also commendable, while trainers do well—it is their natural instinct—to think twice before they speak once and then say nothing. Why sigh, indeed for the wings of a dove when one has the soul of a serpent? Fortunes are not made in that way.

Anxious, however, to win a little cash at a respectable meeting, or lose my solitary nest-egg, I attended in that capacity, and fluttered about like a distressed infant who has nothing to suck at, his bottle having been "pinched." My heart felt sinking. Naturally nervous where money is concerned, even if I have a trifle in my pocket to be going on with, I glanced round for friendly faces. One I saw; it was winking—both eyes were doing so, their animation being intense. They belonged to my *confrere*, the American trainer. He had a mare running.

"Can I place my final pound sterling on your bonnie steed this day?" I asked, quivering in every limb.

"There is no law to prevent you," he rejoined, "but, all the same, I advise you to go and sit in a corner and have a whisky-and-soda to your own cheek and rumple what is left of your hair."

"As bad as that, eh?"—thus I countered—"and you don't mind whom you put away if his shooting-iron is rusty. It is a good job for you that I haven't got mine here now. Your life has been forfeited many times, and it might be destroyed on this occasion if I were duly armed."

"You couldn't shoot a hole through a pat of butter," he said, "before it melted in your mouth."

But I must confess that I did not feel satisfied with that ungracious utterance. Here was, peradventure, an opportunity to back a winner, to addle or hatch that solitary nest-egg which I had been carrying about in a secret job for some time with that object in view, and, alas! the fates promised to be perverse.

Still, I did not intend to be immured without making a bold dash for liberty and wealth. The fœtid atmosphere of poverty is not, *pardieu*, appreciated by a sportsman who has trodden the primrose paths of dalliance with sheee in his sky-rocket, if I may be permitted to use that phrase without alienating the affections of old and new friends who *will* have my "best and latest" from the seat of war. They are regarded as fine judges when the others are in bed.

Accordingly, as to the mare owned by this Yankee expert, I consulted another professional of British nationality in the same line of business, because a pound sterling requires a lot of investment when one does not know where the next half-sovereign is coming from. If there is a delay in transmission, results may be awkward as estimated from a culinary point of view.

"I do not know what to make of her," said the native oracle, waving his arms. "She seems to be suffering from a state of considerable excitement. Why, if she were in love she could not behave herself in a more ridiculous manner. But"—he grinned ecstatically—"it is not love."

"More like drink!" Such was my comment. "Three squirts a penny, and bring your own syringe."

"Come and look at her closer" advised the other, judicially, "ere you dare to bet, and then tell me what are your prospects of knocking lumps off the Ring in your next encounter."

"It is like asking for a fall," I exclaimed, with a doleful mien, "and, by Jupiter! I'm pretty sure to get it."

"You cannot name the odds," he asseverated, solemnly; and thence we proceeded, at the rate of about four an hour, to inspect the rhapsodical creature.

"Step out," urged my associate, sportively, "or we may be too late to enjoy the festivities. If you could move your feet as well as you can move your tongue, no walk to Brighton would be safe from you."

"Do not mind leaving *me* behind," I remarked, in a purring tone. "I am accustomed to applaud the entertainment, whatever it may be, from a back seat amongst the sawdust."

The mare was a perfect picture—of agitation. Physically and cerebrally, she seemed to be in a vehement state of protestation. Her eyes were starting out of her head, she could not stand still, her perspiration was profuse, continuous. In sooth, one could not only see, one might hear, the drips that fell from her on to the asphalte floor of the stall in which she was being saddled. It was rather a sensational experience.

Men looked at each other with amazement depicted on their face. A small punter nudged his neighbour, saying: "Why! Heaven bless us! she's got it a treat, don't ye think? The 'stuff' fairly down on her to-day, and enough 'speedy dose' inside to intoxicate an elephant."

"Yes, yes," murmured the other desperado, rapturously—"cocaine, digitalis, nitro-glycesine, and so forth. She ought to come whirling down the course like an explosive bomb let loose by a mistake of the dynamite authorities."

"We must go and back her at once," commanded the small punter, as though he were a field marshal intent exclusively on plunder. "If we wait much longer she may go off or blow up by reason of her own tremendous—ah!—exercitation."

"No time like the present," responded the second villain, "when we have the money. When we have it not, fools may whistle us, and we shall be fools not to go; but"—he chuckled egregiously—"wise men are sure to give us a miss in baulk."

Meanwhile, the American trainer was busily engaged in saddling his mare. He paid no heed to the surrounding throng. His features might have been carved in wood for anything he cared; he was capable and deft in all his movements; he did not notice anything remarkable in the situation; and surreptitiously he winked at me over the mare's back just as if I were an ordinary citizen. It was too bad for him to minimise the force of my individuality in that way. Not being able to endure the strain of such discomfort, I sidled up to him, with a sort of three-pence-for-two pence gait, and began, "Can I have my—"

"Corns cut, old chap," he chipped in. "Why, certainly, and the sooner you have them done the better for all parties concerned."

"My one golden moidore, the last of the bunch," I went on, pathetically—"can I invest it on your representative now without being compelled to emigrate a little later? I don't wish to go alone or to pay my own expenses."

"There is as yet, no Act of Parliament which forbids you to back horses for more than you can afford to pay in twice," he answered. "But, if you will take my advice on this occasion you will mount the stand and chew gum till you are removed as an insanitary obstruction."

Then his jockey came; the proceedings acquired a more lurid interest. I forgot all about wagering in the excitement of that moment. The riding orders were explicit.

"You had better get on in this stall," said the trainer, "and when I lead her out don't put your feet in the irons and duck your head. She is slightly—er—hot."

Thus instructed, the jockey smiled—he might have been doing it for the last time by request—and he prepared to duck accordingly. Not an instant too soon was he, for, once started, the mare jumped with a huge bound out of that stall, whence her trainer also darted, to save his skin, like an eel. She jumped again just as wildly in the paddock, being taken on to the course by her indomitable manager as if she were a tiger at the end of a string and he was afraid of the string breaking. He had rope enough to hang her, assuming that she proved too terrible for human government. His expression was that of a man having a glorious time at the expense of his neighbours.

"I'd better lead her to the post" he said to his jockey when they were opposite the stand. "She is a bit er—light headed."

We shall be all day getting there," grumbled the rider. "Loose her, and I'll take my chance."

Loosed she was in the most soothing manner practicable under such circumstances when the pantomime began. She bounded into the air as before like a hurricane, and ran away at top speed. Her pilot was powerless to stop her. For about two miles she continued to gallop hell for leather, as we may say without irreverence, so that, when eventually she allowed herself to be pulled up, she was stone beat to the world. There had been plenty of time for her dose to evaporate.

Taken to the starting-point, however, in a more or less exhausted condition, and while still labouring under the influence of a curious prostration which was certainly premature, she jumped off with the others, but that was all. She made no sort of show in the race. It was run at a smart pace, and when the half-distance was reached she was tailed off. *Fiascos* of various kinds have I seen during a fatal experience in connection with the Turf, yet never have I been more thankful than on this occasion to think that my antepenultimate coin of the realm (the other was unpassable) had been retained for future service. An inspiration of the gods, no less.

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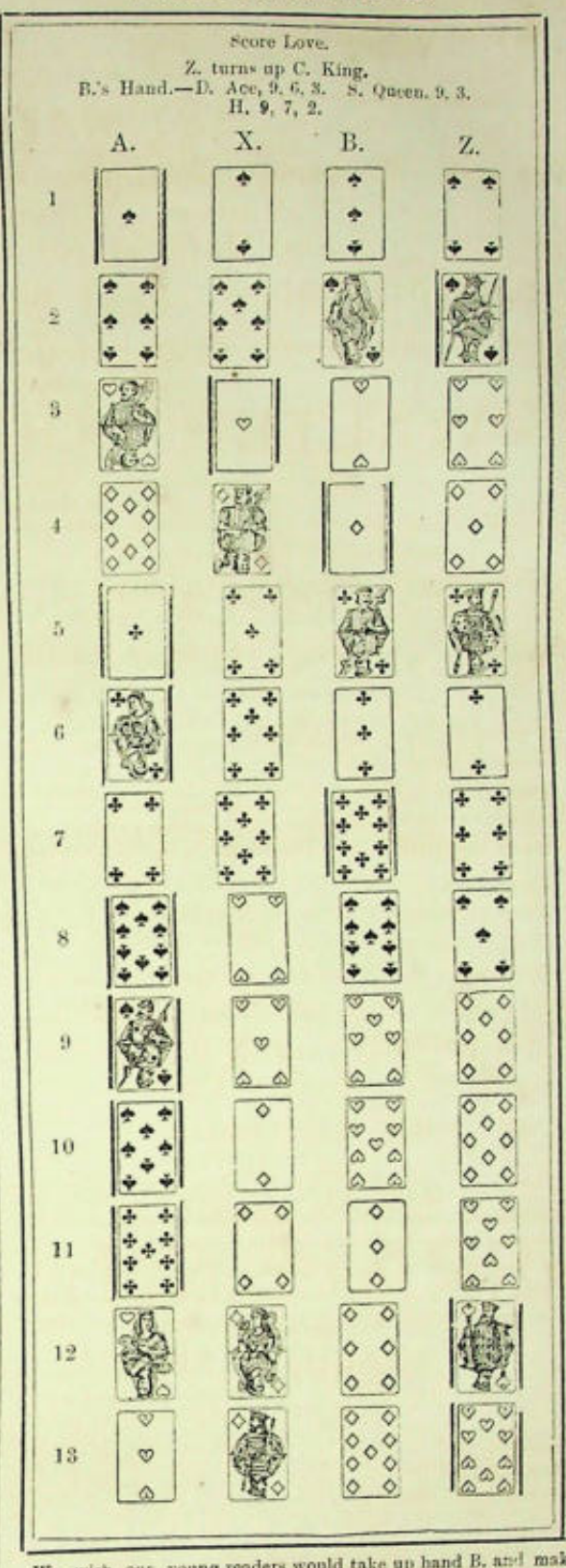

We wish our young readers would take up hand B. and make the deductions as the game proceeds. It is an instructive hand, and will well repay an attentive study simply to notice how much may be known if you will only take the trouble to observe.

NOTES.—1. B. knows A. has led from 5 Spades. 2. B. now knows that the Spade left in out of his partner's hand is the 5, and that it must be in X's hand. It can't be in A.'s hand or he would have led it, nor can it be in X.'s hand or he would have played it, and by these observations he can make certain the 5 is with Z. 4. B. now knows that X. has led from 5 diamonds, that A. has no more, and that he probably has Qn, and one other Heart. He cannot have more than Qn and another unless he has Kg Qn, which is very improbable. If he had Qn and 2 other Hearts he would not have played Kv 2nd hand. Therefore, practically, B. knows that A. has Qn and another, that X. has the 4 and 5, or 3 and 4, and that Z. has Kg 10 to 8. He must also know that A. has 4 trumps and his hand is therefore almost as plain to him as if he were playing dummy 5. A. knows that Z. has not more than 3 trumps.

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EXPERIMENTS IN THE FEEDING OF HORSES.

HORSE masters in this country are little concerned with abstruse questions relating to the various values of foods suitable for their animals: and when we consider how limited is the choice of food open to us there is no reason why we should occupy our minds with considerations which lie outside the pale of practical politics. In any country the relative values of foods as fuel to maintain the equine engine at full working pressure is of comparatively small moment to the private owner: it is of no moment to the racing man because it has long been decided that the best old oats and the finest hay cannot be beaten by any other commodities; and it is of little account to the non-racing horse owner who measures the merits of their diet by the condition of his horses. In large establishments, however, it is otherwise: in the stables of large carrying companies in Europe and America, where economy is imperative and saving by centimes is reduced to a science, the question "How can the horse be most cheaply fed" has for many years past occupied general attention and has afforded the text for numerous experiments. It is understood that by the words "most cheaply fed" we mean fed with due regard to efficiency: it would be poor economy that saved 5 per. cent. on the forage bill at the cost of 10 per. cent. in muscle and working power. The matter those responsible for large studs of horses have to decide is how to combine the cheapest diet with the highest working condition: and the question is one that possesses an interest of its own. The United States Department of Agriculture whose industry in such matters is unceasing has recently published an exceedingly instructive and interesting Report on the various experiments in horse feeding which have been made from time to time in America and also in England, France, and Germany.

If we do not attempt to follow the details o these experiments it is merely because they are of necessity expressed in chemical terms which to the average man are unfamiliar: we must be content to glance through Dr. Langworthy's pages and reap such items as appeal to us. Indian corn or maize as most people know, is over a large area of the States the staple food used for horses: that grain of recent years has been much used in large stables on the Continent and in England, but for some reason, or none, there was a strong prejudice against it: in private stables in England the objection to maize remains, the conservatism of master and man revolting from the idea of feeding a horse on the same diet as a hen. It is an article of faith with us that wheat is unsuitable for horse's food. American practitioners, not content with any sort of experiment, have been putting wheat to the test at North Dakota Experiment Station. "Unground wheat was poorly digested and it was therefore believed undesirable to feed it as a sole grain ration. When wheat was added to a ration of bran and shorts in equal proportion no advantage was gained. On the basis of tests reported, bran and ground wheat in the proportion of one to two was considered a more satisfactory grain ration for horses at light work than whole oats." Evidently the case for or against wheat deserves retrial at the hands of those who may find themselves obliged to seek a substitute for oats, grain or paddy at any time.

We do not know whether any enquiring spirit has served up a feed consisting, partly or wholly, of cotton seed in his stable : cotton seed meal has been tried in New Hampshire as a constitutent in an experimental mixture and the mixture containing it proved the least satisfactory as "it was not relished at first by the horses :" apparently the experiment was not pursued beyond the stage of accustoming horses to the mixture. At another experiment station a mixed ration containing 2lbs. of cotton seed meal was given to horses daily with satisfactory results : but when the proportion of cotton seed meal was increased to 3½lbs. daily "the results were not so favourable": it would be interesting to know what were the remaining constituents of this mixture : the withdrawal of 1½ of oats, barley or bran, in favour of an equal quantity of cotton seed meal might make all the difference to the horse. The experiments made with a cotton seed diet appear to have been carried tarther on mules than on horses : at the Louisiania stations certain mules were educated up to the pitch of eating 6lbs. of cotton seed meal per day : this was the maximum quantity it is desirable to give a mule.

Perhaps the most interesting experiments made were those with molasses : though it should be said that the value of molasses as horse food has long gone far beyond the experimental stage on sugar plantations in some parts of the world. In one case a stud of a hundred draught horses which were worked ten hours a day drawing heavy loads at a walk were put on a molasses diet : the ration consisted "night and morning one quart of molasses diluted with 3 quarts of water and thoroughly mixed with 6lbs. of cut hay of good quality, 1½ quarts of corn meal and 2½ quarts coarse bran. In addition they were fed 5 quarts of dry oats in the middle of the day and 11lbs. of long hay at night." The report adds that during the fourteen months the experiment had run, the horses gradually improved in condition and gained in weight : their coats became sleek and glossy and they did the same amount of work : the general health of the horses was excellent " and cases of acute indigestion or spasmodic colic very rare though formerly quite frequent." A noteworthy point in connection with this diet is that "in general no disturbance was observed in changing from an ordinary to a molasses ration." As we have said the value of molasses has been recognised for some few years : so long ago as 1898 the *Agricultural Gazette* of New South Wales recorded the practice on a sugar estate in the Fiji Islands : no fewer than 400 horses were fed daily on a ration which was, after careful trial, fixed at 15lbs. of molasses, 3lbs. of bran and 4lbs. of maize, with green cane tops in addition. Dickson and Malpeaux also made a similar experiment in France, gradually substituting molasses for oats until a 15½-lb. ration of oats gave place to one consisting of 13½lbs. of molasses and 2lbs. of oats. As an appetiser a preparation of molasses has recently been "pushed" by the proprietors : and we are informed it has been found to give the most satisfactory results with shy and dainty feeders. A curious experiment made in Denmark in the stable of a Copenhagen milk company deserves mention : a mixture of dried blood and sugar beet molasses was tried, with what results we are not told.

The objections to the use of molasses are obvious enough ; it attracts flies and other insects to the disturbance of the horse : the horse, biting at himself between mouthfuls as horses do, soils his coat or clothing and makes work ; and lastly the task of mixing it thoroughly with finely chopped grass must entail a good deal of extra work and delay in feeding. These objections were insisted on in Porto Rico, where a number of army horses were for a time put on a molasses diet : but apart therefrom the results have been uniformly good in every case where the stuff has been tried : the horses improve in condition and health.

Various fruits, fresh and dried, have been used on occasions in the stable, but as fruit of any kind would only find its way into the horse's dietary when there happened to be an excessive supply on hand, it scarcely comes within the scope of practical horse mastery. We are informed that in California, fruit, especially prunes and other dried fruit, is sometimes used when the market is overstocked or cannot be profitably sold, and that horses eat them with relish. This is not surprising ; the Arabs frequently feed their horses on fresh dates, according to General Daumas and the animals thrive upon them. At the Arizona Experiment Station the husks of almond were tried as food : they were found to be fattening ; but almond husks we imagine are unlikely to come into any market as a staple for horses.

Some of the most practical and not the least interesting experiments were those which sought to determine the relative values of hay and grain.

A ration of 20lbs. alfalfa hay without an allowance of any grain was found sufficient to maintain the weight of a 1,400lbs. horse provided he did no work : when put to hard work the animal barely maintained his normal weight on 33lbs. per day : when the work demanded was "very severe" 40lbs. proved inadequate, though this was about the most the horse was capable of consuming. The upshot of this experiment was to indicate that better results could be secured by restricting the hay allowance to 20lbs. and giving a ration or grain equal in value to the 20lbs. of hay knocked off, though this might provide only litt'e more than 3½lbs. of oats.

We have found in this "bulletin" many proven statements, which are calculated to disturb long standing ideas on the subject of stable treatment. We had grown up in the unquestioned conviction that if one thing were more wrong than another it is to water a horse after instead of before his feed : but here we find one Professor Tangl of Budapest recording experiments which shatter our long nurtured views mercilessly. The professor was moved to ascertain when the horse might be safely watered and his subjects were dieted on "different mixtures of corn, oats, hay, and straw" : the only condition which varied in his experiments was the time of watering. The gist of results so far as was observed was that the time of drinking had no effect upon the digestibility of a ration of grain and hay. When hay only was given there seemed to be a slight advantage in watering before feeding. In general horses may be watered before, during or after meals without interfering with the digestion and absorption of food. All these methods of watering are equally good for the horse and each of them may be employed according to circumstances .....although all methods of watering are equally good, it is not desirable to unnecessarily change from one method to another : animals or at least some of them appear to be not altogether indifferent to such a change. Professor Tangl seems to have watched the subjects of his experiments very closely and some of his notes are very interesting to the practical horseman : for example a change in the time of watering : from before to after the feed or *vice versâ*, was followed by a certain loss of appetite which continued for some days—until, no doubt, the horse became used to the change ; the horse ate as much, but took longer over his feed and ate with less avidity. A feature to be noticed was that the time of drinking produced marked effect on the quantity of water drunk. The horse drank most if his bucket were given him *after* he had fed : and he drank least if the water were given before his feed.

This pamphlet is full of interest and sheds valuable light on some points of stable economy which are not sufficiently well understood.

Sporting Notes.

IT is not unusually the case that the last two meetings of the Calcutta monsoon season furnish the best sport, and this was emphasised by a real good day's racing on Saturday last. The fields were satisfactory, and the finishes for the most part close. A drawback to the afternoon, and one which we think had a deteriorating effect upon the "gate," was the early start. The first race might, with great advantage, have been timed for three-quarters of an hour later without any risk of the last race being run in the dark, and if, as we hear, the idea was to admit of the public attending both the races and the football match which was to take place later on, we think that the idea was a misguided one. It is not often, in our humble opinion, that the same person is sufficiently keen both on the sport of racing and the game of football to rush from one to the other, so that not many, we think, were induced to attend the races by the possibility of being in time for the match subsequently, while, we do not doubt, that the early start, deterred not a few from attending the races at all. Another point to be noted—is that at this time of year owners are naturally not anxious to gallop their horses in the full heat of the day, if it can be avoided.

If, however, the attendance was poor, the racing was excellent, and in two events out of the six it was impossible to tell, until the numbers went up, what was the order of the placed horses. The ring should have had a good day, as only two favourites got home, and in both those events favouritism was practically divided, while three races were annexed by rank outsiders.

Proceedings opened with the Pony Plate, for which Perfect and Second Thought were almost equally fancied. The winner, however, turned up in Mocassin, who won from end to end, though had Second Thought not been badly left at the post, the result would probably have been in doubt. Be that as it may, Mocassin gave us a real taste of his quality, and by beating ponies like Perfect, Second Thought, Reveillé, and Granny, in the very creditable time—considering the going—of 1min. 13 secs., conclusively proved that he is a good deal better pony than many people supposed.

For the Club Plate Actress and Firefly practically divided the popular fancy, and it is more than probable that the former would have won, but at the second flight she parted company with her jockey, and galloped off the course. Firefly then went to the front, but was overtaken at the culvert by the somewhat erratic jumping of Sylvia, who gradually drew away and romped in on her own. This is a smart mare, but she seems to go the first three-quarters of a mile or so before it dawns upon her that there are hurdles in the way.

The best race of the day was undoubtedly the Belvedere Plate, for which a field of four faced the starter. Fairlight was rightly judged the plum and was freely backed ; Dundonald was also strongly supported, while Twilight was considered by a large section to be a good bet at threes. The owner evidently fancied him from the fact of his being reserved for this event, instead of going for the Club Plate, which he could probably have won. To our mind, however, the horse was not looking too grand as regards condition, though to be sure, he is not one of the big sort at any time. The race was a real good one from a spectator's point of view, as at the penultimate flight all four were within a length of one another. In the last few strides, however, training told, and Fairlight just struggled home by a neck from Lady Bird, Twilight being half a length away.

The Pony Hurdle also provided a great race, only half a length dividing each place. Yuletide and Moss Rose were both backed down to short odds, while the remaining three all carried money at fives and sixes. Blair Athol and Moss Rose shot out to the front, Yuletide whipping in over the first two flights. On the Ellenborough side Yuletide joined the leaders and from there a great race home ensued, Moss Rose and Yuletide being ridden out over the last two flights under the whip, the last named's speed on the flat enabling her to snatch the verdict by half a length. Yellow Mantle was thrown out of her stride somewhat at the turn, or she would, in all probability, have given a better account of herself.

For the September Stakes Springlock was backed as though the money was being merely lent on good security, but the lightly weighted Oom Paul had him stone cold at the distance, winning comfortably by a length and a half. It being Oom Paul's first appearance in this class, the handicapper could not well do otherwise than allot him bottom weight, but he has now shown himself to be well able to hold his own with the top of the Monsoon lot.

A further surprise was served up in the Entally Plate, which was won by Sunshine, neatly handled by her owner, and who started at the nice price of sixes. A hot favourite was taken down in Shirley, who has run a most disappointing horse throughout the Monsoon meetings. Details will be found elsewhere.

The following letter regarding the running of Mocassin and First Guide appeared in a daily contemporary last Monday :—With reference to a somewhat unfortunate incident at one of the late Tollygunge Gymkhanas, mention of which appeared at the time in your paper—yesterday's racing provided a sufficient object-lesson in the harm which may be done by officials at unregistered fixtures. The case, as your readers may remember, was a practical expression of opinion on the part of the Gymkhana Executive to the effect that of two ponies belonging to the same owner, one was stopped in order to allow the other to win. I

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am always inclined to accept opinions of this kind made in reference to a Gymkhana with the proverbial pinch of salt, inasmuch as it is seldom or ever worth an owner's while to run the risk of loosening his horse's teeth not to mention other disagreeable contingencies for the sake of the wealth he is likely to amass at a Rs. 49 meeting, and in this case particularly the motive for the alleged "ramp" was hard to find, since much the same price was obtainable about either candidate. The point, however, to which I wish to draw attention, is the reply which the owner is said to have made on being questioned as to the running of the two ponies, which was that if anyone was anxious to run the race again and back the loser, he was perfectly willing to allow them to put up any jockey they chose, and was himself only too willing to play the part of bookmaker, and lay them the odds. Even this tempting offer failed to convince the august body of Stewards that a "ramp" of a fraudulent nature had not been brought off.

In view of yesterday's racing, however, it appears to my humble comprehension that the only course now open to the Tollygunge Stewards is to admit that their opinion was, to say the least of it, misguided. When the question of recent form—a subject which I note with regret does not receive the attention which it deserves from racing authorities—is gone into, it becomes sufficiently plain—as those connected with the two ponies asserted at the time—that the relative weights carried by them at the Gymkhana would require to have been reversed in order to affect any alteration in the result. On that occasion First Guide was handicapped to give Mocassin 1st 6lbs. Mocassin won easily. Since then First Guide has run very consistently throughout the Monsoon Meetings, being placed three times, and only just missing a place on the fourth occasion, and I do not think that even the most prejudiced punter could suggest that on any one of these occasions he was not run on his merits. On Saturday last Mocassin, in receipt from him of 8lbs. only—not 1st. 6lbs.—won his race by four lengths easily, First Guide just failing to get a place. In view of the class of pony—including Second Thought, Perfect, Granny, Not Yet, Reveille, etc.,—running, I take it that First Guide, who ran a close fourth, can scarcely be said to have been stopped in favour of Mocassin on this occasion, and taking this—as all who saw the race must take it—to be a fair exposition of the relative form of the two ponies, it seems to me, as a disinterested observer, that the least the Tollygunge Executive can now do is to offer an apology to the owner concerned for the unpleasantness which they have caused him by their want of insight.

In conclusion, I would add that a considerable experience of Gymkhana racing in India has borne in upon me with some force the truth of the old aphorism that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." There is, as a general rule, a greater proneness to suspect fraudulent practices at Gymkhana meetings—where the majority of those concerned are usually, so to speak, amateurs, playing at being racing men—than there is in any number of big meetings, where thousands of pounds may be dependent on the issue of a race. In buying horses, we all know that the less a man knows the more certain he is he has been swindled, and so it is with racing. But where the trouble comes in, is that the mass of the general public who know and care little of racing almost invariably regard the mere fact of an enquiry being held as tantamount to a proof of fraudulent practice having taken place. It is on account of this public prejudice that the responsibilities of stewardship should not be lightly treated.

With apologies for encroaching at such length on your space.—Yours, etc.

FAIR PLAY.

We reproduce the above letter with some degree of satisfaction, firstly, because we are in entire accord with the remarks of "Fair Play" as pertaining to a matter of racing ethics; and secondly, because at the time of the incident at the Tollygunge Gymkhana which gave rise to no inconsiderable pother in certain quarters, we were of the minority which held to the opinion that the Stewards of that funny little meeting had only opened their mouths to put their foot in it, so to speak. It appears from Saturday's racing that the minority were right, and that the Stewards, as frequently happens in the case of Gymkhana Stewards, were—well, slightly off the rails.

The Meerut Autumn Polo Tournament will be played concurrently with the Meerut Races, the dates being the 11th, 13th and 16th November. It is to be held under I. P. A. rules and entries close on the 1st October and 8th November. Other details appear in the advertisement further on.

The following are the first entries in the Mysore Dusserah Polo Tournament:—Mysore Imperial Service Lancers "A" Team, Mysore Imperial Service Lancers "B" Team, 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers), 1st Durham Light Infantry, Mysore Gymkhana, and Bangalore Gymkhana.

The final programme of the Sonepore Gymkhana Races is out. The dates are the 2nd, 4th and 6th November, entries for each day closing at the overnight lotteries. There are six items on the cards for the 2nd and 4th, and seven on the last day, all of Rs. 49.

Further particulars are to hand concerning the death of Cowell, the well-known jockey. A Bombay contemporary says:—"He developed an illness, and heart trouble supervening, he died, on Tuesday night at Watson's Hotel. Mrs. Cowell only arrived from Australia on Monday morning last, and the greatest sympathy will be felt for her. Cowell was a remarkably fine horseman, and for courage and hard riding he had no equal in India. He was a wonderful judge of pace, and made few mistakes. Formerly he rode for Mr. Apcar of Calcutta, then for H.H the Kour Saheb of Patiala, last season for H.H. the Aga Khan and Aga S Shah, and was this season engaged by Messrs. M. Goculdass and Ananji Nanji."

Friar Tuck, Mr. Galstaun's new horse, arrived in Bombay on the 16th instant by the steamer *Khalibia*. The horse is in excellent condition, for which credit is due to B. Carr, who came out in charge of him.

The conditions of the Great Northern Handicap, which will be run during the Rawalpindi Spring Meeting, are published among our Turf notices to-day.

We commend to the careful attention of Poojah holiday-makers the notice of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway regarding the Puri trip, which appears among our notices to-day. The railway people have made every effort to cater for the public, and if their enterprise does not meet with the reward it deserves, all we can say is the Calcutta public are unable to appreciate a good thing when it comes their way.

Commenting on the retirement of Ard Patrick from the racing track, the *Sportsman* writes:—"During his career on the Turf Ard Patrick, who is by St. Florian out of Morganette (Galtee More's dam), won six races and lost five, crediting his owner with 26,616sovs. Of this sum he won 2,666sovs. as a two-year-old, 7,480sovs. as a three-year-old, and 16,470 sovs. during the present season. Mr. Gubbins bred the colt, and that he has done well by him is a point upon which he must feel thoroughly satisfied. Ard Patrick, however, is a grand horse and comes of a rare family. At the stud he will, in all probability, greatly enhance his reputation.

"It may be interesting to give the amounts won by other noted horses during their racing careers: Isinglass won 57,455sovs., Donovan 55,153sovs., Flying Fox 40,096sovs. Persimmon 34,706sovs., Orme 34,626sovs., St. Frusquin 32,960sovs., Ormonde 28,265sovs., Galtee More 27,019sovs., Velasquez 26,385sovs., and Ladas 18,516sovs."

Mr. H. Nugent, the well-known English G.R., met with a fatal accident while riding in a jump race at Ostend on the 31st ultimo. Red Dragon fell with him in the Full Cry Hurdle Race and kicked him so severely in the head that he never regained consciousness. The deceased was son and heir of Sir C. Nugent, of Cranborne, and for several seasons had ridden with much success in England and on the Continent. He had not always escaped serious spills, however, but being exceedingly enthusiastic over the sport, he was ever eager to reappear in the saddle when his condition permitted him so to do. In March of this year he received a fracture of the collar-bone through the falling of Bird Call in the South-Western Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown Park. He had previously been engaged to steer Drumcree in the Grand National

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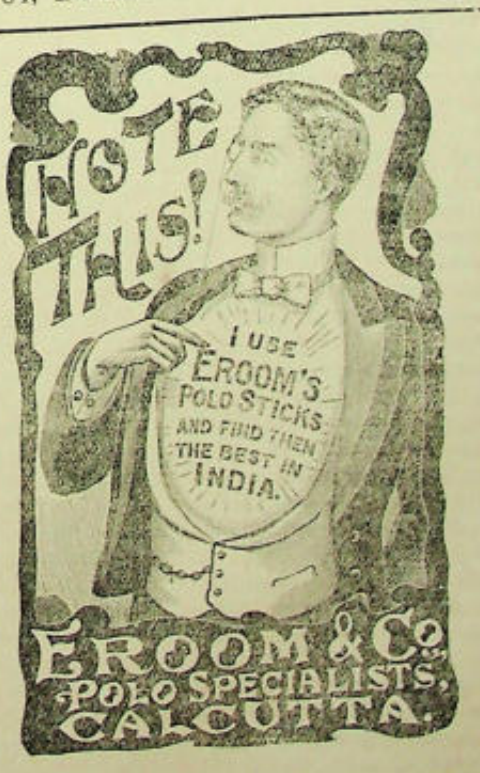

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later in the month, but owing to his injuries, Percy Woodland took his place, and it is now ancient history that Mr Morrison's gelding won in brilliant style. In the following month Mr. Nugent had sufficiently recovered to be able to don silk once more, and had the mount on Sweet Sounds in the Jubilee Handicap Hurdle Race, Manchester, on Easter Tuesday. Misfortune succeeded misfortune, the horse coming to grief, and again inflicted a broken collar-bone upon his rider. This was on 14th April, and on the 25th of the same month Mr. Nugent was again seen in the saddle at Sandown Park, where he rode Drumcree in the International Steeplechase, won by Gonsalez. During 1902 Mr. Nugent had eighty-eight mounts and rode twelve winners, and early this year he gained a further thirteen brackets. In 1901 he rode twenty winners out of a possible ninety-four; in 1900 eighteen out of sixty-five, and in 1899 four out of fifteen. He had the mount on Drumcree in the "National" of 1902, failing to gain a place, but in the previous year Drumcree, then the property of Mr. O. J. Williams, carried him into second place behind Grudon. In the Grand National of 1900, Mr. Nugent rode Hidden Mystery, who started a slightly better favourite than Ambush II., and upon this occasion he experienced the hardest of hard luck. When going well, and to all appearances a winner, the riderless Covert Hack crossed his track and brought the favourite down, though fortunately on that occasion Mr. Nugent escaped injury, and although the victory of the Prince of Wales's horse was a popular one—it could not well have been otherwise—there was a good deal of sympathy for the young gentleman jockey. The deceased had also ridden—and his services had been in much request—in Ireland and on the Continent, and, no matter how well his father loved to turn out a winner, his pride in the jockeyship of his son was always pronounced.

From the English sporting papers to hand by this week's mail one sees that Lane's advantage in the winning jockeys' list is being gradually reduced by Madden who, on the 28th August, was only 12 points behind, as per accompanying statement.—

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W ...	462	365	97
Madden, O ...	490	405	85
Halsey, W ...	409	331	78
Trigg, C ...	350	294	56
Watts, J E ...	375	330	45
Cannon, M ...	248	206	42
Cannon, K ...	307	266	41
Wheatley, E ...	253	214	39
Hardy, F W ...	354	315	39
Maher, D ...	191	154	37
Randall, H ...	209	172	37
Martin, J H ...	343	306	37
Murray, J ...	215	181	34
Lyne, L S ...	149	121	28
McCall, G ...	219	191	28
Dillon, B ...	164	140	24
Miller, T L ...	194	170	24
Heppell, T ...	122	100	22
Griggs, W ...	248	227	21
Dalton, J ...	132	112	20
Boardman, J E ...	188	168	20

Our Lucknow correspondent informs us that there will be an Extra Sky Meeting held there, probably on the 10th and 12th of next month.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—The Skittle Polo Tournament on the American system has been in abeyance for a few days owing to heavy rain. Some really excellent games are taking place, but they are so numerous naturally that to report them all in full would occupy far too much space. The combined R.A. and R.E. are a splendid team, and although conceding heavy odds to most of the other competing sides, they will come out well at the finish. The "Rovers" maintain their lead and are more than likely to prove the ultimate winners. Two close games took place on the 19th instant, when the Rovers (+ 7 goals) played the Mounted Infantry (+ 6 goals), and the R.A. and R.E. (scratch) met the Imperial Service Lancers (+ 3 goals). In the first match the Rovers added a goal to their start and won by two goals, but the Mounted Infantry were somewhat unlucky, having all the best of the play throughout the game though they were unable to score. The two best sides in the tournament met in the next game, and although the R.A. and R.E. put in two goals in the opening chucker, they failed to score in the second, the natives adding a subsidiary. Another goal accrued to the combined services in the third chucker, and nearly four minutes were left for the fourth and last. Shortly before time the R.A. and R.E. scored a fourth goal and just won by a narrow majority.

The state of the tournament at present is as under:—

	Matches played.	Won.	Lost.
"The Rovers" (+ 7 Goals) ...	4	4	0
Imperial Service Lancers (+ 3 Goals)	6	3½	2½
R.A. and R.E. (Scratch) ...	5	3	2
Durham L.I. Novices (+ 7 Goals) ...	6	3	3
Colonel Sprot's Team (+ 5 Goals) ...	5	2½	2½
"The Magpies" (+ 7 Goals) ...	4	2	2
Mounted Infantry (+ 6 Goals) ...	6	2	4
Mr. Swifte's Team (+ 4 Goals) ...	4	0	4

Our Poona correspondent writes:—*Arma virumque cano.* Of warriors and their deeds of skill and daring at the Presidential Assault-at-Arms I sing, and I would that my humble grey goose quill could, with a due regard to brevity, adequately describe but a portion of the wonders of valour and dexterity one witnessed. Among the items which left an impression on the mind of the casual observer must rank the wonderful tent-pegging of the Hyderabad Contingent Lancers, whose 1st and 2nd Regiments were respectively 1st and 2nd in the competition. A section which takes all four pegs four times running (one run being at half pegs!) naturally takes a bit of beating. Some of the tugs-of-war too (usually a dull enough performance) created intense excitement, and for two teams to heave at high pressure for over eleven and a half minutes before one had to give in, naturally excites admiration for the training and human endurance which afforded such a spectacle. The item which appealed mostly to the gallery was, of course, the "Riding and Jumping" competition for British officers, and excellently though the well-known local horse Dawn jumped and admirably as Mr. Boase rode him, the public vote would probably have bestowed the award to a horse not even "placed."

The one sad item in an otherwise thoroughly enjoyable and admirably run show was the fact that it was the last of its kind which that gallant old soldier, General Sir Robert Low, would attend in his official capacity.

Amateur theatricals are frequently the butt for facetious critics, but little fault could be found with the time honoured "Pantomime Rehearsal," admirably staged by the Buffs in their Regimental Theatre, that popular regiment whose early departure all deplore, entertaining their friends to the play and supper two nights running. Captain Drake is an old theatrical hand, and under his stage management matters were not likely to go wrong. Mrs. Drake and Miss Smith played charmingly throughout and their songs and dances were quite delightful, and if one has to single out one of the male *dramatis personæ* for special mention one cannot ignore Mr. Slacke's admirably clever interpretation of Lord Arthur. One left with nothing but pleasant memories.

That popular and fine horseman, Penton, is down with fever, and was unable to ride at the last extra meeting. He is however, I hear, doing well and everyone hopes will soon be about again and riding some of his artistic finishes.

The annual ball of the members of the Club of Western India was, I believe, a brilliant success, though the heavy rain did all it could to mar proceedings by interfering with the garden illuminations and cosy corners. It did not, however, prevent everyone from enjoying themselves and keeping things going till the early hours of the morning.

The Poona Gymkhana cricket XI had two proud days when they were able to successfully thump the rival Gymkhana from Bombay, but I fear things look none too hopeful for the Presidency match.

In the finals of the Quetta Polo Tournament the 9th Lancers beat the Station team by 13 goals 11 subsidiaries to 1 goal 2 subsidiaries.

There is perhaps nothing particularly striking about the handicaps for Saturday's Monsoon Meeting. In the City Plate Fairlight has been penalised 4lbs. for his win last week, and we shall expect to see him win again. Dundonald seems to have been somewhat hardly treated in being conceded only 1lb. for his beating by Fairlight, but it was generally supposed that he was somewhat unlucky on that occasion. The Outram Plate seems to us to be pretty good for Twilight if he elects to go for this, and not the open event, but of course Actress' performance last Saturday gave us no clue as to how she would have finished. Failing Twilight, we think she should about win this time. In the Rampart Plate, Yuletide is penalised 5lbs. for her win, and this may just put Moss Rose in front of her. As to Shylock one has not much to go by as regards hurdling, but we think that Moss Rose and Yuletide will both finish in front of him. In the Plassey Plate, Granny is very well in at 9-10 and should, we think, beat them all except perhaps Little Doris, who is somewhat an uncertain quantity. Oom Paul has to carry 1st. 7lbs. extra for his win on Saturday, but we think he will do it successfully. Of the rest Flashlight has been rather kindly treated, and will certainly run well. The Harrington Plate might fall to Bob Sutton if he were really fit, but we fancy his preparation is hardly forward enough, and we prefer Sunshine who, we think, will carry her extra 8lbs. to the front all right.

The Poona Open Polo Tournament opened on Tuesday with first game between the 4th Hussars and the Baroda team, which proved an easy victory for the Hussars by 16 goals and four subsidiaries to 2 goals and 2 subsidiaries. In the second game, the 3rd Bombay Cavalry *versus* The Remnants, a more even match was witnessed, the Bombay Cavalry winning by 4 goals and 3 subsidiaries to The Remnants' 3 goals. The finals will be played on Thursday. Full reports in our next issue.

The Bombay Mounted Sports last week were brought off in splendid weather, but other attractions militated against large entries. The programme opened with tent-pegging by half sections, which was won by Messrs. Fisher and Moore, with Messrs. Rome and McCausland second. The jumping was not of a very high order, and Mr. Johnson's Lothian, ridden by Mr. McLachlan, had rather an easy win. The black jumped cleanly though somewhat slowly. Four started for the Victoria Cross Race, which was won by Mr. Rome, Mr. McLachlan second. The Horse Scurry was won by Mr. Symons's Surprise from 25 yards. Mr. Galtrey's Under Housemaid came with a fine rush at the finish, but failed to catch the winner by two lengths. The Pony Scurry brought out a fair field and resulted in a dead-heat between Mr. Moore's Squirrel and Mr. Cooke's Conductor.

TIRHOOT NOTES.

Mr. C. MacDoland, of Dowlutpore, is down with enteric fever, and has been extremely ill for some time; the latest reports are more reassuring; and it is hoped, very shortly, that he will be convalescent again.

A large number of people have left the district for the *Puja* holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Miss Rawlins, and Messrs. Barton, Watson, Staley, and Heycock have gone to Almorah; Mr. and Miss Wilson, of Mozufferpore, and Mrs. MacLeod have gone to Darjeeling; while a great many more have gone up to Mussoorie.

Mr. StoneWigg comes out from home in October and takes over charge of Gungowlie Factory from Mr. F. Needham; Mr. E. Stevens also returns in November and relieves Mr. Urquhart at Rhuni Syeapore, and Mr. Percy Hudson returns about the same time, taking over charge of Piarapore Factory from Mr. W. Rawlins.

A little meet is being arranged at Somastipore in October, there being a parade of "D" Troop, under the command of Captain F. Needham. There is some talk of a dance and a gymkhana, and of course there will be the usual polo and tennis.

The indigo prospects for next year are extremely grave for a large number of factories in the district, as the rainfall of some concerns has only been 16 or 17 inches since the beginning of the year, against a rainfall of 40 and 50 inches in other years.

A curious case of a dream being fulfilled to the letter is thus narrated in his famous 'Reminiscences" by William Day:—

A mare called One Act, which he trained for Mr. Parker, had been beaten in the Palatine Stakes at Chester by Theodora. The pair were both engaged in the Cup, and in consequence of One Act's defeat she receded in the betting from 5's to 20 to 1; but the trainer had such confidence in the mare's staying powers that he was sanguine of her ability to turn the tables on the longer course and begged her owner to back her heavily.

The night before the race William Day dreamt that One Act won, beating Theodora after a good race, and that he turned to William Goater, the latter's trainer, and said, "I think I've won," to which Goater replied, "You know you have." They then walked together up the course, and presently Goater added, "And you've done me out of the best stake I ever stood."

Next morning Day related his dream to half-a-dozen gentlemen who breakfasted with him at the inn where he was saying. After saddling the mare he stood by the winning-post to witness the race, and as soon as the contest was over he inquired of the judge what had won. "One Act," was the reply.

Strange to say, William Goater was standing by his side all the time, though he had not noticed him; but as he turned round to go and meet the mare he found himself face to face with him. Together they walked up the course, just as Day had seen them in his dream, and as they did so Goater remarked—"I stood more money on mine to-day than I ever did before in my life. You've done me for a big stake."

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Athletic Notes.

THE Mussoorie Hockey Tournament has been fixed to begin on the 5th proximo. Fourteen teams have entered—a much larger number than was expected.

There are five entries for the Secretariat Football Cup at Naini Tal. The Depôt meet the Volunteers on the 24th instant. The winners will play the Band, while the Boys' Diocesan High School are drawn against St. Joseph's College. The winners of these two matches will meet in the finals.

It has been openly stated, and we believe the fact to be established beyond question, observes a home paper, that the cycling ranks have of late suffered serious depletion by the inconsiderate use of the highway by motorists. Many remedies have been suggested for the evil, but it seems probable that nothing short of the total prohibition of the motor-car on public roads would satisfy some people. So drastic a remedy is, of course, quite out of the question, and cyclists, who for nearly twenty years have themselves had to fight the battle of intolerance, should be the last to suggest it. The motor has, in popular parlance, "come to stay," and cyclists must make the best of it. The lot of the wheelman must inevitably improve under the new Act, but while every safeguard is now placed in the hands of the non-motoring public—save that of insistence upon the ridiculously reduced limit of speed for which some folk clamour—it is idle to hope that any material reduction of the maximum about to be permitted will be brought about in the near future. The tendency will ever be in the other direction. It therefore behoves all well-wishers of the pastime of cycling, and particularly the fair sex, to recognise that they must so school themselves by an effort of the will to pay no more heed to the motor-car that may happen to pass them at twenty miles an hour than they do to the horsed vehicle which progresses at half the pace. Of the two, the motor is by far the less dangerous, and where the driver possesses the instincts of a gentleman he will not be slow to appreciate the fact that his speed should never be such that he is compelled to cling to the crown of the road, and so "shave" the humble pedestrian or the still more helpless cyclist. Furthermore, he will recognise that the God-sent monopoly he arrogates to himself when at curves and corners he ignores the rule of the road, and places others in bodily peril, is his no longer. Where he is minus these instincts, it will be for us to see how far they can be drilled into him by *force majeure*. Meantime it rests with the cyclist to set a good example by giving the motorist free passage, and otherwise observing the golden rule.

It has several times been stated during the past year that G. L. Jessop is about to retire from the captaincy of the Gloucestershire eleven. The report has again come to the front, and it is said that although Jessop will cease to be captain next year, he will still play occasionally in first-class cricket. Business responsibilities are given as the reason for his decision.

The last regatta of the Calcutta Rowing Club for the current season comes off on Saturday next. There are four items on the programme—Senior Fours, a race over half a mile in pair-oared tubs, Senior Double Sculls over the full course and a dinghy race of a quarter of a mile, and should there be sufficient daylight left after the decision of these four events, there will be scratch fours over the usual course, but for which, on this occasion, entries must be sent in by Friday evening.

The entries are as follows.—

SENIOR FOURS.—¾ MILE, 5 P.M.

W D Braithwaite, bow
H R Pilcher 2
A V Venables 3
A Cochran str.
vs.
D Carvill bow
W C Burke 2
J C Buchanan 3
C V Green, str.

TUB PAIRS. ½ MILE, 5-20 P.M.

J A Tassie
H Day
vs.
C A Pearcy
L R Carter

SENIOR DOUBLE SCULLS.—¾ MILE, 5-40 P.M.

Dr W C Hossack
C V Green
vs.
A V Venables
A Cochran

DINGHY RACE.—¼ MILE, 5-50 P.M.

The following heats will be rowed on Friday, leaving only the final for decision on Saturday:—

Heat 1.—L. R. Carter *vs.* C. A. Pearcy.
Heat 2.—L. G. Waller *vs.* G. Ward.
Heat 3.—J. A. Tassie *vs.* H. R. Pilcher.
Heat 4.—Winners of Heat 2 *vs.* Winners of Heat 3.
Heat 5.—A bye.
Final heat.—Winners of Heat 4 *vs.* the drawers of the bye.

Owing to various circumstances over which local oarsmen have, apparently, no control, the preparation for this regatta has been of the sketchiest description. But though we may not expect exceptionally good form, we shall probably see keen competition and close finishes.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—The Madras Command R.A. Football Competition is now in progress here, and although there have not been many entries, games have been close. The four teams which were left to play the semi-finals and finals were "G" Battery, R.H.A. (Bangalore), "L" Battery R.H.A. (holders), Secunderabad, the 31st Battery, R.F.A., who had sportingly come from Belgaum, and the 52nd Company, R.G.A., from Madras. Of these the holders beat the Garrison company fairly easily by 4 goals to *nil*, their long passing game proving very effective. In the course of this game a corner-kick went straight into the goal without being touched, a decidedly unusual incident. The 52nd Company whilst playing a good plucky game and being especially good on the defensive, did too much dribbling and wasted time where the ball should have been parted with at once.

The other semi-final was hardly a pleasant game. The 31st Battery, R.F.A., had all the worst of it, but deserve every possible credit for the plucky way in which they defended. McAdam, their centre forward—and captain—scored the only goal of the match during a brief period of pressure by the Field Battery, and the referee allowed the point. "G" Battery, however, protested, on the ground of "hands," and the match was ordered to be played again. There seemed to be some doubt whether the 31st would play, but they eventually did so, and moreover scored the first goal in the opening half. They tired in the second moiety of the game, however, and "G" Battery won a minute or two before time by 2 goals to 1. But in connection with the game there is a word to be said. Protests are allowable although the decision of the referee—to my personal knowledge he was a most capable one—is generally sufficient for most teams. But when teams sportingly come in from outstations to compete they should certainly not be hooted at as the 31st Battery were when they played the second game. If I were asked my opinion I should say they played by far the fairer game of the two teams. Fouls against "G" Battery were frequent, there was more than one deliberate trip, and whilst *esprit de corps* is all right in its way, a spirit of fairness and sport ought at the same time to prevail amongst soldiers. That section of the Bangalore Garrison which was to blame will easily be recognised by Bangalore readers. The final between "G" Battery and "L" Battery will be played on Wednesday next.

The Calcutta Senior Rugby Cup was won last Saturday by the West Riding Regiment from Darjeeling, who defeated Calcutta in the finals by a goal and three tries to a try. The winning team showed themselves a strong one with a thorough knowledge of the game.

On Tuesday evening, at the Dalhousie Institute the men of the 93rd Highlanders gave a boxing entertainment, the proceeds of the sale of tickets going partly towards the building fund of the Soldiers' Institute, shortly to be started in Calcutta, and partly to the Queen Victoria Memorial School at Edinburgh for the sons of soldiers and sailors. The extraordinary hour of 7-30 P.M. having been fixed for the opening of the programme, civilians were of course conspicuous by their absence, but there was a full soldier audience and taken all round it was an excellent show. The programme opened with a club swinging display and was followed by the feather-weight contest. Pte. Bailantyne beat Pte. Wilson, Pte. Stevens beat Pte. Clarke, Pte. Brash beat Pte. Scott. Pte. Stevens beat Pte. Brash in the finals. In the finals of the middle-weights Corporal Mackey beat Pte. Conway, who retired after one round. Pte. McNiff and Pte. Gordon next fought a ten-round contest, at the close of which they were judged equal. Two extra rounds were fought, Pte. McNiff getting the verdict. The ten-round contest between Ptes. Anstruther and Brisland was won by the latter, Anstruther withdrawing after two rounds. The entertainment was brought to a close with the six-round feather-weight contest between Ptes. Lamie and Miller for a Silver Cup presented by Messrs. John Dewar and Sons. This was won by Pte. Lamie.

General Notes.

DURING his visit to Alwar, His Excellency the Viceroy will probably instal the Maharaja on the *gadi* and make a shooting trip to Ramgarh.

It is stated, and the news will be received with general regret, that Mr. F. W. Latimer, C.I.E., Assistant Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, retires in March next.

We hear that Captain W. Drysdale, Royal Scots, is engaged to be married to the eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. P. Muir Mackenzie, I.C.S., Secretary to the Bombay Government.

A sad accident happened during a thunderstorm at Mussoorie on the 15th instant. Miss Nunn was killed by a flash of lighting while in the act of opening a door.

A sad shooting accident took place at Darjeeling, on the Lebong rifle range last Tuesday. A Private of the West Riding Regiment was killed by the ricochet of a bullet which struck him in the head.

Messrs. Ahmuty and Co. have sent us a copy of the latest edition of their Catalogue and "New Century" General Price List, which in matters connected with machinery and all the appliances common to the various branches of their business, ranges from steamers and engines to rat traps and needles. Of special interest to our sporting readers is the section devoted to camp and travelling requisites.

By means of a very neat contrivance the "Lynx" Tablet goes far to assure agreement of Bridge scores at the close of a rubber. The "Lynx" column in fact so admirably keeps the units in their proper place that addition of the scores of a protracted contest, from being irksome and vexatious, is rendered delightfully easy. A rubber that extends to a dozen hands or so is always troublesome of calculation, but infinitely more so when the scores are in irregular column. "Lynx's" ingenious, yet commendably simple, device surmounts the difficulty. In a word, the "Lynx" Tablet is addition made easy. To Messrs W. Newman and Co. very high praise is due for its elegant get-up. It is excellently printed in fashionable blue and the paper is luxurious. We can confidently aver that the "Lynx" Tablet is fully equal to the best London productions of its kind.

London Week by Week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 4th September, 1903.*

PEOPLE are literally streaming back to town. I suppose the unspeakable weather is washing them home to their places of abiding: if so, it is quite in accordance with the unfitness of things that September, so far, should be gloriously fine and excessively hot. The partridge season has not opened very well, judging by the growls of friends and the newspaper reports: but nobody expected much after the spring and summer which have been inflicted upon us. I do not know when I have seen so few birds exposed for sale in the gamedealers' shops, nor when the price has been so high, 9 shillings a brace. These be the town dwellers' means of estimating the merits of the season, and no doubt it is as true a measure as exists.

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Our poet laureate appeared in Monday's *Times* with In Memoriam verses on Lord Salisbury, who on that day was buried without pomp or circumstance at Hatfield. The verses signed "A. A." appeared at the head of one column and, perhaps for convenience of comparison, a poem of equal length signed Harold Begbie was printed at the head of the next. Instead of making any remarks

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on the two sets of verses, I clip a stanza from each. This is from A. A.'s offering :—

"Less loud and vehement"
Never were his quest or choice :
All He cared for was assent
Whispered by the still small voice,
And being loved and understood
By the just, and wise, and good.

The first line is a quotation from *Measure for Measure*. Here is a stanza from Mr. Begbie's :—

He was our stubborn heart, our steadying mind,
Our brain when faction's rhetoric was loud,
He was the eye of England none could blind
With dust of eloquence. He was too proud
To sweep his crown of state before the crowd,
Too strong to stumble with the driven herd,
Sullen he held his way, the fact behind the word.

"Sullen" was not perhaps quite the word to choose ; but regarding these two examples simply as poetry, which do you think the better ?

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We hear a great deal about "Passive Resistance" in these days. Meritorious people who object to the latest thing in Education Bills refuse to pay the rate, to the end that they may be summoned and be made the victims of a stern magisterial decree under which seizure of such of their goods shall be made as will by their sale satisfy the rate collector. If these brave martyrs smile through their tears, the unregenerate who curse Education Bills and pay rates to save themselves trouble must I imagine smile through their sneers. This is the sort of farce that is enacted : Rev. George Mannington, pastor of the New Malden Congregational Church, refused to pay the rate and the police distrained on certain unspecified articles of property. These were "put up" by the auctioneer before a crowd of 300. The auctioneer's assistant emerged from a shed with the distrained goods, which were not unfastened from their covering of brown paper, and before the crowd had quite realized it the lot was knocked down, without any preliminary announcement, to a Mr. Goodall, an acquaintance of the auctioneer, for £3 19s., the amount required by the distress, and subsequently resold by him to Mr. Mannington at the same figure." Sweet the uses of cheap advertisement !

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I hope now that we are arrived at the end of the newspaper dispute between Mr. H. Quilter and the Editor of the *Magazine of Art*. The former upheld the theory that the late James McNeil Whistler hated the Royal Academy with a deep undying hate, and the latter declared he didn't : as if it mattered two straws one way or the other : and for weeks the controversy has been raging with increasing acrimony. Now enter Mr. Luke Fildes, R. A., with the statement that about twelve years ago Mr. Whistler "sounded" him as to the chances or prospects of his election to the R. A., and left Mr. Fildes "under the distinct impression that, could it be arranged, election would be most acceptable to him." Now let us hope this vital matter may be allowed to rest, though the silly season is not yet far spent.

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The mishap to the P. and O. special last Friday would have deprived you in India of a goodly share of your newspapers. The fire broke out in the van which carried bags described as "printed matter," and of these 35 were completely destroyed and an equal number were charred. People on the Bombay side would seem to be the greatest losers as it was the Bombay van in which the fire occurred. How it happened has not yet been discovered.

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The lost lady doctor has not turned up yet. It has been asserted on one side, and as stoutly denied on the other that, there had been some difficulty between Miss Hickman and the authorities of the Hospital ; but nothing whatever has transpired to throw any light on the mystery.

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With the 1st September matters dramatic began to wake up again. "Fancy dress melodrama" was the verdict passed upon *The Cardinal*, the new piece at the St. James', cautiously described by its author, Louis Parker, as "A Play." Melodrama it is pure and simple, all the four acts of it, and by no means new melodram at that : but judge of the story. Guiliano de' Medici (Mr. A. S. Homewood) loves Filiberta (Miss Nina Lindsay), daughter of the rich merchant, Bartolomeo Chigi (Mr Fred. Volpé) : Filiberta is willing and B. Chigi is willing : and so is Cardinal Giovanni de Medici (Mr. Willard), whose sanction we gather is indispensable. There is, however, an obstacle in the person of Andrea Strozzi (Mr. Herbert Waring), who is an outlaw enjoying Papal protection. Andrea loves Filiberta, and when Mr. B. Chigi refures him his daughter's hand, Andrea "stapped him in the powels" like Taphershon of old. Then conscience-stricken, he goes and confesses, selecting with great want of consideration the Cardinal to hear his bloody tale. His choice if accidental was unfortunate, because Guiliano, the Cardinal's brother, is soon after arrested on the charge of murdering Mr. Chigi. Andrea, absolved, having gone gaily off to the wars. Here is our Cardinal in a quandary and a quandary which paniful as it is, does not affect his benevolent smile (a smile of the most bland appears to be part of a Cardinal's outfit ; perhaps the result of wearing the Red Hat). Guiliano is tried and condemned and is awaiting death when Andrea turns up again.

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Andrea's conduct under these circumstances is simply disgraceful : he rejoices openly in Guiliano's condemnation and is deaf to all the Cardinal's appeals to his better nature : for he knows the Cardinal will never violate the secrets of the confessional. Being a far seeing villain, however, he reflects that the Cardinal is a hot favourite (pardon the expression) for the Papal chair when it shall be vacated by the present Pope : and that as Pope, the Cardinal could make things hot for an outlaw. He consents to confess and save Guiliano on the usual terms : Filiberta would consent, or says she would, but my own feeling is that she knew her prelatic uncle's views. He takes high ground of course and thunders. thunders is the word, No. Then the Cardinal at ease with his conscience, incubates a plan. He cannot denounce Andrea ; but he can hide witnesses behind the rich tapestry and lead Andrea to speak of his crime in their unsuspected presence. So planned so done, and all ends happily for everybody except Andrea, which of course is perfectly melodramatically right and proper.

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The piece was vociferously applauded from the cheaf seats : less vigorously from the stalls, though Mr. Willard's representation of the Cardinal was a good, dignified and satisfying piece of work save in one respect. To carry out his scheme with Andrea he simulates madness ; and to be brief he does not do it well. It was not convincing madness : and the situation was not stengthened by the circumstance that there was no reason why he should pretend brain-sickness at all. A really deep, clever Cardinal could circumvent Andrea without resort to such shallow trickery : and if Andrea had been only half sharp he would have suggested that a Cardinal liable to fits of insanity was certainly no proper candidate for the Papacy. Mr. Herbert Waring was about the wickedest villain you could find in or out of the criminal records of all nations. A black black villain without a redeeming ray, we should all have gladly seen him hanged drawn and quartered on the stage, but that so through a villain would be an irreparable loss to melodrama. The Cardinal and Andrea do practically all the work : Filiberta has little to do save look anguished and pathetic but does that very prettily.

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Mr. Esmond's new comedy "*Billy's Little Love Affair*" was cordially received at the Criterion on Wednesday night. There is some smart and witty writing in it and the piece "goes :" but there is a lack of refinement about the whole affair which leaves an unpleasant after taste. The scene is laid at a country house where Mr. Greaves (Mr. Sam Gothem) and his elderly middle class wife (Miss Florence St. John) entertain the "best society:" but the interest of the business centres in a flat in Victoria Street where Mr. Greaves had a "pre-matrimonial establishment." We get pretty sick of that flat before the curtain fall ; but that liason of Mr. Greaves only indicates the tone of the play. The "best society" talkes the most outrageous scandal about their host and each other : it includes one lady Duncan (our sympathies went out to Miss Granville in respect of the flaming wig she wears, hall-mark I presume of the stage adventuress) the evil genius of the piece who for the sake of mischief is trying to create a breach between "Billy" otherwise Miss Wilhelmina Marr (Miss Eva Moore), and her young man Jack Freer (Mr. Allan Aynesworth). I don't feel inclined to go through the plot, if the scheme can be called a plot. I should like the play better if Mrs. Greaves (who does not, by the way, look "elderly," observed a little reticence about her young husband's "carryings-on:" if Lady Duncan proclaimed her character or the want of it, less brazenly ; if the Hon. Mrs. Herring could open her mouth without revealing scandal from the servants hall ; if—but the "ifs" are many. Harlesdon Manor in a word wants a thorough spring cleaning hostess, guests and all. It is difficult to rake up a shred of sympathy with anyone, though I did feel for "Billy" a rather giddy but innocent little flirt of whose character that appalling Lady Duncan and Co., "do their damnedest" (I quote from the play please) to make hay

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Lord Wolseley's "story of a soldier's Life" is to be published next month by Messrs Constable. The late C.-in-C. does not, it is understood, bring his reminiscences up to date or anything like it : he byings his book to a close with the end of the Ashanti compaign of 1874. The work which has been attracting most attentionl atterly is Mr. Charles Booth's final volume on *Life and Labour in London*. This book has been the work of a life time and will stand as the most careful and important enquiry into the home life and conditions of the working classes in town ever put together. The feeling it leaves with the most sanguine and sympathetic reader is one of utter hopelessness. All the manifold evils appear to spring from the massing of people in streets whereby a new race is arisen : and the worst features of the situation are that these masses "only want to be let alone" while the crowd, the unget-atable crowd, grows denser and more inaccessible every year. One asks, what will London be a century hence ? Imagination boggles at the idea of London in A. D. 2003.

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Mr. Montague Holbein is entitled to sympathy for his failure to accomplish his channel swim on Tuesday ; but it is not quite clear why his advisers prevailed upon him to leave the water when he was still going so strongly and felt quite fresh. It appears that when within four miles of the French coast, having been then 17½ hours in the water, an exceptionally strong tide carried him up-channel in such wise that ere long the nearest coast was eight miles distant ; and it was held an obvious certainty that the swimmer could not hold his own against the current. Having regard to the pluck, endurance and resolution Mr. Holbein displayed last year I should have thought he would keep going to the last gasp ; but doubtless he saw reasons to save his strength.

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A few weeks ago some ingenious, or ingenuous, newspaper man solemnly recorded as a fact that Mr. Rothschild had paid £1,000 for a new flea to add to his entomological collection. Mr. Bowdler Sharpe wishes the statement to be contradicted ; the market price of rare fleas is much less than £1,000. Mr. Bowdler Sharpe once heard of a new and curious flea which was valued at ten shillings,but whether by would-be seller or eager purchaser he does not say. The point to be made, however, is that persons in haste to be rich would be ill advised to forsake their present vocation, however humble, to catch fleas : became the usual price of any flea, coming from any part of the world is only 3d. or 6d. at most. It is to be hoped that this statement will check misguided industry and, in the words of the advertisements "prevent disappointment."

ONLOOKER.

Tom Parr, who owned a particularly showy animal called Glendusk, that had been successful in a sprint race on the classic heath, was offered £2,700 for it by Lord Hastings, who became the purchaser, but without the knowledge of his trainer, John Day.

This was on the eve of departure from the meeting. Without a moment's delay Parr sent the horse on to Day's stables and returned to London.

The sight of the animal was the first intimation the trainer had of its being bought.

Suspicious that something might be wrong, after examining it, Day struck him rather sharply across the belly with a stick he held in his hand, which made the colt cough violently, consequently causing John Day to see what he had suspected, that the animal was broken-winded.

As early as possible the next morning John appeared at Lord Hastings' residence

He was informed by the servants that his lordship was not to be disturbed on any pretext whatever ; but John Day was not the man to be put off.

"Go at once and say that it is John Day, and that I won't leave till I do see him," expostulated the trainer, rather impatiently. The servants, seeing that he was stubborn and meant being so, at last acceded to his request and dared to brook their master's anger.

However, in a few minutes John was ushered upstairs, and the result was that the bargain was to be no bargain.

John was there just before Mr. Parr, who arrived at ten o'clock to receive his cheque for the sale of Glendusk, which, however, was reduced to £200 and the horse back. The £200 was given as a solatium to Parr's feelings, and he accepted it, thinking, doubtless, the law would give him no more with such a connoisseur as John Day against him.

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A PLEASANT TEN DAYS.

I HAD not been out from home very long when my desire to do a shoot was fired by A——whose delightful accounts of grand days and big heads gave the novice an idea that you only had to go a mile or two to get anything in the way of big game, and that the small game were only too anxious to run up against one. After one of his 'bukhs" I broached the subject of a Christmas shoot in his company and to my joy he consented. By his advice I invested in a cheap 12-bore and a good ·500 express, both of which arrived just a few days before our trip was to take place. My previous experience of shooting had been confined to a heavy trudge over hilly country after partridge, with an old gun borrowed from a farmer, and I spent the whole of my time gloating over my new possessions and pictured myself wiping the eye of my old sporting friend A——in the near future.

At last the eventful day came and we started for H—— eight miles away. Here we had breakfast and then started for a shoot. We had some twenty beaters and a shikari apiece and whilst walking to the first beat A——gave me all sorts of "tips" and admonitions and laid the most particular stress on the necessity of carefully noting where the other guns were placed. I found out afterwards that he had once been peppered with No. 4 by a youngster like myself. Our shikaries at last placed us in position and the beat commenced. Five minutes passed and nothing came out and I was beginning to get a bit tired of the strained position which I maintained from a sort of feeling that it was the right thing to do. A shot to my left from A——again put me on the *qui vive* and the sound of something running across my front over the dead leaves set me dancing about in a state of uncontrollable excitement, with the result that when I did see the animal, a jungle sheep, slowly crossing about thirty yards ahead, I took a hurried aim and missed with my ·500, and took a wild shot with my left barrel at a partridge That was all I saw of that beat and perhaps it is just as well it was so, as the sound of A——'s shots coming in quick succession raised my excitement to the highest pitch. A——'s little flutter came to an end soon, however, and going to where he was, I found him with a young jungle-sheep and four or five jungle fowl. We wasted no time, but started off straight away for the next beat. A——very considerately refraining from asking any question as to what I had seen or done. By the time we had been placed for the second beat my feelings had calmed down a bit. We were placed in beautiful positions, each at a corner of a clump of jungle about two hundred yards in length and we had a good clear view for a hundred yards or so in three directions. The beaters had to go round a long way so I thought a smoke would do me good and help to soothe my nerves. Before we could hear any sound from the beaters a sambur stag came leisurely out of the jungle straight in front of me. I was determined not to miss him through over-eagerness so took a long deliberate aim and gave him the right barrel and hit him just a little far back, but over he went and I rushed in and gave him the left barrel before ce could get up again, and that finished him. All my honfidence seemed to have returned now and I went back to my place as happy as a king. This sambur proved to be the only thing in the beat with the exception of a few jungle fowl and a hare of which we accounted for five and four respectively between us. We now had a rest and some lunch and decided to have no more beats that day, but just to form line with the beaters and walk up the jungle homewards. We had some three and a half miles to go through fallow fields with thin grass and small clumps of jungle and our tactics proved most sucessful as we bagged fourteen partridge, five harves and two pigeons. The sambur's head proved to be a very ordinary one, but as it was the first animal bigger than a hare that had ever fallen to my gun my satisfaction was out of all proportion to the value of the trophy.

For three days more we had the same sort of shooting, making each day quite enough of a bag to content us and then we started off for Y——for two days after bear. Y—— was a small village half way up a rocky hill covered with forest with a thick undergrowth and was supposed to be swarming with bear and the villagers predicted the very best of sport. We decided to have a beat in the first day and then try a day's tracking. Long before dawn we were partaking of a good solid *chota hazri* and never did hot coffee meet with greater approval. Just after daylight we arrived at the nullah it was proposed to beat first and after a stiff climb we gained our places on either side of a narrow, wooded gorge with steep sides. The beaters were extended in a fan shape below us at the mouth of the ravine and for some time we could see them advancing and closing in as the mouth became more and more restricted. Just as they got out of sight their shouts told us that there was game afoot, and we were immediately all attention. A——and myself could see each other and were in fact only some hundred yards apart. It was not long before I could see A——'s shikari making signs that he could see something and A——also evidently saw it as he brought his rifle to his shoulder. It was, however, soon brought down and then A——began to signal me that there was a brute just below him and as far as I could make out going in his direction. Not a sound could be heard, but my shikari was on the look-out and shortly after touched me on the elbow and pointed to the jungle on the opposite side of the ravine just below A——'s feet, but nothing could I see. It was only when the beast moved that I made out a bear crawling slowly up towards A——. His back was towards me and he offered a beautiful shot, but I was afraid A——might consider this his shot and was going to let the beast go, but my shikari was so frantic that I let the bear have the right barrel and got him fair between the shoulders and he rolled with a crash to the bottom of the raving By this time A—— had had a shot at a huge she bear which stood up only about four paces off him His shot knocked her over, but she was up again in a second, and charged him, but he was ready for her and stepped aside giving her the left barrel in the flank as she rushed past. She stumbled to the shot, pulled herself together again and made a dash for liberty, A——shouting to me to have a shot at her. She was some hundred and fifty yards from me and I hardly expected to hit her, but let drive and almost at the moment I fired she fell dead, I congratulated myself on my shot. A——'s attention was now taken up by another bear which was trying to bolt out at the side and after plugging there bullets into her, he got her. Nothing more was seen in this beat so I went down to the bottom of the ravine and found my beast stone dead. Off I then went to where A—— was, expecting to be congratulated on my long shot at his first bear, but to my disappointment found that I had not hit it at all, but that she had died from the effects of A——'s two shots, both of which had to'd.

We shortly after this came across another village, the inhabitants of which were keen to turn out and beat and our shikaries suggested that we should take every able-bodied man there and beat the whole of a hill side at once, under which conditions he promised us some good sport. The idea seemed good, though a couple more guns would have been an advantage. However we decided to post two natives with our 12-bores to act as stops and they agreed to the proposal. Half an hour's walk took us to our places, but the beaters had to go much further so we expected a wait of an hour at least, and sat down together under a tree Not long after we had sat down A——nudged me and pointed out a panther apparently stalking something about fifty yards off to our right front, and he very generously motioned me to take the shot. I made again the mistake of firing too quickly, but luckily hit him through the spine with my first shot and with the second got him through the head. Hardly had the sound of the shots died away before there came a tremendous crashing straight from the front and two bears appeared, both of which A——got with a real good right and left, both of them falling dead.

We now parted and took up our respective positions and shortly after heard the distant shouts of the beaters. Not until the beaters were fairly close, however, did we hear or see anything. I heard A——fire two shots, followed by a great hubbub and then got a shot at a bear racing down the hill side and was lucky enough to bowl him over and shortly after wounded another, but he made off towards A——, who finished him. I could hear A——apparently doing well and in fact he got there in that beat. It was now getting late so we decided to make for camp after an excellent day, in fact A——himself admitted it was far and away the best place for bear that he had come across in his fifteen years' experience. Little wonder that the unfortunate villagers were so keen on our shooting there and we got the promise of such a large number of beaters for the next day that we gave up our former intention of going out tracking. On reaching camp we had dinner and turned in at once as we were to start at the unholy hour of 3 A.M., with a five-mile ride to the day's ground.

Next morning on arrival at the rendezvous we found quite an army of beaters, over a hundred and fifty having turned up. Big beats were again the order of the day. In the first beat close to the village absolutely nothing appeared and then we crossed the valley for a beat over the slopes of the main hill. It took the beaters an hour and a half to get into proper position and we were not ready much before them, with a stretch of about three miles of country between us. There were tracks of bear all over the place and we looked forward to a good day's sport. My place was high up the hill with A——a little lower down and the absence of undergrowth made it possible for us to see one another. We had not to wait long. A she bear with two cubs came out just between us and we both fired almost simultaneously. A——'s bullet found its billet in the beast's flank, but mine was a disgraceful miss which got one of the cubs in the hind leg which it broke. The old mother was badly hit, but the pandemonium which the cub raised, roused her to action and she came for me but was too weak and knocked out to more than crawl and a shot through the head finished her. A—— s shikari collared the wounded cub and A——gave it a shot in the head to finish it. The other bolted. All the luck seemed to come my way, three bears coming out and giving me easy shots which even a novice could not miss, though I am sorry to say that bad shooting caused me to use eleven bullets over them. A——got nothing until the beaters were close up when he bagged one out of a couple that appeared and wounded the other. It was evident that the wounded one was badly hit, so we followed it up and after a mile's tramp came across him lying under a tree with hardly a kick in him and one shot finished him. The only good bit of country now remaining was some three miles off in an opposite direction to our camp, so we decided to stop and got back to camp fairly early. After a tub and a peg I turned in for a sleep, but A——was too keen a sportsman and went out with a couple of men for a stroll with his gun. He was not out long, but managed to pick up a few jungle fowl and a pheasant which was a welcome additiont o our larder.

We put in a couple more days at H——before our leave was up and had some very fine sport with the jungle sheep, partridge and jungle fowl. Nothing struck me more than the way in which A——avoided in any manner touching in the way I had shot, etc., and at length I asked him why he did not criticise "My dear boy," he said in reply, "I can see for myself that you are satisfied with your performances and that you are gaining in confidence. If I wished to put you out of conceit with yourself I could do so and could find many little adverse criticisms, but were I to do so, in the first place you would probably not believe me and in the second I should destroy that confidence in your own powers which is so essential to a man who intends risking his life after big game. There is only one little bit of advice I wish to give you and that is, "when you have had a fair amount of experience don't presume on your knowledge and give advice unless it is sought and above all don't criticise too severely the budding sportsman." The real experience that you get from a week's shooting is better than the boiled down experience of a man who has spent ten years at it, but combine the two, *viz.*, personal experience and that of a veteran sportsman and you have the ideal." Those were his opinions and now after some years of personal experience I can fully endorse them and wish that the author of them were still amongst us and able to enjoy another ten days.

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Fishing.

EASTERN FISHING FOR THE POOJAHS.

TO those to whom the rod is a more alluring implement of sport than the rifle or spear, the Assam-Bengal Railway affords facilities now for reaching some of the finest fishing waters that have hitherto only been open to such as have been able to afford a long holiday. By leaving Calcutta by the mail train the Munnipore frontier of Cachar, with its 20 miles of sparkling rapids running down each side of the Kalanaga range, can be reached on the evening of the third day; if arrangements are telegraphed on to Silchar to have boats, etc., in readiness; or still better, sending on all impedimenta, such as servants and tackle, and riding from the station to Luckipore, a good twenty-four hours can be saved. The fisherman can then take his choice, either confining operations to the reach between Tipai and Jeerii mooks, cross the range fishing down the eastern reach within the little State, or up from Tipai: even the smaller stream of the Jeerii itself will not fail to satisfy the less ambitious, though as the waters of this are not so clear as the main Barak the unexpected is very likely to happen, and he who trolls for the two or three pound basha may suddenly find himself involved in a struggle with a forty or fifty pound masheer. Yet I recommend both light and heavy tackle being taken, for one is pretty safe with a trout rod at the mouths of the smaller affluents. From Luckipore up the enormous quantity of insect life along these rivers induces fish to flock to them in numbers in this and the following month, when lepidoptera hatch out, and as the steam vessels ply not above the frontier bazar, there is nothing to interfere with the fisherman, but otters and the lesser kites; it being too early in the season for weiring the stream and there is still too much water for the driving and spearing by cresset light. In fact, on these particular waters these poaching dodges are not so much resorted to as lower down on the northern side of the Surma Valley. A light gun may be taken, though there is not much in the way of fowl offering in Eastern Cachar at this season, and though it may be admissible to pot a stray jungle cock, firing on hens with their immature broods should be tabooed. The small ravine deer come out along the churs jutting out from the range, but the projah excursionist should pin his hopes and anticipatious for the two months on the rod. In casting or trolling for the lords of the water, it is almost unnecesary to say that very strong tackle is needed, for though veritable monsters remain up here throughout the cold weather September and October are the months *par excellence* for masheer fishing. The Lallong, Jetinga, Goomrah, Loobah and Hari are all marked on the map, but with the exception of the two last their upper reaches run through tea gardens so the mouths afford the best grounds for the fisherman Choice of bait depends a good deal on the weather, which at this season is generally cloudy so that good brilliant flies or bright spoons will prove most successful for the big fellows, but almost anything will be taken by the small fry in the lesser streams. In all cases the operator must be prepared to be much bothered with his bait being snapped at by little piscatorial poachers, but as a rule the huge catfish has gone down stream by this time and the gar does not put in an appearence till later on. The Loobah is well worth whipping above the tea gardens of that name, but trolling is more recommended between the coolie lines and the main

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river (the Surma). If time permits the Jaintiapore rivers, the Hari and Noagong will prove very satisfactory, but the fishing grounds being high up under the hills previous arrangements as to houses are necessary. Putting up in the Bhurghat village you are safe enough, but either in tent or basha near the famous rapid just below, you are pretty certain to receive a night call from one or other of the curious cat tribe so a gun should be taken, and as there is an obstreperous hathi, knocking about the sub-division it will be as well on either of these streams to carry half a dozen Bengali bombs in case he turns up. Jaintiapore is best reached from the Sylhet station and those limited to time had better proceed there by rail and road, for the steamer service is rather tedious affording nothing of interest *en route*. Such as can make a month of it may vary their programme by jaunts to Terriah, Darrang, to the east of the latter place, or the stream coming out through the Shella gorge, but all information can be had on the spot and there is never any dearth of voluntary assistants provided a due share of the days' spoils are distributed: a little decent potteen also helps the wanderer in these parts. Young otter kittens can be captured this month in their dens and all the hill men are exceedingly cute in tracking them. The half-drained bheels will furnish nothing till well into November, but the usual ten days or fortnight's outing should be entirely devoted to the rod.

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A CRITIC CRITICISED.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The letter of "Portax" in your issue of 13th August seems to betray injured feelings: and he shall have a few lines in reply. I take his plaints in order. In the opinion of many good judges Mr. Wardle is at his best in the dog pictures he paints and draws, with such fidelity, skill and sympathetic knowledge. I wrote "the jaguar (?)" because, after considering the picture alone and with an eminent naturalist who chanced to be present, some question remained in our minds concerning the species. "Portax" says it *was* a jaguar: very good.

Touching the picture of the Siberian tigress the canvas was "skied," and, as even invited visitors to Burlington House are not allowed to carry step ladders, I had to survey the work from the floor. I accept "Portax's" correction concerning the sex of the animal: and beg leave to follow him up on his own ground; it will be interesting to see where he gets to if we give him his head. He says "It is truly a pity that he (that's myself) cannot get to the offside of the beast, for perhaps he would find that sufficiently lacerated even," etc., etc.: and this follows the parenthetical statement that the wound in the belly of the tiger "has as certainly not been caused by a bullet, badly aimed or otherwise, *as* it evidently has been inflicted by the powerful horn of some opponent." Very well; not possessing an eye of such penetrative power that I can see what is on the other side of a painted tigress, I accept "Portax's" authority for it that the worst damage was done on that side; and regard the small hole whence blood trickles, which I could see, as the point where that powerful horn came right through. Now the question arises, to whose head was that powerful horn attached? "Portax" is reticent on this point; but it must have belonged to something. Was it a dong? Mr Lydekker and other authorities, I think, indicate Northern Tibet as the limit of the wild yak's distribution: it seems very unlikely then that a wild yak was mixed up in the affair. Artistic license, I conceive, would stop short of importing a musk ox from the New World for its purpose: with the better reason, inasmuch as it is wildly improbable that the most pugnacious musk ox would on any terms engage in combat with a tigress if afforded the chance. There is no other horned opponent on which we can fix responsibility for the injuries of that tigress: no wild one at least: and the only course open to us is to send to the nearest settlement and borrow a cow. A cow then has strayed far, far away into these Arctic wilds (and what on earth she went there for "Portax" only knows) has had some unpleasantness with a tigress and has held her own. Nay, more; has so severely lacerated the tigress on the offside that the tip of her powerful horn came through the skin of the near side, making a hole which might be mistaken for a bullet wound. The title of the picture remains for explanation and this is easily forthcoming. Who habet? Surely it needs no great imaginative effort to conceive in the unpainted foreground: the cow triumphant but calm, exclaiming, with timely reminiscence of its Latin grammar, "Habet."

I suppose I ought to have thought of all this before I wrote that article: but I was not then in possession of the facts of the case and honestly thought it was a bullet wound from which the tigress was suffering (it really did look exactly like one: I should say the tip of the cow's powerful horn would fit a ·500 express) and that it was a man who with more confidence in the effect of his shot than circumstances justify, exclaimed "Habet!"

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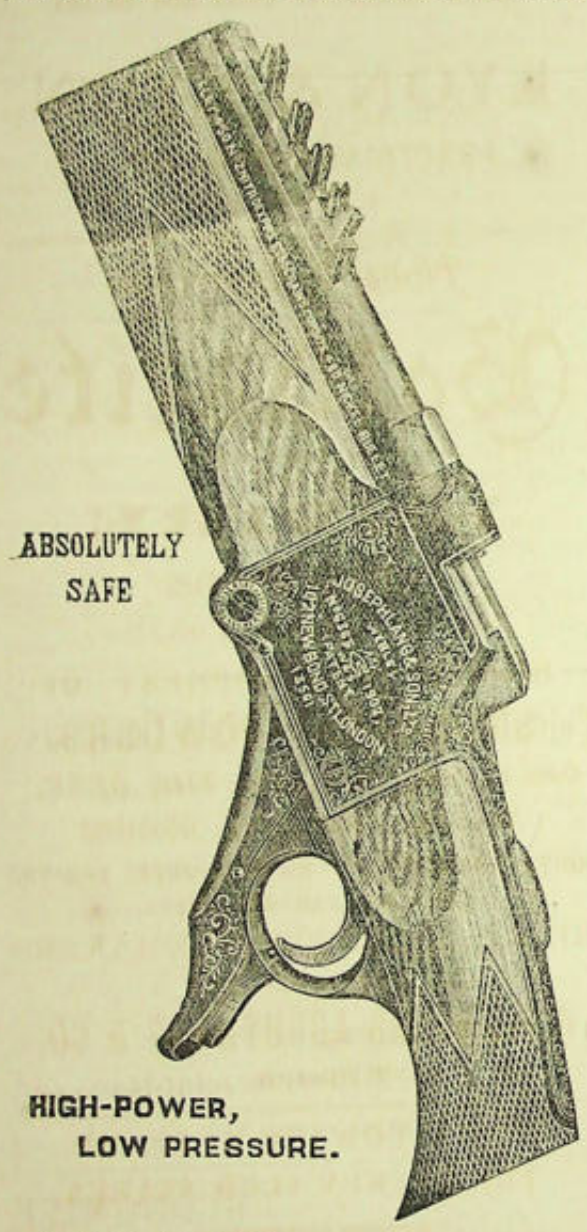

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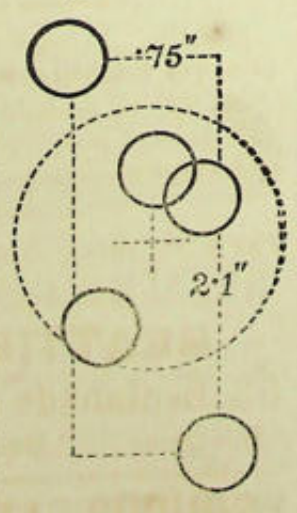

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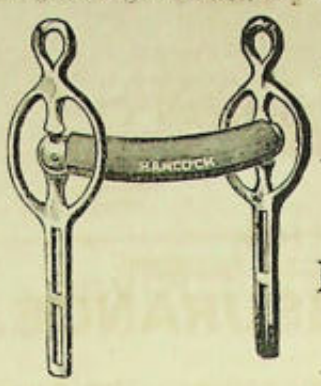

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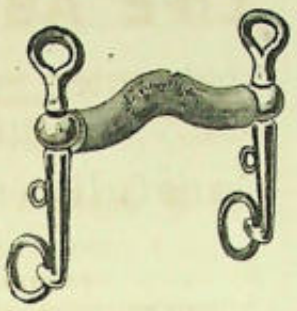

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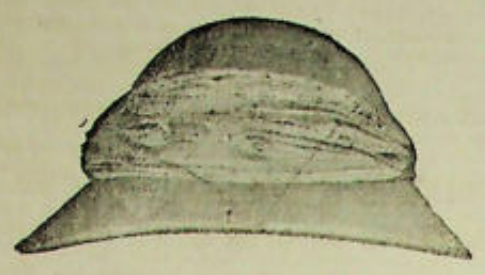

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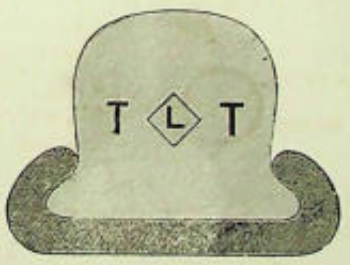

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Name of Races	Month.	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Fifth Calcutta Meeting	Sep.	26	
Ootacamund Hunt	"	25	
Poona Races & Steeplechases	"	26, 28 & Oct.1,3,5 & 10	307
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	210
Cocanada	"	28 & 30	
Simla Autumn	Oct.	6 & 8	574
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Dinapore Gymkhana	"	27, 29 & 31	453
Darjeeling Sky Races	"	1 and 3	
Pachmarhi Gymkhana Meeting	"	6 and 8	
Jubbulpore Autumn	"	27 & 29	
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Sonepore Gymkhana	"	2, 4 & 6	
Rangoon Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	382
Hyderabad	"	12 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	572
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	491
Mhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Baseein Autumn	"	19 and 21	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	350
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	382
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 16, 17 & 20	
Jorhat	"	3 and 5	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	Second	15th Oct
Calcutta First Extra		8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First	1st Dec.
	Second	9th Jan.
	Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First	2nd Nov.
	Second	2nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth	1st Dec.
	Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second	1st Oct.
	Third	14th Nov.
Tezpore	First	1st Nov.
	Second	Day before Races.
Umballa Autumn	Second	26th Sept.
	Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First	31st Oct.
	Second	25th Nov.
	Final	1st. Dec.
Karachi Autumn	Second	17th Oct.
	Final	24th "
Hyderabad	First	15th Oct.
	Second	2nd Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana	First	15th Oct.
Rangoon Autumn	First	3rd Oct.
	Second	17th "
	Third	24th "
Sonepore Gymkhana	First	1st Nov.
	Second	3rd "
	Third	5th "
Jubbulpore Autumn	First	30th Sept.
	Second	12th Oct.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Bombay Tournament	Begins 12th October.
Cawnpore Tournament	Begins 24th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Dilkusha Tournament	9th October.
Dehra Dun Challenge Cup	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament	Begins 16th November.
Mhow Open Tournament	Begins 7th November.
Mhow Junior Tournament	Begins 14th November.
Mysore Dusserah Tournament	Begins 3rd October.
Naini Tal Tournament	Begins 28th September
Neemuch Tournament	Begins 14th December.
Quetta	Now on.
Rajputana Tournament	Begins 21st November.
Sonepore Tournament	Begins 2nd November.
Meerut Autumn Tournament	11th, 13th & 16 November.

ROWING.

Calcutta Rowing Club Regatta	26th September.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Poona Horse Show	In September
Ahmednagar Horse Show	5th, 6th and 7th November
Mussoorie Horse and Dog Show	26th September
Lucknow Horse Show	During Sky Meeting week.

FOOTBALL.

Durand Tournament, Simla	Now on
Bombay Rovers Association Tournament	Now on.

GOLF.

The Nasik Week	Now on.

HOCKEY.

Mussoorie Tournament	Begins 5th Oct.

LAWN TENNIS.

Poona Open Tournament	Now on.

BADMINTON.

Poona Open Tournament	Now on.

RACKETS.

Punjab Annual Tournament Murree	End of September

SPORTS.

Bombay Gymkhana Athletic and Sporting Meeting	26th and 31st October.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Prince Edward Handicap (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Sept. 26
Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Caulfield Guineas	10th October.
Caulfield Cup	17th October.
Victoria Derby	21st October.
Melbourne Cup	3rd November.

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POONA TENTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 19th September 1903.

PROCEEDINGS opened with the All Horse Hurdle Handicap and for this Milburn had been ticked off for some days, but on the course Gaulme was in strong demand and went out first favourite with Altamas on the strength of his recent performance against Acetine (who, by the way, is still the property of Dr. Spooner Hart), next in favour. Altamas led to the second Hurdle where Gaulme took command and from that point he had his field at his mercy. Milburn looked like getting second place, but Madera came strongly at the finish and landed second money for Lieutenant-Colonel Hazelton.

Of a field of nine, only six faced the barrier in front of the Stand, for the Pony Hurdle Handicap and Funny had pride of place in the betting lists, his most serious opponent Malice having been scratched. There was always money for Beryl and Good Boy, and Patrician was well backed for place. At the first Hurdle Funny pecked badly but Hoyt pulled him together and let him go easily after the field which Patrician led. Two hurdles from home Good Boy was fast catching the leader, but he rapped the hurdle and lost ground. Meantime Funny was creeping up, and just before the last hurdle caught Patrician and won very easily, the victory being accorded loud applause A. Hoyt rode a most judicious race on the winner.

A veritable Chinese puzzle was the 'Nursery Handicap" and if anything Sanaiya was firmest in the ring at 3 to 1, but Nijaffi, New Moon and Kour Saheb were also freely supported. A grand race was witnessed. Flying Childers, who has proved a disappointing investment to his owners, was quickest away, but he was soon done with, and New Moon heeled affairs, but up the straight Clever Boy came along at his top hotly pursued by Mooreed who just managed to dead heat with the leader with New Moon a good third. The owners decided to run off and the issue of this was productive of a *contretemps*. Clever Boy won though Mooreed was expected to head him, and the owner of the latter promptly lodged an objection, alleging that the ownership of Clever Boy was not as stated on the card. Only one name, it was alleged, was mentioned, the co-partner not having been mentioned when entering. The Stewards decided to enquire into this and give their decision on Wednesday. A splendid field marshalled for the "Sandown Stakes" for which Beadsman did not go out as he was carrying top-weight and the going was far from being on top. The stable considered Swiftsure was good enough to annex the stakes for them. Miss Windsor and Fitzeros, the bottom weights, were greatly in demand, while the improved form of Blue Blood was responsible for his large following. Spark was the tip of the Man-in-the-Know, but after leading to the bend the big horse was disposed of and Swiftsure looked a winner from Roscommon, but Blue Blood came with a splendid rattle between these two and won easily from Swiftsure.

A field of ten contested the "Consolation Stakes" Connaught being the better favourite than Najeed or Musketeer. The *cognoscenti* seemed to overlook that faithful little chestnut, The Robber, who won all the way, beating Selim and Wild Fox, while the favourite was nowhere.

The country bred, Lady Betty, was looked upon as a cert for the Little Welter Plate, and she would most probably have won, but for the fact that she bolted wrong way round the course for three furlongs and when taken back to her field gave trouble at the gate and finished absolutely last.

With Metalgia out of it Olga, considering the weights and the state of the course, was expected to beat Key West and was backed accordingly, but there was also money for the latter and some for Western Queen. Miss Birnie had the fine galloping weight of 6st, and she streaked along ahead of her field all through, Olga having to be content with second place with Key West third. Details—

HURDLE HANDICAP.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100; 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap Hurdle Race for Horses.—1¼ miles over 7 flights—

H H Sultan of Johore's b aus g Gaulme, 9st 9lbs	Williamson	1
Lieut-Col. Hazelton's b nth am m Madeira 9st	L C Hoyt	2
The Hon Mr A A Apcar's bl aus g Milburn, 10st 11lbs	Burns	3
H H The Kour Sahib of Patiala's bl aus g Pope, 11st	A Hoyt	0
Mr R M Roy's ch aus h Altamas 10st 6lbs	Lansdowne	0

(*Winner trained by Ferguson.*)

BETTING: Evens Gaulme; 3 to 1 Altamas; 4 to 1 Milburn; and 6 to 1 Madeira and Pope.

Won in a canter by four lengths, 3 lengths between second and third. Time—3min., 2⅘secs.

THE PONY HURDLE HANDICAP.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100; 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap Hurdle Race for Ponies 14-2 and under.—1¼ mile over 7 flights.

H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ch aus g Funny, 10st 4lbs	Hoyt	1
Lieut-Col. Hazelton's b aus g Patrician, 10st 11b	Capt Randall	2
Mr R J Hunter's br aus m Beryl, 9st 2lbs	Lansdowne	3
Mr A W P's ch aus g Freetrade, 10st 2lbs	Beasley	0
Mr Percy Fischer's g aus g Good Boy, 8st 10lbs	Morrison	0
Col Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 8st 6lbs	Johnson	0

(*Winner trained by Aga S Shah.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Funny; 4 to 1 Good Boy; 5 to 1 Patrician; 6 to 1 the others.

Won by 1½ length a length between second and third. Time—3mins. 5⅘secs.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP.—Winner Rs. 200: 2nd Rs. 100: 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Maiden Arab Ponies 14 hands and under, landed since 1st July 1902.—5 furlongs.

Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed 8st 7lbs	Southall	Dead heat.
Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 7st 6lbs	O'Niel	
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h New Moon, 8st	Oomerkhan	2
Mr Percy Fischer's g a h Sanaiya, 8st 4lbs	A Hoyt	3
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Saheb 9st 2lbs	Robinson	0
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass' g a h Flying Childers, 8st 9lbs	Lansdowne	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's ba h Minting King, 8st 5lbs	Heroo	0
Mr. S A Wahed's b a h Salvation 7st 8lbs	Jakoo	0
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's g a h Grey Pearl, 7st 5lbs	Native	0
Mr Abdul Razak Sulleman's b a h Sybarite, 7st 3lbs	Bennett	0
Mr Mahomed Hajee, Ibbrahim's b a h Bhaiajee, 7st 2lbs	Dhondi	0
Chief of Mhaisal's ch a h Najaffi, 6st 8lbs	Kamad	0

BETTING: 2 to 1 Kour Saheb; 3 to 1 Najaffi; 4 to 1 Sanaiya; 5 to 1 each New Moon and Clever Boy; 10 to 1 the others.

A good finish: Clever Boy and Mooreed dead heated, New Moon a length off. Time—1min. 11⅘secs.

In the run off Clever Boy won by a neck, but an objection was lodged on the score of ownership.

THE SANDOWN STAKES.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100; 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Horses which have not won any race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March 1901. 6 furlongs:—

Mr M Pestonjee's br aus m Blue Blood, 7st 6lbs	O'Niel	1
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Swiftsure, 8st 6lbs	Robinson	2

Messrs G K and D D's b aus g Roscommon, 8st 11lb	Heeroo	3
Messrs M Pestonji and R Bhikaji's b aus g Kingston, 8st 12lbs	Williams	0
Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' ch aus g Leonidas, 8st 8lbs	Lansdowne	0
Mr Leslie's b aus g Spark, 8st 7lbs ...	Omerkhan	0
H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's ch aus m Cerise, 7st 13lbs	Southall	0
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 7st 10lbs	Melsom	0
The Hon Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Spithead, 7st 5lbs	Bennett	0
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch aus m Mina, by Gozo—Dora, 7st 5lbs	Kamad	0
Mr A W P's ch aus g Fitzeros, 7st 11b ...	A Hoyt	0
Mr R G Baldock's b aus m Miss Windsor, 6st 7lbs	Dhondi	0

(*Winner trained by Potter*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 Miss Windsor; 4 to 1 each Spark and Swiftsure; 5 to 1 Blue Blood; 6 to 1 each Corrie Roy and Fitzeros; 10 to 1 the others.

Won by 1¼ length; ¼ length between second and third. Time—1min 19secs.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100; 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs which have entered and not won a race at Poona Extras, 1903.—1 mile.

Mr M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 8st 10lbs	Southall	1
„ Bennie's ch a h Selim, 6st 9lbs ...	Traun	2
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdas' g a h Wild Fox, 7st 4lbs	Itul	3
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 8st 5lbs ...	Bennett	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasbeed's g a h Najeed 7st 12lbs	Omerkhan	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Connaught, 7st 10lbs	Heeroo	0
Aga S Shah's b a h Musketeer, 7st 9lbs ...	Robinson	0
Mr Frank's g a g Mohr, 7st 9lbs ...	Ebroo	0
„ Farj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 7st	Melsom	0
„ S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 6st 12lbs...	O'Neil	0

(*Winner trained by Pearson.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 Connaught; 3 to 1 Najeed; 6 to 1 Musketeer; 8 to 1 The Robber, and 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; same distance between second and third. Time—2 mins. ½secs

THE LITTLE WELTER PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100; 3rd Rs. 50. A Welter Handicap for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14 hands and under. Closed as per Special General Conditions. 5 furlongs.

Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 9st 3lbs ...	Capt Casson	1
Major Murray and Capt Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 10st, 4lbs	Major Beevor	2
Major Eustace's b a g Naseri, 10st ...	Mr Bingham	3
Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 11st 6lbs ...	Major England	0
Col Eccles' ch ch m Lady Betty, 10st 13lbs	Capt Randall	0
Col Eccles' b a h Sweet William, 9st 12lbs	Johnson	0
Mr H G Smith's g a g Pink Un, 9st 10lbs	Owner	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Lady Betty; 3 to 1 Hamilton: 4 to 1 each Nasar and Duldul, and 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a head, 1½ lengths between second and third. Time—1 min. 12¾ secs.

THE KENSINGTON STAKES.—Winner Rs. 200; 2nd Rs. 100: 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Noble's b aus m Miss Birnie, 6st ...	Kamad	1
Messrs A Nanjee and M Goculdass' b aus m Olga, 9st 11b	Lansdowne	2
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 9st 9lbs	Robinson	3
Mr P B Avasia's ch aus m Western Queen 8st	A Hoyt	0
Captain Hickman's b aus m Saucebox, 6st 7lbs	Melsom	0

(*Winner trained by Bin Jamal*).

BETTING: 6 to 4 against Olga; 2 to 1 Key West; 3 to 1 Western Queen; 5 to 1 each Miss Birnie and Saucebox.

Won by a length, 2 lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 23 ½secs

THE POONA RACES.

(*By Special Telegram.*)

First Day, Tuesday, 23rd September, 1903.

We are in for a splendid meeting. Everything went off with a flourish. The Trial Stakes was won by the Calcutta job master's Acetine who was favourate all along. I send brief details in advance of full report.

THE BREEDERS' PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and third Rs. 200, a handicap for country-bred horses. Six furlongs.

Mr Allardice's Upstart, 9st	Lansdown	1
Messrs G K and D D's Triumph, 7st 2lbs (car 7st 7lbs)	Heeroo	2
Mr Potter's Wisdom, 7st 9lbs	A Hoyte	3
„ Fry's Newbrook, 6st 8lbs	Bennett	0

Also ran: Gentle Lady 10-7: Louis 7-8: Philistine 6-7 (car 6-10 ½): Miss Ascot 6-0 (car 6-9).

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Gentle Lady, 3 to 1 Upstart, 4 to 1 Philistine, 6 to 1 each Louis, Miss Ascot and Wisdom, 12 to 1 the others.

Won by three lengths: a head between the second and third. Miss Ascot had last the whole way. Time—1min. 20½secs.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. For ponies 14 hands and under. Half a mile.

Mr Hunter's Haydn, 8st 7lbs	Robinson	1
Messrs G K and D D's Vera, 8st 7lbs ...	Heeroo	2
Mr Franklin's Cocos, 8st 11lbs ...	Omerkhan	3
„ C D's Namuna, 6st 6lbs (car 6st 10½lbs)	Melsom	0

Also ran: Bandicoot 8-8: Western Queen 8-4: Nanete 8-4: Jal 6-0 (car 6-1½)

BETTING: Evens Haydn, 7 to 2 agst Cocos, 5 to 1 Vera, 10 to 1 Western Queen, 20 to 1 any others.

Won by lengths; two lengths between Namuna, fourth on sufferance. Time—50⅘sec.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under Seven furlongs

Mr S's Surajamal, 7st 4lbs	Melsom	1
„ Ali Bin Tabib's Moon, 9st ...	Heeroo	dead heat.
Messrs Goculdas and Co.'s Bay Middleton, 8st 12lbs	Lansdown	dead heat.
Col Kavangah's Money Spinner, 9st 3lbs ...	Robinson	0

Also ran: Delight 9-3: Young Kohinoor 9 3; Hamilton 9-0; Tigris 8-11. Alexis 8-11 Regret 8-11, Skylark 8-8; Mint 8-6, Naimava 8-2; Galib 7-10.

BETTING: Evens Bay Middleton, 4 to 1 agst. Sur Jamal and Money Spinner, 5 to 1 Young Kohinoor, 10 to 1 each Hamiltob, Regret Alexis and Tigris, longer odds the others.

Won by two lengths from the dead heaters: fourth close up. Time—40⅕secs,

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and third Rs. 400 for horses.—One mile.

Mr Spooner Hart's Acetine, 8st 2lbs ...	O Neil	1
Mr Scott's Forest, 7st 8lb	Ames	2
Hon A A Apcar's Stand Off 9st 3lbs ...	Ramshaw	3
Major R Vans Agnew's Corrie Boy, 8st 2lbs	Melsom	0

Also ran: Loch Clieveden 9-3: Hoop Iron 9-0; Milos 8-8.

BETTING: 5 to 2 Acetine, 5 to 1 Milos, 8 to 1 Loch Clieveden, 15 to 1 and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by four lengths; five lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 46¼ secs.

H. H. THE FIRST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and third Rs. 200 for Arabs. 1¼ mile.

Mr Alibin Inch's Mameluke, 9st 10lbs ...	Heeroo	1
Messrs Goculdas and Co's Hyderi, 9st 6lbs	Lansdown	2
Mr R R L's Sea Gull, 6st 11b ...	Kamad	3
„ K G Gaitwad's Reminder, 8st 5lbs ...	Robinson	0

Also ran.—Gallant 9-3; Arthur 9-3; Narunjee 8-13; Officer 8-10; Selpme 8-2; Matgoom 7-13; Galston 7-13; Victory 7-12½; Propeller 7 11.

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Mameluke and Arthur, 6 to 1 each Sea Gull, Hyderi, Gallant, Narunjee and Officer, 15 to 1 any others.

Won by four lengths. Time—2mins. 26⅖secs.

THE NEW STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For ponies 14-2 and under 6 furlongs.

Kelsons' Russley Rose, 7st 13lbs ...	Oomerkhan	1
Mr A W P's Min, 8st 11lbs	A Hoyte	2
„ J Scott's Yankee Boy, 9st 5lbs ...	Ames	3
„ Spooner Hart's Rifleman, 9st 11lbs ..	.....	0

Also ran:—Minimus 9-81; Indabba 9-0; Malice 8-9.

BETTING: Evens Rifleman, 3 to 1 agst Russley Rose, 4 to 1 Indabba, 8 to 1 each Min and Yankee Boy, 20 to 1 the other.

Won by three lengths; a head between second and third Time—1min. 18⅖secs.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

FOURTH MEETING.

STEWARDS.

HON MR A A APCAR.
MR A L BUTLER.
„ J G DICKSON.
„ W GARTH.
„ LATHAM B HAMILTON.

} Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club.

Judge—Mr. J. G. Dickson.

Starter—Mr. R. G. Bates.

Timekeeper—Mr Latham B. Hamilton.

Secretary—Mr. W. M. Beresford.

Saturday, 19th September, 1903.

THIS postponed meeting was successfully brought off this afternoon, and provided some of the best racing we have seen this monsoons, this remark having special application to the hurdle races. The incidents of the afternoon having been dealt with in our Sporting Notes we merely append details:—

PONY HANDICAP.—Rs. 400 to the winner. Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under. Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr Cowper's b e g Mocassin 7st ...	Elahibux	1
„ B B's b aus m Second Thought 10st 9lbs	Powell	2
„ Rodocanachi's b aus m Perfect, 10st 5lbs	Mr Deakin	3
„ Galstaun's b aus m Not Yet, 9st 8lbs	Owner	0
„ B B's b ch h Reveille, 8st 7lbs ...	W White	0
Dr Tayler's b aus m Granny, 8st 7lbs ...	Piper	0
Mr. Cowper's ch aus h First Guide, 7st 8lbs	Surajbali	0
Capt Seller's br aus m Heather, 7st ...	Roberts	0
Mr. A N Dass' b aus m Rezia, 7st ...	Elai	0
„ Gye's br aus m Snapshot, 7st ...	Bullowa	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 59 to win. Rs. 21, Rs. 14 and Rs. 13 for places.

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst. Second Thought, 5 to 2 Perfect, 6 to 1 each Snapshot and Granny, 8 to 1 Mocassin, 10 to 1 Not Yet, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 6 to 4 each on Second Thought and Perfect, evens Granny, 3 to 1 agst Snapshot and Mocassin, 2 to 1 Not Yet, 3 to 1 the others.

Mocassin got away well, and leading all the way won by three lengths. Second Thought beat Perfect by half a length for second place. First Guide came with a good rush and just failed to get placed. Time—1min. 13secs.

THE CLUB PLATE.—Rs. 350 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for horses that have not won a flat race, hurdle race or steeplechase value Rs. 500 or over since 31st March 1901, the property of, and to be ridden by, Members of the C. T. C., Bengal Club, U. S. Club, Tollygunge Club, Calcutta Polo Club, New Club, Saturday Club, Officers at present serving in the Presidency District, Active or Honorary Members, Calcutta Light Horse, or other Volunteer Corps in India. Distance about 1½ miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr Curtis Hayward's b aus m Sylvia, 9st 10lbs	Mr Dudley	1
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 10st 7lbs	Owner	2
„ N McLeod's ch aus g Odin, 9st 7lbs ...	Mr Wilkinson	3
„ G B Paris' gr aus m Actress, 11st 7lbs...	Mr Barrow	0
„ R G Bate's b aus g Flamingo, 10st 2lbs	Mr Evers	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 42 to win. Rs. 20 and Rs. 14 for places.

BETTING: 3 to 2 each agst Actress and Firefly, 5 to 1 Sylvia, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 each on Actress and Firefly, evens Sylvia, 2 to 1 agst the others.

Firefly was quickest away and led till half way where Sylvia began to come up, and taking command, won by fifteen lengths. Actress soon had enough of her rider who came unglued at the second hurdle and the mare went off for a gallop on her own. Time—3mins. 23secs.

THE BELVEDERE PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for horses. Distance about 1½ miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr F Dowling's b or br aus g Fairlight, 11st	Carter	1
„ a A C Pugh's b aus m Lady Bird, 9st	S White	2
Mrs G B Paris' br aus g Twilight, 9st	Mr Barrow	3
Mr Dudley's b aus g Dundonald, 9st 12lbs	Owner	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 21 to win. Rs. 14 and Rs. 20 for places.

BETTING: Evens Fairlight, 2 to 1 against Dundonald, 4 to 1 Twilight, 5 to 1 Ladybird.

PLACE BETTING: 6 to 4 on Dundonald evens Twilight, 3 to 2 agst Ladybird.

This race produced a good finish, for after running in open order, they all came together at the turn and a good race home resulted in a victory for Fairlight by a short head. Twilight half a length behind Lady Bird. Time—3mins. 14secs.

THE ZEERUT PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for ponies 14-1 and under. Distance about 1 mile over six flights of hurdles.

Mr Mactellar's bk aus m Yuletide, 11st ...	Hard	1
„ S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 10st 2lbs	Mr Barrow	2
„ Creet's b aus m Yellow Mantle, 10st 5lbs	Smallman	3
„ T G Evers' b aus g Blair Athol, 9st 7lbs	Mr Evers	0
„ Thomas' ch a h Pekin II., 7st 7lbs ...	Pond	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 31 to win. Rs. 12 and Rs. 12 for places.

BETTING: 3 to 2 agst. Moss Rose, 2 to 1 Yuletide, 5 to 1 each Yellow Mantle, Blair Athol and Pekin.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 each on Moss Rose and Yuletide, evens Pekin, 3 to 2 agst Yellow Mantle, 2 to 1 Blair Athol.

Blair Athol, Yellow Mantle, and Moss Rose led to the culvert where Yuletide drew up and a great race took place, another good finish resulting in Yuletide beating Moss Rose by half a length; same distance between second and third. Time—3mins. 3secs.

THE SEPTEMBER PLATE.—Rs 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the second and Rs. 100 to the third. A handicap for horses. Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr Ree's b aus g Oom Paul, 8st ...	Mr Galstaun	1
„ Galstaun's b aus g Springlock, 10st 9lbs	Smallman	2
„ Paris' ch em Kellnerin, 8st 3lbs ...	Richardson	3
„ Gal Gregory's ch aus h Lock Arden, 10st 7lbs	Hard	0
„ Raban's br aus m Naiades, 9 st ..	Owner	0
„ S F Reynold's ch aus g Flashlight, 8st 11lbs	Powell	0
„ Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea, 8st 10lbs	Mr Deakin	0
„ Pike's b aus g Autocrat, 8st 10lbs ...	Bloss	0
„ A N Dass' b e g Trollop, 8st 2lbs ...	Walker	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 93 to win. Rs. 20, Rs 16, and Rs. 25 for places.

BETTING: 3 to 2 agst. Springlock, 3 to 1 Loch Arden, 4 to 1 Kittylea, 8 to 1 each Kellnerin and Autocrat, 10 to 1 each Naiades Flashlight, Trollop and Oom Paul.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 on Springlock evens each Loch Arden and Kittylea, 2 to 1 agst the others.

Springlock was first away followed by Oom Paul and Kellnerin. They raced together till the bend where Oom Paul showed out and passed the post a length and a half in front of Springlock. Time—1min 10secs.

THE ENTALLY PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for horses that have not won a race value Rs. 350 or over since 31st March 1901. Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr T G Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 8st 2lbs	Owner	1
„ Manning's ch aus g Shirley, 9st ...	Piper	2
„ Beagle's b aus g Seaview, 8st ...	Bond	3
„ A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus, 9st 5lbs	Hard	0
„ Galstaun's b aust h Royal Artillery, 9st 5lbs	Mr Barrow	0
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 8st 9lbs	S White	0
„ Gal Gregory's bk aus g Mystery, 8st 3lbs	Luckboo	0

Totalisator paid Rs. 80 to win. Rs. 22 and Rs. 13 for places.

BETTING: 3 to 2 each agst. Euryalus, and Shirley, 5 to 1 Firefly, 10 to 1 the others.

PLACE BETTING: 2 to 1 each on Euryalus and Shirley, 2 to 1 against the others.

Sunshine, nicely ridden by her owner, won easily by two lengths; three lengths between second and third Time—1min. 27⅖ secs.

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QUETTA AUTUMN MEETING.

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G O'HARA, ESQ. | „ BENWELL.

Honorary Secretary, CAPTAIN GROVE.

First Day, Tuesday, 22nd September, 1903.

There was a most excellent attendance to-day and very good racing. The weather conditions were just correct, the course in first rate condition, the band of the West Yorkshires in its best form, and the hospitality of the officers of the Cheshire Regiment unbounded. Altogether we had a most successful opening day.

THE HANNA PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-0 and under, other maidens 13-2 and under. Arab and C.-B.'s to carry 10st. 7lbs., others 11st. W. I.—Half mile.

Mr Goldingham's g a g Gray Friar, 8st 11lbs (car 9st 3lbs) ... ...Captain Grove 1
Major Maxwell's c ch m Vermeille, 9st ... Mr James 2
Sir Ghan Buksh's c a h Nasrulla, 9st 11lb ... Moongya 3

Also ran :—Siesta, 9-8 (car 9-11½) ; Zarafshan, 10-8 ; Delhi Durbar, 9-0 (car 9-2½) ; Greylet, 10-2.

BETTING :—Delhi Durbar 2 to 1, Nasrulla 3 to 1, Grey Friar and Vermeille 5 to 1, Greylet 6 to 1, Siesta and Zarafshan 10 to 1.

Won by two lengths ; half a length between second and third. Time—56secs

THE SARAWAN PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. A hurdle race for Arab and C.-B ponies 14-2 and under, others 14 hands and under. 1 mile over 6 flights.

Mr Smith Dorrien's c w g Muskerry, 10st 13lbs ... ... Owner 1
Captain Price's g a g Corunna, 10st 13lbs (car 11st) ... ...Mr Rose Price 2
Captain Barry Drew's g a g Gazetteer, 11st 9lbs ... ... Mr Martin 3

Also ran :—Joyce, 10-13 ; Roburite, 9-9 (car 9-12) : Kelp, 10-0.

BETTING :—Kelp evens, Muskerry 3 to 1, Gazetteer, and Roburite 4 to 1, Corunna 5 to 1, Joyce 6 to 1.

Won by three lengths ; an indifferent third. Time—2mins. 11⅘secs.

THE KANDAHAR PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under. Arab and C-B.'s to carry 10st. 7lbs., others 11st. W. I.—5 furlongs.

Major Maxwell's c cb g Richmond, 10st 11lb ... ... Capt Peacock 1
Mr Smith Dorrien's c w g Takatu, 10st 5lb (car 10st 8.bs) ... ... Owner 2
Capt Mathew's c a g Najib, 8st 3lbs ... Syed 3

Also ran :—Mustapha, 9-0 ; Songstress, 10-8 ; Makere, 9-6 Talisman, 10-5

BETTING :—Richmond 3 to 2, Makere, and Takatu 4 to 1, Songstress and Talisman 6 to 1, Najib 8 to 1, Mustapha 15 to 1.

Won anyhow by two lengths ; poor third. Time—1min. 12⅘secs.

THE MIRI PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner. Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. For Maiden horses W. A. and C raised 14lbs. Allowances—Ponies 14-2 and under, allowed 7lbs.—6 furlongs.

Major Shower's br w g Chorister, 10st 11b Churchward 1
Capt Benwell's ch m m Aureole, 10st ... Owner 2
Major Maxwell and Capt Winters' c w g, Russley King, 9st ... ... Mr James 3

Also ran :—Motion, 9-13 ; Jasimine, 9-3 ; Bidinia, 10-6 ; Welfare, 9-10 (car 10st).

BETTING : Chorister, 2 to 1 on, Aureole 5 to 2, Russley King, 10 to 1, the remainder 15 to 1.

Won on the post by half a length : a length between second and third. Time—1min. 20⅘secs.

THE QUETTA PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, other Maidens 13-3½ and under.—7 furlongs.

Major Maxwell and Captain Winter's c a m Shelter, 8st 4lbs ... ... Moongya 1
Mr Akers-Douglas' b a m Rubicon, 9st 2lbs Captain Grove 2
Sir Ghan Buksh's b a h Nasruppah, 7st 12lbs (car 8st 9lbs) ... ... Bai Ram 3

BETTING :—Shelter 3 to 1, Rubican 2 to 1, Nasrulla 5 to 1.

Won by a half a length ; a length and a half between second and third. Time—1 min. 42⅘ secs.

THE SCURRY STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50.—3 furlongs.

Mr Goldingham's g a g Gray Friar, 8st 11lbs (car 9st 12lbs) ... ... Captain Grove 1
Major Maxwell's b ch m Vermeille, 8st 7lbs ... Moongya 2
Mr Smith Dorrien's b w g., 10st 12lbs ... Owner 3

Also ran :—Mustapha, 9-8 (car 9-12) ; Judy, 10-6 ; Fly By Night, 9-11 ; Judy, 8-13 (car 9-9) ; Lady Bird, 9-1 ; Ouida, 10-3 ; Terror, 8-1 ; Bobby, 10-3 (car 10-7) ; Federation, 10-0 (car 10-2) ; Detective, 9-7.

BETTING :—Detective and Grey Friar 2 to 1, the remainder 8 to 1.

Won by half-a-length ; a head between second and third Time—40 secs.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

THE S. A. J. C. SPRING MEETING.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DERBY.—Of 10sovs. each, with 250sovs. added ; second horse 50sovs. and third 25sovs. out of the stake One and a half miles.

£834-10—Sir Rupert Clarke's b c F J A by Wallace—La Tosca, 8st 10lbs ... W H Ross 1
£253-15—Mr F W Allen's b c St Vincent by Carlyon—Lady Doris, 8st 10lbs H J Morrison 2
£53-15—Mr J Perry's b or br c Ben Hur, by Zalinski—Nemesis, 8st 10 lbs ... J Mc-Donald 3
£56-15—Mr J Bowen's b c Rifler, 8st 10lbs ... ... W Lake 0
£123-5—Mr R H Crawford's Trustee Blackler's Estate b f Equality, 8st 6lbs S Willis 0

(Winner trained by J. Scobie.)

Amount in totalisator, £1,322. Dividend for £1 tickets, £1-8.

Just as the barrier flew up St Vincent was on the inside, then Rifler, and F J A with Equality, on the outside. Ben Hur led past the judge's box, from Rifler, F.J.A. and Equality, with St. Vincent last. Equality took up the running and led out of the straight from Ben Hur, Rifler, F.J.A. and St Vincent the quinted galloping in Indian file. Willis allowed the Fulham Park filly to stride along, and at Elder's she must have been quite 10 lengths in front of Ben Hur and Rifler, then came F.J.A. with St. Vincent last. At the end of another furlong Equality had stolen a break of 15 lengths from Rifler, Ben Hur, F.A J., and St. Vincent. Running past the milepost the filly must have been almost 20 lengths in front of the others who were headed by Ben Hur. Passing the seven, F.J.A. had run up second, and he was gradually reducing the gap on the leader. Six furlongs from home Equality was only half a dozen lengths to the good of F.J A., a length further back following St. Vincent, then the others a couple of lengths astern. At the five furlong Equality was four lengths in advance of her field F.J.A. was wearing her down. Before reaching the half mile post he drew right on to her, while St. Vincent was also in her wake. Passing the three furlongs F J.A. assumed command and led St. Vincent by a couple of lengths while Equality was next, then Ben Hur and Rifler. F.J.A., going comfortably, was first into the straight from St. Vincent, Equality, Ben. Hur, and Rifler. Coming down the home stretch F.J.A. held his own, and won hard held by three lengths from St. Vincent. In the last stride Ben Hur just pipped Equality and thus finished third half a dozen lengths behind St. Vincent, Rifler was last. Time—2mins. 42⅘secs.

TRAINERS' LOTS

POONA RACES

A.

NAME.	OWNER.	TRAINER.
Alexis g a h ...	Mr Georges ...	... Tingey
Annie Laurie b aus m	„ A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Atholbrose b aus m...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Arthur b a h ...	Aga Mirza Ahmed	... Owner
Arabistan b a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Do
Acetine g aus h ...	Mr Spooner Hart...	Ferguson
All Gold b aus g ..	Mr L K Urs ...	... Mr Patanah
Adonis b a h ...	A M Ameer ...	... Owner
Achilles g a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Do
Altimas c aus h ...	R A Roy ...	... Pearson
Alix b aus m ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Amber Heart b e h	Capt Hennessy ...	... McQuade
Alma b aus m ...	Mr Chinoy ...	... Owner
Allie b aus m ...	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah	... Aga S Shah
Ayrdale b e g ...	Aga Shah and Aga Khan	... Do

B.

Blackswan bl aus m	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Bridge b a h ..	Col Beaver ...	Bleach
Bay Middleton b a h	A Ranji M G and A Ameer	... Kendall
Bandicoot b aus m...	Mr Murdoch ...	... Tingey
Buktawar g a h ...	„ Shroff ...	... Mr S K
Beryl bl aus m ...	„ R J Hunter ...	... Clarke
Bikanir b a h ...	„ A Essayai ...	... Rustomji
Beadsman b aus g ...	Aga Khan ...	... Aga S Shah
Brigand b a h ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Badger g aus g ...	"Mr Locke" ...	... Privately
Baron II c aus g ...	Do ...	... Do
Blue Blood b aus g ...	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji	... Byramji
Burlin b a h ...	Mr Ameer ...	... Privately

C.

Carcewick b aus m ...	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah	... Aga S Shah
Corrie Roy b aus m...	Maj Vans Agnew	... McQuade
Comeback b aus g ...	Mr Baldock ...	... Tingey
Connaught b a h ...	A Talib ...	... Owner
Chungiz g a h ...	M Talib ...	... Do
Cebo b a h ...	A Sattar ...	... Privately
Clever Boy g a h ...	M Shamlan ...	... Do
Chester c a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Owner
Cerise c aus m ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Cinder bl aus m ...	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Chancellor b a h ...	„ A Ananji and A M	... Kendall
Chamberlain b a h ...	„ Cross ...	... Tingey
Chimes b aus h ...	„ Baldock ...	... Do
Cocos c aus g ...	„ Franklin ...	... Byramji
Carabine b eng h ...	„ Bass ...	... Bleach
Conway c a h ...	Major Edwards ...	... Pearson

D.

Dawn b aus g ...	Mr Boase ...	... Owner
Dart b aus g ...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Dispute g a h ...	„ D D and G K	... Tingey
Dane, The c aus g ...	„ Westropp ...	... Clarke
Deserter b a h ...	....	... Byramji
Dr Barnado rn c h ...	Capt Randall ...	... Owner
Dundee bl aus g ...	Mr R noy ...	... Pearson
Delight b a h ...	Lieut-Col D Urs	... Mr Patanah
Dioptrics bl aus g ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Daimyo b a h ...	Major Edwards ...	... Bleach
Duldul b a h ...	Mr Cooper ...	... Privately

E.

Early Bird b a h ...	Capt Hennessy ...	... McQuade
Ethel II b aus m ...	Aga Shah ...	... Owner
Erban b a h ...	Mr Fox ...	... Tingey
Evensong br cb m...	Aga Khan ...	... Aga S Shah

F.

Farewell g a h ...	Mr Shroff ...	... Pearson
Fando b aus g ...	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Firefly b cb m ...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Fireup br aus g ...	„ Baldock ...	... Tingey
Firecracker bl aus g	Aga Khan and Aga Shah	Aga S Shah
Fitzroy c aus g ...	Mr A W P ...	... Owner
Finlosi g a h ...	... ...	... Byramji
Funny c aus g ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Owner
Free Trade c aus g ...	Mr A W P ...	... Do
Forest b aus g ...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner

G.

Galib c a h ...	A Shamlan ...	... Privately
Galstaun g a h ...	A Saif and A Rashid	... Do
Gaulme b aus g ...	Sultan of Johore	... ...
Gallant c a h ...	Mr M E Ebrahim	...C B Mahomed
Good Chap b aus g...	Dr Spooner Hart	... Ferguson
Good Boy g aus g ...	Mr Fischer ...	... Fowler
Gum b aus g ...	„ L K Urs ...	... Mr Patanah
Glen Albyn b aus g...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Great Scott c aus g ...	Mr Apcar ...	... Watson
Greatorex b aus ...	A Ameer and O Mahomed	... Owner
Grey Pearl g a h ...	Mahomed A Ebrahim	... Privately
Golightly b e h ...	Col Baring ...	... ...
Gnullo c aus m ...	A Ananji and M Gokuldass	... Kendall
Grey Fox g a h ...	Ditto	... Do
Greyleg g a h ...	Capt Wilson ...	... Aga S Shah
Goldsmith b aus g ...	Mr Apcar ...	... Watson
Gentle Lady b cb m ...	„ J D Scott ...	... Owner

H.

Hadyn c aus g ...	Mr R J Hunter	... A Clarke
Harpist b aus g ...	„ Kelso ...	... Byramji
Hypocrite g a h ...	....	... Do
Hermit b a h ...	Mr Jackson ...	... Do
Haddall b a h ...	„ Bass ...	... Bleach
Hamilton c a h ...	Major Murray ...	... Do
Hyderi b a h ...	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas and A Ameer	... Kendall
Hakum b a h ...	A Talib ...	... Owner
Harefoot c a h ...	Col Sprott ...	... McQuade
Hoop Iron b aus g ...	Mr Gaulstan ...	... Robinson

I.

Indabba c aus g ...	Mr H Vishram ...	... Byramji
Isinglass c a h ...	„ S A Wahed ...	... Owner

J.

Jolly Roger b e g ...	Capt Stratton ...	... Bleach

K.

Key West b aus m ...	Mr Fischer ...	... Fowler
Kyam b a h „ ..	Mr S Ezekiel ...	... Byramji
Kingston b aus g ...	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji	Do.

L.

Lady Jane b e m ...	Mr Bass ...	... Bleach
Lady Cheltham b e m	„ Bass ...	... Do
Lady Dean g aus m	Capt Lloyd ...	... Do
Lady Newbrook b cb m ...	Mr Foy ...	... Clark
La Regina b aus m	„ Baldock ...	.. Tingey
Landwind b cb g ...	„ Leibenrood ...	... McQuade
La France b aus m..	„ Finch ...	... Potter
Louis b cb g ...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner
Loch Clieveden c aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Leonidas b aus g ...	Lieut-Col W Urs	... Mr Patanah
Little Joker b a h ...	Mr H Essayai ...	... Byramji
Louis b cb g ...	„ J D Scott ...	... Owner

M

Malto b aus g ...	Mr Apcar ..	... Watson
Malice b aus m ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Madeira b aus m ...	Lieut-Col Hazelton	... Bleach
Metalgia br aus h ...	Mr Gaulstan ...	... Robinson
Matilda b aus m ...	„ Baldock ...	... Tingey
Min b aus m ...	„ A W P ...	... Owner
M Iburn br aus g ...	„ Apcar ...	... Watson
Miros bl aus g ...	„ Kelso ...	... Byramji
Mooreed g a h ...	H H Saif's ...	... Owner
Miss Bernie b aus m	Mr Noble ...	... Privately
Minting King b a h	A Talib ...	... Owner
Mosumma b a h ...	F Sanad ...	... Do.
Minnehahal b aus m	H Vishram ...	... Byramji
Mameluke b a h ...	A Talib ...	... Owner
Magtoom b a h ...	Do. ...	... Do.
Malto b aus g ...	Mr Apcar ..	... Watson
Miss Ascott b cb m ...	„ J B ...	... Goode
Musketeer b a h ...	Aga S Shah ...	... Owner
Mint c a h ...	Mr R S S ...	... Bin Jamal
Misty br eh ...	„ Mill ...	... Clarke
Moon b a h ...	„ Ali Talib ...	... Owner
Money Spinner g a h	Major Cavanagh ..	... Aga S Shah
Minimus b aus g ...	Lieut-Col D Urs'...	... Mr Patanah
Mysotis b aus m ...	Sultan of Johore	.. ..

N

Naserree b a h ...	Major Eustace ...	... Pearson
Nainava g a h ...	E Talib ...	... Owner
Najaffi b a h ...	Mr R S S ...	.. Bin Jamal
Najeel g a h ...	A H Saif ...	... Owner
Noble Eye b cb m ...	Mr J B ...	... Goode
New Moon b a h ...	A Talib ...	... Owner
Nobleman II. b a h...	Mr Kelso ...	— Byramji
Nanette b aus m ...	„ A W P ...	... Owner
Namuna b cb m ...	„ C D ...	... Bleach
Naranji b a h ...	„ Garda ...	... C B Mahomed
Nanette b aus m ...	„ A W P ...	... Owner
Nautilus br aus m ...	„ H Vishram ...	... Byramji
Nancy Till b aus m	„ A W P ...	... Owner

O

Officer g a h ...	„ R R S ...	... Bin Jamal
Olga b aus m ...	„ A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Oberon bl aus g ...	„ Goff ...	... Dignum
Oriental b a h ...	Aga S Shah ..	... Owner
Ombree b aus g ...	Mr A Jones ...	... Capt Randall

P.

Paddy Melon br aus m	Capt Newman ...	... Aga S Shah
Picture b aus m ...	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Paleface c a h ...	Mr Cross ...	... Tingey
Presbyterian c e h ...	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia...	Bleach
Panalla II. b ah ...	Mr R R S ...	... Bin Jamal
Philistine ch cb h ...	Col Grant ...	... McQuade
Prime b cb h ...	Do. ...	... Do.
Planet b aus h ...	Mr Noble ...	... Byramji
Ptarmigan g a h ...	Lieut-Col D Urs...	... Mr Patanah
Propeller b a h ...	Messrs F Nowroji and H Jamsetji	... Bleach
Peninsular b aus h ...	Mr Apcar ...	... Watson
Pride O' Dharamtolla b aus m ...	Dr Spooner Hart	— Ferguson
Pepper Corn b aus g	Sultan of Johore	... .
Promontory b aus h	Mr Biswas ...	... Dignum
Pope bl aus g ...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Patrician b aus g ...	Lieut-Col Hazelton	... Owner
Pinwire b e m ...	Mr Swifte ...	... Bleach
Pomfret b aus g ...	Col Eccles ...	... Privately

R.

Reminder b a h ...	K G Gaikewad ...	... Byramji
Recollect b c b m ...	Aga Khan ...	... Aga S Shah
Regret g a h ...	Capts Benn and Alexander	... Bleach
Rifleman b aus g ...	Dr Spooner Hart...	... Ferguson
Richmond Hill b aus g	Mr Clarke ...	... Clarke
Rezia b aus m ...	„ Harper ...	... Pearson
Rochester b a h ...	„ Galtrey ...	... Bleach
Repetition b aus g ...	„ R J Hunter ...	... Clarke
Rickshaw b aus g ...	„ Reynolds ...	... Ferguson
Rubric c a h ...	Lieut-Col D Urs ...	... Mr Patanah
Rose c a h ...	Mr R R S ...	— Bin Jamal
Roscommon b aus g...	Mr G K and D D	... Tingey
Russley Rose b aus m	Messrs Kelso ...	... Byramji
Ritual b aus g ...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner
Rising Sun b aus g	Major Cleveland ...	... Privately
Robber The c a h —	Mr M Ally ...	... Pearson

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Scorn c a h	...	„ C D ...	... Bleach
Spithead b aus g	...	„ Apcar ...	... Watson
Sweetlips g a h	...	„ S A Wahed ...	... Owner
Stand Off b aus g	...	„ Apcar ...	... Watson
Settler b a h	...	„ A Essayai ...	... Byramji
Seagull c a h	...	„ R R S ...	... Bin Jamal
Sunflower b aus m	...	„ S A W ...	... Owner
Sirjimal b a h	...	„ R R S ...	... Bin Jamal
Silver Fox g a h	...	Messrs A Ananji and M G	... Kendall
Skylark g a h	...	S A Wahed ...	... Privately
Shaiboob b a h	...	Mr Jewell ...	... Byramji
Spark b aus g	...	„ Murdock ...	... Tingey
Shah Jehan c a h	...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Silvermane c a h	...	Mr Metha ...	... Bin Jamal
Sin br cb h	...	„ Brown ...	... Bleach
Sybarite b a h	...	„ A Razack ...	... Privately
Swiftsure b aus g	...	Aga S Shah ...	... Owner
Sanaiya g a h	...	Mr Fischer ...	... Fowler
S P b aus m	...	„ Bass ...	... Bleach
Stoddart b aus g	...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Stockbell b aus m	...	Mr Bass ...	... Bleach
Scattercash g a h	...	Capt Greville ...	... Do.
Saloon b cb h	...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner
Sister b aus g	...	Mr A A Apcar ...	... Watson
Spithead br aus g	...	Do ...	... Do
Sacristan b aus g	...	Do ...	... Do
Senator c aus g	...	Do ...	... Do
Seclusion c aus g	...	Do ...	... Do
Sermon b e g	...	Do ...	... Do
Sancebox b aus m		Capt Hickman ...	... Pearson
Selpure b aus g	...	Mr Richards ...	... Do
Secunder b a h	...	„ J D Scott ...	... Owner
T.			
Taming br cb g	...	Mr Bass ...	... Bleach
Trenton b aus g	...	Lieut-Col D Urs ...	... Mr Patanah
Triumph b cb h	...	Mr G K ...	... Tingey
Tigris g a h	...	Mr Cowasji ...	... Privately
Tragedian br aus g	...	Kour Sahib of Patiala	... T Scott
Titus II. g a g	...	Mr Medywell ...	... Bleach
Tubal Cain b aus g	...	„ Ananji ...	... Kandall
Turkish Flag II	...	„ A Amer ...	... Owner
The Chump b e g	...	Capt Stratton ...	... Bleach
U.			
Upstart b cb g	...	Mr Allardyce ...	... McQuade
Up Guards b e h	...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner
V.			
Veera c aus m	...	Messrs G K and D D	... Tingey
Veneda b aus b	...	Mr J B ...	... Goode
Vedette c aus g	...	„ Westropp ...	... Clarke
Victory c aus g	...	„ R J Hunter ...	... Do
Victory g a h	...	Capt Dunbar ...	... Pearson
W.			
Winchester c a h	...	Capt Winter ...	... Aga S Shah
Widgeon b aus g	...	Col Eccles ...	... Privately
Walgrove b aus g	...	Mr Goff ...	... Ferguson
Wisdom b cb g	...	„ Potter ...	... Bleach
Wink br e g	...	„ Fischer ...	... Fowler
Western Queen c aus m	...	„ Harper ...	... Pearson
Windsor miss b aus m	...	„ Baldock ...	... Tingey
Wedlock c aus g	...	„ R R S ...	... Do
Y.			
Yardley c aus m	...	Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner
Young Kohinoor g a h		A Amer ...	... Owner
Young Taiseer b a h		A A Saif ...	... Do
Yankee Boy c aus g		Mr J D Scott ...	... Owner

Entries for Races.

LUCKNOW SPRING MEETING 1904.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CUP.—6 furlongs.

3rd Entries Closed 16th September.

20 Mr Mill's ... g e h ... Sangli (by gold Ring out of silver gilt)

4th Entries will Close on 1st December.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

Fifth Meeting, Saturday, 26th September, 1903.

THE CITY PLATE.—About 1¼ miles over 7 lights.

Mr F Dowling's b or br aust g. Fairlight. ...	11	4
Mr Dudleys b aust g Dundonald. ...	10	1
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea. ...	9	11
Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress. ...	9	7
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird. ...	9	2
Mrs G B Paris' br aus g Twilight. ...	9	0

THE OUTRAM PLATE.—About 1½ miles over 7 flights.

Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress. ...	11	7
Mrs G B Paris' br aus g Twilight. ...	11	0
Mr H D Carey's b or br aus g Chirnside. ...	10	5
Mr A T Walker's ch aus m Impolita. ...	10	5
Mr R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly. ...	10	2
Mr R G Bates' b aus g Flamingo. ...	9	0

THE RAMPART PLATE.—About 1 mile over 6 flights.

Mr Rodocanachi's b aus m Perfect. ...	12	0
Mr Rodocanachi's b aus g Shylock. ...	11	7
Mr Macmillan's bk aus m Yuletide. ...	10	6
Mr S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose. ...	9	3
Mr A N Dass' b aus m Rezia. ...	8	12
Mr T G Ever's b aus g Blair Athol. ...	8	4

THE FAREWELL HANDICAP.—6 furlongs.

Mr Galstaun's s b aus g Mulwala. ...	9	7
Mr Rees' br aus g Oom Paul. ...	9	7
Mr Raban's b aus m Naiades. ...	9	2
Mr Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea. ...	9	0
Mr Reynold's ch aus g Flashlight. ...	8	10
Mr G B Paris' ch e m Kelinerin. ...	8	8
Mr A N Dass' b e g Trollop. ...	8	4
Mr G B Paris' b e g Corick. ...	8	0

THE HARINGTON PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Mr S Margrett's b aus g Bob Sutton. ...	9	0
Mr J A Manning's ch aus g Shirley. ...	9	0
Mr A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus. ...	8	12
Mr T G Evers' b aus m Sunshine. ...	8	10
Mr H D Carey's b or br aus g Chirnside	8	7
Mr A N Dass' bk aus g St Glaze. ...	8	7
Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress ...	8	0
Mr G B Deakin's b aus g Invincible ...	7	12
Mr Beagle's b aus g Seaview. ...	7	10

THE PLASSEY PLATE.—5 furlongs.

Dr Taylor's b aus m, Granny. ...	9	10
Mr H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris.	9	5
Mr Rodocanachi's gr aus m Sweet Talk.	9	5
Mr B B's b aus m Lady Olive. ...	9	5
Mr S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose.	8	8
Mr L S Cheape's ch aus m Dust. ...	7	7

Races to Come.

RAWALPINDI SPRING MEETING, 1904.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP.—Rs. 4,000. Winner Rs. 3,000, second Rs. 700, and third Rs. 300. A welter handicap for Arab ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 5,000 and upwards. Distance—6 furlongs.

First Entries to close	October	15th	1903	Rs. 50.
Second „	„	December	1st 1903	Rs. 75.
Third „	„	January	15th 1904	Rs. 100.
Final „	„	March	1st 1904	Rs. 150.

The handicap will be published shortly after the Meerut Spring Meeting, 1904.

Winners of a handicap race value Rs. 200 or over after the publication of the weight 5lbs. extra.

Ponies left in one week after the publication of the weights Rs. 50 extra. Starters Rs. 100 in addition.

20 Entries or no race (at the discretion of the Stewards).

Entries forfeits and starting sweep to go to the Fund, subject to Rule 139.

No pony will be weighed out till all fees for this race are paid.

The stakes will be paid to the winner 48 hours after the termination of the meeting.

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LONDON, *Friday, 4th September, 1903.*

THE TURF.

GATWICK AUGUST MEETING.

ALTHOUGH the weather was dull at Gatwick on the 28th ultimo, it was an agreeable change from that experienced the previous day at York, and was taken full advantage of by racegoers, the attendance being fairly large. The card comprised six events, and a start was made with the Addiscombe Plate, which brought out the good field of twelve runners. Bridal, the only previous winner of the lot, was looked upon as the best business, but the winner turned up in the American-bred filly by Meddler out of Victoria IV. Although she had never sported silk before, on the strength of her home reputation Sister to Rose Blair was an odds-on favourite for the Norbury Plate, but could only get third to Lottie Hampton colt and Orange Leaf filly. The Kite Handicap produced a little excitement, as when entering the straight the leading trio, La Napoule, Lancewood and Incantation bolted, and two jumped the rails cleanly. Claqueur, who had been fifth, then went on and won by two lengths. In the Selhurst Selling Plate Puerto became fractious at the post, and, unseating Madden, bolted, after which the little-fancied Deseo made all the running and won by two lengths, the favourite, Lady Voter, having to put up with third place. With odds of 11 to 8 on Le Blizon brought a shade of relief to backers by accounting for the Plantation Mid-weight Handicap, but they wound up badly when one of the outsiders of the party, Ray, won the Moderate Plate.

THE NORBURY PLATE—Of 176sovs. for two year olds. Five furlongs.

Mr A M Singer's br c by Matchmaker—Lottie Hampton, 8st 11lb ...	Watts	1
„ W C Whitney's b f by Watercress—Orange Leaf, 7st 12lbs	J H Martin	2
„ J Gubbins's br f Sister to Rose Blair, 7st 12lbs	O Madden	3
„ T W Blenkiron's c by Pride—Pegaway, 8st 7lbs	Walkington	0
A Cohen's Windmill, 8st 11b	Boardman	0
„ Ed. Lamb's f by Shancrotha—Whirlpool, 7st 12lbs	Griggs	0
„ F Lynham's Juvenis, 8st ...	R Lynham	0

(*Winner trained by Mr Davies.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Sister to Rose Blair 5 to 2 agst the Pegaway colt, 7 to 1 the Orange Leaf filly, 10 to 1 the Lottie Hampton colt, and 100 to 3 any other (offered.)

Won by three-quarters of a length; a length between second and third. Pegaway colt was fourth, Whirlpool filly next, and Juvenis last throughout.

For many months to come backers will have good cause to remember the Gatwick Meeting which was brought to a close on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Throughout the two days only two first favourites were successful, and the winners for the most part sprung from the friendless and unpriced division, the "talent" experiencing a series of rebuffs the like of which they have not encountered during the present summer. Seeing that the value of the prizes offered by the executive barely exceeded the minimum prescribed by clause 156 of the Rules of Racing, it was hardly to be expected that the quality of the competitors engaged would soar above mediocrity, but many of the races were stoutly contested, and some brisk sport was witnessed by a big holiday company. The conditions showed some improvement upon those of Friday, and the sun shining forth brightly throughout the proceedings, the afternoon was all that the most exacting devotees of the sport of kings could have desired.

THE AUGUST HANDICAP—Of 164sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr B Gore's b f Incantation, by Crafton—Patti, 4yrs, 6st 6lbs	Reynolds	1
„ Ben Bonas's b h Field Rose, 5yrs, 8st 5lbs	Trigg	2
„ T Jennings's b f Induction, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs	Dicker	3
„ H Bottomley's Sweet Dixie, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs	Allcorn	0
„ D J Pullinger's Pure Gold, 4yrs, 7st 8lbs	Hardy	0
„ F W Day's La Napoule, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	Madden	0
„ Dyball's Parramatta, aged, 7st 5lbs (car, 7st 6lbs)...	Watts	0
„ W B Purefoy's Acrostic, 3yrs, 5st 13lbs (car 6st)	Jarvis	0

(*Winner trained by Owner*).

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Field Rose, 9 to 4 La Napoule, 6 to 1 Parramatta, 10 to 1 Pure Gold, 100 to 9 Acrostic, and 100 to 6 any other (offered).

Won by three-quarters of a length; a head divided the second and third. Acrostic was fourth, Parramatta fifth, La Napoule sixth, Pure Gold next, and Sweet Dixie, last throughout. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 14⅘secs.

DERBY SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Really summerlike weather was at last experienced at a race meeting when that at Derby, a decidedly popular re-union, opened on the 1st instant, and the result was a fairly large attendance, while, with the going naturally in excellent condition, the sport was fully up to the average and admittedly enjoyable, although backers continued on the wrong side of the book. The card comprised seven events, and with one exception there were good fields no less than twenty-two horses coming under the starter's orders in the Friary Nursery. Business started with the Hartington Plate, and fielders scored when the 10 to 1 chance, Gower, won a great race by a head, the favourite, Orbel being third. Eon, who was purchased at York after winning the Falmouth Selling Welter, accounted for the Chaddesden Selling Welter, but to retain the colt Mr. Elphinston had to bid 370 guineas, a very substantial margin thus accruing to the fund and the owner of the second. Notwithstanding a big field, Camphor justified the confidence placed in her by easily winning the Nursery Plate, and then Andover won the Champion Breeders' Biennial Foal Stakes, being favourite at "twos" and ridden by Mornington Cannon. The Shipley Hall Selling Plate went to Fallon's stable by the aid of the little fancied Bourton Hill and, Carburton having won the Portland Plate, the day's proceedings were brought to a close when White Webbs, a son of Trenton, credited Mr. W. C. Whitney with the Belper Plate.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TENTH CHAMPION BREEDER'S BIENNIAL FOAL STAKES.—Of 295sovs., for two year olds. Five furlongs, straight.

Mr F Alexander's br c Andover, by Rightaway—Sister Lumley, 8st 5lbs ...	M Cannon	1
„ J H Houldsworth's ch c Lochryan, 8st 5lbs	Maher	2
„ Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's b or br f Topiary, 8st 2lbs	Trigg	3
Duke of Devonshire's Lady Angela, 8st 10lbs	H Jones	0
Mr J Musker's Irritant, 8st 10lbs ...	Madden	0
„ Russell's Fruit Picker, 8st 5lbs ...	K Cannon	0
„ L Robinson's Challenger, 8st 2lbs ...	Martin	0
Sir Tatton Sykes's St. Hilda, 8st 5lbs ...	Randall	0
Lord Derby's c by Ayrshire—Pace Egger, 8st 2lbs	H Aylin	0
Sir E. Vincent's Orgueil, 8st 2lbs ...	W Lane	0
„ E Cassel's Persil, 8st 11b	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by J. Porter.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst. Andover, 11 to 4 Lady Angela, 9 to 2 Topiary, 8 to 1 each Irritant and Challenger, and 20 to 1 any other (offered).

Won easily by a length and a half; three parts of a length between second and third. Lady Angela was fourth, Orgueil fifth, Irritant sixth, Challenger seventh, St. Hilda eighth, Fruit Picker next, and Pace Egger colt last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 2secs.

The vagaries of the weather experienced this season were fully exemplified on the 2nd at Derby, when, in direct contrast to the previous morning, the outlook was anything but propitious, rain having fallen early and the surroundings generally being cheerless from an atmospherical point of view. The sport, however, was fully maintained, and, if anything, up to the average, although once more fielders had all the better of the argument. Again the card compromised seven events, and in selecting Rightwell to win the London Selling Plate, backers were at fault as the little-fancied Imola won easily. Kilteel accounted for the Kedleston Plate and, Shy Lady colt having given the followers of S. Darling's stable a good turn, the way was paved for the valuable Champion Breeder's Foal Stakes. Only five runners faced the starter, and Rondeau justified his place at the head of the quotations by making all the running and winning by five lengths. Lottie Hampton colt, one of the outsiders of the party, won the Devonshire Plate, Aversion the Spondon Selling Plate, and the day's proceedings were brought to a close when W. Lane, on Childwickbury, a 100 to 7 chance, got home in the Chatsworth Plate.

THE SECOND YEAR OF THE NINTH CHAMPION BREEDERS' BIENNIAL FOAL STAKES—Of 935sovs. for three year olds. One mile and a quarter and a few yards.

Sir J Miller's b f Rondeau, by Ray Ronald—Doremi, 8st 9lbs	Maher	1
Mr C T Pulley's b c Fariman, 9st 4lbs ...	W Halsey	2
Mr Theobald's b c Pan Michael, 8st 10lbs	J H Martin	3
„ J Musker's Baroness La Fleche, 8st 12lbs	O Madden	0
„ J Simons Harrison's f by Kendal—Stirrup Cup, 7st 13lbs	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 agst. Rondeau, 7 to 4 Fariman, 6 to 1 Baroness La Fleche and 20 to 1 each Pan Michael and the Stirrup Cup filly (offered).

Won in a canter from Fariman by five lengths; six lengths separated the second and third. Baroness La Fleche, eased up on the post, was last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 16⅘secs.

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THE DEVONSHIRE NURSERY PLATE.—(Handicap) of 462sovs; for two year olds Five furlongs and 100 yards, straight.

Mr A M Singer's br c by Matchmaker—Lottie Hampton, 8st 2lbs ...	Boardman	1
Sir E Vincent's br c Don Paez, 8st 7lbs ...	Lyne	2
Capt J Orr-Ewing's b f Wrinkles, 8st 3lbs	O Madden	3
Lord Howard de Walden's Flying Footstep, 9st	M Cannon	0
Mr J Gubbin's Isalian Beauty, 8st 8lbs ..	Stokes	0
Sir E Cassel's Wise Duchess, 8st 5lbs ..	W Halsey	0
Capt J G R Homfray's Berryfield, 8st 5lbs	Croft	0
Sir J Miller's Chanter, 8st 3lbs ...	Maher	0
Mr W Low's Kilt II., 8st 3lbs ...	Trigg	0
,, W C Whitney's f by imp Meddler—The Belle, 8st 2lbs	J H Martin	0
,, R S Sevier's St Joie, 8st ..	Hardy	0
,, J R Joel's Dean Swift, 8st ...	Randall	0
,, H J King's Plembieres, 7st 11lbs ...	Watts	0
,, W Raphael's Navarre, 7st 5lbs ...	W Lane	0
,, A Stedall's f by Orvieto—Orxemo, 7st 5lbs	Hughes	0
Lord Dunraven's Tamasha, 7st 7lbs ...	Griggs	0
Mr G Milligan's Odor (late Mine d'Or II), 7st 11b	Heppell	0
,, J Wallace's Oatflower, 6st 9lbs ...	J Jarvis	C
,, J W Larnach's f by Oberon—Pintail, 6st 9lbs	Janek	0
,, J C Dyer's c by St Hilaire—Moggs, 6st 10lbs	Plant	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Davies*).

BETTING. 9 to 2 agst Nawarre, 11 to 2 Wrinkles, 6 to 1 Dean Swift, 100 to 12 Wise Duchess, 10 1 each Chanter and the Moggs colt, 100 to 9 Odor, 100 to 8 St Joie, and 100 to 6 any other (offered).

Won by half a length; a neck between second and third. Dean Swift was fourth, Odor fifth, Pintail filly sixth Plembieres seventh, Tamasha eighth, Moggs colt ninth, and Kilt II, last. Time by Benson's chronograph 1min. 7⅗secs.

There was very little improvement at Derby on the 3rd instant from an atmospherical point of view, but before the concluding stage of the meeting was entered upon the weather cleared and the race passed off most satisfactorily. Six events were on the card, and with one exception the field were fairly large, while generally the sport was fully up to the average. Business was resumed with the Selling Nursery, for which eleven starters went to the post. Backers selected Goya, but, as has been the case invariably of late, were wrong, the winner turning up in Little Sprout. Robino won the Rangemore Plate, and Drumsboreland, also a fancied article, the Abbots Hill Selling Plate. O'Donovan Rossa, after many disappointments, won the Peveril of the Peak Plate and, Palace Yard having accounted for the Elvaston Nursery, Firmilian won the King's Plate and gave backers a little consolation in winding up the meeting.

THE PEVERIL OF THE PEAK PLATE (a handicap of 925) sovs. The Straight Mile.

Mr A M Singer's ch g O'Donovan Rossa, by Donovan, dam by Barcaldine—Symmetry, 6yrs, 7st 11lbs	Boardman	1
,, A Stedall's ch c Rayleigh, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs	J Jarvis	2
,, J A Miller's b f Muriel II., 3yrs, 7st ...	Miller	3
,, E C Irish's Over Norton, 6 yrs, 9st ...	B Lynham	0
,, S B Joel's Bachelor's Button, 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs ... — ...	Maher	0
,, Foxhall Keene's Conroy II., 5yrs, 8st 4lbs	Lyne	0
,, W C Whitney's Ballantrae, 4yrs, 8st 2lbs	J H Martin	0
,, Geo. Edwardes' Pollion, 4yrs 7st 11lbs.	Compton	0
,, W Low's Littleton, 3yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	O Madden	0
,, Arthur Jame's Achaicus, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs	Watts	0
Lord Dunraven's Salute, 3yrs. 7st 5lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Plant	0
Duke of Devonshire's Flying Ivy, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs	Janek	0
Mr J Buchanan's Sankence, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs..	Page	0
Lord Dunraven's Morgendale, 3yrs, 6st 9lbs	Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Davies.*)

BETTING: 4 to 1 against O'Donovan Rossa, 4 to 1 Muriel II., 8 to 1 Conroy II. 100 to 12 Pollion, 10 to 1 Achaicus, 10 to 1 Rayleigh, 100 to 8 Bachelor's Button, 100 to 8 Littleton, 100 to 7 Sankence, 25 to 1 any other (offered).

When the tapes were released Sankence hung fire, and the running was made by Rayleigh, on the right, from O'Donovan Rossa and Pollion in the centre, with Flying Ivy on the left and Muriel II. next in advance of Morgendale and Achaicus, Sankence being the whipper in for about three furlongs, when O'Donovan Rossa drew to the front, and, coming away by himself, made the remainder of the running from Rayleigh and Muriel II. and won in a canter by five lengths; three-quarters of a length divided the second and third. Morgendale was fourth, Salute fifth, Ballantrace sixth, Conry II. seventh, Achaicus eighth, Flying Ivy ninth, and Littleton last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 41⅘secs.

CRICKET.

GENTLEMEN *vs.* PLAYERS.—Second match played at Scarborough on, 31st August 1st and 2nd September. Players won by an innings and 8 runs. With Fry, Ranjitsinhji, and L. C. H. Palairet engaged 1 in county matches, and other men, Maclaren and Jessop for example, not available, the Gentlemen's team could by no means be considered representative. On the other hand the Players although not at their strongest had a powerful team. On the first day's play the Gentlemen had much the worst of the game, for although they scored 200, which in these days is a formidable total, the Players put up 98 for the loss of only two wickets. The Gentlemen lost their first three wickets for 16 runs, W. L. Foster being in for half an hour for his three runs, but F. S. Jackson and P. F. Warner then played fine cricket with the result that during their partnership they put on 54 runs in an hour. For his 27 Jackson was batting for an hour and ten minutes. Warner still continued to play a beautiful but exceedingly patient game, and he survived until he had made 79 in three hours. It must be admitted that the cricket played by the Gentlemen as a whole was not of the attractive kind which is usually associated with Gentlemen's teams. But if the spectators had suffered for the greater part of the day, they were rewarded by seeing some very lively cricket when the Players went in for an hour and ten minutes. Tunnicliffe played a particularly pleasing game, and made his 39 in three quarters of an hour, his score being made up of eleven singles and seven 4's. The Players were seen to great advantage on Tuesday, the only man who failed being Thompson. Tyldesley was in splendid form, and made 79 in an hour and three quarters, his partnership with J. Gunn yielding 81 in less than an hour. Hirst again played admirable cricket, and later in the innings Rhodes set about the task of making the 76 runs which he required to complete his thousand for the season, and met with such success that before he was out he had the satisfaction of accomplishing the feat. The Gentlemen had to go in against a balance of 24, and in the three-quarters of an hour remaining for play scored 68 for three wickets. Yesterday, whatever chances they may have had of making a good fight, were spoilt by the rain, which delayed play until a few minutes past one o'clock. Nearly every man on the side made a useful score, and the tail played up so well that it was quite on the cards that the game would be drawn. But the bowlers always had slightly the best of the situation.

GENTLEMEN.

First innings.		Second innings.	
W L Foster, c Trott, b Hirst ...	3	b Rhodes	20
R H Spooner, b Hirst ...	0	c and b Thompson ...	44
W H B Evans, lbw, Tarrant ...	12	b Thompson ...	11
Hon F S Jackson, b Trott ...	27	c and b Trott ...	27
P F Warner, c Gunn, b Thompson	79	c Thompson b Trott ...	8
J Douglas, c Hunter, b Hirst	13	b Thompson ...	29
E Smith, c and b Rhodes ...	14	st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	26
B J T Bosanquet, b Hirst ...	3	c Brown, b Gunn ...	24
Lord Hawke, b Thompson ...	9	c Thompson, b Gunn ...	30
J C Hartley, not out ...	17	not out	3
C Headlam, c Hunter, b Rhodes	7	b Thompson ...	7
B 14, lb 2 ...	16	Extras ..	7
Total	200	Total ...	233

PLAYERS.

Brown, b Smith ...	33	Thompson, b Bosanquet	0
Tunnicliffe, c Headlam, b Evans	39	Rhodes, c Bosanquet, b Smith ...	82
Tyldesley, b Hartley ...	78	Trott, c Warner, b Smith	13
Denton, b Smith ..	18	Tarrant, b Smith ...	15
Gunn (J.), c Headlam, b Jackson	45	Hunter, not out ...	12
Hirst, c Bosanquet, b Smith	75	B 28, lb 5 w 1 ...	34
		Total	444

SURREY *vs.* MIDDLESEX.—Played at the Oval on 27th and 28th August. Middlesex won by an innings and 94 runs.

MIDDLESEX.

P F Warner, lbw, b Richardson	3	E A Beldam, c Strudwick, b Lees	25
L J Moon, b Lees ...	1	Trott, c Holland, b Richardson	40
G W Beldam, c Strudwick, b McDonell	112	G MacGregor, run out ...	33
J Douglas, c Strudwick, b Richardson	9	J H Hunt, lbw, b McDonell	2
B J T Bosanquet, c Strudwick, b McDonell	18	Hearne (J T) not out ...	8
C M Wells, c Hayward, b Lees	30	byes 3 nb 2 ...	5
		Total ...	281

SURREY.

Holland, c Hunt, b Hearne ...	10	b Hearne	11
Hayward, b Trott ...	14	b Hearne	5
Hayes, c Wells, b Trott ...	2	c Wells, b Trott ...	10
E M Dowson, c Hunt, b Trott	0	b Hearne .. .	36
Capt H S Bush, c Wells, b Hearne ...	15	c Hearne, b Wells ...	42
Lockwood, b Trott ...	0	st MacGregor, b Wells	0
L Walker, c MacGregor, b Trott	0	not out	9
Lees, lbw b Trott ...	0	st MacGregor, Wells ...	0
H C McDonell, not out ...	2	c MacGregor, b Wells	0
Strudwick, b Hearne ..	0	c Warner, b Wells ...	0
Richardson, Douglas, b Hearne	2	run out	10
B 10 lb 2	12	Byes	7
Total	57	Total ...	139

M.C.C. and GROUND *vs.* YORKSHIRE.—Played at Scarborough on 27th, 28th and 29th August. Yorkshire won by an innings and 16 runs.

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Thompson, c Hawke, b Haigh	5	c Haigh, b Smith ...	36
Carpenter, c Brown, b Haigh	17	absent, Hurt ...	0
Storer, c Hawke, b Haigh ...	0	b Smith	4
Relf, c Brown b Rhodes ...	28	lbw b Rhodes ...	56
W H B Evans, b Haigh ...	29	b Jackson ...	24
G J V Weigall, c Smith b Rhodes	1	b Jackson... ...	4
J C Hartley, b Rhodes ...	1	b Hirst	6
Whitehead (Lees), c Smith, b Rhodes	1	b Smith	59
H D G Leveson-Gower, b Rhodes	1	b Jackson ...	1
Tarrant, b Rhodes ...	11	not out	10
Cox, not out	1	st Hunter, b Rhodes ...	0
B 2, lb 3	5	B 14, nb 1 ...	15
Total... ...	100	Total ...	215

YORKSHIRE.

Brown, b Thompson ...	1	Rothery, not out ...	30
Tunnicliffe, c Relf, b Thomson	40	Rhodes, b Thompson ...	0
Denton, c Cox, b Tarrant ...	50	Haigh, b Evans ...	32
Hon F S Jackson, b Relf ...	54	Lord Hawke, b Thompson	19
Hirst, c Evans, b Thompson	60	B 12, lb 4, w 1 ...	17
E Smith, c Hartley, b Thompson	28	Total (9 wkts)*	331

Hunter did not bat. *Innings declared closed.

ESSEX *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at Leyton on 27th, 28th and 29th August. Essex won by 10 wickets.

Essex.

F L Fane, b R T Crawford	6	Buckenham, b Odell ...	0
C McGahey, b King ...	15	Reeves, b Odell ...	65
J H Douglas, b Marlow ...	5	Young, c Sub b Odell ...	6
Rev F H Gillingham, c Whiteside, b V Crawford ...	116	Mead, not out ...	33
Sewell, c & b Marlow ...	0	Russell (T), b Gill ...	8
P Perrin, b Odell ...	43	B 3, lb 6, w 1, nb 1 ...	11
		Total ...	308

Second innings.—Fane, not out, 3; McGahey, not out, 3. Total (no wkt), 6.

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First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, run out ...	5	b Mead	33
Whitehead, b Mead ...	24	b Mead	24
Knight, b Douglas ...	29	b Mead	21
King, b Mead	6	c Reeves, b Douglas ...	10
V F S Crawford, c Perrin b Mead	5	c McGahey, b Mead ...	3
Gill, lbw, b Mead ...	10	b Mead	23
R T Crawford, b Douglas ...	4	c Reeves, b Mead ...	22
F W Stocks, not out ...	21	c Russell, b Backenham	20
W W Odell, c Douglas, b Mead	15	not out	2
Marlow, b Mead	4	b Mead	0
Whiteside, b Mead ...	0	b Mead	0
B 18, lb 2, nb 1 ...	21	B 4, lb 6 ...	10
Total ...	144	Total ...	168

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* KENT.—Played at Bournemouth on 27th and 28th August Kent won by an innings and 17 runs.

HAMPSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
D A Steele, b Blythe ...	4	b Hearne	2
Capt E G Wynyard, st Huish, b Blythe	22	run out	27
E M Sprot, b Blythe ...	30	st Huish, b Blythe ...	1
Bowell, b Blythe	0	b Hearne	8
Llewellyn, c and b Blythe ...	7	b Blythe	0
A C Johnstone, b Blythe ...	0	b Hearne	0
F H Bacon, b Hearne ...	18	run out	13
Rev W V Jephson, b Fairservice	19	c Hearne, b Blythe ...	1
C Robson, c Huish, b Fairservice	18	c Day, b Blythe ...	18
Langford b Hearne ...	15	not out	4
Soar, not out	11	b Hearne	0
B 6, lb 3, nb 1 ...	10	Extras ...	0
Total ...	154	Total ...	74

KENT.

Hearne (A), c Robson, b Soar ...	1	Huish, run out ...	0
C J Burnup, c Robson, b Soar...	0	Fairservice, c Robson, b Soar	0
Seymour, c Steele, b Soar ...	23	Blythe, c and b Langford	28
S H Day, st Robson, b Llewellyn	62	Fielder, c & b Langford	0
E W Dillon, c Bowell, b Langford	31	B 4, lb 2 ...	6
K L Hutchings, not out ...	84	Total ...	245
E N R Blaker, c Sprot, b Llewellyn	10		

SURREY *vs.* LEICESTERSHIRE.—Played at the Oval on 31st August and 1st and 2nd September. Surrey won by three wickets.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J B Wood, b Richardson ...	0	absent hurt ...	0
Whitehead, c Strudwick, b Richardson	18	c Hayward, b Lees ...	1
Knight, c Hayward, b Lees ...	144	not out	91
King, c Strudwick, b Lockwood	23	c Lockwood, b Richardson ...	14
V F S Crawford, b McDonell	12	c Strudwick, b Richardson ...	6
C E de Trafford, c Strudwick, b Richardson	36	c & b McDonell ...	28
R T Crawford, b Richardson	2	st Strudwick, b McDonell	6
Gill, st Strudwick, b Hayes ...	40	b McDonell ...	10
W W Odell, c Bush, b Dowson	9	c Strudwick, b Lees ...	0
Allsopp not out	4	b McDonell ...	2
Whiteside, b Lees ...	6	c Hayes, b Lees ...	0
B 11, w 2, nb 5 ...	18	Total ...	155
Total	312		

SURREY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Holland, lbw, b Gill ...	6	c V Crawford, b Odell	66
Hayward, run out ...	16	run out	55
Hayes, c R T Crawford, b King	31	not out	105
Capt H S Bush, lbw, b Odell	3	c Whitehead b Gill ...	19
E M Dowson, lbw, b King ...	18	c King, b Gill ...	0
Lockwood, not out ...	60	c and b Gill ...	13
L Walker, c King, b R T Crawford	36	run out	2
Lees, b R T Crawford ...	0	c R Crawford, b Gill ...	10
H C McDonell, b R T Crawford	3	not out	8
Strudwick, b King ...	1		
Richardson, b R Crawford ...	4		
B 3, lb 3, nb 4 ...	10	B 3, w 2, nb 2 ...	
Total	188	Total (7 wickets.)	

WORCESTERSHIRE *vs.* GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Played at Worcester on 27th, 28th and 29th August. Worcestershire won by 10 wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

H K Foster, b Roberts ...	98	Gaukrodger, b Dennett ...	2
Capt W L Foster, run out	40	Bird, run out ...	11
Arnold, c Brownlee, b Huggins	10	Wilson, c Fowler, b Huggins ...	55
Bowley, c Board, b Huggins	4	Keene not out ...	1
Wheldon, b Roberts ...	6	B 4, lb 3, w 3 ...	10
W S Caldwell, c Board, b Dennett	3	Total ...	271
G Bromley-Martin, c Jessop, b Dennett	31		

Second Innings.—H K Foster, not out 17; Bowley, not out, 12; extras, 1. Total (no wicket), 30.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Wrathall, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	3	b Bird	30
R W Rice b Wilson	1	c Bird, b Wilson	36
Langdon, c Gaukrodger, b Arnold	1	b Arnold	27
W S A Brown, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	0	c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	18
G L Jessop, c Gaukrodger, b Wilson	36	c Gaukrodger, b Arnold	21
Board, b Arnold	18	b Wilson	0
L D Brownlee, b Arnold	0	b Wilson	15
T H Fowler, c W L Foster, b Arnold	0	b Wilson	3
Huggins, b Wilson	5	c H K Foster, b Wilson	15
Roberts, b Wilson	0	b Wilson	21
Dennett, not out	5	not out	0
Extras	13	B 22, lb 5 nb 4, w1	32
Total	82	Total	218

HAMPSHIRE *vs.* SOMERSET.—Played at Bournemouth on 31st August and 1st September. Somerset won by 109 runs.

SOMERSET.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E A Cresswell, b Soar	1	c Sprot, b Soar	17
L C H Palairet, c Jephson, b Langford	5	c Llewellyn, b Langford	3
P R Johnson, b Langford	7	c Steele, b Langford	29
F A Philips, b Soar	12	lbw, b Sprot	21
Braund c and b Langford	34	c Wynyard, b Sprot	132
		c Llewellyn, b Wynyard	27
D A Banks, c Stone, b Soar	0	lbw, b Wynyard	0
F M Lee, c Sprot, b Soar	15		
S M J Woods, c Sprot, b Langford	7	b Langford	3
Robson c Steele, b Soar	6	c Langford, b Soar	14
R B Porch, b Soar	0	not out	9
Cranfield, not out	0	st Stone, b Wynyard	22
B 3, w 1	4	B 5, lb 1	6
Total	91	Total	285

HAMPSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Capt. E G Wynyard, ht wkt, b Cranfield	68	run out	8
Bowell, c Phillips, b Woods	8	c Woods, b Braund	9
E M Sprot, b Braund	19	b Braund	9
D A Steele, c and b Cranfield	3	b Cranfield	0
Llewellyn, b Braund	19	c Robson, b Braund	3
A C Johnson, b Braund	0	b Woods	35
Rev. W V Jephson, c Phillips, b Cranfield	15	c and b Woods	13
F H Bacon, c Phillips, b Cranfield	3	b Braund	5
Stone, c Johnston, b Braund	2	not out	10
Langford, c Plairet, b Cranfield	0	c Braund, b Woods	0
Soar, not out	1	b Woods	1
B 15, lb 5	20	B 6, lb 8	14
Total	158	Total	107

SUSSEX *vs.* KENT.—Played at Brighton on 31st August and 1st, and 2nd September. Drawn.

SUSSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C B Fry, c Dillon, b Blythe	138	not out	101
Vine, b Fielder	4	b Fairservice	32
Killick, c Dillon, b Fielder	6	c Huish, b Fairservice	14
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Hardinge, b Fairservice	28	not out	72
G Brann, lbw, b Blythe	7		
W Newham, c Seymour, b Fielder	33		
Relf, c Seymour, b Fairservice	19		
R B Heygate, lbw, b Hardinge	12		
Cox, b Fairservice	7		
Butt, not out	7		
Tate b Fielder	1		
B10, lb 9, nb 2	21	Extras	14
Total	285	Total (2wkts)	*223

*Innings declared closed.

KENT.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C J Burnup, c Heygate, b Relf	80	b Tate	1
Hearne, c Butt, b Killick	25	c Ranjitsinhji, b Cox	10
Seymour, c Ranjitsinhji, b Cox	61	c Butt, b Tate	18
S H Day, lbw, b Relf	4	c Relf, b Tate	9
E W Dillon, c Relf, b Cox	4	not out	12
K L Hutchings, c Tate, b Relf	0	c Cox, b Tate	0
Hardinge, c Cox, b Ranjitsinhji	24	not out	10
Huish, c Butt, b Relf	23		
Fairservice, c Butt, b Tate	24		
Blythe, not out	16		
Fielder, b Relf	1		
Extras	25	B 10, lb 2, w 1	13
Total	287	Total (5wkts)	73

BATTING AVERAGES (18 innings).

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B	37	6	2,363	234	76·22
Ranjitsinhji, K S	33	6	1,467	162*	54·33
Iremonger	31	1	1,380	210	46·00
Gunn (J)	36	2	1,545	294	45·44
Perrin, P A	36	4	1,428	170	44·62
Maclaren, A C	49	8	1,805	204	44·02
Hirst	36	3	1,427	153	43·24
Tyldesley	45	6	1,675	248	42·94
Quaife (W G)	30	4	1,113	130	42·80
Jones, A O	35	2	1,410	296	42·72
Foster, H K	41	3	1,596	216	42·00
Knight	43	5	1,563	229*	41·13
Paiairet, L C H	18	2	629	114	39·31
Lester, J A	23	3	786	126*	39·30
Warner, P F	28	4	982	149	38·85
Jessop, G L	36	0	1,382	286	38·38
Poldevin, L O S	19	1	688	172*	38·22
Sprot, E M	25	3	815	103	37·04
Hayward	56	3	1,945	156*	36·69
Besanquet, B J T	27	1	946	108	36·38
Gunn (W)	29	1	1,011	139	36·10
Dowson, E M	40	4	1,290	135	35·83
Killick	37	3	1,204	116	35·41
Beldam, G W	27	2	858	118	34·32
Wright, L G	31	2	981	133	33·82
Bowley (F)	42	4	1,277	164	33·60
Denton	50	2	1,609	133	33·52
Hayes	55	6	1,600	145	32·65
McGahey, C H	39	5	1,089	144*	32·02
Burnup, C J	45	3	1,303	134	31·02
King (J H) (Leicestrshr)	42	3	1,172	167	30·05
Moon, L J	24	4	600	122	30·00
Arnold	42	6	1,080	128	30·00
Brown, (J T, sen)	44	1	1,285	125	29·88
King, J B	22	1	614	118*	29·23
Daniell, J	18	5	373	64*	28·69
Garnett, H G	26	2	687	122	28·62
Braund	41	3	1,086	111	28·57
Spooner, R H	46	1	1,283	247	28·51
Wheldon	36	1	969	112	27·68
Eccles, A	31	6	685	126	27·40
Wilson, F B	19	2	464	76	27·29
Bohlen, F H	24	0	639	93	26·62
Lilley	28	2	675	59	26·96
Lewellyn	38	5	851	148	25·78
Hawke, Lord	32	6	670	79	25·76
Wood, C J B	49	3	1,181	118*	25·73
John, P R	26	0	656	121	26·23
Fane, F L	33	2	761	90	24·54

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Langford	190·3	63	444	35	12·68
Blythe	861·4	276	1,819	140	12·99
Hirst	674·5	192	1,573	119	13·21
Ringrose	196·4	51	485	36	13·47
Hargreave	887·1	271	1,797	132	13·61
Mead	971·3	355	1,791	131	13·67
Rhodes	1213·3	387	2,430	169	14·37
McDonell, H C	295·1	58	792	52	15·29
Hearne (J T)	866·4	294	1,942	127	15·29
Moorhouse	377·1	115	870	55	15·81
King J B	451·3	106	1,253	78	16·06
Hearne (Alec)	383·2	123	827	51	16·21
Roberts (F G) (Glo'cstr)	595	184	1,380	84	16·42
Evans, W H B	294·2	75	806	49	16·44
Haigh	718·2	215	1,685	100	16·85
Young (H) (Essex)	389·2	102	897	52	17·25
Arnold	989·2	313	2,295	130	17·69
Burn, R C W	281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Barnes (S F)	1024	364	2,339	131	17·83
Keene	282·5	88	644	36	17·88
Fielder	429·1	123	1,185	66	17·95
Lockwood	589·2	107	1,697	93	18·24
Santall	399	120	859	47	18·27
Relf	912·1	314	2014	108	18·64
Trott (A E)	603·1	125	1,883	97	18·89
Besanquet, B J T	351·1	69	1,155	61	18·93
Gunn (J)	941·4	276	2,089	109	19·16
Martin, E G	327·1	118	710	37	19·18
Hulme	284·2	61	853	44	19·38
Field (Warwickshire)	334·2	75	1,015	52	19·51
Cranfield (B) (Somerset)	689·4	141	2,251	115	19·57
Cuttell	703·4	237	1,455	73	19·93
Lees	785·1	227	1,951	97	20·11
Bland	469·4	114	1,212	60	20·20
Hallam	587·3	226	1,363	66	20·65
Clark, P H	520·2	83	1,633	79	20·67
Beldam, G. W.	332·3	112	768	37	20·75
Wilson (G. A.) (Worcstr)	617·4	163	1,853	87	21·29
Braund	847·4	178	2,493	117	21·30
Hesketh-Prichard, H	432·4	97	1,210	56	21·60
Richardson (T) (Surrey)	832	177	2,453	112	21·90
Tate (F. W.) (Sussex)	573·4	160	1,487	67	22·19
Bestwick	678·4	178	1,691	76	22·25
Buckenham	340	55	1,023	45	22·73
Warren (A)	498·5	89	1,639	72	22·76
Bird (Worcestershire)	479·5	92	1,347	59	22·83
Robson (E.) (Somerset)	387·5	90	1,234	54	22·85
Keigwin, R. P.	305·5	63	875	38	23·02
Gill (G) (Leicestershire)	378·3	73	1,197	47	23·55
Brearley, W	522	101	1,727	73	23·65
Clede	419.4	93	1,235	52	25·75

SWIMMING.

THE CHANNEL SWIM.—To emulate the great performance of the late Captain Webb, who, on 24th and 25th August 1875 swam the English Channel, was the ambition of the once famous cyclist Montague Holbein. Four times has he tried and failed, and now a disappointed man he says that he will make no further attempt. Everything appeared favourable when he started from Dover on Tuesday evening, for the wind had dropped away to nothing and the sea had subsided with remarkable suddenness; in fact, when he entered the water there was what is known as a flat calm. Through a perfectly still night he made splendid progress, so much so that at one time he was travelling too rapidly. Side stroke and back stroke alternately carried him nearer the French coast, and when day broke he replied cheerily that he was quite well and confident. A message came through that, barring accidents, he could not fail, and those that accompanied him were congratulating themselves on having witnessed a performance upon which not the slightest shadow of doubt or suspicion could be thrown. However, at the moment when everything appeared to be settled came the disappointment which eventually caused the swim to end in failure. He was then as fresh as could be expected, and had already been within four miles of the French coast. However, he met contrary tides, and was swept back towards Dover. For four hours he tried to fight nature, but then had lost four miles, and was eight miles off the coast. It was no use going on, and when told that he could not possibly reach France he left the water, after having swum about forty miles in 17hrs. 20mins. This condition speaks for itself, when it is mentioned that Holbein clambered into the tug unassisted. He did not want for attention throughout his swim, for he had the best of advice and was taken through a perfect course. Had luck attended him yesterday, the story of the swim would have been written in a different manner, and the word "success" largely used. Doubt has often been expressed whether Captain Webb ever did swim the Channel, but as there are men alive to-day who were with him on that occasion and say that he did it, and fairly too, it is wrong to question the feat. However, in the face of Holbein's carefully-prepared efforts, the grand physical condition of the swimmer, and his great pluck and determination, it is remarkable that Webb, who did not take these precautions, succeeded where the once famous cyclist failed.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE DOHERTYS IN AMERICA.

H L. Doherty and R F. Doherty scored in overwhelming fashion over the American tennis experts at the Meadow Club (Southampton) Tournament. The English tennis champions between them won both the finals in the Singles and Doubles. In the Singles H. L. Doherty defeated William A. Larned, the American champion, in three sets by the score of 6—1, 6—2, 6—1. In the Doubles the Doherty brothers defeated William A. Larned and Beals C. Wright by the score of 6—1 6—3, 6—1. The play of the Englishman never reached the topmost flights of brilliancy exhibited at times by their opponents, but they were cool and calculating under all circumstances. They made few errors, and in this respect made a strong contrast with the American players. Larned scored a number of phenomenal pases against the little Doherty in the Singles match, but his work at the close was weak, and Doherty took the points at will. Wright made a heroic effort to take a set in the Doubles contest, but H L Doherty placed the ball to the sides and crosscourted so cleverly that the Americans were outplayed in all the games.

The scores in the Singles were:

		Pts.	Sc.
First Set.			
H L Doherty	4 7 11 7 4 2	4—39	6
W A Larned	2 5 9 5 2 4	2—29	
Second Set.			
H L Doherty	4 4 4 5 2 2 4	4—29	6
W A Larned	2 0 1 3 4 4 1	1—16	2
Third Set.			
H L Doherty	4 4 4 1 4 4	4—25	6
W A Larned	2 2 1 4 0 1	2—12	1

The scores in the Doubles were:

		Pts.	Sc.
First Set.			
Doherty Brothers	4 4 4 4 2 4	5—27	6
Wright and Larned	2 1 0 2 4 1	3—13	1
Second Set.			
Doherty Brothers	4 0 4 2 4 1 4 4	4—27	6
Wright and Larned	2 4 0 4 4 1 1 2	2—20	3
Third Set.			
Doherty Brothers	0 4 4 6 5 4	5—28	6
Wright and Larned	4 0 2 4 3 0	3—16	1

On the following day W A Larned met R F Doherty in an exhibition match in the Singles. The American was in much better condition than on the previous day against H. L. Doherty. Each man worked hard for the points, and there was an abundance of brilliant play. The final score was 6—3, 6—4, 6—4 in favour of W. A. Larned.

Both the Doherty and their partners were defeated in the Mixed Doubles in the morning. The only one of the Englishmen to retain his place was Harold S. Mahony, who was paired with Mrs. Handley.

GOLF.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE TEAM IN AMERICA.

Chicago exchanges of 18th August contain the following: The team of Oxford and Cambridge golfers to-day won the honours in the first of the contests in the West, defeating L. T. Boyd's All-Western team on the links of the Chalcago G. C., at Wheaton, in the best-ball foursomes, three to two, and winning the singles competition by the score of eight to three. In the latter event, Louis N. James, Walter E. Egan, and B. F. Cummins were the only home representatives who succeeded in defeating their British rivals.

H. Chandler Egan and Norman F. Hunter furnished the most exciting match of the contest. Five hundred enthusiasts who watched the play saw Hunter complete the 6,032 yards course in 71, breaking all records, either amateur or professional. Mr. Hunter won his match handily by four up, going out in 35 and coming home in 36, but Mr. Egan was not disgraced, for he returned 76, which is one better than his former record, and only one stroke worse than the record of 75 made yesterday by G. H. B. Ellis, of Oxford, and equalled early to-day by P. W. Leathart, of Cambridge. Not even Harry Vardon, who made the course in 74, played such remarkable golf. Mr. Hunter's feat of clipping off eleven strokes from the difficult "Bogey" score appeared so brilliant that the victory of the Englishmen seemed a secondary matter. The record-breaking card read:

Out: 5 4 4 4 4 3 5 4 4 2—35
Home: 3 4 3 5 4 5 4 4 4—36—71.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

THE FOURSOMES.

Oxford and Cambridge.			All West.
T M Hunter and Norman Hunter	1	*vs.*	L Chandler Egan and Walter Egan 0
J A T Bramston and H W Beveridge	1	"	G A Ormiston and Stuart Stickney 0
G D Barne and D F Ransom	0	"	Lewis James and J W Sellers 1
G H B Ellis and P W Leathart	1	"	R F Mundy and Bruce Smith 0
J L Law and C H Allison	0	"	B F Cummins and W I Osborn 1
Total	3		Total 2

THE SINGLES.

Oxford and Cambridge.		All West.	
N F Hunter	1	*vs.* Chandler Egan	0
H G B Ellis	0	" Walter Egan	1
J A T Bramston	1	" G A Ormiston	0
J L Low	1	" Stuart Stickney	0
G D Barne	1	" R F Munday	0
T M Hunter	0	" Louis James	1
D F Ransom	1	" Bruce Smith	0
H W Beveridge	1	" J M Sellers	0
P W Leathart	1	" W T G Bristol	0
C H Allison	0	" B F Cummins	0
C N Day	1	" W I Osborne	0
Total	8	Total	3

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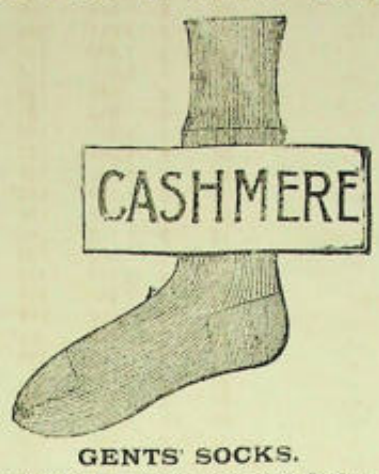

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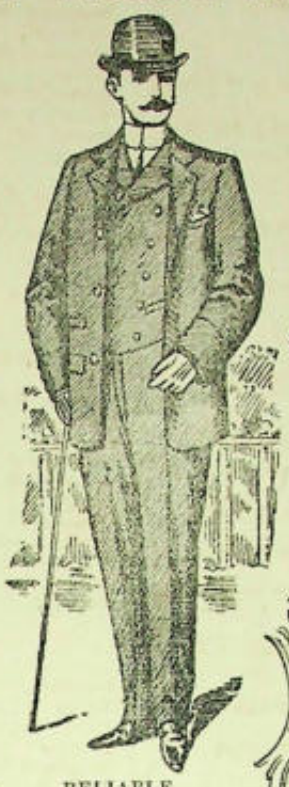

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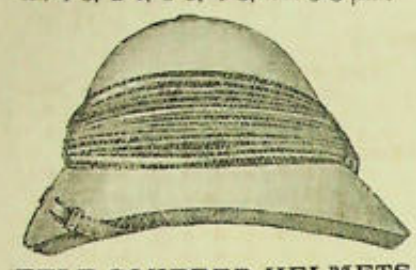

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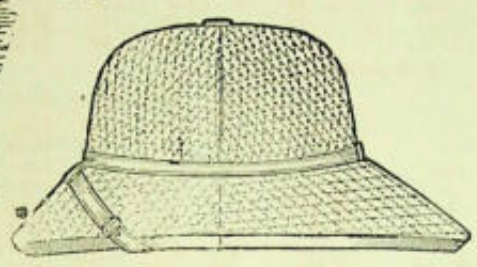

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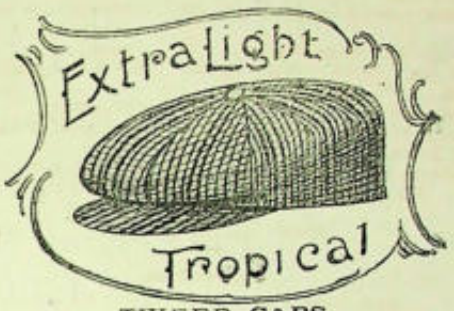

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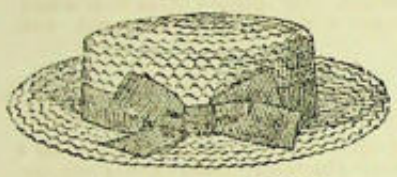

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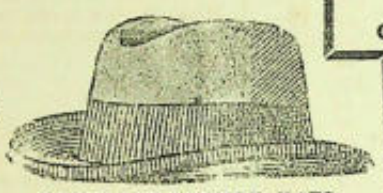

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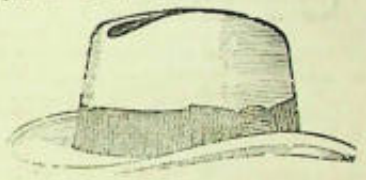

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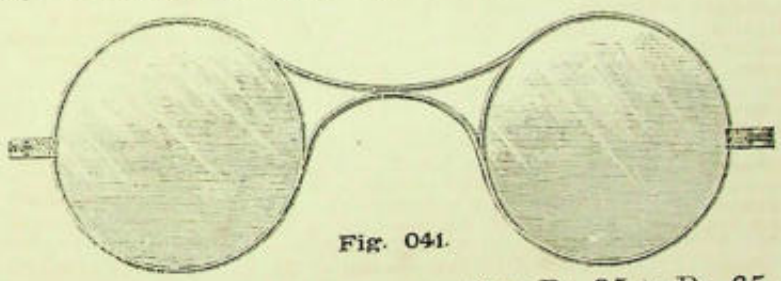

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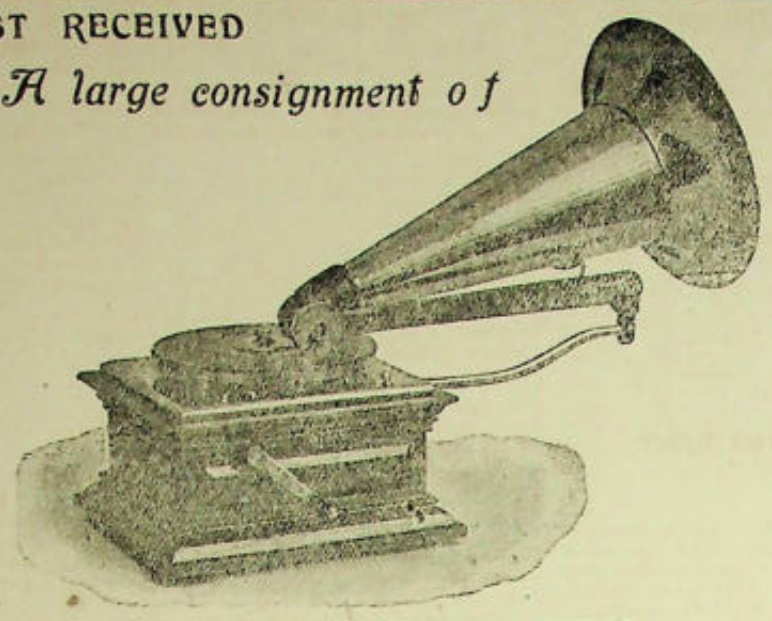

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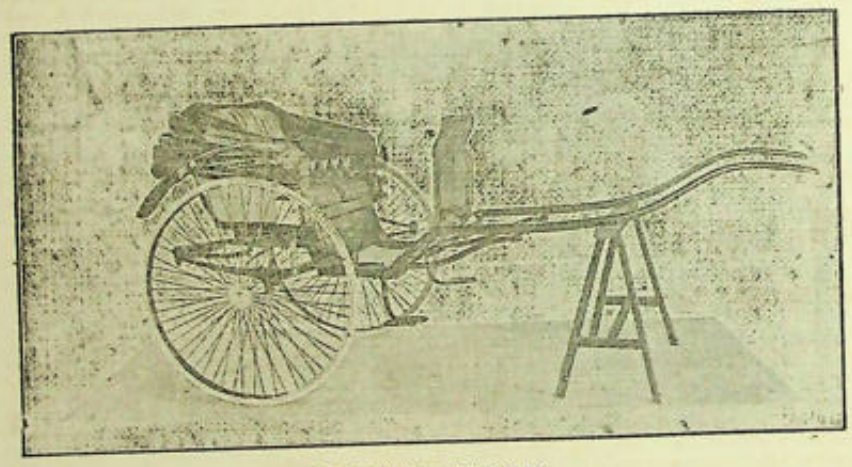

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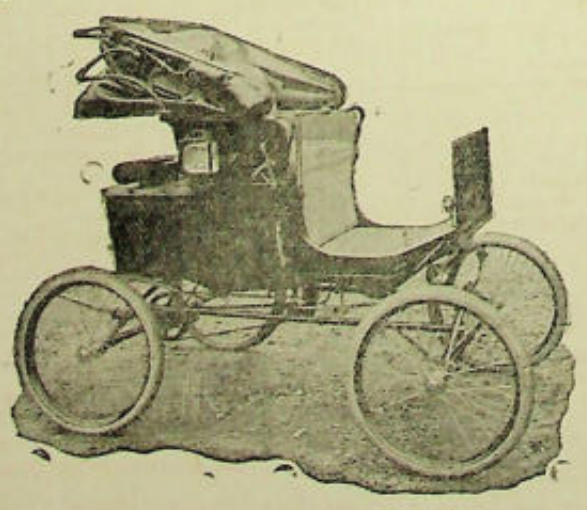

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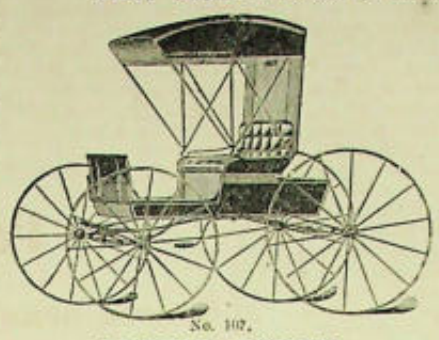

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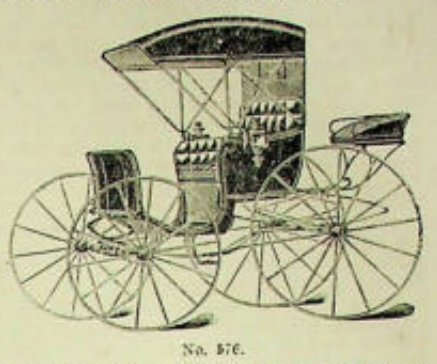

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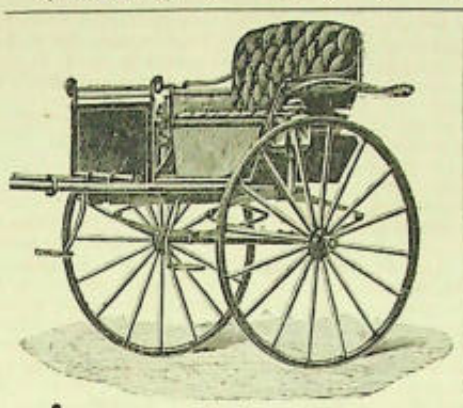

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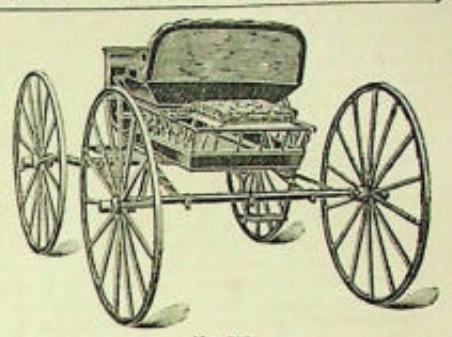

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POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

HARAPSAR is never I gather one of the fashionable meets, and this is all the more remarkable since it is one of the closest and allows the lie-a-beis an extra half hour. But the covers are apparently none too reliable and when a jack is accommodating to remain at home out of compliment to his distinguished visitors from the Fytchley and elsewhere, he generally makes, wisely enough, for the rocky fastnesses of Gibbet Hill (ominous name) and the apparently inaccessible heights of the Kartruj range. These were presumably, therefore, the disturbing influences which prevented more than a fairly large field from coming to seek sport on the 13th September: certainly fewer than the recent brilliant runs might have led one to anticipate. Passing through the village, the Master having strategically posted his field on the high road, proceeded to draw somewhat extensive sugarcane fields on the right, but the "Not at Home" box was on the gate post and after half an hour of the most careful and patient work on the part of hounds, uninteresting enough it must be confessed to the field who could enjoy but little of the cover work, Colonel Sheringham had to sound the drawn blank, and rejoined the expectant and admirably patient members on the road. Crossing this and eschewing cane cover on the further side the master drew some likely looking spinneys and patches of crop near the canal, and after some anxious minutes the ever acceptable hint of good things in the shape of feathering sterns set blood a-tingling once again. On reaching a country cart track near a jowari field all doubt was at once dispelled and hounds settled to business at a very fair pace. Hard indeed rocky, was the going and to a great extent lacking the charm of variety peculiar to better portions of this hunting country, but very enjoyable I gather for all that. Towards the Southern Mahratta Railway line and stopping short of it the jack led hounds for some distance parallel to it. But hounds were beginning to press cruelly close, and feeling that fleetness and vigour were failing him he made one despairing effort at his inherent wiliness for darting under a timely culvert under the line he doubled sharp back over it. An admirable idea, but faultily executed, or else hounds were a trifle too clever. For his ruse scarcely spared him a minute's grace and he had scarcely cleared the line limits when hounds tumbled him over. A very excellent little quarter of an hour, I hear, it was and thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a few minutes to "fill the bellows" the master drew several likely sugarcane fields, any one of which ought to have held a jack, but sugar was not in request that morning. Not even a patch from which a galloping jack was evicted and afforded a capital run some little time ago. But all was blank and the heat was getting oppressive and the master wisely drew on towards Saswad Station, seven miles from Poona, where the hound cart was waiting. A very pleasant little morning and it must have fully repaid all those keen souls whom neither sheet rock nor stone-clad hills can daunt.

The Club of Western India Ball was naturally enough a greater attraction than most even of the keenest hunters could well resist, and though I hear of a few ardent souls who changed straight from their dress clothes and finery into their hunting toggery, this fine sporting instinct was not, it must be admitted, followed by very many, and the meet at the sixth mile-stone on the Ahmednagar Road was, needless to say, somewhat sparsely patronized.

"The best of all ways to lengthen your days
Is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear,"

sang the immortal Tommy Moore, but when the petty pilfering amounts to wholesale appropriation of the whole twelve hours and merges night into day and day into night, the process is more calculated to result in a shortening than a lengthening of our existence. One cannot burn the candle at each end and in the centre very long—without the demolition of the candle. But Colonel Sheringham, who holds I believe to the strict creed of the never dying Jorrocks that there is no colour like scarlet, no sport like "untin" was doubtless gratified to find even a score of just souls waiting to do him homage. The master sympathizingly gave a few minutes law to any straggling "ball dancer" who might take a little extra to awake to the solicitations of a faithful mental, and then moved off and drew towards the Lahogaum Tank. Over an hour was spent in futile efforts to find, during which hounds worked I hear most zealously, and indeed I hear on all sides of their wonderful keenness. At last dampened spirits were rewarmed by the gladsome music from melodious throats, but the jack was a liver-hearted brute, who hadn't even the pluck I gather to run for his life and after a brief spurt surrendered ignominiously and met a nobler death than he deserved. After this, for the best part of another hour, a series of sugarcanes and jowari fields were drawn blank when (to every one's relief it must have been) in a big patch of sugarcane near the hill of Wagholi a brace of jack were found at home, and after some splendid hound work in cover one was forced by press of existing circumstances to face the open and hounds were soon on his line in answer to the trusted summons of the master. A fast little burst of a couple of miles over "mixed" going ensued when he was, I hear, headed by some cattle and herdsmen and doubled right back for his home in the sugarcane field. But hounds would take no denial, and were I gather greatly incensed at such unsporting conduct on his part, and after determined hustling for several minutes once more forced him to take refuge in flight then this quaint minded varmint thought he couldn't follow a better line than his previous effort, and ran virtually the same line over again! Once more he was headed by the same cattle and once more frustrated in his obvious effort to make good his sanctuary in some prickly pear, went back once more to his happy home in the sugar (home sweet home in very truth) whence hounds were unable to force him again. It must have been splendid work on the part of hounds, but they never wearied I believe of the monotonous back and forward hunting the jack insulted them with, and were marvellously fresh after what must have been a most trying morning's hunting. I cannot vouch for the correctness of this account, as so few were out that it has been with the utmost difficulty I have been able to gather scraps here and there and weave them into this plain, unvarnished tale. I hear the pack has sustained a serious loss in the departure of Major Chesney of the XVIIIth B.I., who has acted as one of the whips throughout the year and whose experience with hounds in India and zeal in sport must have been of considerable assistance to the master throughout the season.

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THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

THE meet on the 14th instant was at Sandsay Nullah Toll Bar. The swamp by Preston's Crossing was first drawn and hounds started a jack which, after a couple of hundred yards, proved to be a sporting pariah dog. Below Wapshare's Hare Shola hounds followed a stale line as far as the old Pykara Road where scent failed. Bracken cover was next drawn and produced a brood of porcupine. The Yemakal Valley was the next place, and a jack was put up. He gave the field a curly run and went to ground. The Master put in the terriers, and having dug him out had him killed

Polo.

QUETTA OPEN TOURNAMENT.

First Round.

STATION *vs.* JACOB'S HORSE.—The latter team had to play a substitute at back and were beaten by 8 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 3 goals and 1 subsidiary. In the first three chuckers they failed to score, their opponents leading by 3 goals and 2 subsidiaries. In the fourth chucker Jacob's Horse scored a subsidiary, but the Station team put on 5 more goals, and though their opponents added 3 goals to their score they were quite outclassed and beaten as stated. Teams:—

JACOB'S HORSE.	STATION.
Capt. Alexander	Capt. Lash
Sowar Sewa Singh	Mr. Rose Price
Mr. Davidson	" Akers Douglas
Capt. Mathew	" Goldingham

9TH LANCERS *vs.* 7th BOMBAY LANCERS.—This game was played on the 14th instant, and resulted in a win for the 9th Lancers by 7 goals and 6 subsidiaries to 1 one goal and 4 subsidiaries. In the first 3 chuckers the 9th put on 2 goals and 4 subsidiaries. In the 4th chucker a goal was added and at the end of the sixth they were 7 goals and 6 subsidiaries. The seventh scored a subsidiary in the second chucker and it was not till the sixth chucker that their score was augmented and a goal and 3 subsidiaries was added before the end of the game. Teams.

9TH LANCERS.	7TH BOMBAY LANCERS.
Lieut. Jackson	Capt. Loring
Major Willoughby	Major Wadeson
Lieut. Cavendish	Capt. Talbot
Capt. Durand	Lieut. Bruce

EIGHTH MOUNTAIN BATTERY *vs.* SECOND BOMBAY LANCERS.—These teams met on the 15th instant, when the Lancers simply ran away from their opponents, eventually winning by 14 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 1 goal 1 subsidiary. The Battery failed to score till the 5th chukker, when they notched a subsidiary; their opponents, however, had scored with great rapidity and were leading by 10 goals and 2 subsidiaries. In the fourth chukker they put on no less than six goals. The Gunners played a sporting game, but were quite outclassed, they scored one goal towards the end, but the Lancers had all the best of it and ran their score to 14 goals and 3 subsidiaries before play closed. Teams:—

No. 8 MOUNTAIN BATTERY.	2ND BOMBAY LANCERS.
Mr Ingham.	Mr Griffith.
" Bull.	Mr Cassels.
Capt. Wilkinson.	Capt Keogh.
Major Parker (*back*).	Capt Griffith (*back.*)

Rowing.

LUCKNOW ANNUAL REGATTA.

LUCKNOW, 20*th September.*

THE Lucknow Annual Regatta began on Thursday in fine but very steamy weather. There was, says our correspondent, a fair attendance, but September is not a popular month here and ladies are but few. Racing was continued on Friday and Saturday, and will be again to-morrow, the final day being Tuesday. I append the results arrived at so far and hope to let you have the rest in time for your next issue.

THE SMYTHE CHALLENGE CUP.

1st Heat.

E H Burnaby beat N F Addis.

Addis got away with a good lead, but could not keep it, and Burnaby eventually won fairly easily by 5 lengths. Time—2mins. 16½secs.

2nd Heat.

L G M Harcourt beat A Fremantle.

Harcourt had all the best of it, and won, as he liked, by four lengths. Time—2mins. 21secs.

Semi-Final.

H N Hutchinson beat E H Burnaby.

Won easily (by more than six lengths). Time—2mins. 11⅘secs.

A De V Maclean beat L G M Harcourt.

A good race ended in Maclean beating Harcourt by a quarter of a length. Time—2mins. 25secs.

THE POPE CHALLENGE CUP.

1st Heat.

L G Ionides, F O'Neill, Mrs O'Neill (cox) *vs.* W Appleyard, A De V Maclean, Mrs H D Lawrence (cox)

Mrs Lawrence's pair scratched.

2nd Heat.

M E Johnson, C J Boyce, Mrs Ryves (cox) beat R C P Blyth, A H Radice, Mrs Wallace (cox)

A very exciting race, rowed when it was already dark. Mrs Ryves' boat won by three-quarters of a length. Time—2mins. 5secs.

Final

L G Ionides, F O'Neill, Mrs O'Neill (cox) *vs.* M E Johnson, C J Boyce, Mrs Ryves (cox)

Rowed on Saturday. Mrs. O'Neill's boat passed the winning post a couple of feet ahead. Mrs. Ryves' pair, however, put in a claim for a foul: this being upheld by the Committee, the race will be re-rowed to-morrow (Monday).

THE ANNUAL FOUR OAR CHALLENGE CUP.

This Cup was wrongly described by me in last week's *Indian Field*, as the "R. E. Challenge Bowl," my authority being the official programme. As a matter of fact the original Cup of this series was presented by the 18th Hussars and it should be properly described as "The Annual Four Oar Challenge Cup."

1st Heat.

IVTH BC	beat	GLOUCESTERS
P N Craigie		R C P Blyth
C Hodgkinson		R J Gray
G Craster		R M S Gardiner
J P Barnes		R H Radice
C Newnham (cox)		H Spear (cox)

Not a very exciting race. The Gloucesters were outclassed altogether, and the VIth B. C. won, without distressing themselves, by three lengths. Time—2mins. 35secs.

2nd Heat

EAST SURREYS	beat	O R K
L M Miller		D H Keelan
W Appleyard		N F Addis
P B Stafford		A Gardiner
L G Ionides		H Cooper
E St L Shaw (cox)		R F G Scott (cox)

At a small regatta held here last month these two crews had a tremendous fight in the semi-final, the O.R.K. winning by the narrowest of margins. Naturally, therefore, great interest was attached to their meeting on Thursday. Another very good race was the result, and the East Surreys, after a splendid struggle, got their revenge, beating the O.R.K. by a length and a half. Time—2mins. 52⅘ secs. For the benefit of those of your readers who are not good at conundrums it may be as well to mention that the O.R.K. is a compound title, indicating that the crew is composed of men in the Oudh and Rohilkhund and the Rohilkhund and Kumaon Railways.

THE GENERAL'S CHALLENGE BOWL.

Semi-finals.

VITH BC (No. 1)	beat	O & R RY
G Craster		A Gardiner
J P Barnes		H Cooper
H N Hutchinson (cox		R F G Scott (cox)

Won by three lengths, in 2mins. 3⅕secs.

VITH B C	beat	48TH PIONEERS
P N Craigie		M E Johnson
C Hodgkinson		C J Boyce
C H Cordeux (cox)		W A Gover (cox)

Won by a length and a quarter. Time—2mins. 3⅕secs.

A MATCH.

OLD BEDFORDIANS.	beat	OLD HAILLANSHREWINCHESTERS.
A H Radice		A Gardiner
Mr E Johnson		H O Parr
C J Boyce		H Cooper
J P Barnes		L G Ionides
C H Cordeux (cox)		R F G Scott (cox)

Won by three lengths. Time—2 mins. 52⅕ secs.

In conclusion it will suffice to say that the Regatta has been an unequivocal success, and that all Lucknow should be grateful to the Committee, and more especially to Mr. Cooper, the Honorary Secretary, for their efforts to help us to pass this weary month of September. On Saturday, by the way, the O. and R. R. were "At Home," and the band of the VIIth Rajputs were present.

Cricket.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* HINDU GYMKHANA.—These teams met on the 15th instant when the Hindus had an easy victory by 127 runs. They went in first and put up 202 runs. Dandekar (58 not out), Mehta (43) and Date (41) being the chief scorers. The Gymkhana fared very badly and were quickly disposed of for 75. Armes and Aston being the only ones to get into double figures. Score:—

HINDU GYMKHANA.

Mr W L Masurker, c and b Cheetham ...	0
" P K Telang, b Stileman	23
" M D Pai, c substitute, b Cheetham ...	1
" C V Mehta, c McDonald, b Gratwicke ...	43
" W B Talpade, c Gratwicke, b Cheetham ...	2
" A G Desmukh, b Stileman	0
" V S Sanzgiri, b Stileman	11
" P N Dandekar, not out	58
" K A Date, c Aston, b Capt McDonald ...	11
" P S Dhargalkar, c Aston, b Cheetham ...	7
" M R Deo, c Gratwicke, b Stileman ...	0
Extras ...	16
Total ...	202

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

HINDUS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mr Cheetham	21	52	2	4
" Stileman	22·4	62	4	4
Capt McDonald	9	27	2	1
*Mr Gratwicke	5	15	1	1
" Coombs	7	16	1	0
* " Powell	4	14	0	0

*Each bowled 1 wide.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Lieut P J Armes, b C V Mehta	19
" A Langhorne, c Dhargalkar, b Talpade ...	8
Mr A H Aston, c Date, b Deo	23
" H Cheetham, st Dhargalkar, b Mehta ...	8
" S N Powell, l-b-w, b Deo	0
" E Stileman, st Dhargalkar, b Deo	5
Capt McDonald, b Deo	5
Mr E Priestley, c Deo, b Mehta	6
Capt Bond, b Deo	0
Mr E E Coombs, c Pai, b Mehta	6
" F St G Gratwicke, not out	0
Extra	1
Total ...	75

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA—Innings.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mr Talpadi ...	6	22	1	1
" Date ...	2	4	0	0
" Deo ...	12·4	35	1	5
" C V Mehta ...	8	13	4	4

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CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

BYCULLA CLUB *vs.* BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—The annual match between these teams resulted this year in an easy win for the Gymkhana by six wickets and 16 runs. Mr. Cheetham played a good innings of 73 while Mr. Coombs took six wickets for 23 runs. Score.—

BYCULLA CLUB.

Mr C L Burns, b Coombs	26
Mr M R Jardine, b Coombs	0
Mr S M McCausland, l-b-w, b Coombs	47
Mr A C Rumboll, b Coombs	0
Mr E B Raikes, b Coombs	28
Capt L R Y Hutchinson, b Cheetham	0
Mr W C Symes, l-b-w, b Powell	12
Mr D B Binning, c Capt Bond, b West	13
Mr M F Reid, b Coombs	0
Capt H M Moore, run out	0
Capt E V Fox, not out	2
Mr H L Richardson, b Powell	1
Extras	6
Total ...	112

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr H Cheetham, c and b Richardson ...	73
Mr A H Aston, c McCausland, b Raikes ...	0
Lieut P J Ames, b Fox	31
Mr S N Powell, b Richardson	38
Lieut A Langhorne, not out	10
Mr A B Burney	
Mr E Priestley	
Capt McDonald	Did not bat.
Mr S J West	
Mr E E Coombs	
Capt Bond	
Mr F St Geo Gratwicke	
Extras ...	6
Total (for 4 wkts)	158

BOWLING ANALYSES

BYCULLA CLUB.—Innings.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mr Cheetham ...	17	50	2	1
Mr Coombs	21	23	9	6
Mr West	11	32	2	1
Capt McDonald ...	4	9	1	0
Mr Gratwicke ...	4	9	0	0
Mr Powell	6·4	18	0	2

GYMKHANA.—Innings.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mr Raikes	17	49	1	1
Capt Fox	9	41	1	1
*Mr Richardson ...	8	22	1	2
Mr Rumboll	7	18	2	0
Mr Jardine	6	22	0	0

*Bowled one no ball.

CRICKET AT NAGPUR.

NAGPUR GYMKANA *vs.* KAMPTEE GYMKHANA.—Played at Nagpur the visitors winning by three wickets and 53 runs. Score :—

NAGPUR GMYMKHANA.

Mr Hullah, b Ralingoo	7
,, Beddy, b Lumsden	3
,, Hogarth, c substitute, b Nulty	6
,, Ali Hassan, c Smith, b Ragoo	44
,, Stanyon, c Ragoo, b Raglingoo	5
,, Glasscott, c Everingham, b Nulty	53
,, Playfair, c Nulty, b Ranglingoo	11
Capt Goring-Jones, lbw, b Raglingoo	9
Mr Adams, b Nulty	14
,, Willford, c lumsden, b Raglingoo	1
,, Wills, not out	12
Extras	12
Total ...	177

KAMPTEE GYMKHANA.

Mr Raglingoo, retired	76
Capt Hodding, b Glasscott	5
Mr Ellery, b Ali Hassan	4
Lieut Lumsden, retired	83
Mr Smith, c Beddy, b Goring-Jones	13
Mr Mackenzie, b Ali Hassan	23
Mr Sanderson, c Hogarth, b Ali Hassan	0
Mr Everingham, not out	2
Mr Rajoo, not out	8
Mr Hibbert, Mr Nulty — did not bat	
Extras ...	16
Total (for 7 wkts) ...	230

CRICKET AT BANGALORE.

UNDER 30 *vs.* OVER 30.—Played on the 17th instant The younger men went in first and made 186. Messrs Watney and Mathews made a good stand, Captain Puckle also played well while Mr. Extras contributed a useful 32! The *buddas* only made 60 in their first innings, but in the second venture put up 101 for 5 wickets. Score:—

UNDER 30.—*1st Innings.*

C W Watney, b Nixon	57
C L Mathews lbw, Robertson	50
J H Fuller, b Nixon	0
Capt Puckle c Burt, b K Pillai	21
S L Wace, b Nexon	0
C M Wagstaffe, c Johnson, b Nixon	2
C M Hare, c and b K Pillai	3
H R Bowen, b Nixon	0
A C H Garsia, c and b Nixon	1
L C Bruce, c Robertson, b K Pillai	9
R I Lascelles, not out	1
Extras	32
Total ...	186

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	B.	R.	M.	W.
Tufnell	36	18	1	0
Robertson	66	33	0	1
General Nixon	124	65	1	6
Major Johnson	24	21	0	0
K Pillai	54	17	2	2

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General Nixon, c Lascelles, b Bruce	11	c Wace, b Lascelles ...	2
Major Hayes, b Hare ...	17	c Fuller, b Puckle ...	2
Major Churchill, not out ...	5	c and b Wace ...	11
Mr Hume-Wright, c Bruce, b Hayes	0	not out	2
Mr Robertson, c Mathews, b Hare	0	c Lascelles, b Puckle	36
Capt Tufnell, lbw, b Bruce ...	2	not out	20
Major Johnson, b Hare ...	2	c Garsia, b Wagstaffe	18
Capt Ryder, st Mathews, b Bruce	6		
Kanakaratnam Pillai, b Bruce	2	did not bat	
Major Burt, b and c Bruce ...	0		
Capt Standage, absent		absent	
Extras	15	Extras ...	10
Total ...	60	Total (for 5 wkts) ...	101

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	1st Innings. B.	R.	M.	W.	2nd Innings. B.	R.	M.	W.
Hare ...	54	24	2	4	30	13	1	...
Bruce ...	50	21	2	5	18	11	...	...
Wace ...	...	...	...	...	36	22	...	1
Lascelles ...	...	...	...	...	18	6	1	1
Puckle ...	...	...	...	...	26	35	0	2
Wagstaffe ...	...	...	...	...	6	2	0	1

CRICKET AT POONA.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA *vs.* POONA GYMKHANA.—This annual fixture was concluded on the 18th instant and resulted in a win for Poona by an innings and 114 runs. The Bombay men put up 75 in the first innings and 39 in the second on high scores being made. Poona scored 228 runs, A. L. Smith carrying his bat for 32. Messrs. Macdonogh and Faviell added useful scores. For the winners, Macdonogh and Manson bundled with great success. Score :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mr Ashton, c Lyon, b Manson	20	c Lyon, b Manson ...	2
,, H Scott, c and b Manson ...	5	c Manson, b Macdonogh	5
,, H O Carroll, b Macdonogh	4	c Faviell, b Manson ...	0
,, Priestley, c Manson, b Macdonogh	8	c Carroll, b Manson ...	0
,, Stileman, c Faviell, b Macdonogh	0	st Kearsey, b Manson...	7
Capt Hughes, b Macdonogh ...	6	b Macdonogh ...	0
Capt Macdonald, c Sergeant, b Manson	0	c Faviell, b Macdonogh	2
Mr Harrington, c Faviell, b Manson	4	b Macdonogh ...	6
Mr Combs, c Carroll, b Macdonogh	17	c Manson, b Macdonogh	10
Capt Stiff, c Smith, b Macdonogh	7	not out	2
Capt Creach, not out ...	3	b Macdonogh ...	0
Extra	3	Extra ...	5
Total ...	75	Total ...	39

BOWLING. ANALYSIS.

	1st Innings. O.	R.	M.	W.	O	2nd Innings. R.	M	W.
Mr Macdonogh ...	18	33	4	6	9·5	19	3	6
,, Manson ...	15	39	2	4	9	15	1	4
,, Faviell ...	1	0	1	0	...	...	...	...

POONA GYMKHANA.—1st Innings.

Mr Faviell, c Coombs, b Carroll	32
,, B E Manson, b Harrington	16
,, A L Smith, not out	82
,, B M Carroll, c Hughes, b Stileman	21
,, Macdonogh, st Priestley, b Macdonald	36
,, Lyon, b Coombs	9
,, Green, c Priestley, b Coombs	4
,, Kearsey, b Coombs	2
Capt Davy, b Coombs	0
Mr Sargent, l b w, b Coombs	4
Col Hazelton, c Coombs, b Stileman	0
Extras ...	22
Total ...	228

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mr Coombs	19	57	1	5
,, Stileman	17	66	2	2
,, Carroll	9	22	3	1
,, Harrington	7	30	1	1
Capt Macdonald ...	6	31	0	1

Football.

THE DURAND TOURNAMENT.

QUEENS *vs.* WELSH FUSILIERS.—The match between these teams at Simla on the 16th instant resulted in a win for the Queens by three goals to love. They got away at the start and Stolworthy getting possession banged the ball into the net. The Welsh played up and made great effort, but after some fast and level play the Queens once more netted the ball from a melée a third goal being registered just before half time. The Welsh tried hard to score in the second period, but their shooting was poor and the combination of their opponents superior. The Queens had several shots at goal, all of which were saved, and no further scoring taking place, the game ended as stated.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* GORDONS.—This match was played on the 18th inst. and resulted after a grand game in a win for the Rifles by a goal to *nil* The Gordons had to play a spare man in place of their goal keeper. The game began by the Irish taking the ball down into their opponents territory and four corners were secured no score resulting. The Gordons then had a turn and the Irish custodian had to save on a couple of occassions. Fast and rough play closed the half without any score having been registered. The Gordons had the best of the opening exchanges in the second moiety and the Rifles' half was invaded; the Gordons claimed a hand-ball in front of goal but it was disallowed and the Irish getting away, Edmonston, their centre forward, scored with a fine shot. The Highlanders tried hard to equalise but were unsuccessful the game ending as stated. Teams.—

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Elphick *goal* Fisher and Hanna *backs* Craig, Morris, and Walker *half backs*. Savage, Lewis, Edmondston, Rose, and Smith *forwards*.

GORDON HIGHLANDERS.—Neish *goal*. Speigt and Muir *backs* Spence, Mathewson and Muir *half backs* Donald Heggerty Robertson, Evitt, *forwards*.

SIMLA VOLUNTEERS *vs.* JUTOGH R. A.—Played on the 21st instant, the Volunteers winning by three goals to *nil*. The Gunners were a heavy team and had not the quickness of the Volunteer forwards who were very nippy. Both teams played well, Marsden and Taylor doing good work for the Simla team. The Artillery goal-keeper played a good game and saved well several times. Teams :—

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* R. A. MEERUT.—This match was played on the 22nd instant before a large crowd and resulted after a fast and exciting game in a win for the Rifles by three goals to one. Soon after play commenced the Irish rushed down and scored. The artillerymen played a hard game, but the Rifles were faster and their passing was better. The game was very rough and fouls frequent. The Irish put on two more goals at the end of the second half.

SECOND ROUND.

QUEENS *vs.* BLACK WATCH.—These teams met on the 19th instant and after a splendid game, the Queens were victorious by two goals to *nil*. Soon after the start, the Queens rushed down and drew first blood then the game ruled very even, both goals being visited in turn. The Black Watch had bad luck in not scoring several times. Hot struggles took place and before the Black Watch goal and the Queens nearly got through, but the Black Watch goalkeeper did yeoman service, and kept them out till near the end of the match when a second goal was registered

BOMBAY GYMKHANA RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

The following is the result of the draw for the Bombay Gymkhana Rugby Tournament :—

1st Round.		*2nd Round.*	*Final.*
Bombay Gymkhana	bye		
Gloucester Regiment	28th.	30th Sept.	
Bombay Garrison	Sept		3rd October.
Madras Gymkhana	29th		
Welsh Regiment	Sept.	1st Oct.	
Calcutta	bye		

CALCUTTA SENIOR RUGBY CUP.

SEMI-FINALS.

ARMENIAN CLUB *vs.* CALCUTTA A. TEAM.—A good game was looked toward to on the meeting of these teams and spectators were not disappointed on the 16th instant. The *game* was the Calcutta ground, the evening a fine one and the attendance good. The visitors were not fully represented, but they played hard and an exciting game resulted in a win for Calcutta by two goals and two tries to *nil*. Calcutta kicked off and after some loose play the home three-quarters got away and F. Siddons scored, the place failed. Tight scrums followed till the home backs again got going and smart play resulted in F. Siddons once more crossing the line. No goal resulted and play till the interval was very even. On crossing over the Calcutta forwards did some good work and Heilgers scored a try which Martelli converted. Exciting play followed, neither team getting much advantage till near the end the home forwards took the ball down and a good dribble ended in Browne scoring. The goal was placed by Martelli and Calcutta thus won by 16 points to *nil*. Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Newton, *backs*: A. Siddons, F. Siddons, Martelli and Dundas, *three-quarters*; MacDonald and McEwan, *halves*; Pope, Berridge, Dunlop, Dick, Cooper, McLeod, Browne, and Heilgers, *forwards*.

ARMENIAN CLUB.—Mathews, *back*; A. S. Apcar, Simmons B. Gregory and Joakim, *three-quarters*; Russell and H. Gregory, *halves*; Peters, Staynor, Akone, T. John, Vardon, Martin, S. John, and, Manuk, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. E. Connew.

WEST RIDING REGIMENT *vs.* WELSH REGIMENT.—These teams met on the Calcutta ground last Thursday, when, after a fine display of Rugby, the West Ridings beat their opponents by eight points to six. The winners showed themselves the better team and in spite of the score had the best of matters throughout. The Welsh got going immediately and a smart bout of passing resulted in Morgan scoring a try, Watts failing with the place. They were soon back in the Ridings' "25" and Harper transferring to Morgan the latter once more got over, no goal resulting. From this point the winners had the best of the game and they had hard luck in not scoring on several occasions. On changing ends the West Ridings worked the ball down and breaking through Gaff crossed the line. Highlands converted the try. The game was now exciting and both teams played hard, but from some good dribbling Beaumont picked up and got in after a grand run. Highlands failed with the place. Play ruled fast and exciting till the close: the West Ridings had the best of it, but no further scoring took place, the Ridings winning as stated. Teams.—

WELSH REGIMENT.—Williams, *back*; Lieutenants Montgomery, Davis, Harper and Morgan, *three-quarters*; Daly and Watts, *halves*; Gibson, Doble, J. Jones, R. Jones, Davis, Thomas, Floyd and Bartlett, *forwards*.

WEST RIDINGS.—Quinn, *back*, Beaumont, Harrison, Green and Highlands, *three-quarters*; Reeves and Holgate, *halves*; Mr Gibbon, Gaff, S. Smith, Robinson, J. Smith, Lester, Oates and Garwin, *forwards*.

Referee.—Mr. E. Connew.

THE FINAL.

WEST RIDINGS, *vs.* CALCUTTA.—A large gathering was present at the meeting of these teams on the Calcutta ground last Saturday. As was expected, a fair game was played the military eventually winning by a goal and three tries to a try. When the ball had been started, the West Riding forwards got possession, and dribbling it up Gaff rushed over with a try. The place failed and from the drop out the home forwards got away, and took the ball to their opponent's line where Siddons ran over with a clever try. Martelli failed with the kick. Exchanges and scrums followed, and after the home team had the game in their favour for a time the military forwards once again got going, and taking the ball down in grand style a second try was scored. Garside being credited with the point. Highlands converted and the West Ridings crossed over leading by 8 points to 3. In the second half the military forwards gave fine exhibitions of dribbling, while on the Calcutta side Newton gained lots of ground by good punts. From scrums in midfield the Riding worked the ball down and Riley scored a try. Highlands failed to add extra points, but Lieutenant Gribbon scored another try, the place again failing. No further scoring took place, the visitors winning as stated. Teams :—

CALCUTTA.—Newton *back*: A. Siddons, F. Siddons, Martelli, and Dundas, *three-quarter back*: MacDonald and Legg, *half-backs*: Berridge, McLeod P. M. Browne, Whittie, Cooper, Heilgers, Pope, and Dick *forwards*

WEST RIDING.—Quin, *back*: Beaumont, Harrison, Green, and Highlands, *three-quarter backs*: Reeves and Holgate, *half-backs*; Lieutenant Gribbon, Gaff, S. Smith, Robinson, J. Smith, Oates, Riley and Garside. *forwards*.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ALTHOUGH Calcutta registered 16 points without response from the Armenian Club when these two teams met in the semi-final round of the competition, the game was far from being one-sided, and general praise was bestowed on the losers for the plucky manner in which they fought a losing battle. The heavy Calcutta forwards, amongst whom Heilgers, McLeod and Browne were most noticeable, had the better of the tight packs, but the Armenians were superior in the loose work during which they often gained much ground. Outside the scrimmage there was little to choose between the two teams, but the Calcutta half-backs, despite much offside play by Apear and Gregory, often got the ball away to the men behind them, and with the premier club's three-quarters in form a lot of pretty combined efforts resulted. The brothers Siddons gave a much improved display on this occasion their tackling being especially sound and hard. Martelli was as usual safe rather than brilliant, and gave Dundas opportunities whenever possible—the latter's tackling is weak however and he fails to pass back—both faults which should be easily remedied.

Apear and Joachim were very prominent for the Armenians but the former played a very offside game and must consider himself lucky that he was not more often penalised—a remark which also applies to Gregory. Peters was far and away the best of the forwards and played a really excellent game throughout; he works hard and defends pluckily and should in time develop into a very fine forward.

When the Armenians are able to put a heavy pack into the field their chances of winning the Cup will be second to none, as the tackling and kicking of the entire team leaves little room for improvement.

The match between the West Riding and Welsh Regiments produced one of the finest and most exciting exhibitions of football that have been witnessed in Calcutta for many years. Both teams were full of confidence, and that their confidence was not misplaced was proved by the narrowness of the Yorkshiremen's victory by 8 points to 6. It was a case of the West Ridings' superiority in the pack being pitted against the cleverer methods and combination of the Welsh outside the scrimmage, and this was fully realised by both teams, but after the first few minutes the winners, who were trained to the hour, seldom allowed their opponents to obtain possession of the ball, and thus the speedy Welsh three quarters were little better than spectators of the tussle between the rival packs.

The match started in sensational fashion as almost immediately after the commencement of operations Daly, the "ever-green" Welsh half, gathered the leather cleverly in his opponents' twenty-five, and passing out to his three-quarters enabled Morgan to score a nice try, which Watts failed to convert. A similar manœuvre shortly afterwards resulted in a further addition of three points to the Welsh score, and thus after about ten minutes' play the "Ridings" were six points to the bad. Then a complete change took place and the Yorkshireman attacked fiercely, but they were met by a stubborn defence and half-time arrived with the Welsh still leading.

After the interval the Taffies showed signs of distress, of which their opponents were not slow to avail themselves, and well led by Gribbon and Oates the Yorkshire pack carried all before them. The first try to the ultimate winners came from Beaumont, who following up a kick from one of his forwards beat Williams for pace and grounded the ball far out, but a magnificent kick converted, and thus a point only separated the two teams. A magnificent struggle ensued, but it was plain that Welsh forwards could not maintain the pace and were consequently outmanœuvred. The second try to the West Ridings followed from a forward rush, and this not being converted they led by two points, but intense excitement ensued shortly afterwards as the Referee gave a free kick to the Welsh for a most palpable off-side on the part of one of the Yorkshire half-backs almost in front of the posts which it seemed impossible for Watts, who took the kick, to miss, but he blundered badly and the call of time shortly afterwards left the West Ridings well deserved winners of a splendid match.

Where all played well for the winners it is difficult to select any one for special praise, but Gribbon and Oates of the forwards, both half-backs, and Beaumont were most noticeable for hard and untiring work, whilst the kicking and coolness of the full back saved his side on more than one occasion. For the Welsh Daly played a very fine game as usual, but Watts was very poor and appears to have lost his cleverness and resource, and the team certainly requires new and younger blood. After recent exhibitions during the Soccer season I feel that mention should be made of the sportsmanlike qualities displayed by both the military teams which has gained for them a warm welcome when next they are able to appear in Calcutta football.

The final between Calcutta and the West Ridings produced very poor football, and consequently a most disappointing game, in which the military showed themselves much superior to the local champions, especially in the pack where the premier club's forwards seldom obtained possession of the leather with the result that the ball only reached the three-quarter backs on one or two occasions. The Ridings adopted the same tactics as won them the match against the Welsh and these proved eminently successful. Calcutta, on the other hand, had more than one "passenger" amongst the forwards and these men, who were included for their brilliancy in the loose, were not given opportunities of displaying their prowess, and consequently were little better than useless.

Newton had an immense amount of work, most of which he accomplished satisfactorily but he was never supported and was therefore veritably a "last line of defence." The three-quarters had little or nothing to do, but Martelli was badly at fault on one occasion and the kicking of the brothers Siddons was weak. Dundas, on the other hand, played better than he has yet done this season, and a try should certainly have resulted from an opening made by him in mid-field. The half-backs, of whom Macdonald was the better, both played hard, but Legge repeatedly fumbled badly. Heilgers was the pick of the forwards, but was well supported by Berridge, McLeod, Pope and Dick, on whom most of the hard work devolved Whitie, on the other hand, was a great disappointment, as although occasionally prominent his "winging" tactics were far too much in evidence. Cooper, as I anticipated, was a complete failure and until he learns how to enter a scrimmage and does more work will not be worth his place in any representative team.

The West Ridings again gave a splendid exhibition of forward play, in which their ability to control the ball *in* the scrimmage is the principal feature. The hard and determined tackling of the forwards was also very noticeable and with a better three-quarter line they would be a first-rate team. The failure of the Calcutta men to win the Cup was undoubtedly a great disappointment, which we hope will be atoned for in Bombay, but there can be no two opinions as to the West Riding Regiment thoroughly deserving the success they have achieved.

IMPARTIAL.

Golf.

THE NASIK WEEK.

THE MATCH *vs.* BOGEY.

1	Major Anderson (Poona) ...	scr.	4 up.
2	Mr Pratt (Mhow) ...	—4	1 "
3	" Carnegie (Bombay) ...	scr.	even
4	Mr Fry (Poona) ...	scr.	1 down.
	" Meikle (Bombay) ...	—1	
5	Mr Armstrong (Mhow) ...	scr.	2 "
	" Greaves (Bombay) ...	5	
6	Mr Carter (M Abu) ...	scr.	3 "
	" Pechey (Bombay) ...	scr	
	" Stansfield " ...	scr.	
	" Sewell (Jalna) ...	—1	
	" Bell (Nasik) ...	—7	
7	Mr Nicholson (Bombay) ...	—1	4 "
	" Thubron (Nasik) ...	—7	
8	Mr Millett (Bombay) ...	—6	6 "

Eighteen other players were 7 or more down to Bogey.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP.—This was won by Captain Leman with 87. The handicap was won by Mr. Wroughton.

Mr Wroughton ...	—4	89=85
Capt Leman ...	+2	87=89
Mr Walker ...	—6	96=90
" Brand ...	—8	98=90
" Fry ...	+2	89=91
" Thubron ...	—12	103=91
Major Anderson ...	+4	88=92
Mr Millett ...	—12	104=92
" Pechey ...	+2	92=94
" Meikle ...	scr	94
Col Carter ...	+3	92=95
Mr Jones ...	scr	95
" Armstrong ...	scr	96
" Sewell ...	—2	98=96
" Luck ...	—12	109=97

JUDGE'S PRIZE LADIES HANDICAP.

Mrs Anderson (Poona) ...	2	up
" Northcott (Deolali) ...	2	down
" Carter (Mt Abu) ...	3	"
" N McCormac ...	4	"
Mrs Bowers ...	5	"
Miss Hutchinson ...	6	"

The other 9 ladies were more than 6 down to Bogey.

THE CLUB CUP.

Qualifying Round.

Mr Heaton ...	—14	96=82
" Wroughton ...	—6	91=85
" T B Fry ...	scr.	86
" Brand ...	—8	95=87
" Armstrong ...	scr.	88
Major Anderson ...	+4	86=90
Mr Jones ...	scr.	90
" Meikle ...	scr.	90
" Plunkett ...	—6	97=91
Col Carter ...	+2	90=92
Mr Leman ...	+2	91=93
" Stiven ...	scr.	94
" Stanfield ...	scr.	95
" Walker ...	—6	101=95
" Boyd ...	scr.	96
" Carnegie ...	scr.	96
" Stewart ...	—8	104=96
" Pechey ...	+2	96=98

The other 15 players returned higher scores.

Second Round.

Colonel Carter beat Mr Fry by 3 and 1. Mr Wroughton beat Mr Meikle by 3 up and 2 to play Major Anderson beat Mr Jones by 3 and 2: Mr Leiman beat Mr Armstrong by 3 and 1.

Third Round.

Mr Leman beat Mr Wroughton by 2 up and 1 to play.
Major Anderson beat Colonel Carter.

Final.

Captain Leman beat Major Anderson by 1 up.

LADIES FOURSOMES.

First Round.

Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. Bowers (—2) were 4 up and 2 to play against Mrs. Stewart and Miss Adam (—6).

Mrs. Shaw and Miss Manwaring (—6) were 4 and 2 against the two Miss McCormacs (—5).

Mrs. R. Anderson and Mrs. Northcott (scr.) were 2 and 1 against Mrs. Luck and Miss Hutchinson (—8).

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Edie (—7) were 3 and 1 against Mrs Manwaring and Mrs. Reed (—5) having first of all been equal at the 18th hole.

Final.

Mrs. R. Anderson and Mrs. Northcott (scr.) beat Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. Bowers (—2) by 2 up.

MEN'S HANDICAP, STROKE PLAY.

Mr. Sewell ...	...	—4	86=82
" Stiven ...	...	—4	90=86
Major Walker ...	...	—8	95=87
Col. Anderson ...	...	—18	106—8
Mrs. Stansfield ...	...	—4	93=89
Mr. Millett ...	...	—14	108=94
" Sinclair ...	...	—18	115=97
" Pratt ...	...	—4	102=97

THE BOMBAY BANGLE.

1	Mrs Shaw ...	...	—10	89=79
2	" R Anderson ...	...	+2	82=84
	" Carter ...	...	—16	100=84
3	Miss N McCormac ...	...	—15	102=87
4	Mrs Northcott ...	...	—4	29=88
	" Bowers ...	...	—10	98=88
5	" Stewart ...	...	—14	103=89
6	" A Anderson ...		Scr.	90

SCRATCH FOURSOMES.

Wroughton, Sewell	beat	Fry, Anderson.	
	By 3 and 2.		
Armstrong, Jones	beat	Stiven, Greaves.	
	By 7 and 8.		
Carter, Leman	beat	Carnegie, Stansfield.	
	By 5 and 4.		
Wroughton, Sewell	beat	Pechey, Meikle.	
	By 4 and 3.		
Armstrong, Jones	beat	Carter, Leman.	
	By 1 up.		

HANDICAP FOURSOME.

Col Anderson, Mr Plunket	—7	beat	Hill, Thulron	—8
	By 1 up.			
Steward, Luck	—6	beat	Walker, Millett	—5
	By 3 and 1.			
Marshall, Pratt	—4	beat	Wicks, Bowers	—7
	By 3 and 1.			
Onslow, Young	scr	beat	Stewart, Luck	
	By 4 and 3.			
Onslow, Young	scr	beat	Anderson, Plunkett	—7
	By 3 and 2.			
Marshall, Pratt	—4	beat	Symington, Shaw	—13
	By 7 and 5.			

Finals.

Onslow, Young	scr	beat	Marshall, Pratt	—4

Lawn Tennis.

POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Mrs Bain, Major Betham beat Miss Muir Mackenzie, Mr Jukes
6—2, 6—2.

Miss Laing, Major Stone beat Mrs Griffiths, Mr Vincent
7—5, 6—4.

Miss Mayne, Mr Lawrence beat Miss Laing, Major Stone
6—1, 5—1.

Finals.

Miss Mayne, Mr Lawrence beat Mrs Bain, Major Betham
6—2, 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

Mr Reid, Mr Barraclough beat Major Betham, Mr Lawrence
7—5, 6—1.

Major Stone, Mr Ker beat Mr Jukes, Mr Percival
4—6, 6—1, 6—0.

Finals.

Mr Reid, Mr Barraclough beat Major Stone, Mr Ker
6—0, 6—4.

MEN'S SINGLES.

Mr Barraclough beat Capt Bagshawe
6—2, 9—7.

Mr Lawrence beat Mr Ker
6—0, 6—3.

Mr Reid beat Major Stone.
6—3, 6—1.

Major Betham beat Mr Hume.
6—2, 8—6.

Mr Jukes beat Mr Barraclough
2—6, 10—8, 6—1.

Mr Reid beat Mr Lawrence
6—1, 7—5.

Major Betham beat Mr Jukes
6—3, 9—7.

BADMINTON.

Major Betham, Mr G R Duxbury beat Mr H F Beale, Mr A M T Jackson
15—2, 15—0, 15—9.

Major Betham, Mr Duxbury beat Mr L Barraclough, Mr H R Hume
15—7, 15—7, 15—3.

Swimming.

THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB.

THE Calcutta Swimming Club brought their season to a close on Saturday, the 19th instant, with their usual autumn entertainment. Despite the counter attractions of the Rugby Final and the Calcutta Monsoon Races, the attendance at the Baths was very good, and the fair sex turned out in great force. Arrangements were everything that could be desired, and the entertainment passed off from beginning to end without a hitch, thanks to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Willson, and his able staff of stewards. Electric fans were fitted up for the occasion, and light refreshments were supplied during the interval. The prizes were given away by Miss Elworthy.

The six lengths *handicap* for the Viceroy's Medal was annexed by Mr. H. L. Harvey who, with 35 seconds start, managed to win by a good margin. We should have preferred to see the scratch man Geo. Brown win, and it seems rather out of the way that this event, the principal item on the year's programme, should be annexed by the limit man with 35 seconds start. It is high time the conditions of this race were changed—at present it is a farce in which the best man is very much out of it. Let it be, as it ought to be, a scratch event, and let the best man win. Appended are results of the different events:—

FIRST EVENT.

Two lengths members handicap.

Final Heat		Start	Nett Time.
1. W. Govan	...	... 7 secs.	... 49¼ "
2. A. L. Clarke	...	... 11 "	... 56 "
3. G. O. Rushton	...	... 8 "	... 54¾ "
4. C. O. Walker	...	... 9 "	... 55¾ "

SECOND EVENT.

100 yards (3 lengths) for soldiers.—There were 17 entries for this item, mostly from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, but for reasons best known to themselves, 13 men failed to put in an appearance. Results:—

			Time.
1st	Pte Pollock	A and S Highlanders	1—22¼.
2nd	" J Morrison	do	1—24.
3rd	" E Dunne	do	——

Also swam—Pte. D. White, K O S B. Did not finish.

THIRD EVENT.

Six Lengths Handicap.—1st prize the Viceroy's Medal.

		Start	Nett Time.
1st	H L Harvey	35 secs.	3—25
2nd	G Brown	scratch	2—58¼

Also swam—E P Jones—35secs. Did not finish.

Brown was much fancied for this event, but did not swim up to expectations. After overhauling Harvey for 5 lengths, he fell off in the last, the effort having been too much for him.

FOURTH EVENT.

This consisted of a display of driving and fancy swimming by Messrs Rushton, Harrold, Walker, Brown, Clarke, Jones, Henderson and Miller. The items were much appreciated.

FIFTH EVENT.

Eight lengths team race for a Challenge Cup.—(Holders: The Calcutta Swimming Club).

The Swimming Club repeated their performance of last year in 3mins. 20½secs. defeating the Calcutta Football Club team whose time was 3mins. 23½secs. The winning team was composed of Messrs. H. P. Henderson, A. R C. Miller, Geo. Brown and H. L. Harvey.

SIXTH EVENT.

Two lengths Comic Race.—Competitors to be fully dressed with top hat and to carry an open umbrella. A. R. C. Miller romped in an easy first, carrying his umbrella in his mouth—the second prize falling to H. L. Harvey. The get ups were most ludicrous, E. P. Jones fairly taking the cake.

SEVENTH EVENT.

The meeting wound up with a Water Polo match between the Bath and a team of Seebpore College boys, in which the Bath proved victorious by 5 goals to 2. The game was well contested, and the College lads deserve great credit for the fight they made. The prizes were then presented: Geo Brown securing the aggregate cup for the season, and the meeting closed with three cheers for Miss Elworthy and three more for the Honorary Secretary.

Shows.

MURREE HORSE SHOW.

The Horse Show this year was a great success. All classe filled well except Class C. for C.-B's over 14-2, the entries bein exceptionally good. Colonel and Mrs. Montgomery were 'At Home," and the band of the Wiltshires played a very charming selection of music. Lady Blood gave away the prizes. Details:—

CLASS A.—Chargers.—12 entries.

1. Captain Cotbyn's King William.
2. Major the Hon. C. Willoughby's Gundagai.
3. Colonel Lund's Jim

CLASS B.—English and Colonials over 14-2.—12 entries.

1. Miss Blood's Durbar.
2. Captain Corbyn's King William.
3. Major Willoughby's Gundagai.

CLASS C.—C.-Bs. over 14-2, did not fill.

CLASS D.—All Hacks 14-2 and under.—11 entries.

1. Captain Templer's gr c b m Country Girl.
2. Colonel Lund's gr a p Manchester.
3. Major Read's b a g Monty.

CLASS E.—25 entries.

1. Mr. Furze's gr a p Bucephalus.
2. Mr. Bevan Petman's gr a g Deluze.
3. Mr. Beaumont's ch a p Opal.

CLASS F.—Arabs 14-2 and under.—17 entries.

1. Captain Priaul's gr a p Nabliss.
2. Captain Roche's ch a p Peter.
3. Mrs. Bevan Petman's gr a p Deluze.

CLASS G.—C.-B.s 14-2 and under.—15 entries.

1. Captain Templer's Country Girl.
2. Colonel Pringle's Maggie Laudor.
3. Captain Roche's Lady.

CLASS H.—Children s Ponies.—12 entries.

1. Master Luchman Dass's Tommy.
2. Miss Ahrens' Daisy.
3. Miss O'Keefe's Tommy.

CLASS I.—Jumping for Horses.—15 entries.

1. Major Colin Campbell's bl aus m Gipsy.
2. Major Sharp's b aust g John.
3. Mr. Murray's b aust g Morality.

CLASS J.—Jumding for Ponies.—23 entries.

1. Sergeant-Major Gentry's gr aus m Sea Breeze.
2. Mr. Cavendish's gr aus m Columbine.
3. Lady Blood's b aus m Whaler.

CLASS K.—Ladies' Hacks.—13 entries.

1. Miss Blood s Durbar, owner.
2. Captain Templer Country Girl, Mrs Combe.
3. Miss Lachman Dass Ros,e owner.

Best Horse in the Show—Cup presented by the Committee—Miss Blood's b aus g Durbar.

Best Pony in the Show—Cup presented by Mr. Ahrens—Captain Priau's' gr a p Nabliss.

Best Country-bred in the Show—Cup presented by Mr. E. Brown, A. V. D.—General Whitby's ch eb m Sonnet.

The Story Teller.

A DEAL IN ELEPHANTS.

WE had got back to camp very tired, very thirsty and exceeding wet, for had it not rained torrents most of the afternoon. However a good supper, cooked God knows how as it was still pouring a regular deluge, a few stiff pegs and we were once more restored to a happy and contented frame of mind. We had some toddy after turning in and under its confiding influence Watson told me of his deal in elephants.

"I had," he said, "from one reason or other got into pretty low water down in Burma; didn't in fact know where my next meal was going to come from when I was lucky enough to get a billet as transport rider on the Boundary Commission. The pay was not exactly great, but the possibilities were immense. It was such an easy thing for mules, pack and all to disappear over the *khud* and mules fetch a very fair price and for rum and eatables Atkins was a good market, although I must say I never rushed him, the reverse rather. I dropped more than one keg of rum where I knew it could be found by hands that wouldn't enquire very particularly a[illegible]where it came from. I had made quite a bit when the transit[illegible]le discovered that mules were rather expensive, elephants, [illegible]ne to the conclusion, would be very much better and cheaper. [illegible]earing this I said that I thought I could procure some quick[illegible] and cheaply, the commission was all I really had in my mind's eye then. They humbugged about a bit as usual, but at last I got permission to see what I could do. I precious soon had half a dozen really good beasts. I went up one morning to report t[illegible]is and found the officer commanding transport and two other office[illegible] at breakfast, at least that meal was on the table, they didn't seem to have much appetite for it and were evidently trying ha[illegible]d to sober up on the hair of the dog that bit. It didn't seem to occur to them that I might also want a brandy and soda and the oversight made me annoyed, so that I told them pretty sharp that I'd got the elephants would they care to look at them."

"Oh! indeed" said the officer commanding transport, I suppose they are really good animals, quite-er tame I trust."

"The very best and quiet as new-born babes I said. One of the other officers evidently just out from home said he'd like to see the elephants. I was asked to walk them round in front of the tent. They did not come out, afraid of the sun on their brandy-besodden heads I suppose and a brilliant idea suddenly struck me. I walked 'em round twice I did and damned if they didn't pass the whole lot twice over. I therefore had 12 elephants taken on the strength, whereas I actually had only 6. So far so good, but how to account for the six that were non-existent beat me hollow. I puzzled my head the whole day and could see no way out of it and went to bed with the problem still unsolved. I did not sleep just exactly soundly as you may imagine and very early in the morning I was awakened by a devil of a row down in the elephant lines. Never heard such a racket in all my life, what with the *mahouts* and coolies yelling and shrieking for all they were worth, elephants trumpeting and lights dancing about all over the place it seemed a regular pandemonium. The brutes had stampeded. Of course only six were recovered and after scouring the country for nearly a week I came in and reported this to a very glum transport officer indeed. I did not mind. I was Rs. 12,000 to the good and a jolly good holiday at home I had. It was a lovely summer, a good Derby, a glorious Henley and as for Ascot and Goodwood, well, but what's the good of thinking of it all. A rogue you say? Ah, well, they all make a bit. I was fortunate enough to do rather better than most. Good night old boy, hope we have a decent day to-morrow. He was soon snoring the snore of the innocent and just. I lay awake and wondered if he had solved the problem in the early hours that morning. I expect he did though he did not say so mind you. He always was modest.

W. W.

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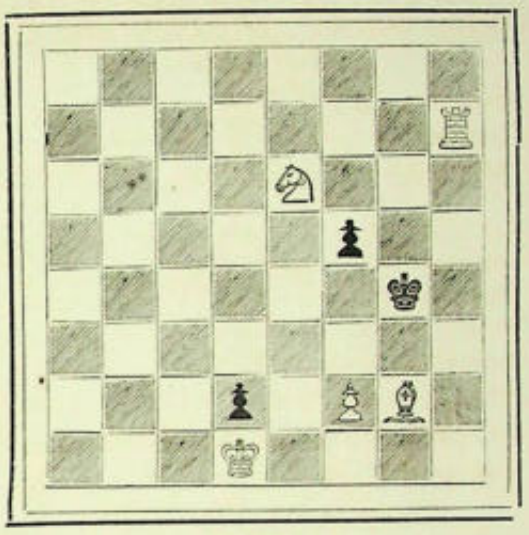

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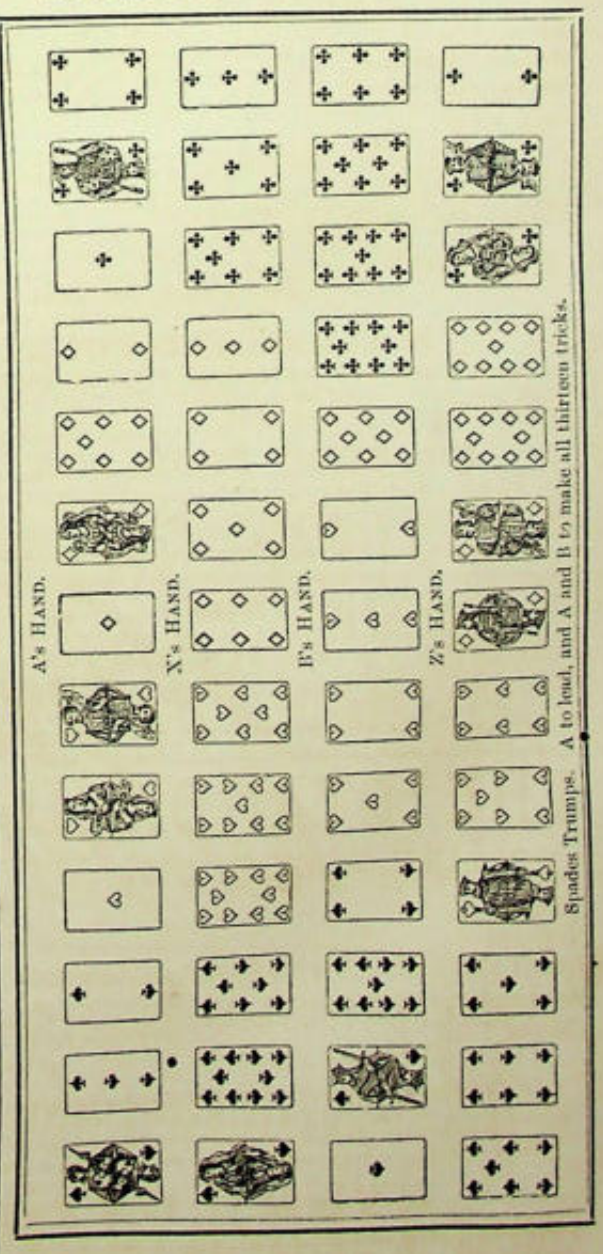



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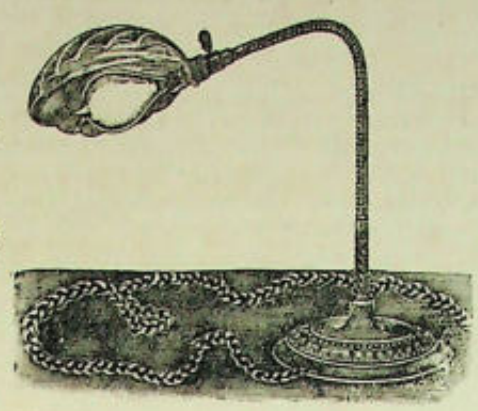

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THE CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES

THE Monsoon Races of 1903 have been fully up to the standard of recent years; since, that is to say, the added money in the open races was raised considerably and horses of the class of Springlock were set to earn their corn bills by a win at the Monsoon Meetings. It is satisfactory in this connection to note that the C. T. C. still cater largely at these meetings for the paperchase class of horses and for the G. R's. Privately trained nags have been much in evidence also, and such artists in the pigskin as Messrs. Deakin and Dudley have shown that they can hold their own with their professional brethren in the open races. The handicapping has not always given satisfaction and Fairlight's three successive wins over the sticks with 11st., 11st., and 11st. 4lbs. after he had run second at the Second Meeting with 10st. 12lbs. suggests a certain amount of leniency on the part of the handicappers.

Honours all round amongst the animals that started must be given to little Moss Rose, for she not only showed, as usual, that she can get home when the ground is holding, but at the last meeting she put up a win against smart ponies like Little Doris, Lady Olive and Sweet Talk when the going was more in their favour than in hers. She had already run a good second to Yuletide in the Pony Hurdles too. Six starts this monsoon season has she put in, and she scored two wins and four seconds in that little lot! When Mr. McCall takes the little lady off the Turf she will be well worth sending to the stud in Ireland, where they can breed good ponies and horses too.

Fairlight amongst the timber jumpers and Oom Paul on the flat stand out prominently. The latter looks like turning out a very useful performer, and the way he took Euryalus down in the slush after their dead heat at the Third Meeting showed promise of staying powers. Mr. Galstaun had bad luck with Gassima, who although she was running amongst a poor lot as a rule, took Oom Paul's number down at the Third Meeting over 5 furlongs with 10st. on her back. She would have been there or thereabouts at the Fourth or Fifth Meeting, but for her accident. In the Paperchase class Mr. Paris held a strong hand with Actress and Fairlight, and, thanks also to Kellnerin's win last Saturday on the flat, this good sportsman got more of the loaves and fishes than he has had of late years. Mr. Pugh also did well with two wins, and that rising young G. R. Mr. Evers scored two wins on his own mare Sunshine.

Amongst the ponies Yuletide did well with two wins over sticks, but on the flat there were no performances to call for special notice outside those of Moss Rose already dealt with. Western Queen came here for the First Meeting and won the Stand Plate over 5 furlongs very easily, but this was only a breather before she went across to run under W. I. T. C. rules and we saw no more of her.

We append the usual tables showing winning owners, successful trainers and winning jockeys. There was some new talent in evidence amongst the pros riding, but no budding Tod Sloans disclosed their form. Carter amongst those we knew before stood out prominently for his masterly riding of Fairlight and Bond deserves a pat on the back for the very neat way in which he landed Moss Rose a winner last Saturday in the race—a real Morny Cannon swoop it was. Amongst new G. R's hats off to Mr. Harold Smith whose riding was a treat to see. What price the famous telegram "unmounted men preferred" if Sir Redvers Buller had seen Mr. Smith nursing a winner home as we have?

WINNING OWNERS.

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	Wins.	Total. Rs.
Mr F Dowling	3	2,160
Mr J M Rodocanachi	3	1,490
Mr G B Paris	3	1,400
Mr W O Rees	2	1,105
Mr Mackellar	2	960
Mr R A C Pugh	2	918
Mr S G McCall	2	865
Mr T G Evers	2	770
Mr S T Creet	2	770
Mr Galstaun	1	720
Mr Dudley	1	720
Mr W Bell-Irving	1	720
Mr H P Banker	1	385
Mr Harper	1	385
Mr Cowper	1	385
Mr B B	1	385
Mr Curtis Hayward	1	340

JOCKEYS.

Name.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced.	Total.
Hard	5	4	0	8	17
Carter	3	1	0	0	4
Bond	1	1	2	7	11
S. White ...	1	1	0	6	8
W. White ...	1	1	0	4	6
Elahi Bux ...	1	1	0	2	4
Garrard ...	1	1	0	1	3
Bloss	1	0	0	6	7
Smallman ...	0	1	3	3	7
Powell	0	1	1	5	7
Piper	0	1	1	3	5
Morrison	0	1	0	4	5
Luckoo	0	1	0	1	2
Rahaman ...	0	1	0	1	2
Richardson ...	0	0	3	3	6
Sobhan Khan ...	0	0	1	3	4
Fiely	0	0	1	0	1
Roberts	0	0	0	2	2
Suraj Bali ...	0	0	0	2	2
Bullowa	0	0	0	2	2
C. King	0	0	0	1	1
Johnstone ...	0	0	0	1	1
Elai	0	0	0	1	1
Bhorta Khan ...	0	0	0	1	1

GENTLEMEN RIDERS.

Name.	Wins.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced.	Total.
Mr Dudley ...	3	2	1	4	13
Mr Deakin ...	3	2	1	5	11
Mr Evers ...	2	0	3	8	13
Mr Galstaun ...	2	0	1	3	6
Mr H. Smith ...	2	0	1	3	6
Mr Barrow ...	1	6	2	5	14
Mr R. A. C. Pugh ...	1	3	0	0	4
Mr Rahim ...	1	1	2	7	11
Mr H. B. Pike ...	0	0	1	0	1
Mr Wilkinson ...	0	0	1	0	1
Mr Walker ...	0	0	0	2	2
Mr Griffith ...	0	0	0	1	1
Dr Hossack ...	0	0	0	1	1

TRAINERS.

Wishart	5	F. Pearson ...	1
Hard	2	Robinson	1
Gerrard	2	Privately trained ...	18

HORSES.

Name.	First.	Second.	Third.
Fairlight	3	1	0
Moss Rose	2	4	0
Oom Paul	2	2	0
Yuletide	2	1	1
Gassima ... — ...	2	0	1
Sunshine	2	0	1
Actress ... ... —	2	0	0
Firefly	1	2	0
Kittylee	1	2	0
Perfect	1	1	1
Ladybird	1	1	0
Little Doris	1	1	0
Springbok	1	1	0
Dundonald	1	0	3
Sylvia	1	0	2
Kellnerin	1	0	0	1
Reveille	1	0	0	1
Sweet Talk	1	0	0	0
Metalwing	1	0	0	0
Mocassin	1	0	0	0
Western Queen	1	0	0	0
Euryalus	0	2	1	0
Altamas	0	2	1	0	2
First Guide	0	1	2	1
Yellow Mantle	0	1	1	1
Twilight	0	1	1	1
Shirley	0	1	1	1
Loch Arden	0	1	1	0
Second Thought	0	1	1	0
Naiades	0	1	1	0
The Captain	0	1	1	0
Beeswing II	0	1	1	0
Invincible	0	1	0	2
Seaview	0	0	0	1
Flamingo	0	0	0	1
Bin Rashid	0	0	0	1
Corydon	0	0	0	1
Autocrat	0	0	0	1
Granny	0	0	0	1
Corick	0	0	0	1
Odin	0	0	0	1
Shylock	0	0	0	1
Flashlight	0	0	0	1
Bluebell ... ... —	0	0	0	1

Special Telegrams.

THE PRINCE EDWARD HANDICAP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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Mr Ben Bonas's b h FIELD ROSE, by Winkfield—Primrose, 5yrs, 7st 10lbs ... 0
Sir E Vincent's ch c COUNTERMARK, by Worcester—Assaye, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs ... 0
Lord Howard de Walden's br f IMPERIOUS, by Tarporley—Imperialism, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs... 0
Mr S B Joel's b c MAORI CHIEFTAIN, by Amphion—New Zealand, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ... 0
Mr W H Price's ch c EMINENT, by Amphion—Nestling, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs ... 0
Sir W Ingram's b h COTTAGER, by Common —Marguerite II, 5yrs, 7st 0
Mr F Bibby's b c PAIN BIS, by Breadknife —Pansy, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs 0
Duke of Devonshire's ch c ALP, by St Angelo—Queen of the Meadows, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs 0

(*Winner trained by Leach*).

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Sporting Notes.

THE Calcutta Monsoon season was brought to a close on Saturday and a real good day's racing we had to wind up with. Fields were fairly satisfactory and the attendance was not much less than usual. The early part of the afternoon promised well for backers as four favourites rolled home one after the other with pleasing regularity, but on the last two events calculations were badly upset.

The ball was opened by three hurdle races in succession, and we are of opinion that though the jump events have filled well on the whole throughout the five meetings, still it is possible to have too much of a good thing, and to see, meeting after meeting, the same four or five horses running over the same distance under practically the same conditions acquires after a time a flavour of monotony, while the one or two races which are crowded out by the timbertopping would probably have filled better. Another point is that if we are to have three jump races, it would be well to sandwich them in with a flat race or two, and beginning in the middle of the day there can be no need on the score of light to put all the hurdles first.

Four faced the flag for the Outram Plate, Actress being a hot favourite at a slight shade of odds on, Firefly next in demand at threes. The latter made the pace hot from the start, but failed to quite stay home and Actress caught her in the straight, winning comfortably by a length.

The Pony Hurdles produced another great race between Yuletide and Moss Rose. The former was a shade shorter in price, 3-4 being laid while twos were obtainable about Moss Rose. The start was delayed by the vagaries of Rezia and Blair Athol, and when the flag fell the former went out at 6 furlong pace over the first three flights. Yuletide lay last to the new stand, but then drew up to Moss Rose and a great race home resulted in a half length win for Mr. Mackellar's mare. Hard rode a great race, and the result was largely due to his powerful finish, as at the big tree turn he was already hard at work, and it looked a bob to a biscuit on the chestnut.

In the City Plate, Fairlight gave us a real taste of his quality by coming right away from his horses at the culvert and winning with great ease. Carter was taking no short head risks on this occasion.

For the Farewell Handicap Kellnerin, who had been tenderly treated with 8-8, was rightly considered a "cop": that this was a correct estimate was proved by the way in which she cantered in four lengths in front of Naiades and Flashlight, who had a dust up for the place money, ending in favour of Naiades by a neck. Betting was a shade of odds on Kellnerin, while Naiades and Flashlight could be backed at fours and fives.

The street corner tip for the Harrington Plate was Invincible, who was reported to have smothered Kittylea in a shake up. Whether this was so or not, he made no show in the race, though a break away, in which he galloped a couple of furlongs, may have prejudiced his chance. All the same we are inclined to think that the best horse won in Sunshine. Invincible went out at 2 to 1 as did Shirley, Sunshine at 3 to 1, Euryalus 4 to 1 and any reasonable odds the rest.

The best race of the day was afforded by the Plassey Plate, where Moss Rose gave us another of her short head finishes, but on this occasion the short head was on the right side. Little Doris led from the start to well within the distance, when just as she looked all over a winner, Moss Rose came with a magnificent run and just snatched the verdict on the post. This was no mean performance coming after a close race over a mile of hurdles and shows what a real good little bit of stuff she is.

Congratulations to the Hon'ble Mr. A. A. Apcar on his success in the Western India Stakes with Goldsmith. A full report of the race appears in our Turf Columns.

The half-yearly General Meeting of the members of the Western India Turf Club will be held at the Poona Race Stand at 8 o'clock next Saturday morning.

The ridiculously named Pride O'Dharamtala has been renamed Pet Girl by her new owner.

Fordham, the trainer, is now reported to be a physical and mental wreck, the paralytic stroke from which he is suffering having affected his brain. There is a suggestion that Indian turfites should come forward with monetary help, for the poor fellow is now practically a pauper and the only thing that seems possible is to make some arrangement whereby he may be enabled to end his days peacefully.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Consequent upon counter-attractions there was not such a large attendance as usual at the weekly mounted sports held on Wednesday in connection with the Bombay Gymkhana, and for the same reason the entries for the various events were somewhat poor. As per usual, the programme opened with the tent pegging competitions. In that for ponies the entries were not very numerous, and more pegs remained in the ground than were taken. The winner was Mr. T. L. Roberts. The competition with ponies was won by Mr. S. M. McCausland with Mr. T. D. Moore second. There were five entries for the Cheroot and Umbrella Race, which was productive of no little amusement. The winner was Lieutenant Armes. The Whistling Coon Stakes was secured by Mr. T. D. Moore. As is usual with these weekly sports, the programme wound up with a couple of scurries. In that for horses the winner was Mr. McLachlan's White Heather (Owner), ten yards start, who beat Mr. Elwin Neame's Jude the Obscure (Owner), 30 yards start, by half a length, the latter having headed the field until nearing home. Mr. J. F. Pooley's Musty Lass, 25 yards, was third. The pony scurry was easily won by Mr. R. F. R. Coombe's Conductor (Owner up) from scratch, the second place being filled by Mr. Gray's Florican (Mr. Alstan) 10 yards and the third by Mr. Rommel's Charlie (Owner) 35 yards start.

Asking an old sportsman, who had spent many years in India, at what time of year hunting could best be carried on there, writes the *Field* it

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was rather a surprise to hear in reply that in India hunting goes on every day, and all the year round, but when one realises the varieties of climate in the different parts of this huge country it is easy to believe this statement to be a fact. There is no doubt, however, that fox hunting, or, more correctly speaking, jackal hunting with foxhounds, is a most difficult business in India, owing to the bad effects of a hot climate upon imported hounds. Here and there hound breeding in the country has been tried with more or less success, and it is generally considered that Indian bred hounds, though proverbially lighter in bone than those bred at home, are better able to stand the climate than those imported from England, and news which reaches us from Poona tends to confirm this opinion. The Poona and Kirkee hounds are now in the midst of work, hunting in this district being carried on during the rainy season from mid-June till the end of October, the pack consisting of about thirty couples, partly imported and partly bred in India by Colonel Sheringham, the master, of whom an Indian contemporary writes, "No man in India is more competent in the management of a pack of hounds in kennel or in the field." It is to his untiring energy and zeal that much of the last three seasons' success is due, whilst the keen and generous support given by every member of the hunt adds a cheeriness and good fellowship to the sport which many an English field might envy. Hounds suffered severely in the early part of the season, for though the monsoon broke at about the usual time, the rain was rather light and for a week or two after hunting began the heat was so intense that the already early hour of the fixtures, 6 A.M., had to be arranged half an hour earlier, in spite of which heat apoplexy, with two fatal results to imported hounds, caused the master much anxiety. By mid-July, however, the steady daily downpour had much improved climatic conditions, and though now and then the going was too heavy to be pleasant, scent was everything that could be desired. Hounds, both Indian bred and imported, were in rare hunting trim, and clinking runs of seventy and forty minutes have frequently taken place. The Deccan "jack" is a stout hearted fellow, and when fairly gone away, making for distant hills, he requires first-rate hounds and a hard riding field to keep up with his pace. The Poona ladies are invariably well to the front, and several of them have this year earned the chief honour of the chase in runs which have stopped all but a few of the best.

As will be seen on reference to our list of Indian racing fixtures, the Rawalpindi Autumn Meeting has been postponed from the 8th and 10th December to the 5th and 7th January next. This has been occasioned by the clashing of the winter manœuvres of troops. The closing dates of entries have also been changed to the 20th November and 12th and 28th December.

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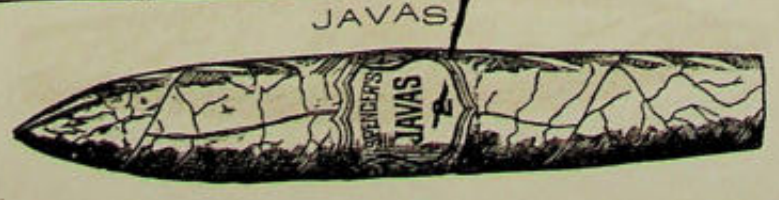

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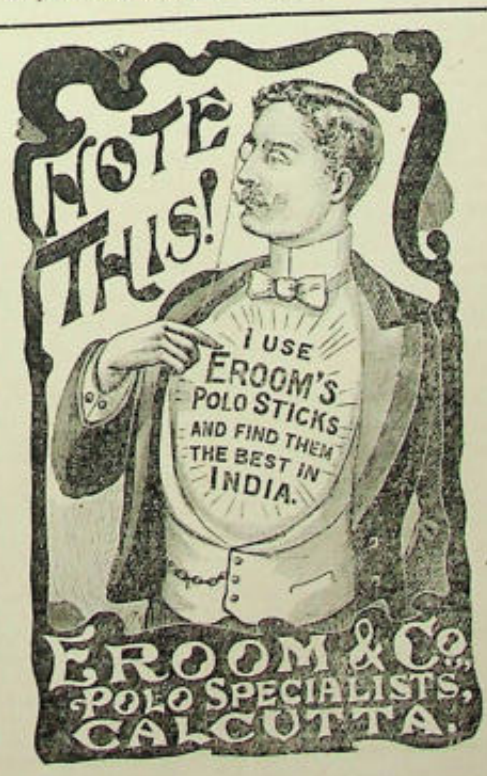

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SIR,—It may interest many of your readers to hear of an old horse, 34 or 35 years of age, still going strong and sound, and doing useful work. "Charley" was bought at St. Mewan, Cornwall, by my brother, the late Rev. G. L. Woolcombe, when rector of that parish, in the middle of 1872 as a four-year-old gelding, so he was probably foaled in April or May, 1868. Charley was driven on country clergyman's work to 1889, when, with my brother, he moved to Hemerdon House, where he was much used, first as one of a pair and latterly in a small four-wheeler for five or six years. Then the horse went to the Home Farm for light work, which included a weekly journey to Plymouth in a spring cart, seven miles each way; this he still continues to do and makes nothing of it. The horse is of a most friendly disposition, and has always made his own pace in a very hilly country.

In a footnote the Editor of *The Field* says :—We lately saw, in a provincial coach, a horse 28 years old running near leader. He worked a stage of about five miles out and home, went well up to his bridle, and was not once touched with the whip.

Dr. and Mrs. Workman have lately done some tall mountain climbing in the Himalayas, according to the reports which reach us they have beaten the records for their respective sexes. Our Allahabad contemporary gives the following details:—Starting from the highest of three snow camps 19,355 ft. at 3 A.M. on August 12th Dr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman and guides ascended the final cone of the first peak, over steep ice slants rising at an angle of 65 degrees and reached the summit which measures 21,770 ft. in four hours. Beyond this peak an elevated snow plateau extends from which rise two higher snow mountains After half an hour at the top for scientific observations the party descended the north side of the mountain a few hundred feet, and crossing a connecting snow arete ascended peak No. 2, the summit of which was reached at 10 A.M. The sky was cloudless, and there being little wind it was possible to take accurate hypsometric readings which since carefully compared with readings of the mercurial standard barometer at Skardu taken there at the same hours, fixes the height of this second peak at 22,568 ft. Mrs. Bullock Workman thus broke her own record twice by 770 and 1,567 ft. respectively. While she and one guide remained on this summit, Dr. Workman and the other two crossed a reach of snow fields and ascended to 23,394 ft. on fixed peak 24,486 ft., thereby gaining the world's record for men, which has hitherto been held by the climbers of Aconcagua 23,083 ft., the highest peak of the Andes.

Athletic Notes.

THE Colombo Rowing Club are holding a regatta during the Christmas holidays and we see it stated that the Madras Boat Club has been invited to send down representatives to compete. A general rumour has got afloat that the Calcutta Rowing Club are also sending down a crew or crews, but this is absolute invention ; the getting together and trainning of a crew durig the winter months in the capital of India is practically impossible.

The finals for the Gentlemen's Singles in the Poona Open Lawn Tennis Tournament was played on the 21st instant and resulted in a win for Mr. Reid. A great game was witnessed, Reid beating Major Betham by 6-2.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Calcutta Football Club will be held at the Saturday Club on Tuesday, the 13th October, at 9-30 P.M.

A report of the Autumn Regatta of the Calcutta Rowing Club appears in our issue of to-day. The only item on the season's programme which remains to be decided is the Senior Single Sculls for the Power Challenge Cup, which will probably be brought off early next month.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—During the past week interest has been fully maintained in the Rovers Association Football Tournament. Every evening the ropes round the Cooperage have been lined by large crowds of spectators and the various games have been followed with keen interest. In some of the matches in the first round, played last week, the form displayed by a number of the teams was not of a very high order. As regards the past week's play, however, the majority of the games have been productive of capital exhibitions of the dribbling code and all of them have been keenly contested. The first match of the week was between the Cheshire Regiment from Quetta, who had drawn a bye in the first round and who won the cup last year, and the North Staffordshire Regiment, who had accounted for the Lincolns in the first round of the Tournament. Play throughout was of a fairly even character, and a good deal of enthusiasm prevailed among the spectators. On the whole, the Quetta players showed slightly the better combination, and this enabled them to score the only game of the first half. During the second moiety the Staffords made strenuous efforts to draw level, but mistakes at the critical moment spoilt a number of chances, and eventually the Cheshires secured another goal. This was all the scoring, the holders of the cup being thus left victorious by two goals to *nil*.

The greatest surprise of the tournament occurred when the Bombay Rovers met and defeated the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The game was a very stubbornly contested one, and on the whole the Calcutta players showed slightly the better combination, but, on the other hand, I have rarely, if ever, seen the Rovers play a better game—not during the last two or three years at all events. The opening half was fairly evenly contested and the teams crossed over with a blank scoring sheet, and a similar state of things prevailed until close on the call of time, when Rodwell sent into the Highlanders' net amidst great enthusiasm. During the last few minutes the Argylls did all they knew to equalise, but the Rovers defended in grand style and eventually left the field victorious by one goal to *nil*.

The meeting of the Warwicks and the York and Lancs Regiment was productive of another very evenly contested game. The teams were most evenly matched and, though the Warwicks' passing was perhaps the better, the York and Lancs were smart. During the opening half the Warwicks secured a lead of one goal. The second moiety was productive of play of a very interesting character, and, at the same time, most exciting. Soon after the resumption the Yorks and Lancs drew level and then each side secured a second goal. After this both sides made strenuous efforts for supremacy and eventually the Warwicks put in their third goal, and consequently won by three goals to two.

Play in the semi-final round commenced on Thursday evening, and in the ordinary course, should have been concluded on Friday. The round was, however, productive of a great fight between the Rovers and Royal Scots, these teams having to meet no less than three times. On Thursday evening the score was one goal all, on Friday it was two goals all, and it was not until last (Saturday) evening that the Royal Scots managed to obtain the verdict by two goals to one. It was one of the biggest tussles in the annals of the tournament, and there was a record attendance of spectators to witness the third encounter. On Thursday the Rovers hardly displayed such good form as when they defeated the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the second round, but at the same time they came very near winning. On the occasion of their second meeting the hopes of the home supporters rose very high, for play had not been in progress long before they sent in a couple of goals. As the game progressed, however, the representatives of the Thistle played up strongly and eventually drew level, another drawn game resulting. It must be said, however, that the Rovers were not blessed with the best of luck, for when they were still leading by a goal they had their centre half ordered off the field in consequence of his having taken upon himself to address certain remarks to the referee.

In consequence of this second draw, the final, which was down for decision last (Saturday) evening, had to be postponed, and the Rovers and Scots took the field for the third time. During the opening stages of the game the homesters had the best of matters, and soon obtained the lead, Rodwell, who has scored 9 out of the 11 goals secured by the Rovers during the Tournament, banging into the net. Before the arrival of half time, however, the Scots had drawn level. In the second moiety the Kamptee players had rather the best of matters and eventually won by two goals to one. As I have previously mentioned, it had been a grand fight, and I understand that with a view to celebrating it the Rovers Committee intend to present each member of their team with silver medals. The second game in the semi-final round was contested by the Cheshires and the Warwicks. The former soon obtained the lead, but a few minutes later the Warwicks drew level. After this, however, the Cheshires had much the better of the argument, and at half time led by three goals to one. The second moiety was more evenly contested, each side scoring a goal. The Cheshires were thus left victorious by four goals to two.

The Tournament was brought to a conclusion on Monday evening when the Cheshire Regiment from Quetta won the cup for the second year in succession, defeating the Royal Scots, Kamptee, by three goals to *nil*. Throughout the Quetta players had the best of the game, but on several occasions the Scots came near scoring. At the outset the Cheshire's goal was bombarded, but the defence was safe and the attack soon repulsed. After this the Cheshires warmed to their work and at half time led by two goals. They put in a third soon after the resumption and continued to have the best of matters, winning as stated. At the close of the game Mr. Justice Russell, President of the Club, congratulated the Cheshires on having won the cup a second time in succession, and said they had given a splendid exhibition of soccer. The Rovers he said had received permission from Government to erect a pavilion on the ground, and he hoped it would be ready before next tournament commenced. Mrs. Russell then handed the cup to the Captain of the Cheshire team, each member of which received a gold medal, while the members, of the Royal Scots team received silver medals as runners up.

The finals in the Durand Football Tournament was played on the 26th instant and resulted in a win for the Royal Irish Rifles who beat the Queen's by a goal to *nil*.

With the match between Surrey and Sussex, as reported in our London sporting letter this week, the county cricket season came to a close, and while Middlesex have for some time past been pretty sure of the championship, Sussex may also be congratulated upon having made a distinct advance. Their position in the table is almost entirely due to the batting of their two cracks, C. B. Fry and Ranjitsinhji, the former's achievement in putting together an aggregate of 2,683, with an average of 81·30, being, considering the nature of the present cricket season, probably without an equal in the history of the game. Whereas Fry stands out by himself at the head of the averages, Ranjitsinhji is nearly as far in front of the rank-and-file, and would probably have done very much better but for the lameness with which he was troubled during a great portion of the summer. In the Gentlemen and Players' match, for instance, he was quite unable to do himself justice, though to his stonewalling tactics on the second afternoon the eventual triumph of the amateurs was in no small measure due.

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Who took their principal delight
In shouting at me, day and night,
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Who fattened me on endless steak,
Forbade tobacco, toast, and cake,
And roused a thirst I could not slake ?
The Captain.

Who loudly laughed to see us pass,
As, in the bows, there groaned, alas !
A shapeless, palpitating mass ?
The spectators.

Who watched me, brutally elate,
Inclining much to overrate
The need for shouting, "Bow, you're late !" ?
The cox.

Who swore they ne'er would row a race
Till Bow took off his ugly face,
And someone else had filled his place ?
The rest of the crew.

Who will row Bow in next year's Eight,
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A boxing match for a purse of Rs. 200 between Drummer Smart of the Middlesex Regiment and Private Bolton of the Lincolnshire Regiment was decided at Trimulgherry on the 25th ultimo. It went seven rounds, Smart having it his own way throughout and knocking out his man very neatly.

The Madras Boat Club arranged a series of races last Saturday against crews chosen from the members of the Bombay Gymkhana who were in Madras for the Football Tournament. The Bombay men were disappointed in the non-appearance of some of their crew, but their places were filled and the race for the fours carried through. Madras soon took the lead after a good start and had no difficulty in winning by a length. The Bombay men showed very poor form, but they stuck to it gamely to the end. The crews were

Madras.	*Bombay.*
Moresby (*bow*).	Robinson (*bow*).
T. B. Cunliffe (2).	Bird (2).
H. V. Noone (3).	D. Brand (3).
F. H. Wilson (*str*).	C. M. Ward (*str*).
Holland (*cox*).	E. V. Sarson (*cox*).

A pair oared race was next rowed off, Messrs. Wilson (str) and Kay (bow), representing Madras, beating the Bombay pair, Messrs. Lyon (str) and Sarson (bow). It was a good race at the beginning, but Bombay died away and Madras won easily. Another pair oar race was won by Madras, Moresby (str) and Layard (bow) beating Elsworth (str) and Bird (bow). Bombay lost a lot owing to bad steering, and Madras won easily.

The Walter Locke Football Challenge Shield was won at Rangoon on Tuesday by the 7th Royal Fusiliers who beat the 70th Co. R. G. A. by a goal to love.

General Notes.

DR. James Robert Wallace, President of the Imperial Anglo-Indian Association, died at his residence, 50, Park Street, Calcutta, on Sunday, the 27th ultimo, after a long illness.

The result of the special performance of *The Dandy Fifth* by the A. D. S. at the Opera House on the 19th instant in aid of the Hospital Nurses' Institution was most satisfactory. Mr. Wallis-Whiddett, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the A. D. S., being able to hand over to the Secretary of the H. N. I. a cheque for Rs. 1,004.

His many friends on this side of India will learn with deep regret of the death, on Monday evening, of Mr. O. H. Dickinson, of Messrs. Sanderson & Co., Calcutta. He succumbed to exhaustion after an operation for abscess of the liver, having been ill for some twelve days only. "Oliver," as he was known to his intimate friends, and they were many, was in private life one of the very best of fellows and in business was regarded as a very able man and an ornament to his profession. His social popularity was largely due to his genial kindly nature, the sort that takes all things as they come with the same sunny disposition. No man, moreover, ever lived or died in Calcutta of whom it could more truly be said that he never did another man a bad turn or said an unkind thing behind another man's back. He took his last illness uncomplainingly, with no thought of railing at ill fortune, and his friends will be glad to know that he passed away quite peacefully at the end.

A rather amusing story is told of poor old George Fordham. One night, during a Newmarket meeting, the conversation of a number of sporting men after dinner turned upon the difficulty of judging how horses were going on that wide course. One very confident gentleman, however, declared that he was never puzzled, that he always knew what the jockeys were at, even George Fordham, who, though he often kidded other people, never kidded him, as he was up to all his larks. George, who was present, said nothing. The next day, however, he rode in a match with Tom Cannon. The two ran very wide, and as they came within a hundred yards or so of the winning-post Fordham turned and looked over his shoulder. Seeing this, our confident friend shouted, "Twenty to one on Fordham!" "I'll take you," answered several voices. In another moment Tom Cannon's number was hoisted and Mr Confidence dropped upon for a pretty stiff amount.

"What the devil were you doing in that match?" he inquired, when, a few hours afterwards, he encountered Fordham. "I saw you looking over your shoulder and made sure you were rolling in."

"Oh! yes, of course, don't you know," answered George, with a twinkle in his eye; "but don't you see, I wasn't looking for Tom. I knew from the first he'd beat me easy, don't you know. I was only looking at a little dog."

And the confident gentleman is chaffed about that "little dog" to this day.

London Week by Week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 11th September, 1903.*

A GOOD deal has been said lately in one place or another about the physical deterioration of the lower classes in our big towns. It is averred that the average factory "half timer" or boy of twelve to fourteen has neither the height, weight nor stamina of his father when the latter was twelve or fourteen years old: also that the teeth of the rising town generation are very indifferent. The statements made to this effect have been hotly contradicted, but the Government takes the matter as sufficiently serious to deserve official enquiry, and a Committee of seven under the chairmanship of Mr. Almeric Fitzroy has been appointed to undertake preliminary investigation. What the father of the modern East End boy was like when he was young I do not know; but I do know that if you go into the slums east of the Tower and kindred purlieus you will believe you have found a different race of man from that dwelling west of, say, Charing Cross. I believe in the deterioration theory myself simply from casual comparison of the true East End type with the ordinary country town and country type. It is one of the many evil results of massing people in huge towns.

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Our glimpse of summer last week was soon dispelled. On Friday evening about seven, a thunderstorm which had been brewing up the whole afternoon, burst in earnest and for three hours London enjoyed or endured a tropical storm. It was the heaviest rain I have seen this year: I thought perhaps my opinion might be biased by the circumstance that there was not a cab nor a seat in a 'bus to be had between Piccadilly and South Kensington, whereby I had to walk home and undress in the bathroom: but the meteorological authorities confirm my impression that it was at all events one of the heaviest deluges vouchsafed us this year. The Underground Railway was flooded west of Earl's Court; but that appears to be its normal condition this year after rain.

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Tuesday's *Times* contained Lord Roberts' Special Army Order concerning officers' mess expenses. It repeats the prohibition of extravagance: enjoins commanding officers to see that their messes are ordered on lines which allow the juniors to reap the full benefit of the advantages recently conferred by the financial concession recently made; instructs General Officers to make careful periodical inspection in the interests of those of moderate means, and shadows forth the consequences which may befall commanding officers who do not keep down extravagance. It is well meant and let us hope—hope I say, not expect—will be productive of valuable results. By a coincidence, perhaps undesigned but certainly unfortunate from the undesigned but certainly unfortunate from the War Office point of view the same Tuesday's *Times* on another page sets out a column and three-quarters "by a Military Outfitter" on the enduring topic of changes and variations in uniform. The Military Outfitter leads off with a list of nine changes which have been made *since* the dress and equipment of officers were "completely remodelled" in February 1902. He—but there, I am sick of this interminable tale of drivelling ineptitude and man millinery. Let's talk about something else.

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A very sensible, and what I hope will prove a paying, enterprise has been started in London. My eye was caught a few days ago by a big red sign outside a newsagent's "Kelleys' Post Office Directory may be seen within." I did not want a Directory at the moment, but the sign was new and roused curiosity (I know, I know! You think I had in mind that chaste excuse for refreshment "Post Office Directory kept Here" displayed in the windows of half the pubs. in London. So I had, and could not for the life of me imagine why a respectable newsagent was falling into line with the publican and the sinner). It turned out to be a new automatic machine: the Directory is kept in a convenient box, you put in your penny and you consult the Directory. To prevent two or more unprincipled persons from sharing one pennyworth of Directory, the contrivance obliges the legitimate consultor to keep the hand on the cover of the book: take your hand away and Directory shuts like a plethoric rat trap, that is to say ponderously but firmly. The "Automatic Directories" is being run by a syndicate.

I have seldom heard such a roar of laughter in the street as I did in the Strand a day or two ago. By some accident a motor car took fire in the street and blazed up bravely: somebody I suppose pulled the nearest fire alarm, but at all event the scene was invaded by a horsed fire escape panting to be useful. The incongruity of the thing tickled the crowd as one man and you might have heard the laughter on the Surrey side of the river. Mention of motor cars suggests that the London General Omnibus Co. have started or are about to start motor buses on the street: I saw one last week labelled "Private Party": it was a clumsy and ugly caravan with wheels six inches wide on the tyre, indicating its weight. The watchful police have made huge bags of motorists during this last fortnight; the latter seems to think that the New Act consists of one clause and one only, to wit that making 20 miles an hour the maximum speed. I hope somebody will ask in Parliament for a Return showing the number of convictions for excessive speed since the Act was passed: it would be interesting too, to know by how much the Exchequer has profited in fines.

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Katie Seymour died on Monday. For some time past she had been suffering from an internal disease and her place on the stage had been unfilled. Katie Seymour, otherwise Mrs. Harry Athol, made her bow from the stage when she was seven years old in a pantomime at Nottingham. She first appeared in London at the old Opera Comique, *Joan of Arc*, and soon migrated to the Gaiety when one may fairly say the mantle of the late Kate Vaughan fell upon her. For eleven years she enjoyed the devotion of the Gaiety and the Alhambra, stalls and gallery alike. She was one of the most spirited dancers we have ever had and had a genuine and lively sense of humour. She was only thirty-three: a short but brilliant career.

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My ideas concerning *Richard II* whose first night was last night (at His Majesty's) have hardly had time to crystallise yet. Dazzled by its magnificence, for it is very magnificent, one came away impressed with the sense that one had seen something very fine indeed, and yet with certain twinges of dissatisfied enquiry. The Tournament scene at Coventry is wonderful and all the more so because there is not any tournament: nor could there be without mingling circus with drama. Bolingbroke's entry into London (a Tableau after Act II) shows us how the thing ought not to be done and convinces us that the absence of a tourney in Act I Scene II was right. The character of Richard II suits Mr. Tree and he makes the unfortunate king a dignified and pathetic figure whose defects of character win sympathy rather than inspire impatience. Miss Lily Brayton was simply admirable as the Queen, and Mr. Oscar Asche more than satisfied as Bolingbroke. Mr. Lionel Brough as the Gardener made one of the hits of the evening, his performance stands out in one's memory with suspicious distinctness; suspicious because one feels that a gardener should not loom so large in the mental retrospect. I suppose that as I write the subconsciousness that *Richard II* is a spectacular rather than an acting play is developing itself into definite shape, and yet there are scenes that remain with me and are likely too: the abdication and leave taking with the Queen in Westminster Hall, above others: the dungeon scene in Pontefract Castle was well done, but we have seen the same sort of thing too often to be deeply impressed by it. Spectacular describes the play I think; the glitter and glories, the gorgeous dresses and clever manipulation of crowds keep their place: but I shall go again, I think. The reception of the piece was most enthusiastic.

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Messrs. J. J. Dilley and Lewis Clifton's *Tom Pinch* is rather superfluously described as "a dramatisation of Certain Incidents in Charles Dickens' novel 'Martin Chuzzlewit.'" Mr. Willard produced it at the James' on Saturday taking the title *rôle* himself and did it as well, I imagine as it is possible to do the character. The impression the play leaves on one (apart from the carking sense that until one shall arise to invest a stage with the indescribable "Dickens' Atmosphere," dramatisation of Dickens is a vain thing) is that the only stage-fit character of the playwrights' selection is Mr. Pecksniff. That great man is admirably represented by Mr. Frederick Volpé: it was a really capital piece of acting and one that satisfied the exacting student of Dickens. If Mr. Pecksniff outshone all the rest it is because Pecksniff is an actable

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character and the rest are not. Mr. Willard made the best of Tom Pinch, his simplicity, kindliness of heart and transparent honesty : but to ask a football or a dupe to fill the *rôle* of hero is asking too much : and Tom Pinch, however much we may appreciate his virtues in print does not appear to advantage on the stage for the sufficient reason that he has so little to do. Mark Tapley (Mr. Ernest Stallard), Charity (Miss Joan Blair) and Mercy Pecksniff (Miss Alice Lonnon) were in capable hands, but Mark Tapley is too essentially a Dickens' creation to be divorced from his native atmosphere, and to say he was not convincing is to speak too mildly. It remains to remark that the adapters presuppose an exhaustive knowledge of the novel on the part of the audience : he who did not know his Martin Chuzzlewit and know it thoroughly must be puzzled and perplexed by the allusive character of the dialogue.

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Saturday also saw the production, at the Comedy, of *The Climbers*, an Original Modern Play in Four Acts by Clyde Fitch. It is an American play and the several Acts take place in New York and on the Bronx River which I believe is a summer resort of New Yorkers. The piece lacks something of coherency and much of back bone, but Mr. Fitch has distinctly good ideas of characterisation, he has humour and sense of the dramatic. Perhaps it will fairly describe *The Climbers* to say it shows that the playwright has it in him to write a really good play. The opening scene is decidedly promising. Mrs. Hunter (Miss Kate Tyndall) and her family are just returned home from Mr. Hunter's funeral. The widow, devoting one eye to tears and the other to the main chance deplores deceased till the will is read and shows her penniless, then "slangs" him freely and frankly : then she rouses herself to sell, at a profit, the new Paris gowns, weeds make useless to her. Oh yes, there is promise in the first Act. But the play does not centre on Mrs. Hunter. The central figure is Richard Sterling (Mr. Sydney Valentine) son-in-law of the widow : a man who would be honest if he could, but has not the strength of character either to resist temptation to go a little, and yet a little more, astray or to be boldly criminal. Mr. Valentine's conception of the part was as good work as he has done : Richard Sterling might so easily have been made utterly despicable and all through the play to his death (very characteristic of a weak man this business) you can't help a feeling a contemptuous pity for him. Sterling has muddled away his wife's money, has drifted into embezzlement and seems to be awaiting the verdict of fate. Mrs. Sterling (Miss Lily Hanbury) and her friends, particularly Edward Warden (Mr. Reeves Smith) spend nearly the whole of two Acts trying to keep him from ruin ; but Sterling contrives to estrange wife and friend Warden (who adores Mrs. S. ata perfectly respectful distance) and drifts along till suicide is the only resort left him. So he suicides after excellently planned hesitation and dies with a certain resigned dignity which leaves us half sorry for him as a man who, with will power, might have "climbed" to success. You may not have supposed from this bare outline of it that *The Climbers* is amusing ; but it is. There are some capital situations and stage business and much clever writing, but Mr. Fitch is just a little too fond of crossing his t's and dotting his i's. He seems always explaining things in unnecessary asides, and does not leave enough to the intelligence of his audience.

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I have been dipping into Mr. W. E. Adams' "Memories of a Social Atom." The author was a printer or compositor and he had his wits about him and has collected a lot of good stories about people whose names we all know. When Vizetelly ran the *Illustrated Times*, a weekly long since dead and gone, G. A. Sala was one of his most popular contributors : but like a good many other popular writers he was notoriously unpunctual with his "copy."

Vizetelly had more trouble with George Augustus than with any other of his team. When copy was wanted from him, he had to be hunted from one haunt to another. He said himself that he always found a printer's devil alongside his boots in the morning. It happened on one occasion that he was locked in a room at the office with a pot of porter and a packet of cigars till he had finished an article that was required at once. But a more serious difficulty arose later. Sala was writing his story, "The Baddington Peerage." Nothing could induce him to keep up to time with the instalments. At last Vizetelly hit upon an effective device. An announcement was put in type that the Editor would no longer apologise for the failure of the author to supply the continuation of the story, that he was tired of chasing him through all the taverns of Fleet-street and the Strand, and that he was now resolved to let the reader know with whom the responsibility for the lapse really lay. A proof of this announcement was sent to Sala, with an intimation that it would appear in the ensuing issue of the paper unless the copy of the next instalment of the novel was in the hands of the printer by a certain hour.

Sala was never too late again.

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I like this of the late Frederick Tomlins.

One morning, when Tomlins was editing *Douglas Jerrold's Newspaper*, he found his office door locked and no office-boy on the premises. The boy appeared at length, and explained that he had been up all night. 'It's this way, sir,' he said ; 'my uncle was hung at the Old Bailey this morning, and although we weren't on speaking terms with him, I thought, as one of the family, I ought to go and see the last of him.' 'Quite right,' replied Tomlins, 'never neglect your family duties ; but when another of your relations is to be hanged, please to leave the office key under the mat.'

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Mr. Andrew Carnegie contradicts the statement that he is negociating for the purchase of the field of Bannockburn to save it from the builder. "Statement without foundation. No use for battle-field" he wires. It certainly is not a suitable site for a Free Library. Reuter will have told you of Mr. Astor's gift of £20,000 to the Cancer Research Fund. It is money wisely bestowed.

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No reliable news of the lost lady doctor yet. Smith's bookstall clerk at Broadstairs is positive that he saw her on a day shortly after her disappearance ; but the clue, if it were one, has not proved helpful.

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Mr. Spencer, the aëronaut, is going to try an airship trip from the Crystal Palace round the dome of St. Paul's and back. It is still now after a regular tempest last night : if Mr. Spencer tries his experiment in a gale he and his machine and St. Paul's are all likely to suffer.

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Review.

ANIMALS OF NO IMPORTANCE.*

DEDICATING his collected essays in book form to our ubiquitous friend the Indian crow, D. Dewar, in *Animals of No Importance*, brings to our notice in rotation the several forms of birds, minor animals and sundry insects with which we are most familiar. Commencing with a glance at what the fortunate sea-going Poojah excursionist may see in and upon the waters in the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean, we are reintroduced to the several creatures who force their company upon us in the various districts of India. The long sojourner in the land will find no great novelty in the pages, though on perusal he may in future regard his tormentors with a more lenient eye from having their amusing idiosyncrasies brought more prominently to notice but the book will certainly interest intending visitors or those residing in climates free from the obtrusive but, nathless, generally unappreciated samples of natural history. All have some redeeming qualities though the writer prefers to dwell upon the opposite side of their characters. There is no pretence at scientific classification, but simply allusion to traits from the comical point of view. We commend the *brochure* specially to the tourist, for it will tend to beguile the long railway journey, as also enable him to study such companions as he may be forced to associate with, whether he appreciates their attentions or not.

* *Animals of No Importance*. By D. Dewar. Thacker, Spink and Co., Calcutta

THE COMING OF THE COLONIST.

In *The Coming of the Colonist* the writer seeks to prophesy that, the descendants of the mother country's expatriated children will at no distant date outshine their forebears and take the lead in the future of the Empire. Without actual repetition, it is the old vision of Macaulay. New Zealander gazing on the ruins of London Bridge revived. Welding the several Colonies into one homogeneous whole is regarded as an impossibility. The gist of the writer's contention tending in the direction that each offshoot nation founded by Great Britain will set up for itself bound for a generation or two by sentimental ties to the parent, but which ties will become fainter and fainter as time goes on. Though not without interest to reflective readers, the work is too far advanced for most people of the present day.

* *The Coming of the Colonist*. By C. D. Brownfield. J. M. Dent and Co. Bedford Street, London, W.C.

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SPORT IN THE HIMALAYAS.

THE Serow (Nemorhædus bubalinus) is one of the shyest animals of the Himalayas seldom seen in the open, and then, as a rule, only early in the morning and never far from his lying-up place, which is usually under an overhanging rock in some dark, sunless ravine, or in an old scrub-grown landslip close to wooded precipices. Or, he will make his home in a dense clump of ringall bamboos, wild indigo, or any impenetrable thicket, but always near some precipitous ground, down which he dashes on being alarmed. His home is so well guarded by crackling sticks, brittle leaves and thickets that it is almost impossible to track a serow to his lair ; the best and most patient "still-hunter" cannot manage it, and when shot the serow is usually either driven, or caught in the open very early in the morning.

I made my first acquaintance with serow some years ago in Gurhwal. I was returning, from a day in the forests, down a steep hillside and my guide suggested a short cut through a patch of ringalls and indigo that grew thick among the oaks and rhododendrons, when suddenly, about 4 P.M., we heard a funny noise—half scream, half whistle—close on our right, then there was a crash and a big brownish coloured animal went crashing through the thicket and across the steeps beyond ; a snap shot at him as he was crossing an open space some sixty yards off had no effect but to splinter a rock about a foot above his back, in a few seconds he was out of sight.

For some years after this I did not see a serow till one morning when walking up a ravine in search of Kalij and Koklass pheasants, my little cocker spaniel roused one from an indigo thicket above me. The serow gave his uncanny whistle, bounded out of the thicket, and stood on a rock about sixty yards above me glaring down at the spaniel who was baying him. I wished I had taken a man with me carrying my ·450 rifle and I could have got a shot, but by the time I had reloaded with a ball cartridge and closed the breech of my gun the serow had given another harsh, discordant whistle and was off along the mountain side.

I remember a serow that lived in a clump of ringalls, right on top of a grand hill called Lankra, over 10,000 ft. elevation, and I roused him on three occasions without getting a shot. The first time I had come up the hill to camp near the top with a friend who was going up by another way, and I was strolling along gun in hand, on a sheep path below a big brake of ringalls; two men were beating the brake for Koklass pheasants, and a man carried my rifle behind me. A crash above me on the right made me quickly exchange my gun for my rifle and I ran forward to see a fine serow, for an instant, as he dashed down the precipices beyond. A few days after, I left camp at dawn, and made my way towards the ringall brake, some half a mile away, and had not gone far before a serow appeared, the same one I believe, for he went crashing through the forest up to, and through the ringalls, and down to the cliffs beyond, without my getting even a snap at him.

Three years afterwards I visited this hill again, one morning at the end of December, and in company with a Gurhwali went cautiously towards the ringalls intending to try and drive the serow. I was to get round in view of the precipices and wait for the beast to appear while my man was to drive him out : but, in some way the serow heard, or winded me as I was creeping cautiously round, and in an instant was crashing out of the thicket and away down across the khuds below. My men with the tent and equipage saw him from below, as he crossed the path in front of them on his way to the wild precipices beyond. I never got this animal, as on trying for him a fourth time I was informed he had been shot by a sahib about a month before I went there, the sahib having caught him in the open early in the morning, and dropped him in his tracks.

My first serow I got on a hill called Tanpore, on the same ridge, but rather lower than Lankra. I was camped some 3,000 ft. below Tanpore, and started before dawn one morning in November to go to the top of this steep, sugar loaf shaped mountain, which rises to a height of about 9,400 ft. It is one of those hills that the natives are superstitious about, they don't like to accompany sahibs on such hills, being afraid some accident will happen, and on this occasion my spare-weapon carrier nearly fell over a precipice. My guide, from a neighbouring village, had persuaded me not to try for game on this hill as "it was haunted by a Shaitan, and no bullets would go straight." Up we went, and I must say that I missed three easy shots at goral. "It is no use," said the guide, "the goli never has any effect on animals on Tanpore Pahar."

On getting up to the steep part near the top, I took my gun, as I thought my shots at the goral had scared all animals from the vicinity, and I might get a shot or two at Monaul pheasants. We came to a very steep bit and the guide said : "The sahib-logue can't go on places like this, there will only be an accident."

"Go on up," I said, "and I will pass you up my gun," and the man was up like a lamplighter. I passed him the gun, and was just starting to scramble up myself, hanging on to wiry tufts of grass and

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twigs, when I heard the sound of a scuffle behind me, looked round and there was my man, Dewan Sing, slipping down the hill, hanging on to my rifle, turning round, grabbing at what he could. The good fellow never let go the rifle, but stuck to it and kept his head, and luckily was brought up by two small rhododendron trees that grew right on the edge of a sheer precipice of 60 or 70 ft., but for those young trees he must have gone over. How he slipped was that the rock he happened to be standing on slid from under him, his left big toe nail was taken off from the root and the poor chap was in great pain, but as intent as ever on accompanying his master to the top of the mountain. The guide had now joined us again, and tried to stop us going, but after a rest and Dewan Sing had bound up his toe with part of my handkerchief, we started again and got safely to the top. I went round a spur on the right, a little way from the summit, and saw a serow standing facing me on another spur, about 180 yards off. It was an awkward shot, as the sun was just above the serow and the foresight appeared to dance in the glare as I took the 150 yards sight of my old ·450, rather full, on to the serow's chest, and fired. When the smoke caused by 4 drams of black powder died away there was nothing in sight, missed again I thought, and the guide said "It is no use sahib," but I told him to hold his tongue, and we went round to where the serow had stood; there we found a lump of gelatine-like stuff which showed that the poor beast had been hit in the foot, and just round the corner we came on him limping along, about 120 yards off, and a shot through the shoulders finished him off. "You have broken the spell now sahib," said the guide.

He was a fine old serow with thick horns, right 10¼ inches, left 9¾, very black in colour with not much red about him, but well grizzled on his sides and quarters.

Apparently, an animal hit in the foot by a bullet cannot go any pace, but must proceed at a walk. I have known the same thing happen to a goral that was hit in the foot, and like the serow could not go out of a walk, for some reason or other the poor brute must put his foot to the ground. It must be awful pain, and no time should be lost in getting in a shot that will drop the animal dead.

A serow after being roused from his haunts, scared, or even fired at will almost always return in a few days, that is why, in March 1900, I fear a serow that I hit with a ·275 Mauser and split bullet, got away to some dark ravine and died, as he has never returned to his haunts there. I came on him early one morning on an open place, about 150 yards, and am certain that I hit him twice, from the way he behaved, but there was no blood to track him by and I never saw that serow again

I don't believe in a smaller bore than the modern cordite ·360 or ·350 for Himalayan sport; the ·303, ·275 and ·256, are too small, although many animals are bagged with these small bores, but many are lost, owing to there being no blood trail. The ·360 is the very best weapon for Himalayan shooting, being light and handy, extremely accurate and very deadly. I am writing of the ·400/360, with a charge of 40grs. of cordite, and 310grs. solid, soft-nosed bullet; the ·375 with 40grs. and 320grs. bullet, would be practically the same. A single ·360 need not weigh more than 7lbs., and with the falling-block action, Farquharson's, or a modification of it, is very handy and quick. A double ·360 of about 8½lbs. weight, with 26 inch barrels, appears to be the best weapon of all for Himalayan shooting.

Shortly after losing the serow hit with the ·275 I saw two serow going up a ravine and missed the leading one with a downward shot at about 200 yards with a ·500 express. My old setter got me my next serow, nearly a year later. I was going down a wide nullah looking out for Koklass pheasants, with the dog working spaniel like about 20 yards ahead of me, when I saw him sniffing at something below him, not standing as he would to game-birds, but winding, and with his tail waving from side to side. I quickly made out the head of a serow about 50 yards straight below me, glaring up at us from the oak scrub, and in an instant I had snatched my rifle from my man in exchange for my gun. A quick shot with my ·450 loaded with Rifleite took the serow in the throat, but it galloped about 100 yards before rolling over dead. This proved to be a female with horns only about eight inches long.

A few months after this I got a serow, high up in the birch forest just below a glacier; this, unfortunately, was also a female with not over good horns. She was lying under a rock, among some birch bushes when I came over a ridge, within 150 yards range, and killed her with a shot from the ·360 cordite. It is nearly impossible, or quite impossible, to tell male serow from female, even at short range, they are alike in colour and size, and the horns of the female often as fine, or finer, than the male. A friend of mine killed two female serow in the outer hills of Kumaon, one with 12½-inch and one with 12-inch horns: these are the finest horns I have seen.

I, not long ago, killed a very old male serow who at some time had both his horns broken off at the base: he was in wretched condition, covered with boils and had a big swelling on the throat. I was glad that I came on the poor old beast and ended his life with a deadly ·360 bullet; but old, tough and diseased as he was, he was eaten by some cowherds who had their camp near.

My last serow I got in December 1901, on some cliffs inhabited by tahr. I started early one morning to look for tahr among the precipices to the east of the stream, on the banks of which my tent was pitched; a wild, rapid torrent fed by a glacier on the south side of the great snowy range. We had got about 1,000 ft., or more, up the mountain when I noticed a dark object in an old landslip on the other side of the stream. My men said it was a tahr, but my binoculars showed it to be a serow. The animal was lying under a big grey rock in a thicket of scrub, at about the same elevation as we were; so we went down to the river again, crossed it higher up by a convenient tree that had been thrown across by a landslip and proceeded to stalk the serow. On getting up to the place I trod on a dead ringall, concealed by leaves, snap went the ringall and immediately the serow jumped up and gave two or three discordant whistles. I moved on slowly and catching a glimpse of the serow's neck in the bushes, fired. Two serow made off, one from below me plunged down into the ringalls, and the one I had fired at dashed off straight to some precipices beyond. We found blood and followed it to the edge of these precipices across which the serow had galloped, and looking ahead with my glasses I saw him standing on a rock on less precipitous spurs, about 500 yards off. There was no attempting to follow him, so we got back to the stream again, and passing the camp we got up beyond and cautiously approached the place where I had seen him standing. But, we could not see his serowship, so I looked across to the other side, where I had left a man lying down to signal the animal's whereabouts, and with my glass I saw the man pointing his hand to his right, then I saw the serow going slowly back along the way he had come, about 200 yards off. I waited till he appeared to be above a small plateau, and then fired with the 200 yards sight taken full. Bang, the serow plunged forward and went into a clump of cypresses about 20 yards further on and there he disappeared for a minute, or so; then we saw him rolling, slowly at first, but increasing in momentum, he crossed down from rock to rock a good 500 ft. We went down and found him with horns smashed, the right about an inch from the tip, and the left almost at the base. A pity, as his horns would have measured about 10 inches. He was a fine male, in his prime, with the best skin I have ever seen on a serow. My first shot had gone in and out of the skin in front of his chest, not disabling him, but causing the blood to flow; the second shot took him full behind the right shoulder, but he had energy enough left to get among the cypresses, from which he rolled down the khud.

Such is my experience of serow, a wary animal, with capital sight, A 1 powers of scent, and wonderful hearing. He is generally called an ugly beast; but to my thinking he is a handsome animal, especially about the fore-quarters, and he has a fine, bold, dark brown eye, his hind-quarters are ugly and drooping. There is little of the goat about the serow, except his surefootedness; he is solitary in his habits, more than one female is rarely seen with him. I have never heard of more than one female being seen with a male, and there is no goaty smell whatever about a serow; in fact, he smells like extra strong rabbit. I know an old tea-planter in Gurhwal who has kept a male serow for over 18 years, and the hut the animal lives in smells as if scores of rabbits were kept there. These animals become quite tame if taken young, and become attached to their masters; the tea-planter referred to above takes his animal for a walk every evening; the brute is, however, suspicious of strangers, especially natives, and has frequently charged and knocked them over. With his master he is like a lamb, and sleeps on a bench in a kind of stable. If his master appears at the barred window he jumps from the bench and with all four feet together stands on the narrow window ledge with his nose thrust through the bars. He is a fine specimen, with horns over 10 inches and is the old planter's only pet.

Serow are still plentiful in Kumaon and Gurhwal, and from their shy habits and the ground they frequent are likely to remain so.

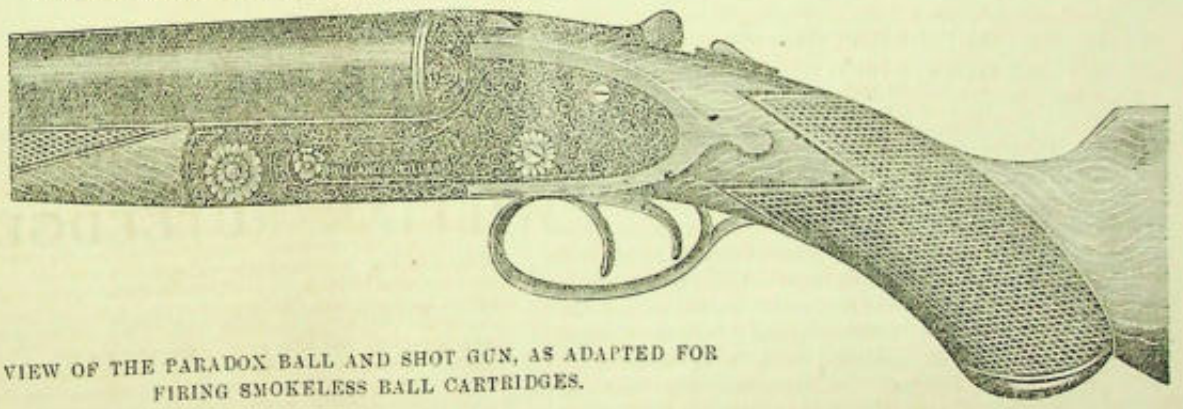
GURHWALI.

Shooting.

HOLLAND'S NEW NITRO PARADOX

MESSRS. Holland and Holland recently asked us (*The Field*) to inspect and see shot a new development in their well-known system of Paradox ball gun. For some time past they have been conscious of the need for adapting the Paradox for the shooting of smokeless ball cartridges. This development has been called for by the widespread recognition that is accorded to smokeless powders as used in shot guns. The reduced recoil and the great advantage of smokelessness, especially when shooting in tropical countries, provide ample justification for modernising this well-known weapon. As pioneers of the combination ball and shot gun, which has proved of so much value to sport-men in all parts of the world, Messrs. Holland and Holland may be congratulated upon having succeeded in constructing a Paradox gun which, while retaining the excellent shooting with both shot and ball for which the old weapon was so well-known, has the advantage of shooting a smokeless ball cartridge which not only gives an increased velocity, but does so with a decrease of recoil of some 20 to 25 per cent., which is a very important matter in these, comparatively speaking, light weapons.

The Paradox submitted for our examination is a typical specimen of its class. It weighs 7¼lb., and it handles and balances



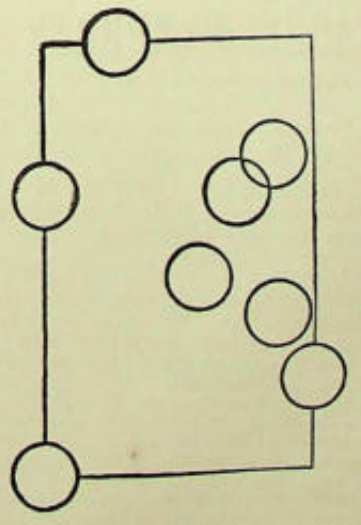
VIEW OF THE PARADOX BALL AND SHOT GUN, AS ADAPTED FOR FIRING SMOKELESS BALL CARTRIDGES.

like a shot gun of the same weight. Just to make sure that the weapon was thoroughly effective for the firing of shot charges, a number of sporting cartridges were fired at the plate, and well-distributed patterns, averaging about 140 pellets on the 30-in. circle, were obtained at 40 yards.

We were fortunately in a position to make thoroughly complete tests of the ballistics of the nitro cartridges used. The mean velocity obtained over the usual 20 yards range worked out at an average of 980ft. per second, this being slightly in excess of that of the old black powder ones. We made a number of comparative experiments to arrive at the relative pressures, with the result that the new cartridge, in its normal condition, gave practically the same pressures as those charged with black powder; but Messrs. Holland and Holland in their new gun have provided sufficient metal at the breech to allow for the increased pressures that might be developed in hot, dry climates.

Beyond satisfying ourselves that the velocity and pressure conform with the established requirements for ball cartridges of this character we did not go, as it is not in this direction that special advantages are claimed. Certainly the extra velocity is of advantage in lowering the trajectory, but, on the other hand, Messrs. Holland have been careful not to develop the cartridge too much in this direction, as they wish to avoid interfering with the use of black powder from the same rifle with indentical sighting. The results of our target experiments showed that although the elevation required for the black powder cartridge is somewhat higher than for the nitro, the difference is not material, so that black powder may be used if required.

Our readers will be especially interested in the readings of comparative recoil which we have been able to obtain. To get at the absolute value of recoil as given by the two cartridges we made use of an apparatus which had just been completed for another purpose. We must, for the time being, postpone special reference to its characteristics, and it will, therefore, be sufficient to say that we suspended the Paradox gun from two cords, leaving it absolute freedom of recoil. It was fired in a way that avoided any movement of the gun as a whole, so that the motion caused by the firing was recoil and recoil alone. A fitting was attached by which electric contacts were operated in the course of the backward travel of the gun. These contacts were placed a suitable distance apart, and the time occupied by the gun in recoiling over the known distance between them was measured by means of a chronograph. The records of recoil velocity so obtained represented the absolute recoil of the freely suspended



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gun, and the readings were converted by means of the well-known formula into foot-pounds of energy. A series of five shots was fired with each kind of cartridge, and the result are presented herewith :

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17·10 „ ...	...	36·382 „
Average ...	...	36·021 „

SMOKELESS CARTRIDGES—Bullet, 735grs.; Powder, 26grs.

Velocity of recoil.		Total energy of recoil.
15·17ft per sec.	...	28·645 ft.-lb.
15·25 „ ...	...	28·948 „
15·19 „ ...	...	28·721 „
15·17 „ ...	...	28·645 „
15·24 „ ...	...	28·910 „
Average ...	...	28·774 „

In arriving at the total energy of recoil a calculated correction was made for the amount the gun was raised in the course of its backward travel in the manner of a pendulum having approximately a 7ft radius. No correction was considered necessary for the weight of the extra fittings attached to the gun, these being the same in both cases and amounting only to 4oz., which, with the metal still to be removed in finishing the arm tested, make a total of 12oz. The above figures establish the fact that with the smokeless cartridges the recoil is 23 per cent. less than with black powder, notwithstanding the increase of velocity registered. We then fired a large number of smokeless powder ball cartridges at 50 and 100 yards range, the right and left barrels being fired alternately. The diagrams obtained were, as far as accuracy was concerned, very much the same as from the old black powder cartridges. At 50 yards the largest was a remarkably fine one, all the eight shots fired being in a 2-in. squire At 100 yards range a number of 5-in. groups were made, one of which is herewith illustrated. The chief advantage gained in using a ball and shot gun is, of course, that the weapon that produces these results can be handled and is handled, exactly like an ordinary shot gun, thus enabling the shooter to take a snap-shot at a tiger with much the same confidence and facility with which one would shoot at a bolting rabit. At the same time, many experienced sportsmen consider that the heavy bullet fired from this class of weapon is more effective and has a more certain stopping power than the lighter bullet fired from an Express, especially when used against soft-skinned dangerous game such as tiger. Hitherto the nitro Express rifle has given the sportsman the advantage of a smokeless cartridge. Now that the Paradox is shown to give thoroughly satisfactory results with a smokeless charge, the sportsman will probably take to it with renewed eagerness, in view of its dual power to serve alternately as a shot gun and as a rifle for soft skinned game.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDIAN FIELD.

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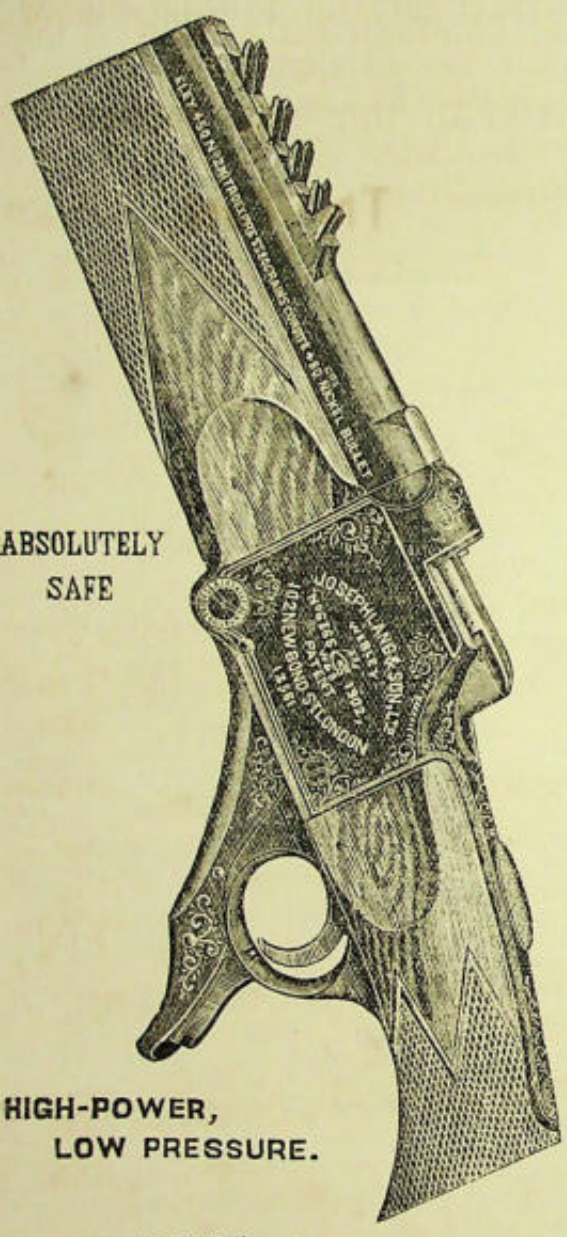

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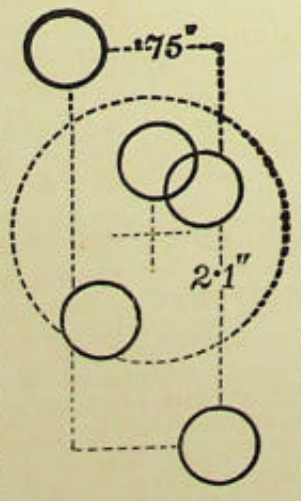

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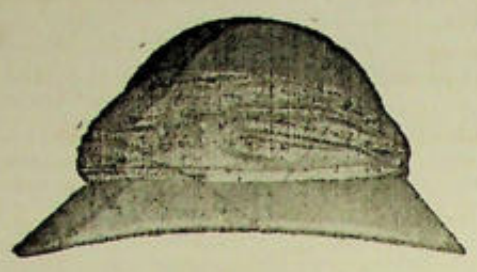

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Poona and Kirkee Hunt Point to Point Races	"	8	
Poona Eleventh Extra	"	17	
" Twelvth "	"	20	
Dehra Autumn Sky	"	29 & Oct. 1	2 0
Simla Autumn	"	6 & 8	374
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Dinapore Gymkhana ..	"	27, 29 & 31	453
Darjeeling Sky Races ..	"	1 and 3	
Pachmarhi Gymkhana Meeting ..	"	6 and 8	
Jubbulpore Autumn	"	27 & 29	
Sonepore Gymkhana	Nov.	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Extra Sky	"	10 & 13	
Maymyo Autumn	"	12	
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	381
Rangoon Autumn	Oct.	27, 29 & 31	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	"	26	382
Hyderabad	"	13 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	375
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	454
Mhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Bassein Autumn	"	19 and 21	
Tezpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting ..	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	382
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 16, 17 & 20	
Jorhat	March.	10 and 12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky ..	Second ..	..	11th Oct
Calcutta First Extra	..	..	8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra ..	..	..	15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting ..	First ..	..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	..	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting ..	First ..	..	1st Dec.
	Second ..	..	9th Jan.
	Third ..	..	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First ..	..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	..	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First ..	..	2nd Nov.
	Second ..	..	2nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth ..	..	1st Dec.
	Final ..	..	26th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Second ..	..	1st Oct.
	Third ..	..	14th Nov.
Tezpore	First ..	..	1st Nov.
	Second ..	Day before Races	
Umballa Autumn	Third ..	..	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn ..	First ..	..	20th Nov.
	Second ..	..	12th Dec.
	Final ..	..	23th "
Karachi Autumn	Second ..	..	17th Oct.
	Final ..	..	24th "
Hyderabad	First ..	..	15th Oct.
	Second ..	..	2nd Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana ..	First ..	..	13th Oct.
Rangoon Autumn	First ..	..	3rd Oct.
	Second ..	..	17th "
	Third ..	..	24th "
Sonepore Gymkhana	First ..	..	1st Nov.
	Second ..	..	3rd "
	Third ..	..	5th "
Jubbulpore Autumn ..	Second ..	..	12th Oct.

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Bombay Tournament	..	Begins 12th October.
Cawnpore Tournament	..	Begins 24th January.
Dacca Tournament	..	During the Race Week.
Dilkusha Tournament	..	7th October.
Dehra Dun Challenge Cup ..	..	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta) ..	..	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament ..	..	Begins 16th November.
Mhow Open Tournament ..	..	Begins 7th November.
Mhow Junior Tournament ..	..	Begins 14th November.
Mysore Dasserah Tournament ..	..	Begins 3rd October.
Neemuch Tournament ..	..	Begins 14th December.
Quetta	..	Now on.
Rajputana Tournament ..	..	Begins 21st November.
Sonepore Tournament	..	Begins 2nd November.
Meerut Autumn Tournament ..	..	11th, 13th & 16 November.

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Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
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Mussoorie Tournament	Begins 5th Oct.

SPORTS.

Bombay Gymkhana Athletic and Sporting Meeting	26th and 31st October.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Jockey Club Stakes (1½ miles)	Thursday, October 1
Duke of York Stakes (1¼ miles)	Saturday, Oct. 10
Cesarewitch Stakes (2 miles 2 furlongs)	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 5 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	30th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Caulfield Guineas	10th October.
Caulfield Cup	17th October.
Victoria Derby	31st October.
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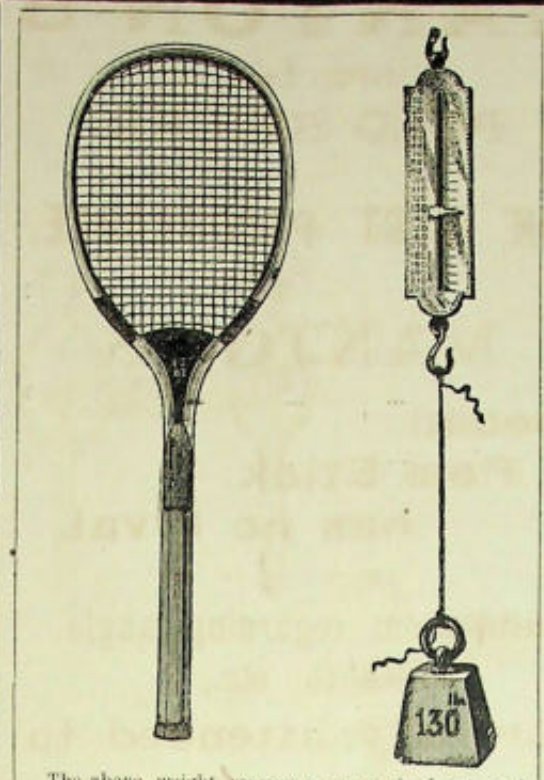

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Saturday, 26th September 1903.

THE OUTRAM PLATE.—Rs. 350 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for horses that have not won a flat race, hurdle race or steeplechase value Rs. 500 or over since 31st March 1901, the property of Members of the C. T. C., Bengal Club, U. S. Club, Tollygunge Club, Calcutta Polo Club, New Club, Saturday Club, Officers at present serving in the Presidency District, Active or Honorary Members, Calcutta Light Horse, or other Volunteer Corps in India. G. R's. About one and-a-half miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr G B Paris' gr aus m Actress, 11st 7lbs	Mr H Smith	1
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Firefly, 10st 2lbs	Owner	2
„ R G Bates' b aus g Flamingo, 9st ...	Mr Evers	3
„ A T Walker's ch aus m Impolita, 5 years 10st 5lbs	Owner	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

Totolisator paid Rs. 17 on the winner, Rs. 11 for place.

BETTING :—Evens Actress, 3 to 1 agst. Firefly, 4 to 1 Flamingo, 6 to 1 Impolita.

PLACE BETTING :—2 to 1 on Actress, 6 to 4 on Firefly, 3 to 2 agst. Flamingo, 3 to 1 Impolita.

Firefly and Actress led at the start and had the race to themselves all the way, the latter eventually winning by five lengths : Flamingo third fifteen lengths off Time—3min. 16⅗secs.

THE RAMPART PLATE.—Rs. 500 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A Handicap hurdle race for ponies 14-2 and under. Entrance—Rs. 20. About one mile over six flights of hurdles.

Mr Mackellar's bk aus m Yuletide, 10st 6lbs	Hard	1
„ S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 9st 3lbs	Mr Barrow	2
„ Rodocanachi's b aus g Shylock, 11st 7lbs	Mr Smith	3
„ A N Dass' b aus m Rezia, 8st 12lbs ...	Native	0
„ T G Evers' b aus g Blair Athol, 8st 4lbs	Owner	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

Totalisator paid Rs 22 on the winner, Rs. 11 and Rs. 12 for places.

BETTING :—5 to 4 ags Yuletide, 3 to 1 each Moss Rose and Shylock 10 to 1 each Blair Athol and Rezia.

PLACE BETTING :—3 to 1 on Yuletide, 5 to 4 on Moss Rose, evens Shylock, 3 to 1 ags Blair Athol and Rezia.

After some delay caused by Blair Athol, they were sent off to a good start and Rezia took the lead ; but she was soon done with and the race became a struggle between Moss Rose and Yuletide, a tight finish ending in a victory for the latter by half a length. Seven lengths between second and third. Time—2min. 52⅘secs.

THE CITY PLATE.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 150 to the winner Rs. 150 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A handicap hurdle Race for horses. Entrance—Rs. 30. About one and-a-half miles over seven flights of hurdles.

Mr F Dowling's b or br aus g Fairlight, 11st 4lbs	Carter	1
Mrs G B Paris' br aus g Twilight, 9st ...	Mr Barrow	2
„ Dudley's b aus g Dundonald, 10st 11lb	Fiely	3
„ Rodocanachi's ch aus m Kittylea, 9st 11lbs 2lbs extra	Mr H Smith	0
„ R A C Pugh's b aus m Ladybird, 9st 2lbs	S White	0

(*Winner trained by Wishart.*)

Totalisator paid Rs. 33 on the winner ; Rs. 15 and Rs. 17 for places.

BETTING :—5 to 4 agst. Fairlight, 3 to 1 Kittylea, 4 to 1 Dundonald, 6 to 1 each Ladybird and Twilight.

PLACE BETTING :—6 to 4 on Kittylea, evens Dundonald, 3 to 2 agst Ladybird and Rezia.

Kittylea was first away with Dundonald and Twilight close up. At the fourth flight Fairlight came through and led all the way home winning in a canter by three lengths : two lengths between Twilight and Dundonald. Time—3mins 10secs.

THE FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Rs. 750 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high-weight handicap for horses entered to be sold for Rs. 1 500. Entrance—Rs. 30. Six furlongs.

Mr R G Paris' ch e m Kellnerin, 8st 8lbs	Bloss	1
„ Raban's br aus m Naiades, 9st 2lbs ...	Owner	2
„ S F Reynolds' ch aus g Flashlight, 8st 10lbs	Powell	3
„ Galstaun's b aus g Mulwala, 9st 7lbs...	Hard	0
„ A N Dass' b e g Trollop, 8st 4lbs ...	Bond	0

(*Winner trained by Wishart.*)

Totalisator paid Rs. 20 on the winner ; Rs. 12 and Rs. 14 for places.

BETTING :—5 to 4 on Kellnerin, 3 to 1 agst. Naiades, 5 to 1, Flashlight and Mulwala, 8 to 1 Trollop.

PLACE BETTING :—2 to 1 on Kellnerin, evens Naiades, Flashlight and Mulwala 2 to 1 agst Trollop.

Kellnerin took command immediately with Flashlight, Naiades and Mulwala next. Naiades then began to come up, but could not catch Kellnerin who won by two and-a-half lengths : a head between second and third. Time—1min. 24secs.

THE HARINGTON PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high-weight handicap for horses that have not wn a race value Rs. 400 or over since 31st March 1901. Entrance—Rs. 15. Six furlongs.

Mr T G Evers' b aus m Sunshine, 8st 10lbs	Owner	1
„ A N Dass' b aus g Euryalus, 8st 12lbs	Hard	2
„ Beagle's b aus g Seaview, 7st 10lbs ...	Bond	3
„ J A Manning's ch aus g Shirley, 9st ...	Piper	0
„ S Margrett's b aus g Bob Sutton, 9st ...	Bloss	0
„ H D Carey's b or br aus g Chirnside, 8st 7lbs	Native	0
„ A N Dass' bk aus g St Glaze, 8st 7lbs	Native	0
„ G B Paris' gr aus m Actress, 8st ...	Powell	0
„ G B Deakin's b aus g Invincible, 7st 12lbs	Richardson	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

Totalisator paid Rs. 43 on the winner ; Rs. 12 and Rs. 14 for places.

BETTING :—2 to 1 agst Invincible, 3 to 1 Sunshine, 5 to 1 each, Shirley, Bob Sutton and Euryalus, 8 to 1 Actress, 15 to 1 each Chirnside and Seaview.

PLACE BETTING :—6 to 4 each on Invincible and Sunshine, evens Shirley, Bob Sutton and Euryalus, 2 to 1 agst Actress, 3 to 1 each Seaview and Chirnside.

It was some time before a start was effected. Invincible and Chirnside broke through and ran half the course, then St. Glaze bolted, and getting rid of his rider took no part in the race, Chirnside and Seaview took the lead when they were started

but at the distance Sunshine came through and won by a length and-a-half same distance between second and third. Time—1min. 24 secs.

THE PLASSEY PLATE.—Rs. 400 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high-weight handicap for Arabs and C.-B ponies 14-1 and under, and other ponies 13-3½ and under. Entrance—Rs. 15. Five furlongs.

Mr S G McCall's ch aus m Moss Rose, 8st 8lbs	Bond	1
„ H P Banker's ch aus m Little Doris 8st 8lbs	W White	2
„ Lamotte's b aus m Blue Bell, 8st 4lbs	Richardson	3
„ Bodceanachi's gr aus m Sweet Talk, 9st 5lbs	Mr Deakin	0
„ B B's b aus m Lady Olive, 9st 5lbs ...	W White	0
„ L S Cheape's ch aus m Dust, 7st 7lbs	Evers	0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

To talisator paid Rs. 72 on the winner. Rs. 17 and Rs. 26 for places.

BETTING :—5 to 4 on Little Doris, 3 to 1 Sweet Talk, 4 to 1 Lady Olive, 6 to 1 Moss Rose, 10 to 1 each, Dust and Blue Bell.

PLACE BETTING :—6 to 4 on Sweet Talk, evens Lady Olive 5 to 4 agst Moss Rose, 2 to 1 each Dust and Blue Bell.

Little Doris and Lady Olive led at the start with Moss Rose, last. Coming into the straight Moss Rose came with a rush and nicely ridden just snatched the verdict by a neck : half a length between second and third. Time— 1min 42-⅕secs.

THE POONA RACES.

First Day, Wednesday, 23rd September 1903.

THE first day of the Poona Races proper provided a splendid spectacle.

The racing was of the first water and the public on the whole were able to hold a bit of silver for their next encounter with the bookmakers. There were two items of special interest during the afternoon—the Trial Stakes, which was looked upon as a gift for Acetine, and the New Stakes, which was won by Russley Rose. Acetine showed what he was capable of accomplishing at the Ninth Extra Meeting and as a consequence he went out a piping hot favourite at 3 to 1 on. But the stable owning Russley Rose worked a clever commission. This pony is owned by a Parsee who races under the *nom-de-course* of "Mr. Kelso" and he has been very fortunate in his investment. He owns the bay Australian sprinter Kelso and in Russley Rose he possesses a most valuable racing asset. When Russley Rose made her Indian *début* a few weeks ago the "good thing" was kept exceedingly dark and the stable I believe were able to get back her purchase money at the first time of asking. This afternoon the stable had the great Indabba in and the public plumped for the latter and then changed their allegiance to Rifleman who went out a firm favourite. Meantime the connections of Russley Rose backed her bit by bit till she went out at 6 to 4 against and she put the issue beyond the pale of doubt before the distance post was reached.

To take the events in their order the country-breds paraded for the Breeders' Plate were a classy lot and looked very fit. If anything Gentle Lady was on the big side and it was surprising, considering she was carrying top weight, 10st. 7lbs., that she was so warmly supported. Upstart, who has improved since he ran in the pony ranks, was next fancied and he won with comparative ease, having his field beat to the world a long way from home. The Nobleman filly, Miss Ascot, was running for the first time and ran very green, but with the feather weight of 6st. up should have shown up better : if the c-b's bred by "Mr. J. B." cannot put up a better performance than this his breeding operations at Poonamust be reckoned as an expensive hobby. His younger stock, however, may be better as he put old Nobleman to more breedy mares lately.

Veera, Cocos, Hadyn : shake them up in a hat, back the one you draw, was the advice to punters about the Stand Plate, but as a matter of fact Haydn, who has returned to his Colonial form under Clarke's methods, went out first favourite at odds on and won his race, but he was fast stopping, and if there was a few more yards Veera would have snatched the verdict. It was lucky for Mr. Hunter that he was able to secure the services of Robinson, who rode a well judged race.

For the Maiden Stakes Bay Middleton, who ran so well at Bombay, was considered an absolute. He was carrying a weight to suit him and so was freely supported, but the lightly weighted Surjumal brought off another of his surprises by beating the favourite who was dead heated by Moona. This was somewhat of a shock to backers, the winner having been neglected at odds varying from 6 to 10 to 1. It was a great race to witness and Melsom opened his Poona meeting programme by riding a very artistic and strong finish.

The event of the evening was of course the Trial Stakes. Acetine looking big and strong somewhat dwarfed his competitors in the paddock. A grey horse always looks bigger and more prominent than a dark horse, but Mr. Hart's gelding is a big slashing horse, and how he gallops. It was Stand Off's own distance, but the stable was not sweet on his chance and the yellow and green stable was not putting any very great trust in Loch Clieveden. Acetine was put down to carry 8st. 7lbs., but it was ascertained by wire from Australia that he was not obliged to carry any penalty and he had only 8st. 2lbs. up. Taking command at the bend he squandered his field and won in a canter anyhow.

Mameluke may safely be described as the best Arab racing horse to-day. He has won the Governor's Cup and other big events with tons of weight up and his handicap in the Aga Khan Plate seemed a crusher. Yet he was equally supported with Arthur. The latter has had a leg and wore a bandage, but despite this the little champion was well backed. Mameluke was well nursed and won in the end somewhat easily from Hyderi, who ran a good race throughout.

The New Stakes brought out the *creme de la creme* of waler ponies and it was a pretty sight to see them circling in the paddock. All looked fit and well. Rifleman was picked out to win, but Russley Rose was quietly backed and perhaps carried as much money. Min also received a fair share of support. Entering the straight Russley Rose was sent to the front and won by three lengths with comparative ease.

Details :—

THE BREEDERS' PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for country-bred horses.—6 furlongs.

Mr Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 9st ...	Lansdown	1
Messrs G K and D D's b cb h Triumph, 7st 2lbs	Heeroo	2
Mr Potter's br cb g Wisdom, 7st 9lbs ...	Hoyt	3
„ J D Scott's b cb m Gentle Lady, 10st 7lbs	Ramshaw	0
Mr J D Scott's b cb h Louis, 7st 8lbs ...	O'Neil	0
„ Fry's b cb m Lady Newbrook, 6st 8lbs	Bennett	0
Col J P Grant's ch cb h Philistine, 6st 7lbs	Melsom	0
Mr J B's b cb m Miss Ascot, 6st ...	Dhondi	0

(*Winner trained by Thompson.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Gentle Lady, 3 to 1 Upstart, 4 to 1 Philistine, 5 to 1 Wisdom, 6 to 1 each Louis and Miss Ascot, and 12 to 1 the others.

Won by three lengths : a head between second and third. Time—1min. 20⅘secs.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300 and the third Rs. 200. For ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement. 14 hands to carry 8st. 10lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 600 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over, 4lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—C.B's. 2lbs. ½ mile.

Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Haydn, 8st 7lbs	Robinson	1
Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera 8st 7lbs	Heeroo	2
Mr Franklin's ch aus g Cocos, 8st 11lbs ...	Oomerkhan	3
Mr Finch's br aus m La France, 8st 11lbs	Williams	0
Mr Leslie's b aus m Bandicoot, 8st 8lbs.....	Oomer	0
Mr Avasta's ch aus m Western Queen, 8st 4lbs	Hoyt	0
Mr A W P's b aus m Nanette 8st 11lb, ...	Native	0
Mr C D's b cb m Namuna, 6st 6lbs (car 6st 6½lbs)	Melsom	0
Mr M Nusserwanjee's roan cb c Jal, 6st (car 6st 1½lbs), ...	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained by A Clarke.*)

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Haydn, 3 to 1 agst Cocos, 5 to 1 Veera, 10 to 1 Namuna, 15 to 1 each La France and Western Queen, and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by a length ; two lengths between second and third. Time—50⅘secs.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement. Maidens on 1st January, 1903, 14 hands to carry 9st 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. 7 furlongs.

Mr R R S's b a h Surjamal, 7st 4lbs ...	Melsom	1
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 9st ...	Heeroo	dead heat.
Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjee, and A M Amer's b a h Bay Middleton, 8st 12lbs	Lansdown	dead heat.
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs b a h Delight, 9st 3lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr A R Amer's g a h Young Kohinoor, 9st 3lbs	Ramshaw	0
Col Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 9st 3lbs	Robinson	0
Major Murray and Capt Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 9st...	Ames	0
Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee, and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris, 8st 11lbs ...	Southall	0
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 8st 11lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
Capt Benn's g a h Regret, 8st 11lbs ...	A Hoyt	0
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark, 8st 8lbs ...	Kamed	0
„ R R S's ch a h Mint, 8st 6lbs ...	Noormahomed	0
„ Ebrahim bin Talib's g a h Nainava, 8st 2lbs	Kamad	0
„ Abdulla al Shamlar's ch a h Galib, 7st 10lbs	Etul	0

(*Winner trained by Bin Jamal.*)

BETTING : Evens Bay Middleton, 4 to 1 each Money Spinner and Surjamal, 5 to 1 Young Kohinoor, 10 to 1 each Tigris, Alexis and Regret, 15 to 1 Moon, and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by two lengths ; dead heat for second place. Time—1min. 40⅕ secs.

THE TRIAL STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600 and the third Rs. 400. For horses W. A. and C. reduced 7lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, race, value Rs. 1,500 : once, 4lbs ; twice, of race value Rs. 1,500, or of race value Rs. 4,000, 7lbs : three times, of race value Rs. 1,500 or of race value Rs. 9,000 or over, 10lbs. Allowances.—Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 1,000 or over 5lbs., maidens 12lbs. (not accumulative). 1 mile.

Mrs Hart's g aus g Acetine, 8st 2lbs ...	O'Neil	1
„ J D Scott's b aus g Forest, 8st 7lbs ...	Ames	2
Hon Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Stand Off, 9st 8lbs	Ramshaw	3
H H Kour Saheb of Patiala's ch aus m Loch Clieveden, 9st 3lbs ...	Southall	0
Mr J C Galstaun's b aus g Hoop Iron, 9st...	Robinson	0
„ Kelso's bl aus g Milos, 8st 8lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 8st 2lbs	Melsom	0

(*Winner trained by Ferguson.*)

BETTING : 7 to 2 on Acetine, 7 to 1 agst Milos, 8 to 1 Loch Clieveden, 10 to 7 Stand Off and 20 to 1 the others.

Won in a common canter by fourth lengths ; five lengths between second and third. Time—1min 16½secs.

H. H. THE FIRST AGA KHAN'S COMMEMORATION PLATE.—Rs. 2,000, out of which the second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement. Maidens on 1st January, 1903, 14 hands to carry 9st 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. 7 furlongs.

Mr R R S's b a h Surjamal, 7st 4lbs ...	Melsom	1
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 9st ...	Heeroo	dead heat.
Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjee, and A M Amer's b a h Hyderi, 9st 6lbs ...	Lansdown	dead heat.
Mr R R S's ch a c Seagull, 6st 11lb ...	Kamad	3
„ Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ch a h Gallant, 9st 3lbs	C B Mahomed	0
Aga Mirza Ahmed's b a h Arthur, 9st 3lbs	Ramshaw	0
Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee, 8st 13lbs	Oomerkhan	0
„ R R S's g a h Officer, 8st 10lbs ...	Melsom	0
„ Krishnarao Gopalrao Gaikwad's b a h Reminder, 8st 5lbs	Robinson	0
Mr Richards' ch a g Selpme, 8st 5lbs ...	Williams	0
„ Ali bin Talib's b a h Magtoom, 7st 13lbs	Kunai	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Galston, 7st 13lbs	Southall	0
Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 7st 12lbs	Garrard	0
Messrs F Nowroji and H Jamsetji's g a h Propeller, 7st 11lbs	Hoyte	0

(*Winner trained by Owner.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 each agst Arthur and Mameluke, 6 to 1 Seagull, 8 to 1 each Officer, Hyderi, Gallant and Narunjee, and 15 to 1 the others.

Won rather easily by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third. Time—2mins 26⅗secs.

THE NEW STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which the second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. For ponies 14-2 and under, new measurement ; 14-2 to carry 9st 3lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 600 or over : once, 4lbs ; twice, 7lbs ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of race value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over, 4lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—C.B's 18lbs. 6 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's b aus m Russley Rose, 7st 13lbs, car 8st 11lb	Oomerkhan	1
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 8st 11lbs ...	Hoyte	2
„ J D Scott's ch aus h Yankee Boy, 9st 5lbs	Ames	3
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Minimus, 9st 11lbs	Lansdown	0
Mr Hart's b aus g Rifleman, 9st 4lbs ...	O'Neil	0
„ Kelso's ch aus g Indabba, 9st ...	Robinson	0
H H The Kour Saheb of Patiala's b aus m Malice, 8st 9lbs	Southall	0

(*Winner trained by Byramjee.*)

BETTING : Evens Rifleman ; 6 to 4 agst Russley Rose, 4 to 1 Indabba, 7 to 1 Min, 8 to 1 Yankee Boy, and 20 to 1 the others.

Won in a canter by three lengths ; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 18⅘secs.

Second Day, Saturday, 20th September, 1903

(*By Special Telegram.*)

The second day saw a record attendance discussing a programme of six events in all of which large fields were sent out. To take the biggest race and with it the most surprising upset of the day first. Acetine on his recent running was picked out as a "cert" for the Grand Western India Stakes and went out at 6 to 4 on. Tubal Cain was not without a following, while Up Guards and Loch Clieveden were also supported. Mr. Apcar's representative was not nibbled at to any extent, despite his light impost the public little dreaming that the winner would turn up in Goldsmith. Always in a good position throughout the race the failure of Acetine must have been a great blow to those who believed the race as good as over for him and his Cup price will now expand. Ali made the running well, but was disposed of the lead by Trenton on entering the straight and here Goldsmith and Loch Clieveden were shaken up with Tubal Cain close after them. Acetine under the vigorous call of O'Neil being unable to make an impression upon them. Goldsmith securing the race won easily from Loch Clieveden, who beat Tubal Cain by three lengths, the favourite being fourth. The time recorded was excellent for the Poona course. The next race of special importance was the International Stakes. Yankee Boy has proved himself a great pony and that he should have been able to carry top weight (9st. 10lbs.) and finish in front of a classy field in the time he did seems to justify the opinion that he is the best pony of his inches which has ever been brought to the country. We must not forget, however, that Russley Rose, who won on Wednesday, put up a splendid performance against Yankee Boy, with 9st. 4lbs up as she was giving away an inch in height.

The Poona Derby went to Bay Middleton. He was the best of the Arabs landed last year and won the two big events open to him at Bombay in February. That he is a rare good 'un was proved, for he ran a neck and neck finish to Adonius and these two and Sundown dead heated for first place! A dead heat of three horses is a rather rare performance, but I recollect it occurring last year and on that occasion strange to relate the owner of Bay Middleton owned one of the dead heaters (President). The run off was expected to result in the victory of Bay Middleton and so the issue proved for Bay Middleton won by a length.

Another important Arab event was the Pony Derby and a big field contested thus. Little Joker lasting out best under the whip won by half a length.

So much had Brigand gone off of late that he was not much fancied, if at all, for the Dealers' Plate. Gallant, who has done well in the past over the distance, was best supported but he ran badly. Brigand had to fight Shaiboob for the victory and he won by only a neck, Rose an indifferent third.

Firecracker, who was favourite, failed to win the Criterion, a race specially designed for second raters. An absolute outsider, Corrie Roy, won by a neck from Spark, who was second favourite.

THE ARAB PONY DERBY.—Rs. 2,500, out of which second receives Rs. 500, and the third Rs. 300. For Arab ponies 13-4 and under, old, and 13-3 and under, new, measurement—maidens on 1st January, 1903. Above heights to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once 4lbs ; twice, 7lbs : oftener 10lbs. Six furlongs.

Mr Artin Essayie's Little Joker, 7st 2lbs (car 7st 4lbs)	A Hoyte	1
Kour Shahib of Patiala's Shahjehan, 8st 2lbs	Southall	2
Capt Wilson's Greyleg, 8st 6lbs ...	Robinson	3
Mr R R S's Sir Jamal, 8st 11b ...	Melsom	0

Also ran.—Dispute, 9-2 ; Mint, 8-13 ; Silverfox, 8-12 ; Mosumma, 8-9 ; Minting King, 8-6 ; Young Taisseer, 8-6 ; Kyam, 8-6 ; Galib, 8-3 ; Clever Boy, 7-11 ; Sanaiya, 7-8 ; and Erhan, 7-5.

(*Winner trained by Byramjie.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Greyleg, 4 to 1 Little Joker, 5 to 1 Shahjehan, 6 to 1 Sir Jamal, 8 to 1 Mosumma, Young Taisseer and Kyam, and tens and twenties the others.

An exciting finish. Little Joker staying out, won by half a length ; one length between the second and third. Time—1min 25secs.

THE DEALERS' PLATE.—Rs 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies, 14 hands and under. 14 hands to carry 9st. W. I.

Kour Saheb of Patiala's Brigand, 8st 9lbs	Southall	1
Mr Jewell's Shaiboob, 7st 8lbs, car 7st 12lbs	Oomer Khan	2
R R S's Rose, 8st 5lbs	Melsom	3
Ali Bin Talib's Moon, 7st 13lbs ...	Heeroo	0

Also ran—Arthur 8-9 ; Gallant, 8-6 ; Delight, 8-2 ; Alexis, 7-10 (car. 7-10½) ; Greyfox, 7-1 (car. 7-3½) ; and Panalla II, 6-11.

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Gallant, 4 to 1 5 to 1 Arthur. Greyfox 6 to 1 Brigand, Rose and Moon ; 15s and 20's the others.

Good race home, Brigand won by a neck ; two lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 56secs.

THE CRITERION.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. For horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over. W. A. and C. reduced 10lbs. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March 1901, of a race value Rs. 500 : once 4lbs. ; twice of a race value Rs. 500, or of a race

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Major Vans Agnew's Corr'e Roy, 8st 4lbs...	Melsom	1
Mr Leslie's Spark, 9st	Ramshaw	2
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Dioptrics, 9st ...	Southall	3
Aga Khan and Aga Shah's Firecracker, 9st	Robinson	0

Also ran—Fando, 8-11 ; Ritual, 8-11 : Gum, 8 4 : Repetition, 7-13 ; and Spithead, 6-8.

(Winner trained by Capt. Rendall.)

BETTING : Evens Firecracker, 3 to 1 agst Spark, 5 to 1 Ritual, 8 to 1 Gum and Dioptrics ; 12 to 1 any others.

Spark won by a neck ; three-quarters of a length between the second and third. Time—1min. 32⅘secs.

THE WESTERN INDIA STAKES.—Rs. 7,500, out of which second receives Rs. 1,000, and third Rs. 500. A handicap for horses. Distance —1¼ mile.

Hon A A Apcar's Goldsmith, 7st 4lbs ...	Bennett	1
Kour Sahib of Patiala's Loch Clieveden, 8st 2lbs	Southall	2
Messrs Goculdass and Nanjee's Tubal Cain, 8st 7lbs	Lansdowne	3
Dr Spooner Hart's Acetine, 9st 10lbs ...	O'Neil	0

Also ran Hoop Iron 9-1 ; Up Guards, 8-1 ; Glen Albyn, 8-6 ; Allie, 1-7 ; Trenton, 7-1¼ ; Veneda 6-10 ; and Leonidas, 6-7 (car. 7-3.)

(Winner trained by Watson.)

BETTING : 6 to 4 an Acetine, 5 to 1 against Tubal Cain ; 6 t ol Loch Clieveden and Allie ; 10 to 1 Up Guards and Goldsmith ; 12 to 1 Glen Albyn and Veneda ; 20 to 1 the others.

At the top of the hill Tubal Cain came to the head of affairs and shortly Loch Clieveden and Goldsmith were level with Tubal Cain ; at the distance Goldsmith drew out and won by a length and a half ; three lengths between the second and third ; Acetine fourth, coming very strong at the finish. Time—2mins. 12⅘secs.

THE POONA DERBY.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and third Rs. 400. For Arab horses, maidens on 1st January, 1903 W. A. reduced 7lbs. Penalties —Winners since 31st December, 1902, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs Allowances.—Ponies, 14 hands and under, new measurement, 7lbs. Distance.—1¼ mile.

Messrs Goculdas and Co.'s Bay Middleton, 7st 11lbs	A Hoyte	1
Mr Sethna's Sandow, 8st 10lbs ...	L Hoyte	2
Mr A Ameer's Adonis, 7st 5lbs ...	O'Neil	3
Saif and Rasheed's Galston, 8st 4lbs ...	Southall	0

Also ran—Rubric, 9-0 ; Harefoot, 9-0 ; Reminder, 8-10 ; Chungiz, 8 10 ; Silvermane : Najeed, 7-11 ; Connaught, 7 5 ; Skylark, 6-12 ; and Seagull, 6-0.

(Winner trained by T Rendell.)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Reminder, 3 to 1 Bay Middleton ; 4 to 1 Seagull 6 to 1 Chungiz and Adonis; and 10 to 1 the others.

Bay Middleton, Adonis and Sandow came together at the end and after an exciting finish, the judge failed to separate the trio, Galston being close fourth Time—2mins. 56secs. In the run off Bay Middleton led the whole way and outstaying the challenge by Sandow in front of the stand, won by a length and a half ; one length between the second and third. Time—3mins. 2secs.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and the third Rs. 400. A handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Distance.—5 furlongs.

Mr J Scott's Yankee Boy, 9st 10lbs ...	Ames	1
,, Kelso's Russley Rose, 9st 4lbs ...	Oomer Khan	2
,, Franklin's Cocos, 6st 10lbs ...	Kamah	3
Messrs Goculdas and Nanjee's Olga, 8st 2lbs	Lansdown	0

Also ran—Metalgia, 9-0 ; Key West, 8-6 ; Tragedian, 8-3 ; S P, 8-3 ; Pet Girl (late Pride of Dharamtolla) 8-2 ; Veera, 7-4 (car 7-5½) ; Haydn, 7-0 ; Nautilus, 6-13, and Miss Birnie, 6-0 (car 6-8½).

(Winner trained by Owner.)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Russley Rose, 3 to 1 Yankee Boy, 6 to 1 Key West, 7 to 1 Veera, and 12 and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by half a length ; a head between second and third ; a close fourth Time—1min. 4⅘secs.

Third Day. Monday, 28th September 1903.

(By Special Telegram.)

A splendid day's racing with favourites in winning vein. Two popular wins were those of Swiftsure and Achilles, while little Ptarmigan again proved himself the fastest half mile Arab Pony on the Indian turf, winning the Lilliputs from pillar to post easily. Selpme made quite a record : he burst the tapes of the starting gate, and a start having been made in the old fashioned way by the flag, and the running being up to his form, Selpme won as was confidently expected by the South Indian contingent Gaulme accounted for the Grand National in fine style his jumping was good and the pace was too much for the others. Vedette fell at the stone wall, broke a leg and had to be destroyed Captain Randall rode Veneda second in this event and won the Pony Chase on Patrician. Funny was favorite, but had bad fever and only ran second. There was a big attendance, brisk betting and ideal weather. Details :—

THE LILLIPUTS.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. For Arab ponies 13-2½ and under, old, and 13-3 and under, new measurement. Above heights to carry 9st. W. I Penalties.—Winners since 31st March 1901, of race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs. ; twice, 7lbs. 1ttener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above, of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000 or over 4lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowance.—Maidens, 5lbs. ½ m l'.

Lieut-Col Desaraj Urs' g a h Ptarmigan, 8st 3lbs	A Hoyt	1
Mr Avasla's g a h Farewell, 8st 6lbs ...	Ames	2
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's ch a h Shah Jehan, 7st 11lbs	Southall	3
Mr R R S's ch a h Mint, 9st 11b ...	Noormahomed	0
Messrs Goculdas and Ananji Nanjee's g a h Silver Fox, 8st 9lbs	Lansdown	0
Major Eustace's b a h Naseri, 8st 9lbs (carried 8st 9½lbs)	Garrard	0
Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Minting King, 8st 3lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr A M Bushari's b a h Panalla II, 8st 2lbs	Oomer Khan	0
Captain Hennessy's b a h Early Bird, 7st 11lb...	Robertson	0
Mr Abdool Razack's b a h Sybarite, 7st 11lbs (carried 7st 11 4lbs) ...	Kunal	0
Messrs A Mosbed and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 7st 8lbs	O'Neill	0
	Kamad	0
Aga S Shah's ch a g Winchester, 7st 8lbs		
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Settler, 7st 5lbs	Melsom	0
	Bennett	0
Mr Percy Fischer's g a h Sanaiya, 7st 5lbs	Dhondi	0
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 7st 2lbs ...		

(Winner trained by Mr. Puttawah.)

BETTING : Evens Ptarmigan, 4 to 1 agst Farewell and Shah Jehan, 8 to 1 Panalla, 10 to 1 Silver Fox, 15 to 1 Mint, Naseri, Clever Boy, Settler and Sanaiya, and 20 to 1 the others.

Ptarmigan was never headed and won by half a length ; same distance between second and third. Time—54⅘secs.

THE AGA KHAN'S PURSE.—Rs. 1,500 (Rs. 750 presented by H H. the Aga Khan and the balance from the Fund), the second to receive Rs. 300, and the third Rs 200 out of the stakes, Handicap for Arabs. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on 27th September. 1 mile.

Mr Richard s ch a g Selpme, 7st 6lbs ...	O'Niell	1
,, F M Garda's br a h Naranjee, 9st ...	Southall	2
,, Ebrahim bin Talib's b a h Hakum, 8st 11b... ...	Noormahomed	3
,, J D Scott's Secunder, 8st 6lbs ...	Ames	0
,, R R S's g a h Officer, 8st 5lbs ...	Melsom	0
Messrs A A Saif & E Rasheed's g a h Galston, 8st 4lbs	Williams	0
Mr Mustapha bin Talib's g a h Chungiz, 8st 4lbs	Heeroo	0
Lt-Col J Desaraj Ur's ch a h Rubric, 8st 3lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr M A Fly's The Robber, 8st 2lbs ...	A Hoyte	0
,, K G Gaikwad's b a h Reminder, 8st (car 8st 11b)	C B Mahomed	0
Col Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 7st 12lbs	Kamad	0

(Winner trained by Byramjee.)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Naranjee, 3 to 1 Selpme, 4 to 1 Chungiz, 5 to 1 The Robber, 7 to 1 Money Spinner and Hakum, 10 to 1 Secunder others.

Secunder lead by four lengths but was caught on entering the straight and Selpme won by two lengths ; three between second and third. Time—5mins. 5⅘secs.

THE POONA GRAND NATIONAL.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Steeplechase for Horses, W. A. and C. raised 21lbs. Penalties.—Winner since 31st March, 1901, of a Steeplechase value Rs. 500 or over: once, 5lbs. ; twice, 10lbs; oftener, 14lbs Winners since the above date, of a Steeplechase value Rs 3,000 or over, 10lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens, 10lbs. About 2 mile.

H H the Sultan of Johore's b aus g Gaulme, 9st 11lbs	Williamson	1
Mr B's b aus h Veneda, 10st	Capt Randall	2
H H the Kour Saheb of Patiala's bl aus g Pope, 11st 13lbs	A Hoyte	3
Mr Westropp's ch aus g Vedette, 10st 12lbs	Lansdowne	0
,, Lock's ch aus g Baron II. 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Barrett	0
,, R M Roy's ch aus h Altamas. 10st ...	Garrard	0
,, Goff's bl aus g Oberon, 13st 8lbs ...	Morrison	0
,, F Reynolds' b aus g Rickshaw, 9st 11lbs	Johnson	0

(Winner trained by Ferguson).

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Rickshaw, 3 to 1 Gaulme, 5 to 1 Oberon, 6 to 1 Baron II 8 to 1 Veneda, 10 to 1 Pope, 12 to 1 the others.

Veneda led at the first jump followed by Pope and Baron II. At the third fence Veneda blundered but went on. At Wanowrie Pope held the lead from Gaulme and Baron II Oberon ran out at the fourth fence where Gaulme won comfortably by three lengths. Time 4mins 22⅘secs.

THE KIRKEE CHASE.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A Steeplechase for A. and C. B. Ponies 14-2 and under, new measurement and other classes, 14-1 and under, new measurement Weighs—Above height to carry 11st 10lb. W. I Penalties —Winner since, 31st March, 1901, of a Steeplechase value Rs. 5000 or over : once, 4lbs.; twice 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Allowance —Maidens, 7lbs.; Arabs 16lbs ; C. Bs. 8lbs. Distance—About 2 miles, over the Pony Steeplechase Course.

Lieut-Col Hazelton's b aus g Patrician, 10st 8lbs	Capt Randall	1
H H Aga Khan and Aga Shah's ch aus g Funny, 11st	A Hoyt	2
Mr Percy Fischer's g aus g Good Boy 10st 11lbs.	Morrison	3

BETTINN : 5 to 2 on Funny, 3 to 1 agst Patrician and 6 to1 Good Boy.

Good Boy led for a mile when Patrician took command, winning by six lengthe ; five lengtns between second and rhird. Time 5min. 8⅘secs.

(Winner trained by Capt. Randall.)

THE SEPTEMBER STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A Handicap for Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M., 27th September. 1 mile.

H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Swiftsure, 8st 8lbs	Robinson	1
Mr Leslie's b aus g Spark, 8st 12lbs ...	Ramshaw	2
Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs ch aus g Leonidas, 8st 11b	Hoyt	3
Mr Goff's b aus g Walgrove, 9st 5lbs ...	O'Neil	0
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 8st 7lbs	Melsom	0
Mr Noble's b aus g Planet, 8st 5lbs ...	Oomer Khan	0
Hon Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Milburn, 8st 2lbs	Bennett	0
Mr J D Scott's b aus g Ritual, 8st ...	Ames	0
H H Kour Saheb of Patialas br aus m Alix, 7st 10lbs	Southal	0
Messrs M Goculdas and A Narjee's ch aus m Gnullo, 7st 2lbs carried 7st 5½lbs ...	Heeroo	0
Mr A W F's ch aus g Fitzeros, 7st ...	Trahan	0
,, Clarke's br aus g Richmond Hill, 6st 12lbs	Etul	0

(Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Swiftsure, 4 to 1 Walgrove, 6 to 1 Spark, Alix and Gnullo, 10 to 1 Leonidas, Corrie Roy, Fitzeros and 15 to 1 the others.

The favourite led into the straight and won by a length and a half ; a neck between second and third. Time 4mins. 6⅘secs.

THE WANOWRIE STAKES.—Rs 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600 and the third Rs. 400. For Arab Ponies 13-3½ and under, old, and 14 hands and under, new measurement ; above height to carry 9st. W I Penalties.—Winners since 31st March, 1901, of a race value Rs. 900 or over : once, 4lbs ; twice, 7lbs. ; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value as above of the aggregate value of Rs. 5,000, or over 4lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—Maidens, 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's g a h Achilles, 8st 12lbs ...	Robinson	1
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 4st 13lbs (carried 7st 5½lbs) ...	A Hoyt	2
Kour Saheb of Patiala's b a h Brigand, 9st 2lbs	Southall	3
Thakur Shripal Sing's ch a h Omar, 9st 6lbs	Kamad	0
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 8st 12lbs ...	C B Mahomed	0
,, A R Amer's b a h Young Kohinoor, 8st 9lbs	Ramshaw	0
,, Ali Bin Talib's b a h Moon, 8st 6lbs ...	Heeroo	0
Messrs G K and D D's g a h Dispute, 8st 6lbs	Robertson	0
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor, 8st 3lbs	O'Neill	0
Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris, 8st 3lbs	Lansdown	0
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 8st 3lbs ...	Native	0
Mr C D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 8st ...	Oomerkhan	0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Grey Fox, 7st 8lbs	Noormahomed	0
Mr R R S's b a h Sirjamal, 6st 10lbs ...	Melsom	0

(Winner trained by Owner.)

BETTING : Evens Achilles, 4 to 1 agst Little Joker, 6 to 1 Brigand and Rose, 8 to 1 Grey Fox, 10 to 1 Sirajamal Shaiboob Omar, and Young Kohinoor, 15 to 1 the others.

On entering straight Achilles was challenged by Little Joker, but won by a head ; half a length between second and third Time—1min 2⅘secs.

QUETTA AUTUMN MEETING.

Second Day. Thursday, 24th September 1903.

A LARGE attendance graced the proceedings on the second day when fine weather and good racing produced a most enjoyable afternoon. The handicapping was good and capital finishes resulted. Details :—

THE SIBIAB HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to winner, 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under which started on the first day of meeting. 4 furlongs.

Major Maxwell's Richmond, 11st 6lbs ..	Capt Peacock	1
Second Bombay Lancers' Fly By Night, 9st 4lbs (car. 10st 11lbs), ...	Mr Beatty	2
Capt Minogue's Greylet, 9st 7lbs ...	Brown	3

Also ran :—Songstress 10-0 ; Najib 8-5.

BETTING : 7 to 2 on Richmond 5 to 1 each against Songstress, Greylet and Najib, and 10 to 1 Fly By Night.

Won easily by two lengths. Time—55⅘secs.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap hurdle race for Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14 hands and under which started on the first day. About 1¼ mile over 7 flights.

General Smith Dorrien's Muskerry, 11st 7lbs	Owner	1
Mr Hill's Kelp, 10st 3lbs	Churchward	2
Capt Barry Urew's Gazetteer, 10st 12lbs ...	Mr Marten	3

Also ran :—Roburite 9-4 (car. 9 7) ; Corunna 10-13 ; Joyce 10-0.

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Muskerry, 2 to 1 Kelp, and 6 to 1 against the remainder.

Won by half a length. Time—2mins. 37⅘secs.

THE JHALAWAN PURSE.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14-0 and under. Arabs and C.-Bs. to carry 10st. 7lbs. others 11st. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March 1901 of races value Rs. 50 and over, once 4lbs., twice 7lbs., oftener 10lbs. Winners since the 31st March 1901 of races value Rs. 50 and over, amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,500 5lbs in addition to other penalties ; Rs. 2,000, 10lbs in addition to other penalties.—1 mile.

Major Maxwell and Captain Winter's Shelter, 8st	Moongya	1
General Smith Dorrien's Takatu, 10st 5lbs (car. 10st 8½lbs)	Owner	2
Mr Maconaghey's Talisman, 10st 10lbs ...	Churchward	3

Also ran :—Makere 9-1.

BETTING : 5 to 4 on Takatu, evens Shelter, 4 to 1 against Talisman, and 6 to 1 Makere.

Won easily by half a length. Time—2mins.

THE QUETTA ST LEGER.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all horses that started on the first day.—1 mile.

Major Maxwell and Captain Winter's 15 Russley King 10st	Mr James	1
Major Showers' Chorister, 10st 13lbs ...	Churchward	2
Capt Benwell's Aureole, 11st 5lbs ...	.....	3

Also ran :—Bedona 9-6 ; Motion 9-9 ; Welfare 10-0.

BETTING :—Evens Russley King, 6 to 4 against Aureole 2 to 1 Chorister, 20 to 1 the rest.

Welfare reared over at the post and injured himself and did not start.

Won by two and a half lengths. Aureole was third, three lengths behind Chorister. Time—1min. 51⅘secs.

THE NUSHKI PURSE.—Rs 200 to winner, 100 to second, Rs 50 to third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies 14 0 and under, other maidens 13-2 and under. Arab and C.-B's to carry 10st 7lbs, others 11st. W. I. Penalties.—Winners since 31st March 1901 of races value Rs 50 and over, once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. Winner since the 31st March 1901, of races value Rs 50 and over, amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,500, 5lbs in addition to other penalties ; Rs 2,000, 10lbs in addition to other penalties 7 furlongs.

Mr Aker Douglas' Rubicon, 10st 5lbs ...	Capt Grove	1
Mr ampbell's Zarafshan, 10st 8lbs ...	Capt Beatty	Dead
Sir Ghan Baksh's Nasarulla, 8st 12st ...	Moongyr	heat.

Also ran :—Delhi Durbar 9st (car. 9st 5lbs).

BETTING : 2 to 1 against Delhi Durbar, 6 to 4 Rubicon, 7 to 2 Nasarulla, and 10 to 1 Zarafshan.

Won a fine race by a length, for second place dead heat. Time—1 min. 44⅘secs.

THE SCURRY HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to winner, Rs 100 to second, Rs 50 to third. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under, others 14 hands and under which started in the Scurry Stakes on the first day. 3 furlongs.

Major Maxwell's Vermeille, 9st 11b ...	Mr James	1
General Smith Dorrien's Tukatu, 11st 4lbs	Owner	2
Second Bombay Lancers Fly by Night, 9st (car. 10st)	Mr Hennell	3

Also ran :—Lady Bird 8-12 ; Detective 9-8 ; Ouida 9-3 ; Federation 9-3 ; Bobby 9-8 ; Grey Friar 10-2 ; Mustapha 8-12 ; Judy 9-6 (car. 9-12) ; Terror 8-0.

Won by a length. Half a length between second and third. Time—40⅘secs.

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Third Day, Saturday, 26th September 1903.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion to-day when a large attendance was present and a programme of eight events successfully carried through. The handicapping was excellent and the racing of a high standard. Major Maxwell's stable was once more to the fore. The meeting all through has been a great success, for which thanks are due to the untiring efforts of Captain Grove. Details.—

THE KELAT CHASE.—A cup value Rs. 200, pre-ented by the Khan of Kelat to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A steeplechase tor horses the property of Civil and Military Officers stationed in Sind or Baluchistan. Gentlemen riders only C. Bs. and Arabs to carry 10st., others 11-7. About 2½ miles.

Mr Maxwell's Crusader, 10st 7lbs ... Mr Beatty 1
Captain Hislop' Motione, 11st ... Owner 2

BETTING :—2 to 1 on Crusader. evens Motione, reduced to match.

Crusader came in alone. Motione running out at the sixth fence

THE HIE OVER STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap hurdle race for all ponies that have started at the meeting. About 1½ miles over 8 flights.

Mr Smith Dorrien's Muskerry, 11st 10lbs Mr Rose Price 1
,, Hill's Keep, 10st 11lbs ... .. Churchward 2
Capt. Barry Drew's Gazetteer, 10st 6lbs (car. 10st 9lbs) 3
Also ran:—Corunna, 10-3.

BETTING : Evens Muskerry, 3 to 1 Kelp, 4 to 1 Gazetteer, 6 to 1 Corunna.

Won on the post by half a length, Gazetteer one and-a-half lengths away from the third. Time—2mins. 4⅘secs.

THE SAMUNGLI PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for ponies that started in the Scurry Stakes on first day. 3 furlongs.

Major Maxwell's Richmond, 11st 7lbs ... Capt Peacock 1
Mr. M. C. Conaghey's Talisman, 9st 12lbs Churchward 2
Major Maxwell's and Captain Winter's Shelter, 9st ... ... Moongya 3

Won easily by two length: Shelter two length from Talisman. Time—2mins. 41⅘ secs.

THE PAMIR PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for maiden Arab and C.B. ponies 14-0 and under, other maidens 13-2 and under that have started at the meeting. One mile.

Major Maxwell's Permeille, 9st 3lbs ... Mr. James 1
Capt. Hash's Bobby, 9st 12lbs ... Owner 2
Mr. Goldingham's Grey Friar. 9st 6lbs, Capt. Grove 3

Also ran.—Detective, 9-6 (car. 9-7) ; Fly by Night, 9-8 ; Ouida, 9-0 (car. 9-1) ; July, 8-9 ; Lady Bird, 8-6 (car. 9-13) and Terror. 7-13.

BETTING: Evens Grey Friar, 3 to 1 each Bermille and Fly by Night, 4 to 1 Detective, 8 to 1 each Bobby and Terror, 10 to 1 the remainder.

Won a grand race by three quarter lengths.

THE TAKATU PURSE.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs 50 to third. A handicap for all ponies that have started at the meeting. R. C. about 9 furlongs.

Mr Akers-Douglas' Rubicon, 9st 3lbs ... Capt Grove } Deat
,, Campbell's Zarafshan, 10st 2lbs ... Mr. Beatty } heat.
Sir Ghan Baksh's Nasaralla. 8st 6lbs ... Moongya 2
Also ran:—Delhi Darbar, 8-7.

BETTING :—6 to 4 on Rubicon, 3 to 2 Zarafshan, 3 to 1 on Nasaralla and 4 to 1 Delhi Darbar.

Dead heat for first place. Nasaralla two lengths away. Time—2mins.

BETTING : 6 to 4 Zarafshan, even Rubicon.

THE Gold Cup.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all horses that have started at the meeting. R. C. about 9 furlongs.

Major Shower's Chorister, 10st 13lbs ... Churchward 1
Mr J. Smith's Bedinia, 9st ... ... Capt. Grove 2
Major Maxwell's and Captain Winter's Russley King, 10st 6lbs ... ... Mr James 3
Also ran:—Aureole, 10-13

BETTING : 3 to 2 each on Chorister, Russley King and Aureole, 6 to 1 Bedinia.

Won by three lengths from Bedinia, who secured the second place a head from Russley King. Time—2mins. 10secs.

THE BALUCHISTAN CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. For all C.B. horses that started in the Baluch Purse on the first day. Catch weights. 3½ miles.

Capt. Leah's Bobby, 9st 12lbs ... Owner 1
Mr Rose Price's Jasmine. 10st 8lbs ... Owner 2
2nd Bombay Lancers' Fly by Night, 9st 8lbs ... ... Capt, Peacock 3
Also ran:—Kelp, 10-0 ; Makere, 10-1 ; Talisman, 10-7.

BETTING : 2 to 1 each Bobby and Talisman, 4 to 1 the remainder.

Won by two lengths ; Fly by Night one and-a-half lengths behind Jasmine. Time—3⅘secs.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to second, Rs. 50 to third. A handicap for all ponies that have run at the meeting and not won. Half mile.

Capt. Winter's Detective, 10st 7lbs ... Churchward 1
Capt. Minogue's Greylet, 10st 4lbs ... Mr. James 2
Capt. Mathew's Najib, 9st 12lbs ... Capt. Benwell 3
Also ran:—Siesta, 9-7 ; Roburite, 10-0 ; Ouida, 10-1 ; Delhi Durbar, 10-0 ; Federation, 9-8 ; Mu stapha, 9-7 ; Terror, 9-7.

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst. Detective and Greylet, and 6 to 1 the remainder.

Won by three-quarter lengths; Najib by lengths away from the third, after an exciting finish, Terror fourth.

OOTACAMUND HUNT RACES.

First Day, Tuesday, 22nd September, 1903.

THE weather looked very threatening, but only a slight shower fell and the races were not spoiled. There was a fair attendance, Lord and Lady Ampthill being present. Fields were small, but the racing was good. Major Campbell's stable secured two wins and Capt. Fife and Major Campbell divided riding honours with two wins each. Details :—

THE SCURRY.—Rs. 200 with Rs. 50 to second. For ponies.—¼ mile.

Major Blake's sk aus mCircus Girl, 10st 7lbs Captain Roome 1
Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 12st 9lbs ... ... Owner 2
Major W M Campbell's g aus g Ivan (late Bawbee) 12st ... ... CaptanKay 3
Also ran : Blackberry (decl 2lbs) Rocket, (Captain Matthews).

Won anyhow by two lengths ; three lengths, between second and third. Time—55secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 6.

THE WILLOWBUND STAKES.—Rs. 200 with Rs. 50 to second, For horses. 1 mile.

Capt Fife's b aus g Right Angle, 10st 7lbs ... ... Owner 1
Mr L C Liebenrood's br cb g Landwind, 9st ... ... Owner 2
Also ran : Redoubt.

Won by three lengths ; a length dividing second and third. Time—2mins. 1⅘secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 6.

THE STAND PLATE.—Rs. 200 with Rs. 50 to second horse. A flat race for horses, the property of subscribers to the Ootacamund Hunt of not less than Rs 100 and that have been regularly hunted during the current season. Certificate signed by the Master to be lodged with entry. 2 miles.

Major W M Campbell's b aus Bengal, 11st Owner 1
Major Logan-Home's br aus g Harkaway 11st ... ... Capt Roome 2
Capt Fife's b aus g Woodlands, 11st 4lbs Owner 3
Also ran : Latchkey.

Won cleverly by two lengeths. Time—1mins. 9⅘secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 7.

THE LADIES' PLATE.—Rs. 200 with Rs. 50 to second. A flat race for ponies, the property of subscribers to the Ootacamund Hunt and that have been regularly hunted during the current season. Certificate signed by the Master to be lodged with entry. 1¼ miles.

Major W M Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 11st 5lbs ... ... Owner 1
Mr L C Liebenrood's b cb h Gadabout, 8st 13lbs ... ... Owner 2
Major W M Campbell's g aus g Ivan (late Bawbee) 1st 9lbs ... ... Capt Fife 3
Also ran : Chaqu and Two Step.

Won by four lengths. Time—3mins. 6secs. The Totalisator paid Rs. 6.

THE HOBART PARK PURSE.—Rs. 200 with Rs. 50 to second, A flat race for horses, the property of subscribers to the Ootacamund Hunt and that have been regularly hunted during the current season. Certificate signed by the Master to be lodged with entry. 1⅘ miles.

Major F C Logan-Home's ch aus g Redoubt, 11st 11lbs ... ... Capt Fife 1
Mr Morey's b aus g Buzz, 11st 7lbs (dec. 11lbs) ... ... Owner 1
Also ran : Dum II.

Won easily by four lengths. Time—3mins. 32secs. The totalisator paid Rs. 4.

The Band of the Durham Light infantry played during the afternoon.

CALCUTTA MONSOON MEETING—SEASON 1903.

FORM AT A GLANCE.

FLAT RACES—HORSES.

RACE.	DATE.	DISTANCE	FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	UNPLACED.	VERDICT.	TIME.
			st. lbs.	st. lbs.	st. lbs.			M. S.
The Maiden Horse Plate ...	8th Aug.	5 furlongs ...	Gassima ... 9 3	Oom Paul 9 1	Sunshine... 9 3	Actress, 9st 3lbs.; Euryalus, 9st. 3lbs.; St. Glaze, 9st. 3lbs.; Shirley, 9st. 3lbs.; Seaview, 9st. 3lbs.; Sir Humphrey, 9st. 3lbs.	Two lengths.	1 9
The July Plate ...	8th ,,	5 furlongs ...	Springlock 10 10	Altamas ... 9 3	Autocrat 9 13	Kellnerin, 9st. 10lbs.; Loch Maree, 9st. 3lbs.	A length.	1 8⅘
The Monsoon Plate ...	15th ,,	6 furlongs ...	Kittylea ... 9 0	Altamas ... 9 4	Gassima ... 8 7	Kellnerin, 8st. 11lbs.; Metalwing, 10st.; Autocrat, 9st 4lbs.; Major Cook, 7st. 5lbs.	Half length.	1 25
The Fort Plate ...	15th ,,	6 furlongs ...	Oom Paul 9 1	Euryalus 9 3	Shirley ... 9 3	Firefly, 9st. 3lbs.; Sunshine, 9st. 3lbs.; St. Glaze, 9st. 3lbs.; Trenton Prince, 9st. 3lbs.; Invincible, 9st. 3lbs.; Sir Humphrey, 9st. 3lbs.; Reinzette, 8st. 11lbs.	Six lengths.	1 27
The Amateur Plate ...	22nd ,,	5 furlongs ...	Firefly ... 11 7	Invincible 11 7	Sylvia ... 11 7	Sir Humphrey, 11st. 7lbs. ...	Three lengths.	1 14
The Kidderpore Plate ...	22nd ,,	7 furlongs ...	Metalwing 8 10	Loch Arden 10 7	Corick ... 7 10	Springlock, 10st. 9lbs.; Svengali, 8st. 11lb.	Half length.	1 43
The Middleton Plate ...	22nd ,,	5 furlongs ...	Gassima ... 10 0	Oom Paul... 9 5	Euryalus... 9 8	Major Cook, 8st. 13lbs.; Bob Sutton, 10st. 5lbs.; Loch Maree, 9st. 4lbs.; Twilight, 9st.; Shirley, 8st. 10lbs.; Firefly, 8st. 7lbs.; Sunshine, 8st. 3lbs.; Seaview, 8st. 3lbs.; High Tide, 6st. 12lbs.	Three quarter lengths.	1 10⅘
The September Plate ...	19th Sep.	5 furlongs ..	Oom Paul 8 0	Springlock 10 9	Kellnerin 8 3	Loch Arden, 10st. 7lbs ; Naiades, 9st.; Flashlight, 8st. 11lbs.; Kittylea, 8st. 10lbs.; Autocrat, 8st. 10lbs.; Trollop, 8st. 2lbs.	One and a half length.	1 10
The Entally Plate ...	19th ,,	6 furlongs ...	Sunshine ... 8 2	Shirley ... 9 0	Seaview ... 8 0	Euryalus, 9st. 5lbs.; Royal Artillery, 9st. 5lbs.; Firefly, 8st. 9lbs.; Mystery, 8st. 3lbs.; Invincible, 8st.	Two lengths.	1 27⅘
The Farewell Handicap ...	26th ,,	6 furlongs ...	Kellnerin... 8 8	Naides ... 9 2	Flashlight 8 10	Mulwala, 9st. 7lbs.; Trollop, 8st. 4lbs.	Two lengths.	1 24⅘
The Harington Plate ...	26th ,,	6 furlongs ...	Sunshine ... 8 10	Euryalus... 8 12	Seaview ... 7 10	Shirley, 9st.; Bob Sutton, 9st.; Chirnside, 8st. 7lbs.; St. Glaze, 8st. 7lbs.; Actress, 8st ; Invincible, 7st. 12lbs.	A neck.	1 24

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FLAT RACES—PONIES.

Race.	Date.	Distance.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced.	Verdict.	Time.
			st. lbs.	st. lbs.	st. lbs.			M. S.
The Pony Trial Plate ...	8th Aug.	5 furlongs ...	Little Doris 9 11	Moss Rose 10 4	Ben Rashid 7 12	Sweet Talk, 10st. 11lb; Lucy Grey, 9st. 8lbs.; Comely, 9st. 2lbs.; Lord Lieutenant, 8st. 13lbs.; Pekin II. 7st. 2lbs.	Twenty lengths.	1 12⅘
The Stand Plate ...	8th „	5 furlongs ...	Western Queen ... 8 13	Yellow Mantle... 9 8	First Guide 9 5	Snapshot, 9st 11lbs.; Rezia, 9st. 2lbs.; Heather, 8st. 13lbs.; Blair Athol, 10st.	Four lengths.	1 12
The Pony Plate ...	15th „	6 furlongs ...	Reveillé ... 8 7	Perfect ... 10 0	First Guide 8 8	Second Thought, 11st. 7lbs.; Not Yet, 10st. 5lbs.; Florin, 9st. 12lbs.; Mocassin, 7st 8lbs.	Two lengths.	1 29⅘
The Pony Plate ...	22nd „	6 furlongs ...	Perfect ... 9 7	First Guide 7 5 Yuletide ...7 3	D. H.	Reveillé, 8st 7lbs.: Florin, 8st. 12lbs.; Second Thought, 10st. 9lbs.; Not Yet, 9st. 5lbs ; Yellow Mantle, 8st. 11b.; Lady Froude, 7st. 11lbs.; Snapshot, 7st. 4lbs.	Two lengths.	1 28
Small Pony Handicap ...	22nd „	5 furlongs ...	Sweet Talk 9 5	Moss Rose 8 12	Granny ... 10 6	My Fancy, 8st.: Lady Olive, 10st. 5lbs.: Little Doris, 9st. 7lbs.; Lucy Grey, 7st. 8lbs.; Bin Rashid, 7st.; Asthore, 6st 7lbs.	Half length.	1 15
The Pony Handicap ...	19th Sep.	5 furlongs ...	Mocassin ... 7 0	Second Thought 10 9	Perfect ... 10 5	Not Yet, 9st 8lbs.; Reveillé, 8st. 7lbs.; Granny 8st. 7lbs.; First Guide, 7st. 8lbs.; Heather, 7st.; Rezia, 7st. 3lbs.; Snapshot, 7st.	Three lengths.	1 13
The Plassey Plate ...	26th „	5 furlongs ...	Moss Rose 8 8	Little Doris 8 8	Bluebell ... 8 4	Sweet Talk, 9st. 8lb.; Lady Olive, 9st. 8lbs.; Dust, 7st. 7lbs.	A neck.	1 12⅘

HURDLE RACES—HORSES.

Race.	Date.	Distance.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced.	Verdict.	Time.
			st. lbs.	st. lbs.	st. lbs.			M. S.
The Trial Hurdle Race ...	8th Aug.	1¼ mile ...	Dundonald 10 10	Kittylea ... 10 3	Corydon ... 10 3	Uma, 10st. 3lbs. ; Mulwala, 10st. 3lbs ; High Tide, 9st. ; Bushey, 10st. 3lbs.	Five lengths.	3 18
The August Plate ...	15th „	1¼ mile ...	Ladybird 9 6	Fairlight... 10 12	Dundonald 10 9	Mulwala, 9st. 7lbs. ; Corydon, 9st. 9lbs.	Half length.	3 15
The Hunters' Plate ...	15th „	1¼ mile ...	Actress ... 11 7	Beeswing II 11 0	Sylvia ... 11 0	The Jewel, 11st. ; Lucy Glitters, 11st.	Ten lengths.	3 23⅘
The Ellenborough Plate ...	22nd „	1¼ mile ...	Fairlight 11 0	Kittylea ... 9 10	Dundonald 10 7	Actress, 10st. 2lbs. ; Lady Bird, 9st. 10lbs.	Half length.	3 13⅘
The Club Plate ...	19th Sep.	1¼ mile ...	Sylvia ... 9 10	Firefly ... 10 7	Odin ... 9 7	Actress, 11st. 7lbs. ; Flamingo, 10st. 2lbs.	Fifteen lengths.	3 23
The Belvedere Plate ...	19th „	1¼ mile ...	Fairlight... 11 0	Lady Bird 9 0	Twilight ... 9 0	Dundonald, 9st. 12lbs.	A head.	3 14
The Outram Plate ...	26th „	1¼ mile.	Actress 11 7	Firefly 10 2	Flamingo 9 0	Impolita, 10st. 5lbs.	A length.	3 16⅘
The City Plate ...	26th „	1¼ „	Fairlight 11 4	Twilight 9 0	Dundonald 10 1	Kittylea, 9st. 11lbs.; Ladybird, 9st. 2lbs.	A length.	3 10

HURDLE RACES—PONIES.

Race.	Date.	Distance.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced.	Verdict.	Time.
			st. lbs.	st. lbs.	st. lbs.			M. S.
Pony Hurdle Race ...	15th Aug.	1 mile ...	Moss Rose 9 0	The Captain 8 12	Yuletide... 10 12	Rezia, 8st. 12lbs.	Twelve lengths.	3 1⅘
The Zeerut Plate ...	19th Sep.	1 mile ...	Yuletide 11 0	Moss Rose 10 2	Yellow Mantle 10 5	Blair Athol, 9st. 7lbs.; Pekin II, 7st. 9lbs.	Half length.	3 3
The Rampart Plate ...	26th „	1 mile.	Yuletide 10 6	Moss Rose 9 3	Shylock 11 7	Rezia, 8st. 12lbs.; Blair Athol 8st. 4lbs.	Half length.	2 52⅘

Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

CALCUTTA.

The following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Calcutta, on 11th September 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Australian Star	dk br aus m	Mr. R. Clarke	5	13-0¾	31st March, 1904.
Bellona	b aus m	Messrs. O. M. D. Bell & J. McKenzie	6	13-1¼	For life.
Bellringer	b aus m	Mr. J. McKenzie	4	13-2	31st March, 1904.
Chantress	b aus m	Mr. M. J. Traban	Aged	14-1¼	For life.
Ettie	dk br aus m	Mr H. Nugget	Aged	13-1¼	For life.
Muriel II	dk br aus m	Messrs A. Milton and Co.	Aged	14-1	For life.
Wild Bill	b aus g	Mr. W. H. Walker	5	13-1	31st March, 1904.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

The following pony was classed, aged and measured, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 9th September, 1903 :—

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Period.*
Bruno	ch a g	Capt. B. Mathew Lannowe	6	13-3¼	For life.

The following horse was classed and aged, by the Official Measurer, W. I. T. Club, at Poona, on the 14th September, 1903,

Wandering Jew	b a h	Mr. H. J. Griswood	5	31st Dec, 1903.	

Sport in England.

(From our own Sporting Correspondent)

London, *Friday, 4th September, 1903.*

THE TURF.

SANDOWN PARK SEPTEMBER MEETING.

WET and unpromising weather in town on Saturday morning had the effect of considerably curtailing the attendance at the Esher enclosure, and the sport, while generally interesting, hardly reached the level anticipated. The meeting of Kroonstad and Countermark in the September Stakes was a feature of the afternoon, and the trainer of Countermark was, after the defeat of Lord Ellesmere's colt at Liverpool, sanguine of success. Kroonstad, however, gave the 5lbs. away in hollow style, and the three lengths by which he won could have been increased at his jockey's pleasure. Lancashire not being sent for the Michaelmas Stakes, Santry had an easy task, and those who cared to back the son of Gallinule and E. P. had to bet extravagant odds. Sonnetta proved the good thing her second at Kempton the previous day made her out to be for the Selling High-weight Handicap, and it cost 320 guineas to buy her in. Several of the entrants for the North Surrey Handicap had had experience over hurdles, and a couple that had won "over the sticks"—Karakoul and Communist—fought out a desperate finish, the first-named just getting home by a short head in the hands of Madden.

THE DONCASTER MEETING.

The only thing wanting on the Town Moor on the 8th instant to render sport thoroughly enjoyable was fine weather. There were plenty of runners in the various races, and the attendance was of large dimensions, the presence of His Majesty no doubt greatly assisting in swelling the number of visitors. There is a large amount of stand accommodation at Doncaster, and the rain caused them to be well filled during the afternoon, but, notwithstanding the conditions atmospherically racing was of high standard throughout, and backers about held their own. As to the going, it proved in capital condition, though a further downfall would make it on the heavy side for the last of the "classics" the next day.

The principal events on the card were, of course, the Champagne Stakes and the Great Yorkshire Handicap. The first-named race (for two-year olds) has been won by horses whose names will long be remembered in connection with the Turf. Beeswing was successful in 1835, Flying Dutchman in 1848, Lord Clifden in 1862, Cremorne in 1871, Kermesse ten years later, Minting was successful in 1885, Ayrshire in 1887, and La Fleche in 1891, while other winners of the Champagne Stakes have been Ladas, Velasquez, Come Chick, and last year Rock Sand. This year's winner, Pretty Polly, has not as yet tasted the bitters of defeat, having won all her four engagements and the manner in which the daughter of Admiration ran away from her field stamps her as being a filly of considerable merit. Sceptre, by the way, only managed to finish third to Game Chick in the corresponding race of 1901, but whereas the latter has since been a failure, Sceptre's performances are too well known to need repetition. The Great Yorkshire Handicap saw the locally-trained Cliftonhall once again in winning humour. He had previously carried off the Northumberland Plate, and his victory on the Town Moor was no less popular than was the colt's success at Gosforth Park.

The Champagne Stakes.—Of 1,010 sovs. for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs. Red House in (five furlongs and 152 yards).

Major Eustace Lorder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiration, 8st 11lbs ...	W Lane 1
Mr J R Keene's b c Lancashire, 9st ...	L Lyne 2
„ L de Rothschild's b c St Amant, 9st ...	K Cannon 3
Sir J Miller's Cinquefoil, 9st	D Maher 0
Mr W C Whitney's Hands Down, 9st ...	J H Martin 0

(*Winner trained by Mr Gilpin, at Newmarket*)

Betting : 11 to 10 agst Pretty Polly, 6 to 4 St Amant, 8 to 1 Cinquefoil, 33 to 1 any other (o).

Pretty Polly, on the inside, jumped off in front of Cinquefoil on the right, and St. Amant in the centre, with Hands Down last, and, making the whole of the running, won in a canter by a length and a half from Lancashire, who took second place when fairly in the line for home; two lengths separated the second and third. Hands Down was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1 min. 11 1-5secs.

THE GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP PLATE.—Of 975 sovs winners extra. Old St. Leger Course (one mile six furlongs 132 yards).

Mr C Perkins' b c Cliftonhall, by Galloping Lad—Lady Clifton, 4 yrs. 7st 11lbs ...	Dalton 1
Sir E Cassel's b c Lovat. 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	Plant 2
Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, 6 yrs, 8st 6lbs	Maher 3
Mr W Goodchild's Scullion, 5 yrs, 8st 4lbs...	W Lane 0
,, H E Randall's Genius 5 yrs, 7st 10lbs...	E Wheatley 0
Duke of Portland's Caro, 4 yrs 7st 6lbs ...	H Aylin 0
Mr H J King's Prince Florizel 4 yrs, 7st 5lbs	Hardy 0
Lord Ellesmere's Joshua, 4 yrs, 7st 3lbs ..	O Madden 0
Mr C T Pulley's Lady Help 3 yrs, 6st 7lb	Griggs 0
Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, 3yrs, 6st...	Murry 0

(*Winner trained by W. I'Anson at Malton.*)

BETTING: 8 to 4 agst Cliftonhall, 4 to 1 Lady Help, 6 to 1 Joshua, 8 to 1 Lovat, 10 to 1 Prince Florizel, 10 to 1 Scullion, 100 to 8 Caro, 100 to 7 Genius, 20 to 1 Wavelet's Pride, 20 to 1 Gourgaud.

Cliftonhall was the first to leave the paddock, and he was followed in the parade by Genius, Scullion, and Lady Help, with Joshua last, Gourgaud going straight to the post. There was a tedious delay caused principally by Genius, who kicked through the tapes and stopped to kick just after the barrier was raised, taking no further part in the race. Lady Help was the quickest away and led, clear of Wavelet's Pride, Gourgaud, Prince Florizel and Joshua, with Lovat next and Caro last for half a mile, when Joshua took second place, with Gourgaud, Lovat, Wavelet's Pride, and Prince Florizel next and Cliftonhall dropping into the rear. So they ran till five furlongs from home, where Lady Help was beaten and Lovat drew to the front, followed by Wavelet's Pride, Cliftonhall, Joshua and Gourgaud, but Cliftonhall, taking second place in the straight, joined issue with Lovat at the distance and, wearing him down in a few strides, won very cleverly by a length: six lengths between second and third. Gourgaud was fourth, Joshua fifth, Prince Florizel sixth, Scullion next and Caro last. Time by Benson's chronograph 3min. 7⅖secs

Changeable weather was experienced at Doncaster on the 9th, where the last of the 'classic' races of the season was crown for decision. During the early morning the rain clouds of the previous day were scattered by a very boisterous wind, though before racing time had arrived there were one or two sharp showers. Then the sun appeared, but the afternoon was not altogether favourable to outdoor exercise, the wind again giving way to dark water-laden clouds. The sales occupied the attention of sportsmen during the morning, a Flying Fox filly fetching a large figure. The attendance in the afternoon was worthy of the St. Leger day, the presence of the King more than counteracting the effects of the threatening weather on intending visitors, and when the principal event of the day was reached the crowd on the Town Moor was perhaps as large as any seen there. As anticipated overnight, five contested, the chief item, although originally 208 entered, but of the race little need be said. Rock Sand was never threatened, and eventually won in a canter in very smart time. Odds of 5 to 2 were freely laid on the colt, second in request being Mead, but the latter could not do better than carry the Royal colours into third place behind William Rufus. It was Sir James Miller's first St. Leger, and also D. Maher's first win in the old-established race

THE ST. LEGER STAKES—Of 25 sovs each, for three-year olds; colst 9st, fillies 8st 11lb; the second received 300 sovs and the third 100 sovs. Old St. Leger Course (about one mile six furlongs and 132 yards). (208 subs.)—Closed 17th September 1901.

Sir J Miller's br c Rock sand, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune 9st	D Maher 1
Mr J Musker's ch c William Rufus, by Melton—Simena, 9st	O Madden 2
His Majesty's ch c Mead, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat, 9st	M Cannon 3
Sir E Cassel's Love Charm, by Love Wisely—Omaha, 9st	W Halsey 0
His Majestey's Persistence by Persimmen—Laodamia, 9st	H Jones 0

(*Winner trained by Blackwell at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 on Rock Sand, 7 to 1 agst Mead, 10 to 1 Love Charm, 100 to 9 William Rufus, 200 to 1 Persistence.

The first to emerge from the paddock was Rock Sand, who was followed in the parade by William Rufus, Persistence and Mead, Love Charm bringing up the rear. They turned and cantered in the same order, and it was 3-16 when the white flag was hoisted. Two minutes later the lot were despatched to an excellent start, the first to show in front being Persistence, who made play from William Rufus and Love Charm these being clear of Rock Sand, with Mead whipping in to the top of the hill, where Rock Sand took second place with William Rufus and Love Charm side by side next four lengths in advance of Mead. On reappearing in view a mile from home Rock Sand took a slight lead of Love Charm, Persistence and William Rufus, but at the Red House Persistence dropped away beaten and Mead took close order with the others. He became second five furlongs from home, but was passed later by William Rufus though neither could ever get near Rock Sand, who made the remainder of the running and won in a canter by four lengths; a length and a half divided the second and third. Love Charm was fourth. Time by Benson's chronograph 3mins. 9⅖secs. Value of the stakes, £4775

TATTERSALL SALE STAKES.—Of 730 sovs, for two year's old colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lb; penalties, etc. Seven furlongs.

Lord Penrhyn's b c Peroration, by Persimmon—Pannonia, 8st 9lbs	W Lane 1
Sir E vincent's ch c Orgueil, 8st 9lbs ..	O Madden 2
Mr T Jennings's b f St Mindred, 8st 6lbs ..	Hardy 3

(*Winner trained by Cole, at Exton.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Peroration, 2 to 2 agst Orgueil, and 8 to 1 St. Mindred.

Peroration jumped off with a clear lead of St. Mindred, and though Orgueil took second place after going halfway, he failed to make the slightest impression on Peroration, who made the whole of the running, and won in a canter by five lengths; a bad third.

Miserable weather was associated with the third day's proceedings on the Town Moor, rain falling sharply during the greater portion of the time of racing. Fields ruled large, and before sport terminated the going was considerably softened by the downpour. The principal item on the card, the Portland Plate, brought out a field of twenty-two, and included many of the speediest horses in training. But for the rain the race would have been a very pretty affair, but not many spectators cared to view the proceedings under the circumstances. Master Willie showed some of his old temper and in company with Earl's Seat practically remained at the post, the winner being found in Sir J. Blundell Maple's French-bred colt, Nabot, whom he purchased for 2,500 guineas after running third to Ballantrae in the Cambridgeshire last year.

THE PORTLAND PLATE—Of 1,035 sovs; winners extra. Red House in (five furlongs and 152 yards).

Sir J Blundell Maple's gr c Nabot, by Le Sancy—Nighcan, 4 yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	W Lane 1
Mr H J King's b g Chacornac, 6 yrs, 7st 9lbs	Lyne 2
Sir E Cassel's b or br g Speculator, 4 yrs, 8st	Halsey 3
Sir J Miller's Cossack, 5 yrs. 9st 5lbs ...	Maher 0
Mr J B Joel's His Lordship, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs	M Cannon 0
,, A Cohen's Master Willie, aged, 8st 5lbs	Boardman 0
Lord Carnarvon's Mauvezin, aged, 8st 4lbs	J H Martin 0
Mr C T Pulley's Fariman, 3 yrs, 8st 2lbs	H Jones 0
,, F R Hunt's Out o' Sight 4 yrs, 8st ...	B Dillon 0
M Caillault's Reine des Fleurs 5 yrs 8st ...	Hardy 0
Capt J Orr-Ewing's Earl's Seat, 3 yrs, 7st 13lbs	O Madden 0
Mr S B Joel's Tippler, 3 yrs, 7st 6lbs ...	Watts 0
,, W Raphael's Skyscraper, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs	Murray 0
,, T Pilkington's Verus 4 yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	Miller 0
,, R H Henning's Jennico 3 yrs, 7st 3lbs	Plant 0
,, S Platt's Sizergh, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Janek 0
,, E Clark's c by Sempronius—Lady Smith, 3 yrs, 6st 11lbs ...	Griggs 0
Mr H Howard Vyse's Gun Club, 3 yrs, 6st 5lbs	J Jarvis 0
Mr J Buchanan's Bachelor's Fancy, 3 yrs, 6st 3lbs	McIntyre 0
Sir J Thursby's Grave and Gay, 4 yrs, 6st 7lbs	Trigg 0
Mr Horsman's Goldrush, 4 yrs, 6st 11lbs ...	East 0
,, J C Dyer's Lady Macdonald, 4 yrs, 6st...	Heppell 0

(*Winner trained by W Waugh at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 9 to 2 agst Nabot, 7 to 1 Chacornac, 8 to 1 Out o' Sight, 100 to 12 Earl's Seat, 100 to 9 Grave and Gay, 100 to 6 each Mauvezin Speculator, Skyscraper, Lady Smith colt, Gun Club 25 to 1 any other (o).

Owing to the vagaries of Master Willie the start was delayed twenty-one minutes, and when the barrier was rased he was left at the post, together with Earl's Seat, who stuck her toes into the ground and refused to budge. Chacornac and Nabot were quickest off, but, after going a furlong, Lady Smith colt showed the way to Nabot, Chacornac, Speculator and Bachelor's Fancy, with Jennico, Goldrush, Verus, Out o' Sight, Grave and Gay, and His Lordship in close attendance, till fairly in the line for home. Nabot then took up the running from Chacornac, Speculator, and Lady Smith colt and won easily by a length; a neck separated the second and third. Lady Smith colt, a head away, wast placed fourth, Grave and Gay was fifth, Out o' Sight sixth, His Lordship seventh, Bachelor's Fancy eighth, Fariman ninth, Cossack tenth, and Master Willie last.

THE ALEXANDRA PLATE (handicap)—Of 435 sovs; winner extra. Last mile and a half on the Old Course.

Mr J Reid Walker's ch g Courlan, by Gallinule—Clarion, 6 yrs., 7st 9lbs ...	Boardman 1
Mr H J King's b c Whistling Crow, 3 yrs, 7st 8lbs	Lyne 2
Mr L Brassey's b c Alderman, 3yrs, 6st 9lbs	Trigg 3
,, E C Clayton's Patron Saint. 5yrs, 7st 11b	Cole 0
,, S Platt's Monitress, 4 yrs, 6st 8lbs ...	Janek 0
,, A James's Shellmartain, 4 yrs, 6st 10lbs	Heppell 0
,, Ed Lambs Ancaster, 3yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Griggs 0
,, C Perkins's Roseburn 3yrs, 6st ..	East 0

(*Winner trained by W. Robinson, at Foxhill.*)

BETTING: 11 to 4 agst Courlan, 7 to 2 Alderman, 6 to 1 Patron Saint, 7 to 1 each Whistling Crow, Shellmartin and Roseburn, and 100 to 8 each agst Ancaster and Monitress.

Whistling Crow led from Ancaster, Patron Saint, and Roseburn for a short distance, but on settling down Ancaster showed the way to Patron Saint, Whistling Crow, and Alderman, these being clear of Courlan. The whipper-in was Shellmartin to the straight, where Courlan drew to the front, followed by Whistling Crow and Alderman, and, making the remainder of the running, won in a canter by two lengths; a like distance separated the second and third. Roseburn was fourth, Shellmartin fifth, Ancaster sixth, and Patron Saint last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2min. 32secs.

To-day's racing included the Doncaster Cup which I have already wired to you. I append details:—

THE DONCASTER CUP.—Of 1,000 sovs (a Cup value 200 sovs and the remainder in specie) added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each 5 ft; the sweepstakes to be divided between the second and third. Two miles, over the Old Course.

Major J D Edwards's Wavelet's Pride by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs, 9st 7lbs	D Maher 1
Mr F L Alexander's Throwaway, 4 yrs, 9st 7lb	M Cannon 2
Lord Carnarvon's St. Emelion, 3 yrs, 8st 4lbs	J H Martin 3
Mr E L Heinemann's Valenza, 5 yrs, 9st 9lbs	O Madden 0
Lord Howard de Walden's St. Maclou, 5yrs, 9st 5lbs	Cain 0
Lord Penrhyn's Blue Grass, 5 yrs, 9st 2lbs	W Lane 0
,, Ellesmere's Kroonstad, 3yrs, 8st 11lbs	Halsey 0
,, Rosebery's Oriole 3 yrs 8st 11b ...	Lyne 0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst St. Emilion 4 to 1 Throwaway, 9 to 2 St. Maclou, 100 to 15 Valena, 7 to 1 Wavelet's Pride, 10 to 1 Kroonstad, 100 to 7 any other.

Wavelet's Pride got off in front of Valonza, St. Emilion Blue Grass St. Maclou, and Kroonstad, with Oriole last, but after running half a mile St. Maclou took second place, with St. Emilion third and Valenza next. Half a mile from home St. Maclou dropped right out and Wavelet's Pride won easily by two lengths; a short head divided the second and third, Kroonstad was fourth, Valenza fifth, Oriole sixth, and Blue Grass, who broke down last. Time 3 mins. 35secs.

CRICKET

SURREY *vs.* SUSSEX.—Played at the Oval on 3rd, 4th and 5th September. Drawn. For the first two days of this match the weather was all that the most enthusiastic cricketer could desire, while the wicket was so good that batsmen had at last a really good chance of showing their best points. Under these circumstances it was a considerable advantage to win the toss, and when Sussex went in first it was generally thought that they would at least keep in for the rest of the day. Nor was expectation disappointed, for not only were the two star batsmen of the team in their best form, but Vine played one of his best innings of the year, and Killick and Brann both played fine cricket. Surrey were trying a new right-hand medium-paced bowler named Rushby, but on such a day no bowler however good, had much hope of distinguishing himself and Rushby's chances of coming to the front could not be estimated with any approach to accuracy. He met with no success, but on the other hand he did no worse than other bowlers. In the hour and a-half before luncheon, which, as in the Leicestershire match, was taken at half-past one, Vine and Fry sampled most of the bowling that Dowson (captain in the absence of Walker) had at his command and scored 95 runs, Fry's share of them being 58 and Vine's 37. Except that the rate of scoring was somewhat quicker the same state of affairs continued for some time after lunch, neither batsman ever being at a loss, and both making some delightful hits. Another hundred seemed in store for Fry, when he slightly misjudged a ball from Lees, and was caught at slip for 81 out of 153 made in two hours and a half. Some of his drives were very effective, and one of them nearly killed Vine, who could not get out of the way of it. With Killick as a partner, Vine was missed when his score was 86, but it was not until he had made 104 in three hours and five minutes that he was disposed of; he and Killick had put on 56 for the second wicket at about the rate of a run a minute. Ranjitsinhji arrived at the fall of Killick's wicket at 209, and at 220 he was joined by Brann, who remained with him until the end of the day, the unfinished partnership adding 112 runs to the total in an hour and forty minutes. Ranjitsinhji was absolutely in his best form, and the eight or nine thousand spectators had a delightful time while he was at the wickets. Brann also played as well as ever. The total at the end of the day was 332 for three wickets, Ranjitsinhji 66 and Brann 49. On Friday there were as many spectators as on the previous day and they had an opportunity of seeing Ranjitsinhji play one of his most brilliant innings. Everything that he did was graceful, and he timed the ball with perfect accuracy; he seemed to do just as he liked with the bowling. Meanwhile his partners for the most part played excellent and steady cricket, wisely contenting themselves with keeping up their end and allowing him to do most of the scoring. He and Brann put on 122 for the fourth wicket in an hour and three-quarters, and in about the same time Newham helped him to increase the total by 141. At lunch time, when it was thought that he would declare the innings closed he had made 160, with the total at 483 for five wickets. He decided not to declare, possibly reasoning that as Sussex could not go up a place in the championship table if they won, it was better to make absolutely certain of a draw, and possibly thinking that he might as well bring his own score up to 200 while he had the chance. Be this as it may he continued his innings until he had made his second hundred. He was at the wickets for just over four hours and a half and his hits included eighteen fours.

With the total at 600 and the time a quarter to four the innings was at last closed. Surrey had been at the wickets for an hour and a quarter when owing to the bad light play was abandoned for the day with the score at 96 for the loss of one wicket. Dowson and Bush made 50 in half an hour and were not parted till the score was 59. Captain Bush was not out 44 and Hayward not out 11. Despite the heavy storm on Friday night it was found possible to resume the game at about one o'clock on a very slow but not very difficult wicket. Both Hayard and Captain Bush played very well indeed, and it was not until the total was 161 that the latter was caught at the wicket for a most useful and well-played 78, which had taken him two hours and ten minutes to put together. Hayward followed him when 22 more runs were made after playing an exceedingly good innings. Holland and Hayes made another fine stand, and it was evident that the the game must end in a draw. Later in the day Lees and McDonell both played good cricket, and altogether the Surrey men greatly distinguished themselves.

SUSSEX.

C B Fry, c Hayward, b Lees	81	W Newham, b Richardson	50
Vine, c Bush, b McDonell	104	Relf, lbw, b McDonell ...	11
Killick, run out ...	28	R B Heygate, not out ...	39
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Richardson, b McDonell ...	204	Butt, not out... ...	22
G Brann, c Hayes, b Lees	54	B 1, lb 5, nb 1 ...	7
		Total (7wkts)*	600

* Innings declared closed.

Cox and Tate did not bat.

SURREY.

Capt H S Bush, c Butt b Killick ...	78	H C McDonell, st Butt, b Relf ...	46
E M Dowson, b Cox ...	35	Strudwick, b Killick ...	4
Hayward, c & b Killick ...	54	Richardson, run out ...	2
Holland, c Newham, b Relf	39	Rushby, not out ..	3
Hayes, c Newham, b Relf	54	B 10, lb 5 ...	15
Lockwood, b Relf ...	6		
Lees, c Heygate, b Relf ..	29	Total ...	365

SUSSEX.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
McDonell ...	37	9	99	3	Lockwood ...	14	0	62	0
Rushby ...	28	1	116	0	Hayes ...	7	1	25	0
Richardson ...	47	4	158	1	Dowson ...	4	0	24	0
Lees ...	39	6	109	2					

Lockwood delivered one no ball.

SURREY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Relf ...	42	12	123	5	Killick ...	24	4	90	3
Cox ...	30	7	75	1	Brann ...	1	0	3	0
Tate ...	19	5	59	0					

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE *vs.* REST OF ENGLAND.—Played at Hastings on 7th, 8th, and 9th September. Lancashire and Yorkshire won by 87 runs. Strong teams had been got together for this match by Mr. William Carless, the honorary secretary of the Week, but of those originally chosen C. B. Fry cried off on Sunday night, while Jessop Spooner and Findlay were unable to play. Lord Hawke, for the ninth time in succession, won the toss, and thus did excellent service to his side, who, on a fairly easy wicket, ran up the useful score of 255, and got rid of Hayward before stumps were drawn, with the Rest of England score at 27. The best stand of the day was made by Tyldesley and Denton, who put on 100 runs together in the course of an hour and a quarter, by most attractive cricket. Rhodes made 31 in three-quarters of an hour, and then remained at the wickets for twenty minutes more without increasing his total. The last wicket put on 32. On Tuesday it was soon found that Rhodes and Haigh knew how to make use of the wicket, but Beldam kept up his end for an hour and ten minutes for a useful 18, and Ranjitsinhji played superb cricket for two hours and twenty minutes. During his partnership with Dr. Grace, who played exceedingly well, 50 runs were scored in half-an-hour, of which he claimed 28. Despite the fine play of these three men, the Rest had a balance of 82 against them, and before stumps were drawn this was

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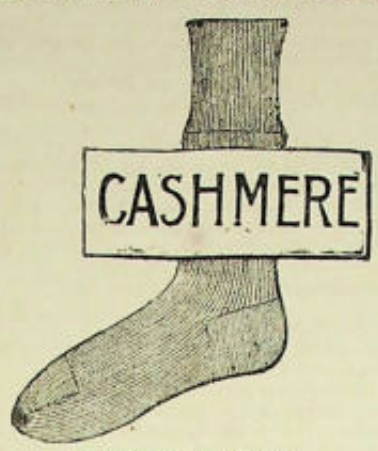

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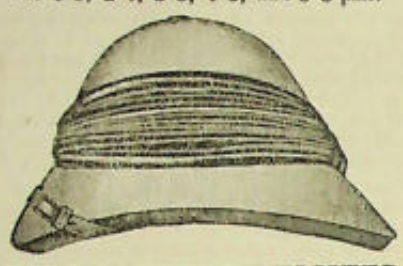

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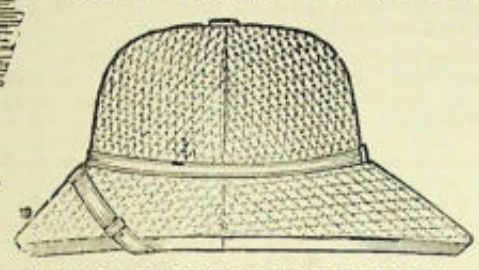

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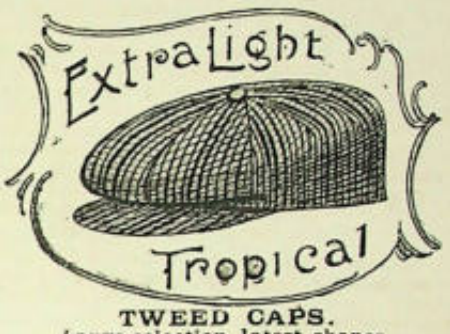

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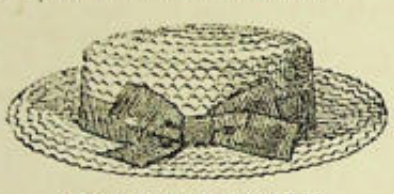

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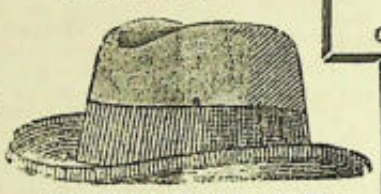

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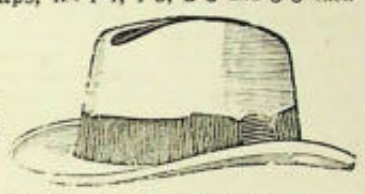

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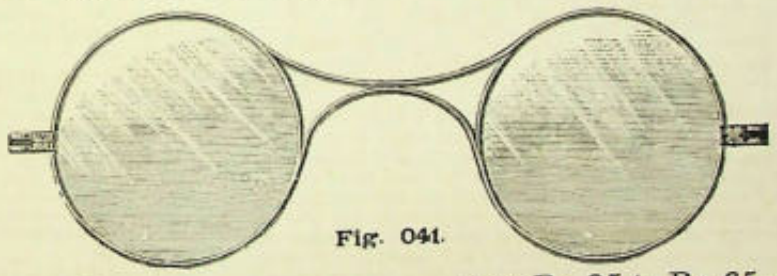

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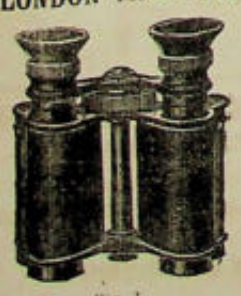

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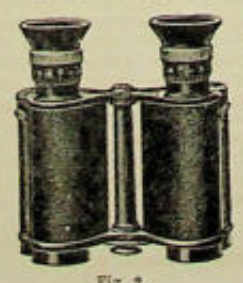

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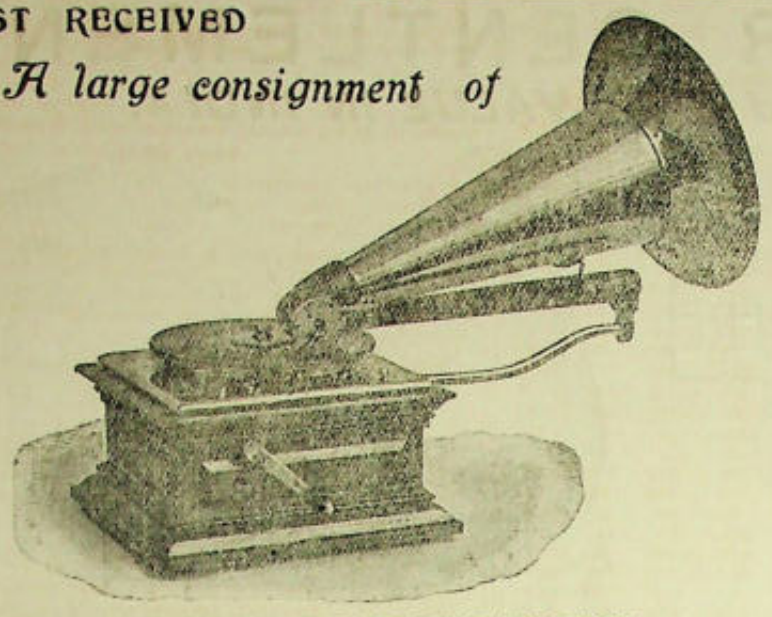

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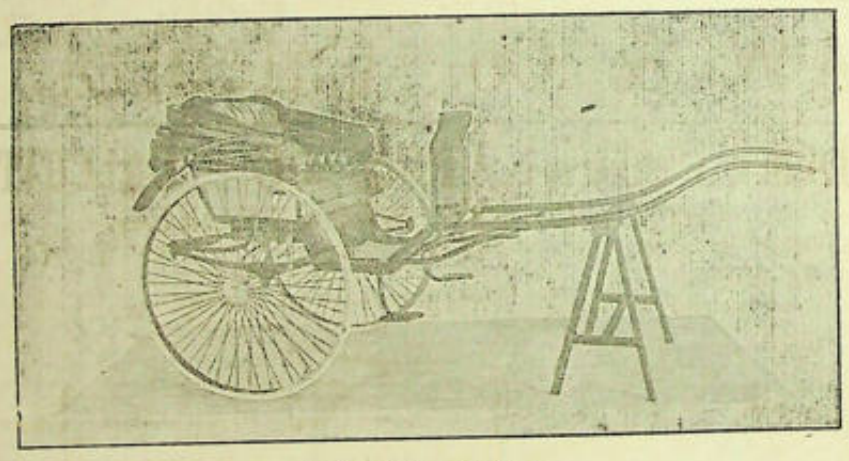

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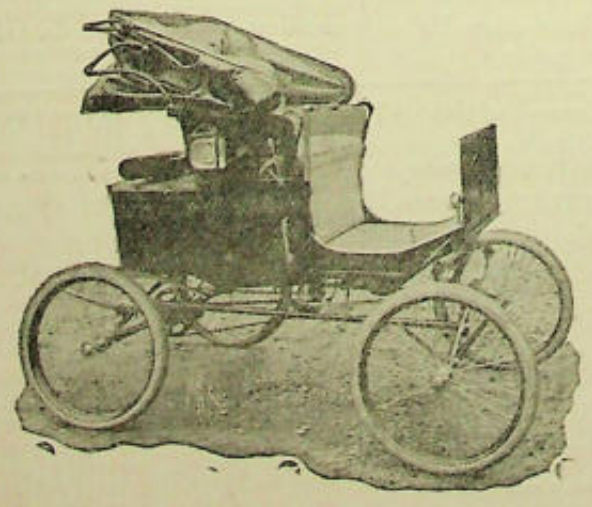

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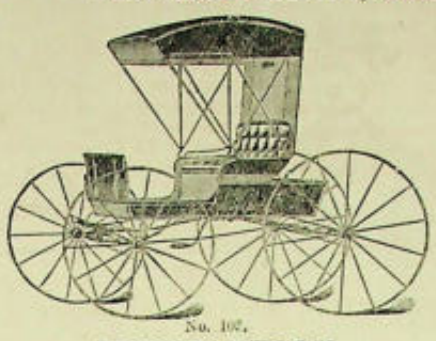

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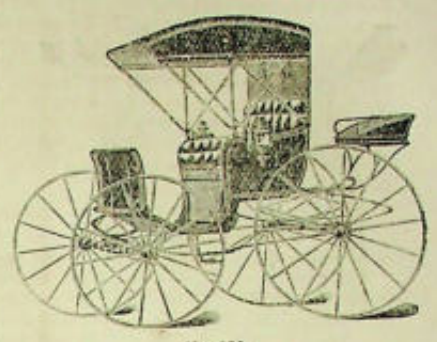

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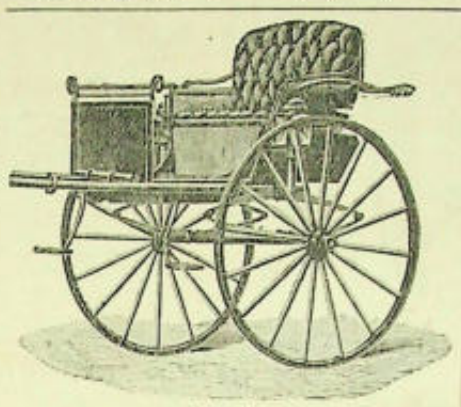

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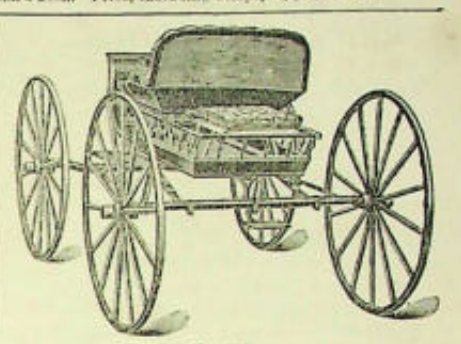

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increased by another hundred runs, while only three men of the combined counties were out. Tyldesley and Dnton again played a very fine game, and while they were together for an hour and five minutes put on 89 runs. Tydesley was then caught at the wicket for a splendid 51. In the night there was a gale and heavy rain. All the tents were blown down and much damage was done to the wicket. The rain left off in the morning and the wicket dried in. time for the game to be resumed at ten minutes past two o'clock, when the counties continued their innings until they had added 25 runs to the total. Denton carried his bat for a beautiful innings of 53. The Rest of England, who had much the worst of the wicket in their first innings, now had hardly any chance of saving the match against such bowlers as Rhodes and Haigh, and although Hayward, Vine and J. Gunn all played a great game, the result was almost a foregone conclusion.

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First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A C Maclaren, st Strudwick, b Braund ...	11	b Relf ...	2
E Smith, b Odell ...	5	c Ranjitsinhji, b Relf ...	6
Tyldesley, c and b Gunn ...	47	c Strudwick, b Gunn ...	51
Denton, b Braund ...	43	not out ...	53
Hirst, c Strudwick, b Relf ...	26	c Strudwick, b Ranjitsinhji ...	6
A Eccles, st Strudwick, b Braund ...	2	not out ...	4
Rhodes lbw, b Odell ...	31		
Haigh, lbw, b Relf ...	9		
Lord Hawke, b Relf ...	14		
Cuttell, b Relf ...	30		
Hunter, not out ...	19		
B 7, lb 11 ...	18	Extras ...	3
Total ...	255	Total (4 wkts)*	125

* Innings declared closed.

REST OF ENGLAND.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hayward lbw, b Rhodes ...	5	c Denton, b Rhodes ...	27
Vine, b Hirst	12	c Hunter, b Rhodes ...	13
G W Beldam, c & b Rhodes ...	16	lbw, b Haigh ...	6
K S Ranjitsinhji, c Hawke b Rhodes ...	87	c Eccles, b Rhodes ...	8
Braund, c Hawke, b Haigh ...	8	c Cuttell, b Rhodes ...	0
A O Jones, c and b Rhodes ...	2	b Haigh ...	9
Gunn (J.), b Haigh ...	6	not out ...	37
W G Grace, b Rhodes ...	28	b Haigh ...	2
Relf, c Cuttell, b Hirst ...	2	c Smith, b Rhodes ...	4
W W Odell, c Tyldesley, b Rhodes ...	1	c Lord Hawke, b Rhodes	1
Strudwick, not out ...	1	c Tyldesley, b Rhodes ...	4
Lb 2, w 1, nb 2 ...	5	Extras ...	9
Total ...	173	Total ...	120

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First Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Odell ...	17	5	43	2	...	5	1	21	0
Braund ...	18	1	73	3	...	7	2	10	0
Relf ...	26·3	9	70	4	...	16	5	40	2
Beldam ...	5	0	16	0	...	3	0	13	0
Gunn ...	8	2	12	1	...	6	2	12	1
Vine ...	4	1	7	0	...	3	0	12	0
Ranjitsinji	3	1	16	0	...	4	1	14	1

REST OF ENGLAND.

First Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Second Innings.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hirst ...	23	11	32	2	...	7	1	20	0
Rhodes ...	32	12	72	6	...	22	6	46	7
Haigh ...	14	2	49	2	...	15	3	44	3
Smith ...	1	0	4	0	...				
Cuttell ...	4	2	11	0	...	1	0	3	0

Hirst and Haigh each delivered a no-ball and Rhodes a wide.

BATTING AVERAGES (18 innings.)

	No. of Inns.	Times not Out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver.
Fry, C B ...	40	7	2,683	234	81·30
Ranjitsinhji, K S ...	36	7	1,771	204	61·06
Iremonger ...	51	1	1,380	210	46·00
Hirst	39	4	1,610	153	46·00
Knight	46	6	1,884	229*	45·85
Perrin, P A ...	36	4	1,428	170	44·62
Gunn (J) ...	38	2	1,603	294	44·52
Maclaren, A C ...	49	8	1,805	204	44·02
Tyldesley ...	46	6	1,753	248	43·82
Quaife (W G) ...	30	4	1,113	130	42·80
Jones, A C ...	35	2	1,410	296	42·72
Foster, H K ...	41	3	1,596	216	42·00
Lester, J A ...	23	3	786	126*	39·30
Jessop, G L ...	36	0	1,382	286	38·38
Poidevin, L O S ...	19	1	688	172*	38·22
Warner, P F ...	31	4	1020	149	37·77
Hayward ...	59	3	2,070	186*	36·96
Gunn (W) ...	29	1	1,011	139	36·10
Palairet, L C H ...	20	2	637	114	35·38
Bosanquet, B J T ...	30	1	1,020	108	35·17
Hayes ...	58	7	1,790	145	35·09
Sprot, E M ...	29	3	999	103	34·96
Dowson, E M ...	43	4	1,343	135	34·43
Killick ...	40	3	1,252	116	33·85
Wright, L G ...	31	2	981	133	33·82
Denton	53	2	1,701	133	33·35
Braund ...	44	3	1,353	132	33·00
Bowley (F) ...	43	4	1,283	164	32·89
Beldam, G W ...	29	2	867	118	32·11
McGahey, C H ...	41	5	1,144	114*	31·77
Burnup, C J ...	49	3	1,443	134	31·56
Arnold ...	43	6	1,153	128	31·16
Moon, L J ...	24	4	600	122	30·00
King (J H) ...	44	3	1,209	167	29·48
King, J B ...	22	1	614	113*	29·23
Brown, (J T, sen) ...	47	1	1,324	125	28·78
Daniell, J ...	18	5	373	64*	28·69
Garnett, H G ...	26	2	687	122	28·62
Spooner, R H ...	49	1	1,337	247	27·85
Wheldon ...	36	1	969	112	
Eccles, A ...	31	6	685	126	27·68
Wilson, F B ...	19	2	464	76	27·40
Bohlen, F H ...	24	0	639	93	27·29
Rhodes ...	48	8	1,054	98*	26·62
Lilley	28	2	675	59	26·35
Vine	46	2	1,136	104	25·96
Hawke, Lord ...	35	7	722	79	25·81
Wood, C J B ...	50	3	1,184	118*	25·78
Hewellyn ...	41	5	904	148	25·19
Johnson, P R ...	28	0	692	121	24·71

BOWLING AVERAGES (35 wickets.)

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Ringrose ...	195·4	51	485	36	13·47
Mead ...	971·3	355	1,791	131	13·67
Hirst ...	733·5	206	1,718	125	13·74
Blythe ...	985·4	292	1,953	142	13·75
Langford ...	241·3	72	586	42	13·95
Hargreave ...	922·1	282	1,879	134	14·02
Rhodes ...	1,278	399	2,565	175	14·65
Hearne (J T) ...	866·4	294	1,942	127	15·29
Moorhouse ...	377·1	115	870	55	15·81
King J B ...	451·3	106	1,253	78	16·06
Roberts (F G) (Glo'cstr) ...	595	184	1,380	84	16·42
McDonell, H C ...	377·1	76	996	60	16·60
Hearne (Alec) ...	389·2	124	848	51	16·62
Haigh ...	731·2	219	1,706	102	16·72
Arnold ...	1622·1	321	2,387	139	17·17
Young (H) (Essex) ...	389·2	102	897	52	17·25
Burn, R C W ...	281·4	47	711	40	17·77
Barnes (S F) ...	1024	364	2,339	131	17·85
Keene ...	282·5	88	644	36	17·88
Evans, W H B ...	320·2	80	904	50	18·08
Santall ...	399	120	859	47	18·27
Fielder ...	466·2	133	1,289	70	18·41
Relf ...	1005·1	351	2,222	113	18·83
Soar ...	275	72	664	35	18·97
Martin, E G ...	327·1	118	710	37	19·18
Gunn (J) ...	972·4	281	2,189	118	19·37
Hulme ...	284·2	61	853	44	19·38
Cranfield (B) (Somerset) ...	723·1	147	2,351	121	19·42
Trott (A E) ...	656·1	134	1,987	102	19·48
Field (Warwickshire) ...	334·2	75	1,015	52	19·51
Lockwood ...	621·2	107	1,837	94	19·54
Cuttell ...	703·4	237	1,455	73	19·93
Bland ...	469·4	114	1,212	60	20·20
Bosanquet, B J T ...	373·1	61	1,255	62	20·24
Hallam ...	687·3	226	1,363	66	20·65
Clark, P H ...	520·2	83	1,633	79	20·67
Lees ...	869·2	244	2,168	104	20·84
Braund ...	887·4	186	2,619	125	20·95
Beldam, G. W. ...	349·3	117	812	38	21·36
Hesketh-Prichard, H ...	432·4	97	1,210	56	21·60

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

FINAL POSITIONS.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.	Per-centage
Middlesex ...	16	8	1	7	7	77·77
Sussex ...	23	7	2	14	5	55·55
Yorkshire ...	26	13	5	8	8	44·44
Lancashire ...	26	10	5	11	5	33·33
Notts ...	20	6	4	10	2	20·00
Warcestershire ...	20	8	6	6	2	14·28
Warwickshire ...	18	5	4	9	1	11·11
Essex ...	20	7	6	7	1	7·69
Kent ...	20	7	6	7	1	7·69
Somerset ...	17	6	6	5	—	—
Surrey ...	27	7	11	9	—4	—22·22
Derbyshire ...	16	4	7	5	—3	—27·27
Gloucestershire	20	3	10	7	—7	—53·84
Hampshire	15	1	10	4	—9	—81·81
Leicestershire	20	1	10	9	—9	—81·81

Th matches between Surrey and Hampshire, which should have been played at the Oval on 7th, 8th and 9th May; Kent and Sussex, fixed for Tonbridge on 15th, June etc.; Middlesex v. Essex, at Lord's, 15th June, etc.; Somerset *vs.* Hampshire, at Bath, June 15th, etc.; Essex *vs.* Hampshire, at Leyton, 27th July, etc., and Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's, 24th August, etc., were abandoned without a ball having been bowled, and are therefore not included in the above table.

CYCLING.

THE N. C. U. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The final of the N. C. U. Championships for the present season were decided at the Crystal Palace on Saturday and the racing was keenly appreciated by the spectators, who numbered over 5500. As most of our finest amateur riders were competing in the three events, *viz.*, the Mile (Single) Championship, the Two-mile (Tandem) Championship, both London Centre, and the Fifty-mile (Single) Championship, open to all, it was not surprising that considerable interest was taken in the proceedings, but few were prepared for the downfall of the previous champions. The fine form in which A. S. Ingram has been in lately was again seen in the mile race, when the holder of the 1897 event beat A. L. Reed, who has held the championship for the last three years, after a splendid race. Again, in the tandem event, Ingram and Janson got back their title by beating A. L. Reed and H. D. Buck, the race being a grand one, and as in the mile the win was most popular. It was quite natural that the meeting of Leon Meredith (the holder) and G. A. Olley in the Fifty-mile Open Championship was a great attraction, but there were others in the race, and a dark horse was found in W. J. Pett, of the Southern C. C., who won easily from Wills. It was unfortunate that both G. A. Olley and L Meredith did not complete the journey, as the finish would have been most keen. As regards the arrangements, everything was perfect, and the Hon. Secretary, W. Mitson, deserves great credit for his work, specially in keeping the enclosure clear.

The chief officials were: Judge, James Blair; umpires, A. J. Wakeford, H. W. Ansell T. G. Matthews, V. Waterhouse, J W. Bidley, W. Phillips, A. Vickers, and H. B. Scott; pacemaking marshal, J. C. P. Tacagni; lap scoring marshal, S. R. Noble; timekeeper, G. Pemhroke Coleman; starter, Robert Cook; steward, H. Hollands. Results:

ONE MILE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (LONDON CENTRE.)

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1895 A J Watson	1899 F Crowley
1896 W H Bardsley	1900 A L Reed
1897 A S Ingram	1901 A L Reed
1898 E J Callaghan	1902 A L Reed

Time standard, 2mins 15secs. Time-limit, 3mins.

Heat 1: A. L. Reed, Polytechnic C. C. 1; G. F. Summers, Paddington C. C., 2; F. J. Wheeler, Havelock C. C. and P. A. C., 3; W. B. McLatchie, Dumfries C. C., 0. The latter punctured in the first lap and retired. In the race home Reed won by a length; bad third. Time, 2 mins. 20secs. Heat 2: A. S. Ingram, Polytechnic, 1; V. B. Casey, Putney A. C., 2; E. S. Montgomery, East Surrey, 3; A. Cordery, Paddington, 0; G. Parkins Shaftesbury, 0. Ingram got away in the last lap and won by a length; same distance between second and third. Time, 2mins. 13⅘secs. Inside standard time. Heat 3: Void. The starters were: H. C. Rouffler, Shaftesbury; A. J. Cherry, Polytechnic; H. D. Buck, Anerley; E. King, Polytechnic. Buck finished first after a crawl, but as the three minutes had expired, the men were disqualified. Heat 4: R. Janson, Polytechnic 1; G. J. Calder, Polytechnic, 2; E. G. H. Calder, Polytechnic, 3; G. L. Hopkins, Anerley, 0; J. Draper, Putney, 0. The last-named led at the bell, but at the last turn Janson came out and won by two lengths; a length between second and third. Time 2mins. 15sec

FINAL HEAT.

A S Ingram, Polytechnic	1
A L Reed (holder), Polytechnic	2
R Janson, Polytechnic	3

At the bell Ingram led with Janson second and Reed third. Half-way round the last lap Ingram sprinted with Reed following, and a grand race to the line resulted in a win for Ingram by a few inches, Janson being half-a-length behind. Time—2mins. 42⅘secs.

TWO-MILE AMATEUR TANDEM CHAMPIONSHIP (LONDON CENTRE).

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1898 E J Callaghan and F Burnard	1901 H S Chambers and F G Crowley
1899 A S Ingram and E Janson	1902 A L Reed and H D Buck
1900 A S Ingram and R Janson	

Time standard, 4mins. 5secs. Time—limit, 6mins.

Heat 1. A. L. Reed, Polytechnic, and H. D Buck, Anerley (holders) 1, G. H. and W. C. Le Grys, Silverdale, 2; H. C. Rouffler and G. Perkins, Shaftebury, 3; A. Cordery and W. East, Paddington, 4. The Le Grys started away, but for four laps Cordery and East led the string. At the bell the brothers Le Grys were again in front and led up to the final straight where the holders challenged and eventually won on the line by a few inches; a length between second and third. Time—4mins. 4⅘secs. The first and second teams were inside standard time. Heat 2: A. S. Ingram and R. Janson, Polytechnic, 1; T W. Hobcraft, Anerley and Borough Polytechnic, and G. Cooper, Borough Polytechnic, 2; C. C. R. Down, Queen's, and A. Kelly, Polytechnic, 3. The latter pair led at the bell, but Ingram and Janson soon went in front and won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time, 4mins. 16⅘sec. Heat 3: G. L. and O. J. Hopkins, Anerley, 1; J. Draper and F. G. Elliott, 2; C. Cole and F. A. Nasler, Polytechnic, retired. The brothers Hopkins secured the inside position at the bell, and won by a length. Time, 4mins. 5⅘sec. Heat 4: A. J. Cherry and G. J. Calder, Polytechnic, 1; R. J. Rattray and C. Harding, Havelock and Putney, 2; C T. Woodman and E. McDonough, Putney, 3; A. J. Tickner and A. Draper, Putney, 4. The teams each shared the pacing up to the last lap, where Cherry and Calder got away and won by a length and a half; half a length between second and third. Time, 4mins. 16⅘sec.

FINAL HEAT.

A. S. Ingram and R. Janson, Polytechnic	1
A. L. Reed, Polytechnic and H. D. Buck, Anerley (holders)	2
G. L. and O. J Hopkins, Anerley	3
A. J. Cherry and G J. Calder, Polytechnic	4

Reed and Buck were first away, and led for a lap, when Ingram and Janson made the pace for the next circuit. The Brothers Hopkins then took a turn, and at the end of the fourth lap Cherry and Calder led. At the bell Ingram and Janson went in front, and in spite of Reed and Buck's effort won by two lengths; a length and a half between second and third. Time—4mins. 42-secs.

NATIONAL CYCLISTS UNION FIFTY MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1895 C G Wridgway	1899 G F Payne
1896 W H Bardsley	1900 H Payne
1897 A J Cherry	1901 W B Dudden
1898 Harry Chinn	1902 Leon Meredith

Time standard, 1hr 45min.

The starters were Leon Meredith (holder), Paddington; G. A. Olley, Anerley and Polytechnic; A. B. Wills, Putney; F. T. Burgess Paddington; E. S. Montgomery, East Surrey; H. J. Harding, Polytechnic; C. Cole Polytechnic; H. Harvey, addington; W. J. Pett, Southern; J. E. Hobbs, unattached; W. W. Saunders, Bedford C. and A. C. At the start Cole's tyre gave out and he lost half a lap, Wills, Harding, and Pett leading at the first circuit, when the pacing teams came on. For two miles Pett was in front of Montgomery and Meredith, Harvey and Hobbs being tailed off, while Cole was lapped. The next three miles saw Wills, Pett, and Meredith leading the field, Meredith being without pacing and at five miles Montgomery was dropped. From this point to fourteen miles Pett kept the lead, with Meredith, Olley, and Wills in close attendance. At fifteen miles Meredith had his pacers on and took the lead, Pett, Olley, and Wills, in the order named, being close up. Meredith kept the lead up to twenty-one miles and covered the eighteenth mile in 1min 58⅘sec when the pace seemed too hot for Olley, who got off and lost nearly two miles before he remounted. In the twenty-second mile Pett made an effort and tried to get away, as Meredith was without pacing, but the holder hung on, with Wills close up. At the end of this hour Wills led with a distance of twenty-seven miles 283 yards, Pett being second and Meredith third. This trio kept together until the thirtieth mile, when Meredith punctured, and although quickly on a fresh mount broke a pedal and retired for good after covering thirty-one and a half miles. This robbed the race of considerable interest and left Pett and Wills to fight out the issue. With the exception of Wills getting in front at forty miles, Pett led to the finish, and although this couple were close together at the Bell, Pett sprinted away and scored a popular win by over a hundred yards, Wills slowing up at the finish. The final placing and times were:

Pos.	Name.	Club.	Time.
			H. M. S.
1	W J Pett	Southern C C ...	1 47 22⅘
2	A E Wils	Putney ...	1 47 53⅘
3	F T Burgess	Paddington ...	1 48 25⅘
4	G A Olley	Anerley and Poly ...	1 50 29⅘
5	E S Montgomery ...	East Surrey ...	1 57 5⅘
6	H Harvey	Paddington ...	1 58 7⅘

Mls.	Leader.	Time.	Mls.	Leader.	Time.
		H. M. S.			H. M. S.
1	W J Pett ...	0 2 33⅘	30	A E Wills ...	1 5 29
5	A E Wills ...	0 10 57⅘	33	W J Pett ...	1 15 28⅘
10	W J Pett ...	0 22 31⅘	40	A E Wills ...	1 26 9⅘
15	L Meredith ...	0 34 2	45	W J Pett ...	1 36 45⅘
20	L Meredith ...	0 45 59⅘	50	W J Pett ...	1 47 22⅘
25	W J Pett ...	0 57 42⅘			

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Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

DAPURE Manor, formerly the seat of Governors of Bombay, but now known best to our good friend Thomas Atkins as the spring from which wells forth the most excellent beer which rejoices his honest soul, is a fairly distant meet (albeit on the trunk road) for all saving residents of Kirkee, and bearing in mind that one has, these days to live at high pressure every hour of the day, the respectable number that assembled there on the 20th September testified to a confidence in both the sporting nature of the country and the aptitude for showing sport on the part of the master, not forgetting implicit confidence in the good hounds that have shown such wonderful hunting powers (often under most disadvantageous circumstances) throughout the past brilliant season *Phomme propose*, but items will occur at times to upset the apple cart. On this occasion it was a "spyt" on the river which rendered any attempt at fording futile. It had been I hear the intention to hunt some very sporting country on the further side, but yeilding to the inevitable the Master, after a brief respite to stragglers who might have found rising at 5 o'clock difficult work after getting to bed at 2 (which appears to be about the average night's rest of "fashionable Poona"), proceeded to draw the home coverts of the Manor. These, generally I believe a sure harbourage, proved on this occasion unavailing and after half an hour or more's careful hunting the Master had to call hounds out of covert and move on. The Pauna river, swollen high by recent rain, obviously refused right of way to the further shore, so it was a case of Hobson's choice as to locality and Colonel Sheringham set hounds to business on reaching a likely *nullah* further down the Nasik road and hounds soon testified to the presence of their friend the enemy. But proof of the necessity for bringing hunting to an all too soon end in the hunting country became manifest, for there were crop lands on all sides and no true sportsman in any country ignores the rights of the cultivator (and none I am assured are more solicitous for their feelings than Colonel Sheringham). The jack evidently was making his point for the Two Sisters—the well known landmarks that have offered safe sanctuary to many a jack—but he was headed off by some cattle and a herdsman and changed his course in the direction of Kalos. He was, however, none too stout a jack and after about a quarter of an hour of hunting (which would have been more interesting had there happily been less crops) he was tumbled over in some high grass near a well, the brush being presented to Miss Low, who went well throughout on her very useful little pony. A move was next made to a nullah in the direction of the Lohegum country track and hounds *en route* feathered with animation. One of the native whips gave his assurance that the varmint responsible for these expressions of joy on the part of hounds was a jungle cat, but on the vehement assurance of the landlord that his palet of jowari held the Simon Pure the Master, yielding to the farmer's solicitations "proceeded to, verify his references" when hounds substantiated the whip's declaration by polishing off a wild cat of gigantic proportions. The Aryan Pussy seems indeed to have been in force, as on reaching the originally intended nullah another feline tempted them to illegitimate indiscretions when an opportune new holloa from the far side of the ravine at once recalled them to a sense of stern duty and answering without a second's hesitation to the Master's horn they were soon on the line of a jack making a bee line for Dighi. After a smart sprint he just saved his brush from the leading hound into some gigantic *jowari*. Through this a couple or two of hounds hustled him and away on the far side. Meanwhile the body of the pack had got on to a second jack which crossed the hunting line and the skill of the first whip was called into play in getting them on to the original jack, while the staunch few couple had driven ahead at a rare pace. Across the Nasik road they went but the sun was by this time getting unpleasantly hot, and wisely solicitous for their welfare the Master gave orders to whip them off after a very sporting little run of, I believe as near twenty minutes as doesn't matter. A capital morning's sport it seems to have been with actually calling for a supply of red letters to chronicle it. The season, alas is growing to a close. Only a couple more meets are advertized though it is just possible that yielding to public entreaty Colonel Sheringham may manage an extra odd one or two. Any sportsman requiring drafts need certainly from all I gather travel further than Poona to find rare working hounds, wonderfully biddable and the picture of health and condition, everyone tells me.

That savoury spot the slaughter yard was the place of tryst on Thursday, but despite the sad fact that it was the penultimate meet of the seasen proper a very select field only accepted the invitation, but those hard bitten souls who did certainly had no cause to regret their energy. The Master had a large pack out, over 25 couple, and most of them the right sort, and as the morning promised to be sultry no law was given and a move was at once made to the Stony heights to the right of Kandwa village, the plateau of which often, I believe holds a jack loafing back to his mountain fastness after regaling on the delicacies of the slaughter yard. Hounds soon owned to an evidently somewhat stale line and worked it out with their characteristic patience and determination till getting on better terms with it they ran gaily enough and hunting with irresistible persistency though a series of hillocks, dips and crop land they ran their jack to ground in an earth on the other side of a hamlet called Bibby. Lacking a hunt terrier one dashing little hound took this responsible duty on himself and taking no denial hauled the jack out by the scuff when he was demolished without further ado. After this some rugged country behind Kandwa was drawn when just as hounds hit off a line a tantalizing little pussie aspired to red currant honours and tempted hounds for the nonce from the path of rectitude. They are, however, I hear on every side as handy and biddable as the proverbial Lady's maid and a temporary indiscretion is rectified with the least possible delay. Taken back to the original legitimate line hounds promptly work up the thread of the narrative and worked it out with wonderful cleverness for scent by now owing to the sultriness was none of the best. At a nice hunting pace they went and a brace of keen eyes viewed the varmint in some pass near the lake side from which hounds running with a great drive soon compelled him to make for the open and steering between the two bits of water he laid his line past Katruj and over the old high road to Satara. Up the hill sides and through a lot of standing crops hounds drove him without mercy, their work being I am told a treat to witness and such as none but a phenomenal jack to stand up against. A good jack he evidently was and a whopper, but Colonel Sherringham and his loyal ones take a lot of beating when they mean business and business they meant on this occasion and running from scent to view hounds put matters beyond any further doubt and rolled this good jack over on the edge of small jawari field. Hounds were so death keen with the lust for blood that it were all the Master could do to save the customary trophies, presenting the brush to that good sportsman and hearty supporter of the Hunt Colonel Vyvyan of the Buffs and it will I am sure be a pleasant reminiscence of one of the best of the many fine runs he has engaged with this pack. The Mask was presented to Mrs. Beatty than whom (on her well-known little bay) none I hear went better throughout the run. Forty-five minutes of a real hunting run it was over a somewhat rough and timber country and the way hounds worked afforded the utmost pleasure to all who knew enough to appreciate it. The lazy lie-a-beds certainly seem to have missed a right good run.

SCARAMOUCH.

Polo.

POONA OPEN TOURNAMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

POONA, *23rd September 1903.*

AS usual the Junior Polo Tournament, held so soon before the open fixture, affected the latter and after all only four teams entered and of these the Baroda team was making its *debut* and the Remnants had not played much together prior to the match. The only two pucca teams therefore who were expected to have a say in the issue were the 4th Hussars and the 3rd Bombay Cavalry. I think the Poona executive must be now perfectly convinced of the undesirability of holding the Junior and Senior Tournaments so close to one another.

The 4th Hussars disposed of Baroda so easily that the public was disposed to believe they would win the tournament although it was confidently expected that the 3rd Bombay Cavalry would stretch them. The Remnants just managed to get beaten by the 3rd Bombay Cavalry. When therefore the Hussars and Cavalry met in the final on Thursday the former were the favourites, but though they played a great game and galloped all they knew were not able to avert defeat, the 3rd Bombay Cavalry scoring with great success and winning the tournament with a good margin to spare. The difference in the score must not, however, be taken as an indication of the difference in the merits of play as the Hussars played brilliantly at times and had the hardest luck in not scoring. The 3rd Bombay Cavalry may well be proud of their success in Polo this year and last, and their appearance in the Bombay Tournament next month may be crowned with yet another victory

FIRST MATCH.

The young Baroda team were somewhat at a discount and it was soon evident that in their practice matches they had never had a well drilled opposition to knock up against and give them the necessary experience Again the players did not stick to their places, and as a consequence the combination of the 4th Hussars was too much for them. The Prince of Baroda played a fine galloping game, he was well mounted and worked very hard, but was not receiving the support he should have from the members of his team.

The Hussars showed fine form, and as all contributed to the victory, it would be invidious to signal any particular play out for special mention. The score was 16 goals and 4 subsidiaries to 2 goals and 2 subsidiaries.

4TH HUSSARS.	BARODA STATE.
1 Mr Neilson	1 B N Gaikewad
2 Col Kincaid Smith	2 Prince Fatesingharo
3 Mr Bell	3 Sirdar Taj Mahomed
Back: Major Hoare	*Back:* Janardon Sadashiv

Umpires · Capt Hewlett and Capt Mathew Lannowe.

1st Chukker.—Baroda was first in possession, but Kincaid Smith deprived them and scored a subsidiary. A feeble attempt to force play by Baroda was followed by Bell and Hoare, each scoring a goal and a subsidiary, and two more goals were notched before the chukker closed the Baroda team being outplayed at all points. Score: 4th Hussars 4 goals and 2 subs, Baroda *nil*. Time—7mins. 14secs.

2nd Chukker—The Hussars took charge of affairs at once Bell playing dashingly added two more goals to the score at once, and later the score was still further enhanced by the Hussars, but a little variety was lent to the game by the Baroda team getting a goal off a good run down by Prince Fatesingharo. Score: 4th Hussars 8 goals and 2 subs, Baroda 1 goal. Time—12mins. 14secs.

3rd Chukker.—The Prince put in two or three good runs, then the Hussars took up the running again and scored two more goals and a subsidiary. Kincaid Smith and Bell being responsible for the scoring. Score: 4th Hussars 10 goals and 3 subs, Baroda 1 goal Time—17mins. 18secs.

4th Chukker.—A combined run down by the Hussars was checked and the Prince and Janardan combining well scored a goal. A piece of pretty play between Hoare and Neilson resulted in a goal and later another was added. Score: 4th Hussars 12 goals and 3 subs., Baroda 2 goals 1 sub. Time—22mins. 18secs.

5th Chukker—Up and down play barren of results. Score: Same as above. Time—29mins. 43secs.

6th Chukker.—The Baroda team played up a bit, the Prince galloping hard and hitting well scored a subsidiary to which Hoare replied with a goal. Score: Hussars 13 goals and 4 subs, Baroda 2 goals and 2 subs. Time—35mins.

7th Chukker.—The Hussars had the best of matters and scored three goals, while their opponents could not even stop them. Score: 4th Hussars 16 goals and 4 subs. to 2 goals and 2 subs. Time—40mins

SECOND MATCH.

The Remnants met the 3rd Bombay Cavalry on the same Tuesday afternoon and the spectators were treated to a really interesting game which at the end of the sixth chukker was a chance of a draw, but in the last the Remnants were quite outplayed. Considering they were a scratch lot and were opposed to a well drilled team like the 3rd Bombay Cavalry the Remnants did very well indeed and it was most sporting of them to enter. Captain Davie and Geddes played exceeding well for the losers, while for the victors Alexander and Wogan-Brown, who despite having recently had fever, put up fine performances. The score was 3rd Bombay Cavalry 4 goals and 3 subs, Remnants 3 goals.

3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY.	THE REMNANTS.
1 Mr Denning	1 Mr Grenfall, 60th Rifles
2 Capt Wogan Browne	2 Mr Barrett, 15th Hussars
3 Capt Alexander	3 Major Geddes, R H A
Back: Daffadar Aliyar	*Back:* Capt Davie, R Scots

1st Chukker.—Play opened fast, the Remnants getting possession, but being deprived the Cavalry gave Davie trouble and after a lot of up and down play Alexander scored a goal. Score: Cavalry 1 goal: Remnants nil. Time—3mins 37secs.

2nd Chukker.—The Cavalry were most aggressive, but Davie cleared well and a free hit for crossing gave him an opening from which he would have scored but for the Cavalry back. Alexander then got on and scored a minor point. Score: Cavalry 1 goal 1 sub, Remnants *nil*. Time—15mins 19secs.

3rd Chukker.—Running the ball down Browne form a pass saving a subsidiary and Alexander improved on this by notching a goal. The Cavalry made a warm and continued attack on the Remnants' goal, but were kept out successfully. Score: Cavalry 2 goals and 2 subs, Remnants *nil*. Time—21min. 2secs.

4th Chukker.—The Remnants opened well and Grenfell scored their first point and, playing well, they prevented the Cavalry from making more than a subsidiary. Score: Cavalry 2 goals 3 subs. Remnants 1 goal. Time—26mins. 22secs.

5th Chukker—This was a fairly even bout and each side scored a goal, Alexander and Grenfell being the successful betters. Score: Cavalry 3 goals and 3 subs, Remnants 2 goals. Time—32mins 12secs.

6th Chukker.—The Remnants opened with great dash, scored a goal and kept their opponents hemmed in. So well did they play that the chance of their winning seemed very rosy, but only one goal was notched. Score: Cavalry 3 goals 3 subs. Remnants 3 goals. Time—37mins 17secs.

7th Chukker.—Fast play was at once initiated and after a fine run down Wogan-Browne placed the ball nicely for Aliyar, who patted it through just before the bell sounded. Score: Cavalry 4 goals and 3 subs to Remnants 3 goals.

Umpires.—Captains Hewlett and Lannowe Mathew.

THE FINALS.

A splendid contest was witnessed and the 3rd Bombay Cavalry certainly deserved their victory Their combination was excellent, and being as well mounted as the 4th Hussars, they were able to get the best of matters. The Hussars were somewhat unsuccessful when before goal, but this was due to the fine defence of the Cavalry back For the winners Captains Wogan Browne and Alexander rendered yeoman service and for the losers Colonel Kincaid Smith and Major Hoare were most conspicuous. Throughout a galloping game was witnessed and the interest of the spectators was well maintained from first to last.

3RD BOMBAY CAVALRY.	4TH HUSSARS.
1 Mr Denning	1 Mr Neilson
2 Capt Wogan-Browne	2 Col Kincaid Smith
3 Capt Alexander	3 Mr Bell
Back: Daffadar Alyarkhan	*Back:* Major Hoare

1st Chukker—The Hussars scooped the ball and got well into the Cavalry keep, but the pressure was relieved and after one or two good runs the Cavalry opened the score with a goal shot by Wogan-Browne, who later notched a subsidiary. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 1 goal 1 sub, 4th Hussars *nil*. Time—6mins 15secs.

2nd Chukker.—Soon after the restart a foul was given and Bell and Kincaid Smith combining scored a subsidiary Later Hoare by a persistent attack on the opposite goal at last beat the back and scored a subsidiary. The round was all in favour of the Hussars. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 1 goal 1 sub, 4th Hussars 1 goal 1 sub. Time—12mins 15secs

3rd Chukker.—The Hussars came up full of running and almost immediately scored a minor point through Neilson. They kept up the advantage but could not score and Denning getting on notched a goal for the Cavalry. What should have been another goal for the latter was only a subsidiary dribbled in by the Cavlry back. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 2 goals 2 subs, 4th Hussars 1 goal 2 subs. Time—17mins. 15secs.

4th Chukker.—This was a fast and somewhat even period, the Cavalry opening with a goal hit by Denning, then the Hussars became aggressive and saved a subsidiary and yet another before the chukker closed, in the later stage the Hussars had the best of matters, but failed before goal Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 3 goals and 2 subs, 4th Hussars 1 goal 4 subs. Time—22mins 59secs.

5th Chukker.—Though the Hussars were most pressing, but again their inability to crown their efforts before goal was manifest. The Cavalry were not able to break away, but a foul against the Hussars brought relief and Wogan-Browne turned it to effect by scoring a goal and the same player a moment later scored another goal. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 5 goals and 2 subs, 4th Hussars 1 goal and 4 subs. Time—29mins 22secs.

6th Chukker.—The Hussars broke away, but were pulled up, but Hoare returned and shot the ball between the flags and after some hot exchanges Bell put up yet another goal for the Hussars, who certainly had the upper hand in this round. The excitement amongst the spectators was intense. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 5 goals and 2 subs, 4th Hussars 3 goals and 4 subs Time—34mins. 26secs.

7th Chukker.—A fast game was at once initiated and after two quick runs up and down the field a *melee* occurred before the Hussars' goal and Wogan-Browne pulled the ball out and scored a goal. Short runs by either side was followed by a fine combined run. Browne and Alexander passing smartly and scoring a goal all in favour of the Cavalry. Score: 3rd Bombay Cavalry 7 goals 2 subs, 4th Hussars 3 goals 4 subs. Time—40mins

After the game General Sir Robert Low, who retires this week, presented the Cup to the winners and in doing so complemented them on their victory and the 4th Hussars on the good fight they made against their opponents.

QUETTA TOURNAMENT.

SEMI-FINALS.

WEST YORKSHIRES *vs.* STATION.—These teams met on the 16th ultimo and a good game resulted in a win for the Station by 8 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 5 goals and 2 subsidiaries. The Station had the best of the first two chukkers and scored two goals 2 subsidiaries to their opponents' 1 goal. In the third chukker the Station put on 3 goals, but Stephen for the Yorkshires played hard and added 2 goals and 1 subsidiary. The Yorkshires were unable to score till the 6th chukker when 2 goals and 1 subsidiary were put on, the Station score at this point was 8 goals and 3 subsidiaries. In the last chukker neither side scored, the Station winning as stated. In the winners' team Price and Lash were best while Marten was most conspicuous for the Yorkshires. Teams:—

WEST YORKSHIRES.	STATION TEAM.
1 Mr Wilkinson	1 Mr Goldingham
2 Capt Stephen	2 Mr Akers Douglas
3 Capt Lang	3 Capt Rose Price
back Mr Marten	*back* Capt Lash

9TH LANCERS *vs.* 2ND BOMBAY LANCERS—Played on the 17th ultimo, the 9th winning by 8 goals and 5 subsidiaries to 1 goal 4 subsidiaries. In spite of the score the game was a grand one, the 2nd having had hard luck throughout. The first two chukkers were very even, each team scoring a goal and a subsidiary

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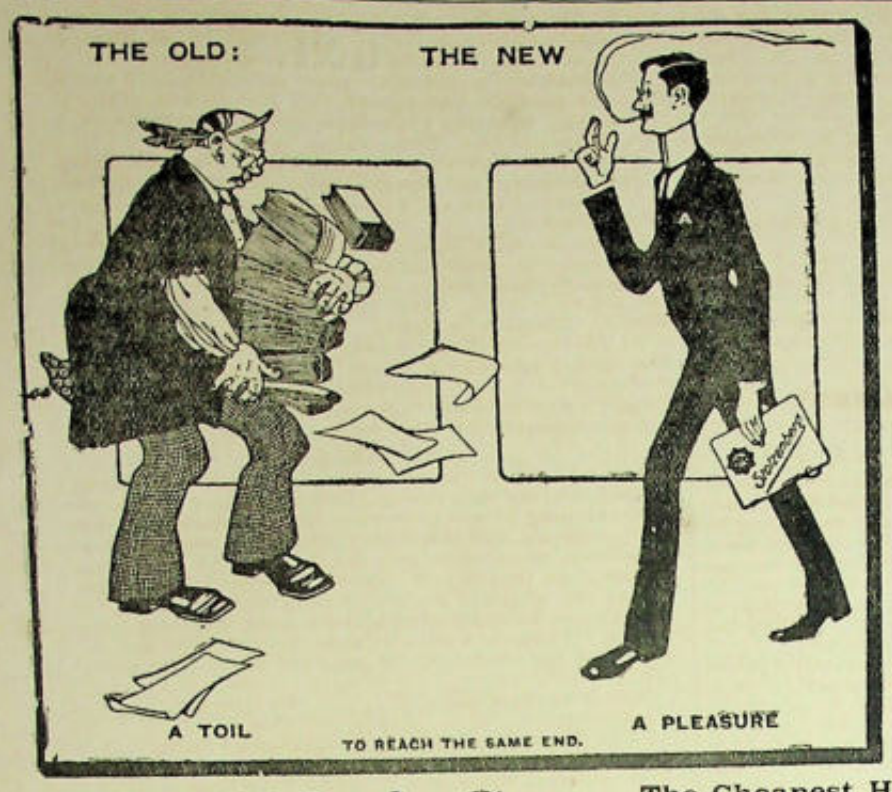

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The 9th added 2 more goals and 2 subsidiaries, but it was not till the sixth chukker that they showed any superiority. In this period they put on 4 goals. In the 7th chukker they scored 2 subsidiaries and in the last they carried their score to 8 goals and 5 subsidiaries. Teams :—

9TH LANCERS.	2ND BOMBAY LANCERS.
1 Capt Durand	1 Mr Griffith
2 Mr Cavendish	2 Mr Cassels
3 Major Willoughby	3 Capt Keogh
back Mr Jackson	*back* Capt Griffith

9TH LANCERS *vs.* STATION.—The final game in the Tournament was played between these teams on the 19th ultimo. As was expected the Lancers had an easy win. The Station team worked hard and did good service, but were outplayed by their opponents. Both teams lost some good opportunities, but there was plenty of galloping and some fine exhibition of hitting. For the Lancers Jackson and Willoughby were most conspicuous and Price in the Station team. The Lancers scored 13 goals 11 subsidiaries and the Station 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. Teams :—

9TH LANCERS.	STATION TEAM
1 Capt Durand	1 Mr Goldingham
2 Mr Cavendish	2 Mr Akers Douglas
3 Major Willoughby	3 Capt Rose Price
back Mr Jackson	*back* Capt Lash

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Starter and Umpire.—Mr. F. E. H. Power.
Judge.—Mr. W. S. Burke.

Saturday, 26th September, 1903.

The nor'-wester of last Friday afternoon rather upset the programme of this regatta as it was found impracticable to row off any of the heats in the Dinghy Race which was thus left over for this afternoon and caused the abandonment of the Scratch Fours. One race, the Senior Double Sculls, was decided late on Friday evening, Messrs. Green and Hossack winning in a paddle. The Senior Fours was not a pretty race to watch, but those who had seen the rather desultory preparation of both crews considered that they might see a tight race: this they did, Green's crew winning by a length and a quarter, though it is probable they could have won by more, for they finished much fresher than their opponents. The losers made a very plucky attempt to get level at the bend, which was a slight error in judgment, for if it had been timed just a little later when they had got fairly into the straight the above verdict might have been reduced. As it was the effort subsided about thirty yards from the winning post and the crew went by the pontoon in very ragged style. The half mile tub race was not devoid of incident, for in the first attempt at a start Tassie, who stroked the boat which eventually won, broke his oar and when at length another oar had been provided those on the bank saw some wonderful feats performed therewith including the grand culminating crab as they passed the judge.

Carter might have won the Dinghy Race, but decided to scratch in the final heat after his race in the Tub pairs, and Tassie thus won a double event, as did Messrs Green and Hales, whose visits to the prize table were accompained by the usual friendly tumult. Details:—

SENIOR DOUBLE SCULLS. ¾ MILE.

CALCUTTA STATION.		KIDDERPORE STATION.
W C Hossack *bow*	beat	A Cochran *bow*
C V Green *str*		A V Venables *str*

Rowed in the rain and in semi-darkness. They came down fairly level to the bend, where Venables took the lead; but the others caught them up and got away, winning by two lengths. Time—5mins. 17secs.

SENIOR FOURS. ¾ MILE.

CALCUTTA STATION.		KIDDERPORE STATION.
D Carvill *bow.*	beat	W D Braithwaite *bow.*
W C Burke 2.		H R Pilcher 2.
J C Buchanan 3.		A V Venables 3.
C V Green *str.*		A Cochran *str.*
H W Hales *cox.*		J Wilson *cox.*

Green's crew had the best of the start and putting them in hard drew a head. Half way down the big reach they struck a bit of rough water, but were soon out of it; nearing the bend they were a length to the good, but rounding it Cochran's crew put on a splendid spurt and were coming up fast, but they died away at the white house and Green's crew keeping it lively came in winners by a length and a quarter. Time—4mins 39½secs.

TUB PAIRS. ¼ MILE.

KIDDERPORE STATION.		CALCUTTA STATION.
H Day *bow*	beat	C A Pearey *bow*
J A Tassie, *str*		L R Carter *str*
H W Hales *cox*		D Carvill *cox*

After a false start in which Tassie broke an oar they were sent off and it was a hard race to the third godown, where Hales' crew took command and came in a length and a quarter ahead of the others, Stroke losing command of his oar as they passed the post. Time—3mins. 18⅗secs.

DINGHY RACE. ½ MILE.

Heat 1.

KIDDERPORE STATION.		CALCUTTA STATION.
L R Carter	beat	C A Pearcy
Mrs G Barton *cox*		Miss H Binning *cox*

Won by half a length.

Heat 2.

CALCUTTA STATION.		KIDDERPORE STATION.
H R Pilcher	beat	L G Waller
Mrs Connew *cox*		Miss Binning *cox*

Won by four lengths.

Heat 3.

KIDDERPORE STATION.		CALCUTTA STATION.
J A Tassie	beat	H R Pilcher
Mrs G Barton *cox.*		Miss Connew *cox*

A procession, Tassie winning by many lengths.

Carter having scratched Tassie won, and the prize went to Mrs. Barton.

LUCKNOW ANNUAL REGATTA.

Final Day, Tuesday, 22nd September, 1903.

THE regatta was brought to a conclusion to-day, the finals being rowed off and Scratch Fours put through. The 48th Pioneers were "At Home" and the band of the Gloucesters in attendance. Mrs. Pearse distributed the prizes. The finals in the Pope Challenge Cup fell through, Mrs. Ryves' crew took the cup. Details :—

ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP.

WITH B. C.		EAST SURREYS.
P N Craigie	beat	L M Miller
C Hodgkinson		W Appleyard
G Craster		P B Stafford
J P Barnes		L G Ionides
C Newnham		E St L Shaw

Won after a very exciting race by ¼ of a length. Time—2mins. 58secs.

SMITH CHALLENGE CUP.

H. N. Hutchinson beat A. de V. Maclean. Hutchinson had the race in hand all the way and won easily. No time taken.

THE GENERAL'S CHALLENGE BOWL.

THE 6TH BENGAL CAVALRY (No. 1 PAIR)		THE 6TH BENGAL CAVALRY (No. 2 PAIR.)
G Craster 11-4 (*bow*)	beat	P N Craigie 11-0 (*bow*)
J P Barnes 11-10 (*str*)		C Hodgkinson 12-0 (*str*)
H N Hutchinson 9-12 (*cox*)		E St L Shaw 9-0 (*cox*)

A splendid race won by two feet.

SCRATCH FOURS.

First Heat.		
N F Addis (*bow*)	beat	F H Burnaby (*bow*)
W Appleyard (2)		I. G M Harcourt (2)
G Craster (3)		F O'Neill (3)
H N Hutchinson (*str*)		C Hodgkinson (*str*)
H Spear (*cox*)		R F G Scott (*cox*)

Hutchinson's crew won by 2 feet.

Final.		
M E Johnson (*bow*)	beat	N F Addis (*bow*)
H O Parr (2)		W Appleyard (2)
H Cooper (3)		G Craster (3)
C J Boyce (*str*)		H N Hutchinson (*str*)
W Gover (*cox*)		H Spear (*cox*)

Boyce's crew won by one length.

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Cricket.

CRICKET AT POONA.

PRESIDENCY *vs.* PARSEES.—The return match between the Presidency and the Parsees was played at Poona on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd instant. The Presidency team were weak as batsmen, while their opponents had their strongest eleven out, so it is not surprising that the Parsees again won. The Presidency went to the wickets first, but were soon disposed of for the poor total of 97. Cheetham 30, Campion 29 and Smith (14) being the only men to get into double figures. Kapadia took 6 wickets for 27 runs. The Parsees then went in and when play closed for the day had made 184 for four wickets. Meherhomjee played a good innings and had hard luck in just failing to complete the century. On the next day the Parsees put up 325 before they were all out, Daruwalla who was not out 58 overnight carried his total to 113, playing a great innings throughout. Pavri added a useful 45. The Presidency did better in their second venture and at the end of the day had made 192, Cheetham 69 and Faviell (48 not out) being the chief scorers. The innings closed for 222 the next day, Faviell not out 66. Score:—

PRESIDENCY.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Mr H C Cheetham, b Bulsara	30	b Pavri... ...	69
Mr F O Faviell, c Machliwalla, b Kapadia ...	9	not out — ...	66
Mr A L Smith, c Machliwalla, b Kapadia... ...	14	b Bulsara... ...	12
Mr B M Carroll, c Colabawalla, b Kapadia ...	2	b Pavri	6
Mr B G Manson, b Bulsara...	1	b Bulsara... ...	7
Capt Campion, b Kapadia ...	29	c and b Mistri ...	14
Mr J Mead, b Bulsara ...	1	b Mistri	4
Mr J J MacDonogh, c and b Bulsara... ...	1	b Mistri ...	3
Mr H W Green, b Kapadia...	5	l b w, b Mistri ...	8
Mr H Kearsey, not out ...	0	b Bulsara	2
Mr E E Coombs, b Kapadia...	0	l b w, b Kapadia ...	9
Extras ...	5	Extras ...	22
Total ...	97	Total ...	222

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.	O	R.	M.	W
Bulsara ...	21	46	9	4	33	81	6	3
Mistri ...	5	19	1	0	19	37	7	4
Kapadia ...	15·3	27	5	6	21	35	7	1
Pavri ...	.....	.....	.....		11	47	2	2

PARSEES.

1st Innings

D Raja, b Coombs	...	5
Colabawalla, c McDonogh, b Manson	...	1
Daruwalla, c McDonogh, b Coombs	...	113
Mistri, c Smith, b Coombs ...	...	7
Meherhomji, c Kearsey, b Coombs	...	99
D D Kanga, b Coombs ...	...	6
R E Mody, c Green, b Manson	...	17
B C Machliwalla, c Green, b Manson	...	7
Pavri, run out	...	45
M S Bulsara, b Faviell ...	...	3
K Kapadia, not out ...	...	1
	Extras	21
	Total...	325

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
McDonogh	38	78	16	0
Manson	22	54	10	3
Coombs	30	78	9	5
Cheetham	13	35	0	0
Faviell	9	26	2	1
Campion	3	10	1	0
Carroll	16	22	7	0

GOVERNMENT HOUSE *vs.* MR. PATELL'S XI.—On the 24th ultimo these teams met at Ganeshkhind in a single innings match which resulted in a win for the Government House side by 6 runs. Mr. Macdonough bowled excellently for the winners, his analysis showing eight wickets for 64 runs; for the Parsees Talpade took 6 wickets for 62 runs. The batting was fairly good though nothing of individual brilliance was put up, Messrs

Mead and Wilson made 31 each for Government House and Commissariat made 36 for the losers. Score:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr Faviell b Talpade ...	...	13
,, Monteath, b Talpade	...	4
,, Macdonogh, b Talpade	...	9
,, Mead, c Pavri, b Talpade	...	31
,, Hardy, l b w, b Pavri	...	22
,, Wilson, b Pavri ...	...	31
Capt Bayford, b Pavri ...	...	2
,, Crawford, b Talpade	...	2
Col Kavanagh, b Talpade	...	4
Major Brodrick, not out	...	3
Sergt Fillis, b Pavri ...	...	13
Extras	...	7
Total	...	141

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Talpade	19	2	62	6
,, Pocha	48	1	19	0
Dr Pavri	42	0	24	4
Mr Patell	12	0	19	0

MR. PATELL'S XI.

Pavri, b Faviell ...	22
Kharas, c Wilson, b Macdonogh ...	12
Talpade, Kavanagh b Macdonogh	6
Machliwalla, b Macdonogh ...	15
Pocha, c Monteath, b Macdonogh ...	2
Commissariat, b Faviell ...	36
Patell, c Monteath, b Macdonogh ...	12
Wadia, b Macdonogh	9
Sonaji, b Macdonogh	0
Batliwala, not out	2
Extras	17
Total	135

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mr Macdonogh	24	1	64	8
,, Faviell	18	4	51	2
,, Hardy	2	0	5	0
,, Fillis	4	2	3	0

AN OLLA PODRIDA.

The English cricket season proper is over. It has been a much worse season than last as regards the weather, and even the most experienced batsmen with but one or two notable exceptions have found rungetting difficult in nine out of ten innings. Of new cricketers discovered there have been few, if any, the most prominent being H. Strudwick, the Surrey wicket-keeper, K. L. Hutchings, a young schoolmaster, who played for Kent in August, Langford, a right hand medium pace bowler for Hampshire. Of known ones who excelled themselves or came on a lot, E. G. Hayes, Surrey, S. F. Barnes, Lancashire, J. Gunn, Notts, W. Rhodes as an all-rounder Yorkshire, are the best known. Of those who have fallen off no mention need be made since with some it is a case of age, with others but a temporary divergence from the path of consistent excellence C. B. Fry appears to make batting more and more of a science each year, but he too is fallible witness 0 and 4 b Hirst both times in his second Yorkshire match, 1 and 1 in the second Worcestershire match b Wilson both times [0 and 174 in the first Worcestershire match], while he never gets runs easily against Essex, though he may make them in some number against Lancashire, who up to July looked like making a big bid for championship honours. Indeed so good are they in the field considering they now possess but one bowler, Walter Mead, that only one century has been hit against them and that by T. S. Fishwick of Warwickshire not a faultless effort. Every other county has had from 3 to 16 or 18 hundreds hit off their attack.

But to the youngsters. Strudwick needs no description since he was first choice for Australia and is well worth that honour.

K. L. Hutchings is an old Tonbridgian who might before long play for England. Gentlemen honours await him early. He is of the free type that hits the ball every time. Possesses some perfect racquet shots to the on-side and is a good field in addition to his usefulness with the willow. Has just gone to America in the *Oceanic* with the Kent team for a brief tour, and judging from the gale at the moment of writing will get a pretty good shaking up off the south and sou' west of Ireland.

Langford despite some excellent analyses at the start, will not, I opine, set fire to the Solent. Novelty has probably helped him to a good few wickets, for he is at best but a good length trundler who occasionally unconsciously "swims" the ball a bit. A bowler must be seen on some genuine plumb wickets before he can be judged and his style of bowling only looks like playing men in on the true wickets we all hope to see again in England some-day. For, all said and done, cricket must have fine weather even if tremendous scoring follows The monotonous drip, drip, drip from a leaden sky, or a damp day and a muddy ground is aught but cheering for players of a game that necessitates clean white flannel kit and depends for its very existence on brightness. Even if not actually raining nobody will come to see the chance of a few hours' cricket to be driven away. Now and then the rain and sun together bring about a sporting finish, but cricketers and crowd alike prefer a full day's leather hunting—say what the croakers will about tall scoring. And that is why everyone longs for a fine summer again, but as England is in for ten years wet and we've only had two so far it is advisable for good Anglo-Indians contemplating furlough, etc, to wait until the spring of 1912.

By which time quite likely there will be a lot of difference in the status of amateur and professional cricketer, seeing that to-day so many of the latter are the social superiors of some of the former. Not that the great body of the admittedly paid element cares one jot which gate it goes out of on to the field of play, but here and there are cases that owing to the behaviour and mannerism of the individual himself are anything but popular. As to amateurs' expenses I cannot see what that has to do with any but the payer and payee. If the Hastings executive choose to offer a given amateur first-class hotel exes, first-class return fare from Hastings to the amateur's home in the North er to where he is going in Scotland for his holidays although prior to the Hastings match said amateur may have been playing at Brighton, what does it matter to any one but said amateur? The writer has known of an amateur whose acquintance with a first-class railway carriage or hotel has only been from the station platform, or top of a penny bumper, but who nevertheless played as an amateur and "drew the hard" right enough The executive if it considers such a man good enough will play him whether as a ten guid professional or first-class amateur with first-class exes throughout and hang the exes, and why should it not? Every individual or body can spend its shekels as it likes surely. It is common knowledge that the poor amateurs gets more out of festival cricket than the pro. does and the writer could give a case of a professional at a festival who actually paid out of his own pocket after receiving the usual match fee before clearing exes. This ought not to be, but is so.

There may very easily be a thorough-going into the paid mateur question this winter—may be, for it is not certain but that wiser counsels as to the advisability of letting sleeping dogs lie will prevail. If the question was gone into in the interests of purity of amateur sport there might be unpleasantness in more quarters than one.

HOW'S THAT.

Football.

THE MADRAS RUGBY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

MADRAS *vs.* BOMBAY.—This tournament commenced on the 23rd ultimo, when the Madras and Bombay Gymkhanas met to decide which is to meet the Welsh Regiment, the holders of the Cup in the finals. The tournament was to have commenced on the 22nd, but the seductive pleasurers of Calcutta were evidently too much for four members of the team who went to play in the tournament there, with the result that they did not return until Tuesday evening, the 22nd instant, too late to play in the match announced for that evening, and the tournament had to be postponed for a day, which as things turn out make it very rough for Bombay. If they win the lie with Madras they will have to play the finals on Friday evening, as they are due to leave Madras on Saturday. This as things have turned out will force them to play matches on three consecutive days; because the first tie has resulted in a pointless draw and the two teams have to fight their battle again to-morrow.

The weather was c ear, but heavy rain during the night turned parts of the Island ground into a *morass*, from which the water was being baled in buckets before the game commenced. The result, therefore 4 what with a greasy ball and a slushy field was that the game degenerated almost from the outset into a rough-and-tumble scramble, most of the work being done in the "scrums" and by dribbling. When it came to opening out and passing and running the greasy ball and treacherous ground frustrated anything like fast play. A detailed description of the game under these conditions is out of the question. There was nothing noteworthy done, and though extra time was played not a point of any sort was scored. Bombay did the pressing for the major portion of the first half twice forcing the home team to touch down in self-defence. When Madras did get away they did so to some purpose and put in a very strong attack. Worke passed to Haughton, who crossed the Bombay line; but the try was disallowed as the ball reached Haughton from a pass forward.

In the second half Madras took a hand at being aggressive and scrimmaging and dribbling down the left forced Bombay into their own "twenty-five" whence by some smart kicking and clever passing they frequently managed to transfer the ball. Two muffed bits of passing in front of the Bombay goal spoilt two very possible chances that the home team had of scoring, and when Simpson and Worke tried by short rushes to get through on to the goal line they were pulled down. Before time was called Barret dribbled the ball over the Bombay line, but it was kicked beyond the ropes.

Nothing was scored during the extra time, and as I have already said the match ended in a draw without a single point being scored. Appended are the names:—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.		MADRAS GYMKHANA.
Lieut. Bird ...	Back	... Lieut. Faris
D. H. Brand ...	½-Backs	... C. W. Layard
C. M. Ward ...		Lieut. Haughton
Lieut. Lyon ...		F. E. L. Worke
L. Scott ...		R. Simpson
V. Bromley ...	¼-Backs	... Capt. Cattell
Lieut. Robinson ...		C. Moresby
Lieut. Turnbull ...		O. J. Sykes
C. W. T. Elsworthy ...	Forwards.	Lieut. H. Deane
Lieut. Sarson ...		R. E. M. Barrett
W. R. Rutherford ...		A. Davies
Gray Ryge ...		F. H. Wilson
Lieut. Sneyd ...		H. Prendergast
Lieut. McEnery ...		W. H. Johnston
R. J. Arnot, Capt. ...		S. C. Probyn

Referee.—Major Banbury.

DURAND TOURNAMENT.

SEMI-FINALS

QUEENS *vs.* SIMLA VOLUNTEERS.—Played on the 23rd the Queens winning by 1 goal to *nil* after a fast and exciting game. Play throughout was of a high standard, both sides giving a good exhibition. The first half was devoid of score, but in the middle of the second period the Queens scored their goal. Marsden, the Simla goal-keeper, was in fine form and gave a great display saving brilliantly on several occasions.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES *vs.* QUEENS.—These teams met in the finals on the 26th, when an enormous crowd witnessed a splendid game in which the Rifles won by a goal to *nil*. The field was in fine condition and a great struggle took place. The Queens got the ball away first and forced a corner which they failed to improve upon. Up and down play in which both teams were seen to advantage followed—the passing and heading being a feature. A corner to the Queens and one to the Irish both proved abortive, then just before half time Edmonston, the Irish centre forward, got away and with a clever run down the field banged the ball into the net. In the second half the Queens had the best of matters and the Irish goal was frequently threatened, the backs and goal-keeper having an anxious time. They were in an ace of scoring on several occasions but missed owing to poor shooting and failing to equalise the Irish thus won by a goal to *nil*.

WALTER LOCKE SHIELD.

The following are the results of the ties played in the Walter Locke Competition up to the close of the Second Round:—

First Round.

61st Co., R. G. A.	beat	Govt. Coll. Sch.	by	5-0
Rangoon Gymkhana	,,	East Yorks	,,	3-1
Royal Fusiliers	,,	Y. M. C. A.	,,	2-1
70th Co., R. G. A.	,,	Border Regt.	,,	2-1
Baptist College, a bye. Burma Socials scrtd.				
Rangoon College beat Catholic Club			,,	2-1
The King's—a bye.				

Second Round.

Rangoon Club	beat	61st Co., R. G. A.	by	3-0
Royal Fusiliers	,,	Rangoon Gymkhana	,,	1-0
70th Co., R.G.A. a bye Bapt. College scrtd.				
The King's Regt. beat Rangoon College			,,	8-0

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Golf.

THE NASIK GOLF WEEK.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

THE Annual Meeting of the Royal Western India Golf Club was held on the Nasik links from 14th to 21st instant. A large number of members competed, including visitors from Bombay, Poona, Deolali, Jalna, Dhulia, Mhow, Ahmednagar and Mount Abu. The links were in fine condition, as they always are in rainy weather. Rain interrupted the play on two afternoons, but the full programme was got through. The following is a list of the chief prize winners:—

GENTLEMEN.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP.—Capt. Leman, Deolali, 87.

THE R. W. I. GOLF CLUB CUP.—The eight best scores in the qualifying competition were as follows:—Major R. Anderson 86, Mr T. B. Fry 86, Capt Armstrong 88, Col. Carter 90, Mr. Jones 90, Mr. Meikle, 90, Capt. Leman 91, Mr. R. C. Wroughton 91. These eight players played for the Cup by match play, and in the final Captain Leman beat Major Anderson by 1 up after a most interesting game.

THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA CUP.—Mr. R. B. Stewart, Nasik and Captain Marshall, Deolali, tied for this at 93 less 10, and on, replaying the tie Mr. R. B. Stewart won the cup.

THE NASIK GYMKHANA CUP was won by Major Walker Kirkee, with 90 less 7.

THE SCRATCH FOURSOMES were won by Capt. Armstrong and Mr. Jones of Mhow.

THE HANDICAP FOURSOMES were won by Col. Onslow and Major Young of Poona.

THE CLUB'S SILVER MEDAL for the best score done during the week was won by Col. Carter, Mount Abu, with a score of 84.

LADIES.

THE BOMBAY BANGLE was won by Mrs. Shaw of Bombay with a score of 89 less 10.

THE MATCH AGAINST MRS. BOGEY for a prize given by Mr. J. J. Heaton, was won by Mrs. R. Anderson, Poona, who was 2 up on the 18 holes.

THE LADIES' FOURSOMES were won by Mrs. R. Anderson of Poona, and Mrs. Northcott, Deolali.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE was won by Mrs. Luck of Nasik, who was 2 up to Mrs. Bogey.

CAPTAIN LEMAN'S CONSOLATION PRIZE was won by Mrs Carter of Mount Abu, with a net score of 41 for 9 holes.

THE CLUB'S SILVER MEDAL for the best average of three rounds was won by Mrs. R. Anderson of Poona, with an average score of 40.

THE ALLIED PAIRS, for a prize given by Mr. R. B. Stewart was won by Capt. and Mrs. Northcott of Deolali.

Besides the above there was a large number of handicap sweepstake competitions both for ladies and gentlemen, for all of which there were large entries.

The new Club House with residential quarters near the Home Green is fast approaching completion, and as the links are to be still further improved in the near future it is hoped that players will come from all parts of India to next year's meeting. The Nasik climate is delightful at this time of the year, and Nasik is easily accessible from all parts. Any golfers who would like to try the Nasik links are recommended to apply to the Honorary Secretary for information.

Hockey.

HOCKEY IN DACCA.

DALHOUSIE H.C. *vs.* THE NAWAB OF DACCA'S HOUSEHOLD.—Saturday, the 26th instant, was the climax of a most enjoyable outing on the part of the D. H. C.

At the instigation of Mr. Wharton, His Highness the Nawab has introduced Hockey to Dacca and the best team there is one composed of members of the Nawab's family. Entirely ignorant of the game a few months ago, this team has made surprising progress and for nearly an hour on Saturday they taxed to the utmost the resources of the D. H. C. There is excellent material in the team and under the tuition of Mr. Wharton and with the hearty support of the Nawab we look forward to seeing them competing for the Belghton Hockey Cup.

After the teams had been photographed by Mr. Kapp, they took their places on a perfectly-appointed field,—surface like a lawn, spectators, (amongst whom were the Nawab and all the *elite* of of Dacca society, native and European), comfortably seated, and sky cloudless.

Mr. Wharton got the best of the opening bully, but Emery securing, sent the ball to the left wing who at once took the ball into dangerous quarters and centered, only to hear the referee's whistle going for "sticks." This evidence of superabundant energy was manifest throughout the game on the Dalhousie side and was in marked contrast to the way in which the Dacca team used their weapons. "Sticks" had been so impressed upon them that they were over-careful and their strokes lacked force. Nevertheless they played a hard-and-fast game and were time after time dangerous. After the first five minutes the ball visited every part of the field in turn and there was not a dull moment. The Nawab's forwards, led by Mr. Wharton, K. Noruddin and K Hafez, though met by good play by Luckhurst and Emery often got down the field and tested Margrett, Bushby and Napper most severely. As in the Nawab's team, so with the Dals., it was the centre forward and combined left wing that oftenest put their team into a "goal-getting" position; and this was no easy task as K. Ismail played a clinking game and was well supported by his fellow halves. Only one fault could be found with this line,—when once the Dalhousie forwards got past them they did not follow to assist their backs.

The first goal was scored at the beginning of the second half. Evans passed to Parry, Parry took it on and centered: Cuthbert transferred to Wheeler who returned it and a brief *mêlée* in front of goal was ended by a good shot from Parry. Ten minutes later, the Nawab's team obtained their revenge. In warding off a fierce attack by the Nawab's team Napper by left-handed play incurred a "penalty" and from the bully Wharton scored a goal.

Time was called with the score "one all" though an excellent shot by Mr. Wharton nearly made it "two one" and though Cuthbert, Wade and Parry each failed to take full advantage of fairly easy chances.

Extra time was played. No score first half, but a great change came in the last five minutes. The Nawab's team were incapable of further effort and in three short minutes Dalhousie scored three goals, the finishing touches of which were applied

by Wade, Cuthbert and Emery. Thus ended (4-1) a most pleasant game, in which Dalhousie beat a good set of sportsmen and doughty opponents.

Mrs. Nicholl on behalf of the Nawab of Dacca presented to the winning team a splendid Cup and to each individual a silver medal. The Nawab was evidently delighted with the game and pleased that his kinsmen did so well against one of the best teams in Calcutta. Teams :—

Nawab's Union Club.—*Goal*, Duloo Meah : *backs*, K. Farroo Meah and K. Hingoo Meah : *half backs*, K Badiruddin, K. Ismail and K. Yosuff, : *forwards*, K. Amirullah, K. Mosqur, A. H. Wharton, K. Noruddin, K. Hafez.

Dalhousie.—*Goal*, E. H. Napper : *backs*, P. Margrett, F. E. Bushby ; *half backs*, P. J. Luckhurst, W. J. Emery P Street : *forwards*, T Parry, W. J. Evers, D. M. Cuthbert, G. H. Wade, P. Wheeler.

Referee.—G. Cook (St James's). *Linesmen*, J. Chaplin and K Abdul Karim.

The Naturalist.

BIRDS OF LUCKNOW.

Common Indian Nightjar [*Caprimulgus asiaticus*].

This nightjar is not common, at least neither the late George Reid, nor myself, nor any one else that I am aware of have found it so. It appears to delay until the "shades of even" have fallen before it flits out after its food.

Horsfield's Nightjar [*Caprimulgus macrurus*].

Commoner than the last, and like it a permanent resident, though I have not yet found its nest. It is somewhat local in its distribution.

Cuckoo [*Cuculus canorus*].

Reid, in his "Birds of the Lucknow Civil Division" mentions two instances when he came across this bird, and the Rev. Harry Menzies, Civil Chaplain, told me he heard it on one occasion.

Himalayan Cuckoo [*Cuculus saturatus*].

In the Birds of the "Fauna of British India" series this species is recorded as having "been shot in the cold season at Lucknow." Beyond this I can find no other instance of its having occurred here.

Indian Cuckoo [*Cuculus micropterus*].

I shot one single specimen of what I believe was this bird in the spring of 1895. Unfortunately the skin was lost. I have never come across it again.

Common Hawk-Cuckoo [*Hierococcyx varius*].

Popiya (H.) Brain-fever Bird [Anglo Indians.]

The Brain-fever bird is I fancy a permanent resident, but I am not quite sure. Its well-known call, which to me at any rate is not nearly so exasperating as that of the koel, is heard from early January until the end of the "rains." It breeds presumably in babbler's nests. On 23rd March 1896 I found an egg in a nest of *Argya malcolmi* which I am morally certain belonged to this cuckoo.

Indian Plaintive Cuckoo [*Cacomantis passerinus*].

Reid has included this bird on the authority of Mr. Adamr I am almost certain, however, that the species does not occur with us.

Pied Crested Cuckoo [*Coccystes jacobinus*].

Popiya ; Kala popiya (H) Shah Bulbul [La Martinière boys].

Reid gives it as his opinion that this bird is a permanent resident I once saw a single individual in some dhak jungle in November 1901, but with that exception, I have never seen it before June, or after September. Its egg, of which I have been shown a few, though I have never taken them myself, is a very spherical glossy dark blue, and is laid usually in the nests of *Crateropus canorus*.

Indian Koel [*Eudynamis honorata*].

Koel, Koéli (H). Quailie [La Martinière boys]. I disagree with Reid as to this bird being a permanent resident, at any rate universally. I have only twice seen them in the "cold" weather, once in November, and once in February. My impression is that they migrate eastwards, but I do not know. Possibly some find their way to the Central Provinces.

As every one knows, the koel lays its eggs in the nest of the crow. With us the nest chosen is that of *Corvus splendens*, as the young of *Corvus macrorhynchus* are hatched by the time the koel arrives in Lucknow. It is curious to notice how persistently this bird is pursued by the house-crow, while the larger black variety passes it by without noticing it. That these results are sometimes serious for the koel, I have good proof On the 21st June this year, as I was riding with Major Newnham, the Cantonment Magistrate, near the Moti Mahal, Lucknow, our attention was called to a little native child, who seemed to be poking a wounded bird on the ground with a stick. On coming up we found a hen koel with a wound under the wing, which incapacitated her from flight. In answer to our questions, the lad said that a few minutes before a crow had been chasing the koel, and had struck it, whereupon it fell down. I see no reasons for disbelieving the child, as it was practically impossible for him to have wounded the bird, even had he wished. The eggs, which are distinctly corvine in appearance, measure 1·38" × ·89." I have found 2 koel's and no crow's eggs in a nest, 3 crow's and 2 koel's, 4 crow's and 1 koel's, and so on. Reid records 1 koel's and no crow's (three times), 1 (hardset) crow's and 2 koel's, 1 (fresh) crow's and 3 koel's, and argues that this goes to show that the female koel ejects the crow's eggs from the nest before depositing her own. Personally I preserve an open mind on the subject.

Sirkeer Cuckoo [*Taccocua leschenaulti*].

Brown-bird [Martinière boys].

This species though not numerically abundant is widely spread over the district It is frequently found in dhak jungle in which there is a good deal of grass and undergrowth. It also occurs in mango and babool topes in both of which I have found its nest. The breeding season is chiefly confined to the rains, though I once found a young bird in a nest in April, and have taken one or two eggs in April and May. The nest is a pad of sticks and fresh leaves, and is not domed as is that of the next species. The eggs, usually three or four in number, are white with a chalky exterior and average 1·43" × 1·09". This bird is very found of running, which it seems to prefer to flying. When it runs it lowers its head and raises its tail until head, body, and tail are in a straight line, and it can easily be mistaken for a rat or mongoose. Its flight is weak, but not undulating. I have never that I can think of heard this bird utter any note.

Common Coucal [*Centrosus sinensis*].

Mohok (H.) Crow-Pheasant, or Mohawk [La Martinière boys.]

The crow-pheasant, with its rich black and chestnut plumage, and its sonorous "hoop, hoop, hoop," is a common and permanent resident.

It is to be found in almost every tope and jungle, and in patowal grass, etc. The nest is a huge ball of grass and leaves, with a hole at the side, and is placed in some thick mango or other tree or in a clump of patowal grass. The eggs, which are laid in June July, and possibly August, are like those of the previous species, but rather larger and more spherical. They average 8·38" × 1·14".

Large Burmese Paroquet [*Palæornis indo-burmanicus*]. Pahari Tota (H).

Both the late Mr. George Reid and Mr. Benjamin Aitken have told me that this bird occurs here in September, in which month I am never here. I have not examined Reid's skins, but I fancy they will prove to be *P. nipalensis*.

Rose-ringed Paroquet [*Palæornis torquatus*]. Tota (H). Parrot [La Martinière boys].

A common and permanent resident doing considerable damage to the crops, but the feather trade has, I understand, thinned them down considerably The bird is by no means bad eating, but, when feeding on the berries of the neem, should be avoided, as the flesh is then bitter. It breeds in February and March, a few laying as late as April. I have been unlucky with its eggs, and have found few nests. On 3rd March 1903, I took three hard set eggs from a hole in a decayed branch of a mango, 8 or 9 feet from the ground. The hen sat very close, and, though I cut out the nest hole so as to expose her to the sky, she refused to budge, and we had to lift her off. The hole resembled that of the green barbet and was unlined, save for a few stray bits of parrot's down. Reid found the nest chiefly in the jamin, but I have come across them in most cases in mango, pipal, sheshum, and neem trees. The eggs are pure white and glossless, and measure about 1·19" × ·91".

Western Blossom-headed Paroquet [*Palæornis cyanocephalus*.] [Lalsira Tota H].

A permanent resident, but not nearly so numerous as *P. torquatus*. I have never found the eggs, but I have been told by the boys of the college that they have been taken once or twice in the Residency grounds, and Reid got four fresh specimens in a pipal tree on 15th April, which averaged ·98" × ·80". The bird seems much more numerous in the "rains," from which I think it must be locally migratory. Its cry is far less harsh and discordant than that of *P. torquatus*.

Barn-Owl [*Strix flammea*]. [Ulu H].

Fairly common in the old buildings and mosques, where it breeds in the spring, though I have not yet got the eggs.

Grass Owl [*Strix candida*].

Reid thought he saw this owl near Rahimabad, and Anderson recorded it from the vicinity of the Chowka and Gogra rivers, but I have never met with it myself.

Short-eared Owl [*Asio accipitrinus*].

Very common in certain localities during the cold weather. It seems to be more or less gregarious, and more than once, both in dhak jungle and in grassy land interspersed with babool trees, I have put up "coveys" of 10 or more. Often too have I seen it sitting on the bunds between the gram fields. It is more or less diurnal in its habits.

Mottled Wood-Owl [*Syrnium ocellatum*].

This fine handsome owl is not common, but occasionally I have met with it single or in pairs in large mango topes. It is a permanent resident, but I have never found its nest. This owl and all the big owls, are often called "Ghughu" by the natives, and, according to Reid, this species is also known as "Khuska."

Brown Fish-Owl [*Ketupa zeylonensis*].

Not very common, but a permanent resident. I once found a nest in a hole at the top of an old pipal tree by a large jheel near Rae Bareli, about New Year's day. It contained one young bird, and a dead teal—one which doubtless we had wounded.

Rock Horned Owl [*Bubo bengalensis*].

Fairly common in nullahs and ravines. The eggs of either this species, or the next, have been shown me, but I have not yet found the nest myself.

Dusky Horned Owl.

A fairly common and permanent resident, frequenting mango topes, and, according to Reid, having an especial preference for big tamarinds. All these large owls fly comparatively well by day, and never seem to have any difficulty in making their way through the trees, if they happen to be disturbed. On one occasion Reid found quite a collection of all these three big owls in some huge pipals and tamarinds surrounded by bamboo jungle in a deserted fort. These owls make many very curious noises at night, and the natives affirm that to hear them hoot near a dwelling foretells a death. They also utter a kind of deep sigh which is very startling when heard close by one's head in some dark lonely grove.

Scops Owl [*Scops giu*].

Possibly overlooked, but I have rarely come across it.

Collared Scops Owl [*Scops bakkamœna*].

This pretty little owl is I think a permanent resident. It is commonly found in bamboo clumps. It seems stupid and difficult to flush in daylight—at any rate I stood and stared at one of these little beggars for some two minutes, or more, at a distance of about two feet from my nose. It sat there blinking away, evidently much puzzled at the apparition that had disturbed its slumbers, but it never flew away, and I left it where it was. I have never found its nest, but the boys say that the eggs have once or twice been taken

Spotted Owl [*Athene brama*].

Khukusat, Kasuttea, Ulu (H).

This little owl is a perfect nuisance in the breeding season, with its disreputable squabbling. It seems to delight in washing and rewashing it dirty linen in public from sunset to sunrise. It breeds in holes of trees and buildings in March and April. Sometimes the eggs, white of course and averaging 1·25" × 1·04", are laid on the bare wood, but usually there is a certain amount of lining—grass or feathers.

Jungle Owlet [*Glaucidium radiatum*].

Kaiakasut [H].

According to Reid a common resident. I have but rarely met with it, but, as it is a great skulker, perhaps I have overlooked it.

Brown Hawk Owl [*Ninox scutulata*].

Another "common and a permanent resident," according to Reid, but I have only seen it once or twice, though, being very nocturnal in its habits, it is not often met with. One that Reid shot cried like a hare. I have never taken the eggs of either of these two last species.

W. J.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A MEETING of the members of the Bombay Natural History Society was held at the Society's Rooms on Thursday, the 24th ultimo, Mr. R. C. Wroughton presiding.

New Members.

The Honorary Secretary mentioned that during this year 142 new members had joined the Society, but more were still required, and it was hoped that members would still continue to try and induce others to join.

The election of the following new members was announced :—Mr. T. Malcolm (Berhampur) ; Capt. E. A. Fagan, (Alwar) ; Mr. B. H. Brooke (Bombay) ; M. F. Sikes (Badulla, Ceylon) ; Captain W. Lethbrige, I. M. S. (Muscat) ; Mr. G. Wapshare (Ootacamund) ; Surgeon-General G. W. B. Hay, I. M. S. (Ootacamund) Mr. L. K. Martin (Buldana, Berars) ; Mr. G. B. de Mowbray (Maskeliya, Ceylon) ; Mr. C. P. Hodgson (Ootacamund) ; Captain C. Swan (Ootacamund) ; Sir Frederick Price (Ootacamund) ; Mr. C. Mullaly, I. C. S. (Ootacamund) ; Major F Vans Agnew, R. A. (Wellington, Nilgiris) ; Captain N. S. Coghill, I. A. (Radhanpore, Gujerat) ; Mr. J. C. Hollwood (Kyaukse, Upper Burma) ; Mr. W. S. Burke (Calcutta) ; Mr. H. P. W. Macnaghten (Bombay) ; Captain E. G. W. Pratt (Bombay) ; Captain D. C. Kemp, I. M. S. (Cuddalore, South Arcot, Madras) ; Mr. J. H Irvine (Mussoorie) ; Honorary Secretary, B. A. Mess, Boorkee (Boorkee) ; Mr. W A. Mertz (Myitkyine, Upper Burma) Major W. S. Bannerman I. M. S. (Bombay) ; Mr. B. V. Kelly (Naumauk, Katha, Upper Burma) ; Major A. F. Mackenzie, M. V. O. (93rd Highlanners, Calcutta); and Captain E. W. Harris (Vizianagram).

Contributions to the Museum.

The Honorary Secretary acknowledged receipt of the following contributions since the last meeting :—

Contribution.	Description.	Contributor.
1 Snake (alive) ...	Tropidonotus platyceps ..	Mr H Vernon Purkis
1 Skin of the Turkestan Grasshopper Warbler ...	Lecustella straminea ...	Major A Newnham
2 Skins of the Brown Rock-Pipit ..	Anthus similis ..	Do
1 Skin of the Crested Goshawk ..	Lophospizias trivirgatus ...	Mr C H Donald
1 Skin of the Crested Hawk Eagle ..	Spizætus cirrhatus	Do
1 Skin of the Serpent Eagle ...	Spilornis cheela ...	Do
1 Himalayan Viper (alive) ...	Ancistrodon himalayanus ...	Mr H Vernon Purkis
A small collection of minerals from the C P .	.....	Mr G M Pritchard
2 Skins of the Himalayan Mouse Hare* ...	Lagomys Roylei...	Col A E Ward
3 Skins of the Kashmir Vole* ...	Microtus-brachelix	Do
2 Skins of the Brown Rat ...	Mus decumanus...	Do
1 Egg of the Magpie	Pica rustica ...	Do
1 Bastard Quail (alive) ...	Turnix pugnax ...	Mr J Braid
1 Sea Snake ...	Distira robusta ...	Mr R A Spence
1 Snake ..	Zamenis revergieri	Capt R L Kennion, F Z S
1 Nest and eggs of White-cheeked Bulbul ...	Molpastes leucogenys* ...	Mr E W Harper F Z S
2 Snake ...	.....	Lieut W S Pattoc I M S
3 Scorpions and ...	.....	Do
1 Millipede from Aden Hinterland.	.....	Do.
2 Curlews (alive) ...	Numenius arquata	Mr F G Hutchinson
1 Lizard (alive)* ...	Charasia dorsalis	Col A C Daniel R A
1 Young Crocodile (alive) ...	Crocodilus palustris ...	Mr J T Bodgers
3 Snakes	Dipsas trigonate...	Mr W W Coen
1 Do	Tropidonotus stolatus ...	Do
1 Tortoise ...	.....	Mr G P Millett, I F S
Some Butterflies from Vizagapatam district ...	.....	Mr H R G Hasted
1 Leopard Cat (alive)	Felis bengalensis	Do
1 Snake (alive) ...	Cerberus rynchops	Mr C F Spencer
1 Snake ...	Tropidonotus piscater ...	Col R Light

* New to the Society's Collection.

Minor contributions from Mr. C. Fischer, Mr. S. D. Navalkari Captain Corbett, Colonel R., Light, Mr. Narrotumdas, Morarji Goculdas, Mr. E. C. Cholmondeley, Mr. M. R. Jardine, Mr. G. W. Moir, Mrs. DuBoulay, Mr. A. B. Simkins, and Mr. C. Rustomji Avari.

Contribution to the Library.

Bulletin de la Societe, Zoologique de France. Annee 1902 ...	In exchange
Departmental Notes on Insects that affect Forestry by E P Stebbing, F L S, F E S. F Z S ..	Presented by the Author
Illustrations of the Zoology of the R I M S "Investigator," Crustacea ...	In exchange
Lepidoptera Indica, Moore Part LXIV ...	H H the Maharaja of Mysore
Peripatus, Myriapods and Insects Part I (Cambridge Natural History series) ...	Presented by Mr E Comber

The Journal.

The Honorary Secretary mentioned that the next number would be issued during October, and would be found to contain some exceptionally interesting papers. The Committee were also glad to announce that a very valuable series on the "Snakes of India" (with coloured illustrations) written by Captain F. Wall, I. M. S., would shortly commence, and the plates were now being prepared at home. They also had in view a series on the "Common Butterflies of India" by which the butterflies of the plains were referred to This series would also have coloured illustrations, and as Mr. E. H. Aitken had kindly promised to write some of the letter-press, it would be certain to be interesting and as attractive as all his writings are.

Papers Read.

The following papers were then read : The Food and Poison of Centipedes, by W. D. Cumming ; Notes on the Nidification of the Indian Rain Quail, by B. H. Heath ; Curious Accident to the Common Swift, by M. D. Mackenzie ; On the Collections in the Society"s Museum, by E. Comber|Part X.

After explaining the purposes for which museums are established, which may be divided into two heads, viz., the diffusion of instruction and amusement among the mass of the people and to afford the opportunity for scientific research, under which latter head the Society's museum of course falls, Mr Comber pointed out the danger of museums and the collections they contain being allowed to deteriorate into the condition of a mere accumulation of rubbish, unless they are properly taken care of, arranged, and catalogued. In laying stress upon these points he mainly relied upon quotations from the words of the late Sir William Fowler, who was for many years in charge of the British Museum (Natural History) and who had a larger experience of the management and arrangement of Museums than any one else in the whole world. Mr. Comber pointed out that the very life of a museum depended on its curator, which in the case of a Society such as this, was a work that had to be divided amongst a number of its members since the Society was not in position to employ a properly qualified and salaried official. More than half its funds if were expended on the publication of its journal through which alone it was possible to bring the work of the Society before its members, scattered as they are over nearly the whole world. He then referred to the already vast amount of work that fell upon the Honorary Secretaries, and appealed to members resident in Bombay to come forward and give a helping hand to the Society's museum by taking some department under their special charge, as has been the system in years past. Through one circumstance

or another the Society has lately lost or is losing the assistance of several of its most enthusiastic resident members such as Mr. E. H. Aitken and Mr. R. C. Wroughton, and unless others—even if less experienced—will come forward the work of the Society must inevitably suffer. The Society has up to now not succeeded in filling the vacancies caused be the departure of Captain A. J. Peile, R.A., and Staff Surgeon Basstt Smith, R. M., who so ably controlled the departments under their case. Mr. Comber then briefly reviewed the collections in the museum, pointing out where they were weak and required a helping hand to bring them into order, so that they may be of the greatest use to the members. Without this being done much really valuable material was lying waste, never being brought before the world of science. He ended with a further appeal to those present to use their influence with other members to come forward and give a helping hand.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the authors of the papers, all of which will appear in the journal.

The Story Teller.

A SHATTERED EDEN.

THERE are some men (we all know one or two such) who seem so happily constituted, so securely armoured against the blows of fortune, that their destiny—their decorous and triumphal march through existence—offers no salient point to the curiosity of the biographer, no probable addition to the collection of *chroniques scandaleuses*. Such an individual—happy in having no history—seemed my friend Parslow. Possessed of a moderate fortune, sufficient for comfort and not enough to tempt him into extravagance, blessed with health and a charming wife, his career appeared likely to run its predestined course of uninterrupted and felicity.

I ran across Parslow the other day in the Strand. I thought I should have recognised Parslow anywhere. Not many men possess that air of bovine contentment, that sleek rotundity of contour, that slightly exasperating expression of *nil admirari*. No doubt it was owing to the absence of these distinguishing characteristics that I almost passed Parslow without recognising him. That I did not do so entirely was due to the somewhat sickly grin with which he greeted my stare of half recognition.

"Coming my way?" he asked, after he had chatted for a few moments. "No," I began, "I think not. I'm—"

"Come on," he said, taking me by the arm; "I rather want your advice. Not that it will be of much assistance, I'm afraid" he added.

I disengaged my arm gently but firmly. "I have a particular appointment in the City," I said, coldly. "Good-day, Parslow."

"Now look here, Martin," he said, persuasively. "I'm not joking. I really do want advice, and I know you're a level-headed fellow. You can spare me half-an-hour."

I could have spared him the whole morning, my appointment in the City being apocryphal, but the sensation of being courted was novel and pleasant, and I played with it. "I'm afraid not" I said, doubtfully, "unless you're sure you won't keep me longer than that."

"Oh! very well," said Parslow, to my secret disappointment. The fact is, his dejected appearance and air of mystery had aroused my curiosity. "I suppose I'd better consult Doubleday."

Doubleday is Parslow's solicitor, and knowing how sedulously Parslow avoided anything which would be likely to disturb the even tenour of his existence, the hint of possible litigation piqued my curiosity."

"After all," I said, "I don't like to refuse you if I can be of any assistance and no doubt—"

"Come on, then," said Parslow, taking my arm again. "We'll go in here," he continued, turning into a quiet wine bar, and motioning me to a seat in the corner.

"Nothing wrong at home, I hope?" I ventured, after a pause during which Parslow appeared uncertain how to commence his confidence.

He nodded slowly and emphatically. "Life has been hell to me for a fortnight, Martin!" he said, violently.

"You don't mean that!" I murmured, rather weakly, my fancy reverting to the pictures I had seen of the tortured sinners at Drury Lane Theatre.

"I do," he replied. "I've had a devil of a time"—the expression was no doubt appropriate, but I couldn't help smiling—"ever since Ascot. What are you grinning at?"

"I beg pardon," I stammered: "I was thinking of something else. Ever since Ascot, you said. The weather was beastly, certainly, and the way outsiders kept popping up—"

"Pooh!" interrupted Parslow. "Every horse might have been buried in the mud for all I cared. Do you suppose I'm worrying about that? I wish to Heaven, Martin, the course had been flooded I wish the meeting had never taken place."

"You'd better start at the beginning, Parslow," I suggested, rather alarmed at the violent manner in which he was emphasising his strictures by banging his glass on the table; "I've only got half-an-hour."

"You know our home, Martin," said Parslow, quieting down suddenly. I nodded. "No pleasanter house that I know," I murmured.

"It *was*, Martin," said Parslow, gloomily, "up to a fortnight ago. A little Eden," he sighed, "without the serpent."

"I can't imagine 'The Nook' with a serpent," I said, half banteringly, as though to expose the absurdity of the notion.

"There are two," groaned Parslow.

"Oh! come," I said, "two serpents, Parslow!"

"Brindell—you know the fellow—is one," went on my companion, "and Mrs. Lovegrove is the other."

"Brindell hardly gave me the impression of taking an ophidian part," I said; "and as to the lady, I don't think I know her"

"Thank your lucky stars Martin," said Parslow. "You'd have fallen a victim."

"Very likely," I said, humbly. "At any rate," I went on, philosophically, "two serpents are better than one. What have they been doing?"

"What *haven't* they been doing!" sighed Parslow. "Between them they've wrecked my life Yes, yes, I know," he said, noticing my glances at the clock. "The tale isn't a very long one. You must know, Martin," he went on, "that Mrs Lovegrove has only been in our road for a month. A short month, too, but what a deuce of a commotion she's raised! For months before her arrival my wife and Mrs. Brindell never spoke to each other; just glared over the garden wall and did mean things behind each other's backs. You know the sort of things women do."

"I know," I said: "chuck slugs over the wall and snip off overhanging branches, don't they?"

"Just so," said Parslow, "and engage each other's discharged servants. Well, Mrs. Lovegrove hadn't been in the road a week before they were calling each other 'dear,' and kissing each other—my wife and the Brindell woman, I mean. That describes Mrs. Lovegrove sufficiently, doesn't it?"

"A peacemaker?" I queried.

"Pooh! laughed Parslow. "A deucedly good-looking woman coming from the Lord knows where, with a new dress for every day in the week and not a woman amongst her visitors, the result being that all the other women in the road made up their quarrels and united in hatred of Mrs. Lovegrove and suspicion of their husbands. A peacemaker after a fashion," he admitted, with a grin. "Well, unfortunately, perhaps, for me, Mrs. Lovegrove was our next door neighbour, the Brindells being her neighbours on the other side, and I don't mind admitting that I had spoken to the lady once or twice—quite casually, you understand. Being neighbours, I could hardly help that, could I?"

"Well," I said, as Parslow paused for my opinion, "go on."

"Brindell, however," went on Parslow, "absolutely threw discretion and decency overboard. He lay in wait for her at the nd of the garden, gave her flowers and—"

"What were you doing to see all this?" I asked, severely.

"Gardening," replied Parslow, "I couldn't help seeing it, man. It was disgraceful, and at last I don t believe there was anybody in the road, with the exception of Mrs. Brindell, who wasn't aware of his infatuation. Well, Ascot week arrived, and my wife and Mrs Brindell suggested that Brindell and myself should take them down on Thursday—the Gold Cup day. To my surprise, Brindell objected on the score of the weather, and the projected party fell through. On my honour, Martin,' continued Parslow, earnestly, "I had no idea of going down by myself I left home at the usual time, saying I was going to town on business. I meant it, and yet somehow or other on Thursday afternoon I found myself, just before racing, at that accursed place. Almost the first person I ran against was Brindell, who appeared as surprised at seeing me as I was at discovering him.

"'You here, Parslow"?' he exclimed looking rather confused.

"'Why not?'" I replied. "I never said I was not coming You're the last person I expected to meet, though. So you changed your mind? Well, we'll see the racing together, eh?"

"'I'm not alone, old boy," said Brindell, grinning sheepishly.

"'Mrs. Brindell with you?' I asked, rather surprised.

"'Er—no,' replied Brindell. 'The fact is—look here, Parslow, you're not the chap to give me away—it's Mrs. Lovegrove.'

"'You must be mad!'" I ejaculated—'stark, staring mad. What can have induced you—'

"'Who's to know?' said Brindell, defiantly. 'Come and have a chat with her.'

"'No, thank you,' I said, coldly; 'I'll leave *you* to the enjoyment of that.' Well, I left him and wandered away, determined to give Mrs Lovegrove's dangerous neighbourhood a very wide berth. As luck would have it, however, just before the start for the Cup I felt a hand grasp my arm timidly, and looking round I saw the very person whom I had done my utmost to avoid."

"Did you speak to her, Parslow?" I asked, as the speaker stopped in his story.

"What could I do?" returned Parslow. "I got away as soon as I could, however, and after racing was over hurried to the station without seeing anything more of either the infatuated Brindell or Mrs Lovegrove."

"Of course you told your wife all about it as soon as you got home?" I said.

"Ah! Martin, would to Heaven I had,' groaned Parslow. "I might have done it then without much danger. But the very name of Lovegrove was poison to her, and I funked it. In short, I never said a word about having been to the meeting."

"I see," I said. "Somebody saw you, and—"

"Nobody saw me," broke in Parslow. "At least—let me finish my story.

"On the following evening Brindell called at our place with his wife. It was evident that she suspected nothing of his intrigue, and he had the cheek to join in the conversation, which, of course, turned on Mrs. Lovegrove, with the basest insinuations. His cynicism revolted me, and I had the greatest inclination in the world to refuse his offer to accompany them to a variety theatre for which he had purchased four tickets. However, my wife and Mrs. Brindell insisted on my going, and at length I gave in.

"It was late when we entered the theatre, and as we took our seats the auditorium was in darkness, owing to the next item on the programme being a series of biograph pictures. I suppose Brindell was as unsuspicious of danger as I was, but when the announcement of 'Ascot—Scenes on the Course—The Race for the Gold Cup' appeared, I glanced at him apprehensively. He caught my eye and raised his eyebrows nervously. The first picture was that of the Royal Procession, and then—shall I ever forget it!—in the very foreground of the next appeared—"

"Brindell and Mrs. Lovegrove?" I interjected.

"Mrs. Lovegrove and *myself*?" groaned Parslow. "That infernal picture was taken at the very moment when Mrs. Lovegrove had passed her arm through mine. She was smiling, and upon my word we looked as though we were on the most intimate terms. I heard that unspeakable ruffian Brindell snigger; I caught Mrs. Brindell gasping 'Well, I never!' whilst my wife gave a shriek which startled the house, and fainted."

"Terrible luck, certainly, Parslow," I said, sympathetically, as my unfortunate friend finished his narrative—"terrible indeed! What on earth did you do?"

Parslow shrugged his shoulders. "I did my best to explain matters, of course; but what chance had I? Had I told my wife I had been to Ascot at first, I might have smoothed things over. As it is—"

"Poor old chap!" I said. "But didn't Brindell come to the rescue?"

"*He?*" cried Parslow, bitterly. "He was likely to do that, wasn't he! The only person who might have exonerated me was Mrs. Lovegrove. I begged my wife to see her, to call upon her—"

"Yes," I said; "that was the only hope, I suppose."

"The next morning," continued Parslow, "the news spread that Mrs. Lovegrove had disappeared from the neighbourhood, and with her went my last hope of rehabilitation. Everybody in our street has been to see that horrible picture, of course; and, seeing it, who could believe in my innocence? Tell me, Martin, is there anything to be done?" he asked piteously.

I shook my head. "I must to go the City, old fellow," I said. "I'll think things over a bit, and see if I can contrive any way out of it"

Parslow wrung my hand gratefully and I left him I haven't thought of anything to help him yet, however.—*S. Sketches.*

The Theatre.

THE DANDY FIFTH.

SATURDAY night witnessed the final performance of the *Dandy Fifth* by the Amateur Dramatic Society, and if anything were wanted to emphasise the unqualified success of this bright little piece, it was forthcoming in the reception accorded by a crowded house The *Dandy Fifth* while not, perhaps, calling for any very high standard of acting, is not, however, an altogether unambitious piece for an amateur company as it demands good singing, good dancing, and any amount of go, or what our Yankee cousins term "vim," to carry it through successfully. All these three desiderata being amply forthcoming, the success of the piece was assured, the more so perhaps in that it is one which, granted bright and clever rendering, will stand repetition. This is a not unimportant point in a case where, as is inevitable at this time of year in Calcutta, a full house must after the first night entail a majority who have already seen the piece at least once. The most attractive feature about the *Dandy Fifth* is—as should always be the case in opera bouffe—the music. The whole secret of musical comedy lies in the composition and rendering of the lyrics. The musical composition of the *Dandy Fifth* is too well known to require eulogy, and the rendering on this occasion was excellent.

It almost invariably happens in a company of amateurs that there are one or two who are, so to speak, in a class by themselves and the present was no exception to the rule, Mrs. Wakefield as "Polly" and Mr. Zimmerman as "Sergt. Major Milligan' are—but for the unfortunately necessary adjunct of the electric punkah over head!—calculated to delude the listeners into believing himself once more in the little village on the Thames, and occupying a stall at the dear old Gaiety, now alas demolished. Mr. Zimmerman's reputation with Calcutta audiences is so great that it is enough to say that in the *Dandy Fifth* he was seen at his very best, in order to convey the idea that the character of "Sergt. Milligan" left nothing to be desired. Too much on the other hand, cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Wakefield's dainty dancing and her bright, spontaneous rendering of her difficult part. "Polly" is no easy character to undertake, but Mrs Wakefield was more than equal to it, and the charming daintiness which she imparted to her conception of the part combined with her really admirable dancing and singing was worthy of the London stage As regards the rest of the company, Mrs. Anderson's fine voice made the most of her very effective songs, and Mr. Mathew as the Colonel's sister showed considerable talent for low comedy. Mr. Whitie made the most of a somewhat 'stiety' part and Mr. Webber struggled fairly successfully with the awkward character of the Colonel. Mr. Mason as Claud Duval has a good voice, but at times he seems to suffer from a certain self-consciousness on the stage, though he was quite good in the fancy ball scene.

The chorus did their work admirably, the sextette in the second act being particularly taking. The piece as a whole redounds to the credit of Mr. Zimmerman's stage management, and though on Saturday we were not seeing it for the first—or second—time, we still regret that we are not to have an opportunity of seeing it again. Can we say more than this?

Chess.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. XXV.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1 R to R 2	1 P to B 5
2 B to R 3, ch	2 K moves.
3 B or Kt mates accordingly.	

GAME NO. 26.

(*King's Knight's Gambit*).

WHITE. Mr Blackburne, Mr Chapman	BLACK. Mr Pilsbury Mr Dobell	WHITE. Mr Blackburne, Mr Chapman	BLACK. Mr Pilsbury, Mr Dobell.
1 P to K 4	P to K 4	21 R to K 2, ch	R to K 3
2 P to K B 4	P takes P	22 R takes R, ch	B takes R
3 K Kt to B 3	P to K B 4 (*a*)	23 R to K 5	Kt takes P
4 P to Q 3 (*b*)	Kt to K B 3	24 Kt to B 4	K to B 2
5 B takes P	P takes P	25 R to K B sq	B to B 5
6 P takes P	Kt takes P	26 R to B 3	K to Kt sq
7 B to Q 3 (*c*)	P to Q 4	27 R to K Kt 3	P to K Kt 3
8 B takes Kt (*d*)	B to Kt 5, ch (*e*)	28 P to K R 4	R to Q 8, ch
		29 K to B 2	B takes P
9 P to b 3	P takes B	30 P to K 5	B to Kt 8
10 Q takes Q, ch	K takes Q	31 P takes P	B takes P
11 P takes B	P takes Kt	32 Kt takes B	P takes Kt
12 Castles (*f*)	P takes P	33 R takes P, ch	K to B sq
13 R to Q, ch (*g*)	B to Q 2	34 K to K 2	R to Q 4
14 Kt to B 3	R to B sq	35 B to Q 6, ch	K to B 2
15 Kt to Q 5	P to B 3	36 R to R 6	Kt to Q 6
16 B to B 7, ch	K to K sq (*h*)	37 B to Kt 8	K to Kt 2
17 Kt to K 3 (*i*)	Kt to R 3	38 R to K 6	R to Q 2
18 R to Q 6	R to B 3	39 K to K 3	K to B 2
19 R to Q 2	B to R 6	40 R to R 6	Kt takes P
20 Kt takes P	R to Q sq		

(*a*) This move is better in the Knight's than in the Bishop's Gambit, quite safe, and should lead to a draw if White were so inclined

(*b*) 4. P to K 5 is inferior, Black replying 4....P to Q 3, &c. 4. P takes P. P to Q 4; 5. P to Q 4, B takes P; 6. B takes P, leads to a drawn variation, with which White does not seem satisfied.

(*c*) 7. B to B 4 would be followed by Q to K 2 with advantage.

(*d*) Although Queens are being exchanged now, the variation offers most chances for an attack, and requires careful play on the part of Black.

(*e*) The only correct move Any other would have left White with the better game.

(*f*) 12. P takes P would have equalised the game. Perhaps the White allies were not justified in excepting more at the expense of a pawn.

(*g*) Better would have been 13 B to Kt 5, ch, K to K sq; 14. R to K sq, ch followed by Kt to B 3. In any case, it would have prevented Black from developing the K R. The attack instituted with the text move seems less forcible.

(*h*) Obviously forced If 16. . . . . K to B sq then 17. B to Q 6, &c.

(*i*) 17. R to K sq, ch, K to B 2; 18. R to K 7, ch K to Kt sq; 19. B to K 5, R to B ch, K takes P; 20. R takes R, Kt to B 7, might have been an interesting alternative. The text move is a sign of relaxing the attack, and Black gets the upper hand gradually. The rest may pass without comment. The White allies made a gallant stand up to seventy odd moves, but we have shorn the game of its useless ending.

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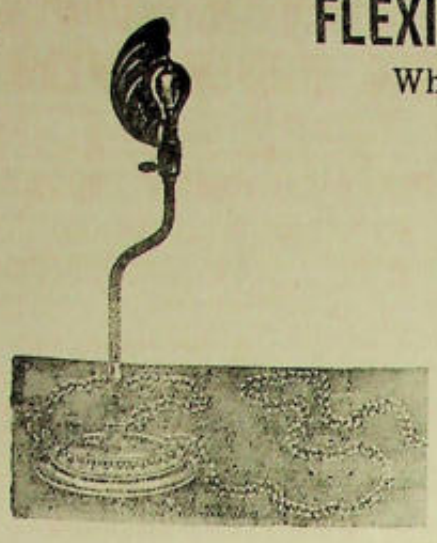

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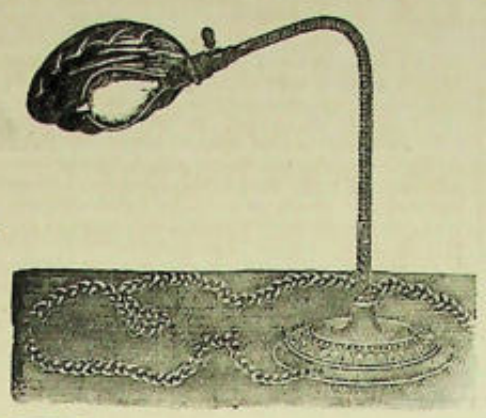

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FOOTBALL REFORM.

WITH the opening of the football season at home, come into force the new rules which the International Board and the Football Association have after much cogitation devised for the purification of the game: and those who watch the progress of the League matches will be of one opinion concerning the necessity for the steps that have been taken. The degeneration of the game is not the development of a season, it has been in steady progress now for a considerable number of years ever since professionalism became paramount and the "gate" became of such vital importance to the existence of the great clubs. The new legislation, while it applies of course to all games played under Association rules, has been made necessary not by the methods of the ten thousand and one school and local clubs, but by the methods adopted by members of the teams which compete in the League Championship. In such matches, as in the county cricket matches, we should be able to look for not only the best, but the fairest play: the League match should furnish the enormous crowds of interested spectators with an object lesson in Association football. If it ever filled this praiseworthy purpose it has long ceased to do so, and the lesson it read, if it read any, has been to show how far rules may be broken in spirit if not in letter by those who make a profession of the game.

It cannot be expected that men of the class from which football professionals are drawn should continue to regard as a game that on which they depend for their livelihood. When a man's wages, his £2 per week, or whatever it may be, depend upon the value of the services he can render to his team or his employers; when feeling runs so high as it does in the midland and northern towns of England; when employers and partisans alike are careful to turn the blind eye on practices of more than doubtful legitimacy; and above all, when an empty treasury craves the substantial "gate," we should be something more than sanguine did we look for the observance of such a standard of sportsmanship as we seek, and find, in other popular pastimes organised on a large scale. The extent to which foul play has been carried of recent years has amounted to a crying scandal. Success, we know, palliates most offences, and it would be astonishing did we hear of club committees dismissing a man whose play, doubtful though it might be, rendered him a tower of strength to the team. Foul play in such a player is, with business-like charity, attributed to the offender's exceptional keenness; and keenness in so good a cause as the club's success in the League Championship matches obviously covers a multitude of sins, which in the purer atmosphere of a school football field would bring the sinner to seasonable grief.

It is always a matter for regret when it is found necessary to surround a good game with new restrictions: hard and fast regulations have necessarily a cramping effect by creating offences that call for the intervention of the umpire or referee and checking the rush of the game. The Football Association was for some considerable time in doubt concerning the policy of recognising the "pro" at all: but circumstances were too strong for it, and when it passed its resolution that professionalism should be "legalised under stringent conditions" the law-givers of the game seem to have foreseen the troubles that were to follow. Whether they foresaw

the full consequences of recognising a professional element we very much doubt ; had they done so it seems exceedingly improbable that they would have permitted the insertion of the thin end of so formidable a wedge between football as then played on the one side and the code of rules which had theretofore sufficed upon the other. To go back on the resolution that recognised professionals and placed them under a comprehensive code of rules for themselves, would, we conceive, be impossible : like a certain eminent politician, football club committees are adept in the "manufacture of loopholes" and, as has been shown frequently ere now, there are many ways of attaching a player to the club team other than the straightforward method of paying him a fixed wage as a professional. It was a common thing in former days, and no doubt the practice still exists, for an employer of labour, who happened to take an interest in football, to find a place in his factory or business, and on his pay sheet, for a man whose chief, if not only, recommendation was his excellence as a half-back or forward. The club for whom he played gave him nothing ; and thus a team consisting entirely of masked professionals might be put into the field to play a team of unquestioned amateurs. Under these circumstances the authorities were practically helpless ; and they took at least the straightforward course in legalising the professional player.

The new rules which have been introduced to curb the "keenness" of the "pro" are at once comprehensive and drastic. Under the old Law (No. 9) it was laid down that "in no case shall a goal be scored from any free kick" with the familiar reservation as to Law 13. The new Law makes a radical alteration in the potential value of the free kick : in other words, exacts a much higher penalty for certain infractions of rules which had previously been penalised by a free kick off which a goal could not be scored. A goal may now be scored direct from a free kick given outside the penalty line for any of these offences (1) Charging an opponent from behind, (2) Handling the ball, (3) Holding an opponent, (4) Jumping at an opponent, (5) Kicking, (6) Pushing or (7) Tripping an opponent. All these offences were penalised by the granting of a free kick from which a goal could not be scored, under the old Law ; but the professional player has been at such pains to show that the advantages procurable by violation of rules may be so much greater than the disadvantage inflicted upon his side by the free kick, that a higher penalty was become necessary if the Law were not to fall into contempt altogether. A goal cannot be scored from a free kick for the following offences :—(1) illegal throw in from touch, (2) being off side (as defined in Law 6), (3) charging the goal keep, (4) goal keeper (*a*) carrying the ball more than two steps, (*b*) handling the ball in his opponents' half, (5) when a ball is thrown up a player touching it before it reaches the ground, (6) corner kick, (7) goal kick. The new alterations also give the referee a latitude of discretion which should make for the regeneration of the game. It will have occurred to football players already that a penalty kick under the new Law may be worth risking : the authorities recognise this and enact that the referee may refrain from putting the Law into force in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing it he would, by stopping the game, give an advantage to the offending team. The post of referee has for long been an unenviable one : the new Law adds to his responsibilities in no small degree, for it is easy to imagine circumstances in which the necessarily prompt decision as to stopping play or overlooking an offence in the interests of the injured side, may be extremely difficult. It is however the lot of referees to suffer, and we doubt not they will "suffer gladly" in the interests of fairer play. Offside play we must note is dealt with more stringently : the player who whether by accident or intention is offside may not touch the ball and may not in any way whatever interfere with an opponent or with the play.

The necessity for the radical changes we have sketched is regrettable, but the usages of the professional in big matches have made them indispensable if the game were not to degenerate past redemption. Made in the interests of what we will call public football, the League series of matches, they will do nothing to handicap or cramp the game on grounds where it is fairly and honestly played. The regimental club and school team that plays the game in a sportsmanlike spirit will not feel the effect of the new legislation at all : it has been designed to meet the urgent needs of a certain section of players upon whose doings unfortunately a large measure of public interest centres. We say unfortunately, for without the stimulus of public interest the game would never have reached the condition it is now sought to amend.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES—Of 10,000sovs; the second to receive 1,500sovs, the third 1,000sovs, the nominator of the winner 400sovs, and the nominator of the second 200sovs out of the stakes ; for then three and four-year olds ; three year olds to carry 8st. 7lbs., four 9st. 5lbs.; mares and geldings allowed 3lbs. ; those got by stallions advertised at the time of covering to cover at less (including groom's fee) than 195sovs. allowed 3lbs., at less than 95sovs. 6lbs., at less than 40sovs. 9lbs., if claimed at the time of naming ; maidens allowed 5lbs.; allowances accumulative ; any winner of a weight-for-age race of 500sovs. to carry 3lbs., of 1,000sovs, 6lbs., of 3,000sovs. 9lbs., of the Derby, St. Leger, Ascot Cup, Grand Prix de Paris, or Princess of Wales's Stakes 12lbs. extra, or if carrying full penalty in this last race 14lbs. extra ; last mile and three-quarters of Cesarewitch Course.—295 sub. 37 of whom pay 10sovs., and 54 5sovs. each. Closed 18th September 1900.

London, *Thursday, 1st October 1903.*

Mr W H Bass's b f SCEPTRE, by Persimmon —Ornament, 4yrs, 10st, F Hardy ... 1
Sir J Miller's br c ROCK SAND, by Sainfoin —Roquebrune, 3yrs, 8st 10lbs, D Maher ... 2
Mr W B Purefoy's b c CAPPA WHITE, by Buckingham—Eiver, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs, B Dillon 3
Mr J Musker's b c WILLIAM RUFUS, by Melton—Simena, 3yrs, 8st 10lbs, O Madden 0
Duke of Devonshire's br c CHEERS, by Persimmon—Applause II, 4yrs, 10st, W Halsey 0

(*Winner trained by A. Taylor.*)

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(Sceptre 1899).

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Agnes (1881) Birdcatcher (1833) Morsel (1836) Physician (1829)	Banter (1826) Pantaloon (1824) Lollypop (1833) Gladiator (1833)	Delhi (1833) Redshank (1833) Alice Hawthorn (36) Melbourne or Windhound	Sis to Singapore (32) Teddington (1848) Pocahontas (1837) The Baron (1842)	Teterrima (1859) St. Albans (1857) Clarissa (1846) Melbourne (1834)	Haricot (1847) Kettledrum (1858) The Slave (1852) Newminster (1848)	Little Fairy (1832) Ion (1835) Pocahontas (1837) Harkaway (1834)	Merope (1841) Flying Dutchman (1846) Mrs Ridgway (1849) Voltigeur (1847)

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1899 Flying Fox 3y 9st 9lbs (8)
1900 Disguise II 3y 8st 9lbs (8)
1901 Pietermaritzburgh 3y 8st 10lbs (8)
1902 Rising Glass 3y 8st 13lbs (11)

Poor George Fordham, the most popular jockey, perhaps, that ever crossed a saddle, was a bit of a wag in his way, and a goodly volume could be filled with his sayings and doings were anyone disposed to take up the task of his biography.

George had been engaged to ride Digby Grand in the City and Suburban, the Epsom course, over which he had finished a good fourth to Doncaster, Kaiser, and Gang Forward in the Derby of the previous year, being considered particularly adapted to the little black, whose connections were very sweet on his prospects.

Now, Digby Grand was, as everybody who went a racing at that time will well remember, a bit of a thief, and for the purpose of infusing the requisite amount of Dutch courage into him Mr. Y. R. Graham, his owner, had provided Woolcot, the trainer, with a bottle of rare old port from his own cellars Fordham was assisting Woolcot to saddle the horse, and the trainer was upon the point of administering the contents of the bottle when George seized it and put it to his lips.

"Prime stuff this," he said, smacking his lips unctuously ; "pity to waste it on him, ain't it ! Just taste it."

Woolcot did as he was directed, and the bottle passed from one to the other until every drop of the port was consumed, and thus poor Digby had to go without his draught. He won his race, however, so that, as was the case with the "Jackdaw of Rheims," after the priest had given the curse, "nobody felt one penny the worse."

Sporting Notes.

THE Governor's Cup at the Poona Races last Thursday was won by Connaught, a complete outsider. Full report further on.

In the Dasehra Polo Tournament for the Maharaja's Challenge Cup, which began in Mysore on the 3rd instant, the Bangalore Gymkhana beat the Mysore Gymkhana by 3 goals to 1 goal 2 subsidiaries. The Mysore Imperial Service Lancers' team then beat the Carabiniers' first team by 3 goals 5 subsidiaries to nothing.

The American Team visiting Bisley for the Palma Match brought with them, and exhibited a very ingenious machine for teaching aiming, known as the Sub-Target Gun Machine. The machine exhibited was adapted to the U.S.A. Krag rifle, and consisted of a strong stand with a parallel frame attached to the rifle. The frame has nicely fitted joints and is so counter-balanced that the weight of the rifle only is felt when aiming, and the rifle does not receive any support from the machine. On pressing the trigger the sub-target is released electro-magnetically and instantly comes back against a needle which is controlled by the aiming of the rifle. The machine can be set by the Instructor to the greatest nicety, and it records the aim of every shot. This is certainly a most ingenious machine, and is far the best thing we have yet seen for teaching aiming.

As will be seen by an advertisement appearing in our columns to-day the Mhow Polo Tournaments have been postponed owing to the continued prevalence of plague in that station. They will probably be held, however, early in December.

In our Turf columns will be found a programme of the extra races which have been added to the Dacca January meeting.

The Gymkhana at Darjeeling was greatly marred by bad weather. There was a poor gallery and proceedings commenced an hour late owing to the rain. The first event was down to be run off in pairs, but had to be conducted separately. The tent-pegging was won by Mr. Wellesley and the tilting by Mrs. Lane Long. There were six entries for the Chatty Race. All but Mr. Pickering failed to lift their chatties on their poles owing to the slippery state of the ground : in spite of being pursued by the others, who endeavoured to break his chatty, Mr. Pickering managed to get home safely. Six ladies competed in the Aunt Sally competition. Mrs. Welsh was the best shot, hitting Mr. Gall (Aunt Sally) several times, and being declared the winner. The missiles thrown were tennis balls from a distance of fifty feet. For want of sufficient mem-sahibs in the Wand Race the coupling was as follows :— Mrs. Lane Long and Miss George, Messrs. Gall and Wellesley, Messrs. Pickering and Trench, and Messrs. Edwards and Maclaine. The last named were the only pair who kept together. The Heads and Post competition was won by Miss George and the Cockade Fight by Capt. Travers, Mr. Healing and Mr. Thompson. These two events were hidden in the mist, and the Soldiers' Race, which was to conclude the programme, had to be abandoned owing to the darkness. Mrs. Trench gave away the prizes.

The Darjeeling Horse Show on the 5th instant was largely attended, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor being present and distributing the prizes. A nasty accident occurred in the jumping competition, Mr. Metcalfe falling over a hurdle and breaking his arm. The Championship Cup was won by Miss Shillingford's Gazelle, this pony also taking the prize in the class for Australian ponies. The prize for polo ponies was won by the Maharaja of Cooch Behar's Glory, the Maharaja's Mermaid taking first place in the class for Ladies' Hacks. The prizes for children's ponies were awarded to the Misses Bourdillon. Mr. Andrew's Bridegroom won the Arab pony prize and Mr. Hutchison's Kazee the prize for Bhutia ponies. The jumping competition was won by by Mr. Jones' Speculation.

The two gymkhanas held at Simla on the 3rd and 5th instant were brought off in perfect weather and proved very successful for which Captain Wigram deserves a word of praise. On the first day there was an attractive card of six events. The first event was a half mile handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. Mr. Milvain's Storm won easily with Flashlight

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second; the other runners being James, Cuba, Crazy Jane and Kilfinane. Twenty-one competitors entered for the open tent-pegging, Captain Wigram winning and Colonel Cookson second. The Ladies' Trotting Race round the course brought out eleven ladies, Mrs. Younghusband winning easily. Mrs. Couchman taking second place. The fourth event was the Hack Stakes, a Ladies' Nomination Race. This was won by Colonel Baring's Dingo ridden by Captain Wigram and nominated by Lady Elliott. Mr. Milvain's Storm, owner up, nominated by Mrs. Carthew Yorstoun, was second. The Lloyd Lindsay came next. Gentlemen and Ladies in pairs to dismount at a given spot, break two bottles, remount and finish course. Best time to win and prize to the lady. Seven couples competed, Mr. Ruthven and Miss Steven winning by 12 seconds from Captain Wigram and Mrs. Buck. The half mile race for maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies was won by Captain Wigram's Wainfleet, Captain Ruthven up, by four lengths from Colonel Brazier Creagh's Young Prince Mr. Milvain, who rode Samuel in this race, came down heavily and was lucky in escaping with a severe shaking.

The second day's programme opened with the hitting the polo ball. Captain Wigram won with Major Atkinson second. The Ladies' Nomination Race produced a good finish, only half a length separating each of the three first ponies. Mrs. Couchman's Olive ridden by Mr. Couchman, was first, Mrs. Carthew Yorstoun's Storm second, and Lady Elliott's Dingo third. Eighteen couples entered for the third event. Captain Wigram nominated by Miss Patterson was the only one to drop both balls in the bucket successfully. The race for ponies over a 600-yard course was won by Captain Armstrong's Floradora ridden by Mr. Ruthven. Picking off the polo ball for Ladies was run off in two heats. Mrs. Buck won the first and Mrs. Atkinson the second. In the finals Mrs. Buck won easily. Seventeen ladies started in the Go as You Please Race which was won by Mrs. Perkins with Miss Steward second.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The "chase day" of the big meeting provided an excellent afternoon's sport, none the less enjoyable in that the crush was not quite so great as usual I think. The Poona Grand National attracted a field of eight and one could not fail to be struck both with quality of the horses concerned and the form in which they negociated their fences (as the result of careful schooling) as compared with previous years. A piece of cleverness on the part of the horse and brilliancy on the part of the rider was witnessed at the big fence opposite the grand stand when Pope steering a crooked course close to the obstacle greatly interfered with Veneda, who got close under his jump and as near as possible came a purler on landing, Captain Randall "saving" in a wonderful manner—fully appreciated by the *cognoscenti* as was his finish on a beaten horse, just getting the better of Pope by a neck for second place. Gaulme, who, like the other placed horses, fenced quite faultlessly throughout, winning somewhat comfortably. Vedette while going strong and well over-jumped himself at the big fence on the Wanowrie stretch fractured his leg and had to be put out of further suffering by a friendly bullet. Bad luck for Mr. Westropp, who had advertised the horse for sale after the race.

The respectable field of ponies on the card dwindled down to a mere trio for some reason not wholly accountable. The general idea being that owners funked Aga Shamsudin Shah's gallant little horse Funny. If this was really so the shirkers had a sad lesson of experience. Colonel Hazelton's Patrician and Mr. Fischer's Good Boy undismayed by the terrors of Funny's reputation and his very easy win over the sticks a short time previously, came to the post and prettier fencing than was exhibited by all three it is scarcely possible to imagine. Without the semblance of a mistake the trio negociated the somewhat formidable course, Good Boy showing the way most of the journey till crossing the road for the first time when Captain Randall wisely made use of Patrician's staying powers to force the pace. But it was "anybody's race" till getting on the flat for the run in when Patrician staying best won by about five lengths from the redoubtable Funny, Good Boy being about the same distance behind. It then became public property that Funny had been off colour (and his feed) for two or three days previous to the race.

Aga Shamsudin was, however, recompensed for this defeat by the victories of Swiftsure and Achilles and the wins were all the more popular since they afforded that brillant horseman Jimmy Robinson opportunities of breaking his recent run of bad luck. Rain looked like spoiling the "Cup Day," but Mr. Gray's proverbial good luck came to the rescue and the torrents of rain cleared off in good time, though it completely upset all form and left backers thoroughly mystified and gave the bookies a bean feast. In no race more so than in the Cup itself when Ali bin Talib's handsome, though hitherto disappointing colt, Connaught, who was at one time at "twenties" came out and won, with the first string of the stable third, the brace being separated by Sandow.

In the County-bred race the Booking Fraternity got another plum by the win of the Mysore outsider Philistine and Southern India scored a further success by the easy victory of the blood little Ptarmigan whom age does not stale.

Seldom have I seen in Poona a more ingeniously devised or better carried out show than the Venetian *Fête* at which the gallant 20th Bombay Infantry entertained their friends at the Sanjam Temple on the night of the 30th September to commemorate the capture by that distinguished regiment of Bushire in the year of grace 1856. The picturesque old temple on the river's bank was transformed into a veritable fairy land, while the show proper took place on the further bank. There the regiment accompanied by the Band performed a "Demon Drill," a most weird performance, which was followed by a lighted dumb-bell display by several hundred men, the effect of which was extraordinarily effective. Then came the *piece de resistance*—the attack and eventual capture of the illuminated fort of Bushire by illuminated gun boats, one of which was blown up and burnt to the water's edge. The whole performance was wonderfully clever and afforded the most obvious proof of extraordinary patience in preparation and discipline in execution and Colonel Kettlewell and his officers must have the satisfaction of feeling that they were responsible for quite one of the pleasantest and assuredly the most original entertainments of the season. Not the least interesting "side show" was a venerable old warrior of well over four score years, who was actually at the taking of the genuine fort and has stuck to his loved "pultan" ever since. He was attired in the uniform he wore at the time and surrounded by the captured Persian standard and by the colours carried by the 20th into action. Sustained on either side by two stalwart Sikhs the old gentlamen held quite a levée. It was past midnight when the guests began to leave after one final "sip and a smack" of the many good things provised.

An altogether gorgeous performance too was the Domino Ball given by the "Knights of the Round Table" at the Gymkhana—the one drawback being the absence through illness of one of the hosts and most genial of all true knights, Colonel Clery Hill, whom all wish a speedy recovery. And what time the latest of the bidden guests got back from the knightly revels to the unromantic realities of an Indian bungalow far be it from me to record.

It has been once again my good luck to be present at the Horse Show, which is now a yearly institution at the capital of the Deccan and adds one more pleasure to the enjoyable time of those of us who find ourselves in Poona for the big meeting. Last year Lieutenant-Colonel Bull was at the head of affairs, an "old parliamentary man" at such matters, and after his management the vacancy was a difficult one to follow in, no doubt, and the public owe a deep debt of gratitude to one who was good enough to step into the breach. Under such circumstances it would be ungracious to say more than that the absence of the guiding master-hand of previous years was not unapparent. The enjoyable mornings' practising (for a few days beforehand) over the jumps and driving track, which were I remember so greatly appreciated, was this year not provided and, indeed, up to the last day or so before the day of the show no one seemed to know where the exhibition was to be held. Under

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these circumstances the unadvertized alterations in the nature of the jumps gave rise to a certain amount of heart-burning and dissatisfaction. So "trappy" an obstacle as a bushy "in and out" was rather trying to horses who had never previously had opportunities of schooling over it. Nor did the substitution of a flimsy little grass hurdle for the regulation stone wall give rise to any special commendation from either competitors or public, and this is an innovation which may well be remedied in the future. The lateness in beginning on each day (more especially on the second) and the numerous long delays were somewhat wearisome, but apart from such minor details, not unnaturally consequent on a novitiate, this show must be looked on as a great success so far as the numbers and quality of the animals were concerned.

In that most popular competition of all with the public—the jumping—Mrs. Anderson's delightful little Australian mare Freda never gave the other ponies an outside chance, as in Captain Hewlett's quiet handling she jumped in faultless form. In the Horse competition on the following day Captain Young's useful cob Topthorn, without being a very stylish performer, made no errors and the decision of the Judges falling on Griseline (who had at her first effort sent the top rail of the post and rail flying) to go round again with Topthorn for first honours, gave rise to a murmur of disapprobation—indeed in the light of her serious mistake over the timber the public evidently failed to grasp how she was selected for even a place. Such, however, are the fortunes of war. Nothing struck me so much as the vast increase in the number of good performers in the harness classes as compared with the previous year. The comic element of the show was provided in the tandem class wherein one pair (and previous winners too I believe in other hands) gave an immensity of trouble more amusing to the public than I imagine gratifying to the owner. But such harness performers as Sultan, Modesty, Hero, Molly and Mary, and the ponies Pallas, Topthorn and Dolly Varden are a pleasure to look at, let alone handle, and would take a deal of beating anywhere in India. Looking back on the Show generally I find that the chief honours rest with two ladies. Mrs. C. A. Beatty (a very straight goer I believe with the local pack) had quite a field day with the prizes. With her charming Australian horse Vladimir she secured the Light Weight Hunters; the Hacks over 14-2; the Ladies' Hacks and put the final seal to these fine performances by winning the Champion prize for the Best Horse in the Show. A beautifully mannered horse shown in excellent condition and admirably handled. The same lady also won several prizes with her country-bred mare Vigilance, a well-known performer evidently, as she secured the M. F. H.'s special prize as the best hunter regularly hunted with the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds. In the pony division Mrs. Anderson's lovely little mare Freda (already alluded to) added to her jumping prize those for Hunters 14-2 and under and Ladies' Ponies 14-2 and under, successes which were thoroughly deserved. The prize for the best Polo Pony was awarded to Major Edwards' handsome grey Arab Iron Duke. Very handy and a magnificent mover. Some very pretty team driving was afforded and greatly enjoyed by the public, and after a protracted competition, in which all but two teams were eliminated, that amateur artist, Captain Hunt, out-drove Major England's very handy and biddable team. Mrs. Younghusband distributed the prizes (and very handsome ones they were, obtained I heard from the Goldsmith and Silversmith Company) and so came to an end a very enjoyable show, for which Captain Young earned the gratitude of the sporting public.

The Naini Tal Polo Tournament proved a great success and was eventually won by the Gymkhana. Five teams entered. The first match between the 5th Dragoon Guards and the Civil Service A team resulted in a win for the latter by seven goals and two subsidiaries to one goal and three subsidiaries. In the second game the Gymkhana beat the Civil Service C team by three goals and two subsidiaries to one goal and three subsidiaries. The game between the Civil Service A and B teams ended in a win for A by eight goals and 4 subsidiaries to two goals and two subsidiaries. The finals were played on the 2nd instant and resulted in a win for the Gymkhana who beat the Civil Service A team by five goals and two subsidiaries to two goals and four subsidiaries. The winners were represented by Captain Stracey, Mr. Symons, and Major Stainforth, while Messrs. Pearson, Lash and Berthoud formed the Civilian A team. The trophy, a handsome silver bowl, was presented to the winning team by Lady Gaselee.

Last week Lord Ampthill, Hon. Victor Russell and Captain Thompson having received *khubber* of a tiger near Krurmund in the Nilgiris, went after him. Two beats proved unsuccessful, but the third brought out master stripes who fell to the Hon. Victor Russell.

We have received from Messrs. Lyon and Lyon, the well-known firm of gunmakers, a copy of their annual illustrated catalogue. Sportsmen will find lots to interest them in this well got-up volume in all appertaining to shooting, sporting and athletic gear.

Athletic Notes.

WE offer our congratulations to the Calcutta Football team on their success in the Bombay Rugby Tournament. They gave good exhibitions in both their games defeating the doughty Welsh Regiment by 2 goals to nil in the semi-finals, and beating the Glosters by 2 tries to nil in the finals. All played well and Martelli's place kicking in the Match *vs.* the Welsh was a feature.

Our Naini Tal Correspondent writes:—The Naini Tal Autumn week has been in full swing and great have been the festivities. The cricket match between the Gymkhana and the Civil Service ended in a hollow victory for the former by an innings and 31 runs. The Gymkhana went in first and assisted by useful scores from Messrs. Harris (47), Hope (41), Ian Campbell (33) and Knowles (30) took their total to 229 before they were dismissed. The Civil Service could do no better than 78 and following on had lost seven wickets for 63 at the conclusion of the day's play. The innings closed for 119 next day, Boas 31 not out and Holmes (24) being the chief scorers.

The three races for the Baker Russell Challenge Cup were sailed on the 29th and 30th ultimo and 1st instant. The *Wave*, with Mr. Coode at the helm, obtained five marks and carried off the Cup, with which went a handsome silver bowl presented by Mr. Aikman. The *Coya*, sailed by Captain Becker, was second with ten marks; the *Spray* sailed by Mr. Wilmer, and the *Shamrock* by Captain Coldstream tied for third place with eleven marks each.

The Hockey match between the Civil Service and the Gymkhana came off on the 29th ultimo and provided a very exciting game. In the first half each team scored a goal, but on crossing over the Civilians began to show their superiority and putting on two more goals ran out winners by three goals to one.

The Tennis tournament was brought off successfully. In the first round of the Ladies' Singles Mrs. H. H. Sharpe beat Miss Anson and Mrs. Lewis beat Mrs. Ingram. Mrs. Lewis beat Miss Eastwood in the semi-final and in the finals, playing against Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Lewis won in fine style by two sets to love. In the Gentlemen's Singles Mr. Knowles beat Mr. Holmes, Mr. Brereton beat Mr. Ingram, Colonel Anson beat Mr. Harris, but was beaten by Captain Hutchinson the next day. Mr. Brereton beat Mr. Peters, and Mr. Knowles beat Mr. Hutchinson. In the finals Mr. Brereton beat Mr. Knowles by three sets to love. In the Gentlemen's Doubles the Gymkhana beat the U.P. Police and the R. A. M. C. beat Cooper's Hill. The next day the C. S. beat Fyzabad Club, and also the I. M. S., and the Gymkhana beat the R. A. M. C. In the finals between the C. S. represented by Messrs Peters and Tretund and the Gymkhana represented by Capt. Robertson and Mr. E. Knowles the C. S. team won easily by 3 sets to love.

The Rampur Football Challenge Cup was won by St. Joseph's Seminary who beat the Band of the 5th Dragoon Guards by two goals to *nil* after a very hard fought and exciting game.

The regatta was held on the 1st and 3rd instant and a large attendance and glorious weather were features of the two days. The Bulrampore Pairs brought out but two entries. The Cooper's Hill pair—Messrs. Rouse and Wood coxed by Mrs. Leete beat the C. S. Boat.—Messrs Gillan and Hutchinson coxed by Miss Rothwell. The Civilians got away with the lead, but their opponents caught them and won by two lengths. In the Senior Sculls the first heat was won by Mr. Coode, who beat Captain Tillard by two lengths; in the second heat Mr. Rouse beat Mr. Hutchinson by four lengths and in the finals Mr. Coode beat Mr. Rouse by three quarters of a length. The P. and O. Paddling Race was won by the Misses Meares and Messrs. Dyce, Gale and Goodfellow. Miss Elliot (bow), Mr. Tillard (2), Mr. Courthope (3) and Miss Elliot (str) Mrs. Leete (cox) won the Mixed Fours.

Three crews entered for the Rampur Fours, which was won by the Coopers Hill boat manned by Messrs. Tillard, Coode, Rouse and Wood (str.) Mrs. Leete (cox.) The four-oared race between the Civil and the Military was won by the latter by two lengths. The crews were:—*Military*—Captain Ross, Captain Hodgkinson, Captain Tillard and Mr. Boyce (stroke); cox, Mrs. Porteous. *Civil*—Messrs. Hutchinson, Gillan, Coode, and Wood (stroke); cox, Miss Rothwell. The Mixed Double Sculls brought out two crews, Miss Elliott and Captain Tillard steered by Mrs. Porteous, winning after a hard race.

Besides these there have been subscription dances, "At Homes," and garden parties, and last, but not least, "Our Flat" performed at the Assembly Rooms to a crowded house on the 30th ultimo. The piece was a great success. Mr. Ferguson was unable at the last moment to play and his leading part was taken at short notice by Mr. Crofton Wilmer and very ably performed. Mrs. Beresford made a great success as Bella and other parts were well sustained by Mrs. Shewring and Captain Becher.

Our Bombay correspondent writes: After a fortnight's football under Association rules the Rugby tournament opened on Tuesday evening and has been continued during the week. This tournament, which is held under the auspices of the Bombay Gymkhana, is no longer the attraction which it was some years ago and comparatively little interest is taken in it. A few years since it was a very popular annual event, but of late interest in the "rugger" code has much diminished in Bombay, and now Association is all the rage. Both last year and the year before only four teams entered for the Tournament, which had been won for eight years in succession by the Welsh Regiment. From what I was told a month or so since I was in hopes that the tournament of 1903 would be the means of reviving interest in the "rugger" code in Bombay, for it was thought that the entry would be a much larger one than has been the case in recent years. These hopes have not, however, been realised, for the original entry only totalled six, and of these one, the Madras Gymkhana, scratched in consequence of not being able to raise a team to come across this side, while the "gates" have been considerably smaller than was the case with the Association Tournament. Both Calcutta and Bombay drew byes in the first round, and as a result of Madras scratching the Welsh Regiment secured a walk over. Consequently there was only one match in the first round, the competing teams being the Gloucester Regiment, from Lucknow, and a team representing the Bombay Garrison, which was mainly composed of officers. This match came off on Tuesday evening, and resulted in an easy win for the Lucknow visitors by two goals, one penalty goal, and two tries to nil. The game was far from an interesting one, being of a very scrambly nature and mainly confined to the forwards. In the matter of weight the Gloucesters held a big advantage which they might have turned to better account than they did. As it was, their forwards rarely let the ball out of scrum, and consequently their back division was given few opportunities. It was a series of forward rushes, scrums, and line-outs, good passing being conspicuous by its absence.

The following evening the Gloucester Regiment met the Bombay Gymkhana, and the result came as a surprise to most people, the homesters being beaten by eight points to three. It is true that the Gymkhana were not at full strength, but after the poor form shown by the soldiers the previous evening it was very generally thought that the homesters had a fairly easy thing on. As it turned out, however, the Lucknow team showed much improved form, and by half time it was pretty evident that the Gymkhana were a beaten team. At half time the visitors led by a try to nil, and eventually ran out winners by a goal and a try to a try. During the first fifteen minutes of the game the homesters had the best of matters, and should have scored. On a number of occasions the forwards let the ball out of

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the scrum, but the Gymkhana half-backs were painfully slow, and when the ball did occasionally find its way out to the three-quarters there were only feeble attempts at passing, and it always broke down before much ground had been gained. On paper the homesters had a speedy three-quarter line, and consequently the Glosters played a purely forward game, their ups making the best use of the slight advantage they held in weight, and the half-backs who were far and away a better pair than the Gymkhana two, resorting to sporting tactics, and making no attempt to open up the game. As a result play was not of a very interesting character, forward rushes, scrums, and line-outs following each other in rapid succession. The Gloster forwards lasted better than the Gymkhana eight, among whom Arnot, Moore, and Turnbull were the best. Of the home half-backs the least said the better—they were painfully slow. The visiting pair were much the smarter, and it was undoubtedly due to the advantage they held here that the Glosters won. Of the three-quarters there is practically nothing to say, except that, as usual, Ward, of the Gymkhana, was head and shoulders above the rest. Both backs were safe, and Bird, the home custodian, played a really brilliant game.

On Thursday evening we saw far and away the best game of the tournament, the opposing teams being the Welsh Regiment (the holders of the Cup) and the Calcutta F. C. In the past the Welshmen have had matters all their own way in Bombay—they first entered for the tournament in 1893 (the year after they arrived in India) and were then beaten in the semi-final by the Gymkhana by the narrow margin of one drop goal to nil. The following year, however, they brought a stronger team to Bombay and defeated the Gymkhana by six points to nil. This success they repeated the following year, and in 1902 they secured the Cup for the eighth year in succession. As a result of this long run of successes and the ease with which the Welshmen have always won, many teams fought shy of entering. This year, however, the Welshmen are not so strong as they have been in the past and at last they have had to acknowledge defeat in Bombay. The match was a splendidly contested one, and Calcutta thoroughly deserved their victory by 2 goals to nil. The game was mainly confined to the forwards, and consequently there was none of that brilliant passing among the Welsh backs that we have been accustomed to see in the past, while the Calcutta line were only set going on very few occasions. Nevertheless it was a brilliantly contested game, and there can be no doubt but what the best team won. Both full backs played a sound game, Maxwell, the Calcutta custodian, being very sure in fielding the ball, while he often gained much ground by his kicks to touch. Williams, the Welsh back, also played well, and fearlessly stopped a number of rushes by the Calcutta forwards. As to the three-quarters, neither line had very much to do. During the whole game the Welsh did not get in one good round of passing. The Calcutta quartette were only fed on a few occasions, and then made the most of their opportunities. They were a speedy lot, and ran and kicked with judgment and it was on a couple of the very few occasions that the ball was sent out to them that Calcutta's two tries were scored. Daly and Watts did not appear to be as tricky as of old, and Macdonald and Arundel were quite a match for them. The forwards were fairly evenly matched in the scrum, but in the loose the Calcutta eight proved themselves to be the speedier and cleverer pack.

The final was played off yesterday (Saturday) afternoon under conditions which were not so favourable as prevailed in the matches played earlier in the week. During the whole of the previous day and the early part of Saturday very heavy rain was falling, and consequently when the teams took the field, in the presence of a fair attendance of spectators, the ground was in a very heavy condition. Those who had seen the teams in previous matches were fairly confident that the game would be somewhat of a runaway affair for Calcutta. This did not prove to be the case, however, Calcutta only winning by six points to nil. During the first half play was mostly confined to the forwards. In the matter of weight the soldiers held the advantage, but when the ball came out into the loose the civilians soon proved themselves to be the faster and cleverer pack. It was not until play had been in progress for some time that Heilgers carried in Calcutta's first try, which Martelli failed to convert from a somewhat difficult angle. After this the Glosters made a big effort to score, but half-time arrived, the Calcutta men leading by a try to nil. Soon after the re-start the Calcutta halves attempted to open out the game and the forwards heeled out. The ball was sent out to the three-quarter, but the slippery state of the leather militated against anything like accurate passing, and, consequently, very little ground was gained. During the latter part of the game Calcutta were only playing fourteen men, owing to Macdonald, one of their halves, having had the misfortune to break one of his legs just above the ankle. Despite this, however, they attacked strongly, and eventually carried in their second try, which was not converted. This was the full extent of the score, Calcutta thus winning the match and the Tournament by two tries to nil.

The Bombay Gymkhana cricket team brought their season to a close on Thursday, with a match against the Y. M. C. A. When the season opened things looked very promising, but the hopes which were then held out have not been realised, and as has been the case for some years now, the number of games which have been lost are in excess of those won, while, as usual, a large number have been drawn. They have suffered defeat at the hands of both the Parsees and Hindus, while in the annual match with Poona they made a very miserable display. Mr. Aston, the energetic Honorary Secretary, has worked extremely hard, and the hearty thanks of all cricketers are due to him. As usual, H. Cheetham has been the mainstay of the team, he having been in excellent form with both the bat and the ball. Mr. Aston, too, has batted well, and it is a pity that he did not play more frequently in the early part of the season. Several other batsmen have rendered good service at times, but, taken all round, the batting of the Gymkhana has been weak, and there have been cases during the season in which the eleven has been dismissed for very poor totals. In the bowling department Cheetham has done good service, while Coombs has the best average. I have never seen the latter bowl better than he has done this season, and he has been of the greatest service to his side. Another promising bowler is C. G. Stileman, a new comer to the country, who I shall expect to see capture a lot of wickets next year. As to Thursday's match it resulted in a draw, the Gymkhana scoring 187 for the loss of 7 wickets (innings declared closed) and the Y. M. C. A. 93 for 3 wickets. The feature of the match was a capital innings of 73 (not out) by Aston.

Our Darjeeling correspondent writes: Darjeeling is always full during the poojah week, but this year the station is simply crowded with holiday makers from Calcutta. The slip on the railway was speedily cleared so passengers experienced but little inconvenience, the railway authorities making all arrangements for transhipment on the first day. The weather has been pretty fair, though Darjeeling at the beginning of October is never blessed with good weather. However the round of amusements was not much interfered with on this head and the week has been very full and complete. The club dances were most successful and the performances of the "Three Little Maids" and the "Magistrate" first class. Bumper houses rewarded the efforts of the A. D. S and a variety entertainment in aid of the Diocesan School Building Fund found the Town Hall crowded to suffocation. Tennis tournaments, Cricket matches, the sports of the two schools, the Races, and the horse show have all contributed to the enjoyment of those on pleasure bent. On the 2nd instant the walking matches were brought off, the competitions being most popular. The course was from Sonada along the Cart Road and *vid* the Mackenzie and Auckland Roads finishing on the chourasta, a distance of somewhat over ten miles. The approaches to the finish and the chourasta itself were crowded, everyone being most enthusiastic. The soldiers' walk was won by Carolan in 1hr. 40mins. 30secs. Peckman second in 1hr. 42mins. 45secs. Bailey third in 1hr. 43mins. Birch fourth in 1hr. 43mins. 10secs. Watson fifth in 1hr. 45mins. The last man completed the distance in 1hr. 55mins. Sixteen started in the Civilians' walk *viz.* Ansell, Hefferman, Carey, Oakley, Tiffi, Armstrong, Barrett, Birch, Dunne, Phillips, Moffatt, Pedler, Shea, Apcar, Rowlands and Clarke. Dunne was first in 1hr. 39mins. 36secs. Armstrong second in 1hr. 41mins. 37secs. Barrett third in 1hr. 45mins. 21secs. Rowlands fourth in 1hr. 45 mins. and 55secs. and Birch fifth in 1hr. 47 mins. 35secs. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bourdillon were present at the finish, His Honour distributing the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Colombo Rowing Club held their Annual General Meeting at the Boat House, Slave Island, on the 29th ultimo, Mr. G. Hathorn, the President, occupying the chair. The accounts were passed and the election of office-bearers proceeded with. Mr. Hathorn and Mr. Julius were re-elected President and Vice-President and Captain respectively. The following were elected to serve on the Committee:—Messrs. J. H. Garrett, A. Alers Hankey, W. T. Highton, J. Scott, M. Simpson and E. R. Williams. Mr. Hanna was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Mr. Porteous re-elected Honorary Treasurer.

A gash or cut in a tyre should at once be attended to, otherwise the cut will become distended and perhaps difficult of repair. It should be at once plugged up with an effective repairing composition such as the Dunlop cover stopping. A portion of it inserted into a large wound in the tyre forms a homogeneous mass, and effectually seals it, preventing the cut from becoming further distended, and preserving the fabric from the deteriorating effects of damp. It is indispensable to cyclists and motorists.

The finals in the Walter Locke Football Challenge Shield at Rangoon resulted in a win for the Royal Fusiliers from Mandalay who beat the 70th Co. R. G. A. by a goal to nil.

G. L. Jessop, the Gloucestershire cricketer, and L. R. Roose, the Stoke and Welsh goalkeeper, have signed forms to play football with the Reading team in Southern and Western League matches.

By order of the King an extensive cricket ground is being laid out in the private grounds of Windsor Castle for the Royal Household Cricket Club. New turf is being laid down, and a handsome pavilion is to be built and furnished; in fact, the ground is to be made as complete as possible.

General Notes.

WE are glad to learn that Major-General Barrow is recovering fast. He left Bombay last week *en-route* to England on three months' privilege leave.

His Excellency the Viceroy, accompanied by Colonel the Hon. E. Baring and attended by Captains Baker Carr and Keighly left Simla on Friday, the 25th ultimo, and will return on the 15th instant.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. B. Cecil of the firm of T. S. Cecil and Co. of this city was killed at home on the 4th ultimo. The unfortunate gentleman when biking in a narrow lane in North Wales, collided with a trap, the shaft of the latter piercing his side.

A carriage accident took place at Simla on the 1st instant. A brake with two horses belonging to Lord Kitchener when being exercised went over the khud near Boileaugunge Bazaar. The native driver and one horse was killed and the other horse seriously injured.

Calcutta theatre goers will hardly recognize the Theatre Royal which has been renovated by its proprietor, Mr. Stephen. The stage has been refloored and enlarged and the auditorium greatly improved. Punkahs and ventilators render it cool and comfortable. Mr. Stephen is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

The officers of the Government of India P. W. Department secretariat are giving a farewell dinner on the 21st October at the United Service Club, Simla, to Messrs. Maclean, Director-General of Telegraphs, Spring, Secretary of the Railway Branch, Madras, and Walker, Under-Secretary in the General Branch of the P. W. Department, all of whom are about to retire from the department.

A really good story is told of a bookmaker, who, having been "hit" very hard, was in want of another "thou." to settle on the following Monday.

Knowing his wife's diamonds would easily realise that amount at "Uncle's," he accordingly "borrowed" them and proceeded thither, when the following dialogue took place:—

Husband: "I want you to lend me £1,000 on this suite of diamonds. You can knock out the stones and replace them with imitation ones for a short time."

Uncle: "Very sorry, sir, but we did that for your good lady the other week!"

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London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 18th September 1903.*

SIR NORMAN LOCKYER'S plea for an adequate supply of Universities, put forward in his presidential address to the British Association, has been attracting a good deal of attention. I did not refer to it last week for the perhaps insufficient reason that it struck me as Utopian if not slightly wild; Sir Norman's method of presenting his case perhaps led the average person to raise his eye-brows, for the parallel between a strong navy and a multitude of Universities does not seem quite justified by the purpose of each. Do we really want larger opportunities of Higher Education in this country? Sir Norman Lockyer asked for a trifle of eight more Universities twenty-four millions sterling for their endowment: these increased facilities for taking degrees were, he was understood to think, indispensable to the maintenance of England's place among the nations, commercially speaking. When the first of that supply of Universities is founded and the curriculum made plain to us, it will be time to criticise. Presently I fail to see that more Universities would strengthen our place among the nations more than a few new training stables would improve the stamina of the British thoroughbred. Extraordinary thing, isn't it, the number of intelligent people who believe a donkey will turn into a horse if you keep him long enough in a stable.

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The political clouds have been brewing up all the week and this morning to pursue the simile, comes a flash of lightning that makes us blink. Mr. Chamberlain resigns. The position is of the most curious. Mr. Chamberlain believes that changes in our fiscal policy are necessary: but recognising that it would not be expedient for the Government to press them, resigns. Mr. Balfour believes that changes in our fiscal policy are necessary: but recognising that it would not be expedient for his Government to press them, doesn't resign. Regarded only as a political stroke Mr. Chamberlain's resignation is a move so bold that his enemies must be surprised into respect: but is it a political move? Is it not quite of a piece with his severance from the G. O. M. and with his whole career? If the country could not follow Chamberlain there was only one thing Chamberlain could consistently do, and he has done it. He cannot fail to gain enormously in public confidence by laying down office, and his resignation will do more for the cause he has made his own than all the speeches ever made. The sensation caused two days ago by Mr. Balfour's pamphlet has been quite eclipsed. That pamphlet was sold out two hours after Longmans opened their office in the morning and there was a *queue* of people on the pavement outside, fifty yards long, waiting for it.

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But the Upper Ether of politics is not for me; nor for you. What has agitated me to-day more than all the fiscalities (?) in this little, little world of mine is the question, what degree of intimacy justifies gastronomic experiment upon a friend? The action of the *memsahib* gives rise to this nice conundrum which in marital language would be expressed "Who the deuce dare you ask to dinner when you can't trust the cook?" Ah me! Aforetime was hour and place when one asked people in to dinner and recked naught of these matters: when dinner for four under the elastic conjury of the cookhouse expanded into a sufficiency for ten: which dinner if bad was a matter of course; if good a matter for envious gratulation. When—but pardon; I feel the influence of the mofussil bungalow closing about me and realise that this is not the point of view he who may read me will adopt.

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An announcement in Saturday's *Times* caused a mild sensation. "C. R. Warwick" wrote from the Midland Hotel, Manchester, to say that he, in the sacred cause of science, had liberated 14 healthy rattle snakes at Blarney Castle, Co. Cork. Whether this letter was a hoax (whose point it must be allowed is not very clear) or the record of a real achievement by a real idiot has not yet transpired: and having regard to the reception accorded Mr. Warwick's announcement by people less scientifically minded than himself, it is unlikely we shall ever hear the truth. The Cork folks perhaps need not greatly disturb themselves; he were a robust rattlesnake who survived a week of such weather as has been lately vouchsafed the south of Ireland in common with the rest of these islands.

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Items indicative of the effects of Thursday night's storm followed fast on one another's heels during the early days of the week. London escaped fairly easily; a few big elms in Kensington Gardens came down, and a few more were discrowned leaving unsightly trunks. In some streets, broken slates and tiles were at a discount and a few overhead wires were brought down: but on the whole we have nothing much to complain about. Those curiously constituted people who for fun go down (by excursion train) to the sea in ships had a rough time of it. A hundred of these enterprising excursionists left Eastbourne in a shilling steamer for Hastings on Thursday afternoon; the steamer could not come near Hastings pier so pitched her seasick way back to Eastbourne; it was then become too rough to get alongside there and the hundred *miserables* felt no firm ground till they got to Dover at 6 A.M. on Friday.

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Soldiers are growling loudly and as it seems to the outsider with fair reason. A few months ago the War Office with great flourish of trumpets announced certain concession in the matter of necessary mess furniture; but of course it could not possibly give anything with one hand unless they took something away with the other. Heretofore when out on manœuvres officers have been supplied with tent-boards which can hardly be considered a luxury in this country, more especially in such weather as this. Some wiseacre decided that officers must supply tent-boards this year at their own expense. The result has been that men elected to sleep in the mud unless they would apply for a medical certificate. For myself I think I would rather pay the required eighteen pence demanded for tent-boards than contract rheumatism; but my sympathies are entirely with the soldier who is the victim of these idiotic "economies."

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It is far too soon to guess what, if any, will be the outcome of the War Commission's Report. From all one hears there is a tendency on the part of soldiers to favourably regard the establishment of an Army Board on the lines of the Admiralty Board. By the way the four massive volumes containing the evidence and Report are in enormous request; Blue Books are seldom light reading, but I am told that the evidence sheds such illuminating side lights on incidents of the War that it is better reading than any novel. I ordered a copy of the Report weeks ago but cannot get it; "the foreign demand has been so great." I believe it. How our potential enemies must hug themselves when they read Sir Henry Brackenbury's story of peddling ineptitude and folly in high places!

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One definite result there has been. They who study the *Gazette* must have noticed the heavy crop of militia resignations latterly. This is the outcome, I am told on reliable authority, of Lord Roberts' statement that the militia officers in South Africa were a continual source of anxiety to him. Also I am told the *Gazette* does not represent the real state of affairs; that so indignant are the militiamen that more resignations have been sent in than the authorities can accept without literally demanding the "old constitutional force" of officers. I give figures for what they may be worth; he said, this Man Who Ought to Know that over six hundred resignations are awaiting the acceptance of those who shrink from accepting them. Uneasy lies the head that wears its hat in the War Office.

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The publisher of "The Burden of Proof or England's Debt to Sir Redvers Buller" evidently does not find that this 120 pages of special pleading moves off with celerity; as one or two parcels of books which have come in from different booksellers lately have contained a copy of it with "Price Sixpence" crossed out and no reference to it in the accompanying bill. It is not for the man in the street to sit in judgment on Sir Redvers Buller, or any other General but I do not think the fulsome laudation of the "average observer" who writes this book is likely to win admirers for its subject; more especially when the writer is at pains to fall foul of everyone else who was, or was supposed to be, inimical to Sir Redvers.

"Melo-farce," I take it, just about describes Mr. Cecil Raleigh's *The Flood Tide* produced last night at Drury Lane. There was a publican and a sinner named Champion (Mr. J. H. Barnes) who had made enough money out of his public house to let his son Jack (Mr. Robert Minster) accept his commission in the 1st Royals (!) Jack won his V. C. as a private, but his soldierly qualities do not save him from being ragged: had Jack possessed a little more common sense he would have refrained from flaunting pa's pub. in his comrades' faces. Jack has sound financial reason to venerate the house of his birth: the others naturally haven't. This is the plot as far as I could follow it: the story, like some rivers, loses itself in the illimitable scenery. Four acts of three scenes each, and such scenes! Drury Lane really out-sceneried itself in the *Flood Tide*. Real deck and furnishings *S. S. Bolivian*: Real Palmarium, Metropole Hotel, Brighton: Real Ragging Scene; Real Railway Platform: Real Train; Real Paddock (Kempton Park) Five Horses; Real Flood, and so on. Jack Champion married his commanding officer's daughter in the end, but the story is the last thing one thinks of. There is a lot of good comic business for which Mr. Weedon Grossmith as a commercial traveller masquerading as millionaire is chiefly responsible. Indeed if we were less weighed down with scenery and relieved of a good deal of washy sentimentality, the thing would be a rattling farce with the clever fooling for which Mr. Raleigh has found so much scope. He seems to have laid himself out to burlesque the regular scaled pattern Drury Lane play and to have pulled up short when confronted by a sentimental situation as something too sacred to be touched: the result is a rather curious agglomeration of matters that were assuredly never meant to be threaded on the same string. It was received with rapture, however, and after all that is the main thing.

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My Lady Molly was two hundred nights old on Wednesday. Mr. H. H. Davies' *Cousin Kate* reached its hundreth night this week and is going strong as indeed it deserves. I went to see the piece again a few nights back and liked it even better on improved acquaintance. The same playwright's *Mrs. Gorringe's Necklace* takes a fresh lease of life at the New next week. Mr. Haddon Chambers' *The Golden Silence* is promised for next Tuesday at the Garrick. J. M. Barrie's *Little Mary*, a play for which he has had much difficulty in finding a title, appears at Wyndham's on Monday; and a week later Pinero's *Letty* is to make her curtsy at the Duke of York's. This last is described as a drama in four acts and an epilogue; a "play with a purpose" probably. A new American Comic Opera is billed for 1st October at the Avenue, too, so you see there is plenty of work in store for the conscientious first nighter. By the way Mdme Rejane returns to us in October

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The "Passive Resister" seems to practically monopolise the attention of the Police Courts in London and the country and the "movement" is growing. At Willesden on Monday the bench had to deal with 300 cases. The daily average at courts in country towns averages about 30 cases. If one could feel that "passive resistance" were not simple and solely organised political agitation where it is not adopted as a means of cheap personal advertisement, one might take the sorrows of the pseudo-martyrs more seriously. There is more comedy than tragedy in the business: and when an otherwise sane magistrate appears in answer to summons in his own court and refuses to enter the dock, we reach the domain of farce. The only people who profit by the "movement" are the auctioneers who do their work under police protection.

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Chaos, purposeful chaos, is before Buckingham Palace: the works preparatory to building the memorial arcade, or whatever the correct architectural term may be, are in progress. A slice has been pinched out of the top of St. James's Park and earthworks are being carried thirty or forty feet into the lake to carry the new public road from Buckingham Gate into Birdcage Walk. Also a semi-circular piece, marked now by displaced lengths of iron railing, is to be bitten out of the Green Park to accommodate the corresponding curve of the arcade. It is difficult for the untaught eye to detect any flaw in the stone courses which have already been laid, even with the aid of the public design.

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Yet another novelty in automatic machines. On the Underground yesterday I discovered a new machine which supplies you with a pocket handkerchief, plain a penny, hemstitched (whatever that may be) two pence; also cake of Best Old Brown Windsor a penny. The pocket-handkerchief idea is by no means a bad one, having regard to the frequency with which that indispensable gets itself left behind; but the scheme opens up a wonderful vista of possibilities. The time approaches, no doubt, when we shall be able to buy a complete outfit in railway platform automatic machines. It would not be half a bad plan to apply the penny in the slot system to the fire alarm post: it would help to make an end of the street amusement of false alarms, which are epidemic from time to time.

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Mr. Spencer made his air-ship journey yesterday from the Crystal Palace. For about quarter of an hour he was tacking and yawing high above St. Paul's to the admiration of stationary traffic and crowded streets, but he evidently could not get the machine round to face the wind and had to continue his flight to Barnet where he lighted in safety.

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Mr. Whitaker Wright made his eighth and final appearance at the Guildhall yesterday: as you no doubt know at this moment, he "reserved his defence" and was released on bail to appear at the Old Bailey. Counsel for the prosecution wanted that matters of bail to be investigated, but the point was not pressed. The action of the prosecution was rather unusual I understand, but then the case is not an ordinary one.

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ELEPHANT CATCHING 35 YEARS AGO.

IN years gone by, before the Government of India had organized its present large kheddah establishments for the capture of wild elephants, many zemindars and elephant merchants in the eastern districts of Bengal kept trained koonkee elephants and annually took out Government licenses for carrying on their operations in Assam, one of their favourite hunting grounds being about the Garo Kills to the east of the Brahmapootra river. In those days I used to shoot a good deal on the churs of the above river and frequently had several of these koonkee elephants out with me for that purpose, and having seen a great deal of elephants and learnt to handle and drive them myself. I was greatly interested in the tales told me by the koonkee mahouts of their method of catching wild elephants, and determined to try and see something of this sport myself. Consequently, hearing one cold season that six koonkees belonging to a couple of zemindars of my district, whom I knew well, were to be sent across the Brahmapootra to catch elephants, I got three weeks' leave and arranged to go with them. Giving the party four days' start to enable them to get to the river before me, I dawked out the 45 miles and crossed with them at Chilmari, where I left my horses. I had brought only a *pal* with me for the sake of lightness, and as the koonkees were all heavily laden with chains, huge ropes and the cooking utensils of the party, besides food supplies, I had with me two baggage elephants, on one of which my servant rode with my *pal* and traps, while I rode the other, a small pad elephant. On the east of the big river we passed through dense jungles and over hills, and pitched our camp about 12 miles inland in a lovely valley, down the centre of which ran a small hill stream, while on either side, about two miles distant, were hills thickly wooded to their very summit with deep glens running up them, and here and there a small waterfall. Beyond these to the east still higher hills with precipitous rocky cliffs were visible, and altogether the scenery was wild and striking. There were no human habitations nearer than the river we had crossed, and there was not a sound in the forest. As we reached our camping ground about 3 P.M., the stillness around was most impressive till broken by the chatter of the men unloading their elephants. Fuel and charrah having been collected and the elephants tethered in a circle, my *pal* and the men's gunny shelters were erected in the centre. At sunset the valley became very chilly and I was glad to get into my warm bed after an early dinner. As the night drew on I listened to the distant howls of the jackals and the barking of deer, but gradually fell asleep to be awoke, however, very shortly by a disturbance among the elephants. Some large animal having passed near one of them for some time they kept on trumpeting and screaming, but presently settled down to shredding and chewing their charrah. At sunrise I was up and eagerly enquiring of the men what was to be the order of the day. It was settled that four koonkees were to be sent out in different directions to search for traces of wild elephants, and as shooting was strictly prohibited lest any elephants that might happen to be in the neighbourhood should be frightened off, I decided on going out on one of the koonkees, taking some sandwiches and cold tea with me. We came across several places which had evidently been used as shelters by wild elephants, the trees having been knocked down and a space about 30 or 40 yards each way more or less cleared, but the charrah and dung lying about were all old and it was evident no elephants had been there lately. We explored valley after valley for miles round and all returned to camp at evening unsuccessful and thoroughly tired out with our long day's trudge. We had seen tracks of elephants, tiger, deer and pig in abundance, and had put up several deer and pig, but there was nothing to show that any elephants were there about the neighbourhood. We, however, searched again during the next two days, when it was thought advisable to remove the camp farther east, and on the fourth morning we started for a spot 10 miles off, known to some of the mahouts, who three years before had made a most successful haul of elephants there. Crossing the first range of hills and winding in and out among others, we camped about midday on a small hillock clear of jungle about two miles from the nearest of the higher hills before mentioned. The scenery here was bolder and even more striking than that at our last camp. In front was a sheer rocky precipice probably between 300 and 400 feet high, down the broken rugged face of which fell a sheet of water, a clear leap from the top of fully 100 feet, it then broke into several small streams, rushing round and over boulders of rock, and again re-uniting lower down in one vast volume, it finally fell into a deep pool at the foot of the hill. The wonted stillness of the forest was continuously broken by the noise of this waterfall, which after a short time became to me oppressively monotonous and wearying. The camp was pitched and charrah collected for the elephants, and the men settled down to prepare their own food, when suddenly towards sunset we were all startled to hear the shrill piping of an elephant apparently not far off. It was too late to think of going after him then, but the circumstance raised our hopes for the next morning, though the night passed quietly without any further signs. Before dawn the men had cooked and partaken of a meal and were ready by 7 A.M. for a start, my two pad elephants being left in camp to collect charrah for the party. Each koonkee had brought out at least three men and four some and only two being required on each animal for the purposes of the chase, some 15 men, including my servant remained in camp. The koonkees were almost invariably females, as male elephants would usually fight with other males which they might be employed in catching. They went out barebacked, a single rope usually used for fastening the guddees being passed round their necks, along the ridges of their backs and then round and under their tails. Over these a quantity of very thick strong ropes were wound round and round their girths to be handy for fastening any elephants that might be caught Two of the koonkees had small guddees and instead of ropes each carried on these a thick chain, about 20 feet long, which being very heavy they were only to follow the party, keeping them as far as possible in sight without joining in the actual chase. The men employed on the koonkees on these occasions were not their regular mahouts, but professional elephant-catchers called "Phoondaites." One sat on the neck of the koonkee and the other crouched on the back near the tail, which he sat facing, steadying himself by holding on to the tail rope, and each carried an iron "Gujbagh." All koonkee elephants had raws established on either side of the root of the tail, this being the place where the nearmost "Phoondaite" constantly prodded his animal to force the pace. I, of course, could not hope to keep my seat on the bare back of a koonkee and had therefore had a very small guddee. 3 feet × 2½ feet, specially prepared, which was girthed for me on a very fine animal named "Paban Peary." The mahouts and Phoondaites had been greatly opposed to my going with them and had strongly objected to their masters on the subject, but promises of baksheesh and a subsequent friendly bearing towards them on the marches out had put matters right. On starting we moved leisurely and silently along the valley northwards, constantly on the alert for any signs of the animals we were after, and about 10 A.M. heard a short distance ahead of us the sound of branches being broken, a slight wind was blowing in our faces and our animals began raising their trunks and sniffing the breeze, their pace was slackened and we moved very cautiously. One koonkee was sent on to look about and her Phoondaites shortly signalled that they had sighted a herd. When we came up we saw about 100 yards ahead, a middle sized tusker and two large females with a small butcha, they were quietly stalking along; sometimes grazing on the long grass and sometimes pulling down and stripping the bark off the branches around them. The Phoondaites now arranged among themselves that my animal and another koonkee named "Luchmi" were to take the tusker while the other two took the female with the butcha. We then moved on two to the right and two to the left, but the herd did not perceive us till we were within 50 yards of them, the two females then shuffled off with the butcha to the right trumpeting loudly, the tusker, however, stood still eyeing us and endeavouring to get our scent with his raised trunk; he stood perfectly still and allowed Luchmi to come within 3 feet of him when he suddenly wheeled round and with a shrill pipe rushed off after the two females, which in the meantime were being closely followed by the other koonkees and we started in pursuit of him at our best pace for some distance. The jungle was tolerably clear and the ground good, but gradually the tusker in his endeavours to shake us off led into broken ground and ravines, when it was as much as I could do to hold on at all and at the same time dodge the trees and shrubs. We rushed among our quarry, turning to the right headed for a small stream to the east which we splashed through at a great pace and scrambled up the opposite bank, we after him; here we lost sight of the other elephants, which had run on southwards and the tusker continued his flight at a furious pace, helter skelter, through or over everything in his way, apparently utterly regardless in his panic where he went, we following about 20 yards off, the Phoondaites incessantly plying their "Gujbaghs" all the time to urge their animals to greater exertions. Though this appeared to be cruel work, it was necessary. After running some 4 miles the tusker appeared to be tiring and a bit blown, and we gradually got nearer to him. Suddenly he stopped dead short, turning half round towards us with his trunk in the air: we almost ran past him, but our well-trained animals were round in a moment, one on each side of him and began feeling him all over with their trunks when he returned their advances, which he apparently liked and began coquetting with them. The two earnest Phoondaites who had each undone and let down an end of his thick rope, then quietly slid down behind their own animals and getting under them each slipped a noose of his rope round a front leg of the tusker, who unable to see the men tried to feel with his trunk to find out what was wrong with his feet, and to shuffle them about, but "Paban Peary" at once twisted her trunk round his and pulled it aside. The tusker appeared to like her attentions and stood still. He had, however, managed to shuffle his left foot free and it was only again noosed with some difficulty, in the meantime another thick rope had been deftly slipped over his neck by "Luchmi's" driver, it being fastened a few feet lower down to the other rope girthed round her. While the koonkees engaged his attention the Phoondaites carried their ropes fastening his feet to a tree about 15ft. off to which they secured them. "Luchmi" then began dragging at the rope round the tusker's neck while "Paban Peary" pushed him towards the tree from behind with her forehead, what with coaxing, pulling and pushing they managed in half an hour to get him up to about 6 ft. of the tree and the ropes, which had been gradually shortened by the Phoondaites as he approached, were then again secured by them as they hid behind the trunk, carefully keeping out of the tusker's sight. They and the koonkees then withdrew a few paces. The tusker at first stood perfectly still for a short time looking at them, and then made a sudden rush forward, but was brought up short on to his knees by the ropes round his feet; he struggled violently but to no purpose, the stout ropes held well and presently one of the elephants with a chain came up and the three koonkees were then again brought up to him and gradually, though with much difficulty, the chain was fastened round one of his hind legs and secured at the end to a tree. The koonkee that had first arrived was then despatched back to the camp to bring up the rest of the party, it was then midday, but they all turned up by evening, and I was glad to get a bath in the river close at hand for I was aching all over and felt a good deal bruised with the violent ride I had had. As I sat in front of my tent door some 25 yards from the tusker, it was most amusing and at first rather exciting to watch his constant violent struggles to free himself, for it appeared to be impossible that the ropes could hold him. He would first rush forward, almost coming down on his head when brought up short by the ropes, and then getting up he would strain backwards on them with all his might. When he got very violent "Paban Peary" was brought up carrying in her trunk a good thick branch about 6ft. long with which she proceeded to belabour his sides, he at first turned partly round and attempted to get at her but she soon quieted him for the time. Throughout the night he trumpted and squealed loudly, struggling periodically and some of the men had to watch him constantly. He was given no food that night or the next day, and the second evening he was to all appearances considerably subdued. On the second morning some charrah was thrown to him, the men could not go near him except on a koonkee, and even then he would try and pull them off her back, but the koonkee would always foil him by seizing his trunk with her own. The day after the capture one of the Phoondaites of the other two elephants found us out and said they also had succeeded in running down the big female with the butcha; they had had a comparatively short run as she had been greatly impeded by her anxiety for her young one. She was tied up about 2 miles off, so some spare men were sent to the spot as it was necessary to have men constantly at hand. I also rode across on a pad elephant to have a look at the pair. The mother was a very fine animal standing over 8ft. high, heavily built with a broad flat back and short thick legs which are the peculiarities of the Assam breed. The butcha, a male animal, was only about 3½ft. high and the Phoondaite considered him to be about 4 or 5 months old. He was a most comical little beast, constantly on the move, his legs and trunk seemed to be never still for a moment. It was impossible to get up to him as he always evaded all attempts by rushing under his mother's stomach while she looked savagely round at any one who approached. Both mother and butcha were continually trumpeting and squealing. As nothing further could be done for a few days towards taking more elephants, no great harm could result from the reports of a gun, I therefore amused myself the first day by taking a pad elephant along the crest of a spur leading up with a

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tolerably easy slope to the top of the high hills which overlooked our second camp, I there found myself on a plateau of some extent, beyond which were higher hills from which ran along a rocky bed, a considerable stream, the drainage of the higher hills, terminating in the waterfall before mentioned, from the side of this latter I had a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Tier upon tier of thickly wooded hills broken by head lands and ravines, with undulating and partially wooded valleys between, and innumerable streams glistening in every direction, and the Brahmapootra like a silver streak miles away westward in the distance, the country beyond checkered by ever varying masses of light and shade, and again beyond all the dim blue horizon. The fall itself was a grand sight, not often seen or to be easily forgotten, the immense volume of water as it fell on the rocks 100ft. below threw up clouds of spray which had a most beautiful effect, further down the water breaking over and between the rocky boulders rushed madly on to the pool below, from which it overflowed and ran down the valley over a rocky bed forming further on the river near our then camp. Turning homewards I put up on my way down a fine young boar, which I shot and took on to camp for the men, all of whom being Rajbunshees appreciated the flesh On the succeeding day I sketched our captives in various attitudes of struggling, as also the camp, and shot a few partridge for the pot. On the fourth day after the capture, about 9 A.M., some of the men while out for charrah with one of the konkees came across fresh tracks of and then sighted a herd of elephants quietly browsing along the banks of the stream some two miles from camp, and information being sent in all the koonkees were at once got ready and started. I again rode "Paban Peary" as she was by far the easiest mover of all our animals. We came on the herd about half a mile from camp and found there was one large male, a muckna, with five females; they unfortunately scented us at some distance and became very uneasy; though they had not then seen us, they began trumpeting to each other, piping and squealing, then suddenly turning round made off at a great pace. After going some 300 yards the muckna swung round and faced us, and the females also pulled up a few paces further on. We were then advancing as fast as possible; the muckna had his head raised high with his trunk in the air, and his ears spread out and looked as if he intended to charge; it was an anxious moment, but our koonkees continued to advance rapidly and when we were within 25 yards of him the Phoondaites shouted and he turned to the left and bolted, trumpeting loudly, the females following him. As we went along it was arranged that the muckna, which appeared to be a sulky and probably a dangerous brute, was to be left alone, and two of the females were singled out and told off to the paired koonkees. The one selected for "Paban Peary" and "Luchmi" was a very large handsome brute and evidently a good mover, the other was a somewhat smaller animal. The Phoondaites at once endeavoured to separate them from the herd and at last succeeding in heading them both away westward up the valley, the rest of the herd continuing their course to the east The two females kept pretty well together, now one in front and then the other, as each in turn was impeded by obstacles. Nothing stopped them, over stones and rocks, through grass and scrub jungles, between and under trees, they dashed along, and I had some very narrow escapes from branches. The koonkees, however, managed usually to avoid them as far as possible under the guidance of their drivers. Faster and faster we sped along mile after mile when both the wild elephants made a sudden rush to the right and broke back over nearly the same country we had come along, but by this time they were evidently getting done up, and we gradually got nearer to them. Presently we found ourselves at the river near the foot of the waterfalls, the elephants dashed in and then kept along the bed for some distance, when suddenly the one my koonkee was after stopped short and faced us, but as soon as we got within a few feet of her she wheeled about and was off again, but was evidently quite blown. The other elephant had scrambled out of the river and again dived into the jungle, followed by her pursuers. In the meantime our quarry had stumbled against a snag in the river bed and before she could recover herself the two koonkees were on either side of her handling her trunk and sides: she was too tired to resist, and the Phoondaites quickly slid down and slipped their ropes round her feet. On this she attempted to bolt, but "Luchmi" shuffled in front of her, and she was only able to edge a few feet nearer the bank of the river, which just there was some 8 ft. high; there was fortunately a large tree handy immediately under it, and the ropes were quickly secured to it. She now remained quite passive with the koonkees standing on each side and touching her; she tried frequently to feel the ropes about her feet, or to get at one or the other of the drivers, but the koonkees always interrupted her trunk with their own. From our position with relation to the waterfall, we judged we were then only about 3 miles from camp, so one of the Phoondaites was despatched there to bring more men and my pad elephant. He came back with them in a couple of hours and as I was then thoroughly tired out and very hungry, I returned to camp leaving the men to secure the captive with which they would have to remain out for the night. When I got to camp nothing had been heard of the rest of the party; they, however, came in after dark and said that one of their koonkees having got the pointed root of a tree into its foot was lamed, and they had therefore been obliged to abandon the chase, so I turned in after an early dinner. The following morning I had a look at the tusker tied up a few feet from my *pal* he had been very noisy at night, but was taking kindly to his food and apparently making the best of his situation, but was of course not yet safe to approach. I then went to take a look at the animal we had caught the previous day: she was a regular beauty, standing about 8½ft. high with a grand forehead and legs. The men had had rather a rough time of it with her during the night as she had become very obstreperous and had had to be well thrashed, when I came up, however, she was quite quiet. In the afternoon I rode over to see the other female and butcha, both were considerably tamed, but of course still unapproachable and the mother had taken to eating the charrah supplied to her. I remained with the camp two days longer shooting and sketching, but as my leave was then drawing to a close I had to leave the party and return to my station Some 2½ months later they all returned also, having, however, caught only one more animal, a small female. I saw them all march along, the captured animals each tied by a rope round the neck to a koonkee and though they had not till then submitted to being ridden, they allowed themselves to be handled, and were quietly disposed to the Phoondaites who, however, never approached them without having a koonkee close at hand. One tusker, two large and one small female and a butcha amply paid the koonkee owners, the animals being all sold at the following Sonepore Fair by which time they had been broken in and fetched good prices Previous to the Bhootan war of 1864, elephants had been very numerous and very cheap throughout the Eastern Districts, Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 being an ordinary price then for good animals, and every petty landholder had one or more, but during the war from neglect and hard work there was a great mortality among both the Government commissariat animals and those lent to or hired by Government, so much so that prices rose at once and ranged from Rs. 400 for a small butcha 4ft. high, to Rs 1,500 or Rs. 2,000 for a large animal and these prices continue to rule to the present day. The large hauls made by Government kheddahs during late years and the prohibitive charges have completely done away with the old method of catching wild elephants, and it is, I believe, now seldom if ever employed.

RAJAH.

Fishing.

CARE OF TACKLE.

THERE are some phases, and occasionally unpardonable ones, in the general "make up" of an angler, which usually indicate his temperament and the lines he is apt to follow when he goes a-fishing and in the care of his tackle. There is the impetuous, enthusiastic angler who dashes into the planning of his first outing, and into the stream when he gets there with the glow of the sport radiating, as it were, from every pore of his body, thoughtless of every condition except that of being afield and of catching fish. His reel, rod, and water gear are all awry, for he has given little thought or attention to his tackle during the winter, and is often compelled to buy a new outfit, though the old one would, with care, have lasted several seasons. One of his companions on the outing, it may be, is of a more sedate turn of mind but not less sensitive to the enjoyment of his environment and pastime. One of his striking characteristics may be noted in the extreme care with which he tests his leaders before attaching them to the reel line, and the precise lining of the rings and guides of his rod. His entire impedimenta is in perfect order; the click of his fly reel emits no jar or rattle, but is perfect in cadence and in smoothness of action. His rod is straight as an arrow, and its ferrules are bright, and fit into each other with exactness, never becoming metal bound. He has taken good care of his tackle during the off months of winter; and it would be well if all anglers followed his example, not only because of the economy of it, but in the increased pleasure of a projected fishing trip. For the benefit of the careless ones, a few practical directions on the care of tackle are here given.

The Rod—A well-made split bamboo or wood rod should last for years if proper care is taken of it. Each joint, after a day's fishing, should be wiped dry very carefully and bent into shape, if it has a set, before putting away; and a drop or two of sperm oil should be rubbed over the rod before going out again with it. When laying a rod aside for the season, it should be carefully examined and all damages repaired; the ferrules and bands should be thoroughly cleaned and new plugs fitted to the joints. Take the rod apart, wipe the joints dry, and lay them away in their case in an apartment where the temperature will be dry and uniform, not over 50 degrees. If a case is used do not tie the strings or bands too tightly; this would be likely to bend the tip and second joints. Under no circumstances let the rod stand near the chimney or furnace flue, and the other extreme of cold in a garret or outbuilding should be avoided. Changes of temperature destroy the pliancy and stiffness of a rod. To insure the continued equal distribution of strength the rod should be laid flat on the floor or a shelf, instead of being stood on end in a corner, and under no condition should it be left jointed and hung on pegs.

The Reel—Should be taken apart, thoroughly cleaned, and then oiled slightly. Put the parts together, and place the reel in a dry drawer or closet of moderate temperature

Lines—All lines should be reeled off and stretched from end to end on a sunny morning, and left in the air for a few hours They should then be overrun lightly with a bit of woollen cloth or chamois to remove any taint of mildew or other matter, and then be wound upon the reel, but not too tightly. If frayed portions are discovered, the line should be condemned, and the good parts kept for miscellaneous uses, which will be found frequent enough.

Leaders—Will keep for years if laid away in a dark place, where it is not too warm or too damp, but they should be tested before using, and stand a strain of four pounds for bass or trout and at least seven pounds for salmon.

Flies—The best thing to keep flies in is a pasteboard box, tightly and closely wrapped in a newspaper. They will then need no moth preventive. There is a moth-proof tin box sold by tackle dealers which answers a good purpose. An old angler recommends a flat cardboard or other box, with a thin layer of wool or wadding, upon which the flies are placed, covering them with a piece of cardboard, which, by means of corks at the corners of the box, is prevented from pressing on them. This cardboard box is then placed in a tin box.

Fly Books—Should be perfectly dry and wrapped tightly in in a newspaper. If placed in a cardboard box, which is also wrapped in a newspaper, they will be doubly protected.

Hooks—Do not stick their points in cork and stow them away, for if the atmosphere is slightly damp, or the cork not absolutely dry, rust will occur. The best plan is to wrap the hooks in oiled paper (kerosine is good) before putting them away for the winter. Bait-boxes and creels shou'd be thoroughly cleansed with warm soda-water, and when dried it is well to sprinkle them with a little carbolic acid, or a wash of carbolic acid soap can be used.

Shooting.

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

I.

THE one thing necessary to good shooting is concentration of all the faculties on the object aimed at. You will become conscious of the position of the gun barrels without looking for them or at them. You *must* look at the bird with both eyes and focus it clearly. A good shot will appear to foresee an erratic movement on the part of the bird, so quickly does he adapt himself to the altered circumstances.

The object of the beginner should be to make the strain of aiming last as short a time as possible. You should never put up your gun until you have made up your mind that the moment to fire has come. When the gun comes up you should, if necessary, correct your aim with a slow, steady movement of the left hand, without twitching, and fire the instant your barrels point to the place where the bird will be when the shot have covered the intervening distance. It is very seldom that a bird goes away so directly level with the shoulder that you should aim directly at it.

Flying-foxes are good things for you to begin on. When you can hit straight ones go to the trees where the bats feed. They generally circle round before pitching. When you have learned to calculate, and allow for the curve as well as the pace you will have taken that great stride towards good shooting—a realization of what the game is doing and the angle of its flight.

If a bird is crossing, the gun should be brought up with a slight swing in the direction in which the bird is going. Therefore if two birds are crossing you in the same direction take the rearmost bird first, even if it be the nearer. It is very difficult to kill a crossing bird if the gun is swung to meet it, and it is seldom necessary to try this shot. The impetus given by the swing with the bird, even though the lateral distance traversed by the muzzle of the gun be only six inches or so, will tend towards the avoidance of the common fault of stopping the gun before pulling the trigger. *N.B.*—The action described here is very different from that terribly dangerous habit some men have of following a bird's flight all over the country with the muzzles of their guns, trying to "get on to it." Such men should be prosecuted under Section 336 of the Indian Penal Code.

Make a rule as to which you will take if several birds rise together, and stick to it, it will pay you immensely in the long run and you will not stand undecided at the sight of a big wisp or covey, nor will you be tempted to brown it. As young shots are generally, for obvious reasons, put on the left of the line practise taking the left hand birds of each wisp. In any case when shooting with another man you must take the outside birds, *i.e.*, those furthest from your companion. Remember that a bird flushed by your companion is his to fire at until he has missed it, or, by aiming at another or not raising his gun, declined it. Should you in your haste fire at such a bird at the same time that he does, and the bird falls, the bird is his no matter though you are quite certain that he missed it and you killed it Strict attention to this rule makes jealousy out shooting impossible. I am of course supposing that my reader has sufficient self-control to walk straight to his front in the line given and not to edge in so as to encroach on his neighbour's beat. No man will ask to shoot with him men who break such elementary rules of courtesy, and beginners will have to depend on others for the bulk of their sport in most instances.

SNIPE.

If one is ploughing through mud after snipe and not hitting them one is apt to get angry or disgusted. That does not help matters. Sit down for a few minutes if there is anything to sit on. I like to have a *mohra* (wicker stool) with me. Turned upside down it makes an excellent basket for the cooly who carries your change of clothes and refreshments; and the right way up it is a comfortable seat for you even if you are in water.

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When you go on again, if birds are plentiful (it pays even if they are not), aim carefully at one or two birds with an empty gun until you feel "on them." It helps, too, to overcome the feeling of hurry which a snipe is so apt to cause in a beginner. Then repeat to yourself "*Forward and high, Forward and high,*" until you find you are getting on to your birds. I have found this method of "suggestion" most useful, and others to whom I have recommended it tell me the same.

Nearly all snipe when flushed rise in their flight, though the rise may be small. The charge of shot that misses a snipe usually passes behind him, or under him, or both. It is impossible to describe to a beginner just how far he should shoot in front of a crossing bird. It all depends on the pace, distance, and angle at which the bird is moving. If you can get hold of a clay pigeon trap it will teach you this; and it has the advantage that you can set it again and again at the angle that puzzles you until you master it. If you cannot get the use of a clay pigeon trap the best plan is to take your gun whenever you go for a stroll out of the station and shoot at every bird that comes within range. You can of course work out the problem mathematically. Your shots travel roughly 400 yards a second, and your bird may be taken as travelling at 40 miles an hour (unless it is a frightened duck). Having worked out your problem as to how far you should shoot in front of your bird you will still have the difficulty of recognising that exact distance 40 yards away.

As a man tires towards evening he is very apt to undershoot his game. He will recover to a certain extent his aim if he realizes what is wrong, suggest "*forward and high*" to himself, and, if very tired, takes a rest and a drink of cold tea or soda water.

On a dark day one finds it very difficult to focus the birds clearly. Hence the bad averages made under such conditions. Another cause of poor bags on dark windy days is the wildness of the birds, which on these days sleep lightly, if at all. In a cyclone I have known them to lie like stones, unwilling to face the storm; but as a rule in cloudy and windy weather few birds will rise within 30 yards of the gun and great numbers will rise out of shot. At such times they usually fly low, and in *bheels* it is practically impossible to define them clearly against the brown water weeds. In green rice they are easier; and easier still if they have to cross open water. Therefore in bad weather such grounds should be chosen if available.

The effect of wind on the flight of snipe is a matter of controversy. Some maintain that snipe invariably rise, and fly, against the wind, and that therefore it is advisable to advance directly down wind upon them. Others declare, Mr. E. B. Baker amongst them, that the up wind flight is a myth. My experience is that it is the natural habit of snipe to rise against a strong wind as they thereby obtain a mechanical advantage, but that when they have been a good deal fired at their object is to get away from the gun let the wind blow whence it list. A great disadvantage attached to walking down wind in *bheels* is that the sound of the splashing of one's feet in the water is carried directly by the wind to the birds, who thus rise at a greater range than they would otherwise do. Another disadvantage of walking down wind early in the season is the great heat felt when walking through heavy going with the wind behind one. I think the best plan when shooting alone is to walk down and across the wind with one coolie up-wind, and two or three coolies down-wind of you. With two men out the gun should be at each end of the line, save for one coolie down-wind of the down-wind gun who should be the better shot. The up-wind gun will get more crossing shots than the other, and a crossing bird is easier to hit than one going away. It presents a larger target, is more readily defined, and its jinking from side to side does not materially affect the position. I walk down wind to snipe to get a low sun behind me or because I cannot help it, otherwise not In *bheels* one usually has to get to snipe as one can. Deep water, stretches of dry ground, etc., regulate the direction of the advance more than do the wind or even the sun. To have the sun in one's face during the short days, when he does not rise high in the sky, is tantamount to having a bad average. The brown water-weeds glisten in the sun. Away go a cloud of snippets, and "scape, scape," goes a snipe amongst them. The whole lot are represented by a mere glitter of swiftly moving wings. The odds on the snipe as against a good shot are at least two to one; as against a bad shot, all Lombard Street to a China Orange.

This brings us to the question of what degree of skill one may arrive at. It is hard to put a limit to the skill of the few great shots. They miss very little. In the ricefields early in the season, when the majority of the birds are pintails, an ordinary good shot should miss very few, certainly not more than one in four, and, in form, he will often kill his dozen or fifteen without a miss. Later in the season, in the *bheels*, the matter is different. Three kills for five shots is then good shooting provided all fair chances are taken and all shots counted in a long day. Of course one may sometimes do better and a good deal better, but as an average it is good enough. On big *bheels*, on dull windy days in December and January two birds for five cartridges will be a fair average, and there are days when the man with an average of one in three has reason to feel himself not disgraced. I remember one afternoon of gales and clouds when my companion, talking over a bag of 29 couple we had made, said that he regarded every bird we had killed as a fluke! They certainly were difficult.

In February and March the light in the *bheels* improves and the birds become more concentrated as the water dries up. The shooting should then improve too, and the averages be the same as in September. In these averages I count all cartridges not brought home as fired, and I only count birds actually on the stick.

Remember one most important rule. Do not speak yourself or let any of your men say a word while amongst snipe. My custom is to whistle a snippet's call to attract attention and then signal a change of direction or for the reserve ammunition as the case may be. Snipe may lie within 10 yards of you when you are firing, but a word will put up every bird within hearing, and their ears are good.

When a bird is shot the coolie in whose front it falls should mark the spot, and, when the line comes up to it, should quietly pick up the bird. No one should step a yard in front of the line for any purpose whatever.

To keep your line of coolies straight it is a good plan to instruct them that whenever you halt on an *ail* (ridge between fields) they are to do the same. You can thus correct the dressing without a word. A curse yelled at a coolie will do your sport more harm than any fault, except yelling, that he can commit.

If you come across people working in the rice or *bheel* it is well to hand your gun to a coolie, having first of course drawn the cartridges, until you are past them. They will only put you off your shooting, and may get hurt, if you try to shoot past them. A man is safe from No. 9 shot at about 175 yards.

SWEYTOWN.

To be continued.

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A BIG PINTAIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—I shot another large pintail snipe yesterday. The measurements were: Length, 11½ inches; extent, 18¼ inches. It was very fat.

Out of twelve couple of snipe shot eleven couple were pintails.

SWEYTOWN.

30th September 1903.

LORD ROBERTS ON RIDING.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—The Commander-in-Chief has spoken out with no uncertain sound in his remarks upon the riding of young cavalry men, indulging in rather a sweeping condemnation of the lack of that physical sympathy that should ever exist between horse and rider. In fact Lord Roberts asserts and medical authority endorses what he says that, from neglect of early training during the proper period for development, the muscles necessary to ensure the rider forming as it were part and parcel of his mount acquire a rigidity that takes months to overcome or rectify, thus our cavalry recruits though they may come up to the standard in all other respects cannot be sent upon active service for months after joining, from inablity to ride as the modern soldier should; thus in cases of emergency the rapid raising of an efficient cavalry force to replace or fill the gaps in the one at the front would be next to impossible. No reflective person can doubt the truth of these deductions and they certainly are serious enough to merit attention far outside the circle of responsible authorities. None too soon the Government of this country has realised the advisability of raising a local horse supply of useful as opposed to ornamental animals, suitable for the lighter weights of the coming cavalry man, but not so much attention has been devoted to the latter himself and though commendable encouragement has been, and is being, given to gymnasiums and outdoor sports for our soldiers, the attainment of the requisite flexibility in the particular muscles alluded to has not been so well kept in view as it should have been. Mr. Atkins may be as bold upright as the typical, obsolete ramrod, able to march long distances on his own feet and rush a breech or stockade with all the precision or *élan* of his predecessors, but he still rolls in the saddle sticking out his toes—so says the great critic—like *Mr. Punch's* historical "infantry adjutant" for months after joining. If these defects in the cavalry regiments proper—and the high authority of one who has had half a century's experience of the saddle is indisputable—how much more marked are they likely to be when our infantry are in ducted, as all agree they must now be, into the art of riding. Mere ability to "stick on" with or without clutching the pommel will not suffice in these days, for the soldier needs all his hands, so the sooner he is taught like the majority of our irregular native levies, to guide his mount solely by knee pressure the better; he certainly will not be able to accomplish this if the thews and sinews of knee, thigh and calf are effete, though the biceps for wielding his weapons or hanking at his steed's mouth may be in prime enough order. Pending the organisation of permanent training studs at all our garrison centres—which could be handed over from one relief to another, acquirement of the proper saddle grip should form part of the daily drill. Much good would accrue in this matter were every cantonment furnished with a swimming bath; most are, I am aware, so provided, but recourse to it is optional, though it should be otherwise, as a medical paper in recently dwelling upon the subject pointed out how greatly swimming conduced towards bringing *every* muscle into play, though this alone would not quite suffice Admitted that in most gymnasiums there are blocks to simulate a horse's back vaulting thereon forming part of the routine instruction, in all cases, however, these are mere stolid unyielding blocks quite inadequate for imparting that centaur-like connection and sympathetic confidence that should exist betwixt man and steed. It will probably be four or five years ere we can reckon upon our breeders being in a position to supply even reasonable wants in the way of mounts of uniform height and stamina, but there is no reason why the training of riders should be postponed or neglected; meanwhile there are plenty of animals to be had for preliminary training, and as the recent campaign in South Africa proved, horsemen in future troubles will be called upon to act either individually or in small parties, instead of large compact bodies so that want of uniform appearance on parade is no longer of the same importance as in the bygone days when military tactics demanded the charge of huge phalanxes.

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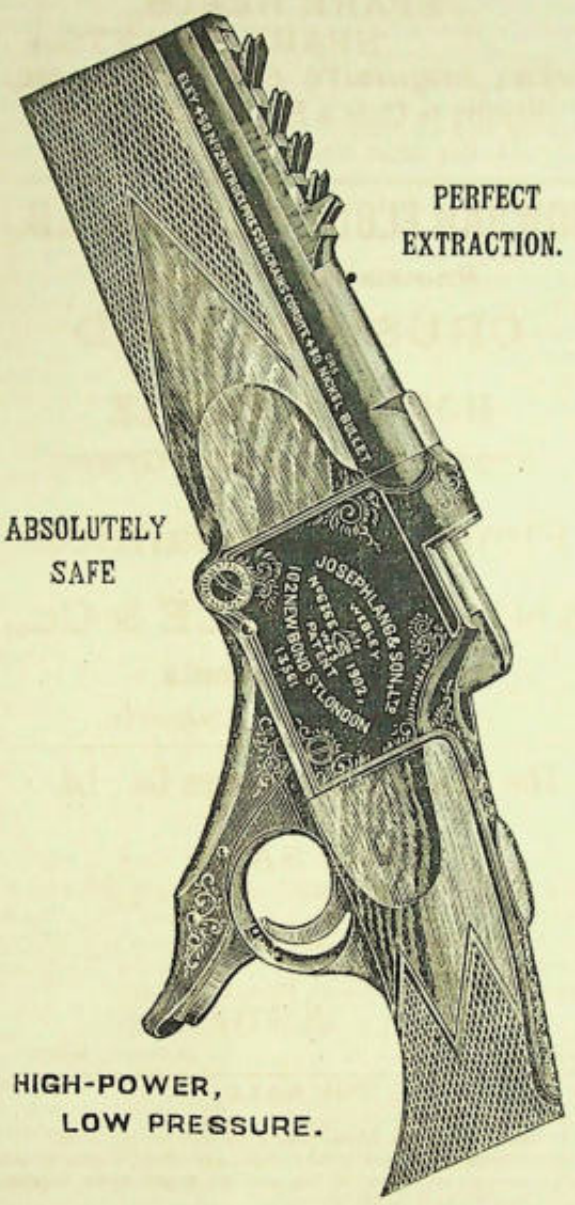

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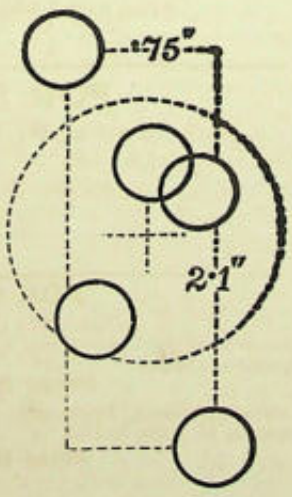

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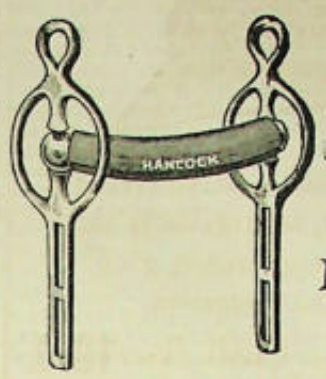

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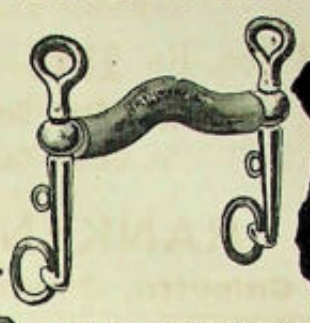



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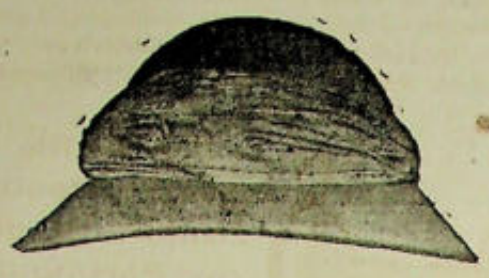

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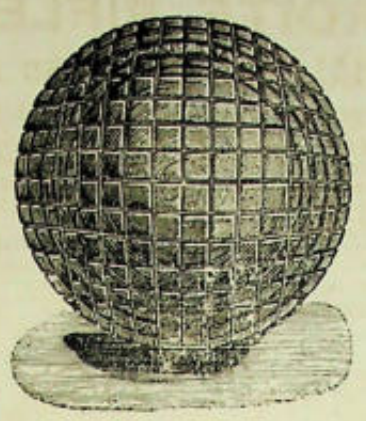

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Poona Races & Steeplechases ..	Oct.	10	307
Poona and Kirkee Hunt Point to Point Races .. — —	"	8	
Poona Eleventh Extra	"	17	
" Twelfth " .. —	"	20	
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	1210
Dinapore Gymkhana	"	27, 29 & 31	453
Pachmarhi Gymkhana Meeting ..	"	8	
Jubbalpore Autumn	"	27 & 29	
Rangoon Autumn	Oct.	27, 29 & 31	
Sonepore Gymkhana	Nov.	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Gymkhana	"	10	
Maymyo Autumn — ..	"	12	381
Umballa Autumn	Nov.	3, 5 & 7	
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup) ..	"	26	382
Hyderabad .. .. —	"	12 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	573
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	454
Mhow Races — .. —	"	4 and 6	
Bassein Autumn — ..	"	19 and 21	
Terpore .. .. —	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas .. .. —	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechase	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	382
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	Second ..	..	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting ..	First ..	..	1st Dec.
	Second ..	..	9th Jan.
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Civil Service Cup	Fourth ..	..	1st Dec.
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Terpore	First ..	..	1st Nov.
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Umballa Autumn	Third ..	..	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn .. —	First ..	..	29th Nov.
	Second —	..	12th Dec.
	Final —	..	28th "
Karachi Autumn	Second —	..	17th Oct.
	Final ..	..	24th "
Hyderabad	First ..	..	1st Oct.
	Second ..	..	2nd Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana .. —	First ..	..	15th Oct.
Rangoon Autumn	Second —	..	17th "
	Third —	..	24th "
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THE POONA RACES.

Fourth Day, Thursday, 1st October 1903.

BEING "Dassera" day and a bank holiday there was a big attendance at the races to witness the Cup run for, two specials being run for the conveyance of Bombay sportsmen. A most unfortunate and extraordinary thing for this time of the year occurred, inasmuch as heavy rain fell for over one hour just prior to proceedings opening and rendered the course very slushy. The top weights as a consequence were at a discount and horses and jockeys had a baptism of mud.

The Acting Governor, Sir James Monteath, was received with all the usual ceremony of Cup Day, a tiffin at the Club of Western India being held at 2 o'clock. The Governor was "At Home" on the lawn and dispensed liberal hospitality.

The first event down for discussion was the C.-B. race, the Merchants' Cup and for this Gentle Lady, despite being placed at the top of the handicap, would no doubt have been supported were the track dry; as this was far from being the case Ames was put on Saloon and the public accepted this as a declaration that Mr. J. D. Scott intended to win with Saloon, who was promptly backed at even money and the brave Knights of the Pencil were soon declining to lay this handsome C. B: they would have, as circumstances turned out, been wiser to have taken more money about it as Saloon slipped up and fell half a mile from home and came home with the field with an empty saddle.

Light weight told and Colonel Grant's Philistine won from Lady Newbrook with Upstart third. So far Philistine, who carried only 6 stone, has not done much, but he is a well shaped dark chestnut and unlike the angular Kunigals and other Madras Presidency country-breds he takes more after the Arab in compactness. Ames, I am sorry to report, broke his collar bone in the fall with Saloon. This is doubly hard luck on Mr. J. D. Scott, as he not only lost the race but will be deprived of the services of his smart jockey for the rest of the meeting.

For the Lawn Stakes old Governor, as he was let in easily by the handicapper, was made first favourite, but money was always ready for Ptarmigan and Mint; these three carrying the bulk of the public investment. Farewell and Oriental too were modestly supported. The outsider Galib ran a good pony. He made all the running and was only beaten in the last few strides. Governor did not have a good run and being shut in up the straight was unable even to get placed. The speedy Ptarmigan came like a lion at the finish and won easily by a length. This gray Arab is undoubtedly the best sprinter of his class running to-day.

Of course it was not likely that Beadsman would be asked to negociate the mile in the Stewards' Purse when he also figured on the card for a race over his own distance—six furlongs. Swiftsure's recent performance and the confidence with which the Aga Khan and his cousin backed Swiftsure gave the public a good hint and they took till the horse's price contracted to six to four against. Misty was, on his extra meeting form, well supported and Altamas on his second to Acetine was also not friendless. It was quite an easy victory for Swiftsure, who won a long way from home, and won in a canter by five lengths. Gnullo and Fitzeros did a lot of the running, the latter failing to place, while Gnullo was second, old Jack O'Lantern third and Misty fourth. The place occupied by Jack O'Lantern reminds me that this old horse has been a stout performer in the past and with the weight of years that he should be able to head horses like Alex, Altamas and Fitzeros shows there is go in the old horse yet.

But is it not time both this and the other "Good old has been" Leonidas were pensioned off and trainers trouble them no more. I am told that Leonidas pines for work, but he can get enough of that off the course surely.

With a carefully planned handicap it must be very disgusting the framer of it to find that wet weather has taken an unexpected hand by making a re-adjustment of the weights by putting extra weights on the hoofs.

This is just what occurred in connection with the Governor's Cup race. Despite the heavy going so much is Mameluke the superior of the Arab horses running now that the public accepted him at 3's although he had been allotted top weight. Hyderi, Gallant and Bay Middleton were each backed to win a fair amount. Regret ran a great race, but too much use was made of him and he was done with at the bend. Sandow, Mameluke, and Gallant were all together in the run home, and it was soon evident that Sandow held Mameluke on whom the weight was telling quite safe. But Ali bin Talib's spirit was not crushed, for his second string, Connaught, who was carrying, only 6st. 5lbs., came out gamely at the finish and won after a tight finish by half a length! Kamad, the feather weight native boy, earning his second winning bracket. Sandow was second and he is evidently going to turn a good long distance horse at last. Hyderi was third, his stable companion Bay Middleton nowhere and Gallant third.

Malto, Harpist, Beadsman and Peppercorn are all reputed good over six furlongs and the public could not easily settle on a favourite, but ultimately as the stable money was up Beadsman was backed freely, while almost all the others received support. Roscommon was smartest out of the slips, but at the distance the whole field except Corrie Roy got into a bunch and a few strides further Beadsman headed his field slight by with Loch Clievenden close up. An exciting finish was witnessed, the chestnut just beating Beadsman by a head in as fine a struggle as has been witnessed at the meeting. Malto, who must have found the going too sticky for his liking got third place. He is a little horse and does better on springy course. Milos evidently has not returned to his Australian form nor has Peppercorn, who Mr. Barney Allan brought to this country with a great reputation as a sprinter.

As none of Mr. J. D. Scott's ponies were saddled for the Coronation Stakes Colonel Baring's English pony Golightly was given out as the tip and this pony went out favourite. Min was next in demand, while Rifleman, Russley Rose and Minimus were accepted at 5's A grand race was witnessed between Russley Rose and Rifleman ; these two separated themselves from the rest of the field and raced neck and neck for the winning, post, the mare wearing her opponent out and winning by a neck. An excellent performance this and it is evident that against the best 14-2's this 14-1 mare will be able to more than hold her own. She was bought without any flourish of trumpet as was the case with Picture and Byramji the trainer has to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which he has prepared her and given her owner the opportunity of getting her price back on her first appearance and back her substantially since. Min was probably stopped by her weight 9st. 11lb and Minimus is meeting a better class than he did before. Metalgia has evidently gone off as he has not been able to put in a decent run up to date at Poona.

Details :—

THE MERCHANTS' CUP.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Country-bred horses. 1 mile.

Colonel J P Grant's ch cb b Philistine, 6st	Kamad 1
Mr Fry's b cb m Lady Newbrook, 6st 11b	Bennett 2
Mr Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 10st 2lbs	Lansdown 3
Mr J D Scott's b cb m Gentle Lady, 10st 10lbs	Smith 0
Mr J D Scott's br cb h Saloon, 9st 7lbs ...	Ames 0
H H the Aga Khan's br cb m Evensong, 8st 11lbs	Robinson 0
Mr Potter's br cb g Wisdom, 7st 4lbs ..	Hoyt 0
Mr J B's b cb m Miss Ascot, 6st ...	Trahan 0

(*Winner trained privately.*)

BETTING : Evens Saloon, 5 to 1 agst Lady Newbrook, 6 to 1 each Upstart and Wisdom, and 12 to 1 Philistine and the others.

Won by three quarters of a length : a length between second and third. Time—1min 55⅘secs.

THE LAWN STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arabs 13-3 and under. 5 furlongs.

Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' g a h Ptarmigan, 8st 12lbs	Hoyt 1
Mr Abdulla ul Shamlan's ch a h Galib, 6st 8lbs (car 6st 10lbs)	Dhondi 2
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 8st 10lbs	Oomerkhan 3
Aga Shah's b a h Oriental, 9st 2lbs ..	Robinson 0
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's g a h Grey Fox, 8st 9lbs	Lansdown 0
Mr Avasia's g a h Farewell, 8st 8lbs ...	Southall 0
Messrs G K and D D's g a h Dispute, 8st 11b (car 8st 3½lbs)	Robertson 0
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor, 7st 8lbs	O'Neil 0
Mr R R S's ch a h Mint, 7st 11lbs ...	Melsom 0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer, 7st 6lbs	Kamad 0
Mr A M Bushari's b a h Panalla II, 7st 4lbs	Lalla 0
Colonel Eccles' b a h Sweet William, 7st 2lbs	Bennett 0
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 6st 9lbs ... ... —	Trahan 0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Puttanah.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Governor, 5 to 1 each Ptarmigan and Mint, 6 to 1 each Oriental and Dispute, 8 to 1 Grey Fox, 10 to 1 each Shiboob and Young Taisseer, and 15 to 1 the others.

Won by a length ; neck between second and third. Time—1 min. 11⅘ secs.

THE STEWARDS' PURS—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. 1½ miles.

H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Swiftsure, 9st 11b	Robinson 1
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's ch aus m Gnullo, 6st 10lbs	Kamad 2
Kumara Raja of Pittapore's ch aus g Jack O'Lantern, 7st 10lbs	O'Neil 3
Mr J D Scott's br nth am m Ritual, 8st 11b	Smith 0
Mr Mill's br e h Misty, 8st	Williams 0
Hon Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Milburn, 7st 13lbs	Bennett 0
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus m Alix, 7st 11lbs	Southall 0
Mr R M Roy's ch aus b Altamas, 7st car 7st 3½lbs	Hoyt 0
Mr A W P's ch aus g Fitzeros, 6st 5lbs (car 6st 11lbs)...	Melsom 0

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Swiftsure, 3 to 1 Misty, 6 to 1 Altamas, 8 to 1 each Milburn, Alix, and Jack O'Lantern, and 10 to 1 the others.

Won as he liked by five lengths; a neck between second and third.

Time—2 mins. 21secs.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP—Ps. 4,600 (Rs. 1,000 presented by H. E. the Right Hon. Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E., and the balance from the fund), the second to receive Rs. 700, and the third Rs. 300 out of the entire stakes. A handicap for Arabs. R. C. and distance.

Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Connaught 6st ... 5lbs	Kamad 1
Mr R D Sethna's ch a h Sandow, 7st 3lbs	Hoyt 2
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Mameluke, 9st 12lbs	Heeroo 3
Messrs M Goculdas, A Nanjee and A N Amer's b a h Hyderi, 9st 11lbs ...	Lansdown 0
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ch a h Gallant, 8st 8lbs	C B Mahomed 0
Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee, 8st 3lbs	Southall 0
Mr A E Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 7st 7st 5lbs (car 7st 12½lbs)	Oomerkhan 0
Mr J D Scott's b a g Secunder, 7st 11b	Lalla 0
Lt-Col Sprot's ch a h Harefoot 7st (car 7st ½lb)	O'Neil 0
Messrs M Goculdas, A Nanjee and A Amer's b a h Bay Middleton, 6st 13lbs	Dhondi 0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Galston, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 12lbs) ...	Melsom 0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Najeed, 6st 3lbs	Bennett 0
Captain Benn's g a h Regret, 6sts ...	Trahan 0

(*Winner trained by owner*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Mameluke, 4 to 1 each Narunji and Hyderi, 5 to 1 each Gallant, Bay Middeton and Sandow, any price the others.

Regret did most of the pace-making with Sandow, Hyderi, Connaught and Mameluke always in a good position. Entering the home stretch Sandow had Mameluke's measure but Connaught came with a great run and won by half a length ; a neck between second and third. Time—3mins. 16⅕ secs.

THE GANESHKHIND STAKES.—Rs. 4,000, out of which second receives Rs. 700, and the third Rs. 300. A handicap for horses. 6 furlongs.

H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's ch aus m Loch Clieveden, 9st 4lbs	Southall 1
H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman, 8st 11b	Robertson 2
Hon Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto, 8st ...	Bennett 3
Mr Kelso's bl aus g Milos, 9st 3lbs ...	Oomerkhan 0
H H the Kour Saheb of Patialas ch aus h Vigorous, 8st 9lbs	Hoyt 0
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist, 7st 12lbs ...	Williams 0
H H Sultan of Johore's b aus g Peppercorn, 7st 10lbs...	O'Neil 0
Mr R R S's ch aus g Wedlock, 7st 9lbs ...	Lalla 0
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 7st 3lbs	Melsom 0
Messrs G K and D D's b aus g Roscommon, 6st 10lbs	Kamad 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Beadsman, 4 to 1 each Harpist and Peppercorn, 6 to 1 each Loch Cliveden, Vigorous, and Malto, 8 to 1 Milos, and 12 to 1 the others.

(*Winner trained by T. Scott.*)

Won by a head ; half a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 18⅘secs.

THE CORONATION STAKES.—Rs. 3,000, out of which second receives Rs. 600, and the third Rs. 400. A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under. 7 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's b aus m Russley Rose, 8st 11lbs	Oomerkhan 1
Mr Spooner Hart's b aus g Rifleman, 9st	O'Neil 2
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Minimus, 9st 6lbs	Lansdown 3
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 9st 11b ...	Hoyt 0
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's b aus m Picture, 8st 8lbs	Williams 0
Mr J C Galstaun's b or br aus h Metalgia, 8st	Robinson 0
Capt F C Stratton's ch e g Jolly Roger, 7st 12lbs	Kamad 0
Col Baring's b e h Golightly, 7st 11bs ...	Southall 0
Mr J B's b aus m Pet Girl, late Pride O'Dharamtala, 7st 4lbs	Bennett 0
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus m Malice, 7st 3lbs	Dhondi 0
Mr Bass' b e h S P, 7st	Melsom 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Golightly, 4 to 1 Min, 5 to 1 each Russley Rose, Minimus, and Rifleman, 6 to 1 each Picture, Metalgia, and Malice, and 10 to 1 the others.

(*Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji*)

Won by a neck ; half a length between second and third. Time—1min 36⅖secs.

Fifth Day, Monday, 5th October 1903.

(*By Special Telegram.*)

This meeting which was postponed on Saturday owing to the heavy rain was run off to-day in ideal weather. Fields were large and good racing was witnessed, three favourites rolling home to the delight of punters. Oriental won after a tight finish, Veera put up a good performance in the second race, Haydn nowhere. The October Stakes was an upset, the little fancied Gum winning under 7 stone, and another South India horse won the next event, Trenton beating a classy field. Sandow after two seconds carned a bracket in the Winners Handicap and Gentle Lady, despite top weight, proved her title to champion C. B. Governor caused some surprise by winning the last race anyhow for Mr. Fischer. Details:—

THE GHORPURI STAKES.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receive Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 13-3 and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 7 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental ...	Robinson 1
Mr R R S's b a h Sirjamal, 7st 9lbs	...Noor Mahomed 2
Mr G K and D D's gr a h' Dispute, 7st 10lbs	Heeroo 3
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's b a h Brigand, 9st 5lbs	Southall 0
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Shaiboob, 8st 5lbs ...	Oomerkhan 0
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 8st	Melsom 0
Mr M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 9st ...	Kennedy 0
Mr A M Bushari's Panalla II 6st 3lbs ...	Bennett 0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Oriental and Rose, 4 to 1 each Brigand and Shaiboob, 6 to 1 The Robber, 12 to 1 Dispute, 15 to 1 the others.

A good race home resulted in a neck victory for Oriental ; two lengths between second and third. Time—1 min. 40secs.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for ponies 14 hands and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 5 furlongs.

Mr G K and D D's ch aus m Veera, 8st 9lbs ... ... —	Heeroo 1
Mr Franklin's Cocos, 8st 4lbs ...	Oomerkhan 2
Mr Avasia's ch aus m Western Queen, 7st 12lbs	A Hoyt 3
Aga S Shah's br aus m Ethel II, 8st 2lbs...	Robinson 0
Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Haydn, 8st ...	Southall 0
Mr A W P's b aus m Sunflower, 6st 12lbs...	Bennett 0
Capt Greer's ch aus g Whenan, 6st ...	Trahan 0

(*Winner trained by Tingey.*)

BETTING : Evens Cocos, 4 to 1 agst Veera, 5 to 1 each Western Queen and Ethel II, 10 to 1 Haydn, 15 to 1 the others.

Cocos and Veera contested the finish, the latter winning under the whip by half a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—1 min, 5⅕secs.

THE WINNERS' HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arabs. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 1½ miles.

Mr R D Sethna's ch a h Sandow, 7st 5lbs	Hoyt 1
Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ch a h Gallant, 8st 3lbs	C B Mahomed 2
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee and A M Amer's b a h Hyderi, 8st 8lbs ..	Oomerkhan 3
Ali bin Talib's b a h Mameluke, 9st 12lbs	Heeroo 0
Mr Richards' ch a g Selpme, 7st 4lbs ...	O'Neil 0
Ebrahim bin Talib's b a h Hakum, 7st ...	Kamad 0
Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 7st	Nama 0
Capt Dunbar's gr a-h Victory, 6st 3lbs	Bennett 0
Lieut-Col Sprot's ch a h Harefoot, 6st (car 6st 4lbs.)	Trahan 0
Mr F H Garda's br a h Narunjee, 7st 10lbs	Southall 0

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Mameluke, 4 to 1 each Gallant and Hyderi, 5 to 1 Sandow, 6 to 1 Hakum, 7 to 1 Narunjee, 10 to 1 each Selpme, Turkish Flag II, and Victory, 20 to 1 Harefoot.

Gallant and Sandow fighting out a good finish resulted in a victory for Sandow by three-quarters of a length; a neck between second and third. Time—2mins. 55⅕secs.

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for country-bred horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 1¼ miles.

Mr J D Scott's b cb m Gentle Lady, 10st 6lbs	Hoyt 1
Mr Allardice's b cb g Upstart, 9st 10lbs ...	Lansdown 2
Mr J B's b cb m Miss Ascot, 6st (car 6st 2lbs)	Bennett 3
H H Aga Khan's br c b m Evensong, 8st 6lbs	Robinson 0
Messrs G K and D D's b cb h Triumph, 7st 3lbs	Heeroo 0
Col Grant's b cb h Prime, 6st 9lbs (car 7st)	Melsom 0
Col Grant's ch cb h Philistine, 6st 8lbs ...	Kamad 0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Gentle Lady, 5 to 1 agst Upstart, 6 to 1 each Triumph, Prime and Philistine, 7 to 1 Evensong, 10 to 1 Miss Ascot.

Gentle Lady drew away on the inside at the distance and won comfortably by two lengths; half a length between second and third. Time—2mins. 20⅖secs.

THE OCTOBER STAKES.—Rs. 2,000, out of which second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1901. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 6 furlongs.

Mr Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs' b aus g Gum, 7st	O' Neil 1
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus m Carreewick, 8st 10lbs	Robinson 2
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's ch aus m Gnullo, 7st 2lbs	Hoyt 3
Mr Leslie's b aus g Spark, 8st 10lbs ...	Ramshaw 0
Capt J Randall's ch rd e g Dr Barnardo, 8st 5lbs	Melsom 0
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's b aus g Dioptrics, 8st 11b	Southall 0
Mr Noble's b aus g Planet, 8st ...	Oomerkhan 0
Mr Apcar's br aus g Spithead, 6st 11lbs ...	Bennett 0
Mr A W P's b aus g Fando, 6st ...	Native 0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Puttanah.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Dr. Barnardo, 4 to 1 each Spark and Carreewick, 6 to 1 each Gum and Spithead and 10 to 1 the others.

Dr. Barnardo was left three lengths at the start Planet and Fando being quickest away. Gum won easily by three lengths ; half a length between second and third. Time—1min 17⅖secs.

THE ORIENTAL STAKES.—Rs. 4,000, out of which second receives Rs. 700, and third Rs. 300. A handicap for horses. Handicap to be published by 8 A. M. on Thursday, 1st October. 1¼ miles.

Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' b aus g Trenton	Melsom 1
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus m Ailie, 8st 5lbs	Robinson 2
Mr Goff's b aus g Walgrove, 8st ...	O' Neil 3
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's br aus g Tubal Cain, 9st 6lbs	Oomerkhan 0
Mr Apcar's b aus g Goldsmith, 9st ...	Ramshaw 0
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Glen Albyn	Southall 0
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 6st 9lbs ...	Bennett 0

(*Winner trained by Mr. Puttanah*).

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Walgrove, 4 to 1 each Tubal Cain and Ailie, 5 to 1 each Goldsmith and Min, 6 to 1 each Glen Albyn and Trenton,

Ailie led from Walgrove, Min and Tubal Cain, Trenton drew up in the straight and passed Ailie by a short head ; a length between second and third. Min fourth. Time—2min s 42⅕secs.

THE KIRKEE CUP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which second receives Rs. 300, and third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 13 hands and under. Handicap to be published by 8 A.M. on Thursday, 1st October. 5 furlongs.

Mr. Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor, 7st 4lbs	Melsom 1
Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's gr a h Tigris, 7st 13lbs	Heeroo 2
Aga S Shah's gr a h Achilles, 9st 9lbs ...	Robinson 3
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' gr a h Ptarmigan, 8st 13lbs	Hoyt 0
Thakur Sripal Singh's ch a h Omar, 8st 11lbs	Ramshaw 0
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 8st 10lbs (car 8st 12lbs)	Noormahomed 0
Mr A R Amer's gr a h Young Kohinoor, 8st 4lbs —	Nama 0
Mr Avasia's gr a h Farewell, 7st 12lbs ...	Southall 0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's gr a h Grey Fox, 7st 10lbs	Oomerkhan 0
Colonel Eccles' b a h Rocket, 7st 11b ...	Bennett 0
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's ch a h Shah Jehan, 7st	O Neil 0
Mr S A Wahed's gr a h Sweetlips, 6st 5lbs	Kamad 0
Messrs A Mosben and M Shamlan's gr a h Clever Boy, 6st 3lbs (car 6st 9lbs) ...	Dhondi 0

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Achilles, 5 to 1 Ptarmigan, 4 to 1 Omar, 6 to 1 Shah Jehan, 8 to 1 each Grey Fox, Sweetlips and Tigris 10 to 1 each Governor, Rose, Farewell and Clever Boy, 20 to the others.

Governor made the whole of the running and won comfortably by two lengths ; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 9½secs.

DEHRA AUTUMN SKY RACES.

STEWARDS.

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Honorary Secretary.—MAJOR R W FULLER, R G A.

First Day, Tuesday, 29th September 1903.

THE first day of the meeting opened under favourable conditions, fine weather and the course, though heavy, looking its best. The stand and enclosure were well dressed and looked most inviting. The attendance, however, was only fair, Dehra and Mussoorie are evidently not a sporting community, the absence of British troops in garrison accounting for this. The Secretary had an up hill game to play with the poor support obtainable from the local residents. The racing on the first day

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had a gloom cast over it, by an accident in the hurdle race. Mr. Holford's pony galloped into a hurdle and gave his owner a severe fall. Mr. Holford was carried away unconscious and is in a precarious condition not yet having regained consciousness.

The racing on the whole provided close finishes and the handicapping brought out some upsets. An unusual occurrence happened in the Polo Scurry. This race was started from the 2-furlong post, and had to be run over a second time. The starter and riders all being strangers to the Dehra course did not find out the mistake in time, though it was quite obvious to the people in the stand. Through an error the 2-furlong post was marked 2½ furlongs. Details.

THE MAIDEN HURDLES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A hurdle race for Maiden Arabs and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Maiden Ponies 14-1 and under. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 10lbs; C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 11st 7lbs; Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 10st 7lbs. W. I. Fenalties—Winners once 5lbs, twice 8lbs, three times or oftener 12lbs. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a Hurdle Race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. 1½ miles over 6 flights.

Mr Pawson's b aus m Manette, 9st 13lbs (car 10st 11b)	Owner	1
Major Fuller's ch aus g Decima, 10st 5lbs (car 10st 8lbs)... ...	Capt Pinney	2
Mr Scott's b aus g Bones, 10st 8lbs ...	Jeffries	3
Major Fischer's d ch g Hakeem, 10st 11lbs	Mr Foster	0
Mr Holford's b aus g Sailor, 10st 11lbs ...	Owner fell.	

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Bones, 3 to 1 each agst Manette and Sailor, 8 to 1 each Decima and Hakeem.

Won by three lengths; a bad third. Time—2mins. 39secs.

MUSSOORIE PURSE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 10st 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. ¼ mile.

Captain Sullivan's ch a g Toofan, 9st 4lbs	Shib Singh	1
Major Fuller's gr a g Grey Knave, 9st 13lb	Capt Humfrey	2
Captain Home's ch a h Sadoon, 9st 13lbs	Raheem	3
Major Grimston's b a g Bijli III, 10st 2lbs	Native	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Sadoon, 3 to 1 each agst. Toofan and Grey Knave, 6 to 1 Bijli III.

Won by a nose after an exciting finish; seven lengths between second and third. Time—1min.

POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For *bona fide* ponies in regular play up to the date of entry. Gentlemen riders only. Ponies 14-1 to carry 12st, Allowances—C-B Ponies allowed 14lbs, Arabs allowed 21lbs. W. I. 2½ furlongs.

Hon D Bingham's r cb m Ruby, 10st 2lbs	Capt Humfrey	1
Mr Scott's b c m Devonshire Cream, 9st 6lbs	Major Campbell	2
Mr Cautley's b aus m Maureen, 9st 6lbs (car 10st)	Mr Pawson	3
Capt Home's bk s afr g Dasher, 12st ...	Raheem	0
„ Pinney's ch a g Surprise, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	0
Major Grimston's ch a g Goldleaf, 10st 7lbs	Mr Bayley	0
Capt Sullivan's ch a g Toofan, 9st 9lbs (car 10st 4lbs)...	Capt Gregores	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Maureen, 2 to 1 agst Devonshire Cream, 6 to 1 each Ruby and Toofan, 8 to 1 each Dasher, Surprise and Goldleaf.

In the first race Maureen won. But it was rerun at the end of the day and Ruby led the whole way winning on the post by a short head from Devonshire Cream, who was a length ahead of Maureen. Time—36½secs.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab and C-B. Ponies 14-1 and under, and other ponies 13¾ and under, that have never won a flat race value Rs 50 or over. English and Australasian Ponies 13-3¾ to carry 11st; C. B. Ponies 14-1 to carry 10st 10lbs; Arab Ponies 14-1 to carry 9st 7st. W. I. Allowances—Ponies that have never started for a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. ¼ mile.

Capt Sullivan's ch cb m Lotus, 10st 5lbs...	Capt Gregory	1
Mr Pawson's b aus m Manette, 11st ..	Owner	2
Capt Pinney's gr a g White Heather 8st 11b	Baichan	3
Capt Dawson's gr a g Pat, 9st 4lbs (car 9st 5lbs	Capt Humfrey	0
Mr Pawson's bk cb g Velvet, 9st 11b ...	Stock	0
Mr Cautley's br aus m Dash, 9st 8lbs ...	Robert	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Lotus, 4 to 1 each agst Manette and White Heather, 6 to 1 Dash, 8 to 1 each Pat and Velvet

Won by two lengths: three lengths between second and third. Time—59secs.

DEHRA STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other Maiden Ponies 14-1 and under that are *bona fide* the property of Members of H. M. Civil and Military Services on full pay and that have never won a flat race of the value of Rs. 1,000 or over. C.-B. Ponies 14-2 to carry 10st 10lbs; Arab Ponies 14-2 to carry 9st 7lbs. English and Australasian Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Penalties.—Winners once 4lbs, twice 7lbs, oftener 12lbs. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 5lbs. 1,000 yards.

Mr Pawson's bk aus m Busy Bee, 9st 10lbs	Owner	1
Mr Cautley's Maureen 6st 13lbs ...	Robert	2

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Busy Bee, 6 to 4 agst Maureen. Won easily by four lengths.

GIANT STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 30 to the third. For Maiden Arab and C.-B. ponies, 14-2 and under. 3 furlongs.

Captain Pinney's gr a g White Heather, 8st 3lbs	Paichan	1
Captain Pinney's ch a g Surprise 9st 4lbs,	Major Campbell	2
Captain Home's ch a h Sadoon 9st 11b ...	Raheem	3
Mr Seggon's b cb g Cyclone, 9st 13lbs ...		0
Major Fuller's gr a g Grey Knave, 9st 11b		0
Mr Pawson's bk cb g Velvet, 9st 7lbs .-		0
Mr Ridgeway's b cb g Recluse, 11st (car.-12st 2lbs)		0
Major Grimston's b a g Bijli III, 9st 4lbs ...		0

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Sadoon, 2 to 1 Grey Knave, 4 to 1 White Heather, 6 to 1 Bijli III, 8 to 1 the others.

Two False Starts Won by a length after a fine rush; a length and a half between second and third. Time—42⅗secs.

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Second Day, Thursday, 1st October 1903.

Though fields were small, good sport was witnessed on the concluding day and there was a large attendance. The arrangements once more were perfect. Details:—

HURDLE HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap hurdle race for starters in the hurdle race on first day. 1¼ miles over 6 flights.

Mr Pawson's b aus m Manette, 10st 2lbs (car 10st 8lbs)... ...	Owner	1
Major Fuller's ch aus m Decima, 10st (car 10st 5lbs)	Capt Pinney	2
Mr Scott's b aus g Bones, 10st 8lbs ...	Jeffries	3
Major Fischer's d ch g Hakeem, 9st ...		0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Manette, 2 to 1 agst Bones, and Decima, 6 to 1 Hakeem.

Won easily by eight lengths; ten lengths between second and third. Time.—3mins 15secs.

HURDWAR STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for Maiden Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-1 and under. 1,000 yards.

Major Fuller's gr a g Grey Knave, 8st ...	Shib Singh	1
Captain Sullivan's ch cb m Lotus, 10st 7lbs	Capt Gregory	2
Captain Pinney's gr a g White Heather, 7st 10lbs	Baichan	3
Mr Seggon's b cb g Cyclone, 8st 7lbs ...	Robert	0
Captain Dawson's gr a g Pat, 8st 7lbs ...	.....	0

BETTING: 3 to 1 on Lotus, and White Heather, 6 to 1 Gray Knave, 8 to 1 each Pat and Cyclone.

Won by half a length; five lengths between second and third. Time.—1min. 16secs.

STEWARDS CUP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for Arab Ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Captain Home's ch a h Sadoon, 10st ...	Raheem	1
Captain Sullivan's ch a g Toofan, 10st ...	Capt Gregory	2

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Toofan and evens Sadoon.

Won by a length and a half; a length between second and third Time.—1min. 32secs.

CHARLEVILLE STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A high weight handicap for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14-2 and under, and other ponies 14-1 and other *bona fide* the property of Members of H. M. Civil and Military Services on full pay and that have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000 or over. 6 furlongs.

Captain Cameron's b aus g Don John, 10st 3lbs	Major Campbell	1
Mr. Pawson's bk aus m Busy Bee, 11st ...	Owner	2
Mr Durrant's b a g Squint, 7st 7lbs ...	Baichan	3

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Don John, 2 to 1 each agst Busy Bee and Squint

Won by two and a half lengths; five lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 30⅕secs.

POLO HANDICAP.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. A handicap for polo ponies that started on the first day in the Polo Scurry. Gentlemen riders only. 2½ furlongs.

Mr. Cautley's b aus m Maureen, 9st 13lbs	Capt Gregory	1
Capt Pinney's ch a g Surprise, 10st 7lbs...	Owner	2
Capt Sullivan's ch a h Toofan, 9st 4lbs ...	Major Campbell	3
Hon D Bingham's r cb m Ruby, 11st ...	Mr Pawson	0
Capt Home's bk s afr g Dasher, 10st 7lbs...	Mr Bailey	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Maureen, 3 to 1 each agst Toofan and 4 to 1 Ruby, 6 to 1 Surprise and 10 to 1 Dasher.

Won by two and a half lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time—36secs.

OWNERS' HANDICAP.

Mr Pawson's bk cb g Idleness, 11st 11b ...	Owner	1
Mr Cautley's b aus m Dash, 8st 7lbs ...	Stock	2
Mr Pawson's bk cb g Velvet, 9st 5lbs ...	Shib Singh	3
Mr Kidd's ch cb m Sunrise, 9st 10lbs ...	.....	0
Mr Ridgeway's b cb g Recluse, 9st 3lbs...	.....	0
Mr Seggon's b cb g Cyclone, 9st 5lbs ...	.....	0

BETTING: 4 to 1 one Idleness, 10 to 1 agst the rest.

Won by three lengths easily. Time—58⅖secs.

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Clerk of the Scales ...	MAJOR WIMBERLEY.
Judge	LIEUT.-COL. TRENCH.
Starter	C P ANDREWS, ESQ.
Clerk of the Course ...	CAPT. A J. WELSH.

First Day, Thursday, 1st October 1903.

CAPTAIN Welsh and the executive are to be congratulated on the pleasant and successful meeting just accomplished. The weather on both days fortunately proved fine, and there was a good attendance each time. Everything passed off well, without hitch or accident, and backers perhaps got a trifle the best of the deal with "the enemy." Mr. Shillingford must have been very wroth at the way his well-bred mare Ringlet cut up in all her races, had she started kindly she would have accounted for the lot. Mr. Price had an equally bitter experience the first day with The Swell. He cut the course in the Lieutenant-Governor's Cup, and in the Cooch Behar Cup he nipped round just as the flag fell. Flora won her races in gallant style, having the assistance of that fine horseman, Captain Travers, who comes out with the best winning average at the meeting. The lotteries were well supported at this meeting, there being no less than four on the Lieutenant-Governor's Cup, which at every meeting proves the most popular event. The Rajshai Cup did not fill, and it will possibly not again find a place in the prospectus, as its terms and conditions do not apparently appear to take on. The following are the results:—

NOVICE STAKES.—For a cup value Rs 49. For Arabs and C. B's. 14-1 and under and others 13-3¾ and under that have never won a stake, value Rs. 40 or over. Arab and C.-B's. 14-1 to carry 12st. and others 13-3¾ to carry 12st. 6lbs. W. I. ¼ mile.

Mr F Chamberlain's b cb m Zulu Girl, 10st 7lbs	Mr Chater	1
H H Maharajah of Cooch Behar's ch c bg Vodki, 9st 6lbs	Capt Travers	2
Miss G M Shillingford's br aus m Gazelle, 12st	Mr Metcalfe	3
Mr Jones's br aus m Dolly, 10st 10lbs ...	Mr Corbett	0

BETTING: Evens Vodki, 3 to 1 Gazelle, 4 to 1 Zulu Girl, 5 to 1 Dolly.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200, evens Vodki, 3 to 1 Gazelle, 4 to 1 Zulu Girl, 5 to 1 Dolly.

Zulu Girl was quickest off the mark and keeping in the van all the way won very easily.

LHASA PLATE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. For all Bhutia donies. 13-1 to carry 11st. W. I. Previous winners of Rs. 40 or over, once 7lbs., twice 14lbs., three times or over 21lbs extra. 1 mile.

Mr Kingin Kosi's d b g Ruckpa, 9st 4lbs	Mr Corbett	1
Mr Mackie's g c g Comet, 10st 9lbs ...	Mr Pickering	2
Mr A Green's g b g Tommy, 9st 4lbs ...	Mr Metcalfe	3
Mr Beer Bahadoor's g b g Overseer, 10st 8lbs	Owner	0
Mr K Shempa's g b g Bahadur, 8st 9lbs	Mr Chater	0
Mr Jetmull's g b g Jack in the Green, 11st	.....	

BETTING: 6 to 4 Bahadur, Evens Comet, 5 to 1 Ruckpa, 10 to 1 Tommy, 20 to 1 the others.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200. Comet Rs. 75, Bahadur Rs. 70, Ruckpa, Rs. 40, Overseer Rs. 10, Jack Rs. 10, TommyRs. 5.

Comet was the first to show in front, but he was soon displaced by Ruckpa, who kept ahead and won a good race by a length.

DESERT STAKES.—For a cup value Rs. 49. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 and under that have never won a stake value Rs. 50 or over. 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. ¾ mile.

Mr A J Sillingford's b cb m Ringlet, 10st 8lbs	Mr Metcalfe	1
Mr C J Pickering's ch a h Ronald, 10st ...	Capt Travers	2
Mr F Chamberlain's b cb m Zulu Girl, 10st	Mr Chater	3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Ringlet, 3 to 1 Zulu Girl, 6 to 1 Ronald

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200, Ringlet Rs. 90. Ronald Rs, 10, Zulu Girl Rs. 10.

Ringlet was very fretful at the post and it was some time before the starter could get her into line. When they got away, however, she immediately dashed to the front and won without being pressed by either of the others.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S CUP.—For a cup value Rs. 49 presented by H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal. For all ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 500 or over. English and Australasians 14-1. 12st 2lbs; Arabs and C. B.'s 14-1, 10st. 4lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winner of a race value Rs. 200 or over, once 5lbs, twice 8lbs, oftener 10lbs. Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over allowed 7lbs. 1 mile.

Mr P C Sen's b aus m Flora, 10st 5lbs ...	Capt Travers	1
Capt W H S McAlister's br aus m Zanzibar, 11st 3lbs	Mr Blackmore	2
H H the Maharaja of Cooch Behar's ch aus m Dabchick, 11st 9lbs	.....	3
Major Colvin's br aust m Olga, 10st 5lbs .	Mr Chater	0
Mr A A Price's b aus g The Swell, 9st 4lbs	Mr Corbett	0
Mr Metcalfe's b aus m Norah, 9st 8lbs ...	Mr Byrne	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 each Dabchick and The Swell, 3 to 1 Flora, 4 to 1 Zanzibar, 15 to 1 Olga, 20 to 1 Nora.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200-200-200-200, Dabchick Rs. 105-90-75-75, The Swell Rs. 95-95-85-85, Zanzibar Rs. 60-60 55-55, Flora Rs. 45-25-20-15, Olga. Rs. 20-15-15-5, Nora Rs. 10-15-10-10.

The Swell when going well ran out at the turn near the stand, letting up Dabchick with Zanzibar handy, and Flora waiting behind the pair. At the last turn Dabchick dropped back beaten and Zanzibar went on with Flora improving her position. Down the straight Flora challenged and a determined finish resulted in her getting the verdict by half a length.

POLO SCURRY.—For a cup value Rs. 49. For all polo ponies that have played regularly in the Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts during the current season. ¼ mile. Best of 3 heats without dismounting. Catch weights over 11st 7lbs.

Mr C H Harrison's b w m Quicksilver ...	Capt Travers	1
Mr C J Pickering's br a h Chieftain, 11st 7lbs	Mr Corbett	2
Mr Metcalfe's b aus m Norah, 11st 7lbs...	Owner	3

BETTING: 5 to 4 on Quicksilver, evens Norah, 5 to 1 Chieftain.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200 Quicksilver Rs. 75, Noralks. 85, Chieftain Rs. 60.

Quicksilver won both heats in a canter, Norah was easily beaten in the run off for place.

THE COOCH BEHAR CUP.—For a cup value Rs. 49 presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Cooch Behar. For English and Australians 13-2½ and under and Arab and C. B's. 14 hands and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. Arabs and C.-B's. 14-0 and others 13-2½ to carry 12st. W. I. 5 furlongs.

Mr Jones's br aus m Dolly, 11st 2lbs ...	Mr Metcalfe	1
Mr F Chamberlain's b cb m Zulu Girl, 11st 5lbs	Mr Blackmore	2
Mr A A Price's b aus g The Swell, 11st 11lbs	Mr Corbett	3
Mr Pickering's Johnnie Girl	Owner	0

BETTING: 3 to 1 on The Swell, 3 to 1 Zulu Girl, 10 to 1 Dolly 12 to 1 Johnnie Girl.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200, Swell Rs. 90, Dolly Rs. 15, Zulu Girl Rs. 10, Johnnie Girl. Rs.15. The Swell nipped round at the start and extinguished his chance in the race. Zulu Girl as usual was quickest off, but the distance proved two great for her, and Dolly had no difficulty in wearing her down and winning by a couple of lengths at the finish

GARRISON STAKES.—For all ponies 14-1 and under, *bonâ fide* the property of Officers of the Garrison and to be ridden by the same, that have never won Rs. 40 or over. 14-1 to carry 12st 7lbs Arabs and C.-B.'s allowed 24lbs. W. I. 5 furlongs.

Mr C J Pickering's ch w m Flavia, 11st 9lbs	Owner	1
Mr G Henderson's g cb g Bobbie, 10st 12lbs	Owner	2
Capt Cobb's bay w m Stella, 10st 7lbs ...	Capt Travers	0
Mr C J Pickering's br w m Johnnie Girl, 9st	Mr Wellesley	0

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Flavia, 7 to 4 Stella, 5 to 1 Bobbie, 12 to 1 Johnnie Girl.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200, Flavia Rs. 60, Stella Rs. 45, Bobbie Rs. 50, Johnnie Girl Rs. 15.

Stella showed at once in front, but her rider mistaking the distance finished a round of the course too soon. Flavia went the proper distance and won by several lengths from Bobbie, Johnnie Girl ran out.

THE FRED ARCHER PLATE.—Rs. 20 to the first and Rs. 10 to the second, for all Bhutia ponies that have been regularly hired out in the station, to be ridden by N-C. O.'s or men of the Garrison. Catch weights 11st 7lbs 5 furlongs

About a dozen started for this race which provided the usual amusing *finale* to the day's doings.

Second Day, Saturday, 3rd October 1903.

CHOWRASTA HANDICAP—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for Arabs and C.-B's, 14-1 and under, others 13-3 and under, that have never won a stake value Rs. 40 or over. ¼ mile.

H H the Maharajah of Cooch Behar's ch c b g Vodki, 9st 10lbs ...	Capt Travers	1
Mr F Chamberlain's b ch m Zulu Girl, 11st 5lbs	Mr Chater	2

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Vodki, evens Zulu Girl.

Lotteries.—Vodki Rs. 105, Zulu Girl Rs. 90.

Zulu Girl cut out the work from the start, but Vodki was always going well and challenging down the straight he won a good race by a length.

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KINCHINJUNGA PLATE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all ponies that hr ve run on the first day. 1 mile.

Capt W H S McAlister's br aus m Zanzibar, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr Blackmore 1
H H the Maharaja of Cooch Behar's ch aus m Dabchick, 11st 7lbs ... Mr Pickering 2
Mr A A Price's br aus g The Swell, 10st ... Capt Travers 3
Mr A J Shillingford's b ch m Ringlet, 9st 10lbs ... ... Mr Metcalfe 0

BETTING: Evens The Swell and Ringlet, 2 to 1 Zanzibar, 4 to 1 Dabchick.

Ringlet proved very fractious at the post and eventually declined to join her field so they were sent off without her. Dabchick led with Zanzibar close up. The Swell whipping in. At the last turn Zanzibar passed Dabchick and sailed home an easy winner.

THIBET STAKES.—For a cup value Rs. 49 A handicap for all Bhutias. 1 mile.

Mr Kingin Kosi's, d b g Ruckpa, 12st 3lbs Mr Corbitt 1
Mr A Green's g b g Tommy, 9st 11lbs ... Owner 2
Mr Mackie's g b g Comet, 11st 7lbs ... Mr Pickering 3
Mr A Green's g b g Jester, 11st .. Native 0
Mr P Shempa's g b g Bahadur, 10st 22lbs Mr Metcalfe 0

BETTING: Evens Ruckpa, 6 to 4 Comet, 5 to 2 Bahadur, 6 to 1 Jester, 8 to 1 Tommy.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200 Ruckpa 135, Bahadur Rs. 70, Comet Rs. 40, Jester Rs. 20, Tommy Rs. 20.

As on the first day Ruckpa had no difficulty in beating his field. Tommy made a determined effort at the finish, but could not get within a couple of lengths of the winner. Comet ran very disappointingly.

HIMALAYAN PURSE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all Arab and C. B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won Rs. 50 or over. ½ mile

Mr C J Pickering's br a h Chieftain, 9st 7lbs ... ... Capt Travers 1
Mr F Chamberlain's b ch m Zulu Girl, 10st 4lbs ... ... Mr Chater 2
Mr G Henderson's g ch g Bobbie, 9st 7lbs Mr Maclaine 3

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Chieftain, Evens Zulu Girl, 5 to 1 Bobbie.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200, Chieftain Rs. 95, Zulu Girl Rs. 60, Bobbie Rs. 25.

Bobbie left the course and Chieftain had no difficulty in disposing of the much enduring Zulu Girl in the last furlong.

HURLINGHAM VASE.—For a cup value Rs. 49. A handicap for all polo ponies that have played regularly in the Lebong Station game during the current season. 3 furlongs.

Mr C J Pickering's br a h Chieftain, 10st 11lbs ... ... Mr Pickering 1
Mr Metcalfe's b aus m Norah, 11st 7lbs ... Owner 2
Mr C J Pickering's ch a h Ronald, 10st 7lbs Capt Travers 3
Major Goold's b w m Johnnie Girl ... Mr Corbett 0

BETTING: Evens Norah, 11 to 1 Chieftain, 5 to 1 Ronald 10 to 1 Johnnie Girl.

Lotteries:—Tickets Rs. 200 Norah Rs. 90, Chieftain Rs. 50, Ronald Rs. 20, Johnnie Girl Rs 25.

This was a great race between Norah and Chieftain, the Arab getting the best of it by half a length.

THE BURDWAN CUP.—For a cup value Rs. 49 presented by H. H. the Maharajah of Burdwan. Handicap for Arab and C.B's. 14-1 and under, others 13-3½ and under that have never won a race value Rs. 200 or over. ¾ mile.

Mr P C Sen's b aus m Flora, 11st 7lbs ... Capt Travers 1
Mr Jones's br aus m Dolly, 9st 7lbs ... Mr Metcalfe 2
Mr A A Price's b aus g The Swell, 10st 7lbs ... ... Mr Corbett 3
Mr A J Shillingford's b ch m Ringlet, 10st 2lbs ... ... Mr Pickering 0

BETTING: 2 to 1 on Flora, 5 to 4 The Swell, 2 to 1 Ringlet, 4 to 1 Dolly.

Lotteries:—Ticket Rs. 200, Flora Rs. 95, Swell Rs 80, Ringlet Rs. 70, Dolly Rs. 50.

Ringlet again proved very troublesome at the post and getting off badly made no bid for the race, which Flora always had in safe keeping, winning somewhat easily Dolly came up at the last bend and beat The Swell down the straight for a shop.

LEBONG PURSE.—For all Bhutia ponies the property of natives and to be ridden by the same

This race was run in better style than usual, only the more experienced men electing to run, hence there was an absence of the incidents which have usually invested this event with so much humour.

OOTACAMUND HUNT RACES.

Second Day, Saturday, 26th September, 1903

THE second day's racing was brought off to day on Cockey's Course in splendid weather and proved a great success. Keenly contested races and exciting finishes made up for small fields Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill and a large attendance graced the proceedings, details of which are as under.

THE HUNT CUP.—Rs. 600. Presented by Colonel the Hon'ble L. T. Lawley, with Rs. 350 added from the fund, of which Rs. 200 to winner, Rs. 100 to second and Rs. 50 to third. A Point-to-Point Steeplechase for horses, the property of subscribers of not less than Rs. 100 to the Hunt and that have been regularly hunted during the season. Certificate signed by the Master to be lodged with entry. Australasians and English catch weights over 12 stone. Arabs and country-breds catch weights over 10st. 7lbs. Winner of any Point-to-Point race during last four years to carry 10lbs. extra for each such race won. Riders other than owners to carry 7lbs. extra Any number of entries allowed but no one owner to start more than three horses The Cup to become the absolute property of any owner winning three consecutive years The Cup may not be taken out of India till won outright Not less than 4 miles of fair hunting country.

Major W M Campbell's b aus g Bengal, 12st. ... . Owner 1
Mr C A Mackenzie's rn aus g Warrior, 12st ... ... Owner 2
Capt Fife's b aus g Right Angle, 12st ... Owner 3
Mr H P Hodgson's br aus g Erebus 12st 7lbs ... ... Capt Dick Cunyngham 0
Capt W H Kay's ch aus g Exchange, 12st ... ... Owner 0
Mr Liebenrood's br ch g Landwind, 10st 7lbs ... ... Owner 0

Starting from the saddle between Bagman and Municipal Hill the course was round Jackal Shola, Sandy Nullah Toll Bar, leaving it on the right and thence home. They raced together to Jackal Shola, where Major Campbell went on above Rallywood, the others crossing at the bottom of the Shola. At the Toll Bar Mr. Mackenzie and Captain Kay were leading. They had taken the upper track and reached the galloping track at the Brick Fields path. Then Captain Fife and Major Campbell took the lead with Mr. Liebenrood close up. The last-named fell near the Toll Bar but a great race home took place. Captain Fife was passed by Mr. Mackenzie on the bend above the Old Pykara Road, but Major Campbell was many lengths ahead on Bengal and won easily. Time—15 mins. 20secs. Totalisator paid Rs. 4.

THE MEDIUM STAKES.—Rs. 150 to winner and Rs. 50 to second. A steeplechase for medium sized horses 15 hands and under that have been regularly hunted with the Ootacamund Hounds during the current season. Master's certificate to accompany the entry. Australasians and English catch weights over 12 stone. Arabs and country-breds catch weight over 11 stone, Penalties.—Winners once 4lbs., twice 7 lbs., oftener 10lbs. extra. Not less than 3 miles

Major Logan-Home's b e m Dodo, 12st. Capt Fife 1
Mrs N E Majoribanks' b aus g Pattern, 12st ... ...Mr Majoribanks 2
Hon'ble Constance Russell's b aus g Acid Bill, late Sweet William, 12st (dec 1½lbs) ... ... Capt Dick Cunyngham 3
Mr H P Hodgson's ch aus m Modesty, 12st Major Campbell 0

Starting from Bingham the course was to Sandy Nullah Toll Bar leaving it on the left and then to Point to Point Tree and home. At the Toll Bar they were all together, then Captain Fife took the lead and came round by Treble Crossing and the Golf Links. Mr. Marjoribanks was leading round Point to Point Tree and came across Elmhurst, but he could not catch Dodo, who won. Totalisator paid Rs. 8.

SUBSTITUTION LADIES' POINT-TO-POINT RACE—Rs. 100 to winner and Rs. 50 to second if there are 6 entries. A steeplechase for horses and ponies 14 3 and under that are owned, and have been regularly hunted by ladies with the Ootacamund Hounds during the season. To be ridden by ladies.

Catch weights About 2 miles

Mrs. Gordon-Price's br aus m Colleen ... Owner 1
Miss Bright's g aus m Grey Gown ... Miss Hay 2
Miss Morgan's b ch h Bobby ... Owner 0
Miss Moore's b aus g Larkspur ... Owner, scratched

The start was from the end of the Steeplechase Course, along Cockey's Course round a flag at the 5th golf hole and home.

First Grey Grown led, but Mrs. Gordon Price riding with great judgment took a splendid line and won easily. Totalisator paid Rs. 4.

HORSE STEEPLECHASE.—Rs. 150 to winner and Rs. 50 to second. For horses. Weights—W. A. and C. raised 2 stone. Penalties—Winner once 7lbs., twice 10lbs., three times or oftener 14lbs. R. C.

Captain Fife's b aus g Ali Baba, 11st ... Owner 1
Mr L C Liebenrood's ch aus m Latchkey, 11st ... ... Owner 2
Major Logan-Home's br aus g Harkaway 11st (dec 5lbs) ... Capt Dick Cunyngham 0

Harkaway was first away and led for some distance but Captain Dick Cunyngham lost the line and stopped. Ali Baba and Latchkey raced together till the last jump, where Mr. Liebenrood was thrown, Ali Baba coming in. Latchkey's rider, however, got his mount and just beat Harkaway for second place. Totalisator paid Rs. 5.

PONY POINT-TO-POINT RACE.—Rs. 150 to winner and Rs. 50 to second. A steeplechase for ponies that have been regularly hunted with the Ootacamund Hounds during the current season. The Master's certificate to accompany the entry Australasians and English 14-1, 12st. 7lbs., Arabs and C. B.'s 14-1, 11st. 7lbs. W I. Penalties—Winner of Point-to-Point race once 4lbs., twice 7lbs, oftener 10lbs. extra. About 2 miles.

Mr L C Liebenrood's b ch h Gadabout, 9st 13lbs ... ... Owner 1
Major Campbell's ch aus m Mary Jane, 12st 11lb ... ... Owner 2
Mr A Y G Campbell's g a g Foam, 10st 11lbs. (dec 3lbs) ... ... Owner 3
Capt W Northey's blk aus m Blackberry, 12st (dec 7lbs) ... ... Owner 0
Mr S B Murray's ch aus m Marron, 11st 9lbs ... ... Capt Kay 0
Capt Dick Cunyngham's b a g Rocket, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr Johnston 0

The start was from the hill opposite Lascelles Cover and the course was over Treble Crossing to Point-to-Point Tree, over a spur of Bagman and home. Mary Jane led at the start with Gadabout next. At Treble Crossing Foam took the Bagman line which gained him a long distance, but he was done with and practically walked the last part. Had he lasted he would have won easily. The others came over the Golf Links, Gadabout beating Mary Jane by a neck in the last few strides.

TRAINERS' LOTS.

POONA RACES

A.

NAME.	OWNER.	TRAINER.
Alexis g a h	Mr George	Tingey
Annie Laurie b aus m	A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Atholbrose b aus m	Fischer	Fowler
Arthur b a h	Aga Mirza Ahmed	Owner
Arabistan b a h	Aga S Shah	Do
Acetine g aus h	Mr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
All Gold b aus g	Mr L K Urs	Mr Patanah
Adonis b a h	A M Ameer	Owner
Achilles g a h	Aga S Shah	Do
Altamas c aus h	R A Roy	Pearson
Alix b aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Amber Heart b e h	Capt Hennessy	McQuade
Alma b aus m	Mr Chinoy	Owner
Allie b aus m	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah	Aga S Shah
Ayrdale b e g	Aga Shah and Aga Khan	Do

B.

Blackswan bl aus m	Mr A W P	Owner
Bridge b a h	Col Beaver	Bleach
Bay Middleton b a h	A Ranji M G and A Ameer	Kendall
Bandicoot b aus m	Mr Murdoch	Tingey
Buktawar g a h	Shroff	Mr S K
Beryl bl aus m	R J Hunter	Clarke
Bikanir b a h	A Essayi	Rustomji
Beadsman b aus g	Aga Khan	Aga S Shah
Brigand b a h	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Badger g aus g	"Mr Locke"	Privately
Baron II c aus g	Do	Do
Blue Blood b aus g	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji	Byramji
Burlin b a h	Mr Ameer	Privately

C.

Careewick b aus m	Aga Khan and Aga S Shah	Aga S Shah
Corrie Roy b aus m	Maj Vans Agnew	McQuade
Comeback b aus g	Mr Baldock	Tingey
Connaught b a h	A Talib	Owner
Chungiz g a h	M Talib	Do
Cobo b a h	A Sattar	Privately
Clever Boy g a h	M Shamlan	Do
Chester c a h	Aga S Shah	Owner
Cerise c aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Cinder bl aus m	Mr A W P	Owner
Chancellor b a h	" A Ananji and A M Ameer	Kendall
Chamberlain b a h	" Cross	Tingey
Cnimes b aus h	" Baldock	Do
Cocos c aus g	" Franklin	Byramji
Carabine b eng h	" Bass	Bleach
Conway c a h	Major Edwards	Pearson

D.

Dawn b aus g	Mr Boase	Owner
Dart b aus g	" Fischer	Fowler
Dispute g a h	" D D and G K	Tingey
Dane, The c aus g	" Westropp	Clarke
Deserter b a h	.....	Byramji
Dr Barnado rn e h	Capt Randall	Owner
Dundee bl aus g	Mr R Roy	Pearson
Delight b a h	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Dioptrics bl aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Dalmyo b a h	Major Edwards	Bleach
Duldul b a h	Mr Cooper	Privately

E.

Early Bird b a h	Capt Hennessy	McQuade
Ethel II b aus m	Aga Shah	Owner
Ethan b a h	Mr Fox	Tingey
Evensong br ch m	Aga Khan	Aga S Shah

F.

Farewell g a h	Mr Shroff	Pearson
Fando b aus g	Mr A W P	Owner
Firefly b ch m	" Fischer	Fowler
Fireup br aus g	" Baldock	Tingey
Firecracker bl aus g	Aga Khan and Aga Shah	Aga S Shah
Fitzeros c aus g	Mr A W P	Owner
Firdosi g a h	...	Byramji
Funny c aus g	Aga S Shah	Owner
Free Trade c aus g	Mr A W P	Do
Forest b aus g	Mr J D Scott	Owner

G.

Galib c a h	A Shamlan	Privately
Galstaun g a h	A Saif and A Raschid	Do
Gaulme b aus g	Sultan of Johore	Ferguson
Gallant c a h	Mr M E Ebrahim	C B Mahomed
Good Chap b aus g	Mr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
Good Boy g aus g	Mr Fischer	Fowler
Gum b aus g	" L K Urs	Mr Patanah
Glen Albyn b aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Great Scott c aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Greatorex b aus	A Ameer and O Mahomed	Owner
Grey Pearl g a h	Mahomed A Ebrahim	Privately
Golightly b e h	Col Baring	...
Gnullo c aus m	A Ananji and M Goculdass	Kendall
Grey Fox g a h	Ditto	Do
Greylez g a h	Capt Wilson	Aga S Shah
Goldsmith b aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Gentle Lady b ch m	" J D Scott	Owner

H.

Hadyn c aus g	Mr R J Hunter	A Clarke
Harpist b aus g	" Kelso	Byramji
Hypocrite g a h	.....	Do
Hermit b a h	Mr Jackson	Do
Haddall b a h	" Bass	Bleach
Hamilton c a h	Major Murray	Do
Hyderi b a h	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas and A Ameer	Kendall
Hakum b a h	A Talib	Owner
Harefoot c a h	Col Sprott	McQuade
Hoop Iron b aus g	Mr Gaulstan	Robinson

I.

Indabba c aus g	Mr H Vishram	Byramji
Isinglass c a h	" S A Wahed	Owner

J.

Jolly Roger b e g	Capt Stratton	Bleach

K.

Key West b aus m	Mr Fischer	Fowler
Kyam b a h	" Mr S Ezekiel	Byramji
Kingston b aus g	Messrs Pestonji and Bhicaji	Do.

L.

Lady Jane b e m	Mr Bass	Bleach
Lady Chelthan b c m	" Bass	Do
Lady Dean g aus m	Capt Lloyd	Do
Lady Newbrook b ch m	Mr Foy	Clark
La Regina b aus m	" Baldock	Tingey
Landwind b ch g	" Leibenrood	McQuade
La France b aus m	" Finch	Potter
Lonis b ch g	Mr J D Scott	Owner
Loch Clieveden c aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Leonidas b aus g	Lieut-Col W Urs	Mr Patanah
Little Joker b a h	Mr H Essayai	Byramji

M

Malto b aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Malice b aus m	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Madeira b aus m	Lieut-Col Hazelton	Bleach
Metalgia br aus h	Mr Gaulstan	Robinson
Matilda b aus m	" Baldock	Tingey
Min b aus m	" A W P	Owner
Milburn br aus g	" Apcar	Watson
Milos bl aus g	" Kelso	Byramji
Mooreed g a h	H H Saif's	Owner
Miss Birnie b aus m	Mr Noble	Privately
Minting King b a h	A Talib	Owner
Mosumma b a h	F Sanad	Do.
Minnehaha b aus m	H Vishram	Byramji
Mameluke b a h	A Talib	Owner
Magtoom b a h	Do.	Do.
Malto b aus g	Mr Apcar	Watson
Miss Ascott b ch m	" J B	Goode
Musketeer b a h	Aga S Shah	Owner
Mint c a h	Mr R S S	Bin Jamal
Misty br ch	" Mill	Clarke
Moon b a h	" Ali Talib	Owner
Money Spinner g a h	Major Cavanagh	Aga S Shah

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Mysotis b aus m	Sultan of Johore	Ferguson

N.

Naserree b a h	Major Eustace	Pearson
Nainava g a h	E Talib	Owner
Najaffi b a h	Mr R S S	Bin Jamal
Najeed g a h	A H Saif	Owner
Noble Eye b cb m	Mr J B	Goode
New Moon b a h	A Talib	Owner
Nobleman II. b a h	Mr Kelso	Byramji
Nanette b aus m	„ A W P	Owner
Namuna b cb m	„ C D	Bleach
Naranji b a h	„ Garda	C B Mahomed
Nanette b aus m	„ A W P	Owner
Nautilus br aus m	„ H Vishram	Byramji
Nancy Till b aus m	„ A W P	Owner

O.

Officer g a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Olga b aus m	„ A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Oberon bl aus g	„ Goff	Ferguson
Oriental b a h	Aga S Shah	Owner
Ombree b aus g	Mr A Jones	Capt Randall

P.

Paddy Melon br aus m	Capt Newman	Aga S Shah
Picture b aus m	Messrs A Ananji and M Gokuldas	Kendall
Paleface c a h	Mr Cross	Tingey
Presbyterian c c h	Messrs Galstaun and Avasia	Bleach
Panalla II. b ah	Mr R R S	Bin Jamal
Philistine ch cb h	Col Grant	McQuade
Prime b cb h	Do.	Do.
Planet b aus h	Mr Noble	Byramji
Ptarmigan g a h	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Propeller b a h	Messrs F Nowroji and H Jamsetji	Bleach
Peninsular b aus h	Mr Apcar	Watson
Pet Girl b aus m	(P) Mr J B	Goode
Pepper Corn b aus g	Sultan of Johore	Ferguson
Promontory b aus h	Mr Biswas	Dignum
Pope bl aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Patrician b aus g	Lieut-Col Hazelton	Owner
Pinwire b c m	Mr Swifte	Bleach
Pomfret b aus g	Col Eccles	Privately

R.

Reminder b a h	K G Gaikewad	Byramji
Recollect b c b m	Aga Khan	Aga S Shah
Regret g a h	Capts Benn and Alexander	Bleach
Rifleman b aus g	Mr Spooner Hart	Ferguson
Richmond Hill b aus g	Mr Clarke	Clarke
Rezia b aus m	„ Harper	Pearson
Rochester b a h	„ Galtrey	Bleach
Repetition b aus g	„ R J Hunter	Clarke
Rickshaw b aus g	„ Reynolds	Ferguson
Rubric c a h	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Rose c a h	Mr R R S	Bin Jamal
Roscommon b aus g	Mr G K and D D	Tingey
Russley Rose b aus m	Messrs Kelso	Byramji
Ritual b aus g	Mr J D Scott	Owner
Rising Sun b aus g	Major Cleveland	Privately
Robber The c a h	Mr M Ally	Pearson

S.

Sandow c a h	Mr Sathna	Bleach
Salvation b a h	„ S A Wahed	Owner
Scorn c a h	„ C D	Bleach
Spithead b aus g	„ Apcar	Watson
Sweetlips g a h	„ S A Wahed	Owner
Stand Off b aus g	„ Apcar	Watson
Settler b a h	„ A Essayai	Byramji
Seagull c a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Sunflower b aus m	„ S A W	Owner
Sirjimal b a h	„ R R S	Bin Jamal
Silver Fox g a h	Messrs A Ananji and M G	Kendall
Skylark g a h	S A Wahed	Privately
Shaiboob b a h	Mr Jewell'	Byramji
Spark b aus g	„ Murdock	Tingey
Shah Jehan c a h	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Silvermane c a h	Mr Metha	Bin Jamal
Sin br cb h	„ Brown	Bleach
Sybarite b a h	„ A Razack	Privately
Swiftsure b aus g	Aga S Shah	Owner
Sanaiya g a h	Mr Fischer	Fowler
S P b aus m	„ Bass	Bleach
Stoddart b aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Stockbell b aus m	Mr Bass	Bleach
Scattercash g a h	Capt Greville	Do.
Saloon b cb h	Mr J D Scott	Owner
Sister b aus g	Mr A A Apcar	Watson
Spithead br aus g	Do	Do
Sacristan b aus g	Do	Do
Senator c aus g	Do	Do
Seclusion c aus g	Do	Do
Simon b c g	Do	Do
Saucebox b aus m	Capt Hickman	Pearson
Selpme b aus g	Mr Richards	Do
Secunder b a h	„ J D Scott	Owner

T.

Tamring br cb g	Mr Bass	Bleach
Trenton b aus g	Lieut-Col D Urs	Mr Patanah
Triumph b cb h	Mr G K	Tingey
Tigris g a h	Mr Cowasji	Privately
Tragedian br aus g	Kour Sahib of Patiala	T Scott
Titus II. g a g	Mr Medywell	Bleach
Tubal Cain b aus g	„ Ananji	Kandall
Turkish Flag II	„ A Amer	Owner
The Chump b c g	Capt Stratton	Bleach

U.

Upstart, b cb g	Mr Allardyce	McQuade
Up Guards b c h	Mr J D Scott	Owner

V.

Veera c aus m	Messrs G K and D D	Tingey
Veneda b aus h	Mr J B	Goode
Victory c aus g	„ R J Hunter	Do

W.

Winchester c a h	Capt Winter	Aga S Shah
Widgeon b aus g	Col Eccles	Privately
Walgrove b aus g	Mr Goff	Ferguson
Wisdom b cb g	„ Potter	Bleach
Wink br c g	„ Fischer	Fowler
Western Queen c aus m	„ Harper	Pearson
Windsor miss b aus m	„ Baldock	Tingey
Wedlock c aus g	„ R R S	Do

Y.

Yardley c aus m	Mr J D Scott	Owner
Young Kohinoor g a h	A Amer	Owner
Young Taiseer b a h	A A Saif	Do
Yankee Boy c aus g	Mr J D Scott	Owner

Races to Come.

DACCA JANUARY MEETING, 1904.

EXTRA RACES.

First Day, 7th January 1904.

THE SCURRY PLATE.—Rs. 200 presented to the Fund by K. M. Moosa and Mr. Frangopolo to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 13-3½ and under that have never won a flat race value Rs 1,000. C.B. ponies 13-3½ to carry 8st 7lbs Arab ponies 13-3½ to carry 8st English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ to carry 9st 7lbs W. I. Penalties—Winners after 31st March 1901 of a race value Rs. 2004lbs, of a race value Rs. 300 or over 7lbs (not cumulative). Entrance—2nd November, Rs. 15, 1st December, Rs. 20, 22nd December, when race will close, Rs. 30, 1,000 yards.

Second Day, 9th January, 1904.

THE LILLIPUTIAN PLATE.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second. For ponies 13-3½ and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 1,000. C.-B. ponies 13-3½ to carry 8st-7lbs Arab ponies 13-3½ to carry 8st 3lbs English and Australasian ponies 13-3½ carry to 9st 7lbs W. I. Penalties—Winners of any race the first day, 7lbs Allowances—Maidens that did not win a race the first day, 7lbs. Entrance—2nd November, Rs. 15, 1st December, Rs. 20, 22nd December, when race will close, Rs. 30. 1½ miles.

Third Day, 12th January 1904

THE DILKUSHA STAKES.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 50 to the second. Handicap for ponies 13-3½ and under entered in any races first or second day of this meet Entrance—2nd November, Rs. 10, 1st December Rs. 15, 22nd December, when race will close, Rs. 20, with Rs. 10 extra for ponies not struck out by 7 P. M. on Saturday, 9th January. 6 furlongs.

C. H. HOLDER,
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(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, *Friday, 18th September, 1903.*

THE TURF.

DONCASTER SEPTEMBER MEETING.

OF late years the Doncaster Cup, the principal event on the concluding day of the meeting, has not attracted very large fields; indeed, we have to go back to 1843 to find a greater number of competitors than faced the starter for the Cup on the 11th inst. In that year Alice Hawthorn defeated nine opponents, but the largest field since then has been eight. Twelve months ago William-the Third easily landed the odds of 10 to 1 laid on him, but only a couple were opposed to him. Yesterday's runners were fairly representative of class, favouritism resting with St. Emilion, but Wavelet's Pride, who has had a full share of racing this season clearly demonstrated that he had not trained off, as had been suggested, and won easily from Throwaway. The Cup is another of the very old-established events run at the St. Leger Meeting, having been in existence for upwards of a century, and it has been won by many noted horses.

THE DONCASTER CUP.—Of 990 sovs (a cup value 200 sovs and the remainder in specie); weight for age, penalties, etc. Two miles, over the Old Course.

Major J D Edwards's b h Wavelet's Pride, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6 yrs, 9st 7lbs	D Maher	1
Mr F Alexander's b c Throwaway, 4 yrs, 9st 4lbs	M Cannon	2
Lord Carnarvon's b c St Emilion, 3 yrs, 8st 4lbs	J H Martin	3
Mr E L Heinemann's Valenza, 5 yrs, 9st 9lbs	O Madden	0
Lord Howard de Walden's St Maclou, 5 yrs, 9st 5lbs	J Cain	0
Lord Penrhyn's Blue Grass, 5 yrs, 9st 2lbs	W Lane	0
Lord Ellesmere's Kroonstad, 3 yrs, 8st 11b	Halsey	0
Lord Rosebery's Oriole, 3 yrs, 8st 11b	Lyne	0

(*Winner trained by owner, at Ogbourne.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst St. Emilion, 4 to 1 Throwaway, 9 to 2 St. Maclou, 100 to 15 Valenza, 7 to 1 Wavelet's Pride, 10 to 1 Kroonstad, 100 to 7 any other.

Valenza led the parade from Throwaway, Oriole, Blue Grass, and Kroonstad, with St. Emilion last, and they cantered in the same order. They were despatched to an excellent start, without a moment's delay, Wavelet's Pride settling down with a slight lead of Valenza, St. Emilion, Blue Grass, and St. Maclou, with Kroonstad next and Oriole last This was the order till turning out of the straight, when St. Maclou took second place, the pair being clear of St. Emilion and Valenza, with Kroonstad and Throwaway side by side last. So they ran to the straight, where St. Maclou lost his place, and St. Emilion and Throwaway took second and third positions, but neither could make the slightest impression on Wavelet's Pride, who held the lead from beginning to end and won easily by two lengths; a short head divided the second and third. Kroonstad was fourth, Valenza fifth, Oriole next, and Blue Grass last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 3mins. 35secs.

THE DONCASTER STAKES—Of 680 sovs, for three-year olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies 8st 9lbs; penalties and allowances. One mile and a half, over the Old Course.

Lord Ellesmere's br c Kroonstad, by Kilwarlin—Sabra, 8st 12lbs	Walsey	1
Mr J H Houldsworth's b c Eoscene, 8st 5lbs	M Cannon	2

(*Winner trained by J. Dawson, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING: 100 to 7 on Kroonstad.

Eoscene settled down with a two-length lead of Kroonstad to the distance when the favourite drew to the front and won easily by a length and a half.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S NURSERY PLATE (handicap)—Of 885 sovs; winners extra. The Sandall Mile.

Lord Carnarvon's ch f Missovaja, by Chesterfield—Diamond Agnes, 5st 8lbs	McIntyre	1
Sir J Miller's b c Chanter, 7st 11b	Miller	2
Sir E Vincent's b c Midshipman, 7st 7lbs	W Lane	3
Mr A M Singer's c by Matchmaker—Lottie Hampton, 7st 9lbs	Boardman	0
Mr A L Duncan's Extradition, 8st 8lbs	Maher	0
Mr R H Henning's Camphor, 7st 12lbs	Janck	0
Mr J Davis's Romer, by Black Duck—Theobroma, 7st 13lbs (car 8st)	W Halsey	0
Mr C T Pulley's Flying Star, 7st 11lbs	Hardy	0
Capt J Orr Ewing's Wrinkles, 7st 7lbs	O Madden	0
Mr R W Burrow's Palace Yard, 7st 11b (inc 7lbs ex)	Wheatley	0
Lord Savile's f by E Diable—Cissy, 6st 10lbs	Plant	0
Mr W C Whitney's f by imp Goldfinch—La Flecha, 6st 10lbs	Compton	0
Mr A McMicking's Farthinghoe, 6st 10lbs	Trigg	0
Mr D J Jardine's f by Galloping Lad—Echo, 6st 4lbs	Heppell	0
Mr John Osborne's Flamston Pin, 5st 12lbs	East	0
Mr J C Dyer's c by St Hilaire—Moggs, 6st	Griggs	0
Mr T B Miller's Plato, 5st 9lbs	Pratt	0
Mr J Watson's Whinbloom, 6st	J Jarvis	0

BETTING: 11 to 2 agst Whinbloom, 6 to 1 Missovaja, 7 to 1 Wrinkles, 10 to 1 each Camphor, Romer (Theobroma gelding), Chanter, Farthinghoe, and Echo filly, 100 to 9 Lottie Hampton colt, 100 to 8 Flamston Pin, 100 to 7 each Flying Star and Midshipman, 100 to 6 Plato and 20 to 1 any other (o).

Won by two lengths; a head separated the second and third. Lottie Hampton colt a neck behind, was placed fourth, Camphor was fifth, Flying Star sixth, Romer seventh, Farthinghoe eighth, Wrinkles ninth, and Extradition last. An objection to the winner on the ground of crossing was overruled.

THE PARK HILL STAKES.—Of 1,110 sovs, for three-year-olds; 8st 10lbs each; penalties, etc. Old St. Leger Course.

Lord Falmouth's b f Quintessence, by St. Frusquin—Margarine, 9st 3lbs	Randall	1
Major Eustace Loder's b f Hammerkop, 8st 13lbs	J H Martin	2
Mr J A Miller's b f Murich II., 8st 10lbs	Maher	3
Mr J B Joel's Our Lassie, 9st 3lbs	M Cannon	0
Mr L Brassey's Red Lily, 8st 13lbs	Lyne	0
Sir E Paget's St Hylda, 6st 9lbs	W Lane	0

(*Winner trained by J. Chandler, at Lambourn.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 agst Our Lassie, 9 to 4 agst Quintessence, 7 to 2 Hammerkop, 8 to 1 Muriel II, and 10 to 1 any other.

Quintessence settled down with a clear lead of Red Lily, Hammerkop, and Our Lassie, with Muriel II last to the straight. Then Muriel II. took second place, but gave way to Hammerkop, who failed to make any impression on Quintessence, and the latter, after making the whole of the running, won in a canter by four lengths; a length and a half between second and third. St. Hylda was fourth and Red Lily last.

CRICKET.

THE CHAMPION COUNTY (MIDDLESEX) *vs.* REST OF ENGLAND.—Played at the Oval on 14th, 15th and 16th September. Drawn. Clad in overcoats, and shivering in a cold wind, some four thousand spectators were so much interested in this match as to put in an appearance at the Oval on Monday, a typical autumn day, although the summer is not yet supposed to be over. On the Rest of England side seven members of the M. C. C. australian team were making their final appearance in English cricket before starting on their adventurous voyage, but Fry, Maclaren, and other well-known players were not to be seen in the combination, which while it could by no means be considered representive, was wonderfully strong for the time of the year, when it is generally very difficult to induce men to play. The good fortune to win the toss fell to the lot of Middlesex, who at the end of the day's play had no reason to be dissatisfied with their position, for they had scored 230 runs on a slow wicket against bowlers who are considered particularly formidable under such a circumstance, and had dismissed two of their opponents for 58. At the commencement of their innings Middlesex did so badly that Warner and Moon were both out when the total was only 16, the latter being dismissed by a brilliant catch at square leg by Rawlin, who was fielding as substitute for Ranjitsinhji. But Beldam and Douglas completely altered the appearance of the game, and before they were separated 94 runs were put on in an hour and three-quarters. Three wickets for 110. Bosanquet carried on the good work and the score was increased by 56 in less than half-an-hour, chiefly by his attractive batting. Beldam was then dismissed after a stay at the wickets of two hours and a half for 57, an innings which had a great deal to do with the good position of his side at the end of the day. When he was once disposed of the bowlers began to take the upper hand and the last six wickets only added 64 runs. In his fine innings of 56, which lasted for a little more than half-an-hour Bosanquet hit eleven 4's, his driving being brilliant in the extreme. The only bowlers who met with success were Braund and J. Gunn. When the Rest of England went in they lost Hayward before a run had been scored, but Hayes and Tyldesley put on 49 for the second wicket. The weather was more pleasant when the game was resumed on Tuesday, but it was still very cold. It was soon seen that Middlesex had a good chance of coming out on top, for Arnold and Hirst both failed. Nor was Ranjitsinhji much more successful; he was not himself, and it took him nearly three-quarters of an hour to make his 12 runs. He left at 89, and at the same total Tyldesley was caught at point for an excellent 44. Six wickets were now down and the outlook was very bad for the Rest of England. When J. Gunn and Lord Hawke also failed and eight wickets were down for 99, Middlesex looked like winning with the utmost ease. But Braund and Rhodes then came together and played such good cricket that at about the rate of a run a minute they scored 69. Thanks to their plucky effort the Middlesex lead was not as great by any means as it promised to be. During the partnership between Rhodes and Braund, Trott, in stopping a very hot return of the former, hurt one of his fingers badly and had to retire. When Middlesex went in again Warner was in great form He and

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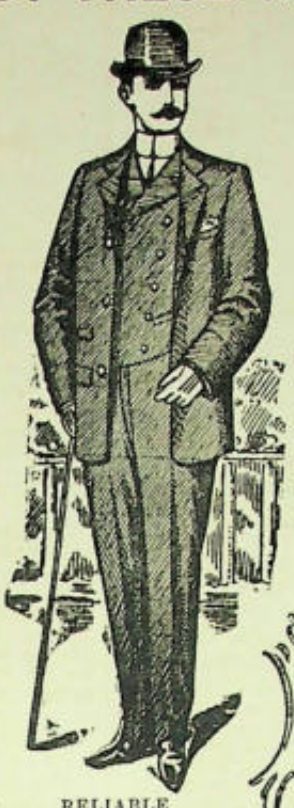

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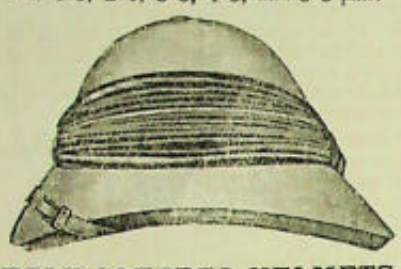

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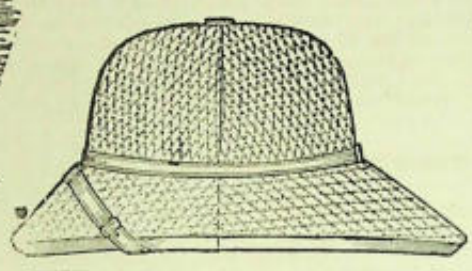

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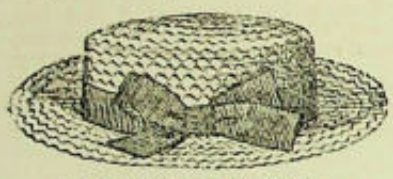

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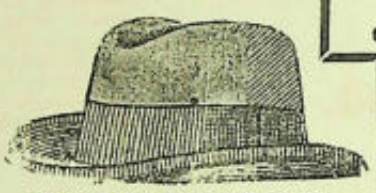

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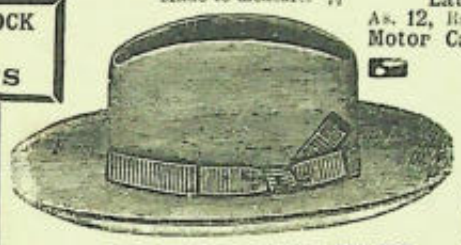

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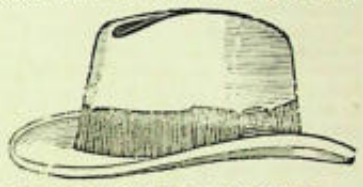

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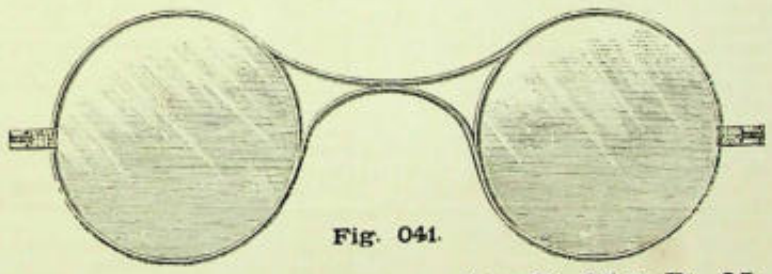

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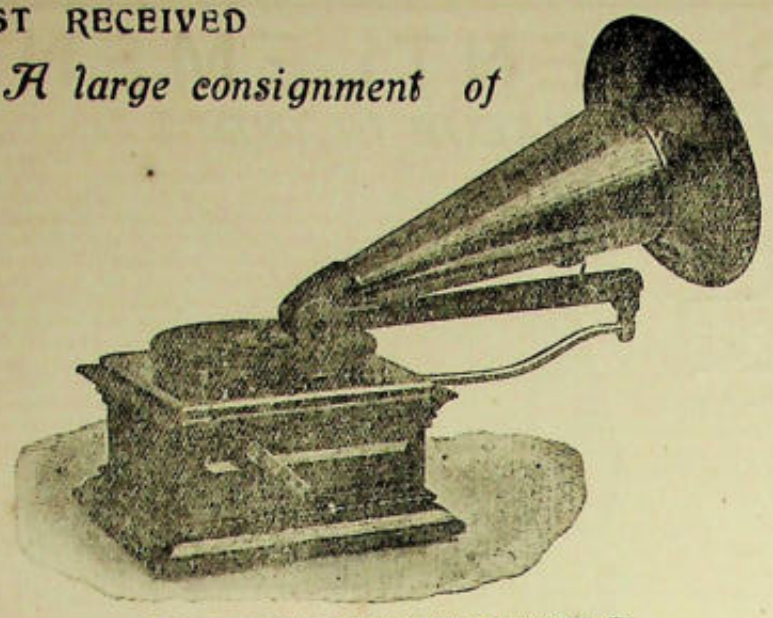

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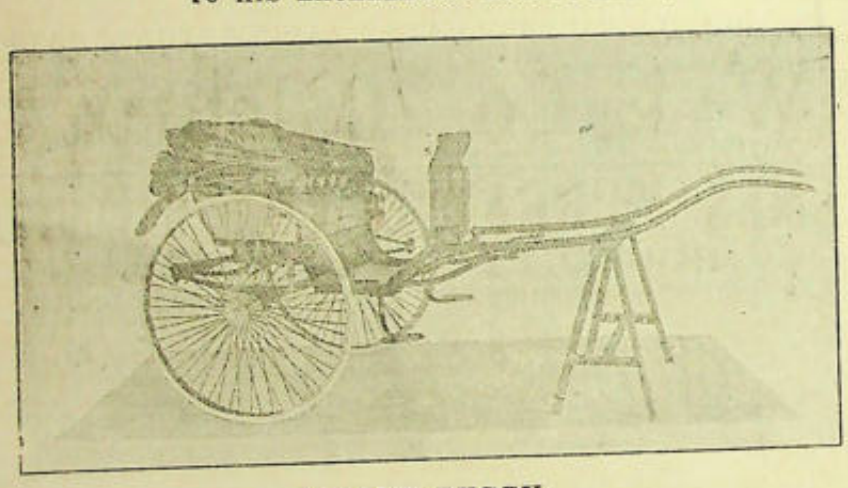

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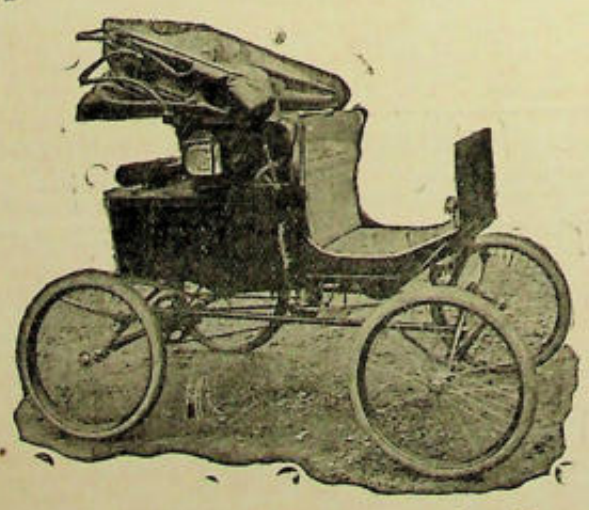

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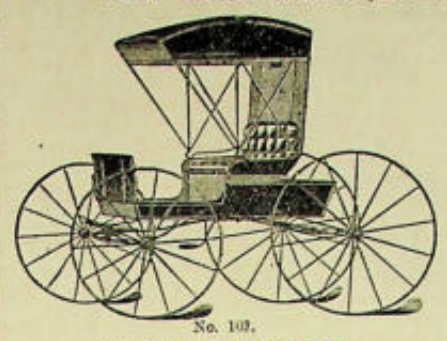

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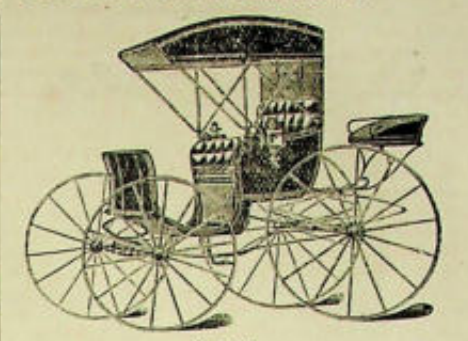

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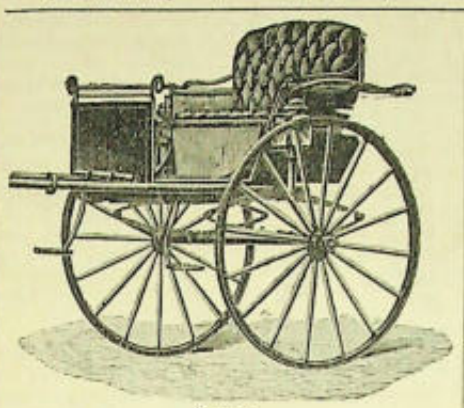

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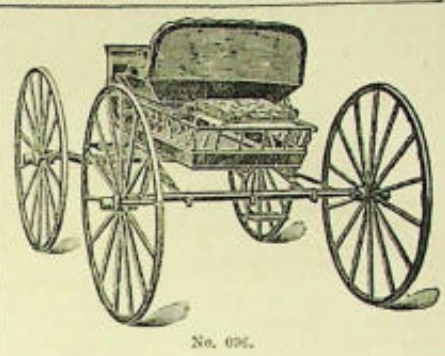

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Moon put up 54 for the first wicket and things looked uncommonly well. At five minutes past five, when stumps were drawn because of the bad light the total was 130 for one wicket, Warner being not out 73 and Beldam not out 25. Middlesex were thus 176 runs to the good. Yesterday morning both batsmen played excellent cricket, and made runs pretty fast. They were in no difficulties with the bowling, and they might very likely have remained together until it was time to declare if Warner had chosen to play carefully. But towards the end of his innings he hit boldly, realising that now was the time to make runs as quickly as possible. He had been at the wickets for about three hours when his fine innings came to an end. Most of the rest of the batsmen sacrificed their wickets in endeavouring to score fast, and at 254 for eight wickets the closure was put into force. Beldam still survived, having been at the wickets for two hours and three-quarters for an invaluable 88; when he began his second innings he still required 30 runs to bring his total to a thousand. The Rest of England now had to make 301 runs in three hours and a half, and there was just a sporting chance that they might succeed in doing this. As in the first innings, Beldam dismissed the first batsman of the Rest for 0, and lunch was taken with the score at 4 for one wicket. Afterwards Hayward and Tyldesley batted extremely well, and the second wicket partnership produced 85 runs. Tyldesley was then dismissed for a beautiful innings of 60, which brought his figures for the season to 1955. The innings had now been in progress for about an hour and twenty-five minutes, and at this rate of scoring a victory was quite out of the question. The only question was whether England would play out time, and although Hayward was soon dismissed after playing a patient innings of 39, Hirst and Ranjitsinhji played so well that a drawn game was assured. But Middlesex deserve the greatest credit for making such a brilliant display against a very powerful team.

MIDDLESEX.

	First innings.		Second innings.	
P F Warner, b Hirst	...	6	c Arnold, b Rhodes	... 115
L J Moon, c sub, b Braund	...	6	b Braund	... 21
G W Beldam, c Rhodes, b Gunn	...	57	not out	... 88
J Douglas, b Arnold	...	41	c Hirst, b Rhodes	... 9
B J T Bosanquet c Hawke, b Gunn	...	58	lbw, b Rhodes	... 4
C M Wells, b Braund	...	10	b Arnold	... 1
E A Beldam, b Braund	...	10	c Hirst, b Arnold	... 0
G Macgregor, c Rhodes, b Braund	...	12	c Strudwick, b Arnold	0
Trott (A E), b Gunn	...	10	not out	... 0
J H Hunt, run out	...	4	st Strudwick, b Rhodes	4
Hearne (J T), not out	...	5		
b 5, lb 5, w 1	...	11	B 8, lb 4	... 12
Total	...	... 230	Total (8 wkts)*	.. 274

*Innings declared closed.

REST OF ENGLAND.

	First innings.		Second innings.	
Hayard (Surrey), c Trott, b Beldam	...	0	b Wells	... 39
Hayes (Surrey), c Trott, b Hunt	...	17	c Macgregor, b G Beldam	... 0
Tyldesley (Lancashire), c Warner, b Trott	...	44	c Moon, b Bosanquet,	60
Arnold (Worcestershire), c Trott, b Hunt	...	4	not out	... 0
Hirst (Yorkshire), c Warner, b Wells	...	2	c Bosanquet, b G Beldam	... 76
K S Ranjitsinhji (Sussex), lbw, b Hearne	...	12	run out	... 42
Braund (Somerset), out out	...	36	not out	... 10
Gunn (J) (Notts), c G W Beldam, b Trott	...	4		
Lord Hawke (Yorkshire), lbw b Trott	...	5		
Rhodes (Yorkshire), b Hearne		36		
Strudwick (Surrey), b Hearne		9		
B 6, lb 9	...	15	Leg-byes	... 2
Total		... 184	Total (5 wkts)	... 229

MIDDLESEX.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Hirst ...	22	5	62	1	... 23	1	49	0
Braund ...	16·2	3	32	4	... 16	2	56	1
Rhodes ...	14	5	27	0	... 16	1	58	4
Arnold ...	14	1	48	1	... 16·1	3	59	3
Gunn ...	11	2	50	3	... 8	1	20	0

Rhodes bowled a wide.

REST OF ENGLAND.

	First innings. O.	M.	R.	W.	Second innings. O.	M.	R.	W.
Beldam ...	5	1	14	1	... 12	2	37	2
Bosanquet	4	0	15	0	... 13	0	51	1
Hearne ...	19.3	10	24	3	... 20	9	35	0
Hunt ...	24	1	56	2	... 12	2	55	0
Wells ...	18	3	33	1	... 10	1	32	1
Trott ...	11	0	27	3	... 6	1	15	0

ATHLETICS.

SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS' MEETING.

Certainly the finest meeting of the year was that brought off by the South London H. at the Oval on Saturday afternoon. A wonderfully fine programme of ten events, containing the names of quite the cream of the amateur talent, was decided, the series of very fine performances that took place giving unbounded delight to the spectators. It was quite like old times to see such a crowd at a club meeting, and gratifying in the extreme to those who arranged matters. However, the circumstances were quite exceptional, for it is but rarely that so many of the top sawyers are out at one meeting, and therefore the number that passed through the gates does not indicate that there has been a revival of interest in athletics, although one would like to write it. Everything was put into the shade by the wonderful performance of Arthur Shrubb, who broke the amateur record for two miles in grand style, and quite brought down the house.

The officials were: Judges, flat events, A. J. Fowden (S. L. H.), Gordon C. Innes, C. Val Hunter (L.A.C.), T. G Nicholson (president S. L. H.) and J. Lemonnier (Racing Club de France), cycling events—J. Blair (N.C.U.); judges for walking, A Smith (president, Birchfield H.), J. E. Fowler-Dixon (S.L.H. and L.A.C.), E. Knott (S.L.H.), and E. Ion Pool (S.L.H.); starter, C L. Lockton; time-keepers, J. E. Fowler-Dixon, F. Wyhern, W. W. Alexander and S. K. Holman; clerk of the course, E. R. Parsons; hon. treasurer, C. W. R. King; hon. secretary, E. Gravin; hon. assistant secretaries, M. G. Dunlop and C. D. Comrie. Details.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (OPEN).

(Handicapper, Mr. A. J. Fowden.

Heat 1: W. W. Alexander, Jun. Birchfield H., 11½ yards start, 1; G. Greenbridge, Cambridge H. 7., 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 11sec. Heat 2: J. W. Morton S. L. H., 14 yards start, 1; H. Churchill, Northampton Institute, 5½, 2. Won by inches. Time, 11sec. Heat 3: L. J. D. R. Reed, Finchley H., 6½ yards start, 1; E. Bear, Goldsmiths' Institute, 6½, 2. Won by two feet. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat 4: A. E. Whitlock, Herne Hill H., 6 yards start, 1; F. T. Deer, unattached, 8½, 2. Won by six inches. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat 5: J. G. Montague, Vale of Aylesbury, 9½ yards start, 1; A. B. Burbery, Finchley H., 9, 2. Won by inches. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat 6: A. E. Janes, Herne Hill H., 5 yards start, 1; J. Binks, Highgate H., 10, 2. Won by a foot. Time, 10½sec. Heat 7: J. A. Miller, L. A. C., 3½ yards start, 1, D. H. Flatt, L. A. C., 9½, 2. Won by two yards. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat 8: J. A. Wells, Ware Excelsior A. C., 3½ yards start, 1; E. H. Clube, S. L. H., 5¾, 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 1sec. Heat 9: P. C. Crump, Blackheath H., 8½ yards start, 1; W. K. Shearing, Highgate H., 10½, 2. Won by a yard. Time, 10-secs. Heat 10: H. Layton, Highgate H., 8½ yards start, 1; W. P Cox, Queen's Park H., 10, 2. Won by two feet. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat 11: E. R. Cooper, Manchester University A. C., 4½ yards, 1; A. S. Clements, Reading A. C., 9½, 2. Won easily. Time, 10½sec. Heat 12: T. Straiton, West of Scotland, 4½ yards start, †; G. F. Crump, Blackheath H., 10,†. Dead-heat. Time 10⅘secs.

Second round.—Heat 1: Alexander, 1; Montague, 2; Morton, 3; Reed, 0; Whitlock, 0; Janes, 0. Won by two feet; six inches between second and third. Time, 10⅘secs. Heat: 2 Wells, 1; Miller, 2; G. Crump, 3; P. Crump, 0; Layton 0; Cooper, 0; Straiton, 0. Fine race, won by inches; same between second and third. Time, 10½secs.

Final Heat.

J A Wells, Ware Excelsior A C, 8½ yards start	...	1
W W Alexander, jun. Birchfield H, 11½	...	2
J A Miller, L A C, 3½	...	3
J G Montague, Vale of Aylesbury, 9½	...	4

A very fine race was seen, Miller making a very fine effort to get up. Wells drew level with Alexander ten yards from the post and won by two feet; same divided second and third. Time, 10⅘secs.

ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (OPEN).

(Handicapper, V. Waterhouse.)

Heat 1: A. G. Keen, Tee-To-Tum, 100 yards start, 1; W. A. French, Epping C.C., 160, 2. A. E. Wills started in this heat., but, after getting near the leaders, eased up. Won by four yards. Time, 2mins. 38⅘secs. Heat 2: G. C. Anderson, West Ham Central C.C., 76 yards start, 1; R. Brooks, Thames Ironworks, 10, 2. Won by barely a length. Time, 2mins. 36⅘secs. Heat 3: A. J. Cornwell, West Ham Central C.C., 150 yards start, 1; C. H. Le Grys, Silverdale C.C., 60, 2. Won by half a length. Time, 2mins. 30⅘secs. Heat 4: W. C. Le Grys, Silverdale C.C., 100 yards start, 1; H. N. Edwards, Balham C.C., 150, 2. Won by a length. Time, 2mins. 37⅘secs.

Final Heat.

R. Brooks, Thames Ironworks, 40 yards start	...	1
G. C. Anderson West Ham Central C. C., 75	...	2
A. S. Keen, Tee-To Tum, 139	...	3
H. N Edwards, Balham C. C., 129	...	4
A. J Cornwell West Ham Central C. C., 150,	...	5

W. C. Le Grys, Silverdale C. C., 100, 0; W. A. French, Epping C. C., 168, 9; C. H. Le Grys, Silverdale C. C., 60, 6. W. C. Le Grys led at the bell, with Brooks second, but in the last lap the latter speedily went to the front, with Anderson following him, and won by a length; a length and a half between second and third. Time, 2mins. 31secs.

HALF-MILE—HANDICAP (OPEN).

Handicapper, A. R. Birtles, A. A. A.)

Heat 1 (19 started).—M. P. S. White, Blackheath H., 49 yards start, 1: R. E. Wilson Highgate H., 80, 2; F. James, Herne Hill H., 62, 3. Won by four yards; three yards between second and third. Time, 1min. 53⅘sec. Heat 2 (18 started): J. J. A. Wells, Ware Excelsior F. C. 70 yards start, 1; G. R. Pinyon, Northampton Institute H., 25, 2; T. J. Hunt, St. Bride's Inst. A. C., 86, 3; W. H. Laurence, St. Mary H. 80, 4. Won easily by six yards; half a yard between second and third. Time, 1min. 57⅘secs. Heat 3 (20 started): D. Walker, Reading A. C., 76 yards start 1: G C Turner, Gainsford A. C., 72, 2; P. B. Dodd, S. L. H., 25, 3; H. M. C. Ledger, S. L. H., 44, 4. Won by four yards, five yards between second and third. Time, 1min 57⅘secs. Heat 4 (16 started): C. S. Savage, Harrodian A. C., 77 yards start, 1; G. Mole, Hampton H., 62, 2; J Rollason, Great Heath F. C., 47, 3; A. J. Lucas, Gainsford A. C., 78, 4. Won by a yard; three yards between second and third Time, 1min 59⅘sec.

Final Heat.

J A Wells, Ware E F C, 70 yards start	...	1
D Walker, Reading A C, 70	...	2
P B Dodd, S L H, 25	...	3
G C Turner, Gainsford A C, 72	...	4
R E Wilson, Highgate H, 80	...	5
G Mole, Hampton H, 62	...	6

M. P. S. White, Blackheath H., 40, 0; F. James, Herne Hill H., 62, 0; T. J Hunt, St. Bride's Inst. A. C. 65, 6; G. R. Pinyon Northampton Inst H., 85, 0; J. Rollason, Great Heath F. C. 47, 0; C. S. Savage, Harrodian A. C., 77, 0.

They were all together at the end of the first lap, after which Wells shot out, and 229 yards from the finish led by five yards. Then Walker made a bold challenge and twenty yards from the tape was level, but Wells came again, and won brilliantly by one yard and half; ten yards dividing the second and third. Time, 1min. 55⅘secs.

120 YARDS LEVEL INVITATION RACE.

Heat 1: L. F. Tremeer, L. A. C. (third in 100 Yards Championship and champion of Devon), 1: T. Straiton, West of Scotland H. (second in 220 Yards Scottish Championship), 2; H. P. Tissier, Racing Club de France (third in 100 Yards French Championship), 0. Won by five yards; Tissier retired half-way. Time, 12⅘secs. Heat 2: J. W. Morton, S. L. H., 1; J. A. Miller, L. A. C., 2; E. R. Cooper, Birchfield H., 0. Won by two yards; Cooper retired at sixty yards. Time, 12⅘secs. Heat 3: G. F. Brewill, Loughborough Corinthians A. F. C. (220 Yards Amateur Champion), 1; E. H Clube, S. L. H., 2; J. Murray, West of Scotland H., 3; G. E. L. Durbec, Racing Club de France, 4. Won by a foot; four yards between second and third. Time—12⅘secs. Heat 4: C. D. Comria, S. L. H., 1; S. Hurdsfield Birchfield H., 2. Won by a yard. Time, 12⅘secs.

FINAL HEAT.

J W Morton, S L H	... ...	... 1
L F Tremeer, L A C	... ...	... 2
G F Brewill, Loughborough Corinthians		... 3
C D Comrie, S L H	... ...	... 0

Morton was smartest away, and once led Tremeer by nearly a yard. The latter made a very fine effort in the last 40 yards, but was beaten by about two feet; a yard between second and third. Time, 12⅘secs.

TWO-MILE INVITATION HANDICAP.

(Handicapper F. W. Parker, L.A.C.).

Alfred Shrubb, S L H, scratch	...	1
W G Collins, Essex Beagles, 190 yards start ...	...	2
F. H. Hulford, Herne Hill H., 225	...	3
G. Still, Highgate H, 170 ...	...	4
E. R. Small, Blackheath H., 280 ...	...	5
W. J. Clark, Essex Beagles, 170 ...	...	6

Also started: J. Binks Highgate H., 145; yards start; W. Delaney Highgate H., 145; W. H. Boulton, Stoke and Salford H., 150; J. E. Smyth, Highgate H., 100; J. G. Coughlin Essex Beagles 170; J. H. Bessell, Ranelagh H. 175; H. Nott, Polytechnic H., 185; F. F. Judson Blackheath H., 105; T. Hampson, Herne Hill H., 215; F. James, Herne Hill H., 215; S. W. Fowler-Dixon, L.A.C., 135; J. E. Fisher, Blackheath H., 245; S. E. Hall, S.L.H., 270; G. H. Hawkins, Essex Beagles, 275. As will be seen from the starts Shrubb was set a record-breaking start. They kept their roder for the first laps, the South Londoner gradually drawing up to Binks, who at the end of a quarter-mile retired. After this Hulford, of the Herne Hill H. with 225 yards start took the field round at a cracking pace, with the result that they dropped out rapidly. All this while Shrubb was gradually making up his ground, but was still some way behind the leaders at the mile, when the order was Hawkins (Essex Beagles), Small (blackheath H), and Hulford. After this the last-named again went in front. Smyth of the Highgate H. having taken second place, with Collins third at the end of a mile and half. It was then that Shrubb, who was lying fifth, made his effort for running like a hare, and pulled out by two of the runners who had waited on the track for him, he passed all with the exception of Hulford, who, at the bell, was twelve yards in front. Going along the champion outstripped his pacemakers, but still had hard work to cut down Hulford, who faltered 200 yards from home, and was passed by Shrubb. Amidst thunderous applause he passed the post a winner by thirty yards from Collins, the Essex mile champion, who beat Hulford, for second place, by ten yards. Shrubb's time was 9min. 17secs, just ⅗sec. inside world's amateur record both for grass and cinder.

SHRUBB'S QUARTER MILE TIMES.

Mile.	M.	S.	Miles.	M.	S.
¼	0	58½	1¼	5	42½
½	2	7½	1½	6	56½
¾	3	18½	1¶	8	18½
1	4	30	2	9	17

LAP TIMES.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
sec.	sec.	sec.	sec.	sec.	sec.	sec.	sec.
58½	68½	70½	71½	72½	74	74	66½

Shrubb's time for 2,000 yards, as taken by Mr. H. H. Griffin, was 5min. 10⅘secs.

TWO-MILE WALKING HANDICAP.

(Handicapper E. Knott).

J W Cole, Surrey Walking Club, 240 yards, start	...	1
F A Timms, Northampton Inst H., 410 ...	...	2
H. R. Osborne, Cambridge H., 320	...	3
W J Palmer, Northampton Inst. H., 300 ...	...	4

Also started: F. T. Carter, Queen's Park H., 130 yards start; R. H. E. Schofield, Loughboro, Corinthians 200; W. H. Ovens, Northampton Institute H., 230; S. C Smith, Cambridge H., 230; H. B. Robinson, Herne Hill H., 240; T. E. Norton, Cambridge H., 250; W. Enden, Polytechnic H., 250 (disq.); C. T. Radford, unattached, 260; W. Burling, unattached; 260; A. H. Skidmore, unattached 260; J. Tindall, unattached, 260; F. Thorpe, Emmanuel Institute, 270; F. W. Wilkins, Ware Excelsior F. C., 270; J. Norton, unattached, 270; F. Foster, unattached, 270; J. Tew, St. Mary's H., 275; C. F. Mathews unattached, 275; P. Drinkwater., Chelsea, A. C. 280; H. J. G. Andrews, unattached, 237; F. Parker, Buckingham F. C., 280; R. H. Watson, L.A.C., 285; T. G. Tyrrell, unattached, 285; F. J. Phillips, unattached, 285; P. G. Branch, unattached, 265; G. H. Ward, unattached, 290; B. S Bailey, Northampton Institute H. 290; A. C Peters, unattached, 280; G. Head, St. George's H., 295; S. W. Wingfield, Queen's Park H., 300; F. B. Thompson, Ranelagh H., 300; G. Standen, unattached, 300; D. Rezzell, Epsom H., 300; H. C. Bailey, Epsom H., 305; G. M. Nicholls, Epsom C. 310; F. G. Waskefield, Herne Hill H., 310; T. E. Knights, S. L. H., 315; A. J. Baker, G. E. R., 320; B. C. Donlevy, Belgrave H., 330; W. F. K. Herbst, St. Mary's H., 310 T. E. Hammond, Blackheath H., 34; J. A. Hare-Duke, S L. H., 340; H. J. Baker, Northampton Institute, 350; W. A. Tutt, Cambridge H., 380; E. J. Upton, Northampton Institute, 360; W. Ellis, unattached, 380; E. Shepheard, Northampton Institute, 380; A. E. Myson, unattached 390; A. A. Sawyer, Cambridge H., 390; J. C. Hall, Northampton Institute, 440; J. Calnan, Borough Polytechnic H., 400; A. E. Parker, Ibis A.C., 410; W. H. Farrell, Thames H. and H., 450; F. C. Burtenshaw, Reigate Grammer School, 480; and J Jackett, Civil Service A.C., 520.

A capital race was seen, the men keeping well together and maintaining a fine pace. The majority walked fairly, and the judges had little trouble. At the end of the first mile the first six were in a bunch, Herbst (St. Mary's H.). Upton (Northampton Inst.) being together, the clock denoting 6min. 2⅗secs. after this Cole and Enden sirgled themselves out, and had a capital race, which ended in the Polytechnic man getting in first, but his disqualification followed. Cole, who took first prize, was a yard and half behind; four yards dividing him from Timms. Time, 14mins 8⅕secs.

INTERNATIONAL RELAY RACE (1 mile level).

Four men from each team. First man ran 880 yards, second 22 yards, third 220 yards, and fourth 440 yards, each passing on a flag or club colours to the next man or team.

South London H: E H Montague, J W Merton, C D Comrie, and R B Cowley	1
Birchfield H (Birmingham): J E Schofield, G F Brewill, E R Cooper, and S Hurdsfield	2
London A C: E S Ward, L F Tremeer, R S Paize, and J B Densham	3
Highgate H: W Delaney, H Layton, F J Faveley and J Binks	4
West of Scotland H (Glasgow): W H Mill, J Murray, T Stration, and J T McAuslan	5
Herne Hill H: W J Collyer, A E Whitlock, E Cope, and A E James	6
Racing Club de France (Paris): G Filiatre, H P Tissier M Soalhat and G E L Durbec	0
Reading A C: R C Young, D Walker, L J Twort, and C W Packford.	0

The Haddington H (Dublin) did not start.

The six men that finished arrived home in the following order: R. B. Cowley, S. L. H., 1; S. Hurdsfield, Birchfield H., 2; J. B. Densham, L. A. C., 3; F. J. Paveley, Highgate H., 4; J. T. McAuslan, West of Scotland H., 5; A. E. Janes, Herne Hill H., 6. The 880 yards men went away at a rare pace, the first quarter being finished as follows: Schofield (Birchfield) Delaney (Highgate), Mill (West of Scotland), and Ward (L. A. C.). However, after this Montague put in a magnificent piece of work, which took him clean in front and gave a ten yards lead to the S. L. H. when the colour was passed on to the next man. Mill still lying second, with Schofield third and Ward fourth. Comrie and Morton, the S. L. H. men, had still further added to the lead at the end of three-quarters of a mile when Brewill, Birchfield, was second, Binks, Highgate, third, and Tremeer, L. A. C., fourth, and eventually Cowley carried the S. L. H. colours home an easy winner by twenty yards; fifteen yards dividing second and third. The times of the first three teams home were: S. L. H., 3mins 39⅘secs; Birchfield H., 3mins 43secs; L. A. C., 3mins 46⅘secs. Neither the French team nor the Reading A. C. finished.

ONE MILE HANDICAP.—(Handicapper, A. R. Birtles, A.A.A.); handicap represents A Shrubb at scratch.

S Fairley, Huntingdon A C, 110 yards start	...	1
W T Payne, Highgate H. 132	...	2
J Payne, Essex Beagles, 125	...	3
H W E Sercombe, Blackheath H, 165	...	4
E F Vowles, Malden H, 142	...	5

Also ran: W. H. Boulton, Stoke and Salford H., 75 yards start; F. H. Hulford, Herne Hill H., 85; J. E. Deakin, Clonliffe H., 90; N. S. Hutchinson, Herne Hill H., 90; F. James, Herne Hill H., 90; W. Baker, Brighton and County H., 92; F. Palmer, Putney A.C., 92; S. W. Fowler-Dixon, L.A.C., 95; W. H. Clark, S.L.H., 97; F. J. Steadman, Epsom H., 100; W. Edwards, Belgrave H., 100; H M.C. Ledger, S.L.H., 102; W. Rider, Putney A.C., 102; W. G. Briant, Reading A.C., 105; J. S.

Raynor, Herne Hill H, 105; W H. Warner, S.L H, 110: W. G. Thomson, Herne Hill H., 110; G. H. Morris unattached, 110; G. F. Walton, City Police A. C., 110; G. Mole, Hampton H., 112; W. Wallis, Herne Hill H., 112; G. S. Paul, Bromley Conservative A. C., 115; J. McBeath, Metropolitan Police A.C., 115; J. Pieri, St. Bride Institute A. C., 115; R. Murphy, unattached, 120; T. Hutchin, unattached, 120; D. B. McMonnies, Islington W. O. C., 120; H. Turner, Vale of Aylesbury A. C., 120; A. W. C. Thomas, S. L. H., 120; C. E. Halliday, Herne Hill H., 120; E. R Small, Blackheath H, 122; E. Drinkwater, Cambridge H., 125; C. P Jones, S. L. H., 125; J. Thieleman, Polytechnic H., 125; O. Colkett, Goldsmiths' Institute H., 130; W. F. Wheal, Perseverance F. C., 130; T. H. Denby, Epsom H, 130; D. Maylank, unattached 130; G. Bryant, Hampton H., 140; E H. H. Snell, Morden S. A. C., 140; W J Miller, Woolwich Polytechnic H, 140; E. F Vowles, Malden H., 142; G. H. Hawkins, Essex Beagles, 145; F. Sanders, S. L. H., 145; P. G. Price Harrodian A C., 145; W. J. Collier, St. Andrew's A. C., 145; S. E. Hall, S L H., 145; E. H Adam, Belgrave H., 155; G. L. Hosking, Blackheath H, 155; G. R. Pinyon, Northampton Institute H., 160; H. S, Warner, S L H., 160; H. H. Bond, Essex Beagles, 160; C. W. Keable, Kingston H, 160; J. G. Robinson, Herne Hill H., 178; L. Cuza, Polytechnic H.,

Bryant, of the Hampton H., led at the half mile, with Sercombe, Blackheath, and Bond, Essex Beagles, lying second and third, at his shoulder. At the bell he still held his lead, but could not sustain his pace and soon dropped behind. In the meanwhile Fairley, who had always been near at hand, went after Payne, who had gone up from fourth place, and passed him 100 yards from home, winning by eight yard; five yards divided second and third. Time, 4min 21⅘sec.

HALF MILE BICYCLE SCRATCH RACE.

Heat 1: A. E. Wills, Putney C. C., 1; T. W. Holeroft, Boro Polytechnic C. C., 2; W. C. LeGrys, Silverdale C. C., 3. Won by four yards; two between second and third. Time, 1min. 19⅘sec. Heat 2: R. Janson, Polytechnic C. C., 1; H. J Beck, Tee-To-Tum A. C., 2. Won by six yards. Time, 1min 18⅘secs. Heat 3: R. Brooks, Thames Ironworks C. C. 1: C H. LeGrys, Silverdale C. C, 2. Won by three yards. Time, 1min. 21⅘secs. Heat 4: C. Young, Putney C. C., 1: A. J. Cornwall, West Ham Wheelers, 2: A. J. Spackman, Putney A. C., 0. Won by a length. Time, 1min 19⅘secs.

Final Heat.

R Janson, Polytechnic C C	1
A E Wills Putney, A C	2
R Brooks, Thames Ironworks	3
H J Beck, Tee-To-Tum	4
C Young, Putney C C	0

They were together until the last lap, when Janson and Wills got away together, a ding-dong finish going to the Polytechnic man by only a yard; about two yards dividing the second and third. Time, 1min 21⅘sec.

440 YARDS HANDICAP (Open).

(Handicapper, A. J. Fowden).

Heat 1: G. F. Crump, Blackheath H., 23 yards start, 1; A. E. Martin, Highgate H., 15, 2; G. A. Messenger, Kent A.C., 24, 3. Won by five yards; two between second and third. Time, 52⅘secs. Heat 2: P. W. Smith, Finchley H., 25 yards start, 1; R. E. Wright, S. L. H., 3, 2. Won by five yards. Time, 52secs,. Heat 3: E. Bear, Goldsmiths' Institute, 22 yards start, 1; H Churchill, Northampton Institute, 19, 2; A. E. Whitlock, Herne Hill H., 18, 3. Won easily. Time, 58⅘secs. Heat 4: H. O. Whibley, S. L. H., 16 yards start, 1; W. J. Basan, Blackheath H., 23, 2; C. M. Hole, L A C., 19: 3. Won by a yard. Time, 52⅘secs. Heat 5: P. C. Crump, Blackheath H., 14 yards start, 1; W. Muckleroy, Derby A. C., 19, 2. Won by three yards. Time, 51⅘sec.

Final Heat.

P W Smith, Finchley H, 25 yard start ...	1
P C Crump, Blackheath H, 14	2
E Bear, Goldsmiths' Institute, 22	3
G F Crump, Blackheath H, 23	4

A. E. Martin, Highgate H., 15, 0; R. E. Wright, S. L. H., 23, 0; H. Churchill, Northampton Institute, 19, 0; H. O. Whibley, S. L. H., 16, 0; W J Basan, Blackheath H., 23, 0; W. Muckleroy, Derby A. C., 19, 0. A capital race, Smith just beating Crump by three yards; five between next two. Time, 51secs.

THE WORLD'S 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

B. R. DAY *vs.* R. W. WADSLEY FOR £200. One of the most important foot races decided for many years took place on the 16th instant at the Rochdale Athletic Grounds, the scene of so many historic path events. The contestants were R. W. Wadsley, of London, and B. R Day, of Edinburgh, who had signed articles to run 220 yards on level terms for the world's championship and £200. Both men are famous ex-amateurs. In fact Wadsley was making his first appearance as a professional. He has been for several years the best English runner at all distances from 100 yards to 440 yards, having won the English Championship at both the distances named, as well as the recently instituted 220 yards Championship in which event this year the Londoner, however, suffered disqualification. At a quarter of a mile Wadsley was the world's champion, for he twice defeated Maxwell W. Long, the world's record holder at the distance. Wadsley was only married so recently as 5th September and this was his last race in this country, for on Saturday he and his wife sail for America, where Wadsley is settling down in Los Angelos, California. Day, though not quite of the class of Wadsley as an amateur, was nevertheless the Irish champion at the middle distances up to a quarter of a mile, and is undoubtedly one of the fastest men Ireland ever produced. Since joining the professional ranks he won the famous Powderhall Handicap last year, and last month, in a match for £300, he defeated W. Growcott, the brilliant Cheshire pedestrian in decisive style. The match was of a thorough sporting character, and was arranged at Blackpool, where both men happened to be staying. The stakers were deposited and all arrangements made in very quick time. Day, as usual, was trained by Robert Cryer, the diminutive Rochdale pedestrian, who has such a good record, and he was backed by Mr. James Southworth, the old Blackburn Rover. Mr. Sawcross, of Hyde, supported Wadsley, who had been looked after by his old mentors, Saunders and Smith, of Blackpool. The evening was perfect, for there was not a breath of wind, and the track was in splendid condition. There was very little betting to start with Day was installed a warm favourite, as much as 3 to 1 and 7 to 2 being asked about his chance, whilst odds of up to 4 to 1 were laid against Wadsley. Day won the toss for choice of position, and took the inside. He was the quickest into the running from a perfect start, and, though Wadsley held him for thirty yards, the race was a mere procession afterwards. Day quickly established a three-yard lead, and had so much in hand that fifty yards from the tape he looked round at Wadsley, who was pounding away hopelessly in the rear. This look round was almost fatal for the Irishman, as he seemed to stumble slightly, but, recovering himself splendidly, he drew still further ahead, and won easily by five yards, Wadsley easing up when he saw pursuit was hopeless. The time was 23secs dead. The performance stamps Day as a real champion. Mr.. W. L. Sinclair, of Manchester, was the referee, and John Hepplethwaite starter.

GOLF.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE TEAM IN AMERICA.

New York exchanges of 3rd September contain the following:—The stronger the team the American golfers put up against the Oxford and Cambridge team the easier it seems for the Englishmen to win. The All-Eastern side, which included Boston, Philadelphia, Oil City, and Pittsburg, in addition to the best of the local talent, were beaten on Saturday in an International match at Garden City by the Oxford and Cambridge golfers by 12 to 13 points. They won the four ball foursome matches in the morning by 4 to 1 points, and the single match in the afternoon by 8 to 2 points.

The captains of the respective teams, John L. Low and Walter J. Travis, played together in the afternoon, and their match carried the gallery. The Cambridge man proved too much for Travis, and beat him by 3 up and 2 to play.

Low started off at a pretty lively gait, winning the first four holes in succession, and led by 5 up at the sixth hole, although he was only 3 up at the turn. He was 4 up at the tenth and 3 up at the eleventh, the remaining holes being halved Their cards were:

Low	4	3	4	4	4	5	7	5	5—41	
Travis ...	5	5	5	5	4	6	7	4	4—43	
Low	3	6	4	5	5	4	4		—31—72	
Travis	4	5	4	5	5	4	4		—31—74	

Findlay S Douglas played a strong game with J. A. T. Bramston and beat him by 4 up and 5 to play.

Their cards were:

Douglas ..	4	4	4	7	4	6	6	5	5—44	
Bramston ..	5	3	6	5	5	5	7	6	5—47	
Douglas ..	4	4	3	6	6	4	6	5	3—41—85	
Bramston ...	4	4	4	6	6	4	5	5	4—42—89	

Norman F. Hunter had all the best of his match with F. J. O. Alsop, whom he beat by 4 up and 3 to play. Their cards were:

Hunter ...	5	4	4	8	4	5	4	4	4—42	
Alsop	4	5	5	6	5	5	6	6	6—47	
Hunter ...	4	6	4	6	4	6			—30—72	
Alsop... ...	6	5	4	5	5	5			—31—78	

Only two of the matches were won by the Americans, the other winner beside Douglas being George T. Brokaw, who beat D F. Ranson by 4 up and 3 to play.

In the morning Walter J. Travis and A. G. Lockwood were pitted against Norman Hunter and J A. T. Bramston, and as they are four of the strongest players in the combination, the match was regarded as the event of the day, and despite the rain and wind, a fairly good-sized gallery followed the foursome over the links

All played excellent golf, considering the weather conditions, as their best balls were under the "Bogey" of the Course The Englishmen, however, were the more fortunate, and they won the match by the narrow margin of 1 up.

They started off in a spirited manner, and the first six holes were halved in rapid succession. In fact, seven of the first nine holes were halved, each side winning a hole, and honours being equally divided at the turn. On the homeward journey the Englishmen won three holes and the Americans two. They were all even at the twelfth hole and again at the fifteenth

The match was really won on the fifteenth hole by Norman F. Hunter, who played magnificent golf in the face of a strong wind, and reached the green, 422 yards, on his third shot and won the hole in 5 to 6. The next two holes were halved. Scores:

Hunter and Bramston.	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	4	5—39
Travis and Lockwood.	4	3	4	6	4	4	6	4	4—39
Hunter and Bramston.	4	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	3—39—78
Travis and Lockwood.	3	5	3	6	5	4	6	5	3—40—79

The other four ball matches resulted as follows:

T. Mansfield Hunter and John L. Low beat Findlay S. Douglas and Charles B. Macdonald by 2 up and 1 to play; G D. Barne and D F. Ransom beat F. J. O. Alsop and E. M. Byers by 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. D. P. Fredericks and George T. Brokaw beat H. B. G. Ellis and P. W. Leathart by 1 up; H. W. Beveridge and C H. Allison beat F. C. Reinhart and H. B. McFarland by 4 up and 3 to play.

The team match resulted as follows:

ENGLISH.	Pts.	AMERICAN.	Pts.
J L Low ...	1	Walter J Travis ..	0
J A T Bramston	0	Findlay S Douglas	1
Norman F Hunter	1	F J O Alsop ...	0
Mansfield Hunter	1	A G Lockwood...	0
D F Ransom ...	0	G T Brokaw ...	1
H W Beveridge	1	H B McFarland	0
G D Barn ...	1	F O Reinhart ...	0
H G B Ellis ...	1	Dr D P Fredericks	0
P W Leathart	1	E M Byers ...	0
C H Allison ...	1	C B Macdonald...	0
Total ...	8	Total ...	2
Foursomes ...	4	Foursomes ...	1
Grand total	12	Grand total	3

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

HOUNDS met at the 7th milestone on the Pykara Road on the 28th ultimo and a grand run took place in fine weather, though some thought the heat rather trying. Briar Shola was first drawn, and it was not long before a sporting jack got away and gave the field a good run. He made for Wapshare's Shola, crossing the spur below Windy Saddle, ran round the Shola and made the Yemakal Valley his point, going over Windy Gap. On reaching the valley, he turned at the stream and went to ground near Yemakal Shola, where he was left. The Yemakal Valley was drawn without success, and turning back the Pykara River banks were next drawn. While in the valley a large wild cat was started and provided a little excitement, but poor pussy was doomed, for the hounds got her. At the river a jack was viewed in the water making for the other side. Hounds were after him at once and the field had to follow. They crossed at a ford lower down and were soon on the line. The jack headed for Marlimnud, then turned and went down the valley, running parallel to the river for a couple of miles. The pace was a "cracker" and after a great run Master Jack was pulled down about a mile from the Pykara Bungalow.

On the 1st instant the meet was at Golf Corner, and in spite of the damp morning a large field turned out. Hounds owned to a scent in the swamp above Pearl Crossing, but were called off as the jack headed towards Baikie. The next draw was from Bagman to Mill's Cover, and though hounds spoke to a scent it turned out they had been running counter. Between Bluegums and Rawling's Nulla they got on a line which led them into Bluegums. Here he was lost, but the pack hit it off again and did some pretty hunting in cover. The quarry broke away on the Pykara side and made for Governor's Shola, first going through Porlock and past the Tola Mund. Hounds followed him well for a while, but they eventually threw up below the 4th milestone on the Krurmund Road.

Cycling.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 18th September 1903.*

Some very interesting trails as to the dust-raising characteristics of motor cars were recently held at the Crystal Place, and no doubt in the expectancy of discovering that the build of cars was largely responsible for the amount of dust raised, a number of people interested in motoring watched the tests. The track was covered at certain parts with a plentiful sprinkling of flour, and cars of various build were driven over at speeds varying from twenty to thirty miles an hour. But the results did not reveal anything that was not already common knowledge. High built cars of the American type raised as much dust as low cars, and cars standing stationary over the flour with their engines running at full speed scarcely stirred up any. It was noticed that cars which had mud guards carried well down to the ground raised the most dust, but this was only to be expected and had always been generally acknowledged. It was clear that the build of a car made but little difference, the dust being raised by the wheels, and this being so, it would appear that the only way to overcome the dust nuisance would be by removing the dust from the roads either by the use of special material or metal, or by giving the roads a dressing of some substance that would consolidate or bind the dust.

"Wake up, England" was the advice of the Prince of Wales, and in many directions one can discern a movement indicating that the old country is arousing itself to the requirements of the twentieth century. In many ways, although not in all, America can teach a very striking lesson to those who are inclined to learn; and to give an example in one interesting to cyclists, we would mention the practice in that country of carrying bicycles on the tram cars. For some time wheelman have been endeavouring to induce the British companies to do likewise, but with poor success; carrying bicycles on tramcars was an innovation, and innovations are not in the British line. The Huddersfield Corporation, however, are awake to the times, and have decided to make arrangements for cars to carry four bicycles a-piece. The bicycles, which will be carried at owner's risk, will be accommodated at the end of the cars on swing brackets. There is little doubt that the venture will be a success.

In an article appearing in the *Fortnightly Review*, Mr. G. J. Holyoake the social reformer, gives the following amongst other interesting experiences of his early days. "Dr. Church, of Birmingham was the first person who in my youth contrived a bicycle and rode upon it in the town, which excited more consternation than a South Cottean with his beard. He was an able physician, but his harmless innovation cost him his practice. Patients refused to be cured by a doctor who rode a horse which had no head and ate no oats Now a parson may ride to church on a bicycle, and people think none the worse of his sermon."

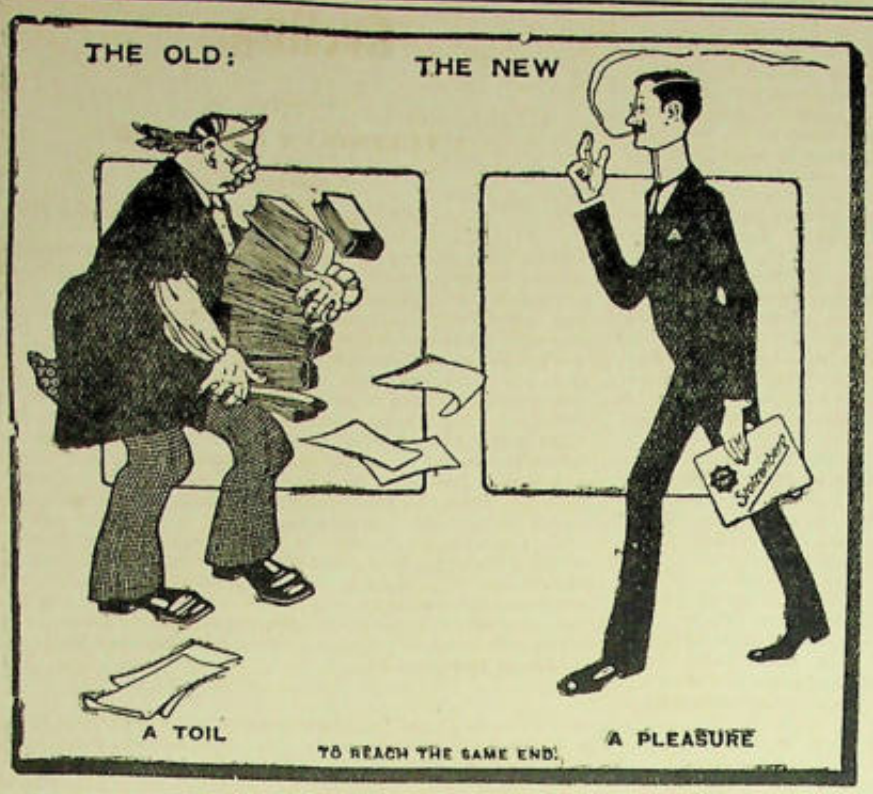
A new and magnificent electric brougham has just been delivered to the Prince of Wales, H. R. H will use it for town use, but for long and fast rides he will as hitherto utilise the motor car, of which he has quite a stud. The electric Coupé is a natty little four-seated affair, which hangs low on springs so as to give the maximum amount of ease. The driver's seat is low, so that the occupants of the carriage have a good view through the glass panel in front. The wheels are fitted with solid tyres, and the batteries have more cells than ordinarily in order to give more power and speed. The body of the carriage is beautifully upholstered, while there is a detachable basket for luggage on the roof.

During the year, the shrewd Germans have turned their attention to alcohol-driven motors with a view to producing the spirit themselves instead of importing petrol from America. Now a suggestion comes from Mr. R. J. Mecredy, the leading Irish automobilist, that with the growing of beet and potatoes for the production of alcohol, a motor car race should be run next year in Ireland in which alcohol must be used in place of petrol. Such an experiment would be peculiarly adaptable in a country like Ireland, where the production of raw spirit is one of the staple industries of the country. Although there are serious objections to a race—indeed, the idea is almost impracticable—the Automobile Club might very properly hold a series of trials with alcohol-driven motors. There is no doubt a great field for a new industry, both in Ireland and England, if alcohol were to be used instead of petrol.

The championships of the National Cyclists' Union for 1903 have now all been decided. the only rider to secure more than one event to his credit being Syd. Jenkins, the professional, who accounted for the quarter, one and five miles professional races. The following list gives the amateur championships and their respective winners. Quarter-mile, A. S. Ingram; one mile, void, the time limit having been exceeded; five miles, A. L. Reed; twenty-five miles, Leon Meredith; fifty miles, W. J. Pett. Ingram was the only rider to retain his title. He has always been a good championship rider, having won the quarter-mile for four years in succession and the five miles for three years in succession, 1898, 1899 and 1900.

What promises to be a very interesting amateur event is the team race between four members of the Polytechnic Cycling Club and four riders representing the Rest of England, down for decision at the Crystal Palace to-morrow. The Poly. team will consist of Messrs. Ingram, Reed, Cherry and Janson, and the All England team Messrs. Benyon, Marnie, Edmonds and Wills. Team races of this kind are a very good form of competition, because in them a man has not so much to consider his own personal success as the success of his team as a whole. The Poly. team, however, are past masters at team racing and the All England men will have to ride remarkably well to out manœuvre them.

The public, who now and again read the accounts which appear in the daily press of terrible motor car accidents, may be pardoned should they entertain the idea that motoring is one of the most dangerous pursuits anyone could follow, since the accounts are invariably exaggerated, and, in some instances, entirely unfounded. As an instance of how these accidents are manufactured and extensively circulated we would mention a little affair that occurred in the West End of London. Three ladies were driving in a car when the chain slipped the cogs and rather than wait about while the chauffeur did the necessary repair, the ladies called a cab and drove away. The car was quickly put right, and the man drove it into a garage. Presently a police inspector looked in and enquired after the ladies. He said he had not witnessed the accident, but had been told that the ladies had been thrown out and carried away seriously injured. When informed of the facts of the case, he smiled, and muttered something about "more good copy for the press."



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Cricket

CRICKET IN MADRAS.

MERCANTILE *vs.* THE WORLD.—Played at Chepauk on the 29th ultimo, and resulted in a draw. The Mercantile team went in first and put up 208 runs to which R. Simpson (61), and A. H. Wellman (48) contributed most. Bowen bowled well for The World, taking 8 wickets for 64 runs. The World made 101 runs for 5 wickets, Smith and Braithwaite being highest scorers. Score :—

MERCANTILE.

F H A Stephenson, c Venderzee, b Bowen ...	2
G Fraser, b Bowen ...	16
J Melver, c and b Bowen	10
R Simpson, b Bowen	61
R E Firth, c Carew Smyth, b Bowen	29
R C M Strouts, b Bowen	0
W C Scott, b Carew Smyth	14
A H Wellman, c Carew Smyth, b Bowen	48
W E Elsworthy, not out	0
A P Symonds, b Bowen	12
Extras ...	16
Total ...	208

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
W Carew Smyth ...	17	74	2	1
H Bowen ...	18·4	64	1	8
E A Wilson ...	5	26	0	0
Pragnell ...	4	19	0	0

THE WORLD.

Pragnell, c Stephenson, b Symonds	0
Capt H F Vanderzee, b Strouts ...	0
P P Braithwaite, not out	34
Capt H Bowen, b Smyonds	2
J G Smith, c McIver, b Strouts...	39
Capt W Carew Symth, b McIver	13
J J O'Reilly, not out	4
Col Boulderson, E A Wilson, R Littleballes, G Broadbent — did not bat	
Extras ...	9
Total ...	101

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Strouts ...	19	41	7	2
Symonds...	8	18	2	2
Stephenson	6	14	1	0
Firth ...	6	14	0	0
McIver ...	3	5	1	1

THE M. C. C. TEAM.

LESS than a week after these notes leave England the majority of the first M. C. C team to Australia will have started on their long journey—and well they need the comparative rest of a long sea voyage, for the majority have been in harness right up to the finish. Some are going overland, but most prefer the sea trip. It is neither here nor there to compare the lot with past teams, opinions must differ about cricketing ability, and my own is that the side is inferior to Maclaren's last, albeit Hirst and Rhodes are going. Tell it not in Gath, but the former does not leave England the "terror" he has been the past two seasons. He is not bowling so fast, but may put on full sail when he gets there, as perhaps he was taking matters rather easy towards the end of the season recognising Yorkshire's championship chance gone and looking to it that his dicky leg did not "give" again owing to the exigencies of the coming tour. Rhodes has not many terrors for the Australians, and so this pair do not, on paper, counterbalance the absence of Maclaren The Old Harrovian on Australian wickets is worth very nearly half the best batsmen of this M. C. C. lot. The captain does not go out with anything like the full approval of the English cricket world, but that is not his fault, and so all the more honour will be his if he returns successfully. He certainly possesses all the self-assurance necessary for a good leader and there is to be sure a "Come on yersilf sez I" air about that hitching up of the breeks action of his while at the wicket that augurs well. He is unfortunately not a smart field and never bowls. There are useful batsmen of the slow and sure order in the seasoned Hayward, the painstaking to a precise degree Knight, the all-round Braund, and, when necessary, Tyldesley. Arnold too gets his runs at a moderate pace. The only genuine hitter is Bosanquet, quite the most ungainly hitter too now in cricket, but very effective on the on-side particularly with a curious over-the-left-shoulder shot that the wily Cornstalk will surely not be long in "stopping." Hirst carves his runs from all parts of the joint and places his pulls to beat the best place field when he is getting runs. One feature of the side is the nippiness between wickets, Knight Arnold, Braund, Tyldesley, Rhodes and Hirst being especially smart in this respect, but the sooner the side get to know the habits of Knight the fewer will be the run-outs. Not that they do not one and all know *about* his restless desire to snatch every sort of run, but knowing about such a little trait in a man's cricket character by no means ensures perfect safety in running. Unfortunately Knight is particularly fast between wickets, assumes all his mates are the same and seems to presuppose misfielding on the part of his opponents on well nigh every occasion he attempts a shortish run. But this he counterbalances by never changing his mind, if its "Come on" at first its never that agonising "N—no—go—come on—go BACK!" every cricketer knows so well. Knight is in fact a cricketer A. N. Hornby would have delighted to be in with, or Sammy Woods when he was a bit younger and nippier, not that he can't "go" now by any means, but say what anyone may the dash and life and "go" of young twenty is a different thing to the well meant efforts of just turned and middle-aged thirty. "Tip" Foster one can only write about from memory of past form and suffice it to say that if he reproduces that "down under" English cricket wants no more. His two centures in his first and only Gentlemen *vs.* Players at Lord's has not yet been forgotten. *On dit* G. W. Beldam goes as fifteenth man in his place of R. H. Spooner, who would have had to forsake Lancashire cricket for next season had he gone this trip; such were evidently his employers' terms, and he quite rightly remained loyal to the county which to all intents and purposes has got him his present billet. Beldam is without cavil a a good painstaking bat, the man to keep an end going while others score, but he is out of place in the field on a test match side, being but ordinarily good—too stiff and slow for highest honours. He bowls it is true, but just about that much known to cricketers as—a bit. His lure is the off-side ball temptingly tossed up and "going away" a bit, but he also bowls a slightly faster swerver that starts about the pads and finishes on the off stumps. Cornstalkia knows all that by heart though and as for those tossed up slows they will likely assist batting figures should they ever be much required. He is unfortunately Middlesex, so they *may* be! The stumping could not be improved upon Lilley's 'head' counterbalancing Humphries' (Derbyshire) extra youth and agility, for Dick Lilley is not what he was and not, most cricketers hold, in the first three with the gloves in England to-day

Well *bon voyage* and may the luck turn. A representative side never has and NEVER WILL leave England for Australia under existing conditions and many a stronger side to look at on paper has done badly out there, whence the few who favour this selection deduce that this will do well. May they be right, and the passengers on the side be as useful as the A. Bs.

The South Africans will be over here next season. Lord Hawke having undertaken to arrange their programme, so that it behoves whoever is working the team from India on your side to decide matters definitely. A very warm welcome awaits the Indian team, quite the majority of cricketers being in favour of the trip, for which let us hope the English climate will be on its best behaviour.

HOW'S THAT.

Football.

MADRAS RUGBY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS *vs* BOMBAY.—This match was replayed on Thursday afternoon, the 24th instant, and resulted in a victory for the Bombay team by one goal—scored on the call of time —to *nil*. The conditions under which the match was played were even worse than on Wednesday. It had rained heavily during the night and the weather continued wet and showery until past midday when fortunately it cleared; but though the evening was fine the ground was even in a worse condition than the previous day, and these conditions were reflected in the play. Passing and running and all the characteristic and attractive features of the Rugby game were at a discount and the game degenerated into a scrambling contest, varied by scrummaging and dribbling. The two teams turned out at about 5 P. M., quarter of an hour late, the delay being due to an attempt to remove some of the water from the worst part of the field. Madras started the ball but Bombay attacked at once, working the ball by dribbling and loose scrimmaging down the left wing. Getting into close quarters, the first bit of passing moved and it looked as if Ward was going to score for Bombay, but Faris collared him and Bombay almost immediately afterwards lost a very good chance of scoring from the field. Madras were penalised for a foul within their own "twenty-five" and Bombay elected to take a place kick. An almost certain goal was missed, the ball being too greasy and slippery for accurate pace kicking. Madras scrummaging strongly worked the ball out and except for a pretty, but ineffective, run by Layard, nothing was done, the game degenerating through no fault of the players into pure "mudlashing," and half time was called with nothing scored.

Crossing over Bombay started the ball, but for a long time the game was even more unattractive and devoid of skill than in the past period. Bombay contented themselves with holding Madras at bay and it looked very much as if the position was going to be complicated by another draw. Madras once relieved the pressure and came out and being awarded a penalty kick, essayed a long shot at goal, with very poor results. They were better able to hold their own in the scrimmages and were quietly pushing the Bombay men back when an exchange of long kicking by the backs took place which proved disastrous for Madras. Faris missed a punt into touch and the Bombay forwards were on him and two brilliant bits of passing, right across the field and back again, took place with the result that Ward got through unopposed and grounded the ball behind the goal post. The kick—an easy one—was taken by Arnot, the Bombay skipper, and the try was duly converted into a goal. The whistle sounded immediately afterwards and Madras were robbed of an opportunity of retrieving their fortunes. Bombay thus won by 1 goal (5 points) to *nil*. Appended are the names of the teams :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—*Back* Lieut Bird, *three-quaters*, D. H. Brand, C. M. Ward, Lieut Lyon and L. Scott; *halves* Bromley and Lieut Robinson; *forwards* Lieut. Turnbull, C. W. T. Elsworthy, Lieut Sarson, W. R Rutherford, Gray Ryge, Lieut Sneyd, Lieut McEnery and R J. Arnot (Capt).

MADRAS GYMKHANA.—*Back*, Lieut Faris; *three quarters* C. W. Lyard, Lieut Haughton, F. E. L. Work and R. Simpson *halves*, Capt Cattell (Capt) and C. Moresby; *forwards*, O. J. Sykes, L. H. Deane, Lieut. R. E. M. Barrett, A Davies, F. H. Wilson, H. Prendergast W. H. Johnston and S. C. Probyn.

THE FINALS.

BOMBAY *vs.* WELSH REGIMENT.—Having disposed of Madras on Thursday, the Bombay team met the formidable Welsh Regimental team on Friday in the finals The magnitude of the task before them was aggravated by the fact that two hard-fought preliminary games must have taken some thing from their first freshness, while the Welsh had nothing of the sort to contend against. The weather was perfect and the field of play dry though heavy in parts. The result was that the standard of play exhibited was of a much higher order The Welsh always play an attractive game, but it was good to see Bombay always get an opportunity of showing form that they were prevented from doing under the conditions in the earlier stages of the tournament.

The Welsh kicked off, but the opening period of the game was almost all in favour of Bombay. Owing to the Welsh being too anxious to start they were more than once penalised for kicking the ball out of the "scrum." Bombay got away both times from the penalty kicks, but were forced back and then the Welsh three-quarters gave their first characteristic exhibition of swift and accurate passing; but the Bombay tackling at this stage was equal to anything and it resulted in nothing. Bombay then broke away, a forward getting the ball from the throw in, carried it with a "dodgy" little run into Welsh ground. But they did not maintain the attack long. The soldiers intercepting a pass came down with a good combined rush and soon had the Bombay men in difficulties. They twice touched down, but the relief from the kick out was only temporary, and the Welsh were again very pressing in their attentions, which soon after were rewarded, Walls, getting the ball from a clever pass, crossed the line and scored a try. Doble took the kick but failed to improve the score. The Bombay team broke away, Arnot starting them on their journey to the Welsh goal with a fine long kick. Some good passing by the back division resulted in Ward getting into proximity to the Welsh goal. Finding he could not get through, he tried to drop a goal but failed Another attempt to score a goal from the field by Bird failed narrowly and half time was called with the Welsh leading by a try, (3 points) to *nil*. In the second half, as anticipated, the Bombay men's troubles began. They made a brief show at starting, and almost immediately after there ensued a period of scoring which soon put the result of the game beyond any doubt, if any existed in the minds of the spectators. Morgan, the speedy three-quarter, followed up a long kick and depriving Bird of the ball before he could return it, scored a try which Doble again failed to convert. The Welsh continued pressing

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and a fine bit of passing was spoilt by a throw forward. Jones then got the ball and a tricky little run carried him in front of the Bombay goal, where a judicious pass to Morgan ended in that player getting in and grounding the ball behind the goal posts. The kick—an easy one—was taken by Watts and a goal was scored. Morgan again circumvented Bird and prevented him returning a long punt, and after some scrummaging near the Bombay goal line, Lieutenant Montgomery, the Welsh skipper, tried to get in but was pulled down. Shortly after, however, Doble did the needful and Watts scored another goal. Bombay now got away and their last expiring effort was a splendid bit of passing from which Scott went in and scored a try. Arnot took the kick, a very difficult attempt and failed. The Welsh now took advantage of Bombay's slackness and from some very loose play near the Bombay goal Thomas went in after jumping over the man who tried to tackle him. Doble again tried the kick but failed to convert and the game ended in a run-away victory for the Welsh by 2 goals and 3 tries (19 points) to 1 try (3 points). Appended are the names of the teams :—

Bombay Gymkhana.—*Back*, Lieut. Bird; *three-quarters*, D. H. Brand, C. M. Ward, Lieut Lyon and L. Scott; *halves*, V. Bromley and Lieut Robinson; *forwards* Lieut Turnbull C. W. T Elsworth, Lieut, Sarson, W. R. Rutherford, Gray Ryge, Lieut. Sneyd Lieut. McEnery, R. J. Arnot (Capt.)

Welst Regt.—*Back*, Pte Williams; *three-quarters*, Lce-Corpl Morgan, Ptes. Davies and Jones and Lieut Montgomery, *halves* Ptes. Watts and Daly; *forwards* Ptes. Floyd. Bartlett, Jones, Thomas Gibson, Davies, Lce-Corpl Jones and Corpl. Doble.

After the match Mrs. Benson presented the Cup to the winning team, Mr. Justice Benson addressing a few complimentary remarks to both teams. Referring to the defeat of the Welsh at Calcutta by the West Ridings he regretted that the former would not have an opportunity at the Bombay Tournament of retrieving their reputation.

BOMBAY RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Gloster Regt. *vs.* Bombay Garrison.—This the only match in the first round of the tournament was played on the 29th ultimo and resulted in an easy win for the Glosters by 3 goals (1 penalty) and 2 tries to *nil*. They started off by invading the Garrison territory and obtained a free kick for off side. Holder placed the goal. Loose play in which the Glosters had the best of it ended in Parsons crossing the line. The place failed, but they got going once more and Parsons scored another try, Holder converting. On crossing over play was very slow, the Garrison were playing up better and held their opponents. Then from a scrum Holder got possession and put on another try for the Glosters. The place proved unsuccessful. Shortly after the Glosters got their fourth try through Frost and Holder adding the major points they won as stated by 19 points to *nil*.

Semi-Finals.

Gloster Regt. *vs.* Bombay Gymkhana.—These teams met on the 30th instant, when a good game ended in a win for the military by a goal and a try to 1 try. Play was very even during the first half, though nothing very brilliant occurred. Arnot had hard lines in a missing a drop at goal. Just before half time Coldrich of the Glosters got away and registered a try which Holder failed to convert. On changing ends, the Gymkhana played hard and Ward was not long in equalising. Arnold failed with the place. The Gymkhana played up and gave some fine exhibitions of passing. Ward and Langhorn being most conspicuous. At last from a scrum the soldiers scored their second try, Mason touching down Holder converted. The home team tried hard to get even but were unsuccessful.

Calcutta F. C. *vs.* Welsh Regt.—The Welsh Regiment were to have met the Madras Gymkhana in the first round, but the latter having scratched they played Calcutta in the semi-finals on the 1st instant. The game was a splendidly contested one, Calcutta eventually winning by 2 goals to *nil*. The first part of the game was very even, scrums and line outs being the order. Calcutta then gained some ground but were driven back. Morgan of the Welsh left the field at this juncture having injured his knee. Working the ball down Calcutta forced the game and Landon got over with the first try. Martelli added the major points on crossing over. Calcutta pressed hard and gained a lot of ground, Morgan who had returned to the field relieved and the Welsh twice got into their opponents' 25.

Then Calcutta got going and rushing down A. Siddons crossed the line. Martelli again converted. The Welsh made several attempts to break away, but Calcutta held them and the game ended in a victory for the civilians by 10 points to *nil*.

The Finals.

Calcutta F. C. *vs* Gloster Regt.—The heavy rain that fell in Bombay on the 2nd and 3rd had rendered the ground almost unplayable and when these teams met last Saturday brilliant football was out of the question. The game was started by Calcutta who immediately invaded their opponents' territory. A penalty against the Glosters gave Calcutta a free—the kick just going wide a few feet. Even play followed, neither team being able to gain much ground owing to the state of the ball. At last Heilgers got away and with fine dribble got over. Martelli failed to convert from a difficult position. The Glosters pressed hard when the game was resumed, but though Calcutta had a hard job they held their own. Then they played up and had the best of matters till the end. Macdonald had the misfortune to break his leg above the ankle while collaring and was taken off the field to hospital. Then Calcutta got going once more and a second try was scored, Martelli failing to add the major points. Teams:—

Calcutta Football Club.—*Back:* Maxwell; *three-quarters:* A. Siddons F. Siddons, Landon and Martelli; *halves:* Macdonald and Arundel; *forwards:* Stephenson, Crawford, Berridge, Dick, Szczepanski, Whittie, Watson, and Heilgers.

Gloster Regt.—*Back:* Pte. Scales; *three-quarters:* Lce.-Corpl. Edwards, Pte. Holder, Lieut. Tweedie and Pte. Lister; *half-backs:* Lieut. Blyth and Pte. Coldrich; *forwards:* Sergt. Bull. Ptes. Dance, Bennett, Mason, Berry, Morris, Parsons, and Frost.

Very remarkable instance of a tout's accuracy of observation occured in connection with the St. Leger of 1838. It was in the bar parlour of the Swan and Talbot, at Wetherby, on the Saturday night before the race, that Jim Stokes, a somewhat notorious frequenter of the training grounds, was asked what would win the forthcoming Doncaster event.

"Don John," was the prompt reply, "and Ion will be second, Cobham"—mentioning one of the leading favourites at the time —"will break down at the end of the white rails at the Intake turn."

"But how can you say that so positively?" persisted his interrogator. "What are your reasons for asserting that Cobham will break down?"

"Because," rejoined Jim, "Cobham has bad forelegs. He hasn't had a fast gallop for many a long day, and consequently is as fat as a bullock. Depend on it, he'll never reach home."

And it turned out exactly as the prophet predicted, with the exception that Cobham broke down just inside the distance instead of at the turn.

Golf.

GOLF IN MADRAS.

Colonel Pope's Cup.—This Cup was competed for on the Guindy Links on the 29th ultimo. There were 26 entries. Play was rendered difficult and rather unpleasant by a heavy shower of rain which lasted a long time. Major J. Thomson was first with a net score of 68, while Major E. Waller was a close second one point behind :—

Major J Thomson, R A M C	...	76 — 8	=68
Major E Waller	...	75 — 6	=69
C Morrison	...	73 Scr	73
A E Lawson	...	75 Scr	75
F M Robinson	...	81 — 6	=75
R T Gibbs	...	90 — 12	=78
Captain Domenichetti.	...	90 — 12	=78
Major Banbury ...	...	87 — 8	=79
Comdr Mitchell, R I M ...	...	87 — 8	=79
Colonel Boteler, R F A ...	...	88 — 8	=80
C R T Balston ..	...	90 — 8	=82
C E Ross	...	92 — 10	=82
W Taylor Mitchell ...	...	91 — 6	=85
D Annan	...	91 — 5	=86
W Ure	...	96 — 10	=86
O J Sykes	...	95 — 6	=89
W A Beardsell ...	...	101 — 10	=91
A B Macdonald ...	...	102 — 6	=96

Eight competitors did not return cards.

GOLF AT KARACHI.

Men's Bogey Match.—This match, which will probably be the last of the season, was played on the 25th ultimo and resulted in a win for Mr. Taylor who was the only one to make any show. Results :—

Names.		H'cap in strokes.	Result in holes.
Mr Taylor ...	...	1	All square
" D Miller	...	2	3 Down
" Smith ...	...	5	4 "
" McConaghy	...	6	4 "
" Harrison	...	●	5 "
" Dalyell	...	2	5 "
" G Miller	...	6	5 "
Rev A Cant	...	+3	7 "
Capt Lowsley	...	6	7 "
Mr Cumming	...	4	9 "
Col McCloghry	...	2	no return
Col Cubitt ..	...	7	no return

Boxing.

SOUTH INDIAN A. A. TOURNAMENT.

This Tournament has been in progress during the last week, when some good exhibitions have been given. The entries were good, the light weights filling best. Large attendances graced the proceedings on each night. Lieutenant R. St. C. Houston, A.V.D., acted as Referee, while the Judges were Lieuts. Groves, R.G.A., and Lovering Durham L.I Mr. J. Duncan officiated as timekeeper. Details of proceedings on the 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th ultimo.

Bantam Weights up to 8st. 4lbs.

C.C. Suaris (M.V.G.) beat Pte. Bown (1st Lieecsters). The first round was an even round, but Suaris had the best of the second : at the end of the third the Judges were undecided and an extra round was fought, Suaris getting the verdict.

Dr. Carne, (55th Batty. R.F.A.) beat A Rodgers, Bangalore R.V. A very uninteresting bout, hardly any fighting being done. Carne received the verdict.

Feather Weights up to 9st.

Pte. Elliot (1st Leicesters) beat Pte. Turner (1st Royal Fusiliers). Hard fighting throughout, Elliot having decidedly the best of matters.

Pte. Davey (1st Royal Fusiliers) beat H. Nurse (Madras R. V). Davey had the best of the two rounds, the Judges stopping the fight and giving him the verdict.

Pte. A Elliot (1st Leicesters) beat C. M. D'Costa (M. V. G.) The first round was very even, but Elliot had rather the best of the second. He rushed in the third round and got in some good ones the Judges deciding in his favour. Pte Davey (1st Royal Fusiliers) beat Pte. Bown (1st Liecesters). Both fought very hard. Bown tried to rush his opponent, but Davey fought coolly and won easily.

Light Weights up to 10st.

Lce.-Corpl. Bainbridge (1st Durhams) beat Pte. T. Hall (1st Liecesters) at the end of three hard-fought rounds. The Judges were undecided and an extra round was fought, Bainbridge getting the verdict

Pte. Harris (1st Durhams) beat Lce-Corpl Cunningham (1st Liecesters). The Judges were again undecided at the end of the three rounds during which some heavy hitting had taken place. An extra round gave the fight to Harris.

Pte. Smith (1st Durhams) beat Pte. Milton (1st Leicesters). Smith was a hard hitter and Milton received some punishment. Smith got very winded towards the end but kept going and obtained the verdict.

Gnr. A. C. Chapman (G. Batty R. H. A.) beat Gnr. E. H. Brady (55th Batty R. F. A). Both fought well and the verdict was undecided at the end of the three rounds. The extra round was fought and Chapman got the decision.

Lce-Corpl. Bainbridge (1st Durhams beat Pte) Smith (1st Durhams) Some hard hitting was witnessed and they put up a good fight, Bainbridge getting the verdict.

Lce.-Corpl. Sanderson (1st Leicesters) beat R. W. Suaris (M. A. V.) The first round was a good one, but both got very winded in the second and Sanderson attacking hard in the last round got in frequently and was given the fight.

Pte. Harris (1st Durhams) beat Gnr. Chapman (G Batty. R. H. A.) Chapman had the best of the first round, but Harris got level in the second and forcing the fighting got in again and again, the Judges deciding in his favour.

Middle Weights up to 11st 4lbs.

Gnr. Lacey (58th Batty. R.F.A.) beat Pte. T.-Hall (1st Leicesters). A good fight, the result seeming very level : the Judges decided in favour of Lacey.

Pte. Jones (1st Royal Warwicks) beat Gnr. Lacey (58th Batty. R.F.A). Lacey played for a knock out, but Jones was on the alert and got in again and again and obtained the decision.

Lce.-Corpl. McGill (1st Durham) beat Dr. Alf. Dawson (P. Batty R.H.A.) McGill nearly knocked his man out at the start. Then Dawson was warned for holding the Judges stopping the fight in the second round and giving it to McGill.

Shows.

THE MUSSOORIE HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

The above show took place on Saturday the 26th ult. in the Happy Valley, and in spite of threatenings of rain on Friday evening, the weather proved lovely, and consequently the attendance was large. The morning was devoted to the judging of the dog section, and the afternoon to the horse classes. The dogs were comfortably benched on wooden benches arranged in a semi-circle at the Pavilion end, and three spacious rings were roped off in front At 10-30 the judging commenced, and as the rings were well served all classes were finished by 1 o'clock, the specials being left to the afternoon. The Judges were Lieutenant-Colonel Rennie, Variety Hounds and Coursing Dogs: Mr. Clifford Batten, Spaniels; Captain Baldrey, Variety, large and Bull Terriers; Major Impey, Irish Terriers and Wire Fox Terriers; Mrs. D. Ffolliott Powell, Variety small and Griffins; Mr. Bush, Setters, Dachshunds, Airedales, Smooth Fox Terriers, Chow-Chows, Eastern Dogs. Taken all round the judging was consistent, and the awards carefully made, which left very little for exhibitors to grumble at, though we did hear of one who was much disappointed because his 9 weeks old Maltese Terrier had had no card in a class of maturer puppies of 10 and 11 months. The thanks of all are due to the Honorary Secretaries, Captains Baldrey and Bannerman, and to the energetic committee-men, Lieutenant-Colonel Rennie and Major Barry, for the excellency of the arrangements. The following are the classes and awards :—

DOGS.

Class I.—*Variety Hounds.* 1st Maharaja of Jind's St. Bernard, Jind Leo the Great, 2nd Mr. Woodward's Deerhound, Jan Luath; also shown, the collie, Tricksey Lass, who is too small, and has very bad ears and the Dane, Greta, who was a very poor specimen. The rest were cross-breeds.

Class II.—*Coursing Dogs.* 1st Maharaja of Jind's Greyhound, Jind White Berry; 2nd Mrs. Jackson's Rampur Hound, Sambhur. H. C. Maharaja of Jind's Greyhound, Jind Squire. Sambhur is a better specimen of his breed than Jind White Berry is of his, and should have been first. We understood he was put second, as there was a small abrasion on his stern.

Class III.—*Setters.* 1st Mrs. Condon's Gordon Setter, Countess. H. C. the same owner's Don. Both are nice dogs, and when furnished the pup should easily beat his dam.

Class IV.—*Spaniels.* 1st Mr. Devenish's Black Cocker, Jet; 2nd Lieutenant-Colonel Hathaway's Black Cocker, Ebony, Reserve, Mrs. Walter's Cocker, Bess. V. H. C. Mrs. Condon's Field Spaniel Zulu. A good class, and the tussle for the first place between Jet and Ebony was very keen; both are typical dogs, and the placings might be reversed by another judge without detriment to either.

Class V.—*Dachshunds.* 1st Mr. Batten's Kader Friepan. H. C. Captain Kelly's Margaret. Kader Friepan is a very nice dapple, and rather swamped Margaret.

Class VI.—*Variety, Large.* A nasty class to judge, two very poor bull-dogs, and two fair Poodles.

1st Maharaja of Jind's Poodle, Rags. H. C. Mrs. Rendall's Bull-dog Joe. The Poodle, Jind Tatters, was spoilt by light eye, and was rather weedy.

Class VII.—*Bull Terriers.* 1st Mr. Elmore's Loharu; 2nd Miss Rennie's Turk. Loharu has a good head, but is weak in bone, bad in quarters, and carried his tail over his back. Turk is a pup of great promise, and might well have been first. Freda, a good bitch, was overlooked.

Class VIII.—*Airedales.* 1st and 2nd Maharaja of Jind's Rockferry Coronation, and Rockferry Don; 3rd Mrs. Powell's Karari Rebel. V. H. C. Gipsy Consort. A very good class Coronation appeared easily first, but Don's coat, which is wavy, might have put him under the still immature pup, Karari Rebel.

Class IX.—*Smooth Fox Terriers.* 1st dog, Maharaja of Jind's Delarey; 1st bitch, Majoor Impey's Ida. 3rd Major Impey's Vonolel; H. C. the same owner's Indian Maid. A good class. Delarey, who has a bad skull, and is rather out at elbows, was nearly beaten by Vonolel. Ida is a beautiful quality bitch, and easily beat her dam, Indian Maid.

Class X.—*Wire Fox Terriers.* 1st dog, Mrs. Powell's Wellingboro' Gamble; 1st bitch, Mrs. Powell's Wellingboro Bloom; 3rd same owner's Dusky Kitty. H. C same owner's King Rudolf. A good class again. Don't Go Bang, the Lahore winner, was sent out for being lame, he was also in very bad condition. Both Topsy Bristle and Humberstone Thistle, were put back for damage to the eyes. That nice bitch, Jind Sweetheart, might well have gone over the over-coarse King Rudolf, Mr. Harris' Carlo and Colonel Muir's Rhoda, are good and worthy of mention, but they were shown with coats on them like sheep.

Class XI.—*Irish Terriers.* 1st dog, Jind Brodick; 1st bitch, Jind Brookville; 3rd Jind Blowhard; H. C. Rev. C. Stewart's Wynnefield Sheila. All were good dogs and correctly placed.

Class XII.—*Chows.* 1st Mr. Reiffenstein's Boxer; 2nd Miss Cameron's Mandarin H. C. Mrs. Thurman's Anchoragh Satan. Not a very strong class. Satan was the best in coat, and quality, but had drop ears, which put him back.

Class XIII.—*Eastern Dogs.* 1st Mrs. Jackson's Rampur, Sambhur; 2nd same owner's Banjara Shujanli; H. C. Mrs. Tate's Pekinese Nellie. Sambhur is a splendid Rampur, Shujanli a real good specimen of that little known breed, the Banjara. The Pekinese Nellie was also good. Another Pekinese, Rosie, was a little too long, and had not such a good head as Nellie. The Lhassa Terrier, Fluff, a good specimen, was in poor condition and was shown with a litter of pups. Altogether quite one of the best classes in the show.

Class XIV.—*Variety, Small.* There was no doubt about the variety, as the class contained a Scottish Terrier, 2 Maltese Terriers, 2 Schipperkes, 2 Griffons, a pug, and a Portallock Terrier (?). 1st Mrs. Thatcher's Maltese, Geisha; 2nd Mrs. Condon's Pug, Judy; 3rd Captain Lindsay's Scottish Terrier, Ben Sheil; H. C. Maharaja of Jind's Schirpperke, King Cole. This class we did not think quite correctly placed. The Scottish Terrier should have been first followed by King Cole, and Geisha, or Fairy Queen, though the latter was out of coat. The pug was too small, and wanting in pug qualities. The Griffons were not of the correct kind known as Griffon Bruxelois.

Class XV.—*Braces.* 1st Mrs. Powell's Wire Fox Terriers, King Rudolf and Wellingboro' Bloom; 2nd Major Impey's Smooth Fox Terriers, Vonolel and Ida; 3rd Maharaja of Jind's Irish Terriers, Jind Brodick and Blowhard; H. C. Maharaja of Jind's Airedales, Rockferry Coronation, and Don. Here again we could not agree with the Judges, the placings should have been, the Airedales, Smooth Fox Terriers, Irish Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers. It is a mistake to judge by "matchings," each dog should be individually judged against the others.

Class XVI.—*Puppies.* 1st Major Impey's Smooth Fox Terrier, Ida; 2nd Rev. C. Stewart's Irish Terrier, Wynnefield Sheila; 3rd Mrs. Powell's Smooth Fox Terrier, Karari Major Quintus; V. H. C. Miss Rennie's Bull Terrier Turk.

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HORSES.

The judging of the horses commenced at 12-30, and continued all the afternoon. The general quality was very fair.

CLASS A.—Arabs 14-2 and under

1st Captain Daunt's g a p British Flag; 2nd Major Watson's b a p Anthony; 3rd Mr. Durand's g a p Ismail.

CLASS B.—C.-B's 14-2 and under.

Miss M. Powell's bl cb m; 2nd Mrs. Humfrey's b cb m; 3rd Mr. Bannerman's ch cb m Henna

CLASS C.—English and Colonial ponies, 14-2 and under.

1st Mrs. Wutzler's ch aust g Star; 2nd Major Watson's br aust m Ask Mamma; 3rd Colonel Muir's b aust g Defence.

CLASS D.—All horses over 14-2.

1st Mr. Bannerman's ch aust g Starlight; 2nd Major-General Henry's br aust g Wee Lad; 3rd Miss M. Jackson's br aust g Tantivy.

CLASS E.—Polo ponies 14-1 and under.

1st Major Watson's br aust m Ask Mamma; 2nd Major Grant's g a g British Flag; 3rd Colonel Muir's br aust g Defence.

CLASS F.—Hacks ridden by men.

1st Major-General Henry's br aust g; 2nd Major Watson's ch aust g Andante; 3rd Major Grimston's, ch a g Gold Leaf.

CLASS G.—Hacks ridden by ladies.

1st Miss Humfrey's b cb m; 2nd Mrs. Boudier's br aust m Stella; 3rd Miss M Jackson's b aust g Tantivy.

CLASS H.—Children's ponies.

1st Miss Chapman's br cb p Bul Bul; 2nd Miss Humfrey's b cb m.

CLASS I.—Jumping horses over 14-2.

1st Mr. Jackson's br aust g Rover; 2nd Colonel Muir's b Irish g Wee Lad.

CLASS J.—Jumping ponies under 14-2.

1st Colonel Muir's br aust g Defence, 2nd Captain Cadogan's Dun aust m Shoji.

THE POONA HORSE SHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, *1st October 1903.*

THE Poona Horse Show this year under the guidance of Captain Grafton Young I. M. S., has been one of the most successful ever held. The entries have been numerous, the class of horses exhibited excellent and the awards above cavil. In some instances the public disagreed with the Judges, but then they always do.

The saddle horses were a more than average good lot, while the Harness classes were quite up to the best exhibited in the Bombay and Poona Show rings. Of course the prize most coveted is that given for the horse which in the opinion is the best horse in the Show and this award was given to Mrs. C. A. Beatty's Vladimir. This hardy horse was given first prize in the Light Weight Hunter class and being well handled by his owner were shown to the best advantage. He was also given the red rosette for Ladies' Horses ridden by ladies and among Hacks over 14-2 also secured first honours. Mrs. Beatty is always well to the fore at the Poona Horse Show and this year has had a fair share of the prizes, for besides Vladimir's prizes Mrs. Beatty also carried off the Cup for ladies' ponies with Vigilance.

The Charger class was well represented. So long had been the process of judging in past year that it materially interfered with the completion of the programme; this time, however, the process of selection was somewhat simpler. The winner turned up in Coronet owned by Colonel Carter with Captain Crawford's Waverly second in the class for English and Colonial Chargers. Major Edwards' Benarth took premier honours in the Arab and C.-B., class in which division second honours went to Captain Harbrid's Armean both showy animals but somewhat wanting in steadiness.

The Hack classes saw useful lots paraded and in most cases they were well handled. In the Arab and C.-B., class under 14-2 Vigilance was placed first. This is a showy C.-B., a fine mover and hunts splendidly, consequently the award was very popular. In the same class other than Arabs and C.-B.'s a fine lot of animals were exhibited and the Judges' verdict fell on Mrs. R F. Anderson's Freda, a pony that carried off more than one red rosette at the shows; he has form, action and pace and stood out alone in this division. The prize for Hacks over 14-2 as already stated went to Vladimir.

The Polo Pony class taken collectively were the best collection of animals on show. The 3rd Bombay Cavalry Polo Club's Starlight, well shaped and showy animal, was given a well-deserved award. In the Heavy Weight division Major Edwards' Iron Duke was placed first. He is a pony of fine bone and substance and exceedingly handy and so good is he all round in point of general quality, manners, etc, that the Judges give him the prize for the best polo pony in the show. In the jumping competition for ponies Mrs. Edwards's Freda and Mrs Grafton Young's Topthorne tied, but in the run off the former won. Mrs. Young, however, had the gratification of seeing Topthorn beat the horses at jumping, his lepping being excellent. In the Hunter classes we missed Colonel Bull I. M. S., who returns to India this week. In the division for Light Weights Major Young's Squire won, but we have seen his betters in the ring. For hunters under 14-2 Freda received the award and this same mare also won as a lady's hack in the 14-2 class. The best hunter hunting with the Poona and Kirkee Hounds was adjudged by Colonel Sheringham to be Mrs. C. A. Beatty's Vigilance "and so say all of us."

The driving classes must next be reviewed, and taking the ponies first Aga S. Shah's Ironmaster, a grey C.-B., lately owned by Captain the Hon. F. C. Greville and an old favourite of the show ring, was certainly far ahead of the others shown in the matter of shape and action, but after being trotted round twice or three times he was turned out on the plea that his entry was late; the prize went to the less stylish C. B. Sir Laddie, a grey Arab named Diamond securing second honours.

The Single Harness class for Waler and English ponies, Mr. Powell's Pallas carried off the red rosette for shape and style. Mrs. Grafton Young's Topthorn being second: this blue roan has fine action and is one of the best all-round ponies exhibited in recent years in Bombay and Poona.

In the Single Harness class for horses over 14-2 Mr. Tata owns a fine dark brown hackney which was exhibited in Bombay at his *debut* in a very smart hamsom cab but the cab and band combined was too much for Sultan's nerves and he was fired out by the judges for his impetuous behaviour. Steady work has done him good and at Poona he beat the many times winner, Modesty. Had the latter, however, had the services of Mr. C. Arthur Ellis, who has carried off five first prizes when tooling her she might have beaten Mr. Tata's horse as she did in Bombay, as it was she secured second honours and a bay waler, unnamed, owned by Mrs. Edgerley, was placed third.

A goodly show was made by the pairs in double harness. Nine pairs paraded and of these Mr. Anandji Nanji's Black Russian mares, Mary and Molly, defeated the same owner Modesty and Hero. For three years the latter have beaten thes former and the defeat of the English pair by the Russians was somewhat unexpected, perhaps there was something in the driving.

Last year no teams were shown where as on this occasion four teams were ringed. Of these the best handled certainly were the Remount Depôt's (Ahmednagar) coach to the skilful handling of the ribbons of which by Captain Hunt the victory was due I can not say that the winners were a well matched quartette as to colour, but they team well together considering they had but recently been put to tram work. The R. H. (Kirkee) team had a fine pair of chestnut leaders and bay wheelers and ran the winners close, but Captain Hunt is a splendid whip as is well known throughout India and he carried off the red ribbon.

The prizes were distibuted by Mrs. Younghusband and cheers were called for her and for Captain Grafton Young on whom the mantle of Colonel Bull as Honorary Secretary had fittingly fallen.

The following are details:—

CLASS I.—Tandems. Judges—Major Fitz J M Edwards, and C. A. Beatty Esq.

Major Cyril Murray's blk aus m Lassie and blk c b Sir Laddie	1
Mr L C Swift's b aust	2
Lieut Col R Baker's b aust m Macushla and Machree ...	0
Mr Jamsetjee N Tata's blk amer's The Black and Morgans	0

CLASS III.—Arab and C B Chargers. Judges.—Lieut Col E Wright, Major J D Leslie and F de D Young.

Major Fitz J M Edwards' ch arab Benarth	1
Capt C R Harbaord's ch arab Armeau	2
Capt L C Knight's g arab Blue Peter H C	
Capt J M Davies' g arab Clyde H C	
Capt M Anderson's ch arab Amber	0
Mr. Harman Grisewood's arab Gipsy	0
Capt W G Lilingston's ch arab Ormonde	0
Capt C Stacks arab Savernacke	0

CLASS IV.—Light Weight A and C B Polo Ponies. Judges—Major-Genl. Elliot, Lt.-Col. E A Kettlewell and Capt A Hewlett.

3rd Bombay Light Cavalry's g arab Starlight ...	1
Capt J M Davie's g arab Scots Grey	2
Capt Hickman's b arab, Bear	0
Capt W J Lambert's g cb Grey Friar	0
Capt J Alexander's g arab Sequin	0
Capt J Alexander's b arab Little Arthur	0
Major England's b arab Prince Diamond	0
Major England's b arab Courier	0
Lieutenant-Colonel R Eccles' ch cb m Lady Betty ...	0
Mr H Gilead Smith's g arab Pink Un	0
Mr Harman Grisewood's b cb m Golden Oriole ...	0
Mr Harman Grisewood's g arab Lodiac	0
Mr L C Swifte's b arab Chaseme	0
Lieutenant-Colonel G P Onslow's b arab Jairam ...	0

CLASS V.—Heavy Weight Arab and C. B. Polo Ponies up to 13 stone or over. Judges.—Lieut-Colonel E A Kettlewell, Major C F Murray and Major-General Elliot.

Major Fitz J M Edwards' g arab Iron Duke	1
Capt A Hewlett's ch arab Cæsar	2
Capt A Hewlett's ch arab Oliver ...	H. C.
Capt L C Knight's g arab Blue Peter	0
Lieutenant-Colonel R Eccles' b arab Rocket ...	0
Mr H Grisewood's g arab Orion	0
Capt J H Davis's g arab Clyde	0
Mr L C Swifte's b arab What-ho	0
Mr L C Swifte's g cb m Maiden	0
Mr Conson's g arab Spanker	0

CLASS VI.—Polo ponies other than Arabs and C. B's Judges—Lieut-Colonel E A Kettlewell, Capt A Hewlett, C I H and Major-General Elliot

Captain H Meynell's ch aus m Marseilles	1
Mr E D Raymond's g aust m Vixen	2
Captain Hickman's b aus m Saucebox	0
3rd Bo. Light Cavalry Polo Club's blk aus m Black Girl	0
3rd Bo Light Cavalry Polo Club s b aust William ...	0
Major J P Brewin's br aust m Mollie	0
Captain J M Davies' br nz m Loch Maree	0
Lieut-Colonel Onslow's b aust m Hilda	0

CLASS VII.—English and Colonial charges The *bona fide* property of Officers on full pay. Judges.—Colonel Brunker, R. H. A, and Colonel C. M. Kavanagh.

Lieut.-Colonel Carter's b aust Coronet.	
Capt J H Crawford's br aus Waverley	2
Major Fitz J M Edwards' br eng m Zante (by Macbeth) Highly Commended	
Ressaldar Bhagwan Singh's b aus Savile. Commended ...	
Major F de B Young's b aust Squire	0
Major F de B Young's b aust Victor Hugo	0
Capt J H Crawford's br aus Ivanhoe	0
Capt C Parry's b aus The Dane	0
Capt C Parry s blk aus Grandmaster	0
Capt F G Benn's blk aus Charcoal	0
Captain D S Buist's b aust Yermak	0
Mr V K Birch's br aus m Nightingale	0
Lt-Colonel E L Wright's br aus Edward	0
Mr E M Mayne's ch aus m Lorna Doone	0
Mr Keighley's br aust Recluse (by The Hermit) ...	0
Capt M Anderson's ch aust m Amethyst	0
Capt W P Bannerman's b aust Sortie ...	0
Lt-Colonel C B Vyvyan's br aust Bushman (For sale) ...	0
Capt W G Lilingston's br aust Rob Roy	0
Major R Strange's blk aust Sambo	0
Lieutenant J H Wallis' ch aust The Earl	0
Lieutenant & R M D'Aherne's br aust m Primrose ...	0
Major J D Leslie's b aust m My Dream	0
Mr C W Lyon's b aust m Princess Yolande	0

CLASS VIII.—Pairs of Horses in Harness. Judges.—Lt-Col C M Kavanagh, Lt.-Colonel Hazelton and Major F de B Young.

Mr Anandji Nanji's blk rusns Molly and Mary ...	1
Mr Anandji Nanji's br eng Hero and Modesty	2
Mrs Edgerley's b aust Highly Commended ...	0
The Hon Mr A D Younghusband's b austs Barbara and Beatrice	0
Lt-General Sir Robert Low's b austs Necklace & Locket	0
Remount Depot Ahmednagar br aust m Alert & Actress ..	0
Mr. Nowrojee Pudumjee's blk austs Prince & Pretender...	0
The Chief of Jumkhandi's g hungs Prince & Princess ...	0
Mr Jamsetjee N Tata's blk amers The Black Morgans ...	0

CLASS IX.—Ladies' Horses (to be ridden by Ladies).—Judges—Lt-Col G Onslow, Lt-Col. Hazelton and Lt-Col C Vyvyan.

Mrs C A Beatty's br aust Vladimir	1
Major Fitz J M Edwards' br eng m Zante (by Macbeth)	2
Mrs Stockley's sk cb Spotty Commended.	
Mr A Lucas' b aus m Diana	0
Lt-Col Hume Henderson's ch aust m Heather ...	0
Mr D W Herbert's bl eng m Lady Scandal	0
Major F de B Young's Rapier	0
Miss Anderson's b aust Maxim	0
Capt C Parry's b aust The Dane...	0
Mrs A M Jackson's dun aus m Rowena	0
Major R Strange's br augt Blue Rock	0
Mr H J Wallis' ch aust The Earl	0
Mrs Stockley's ch aust Sunflower	0
Lt R M D'Aherne's br aust m Primrose	0
Mr C W Lyon's b aust m Princess Yolande	0

CLASS X.—Jumping Competition for Ponies 14-2 and under. Judges.—Lieut Col. C. M. Kavanagh, Lieut-Col. E. A. Kettlewell, Major-General C. J. Burnett, C. B.

Mr. R F Anderson's br aust m Freda, Capt Hewlett ...	1
Mrs Grafton Young's bl roan aust Topthorn II, Capt Young	2
Miss Muir Mackenzie's rn cb m Facie	0
Capt A Webb's b cb Tempest	0
Mrs Randall's bl aust Assegai	0
Mr R Slack's b cb Tambourine	0
Lieut-Col R Eccles' ch aust m Zoia	0
Mrs C A Beatty's c cb m Vigilance	0
Capt F N Burne's g arab Silver King	0

CLASS XI.—Ponies 14-2 and under in Single Harness. (*a*) Australians and English. Judges—Lieut-Colonel C M Kavangah, Lieut-Colonel Hazelton and Major F. de B Young.

Mrs. Powell's b aust Pallas	1
Mrs Grafton Young's blue roan aust Topthorn II ...	2
Mr J Gardar's br aug m Dolly Vardon	H. C.
Mr Byramjee Pudumjee's br aust Twenty-Two ...	H. C.
Captain J H Crawford's ch aus m Fraulein ...	0
Mr D J Isaac's br aus m Molly	0
Major F de B Young's b aus m Little Lady	0
Mrs A D Younghusband's br aus Vandyke	0
Mr J L Symon's ch amer Ekkymowl	0
Major J P Brewin's br aust m Mollie	0
Mrs Carter's dun aust Bruggles	0
Captain Casserly s cb aust m Corsair	0

(*b*) Arabs and C. B.'s.—Judges—Lt.-Col. E. H. Wright, Major General Elliot and Major C. E. Baynes.

Major C F Murray's blk cb Sir Laddie	1
Mr S A Wahed's g arab Diamond	2
Major F de B Young's b arab Pallonji	0
Mrs Duxbury's ch st bred n Astore	0
Captain A D Creagh's blk cb Satin	0
Captain W J Lambert's g cb Grey Friar	0
Captain Grafton Young's b cb Gossip	0
Aga S Shah's g cb Iron Master	0
Lieut.-Colonel G P Onslow's b cb Prince	0
Mr K N Khandalla s ch cb Rambling Katie... ...	0
Captain Bayford's g cb Messmate	0

CLASS XII.—Hunters 14-2 and under.—Judges.—Liet-Col. C M. Kavanagh and Major-General Elliot.

Mrs R F Anderson's br aust m Freda	1
H H Aga Khan's ch aust Funny	2
Captain Hickman's b aust m Saucebox Highly Commended	
Captain A Hewlett's b aust Coronation Commended	
Mr Hume Henderson's g arab Curiosity	0
Mr Hume Henderson's ch arab Cosmo	0
Mr R C Brown's br cb Sin	0
Mrs Grafton Young's bl roan Topthorn II	0
Lt.-Col E A Kettlewell's b aust m Lady's Realm ...	0
Mrs Randall's bl aust Assegai	0
Mr Slacke's b cb Tambourine	0
Aga S Shah's ch nz m Meshk	0
Major Cyril Murray's blk cb Sir Laddie	0
Mr L C Swifte's b aust Tut-tut	0
Mrs C A Beatty's b cb m Vigilance	0
Capt F H Burne's g arab Silver King	0

CLASS XIII.—Light Weight Hunters Judges—Col A, Sheringham, Major General Elliot and Lt-Col C M Kavanagh.

Mr D D Herbert's blk eng m Lady.	
Mrs C A Beatty's b aust Vladimir	1
Major Fitz J M Edwards' ch aust m Runaway Girl ...	2
Mrs Stockley's ch aust Sunflower Highly Commended.	
Miss Anderson's b aust Maxin Highly Commended.	
Mr A Lucas b aus m Diana	0
Lieut-Colonel Hume Henderson's ch aus m Heather ...	0
Mr R C Brown's br cb Sin	0
Capt H G Benn's blk aust Black Prince	0
Major F de B Young's b aust Victor Hugo	0
Mr E M Mayne's ch aust m Lorna Doone	0
,, Keighley's br aust Recluse (by the Hermit) ...	0
Capt M Anderson's ch aust m Amethyst	0
H H The Aga Khan's br aust Swiftsure	0
Lieut-Colonel C B Vyvyan's br aust Brushman (for sale)	0
Lieut and R M D'Aherne's br aust m Primrose ...	0

CLASS XIV.—Hacks over 14-2. Judges—Major-General L. Elliott, Lt.-Col C. M. Kavanagh and Lt-Col Hazelton.

Mrs C A Beatty's b aust Vladimir	1
Major Fitz J M Edwards's br eng m Zante (by Macbeth)	2
Capt W G Lilingston's br aust Rob Roy ...	...H.C.
Mr R D Settna's br aus Prince	0
Capt C Parry's b aust The Dane...	0
Capt C Parry's blk aust Grandmaster	0
Capt A D Creagh's b arab Hugo...	0
Capt D S Buist's br aust m Cleopatra	0
Mr V K Birch's br aust m Nightingale	0
Major Fitz J M Edwards's ch aus m Runaway Girl ...	0
Mr W H Anderson's b aust Dreadnought	0
Mr W H Mayne's ch aus m Lorna Doone	0
Mr A Lucas' b aust m Diana	0
Jelal Shah's b cb Lachin	0
Mr D W Herbert's blk eng m Lady Scandal ...	0
Capt T Crawford's br aust Waverley	0
H E the Governor's Body Guard b aust No 58 ...	0
Mr Keighley's br aust Recluse (by The Hermit) ...	0
Mr H Fitz G Beale's b aust m Semiramis	0
Mr L C Swifte's b aust Servador	0
Major R Strange's br aust Blue Rock	0
Mrs Stockley's sk cb Spotty	0
Mr R Cousen's br aust m Bess	0
Lieut and R M D'Aherne's br aust m Primrose ...	0
Capt C F Dobb's blk aust Friday	0

CLASS XV.—Hacks 14-2 and under. (*a*) Arabs and C B.'s Judges—Lieut-Colonel P. A. Wright, and Lieut-Colonel C B Vyvyan.

Capt A Hewlett's ch arab Cæsar	1
Mrs C A Beatty's b cb Vigilance	2
Mr S A Wahed' g arab Fireflag	H C
Major E England's b arab Prince Diamond	H C
Mr A Marriot's b arab Wily	0
Mr R C Brown's br cb Sin	0
Mr Hume Henderson's ch arab Cosmo	0
Capt G Hickman s b arab The Dean	0
Capt A D Creagh's blk cb Satin	0
Vety.-Capt F D Hunt s b cb Pride of Asia ...	0
Aga S Shah's br arab Musketeer	0
Lieut-Colonel R Eccles' ch cb m Lady Betty ...	0
Mrs Carter's wh arab Pharisee II...	0
Mr Harman Grisewood's g arab Zodiac	0
Major C F Murray's bl cb Sir Laddie	0
Lieut-Colonel Onslow's b cb Prince	0

(*b*) Other than Arabs and C-B.'s—Judges—Lt-Col G C Onslow, Major J Leslie, Major F de B Young.

Mrs R F Anderson's br aus m Freda	1
Mr J L Symons' ch amer Ekkymowl	2
Mrs Grafton Young's blue roan aus Topthorn II. H. C.	
Capt A Hewlett's b aust Coronation Commended.	
Mrs Carter's dun aust Bruggles	0
Capt H Meynell's ch aus m Marseilles	0
Capt Hickman's b aus m Saucebox	0
Capt H G Benn's ch aust Estelle	0
Lt-Col Kettlewell's b aust Lady's Realm	0
H H Aga Khan's ch aust Funny	0
Aga S Shah's ch n m Meshk	0

CLASS XVI.—Teams, Driving competition. Judges—Co[

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R F A's Team Major England ... ... H C
R F A's Team Mr A Evans' Gvynne 0
3rd Bombay Light Cavalry's aust Major Fitz J W Edwards 0

CLASS XVII.—Heavy Weight Hunters up to over 13 stone. Judges—Colonel A Sheringham, Colonel C M Kavanagh and C Beatty Esq.

Major F de B Young's b aust Squire 1
Captain J Alexander's b aust Glencoe 2
Captain H G Benn's blk aust Charcoal 0
Mr W H Anderson's b aust Dreadnought 0
Major C R Elliott's ch aust Skedaddle 0
Captain W G Lillingston's br aust Rob Roy ... 0
Captain Stockley's ch aust m Sharpe 0
Mr R Cousen's br aust m Bess 0
Mr E Neame's g aust Jude the Obscure 0

CLASS XVIII.—Horses in Single Harness. Judges.—Lt-Col C. M. Kavanagh, Lt-Colonel Hazelton & Major F de B. Young.

Mr Jamsetjee's N Tata's ch br eng Sultan 1
Mr Anandji Nanji's br eng m Modesty 2
Mrs Edgerley's blk aust ... ... H.C.
Mr J B Beatty's m Coronation ... ... C.
Mr K S Powvala's br aus m Miss Sweet William ... 0
Mr Fitz G Beale's b aust m Semiramis 0
Lieut-Colonel Hume Henderson's ch aus m Heather ... 0
Lieut-Colonel Hume Henderson's ch aus m Husbeen ... 0
Mr D W Herbert's bl eng m Lady Scandal 0
Colonel Anderson's g hung 0
Lt General Sir Robert Low b aust m Necklace ... 0
Mr V K Birch's br aust m Nightingale 0
Mr K M Mayne's ch aust m Lorna Doone 0
Mr Gardar's blk aust Ebonite 0
Major R Strange's br aust Blue Rock 0
Mr H J Wallis' ch aust The Earl 0
Mr S A Wahed's br aust Blackthorn 0
Mr S A Wahed's b aust Truffles 0
Lieut R M D'Aherne's br aust m Primrose 0

CLASS XIX.—Ladies' ponies 14·2 and under to be ridden by Ladies. (*a*) Arabs and Country-breds. Judges—Lieut-Colonel G. C. Onslow, and Lieut-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.

Mrs C A Beatty's b cb Vigilance 1
Major F de B Young's b arab Pallonji 2
Mrs Carter's wh arab Pharisee II ... H C
Jelal Shah's bl arab Anchorite 0
Vety Capt F D Hunt's b cb Pride of Asia ... 0
Major Cyril Murray's ch arab Hamilton 0
Capt H F Burne's g arab Silver King 0

(*b*) Other than Arabs and C B's.—Judges—Colonel Anderson, Lt-Col Vyvyan and Maj-General Elliot.

Mrs R F Anderson's br aust m Freda 1
Mrs Grafton Young's bl roan aust Topthorn II ... 2
Mrs Carter's br aust Bruggles, ... H C
Major F de B Young's b aus m Little Lady 0
Mrs A D Younghusband's br aust m Vandyke ... 0
Lt-General Sir Robert Low's b aust Umpire 0
Mrs Randall's blk aust Assegai 0
Mr J L Symons' ch amer Ekkymowl 0
Lt-Col G P Onslow's b aust m Hilda 0

CLASS XX.—Jumping Competition for Horses. Judges—Lt-Colonel C M Kavanagh, Major-General L Elliot, Major General C J Burnett, C B.

Mrs Grafton Young's bl roan aust Topthorn II ... 1
The Hon'ble Mr A D Younghusband's g aust m Lady Griseline 2
Mrs C A Beatty's b cb m Vigilance ... ... H C
Mr E C O Ross' g cb Pipeclay 0
Mr A Lucas' b aus m Diana 0
Lieut-Col Hume Henderson's ch aus m Husbeen ... 0
Capt J H Crawford's br aus Ivanhoe 0
Mr F S Lindsay's b arab Capt Jinks 0
Mr H L Harkness' b aust m Unnamed 0
Mr W H Anderson's b aust Dreadnought 0
Capt J L Alexander's b aust Glencoe 0
Capt C S Stack's b aust Nam eless 0
Mr F B Johnston's b aust Ellerslie 0
H H Aga Khan's ch aust Funny 0
Mr E O Beases' b aust Dawn 0
Lieut-Colonel C B Vyvyan's br aust Bushman (for sale)
Capt D G Lillingston's br aust Rob Boy 0
Mr H J Wallis' ch aust The Earl 0
Capt Stockley's ch aust m Sharoo 0
Capt F H Burne's g arab Silver King 0
Capt C W Lyon's b aust m Princess Yolande ... 0

CLASS XXI.—Best Hunter regularly hunted with the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds.—Judges—Colonel A Sheringham, M F H and Colonel A Lucas.

Mrs C A Beatty's b cb m Vigilance 1
Miss Anderson's b aust Maxim ... ... H. C.
Mr A Luca's b aus m Diana 0
Lieut-Col Hume Henderson's ch aus m Heather ... 0
Mr Hume Henderson's g arab Curiosity 0
Lt-Genl Sir Robert Low's b aust Nugget 0
Lt-Gl. Sir Robert Low's ch arab Rufus 0
Major Fitz J M Edwards's ch aust m Runaway Girl ... 0
Mr Keighley's br aust Recluse (by the Hermit) ... 0
Major C R Elliot's ch aust Skedaddle 0
Mrs C A Beatty's b aust Vladimir 0
Mrs Stockley's ch aust Sunflower 0

CLASS XXII.—The best Pony in the Show. Judges—Lieut-Col C M Kavanagh, Major-General L Elliot and Lieut-Colonel Anderson.

Aga S Shah's ... ... Funny

CLASS XXII.—The best horse in the Show. Judges.— Major General L Elliot, Lieut-Colonel Hazelton and Lieut-Colonel C M Kavanagh.

Mrs C A Beatty's ... ... Vladimir

CLASS XXIV.—The best Polo Pony in the Show. Judges—Major-General Elliot, Lt-Colonel C M Kavanagh and Lt-Colonel E A Kettlewell:

Major Edwards' ... ... Iron Duke

CLASS XXV.—Children's Ponies (constantly ridden by children). Judges—Lt-Colonel Hazelton.

Master Adolphos A'Herne's b cb m Lady Newbrook ... 1
Master Byass ch cb 2
The Rajah of Akalkote's b cb Brownie ... ... H C
Miss Aileen Betham's ch cb Stoneybroke 0
Miss Nellie A'Herne's b cb m Daisy Belle 0
Miss Dorothy Fawcett's r pony Devri 0
Master Rober Prior's 0
Master Tommy Dodd's 0

Some years ago that well-known jockey-trainer, Robert Wyatt had an interest in a horse called Lord Lincoln. He was going to try him for a race at Croydon, and wanted to blind the touts, a scheme which he effected in the following manner :—

Wyatt went to a butcher in the town, and told him to have a sheep killed at a certain time, and he would be there.

True to his promise, he turned up with a bladder, which he had filled with the blood, and put in his pocket. He then mounted his horse, and rode off to the Downs, where Lord Lincoln and other horses were waiting for the trial.

Wyatt rode Lord Lincoln himself, and as he pulled up he undid the bladder, and let the blood run down the horse's face and nostrils. Knowing where one of the touts was stationed, he took the horse as close as he could to him. The tout naturally thought the horse had broken a blood-vessel, and wired away to that effect; but Lord Lincoln, ridden by Robert D'Anson, won his race in a canter.

The Naturalist.

THE HOME OF THE TIGER.

TWO parts of the London Zoological Society's Proceedings are now to hand, and contain some papers of great interest to Anglo-Indian zoologists.

A paper read in February by Colonel C. E. Stewart, C. B., C. M. G., C. I. E., on the Original Home of the Tiger, gives some facts which will come as a surprise to a good many people who have considered "Stripes" as a characteristically Indian beast. It is true that many must know by this time that tigers are common in localities in parts of Asia far from India, even in cold climates, and that the tiger under the latter conditions grows a thicker coat. But Colonel Stewart goes further, and believes that this beast is as much a northern immigrant into Bengal as we are ourselves, having been originally a purely northern animal. He thinks, in the first place, that there is no Sanscrit word for the tiger; and that in the Assyrian monuments, where the lion is constantly portrayed as a beast of chase, the tiger does not occur. Moreover, Greek historians do not mention the tiger as an Indian animal. Thus the inference from archæology and history tends to show that the immigration is a recent one. The present distribution of the animal, which is most numerous in the colder part of its range, even in the semi-arctic island of Saghalien, and is absent from Ceylon, certainly points to a similar conclusion; and to this may be added the fact well known to observers, that the tiger is sensitive to heat.

The last argument, which Colonel Stewart does not mention, must, however, be used with caution, for it certainly will not hold water if applied to birds.

On the other hand, in next month's meeting, Mr. J. L. Bonhote announced that a Sanscrit scholar had told him that a word (*eyâghra*) did exist denoting this animal; but he did not wish to contest the position Colonel Stewart had taken up as to the tiger's northern origin, but merely to point out that the immigration was thus shown to be less recent than might have been inferred from the arguments above given from this point of view. It may be doubted, however, whether a pure scholar is a fit person to decide whether any particular word denoted a particular animal; we must not forget that the learned authors of Liddell and Scott's Greek lexicon hopelessly mixed up the sacred ibis of Egypt with the scarlet ibis of South America; and the remaining arguments taken together certainly remain very strong, for the name may, even if correctly identified, have been applied to the animal as an exotic, known by repute or kept in the menageries of ancient rajas.

In any case, the northern origin of the tiger effectully upsets the theory that he acquired his stripes by "natural selection" so as to become assimilated to bamboo jungle!

THE HABITS OF THE HOOLOCK.

At this same February meeting was read an interesting paper by Mr. G. Caudler, dealing with some aspects of the habits of the Hoolock gibbon (*Hylobates hoolock*), a very familiar animal to many people even in Calcutta, owing to the presence for several years in the Alipore Zoo of a male of this species in complete liberty. Mr. Caudler, who has observed both feral and tame specimens, thinks that the troops work their territory systematically for food, as a tea-garden is plucked, as they will be away for a week from a place, and then re-visit it; and he is inclined to credit them with the possession of some sort of Government system. They evidently dislike a renegade, for a tamed but free Hoolock does not revert to a wild life, although he may constantly hear the calls of the wild ones. He seldom in such cases appears to use his voice, although, both in the Calcutta and the London Zoos, the caged specimens are vocal enough. Experiments made by Mr. Caudler showed that the Hoolock has no notion of swimming which, taken in conjunction with the similar inability of man unless taught, and the fact that the Hoolock walks on his hind feet, seems rather significant, although anatomists do not allow the Hoolock so close a relationship to our noble selves as is granted to the bigger (and nastier) anthropoids—the gorilla, chimpanzee, and orang-outang. It may be mentioned that the young, at all events, of the orang has been shown to be similarly incapable in the water. With regard to the gait on the ground of the Hoolock, I think that Mr. Caudler somewhat exaggerates the animal's awkwardness, and those I have seen did not carry their arms "upwards," but simply bent enough to keep them clear of the ground. No doubt, however, the attitude varies at times, or in different individuals. Some years ago the London Zoological Gardens had a chimpanzee which habitually walked on her hind legs only, instead of using her knuckles also in the ordinary manner of the species. Habits are not so easy to dogmatize about as structure, which is probably why they are not admitted as a "scientific" subject by the ordinary professional naturalist who has at all costs to display superior knowledge.

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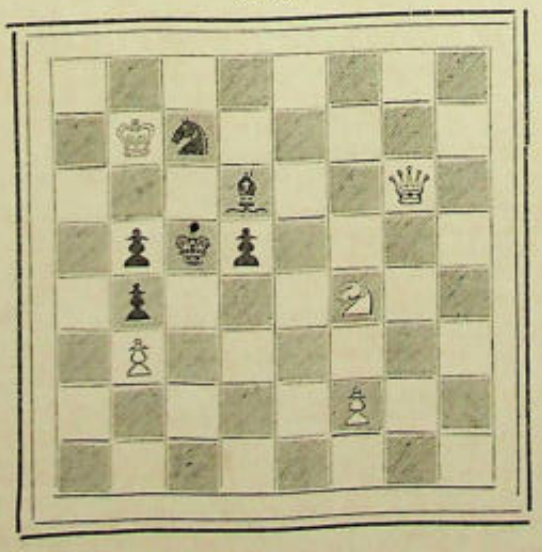

WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Cards.

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM NO. 13.

1 A leads Spades Knave; X plays Queen; won by B.
2 B leads Clubs 10; Z covers; won by A.
3 A leads Spades 2; won by B.
4 B leads Clubs 9; Z covers; won by A.
5 A leads Spades 3; won by B.
6 B leads Diamonds; won by A.
7 A leads Clubs 4; won by B.
8 B leads Hearts; won by A.
9 A leads Diamonds Ace; B discards Heart.
10 A leads Diamonds 2; B trumps.
11 B leads the thirteenth Club.
12 & 13 A makes two Hearts.

1 If at trick 1, X pass the Knave of Spades, it wins.
2 A leads Spades 2; won by B.
3 B leads Clubs 10; won by A.
4 A leads Spades 3; won by B.
5 B leads Clubs 9; won by A.
6 A leads Clubs 4; won by B.
7 B leads Diamonds; won by A.
8 A leads the winning Diamond? B discards Hearts.
9 A leads Diamonds 2; B trumps.
10 B leads the thirteenth Club; if Z discards Diamond, A discards Hearts Knave, and, B leading Hearts, A make Hearts Ace, Queen and Diamonds 7; if Z discard Hearts, A discards Diamonds and makes his three Hearts.

If Z does not cover the first lead of Clubs, A and B still make thirteen tricks; for B's 10 wins, and he continues the suit when A wins, leads Clubs Ace, and then the small trump.

WHIST HAND NO. 14.

A and B play against X and Z. A leads. The card with the double rim wins and the card below the rimmed card is the next one led.

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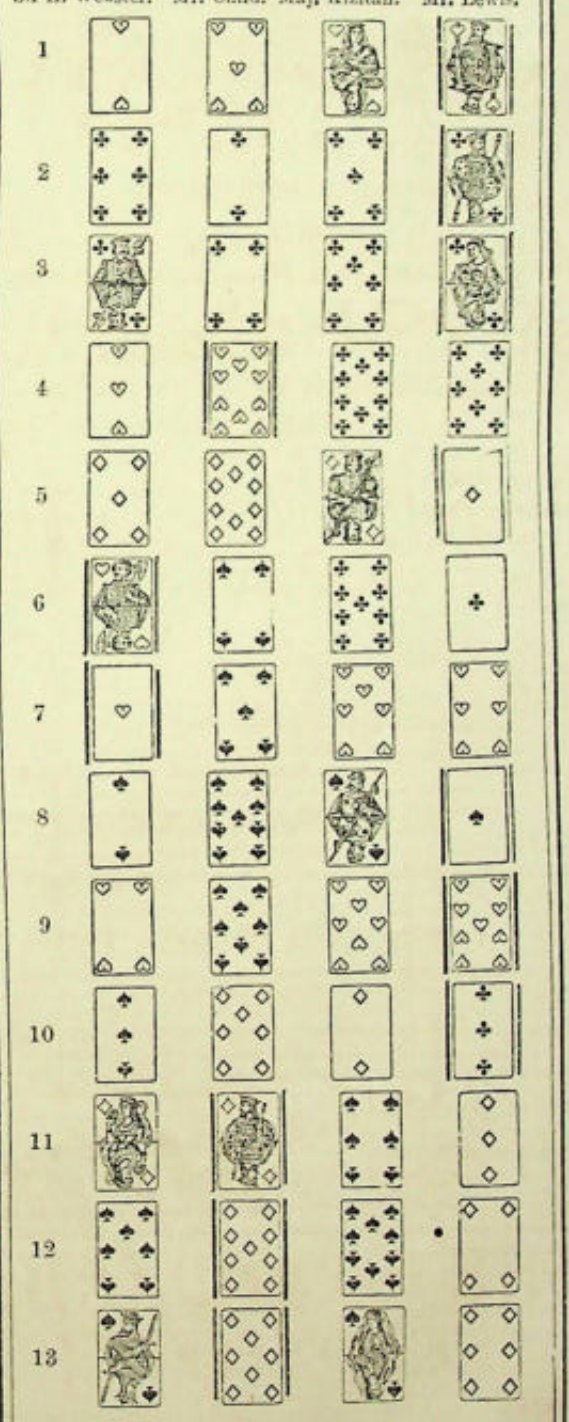
A.'s Hand—H A, Kv, 4, 3, 2; C Kv, 6; D Q, 5; S K, 7, 3, 2.
Score—Love all. Z turns up H 6.



In consequence of the Franco-German War, several horses belonging to foreign owners were sent over to England to run. One of them was a French colt named Filibustier, who made his *dèbut* on the English Turf in a race which was generally voted a good thing for an animal ridden by Tom Cannon. When at the post the Danebury horseman asked his foreign rival if Filibustier was any good.

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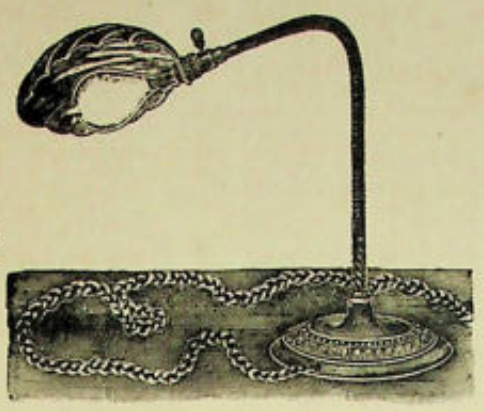

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THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER 1903.

THE WILD WHITE CATTLE OF ENGLAND.

IT seems that the end of the famous remnant of the English wild cattle is approaching. As most people know there remained a few years back but four small herds of the animals which in Saxon times roamed the greater part of the Kingdom as far north as the Clyde, in those days virgin forest and park land. The Cadzow herd in Lanarkshire remains, the Chillingham herd in Northumberland, and the Lyme Park herd in Cheshire: but that which for six and a half centuries has been known as the Chartley herd is now on the very verge of disappearing. Five years ago the cattle in Chartley Park numbered nearly fifty: no inroad of cattle plague or other decimating influence has been at work during the last five years; the herd had evidently reached that minimum below which a species cannot survive, for the number of cattle now existing is about a dozen. This rapid decline was only what might have been expected once the rubicon of numbers was reached; the owners of the Chartley cattle had jealously conservative ideas concerning the purity of blood and to those ideas it would seem the herd is likely now to be sacrificed. The distinctive mark of the Chartley cattle is the possession of black-tipped ears which are held the badge of highest purity; that of the Chillingham red-tipped ears, and as it was considered undesirable to mingle the two strains, the weaker goes first. The propriety of an exchange of blood was, we believe, actually discussed at one time between Earl Ferrers and Lord Tankerville, with the view of establishing a Chillingham bull at Chartley and a Chartley bull at Chillingham: both herds must have derived benefit, nay, a new lease of life, from such an exchange, but it never came off; and inbreeding has done its inevitable work in the Staffordshire Park The Lyme Park herd went to the wall as long ago as 1884: jealous preservation of purity had given waytoobvious necessity: a bull from the old Gisburne herd was tried and then a Chartley bull with better results; but it was too late to save the survivors. Before the Lyme Park cattle disappeared a young bull was sent to Chartley by the late Lord Newton, but for some reason it was not considered desirable to use him and he was added to the list.

It will be interesting to see how much longer these famous descendants of *Bos Urus* will remain in the land of the living: the deterioration among them is already sufficiently conspicuous. The size of the beasts is small; it would be permissible to argue that their size, by comparison with improved domestic cattle, was never great, but it was, we have been told, the opinion of the late Lord Tankerville, who took a keen interest in his herd at Chillingham that the size of the animals had decreased within his own recollection; and the Rev. J. Storer in 1874 remarked upon the size of the Chartley cattle.

The average weight of Chillingham bulls killed between 1862 and 1889 was 560lbs: of the cows 420lbs: of the steers 570lbs: and inasmuch as it is not a remarkably heavy shorthorn steer that scales 2,000lbs. on the weighbridge, we can form our own idea of the relative bulk of the two. It is a curious thing that the reproductive power of the Chartley cattle should have remained to them when the effects of centuries of close inbreeding were apparent in the wasting disease which has latterly destroyed them. Mr. Prince Sheldon, the well-known

veterinary authority, states that some of the beasts suffering from this disease went furiously mad and were shot in the interests of the survivors and those whose duty is to tend them. Had these "animated skeletons covered with white haired skins" been allowed to live the probability is the final extinction of the herd would have come earlier, the mad bulls goring their doomed fellows to death.

Notwithstanding the antipathy displayed by the white cattle to domesticated animals, an antipathy which is a part of their wild nature, experiments in cross-breeding have been made through the female line. With the assistance of the late Lord Tankerville selected beasts from the Chillingham herd were crossed with shorthorns; and endeavour was made to use the wild bull on the shorthorn cow, but it was soon discovered that the only means of continuing the experiment to a practical issue was to reverse the policy of mating, and three wild heifers were captured and mated with a chosen shorthorn bull. The result was somewhat singular: for several years the experiment was delayed by the fact that only bull calves were born. This circumstance, in view of the theory that the tendency of either sex is to reproduce the opposite, has interest in connection with other points remarked in the shorthorn white progeny. The reports on the half-bred steers both by the naturalist and the butcher are worth noticing. The butcher said he never cut up a better fleshed animal than a three-year half-bred, and pointed out its excellence in the quantity of lean meat on the best part of the loins, ribs etc., and, with a satisfaction we can well understand, the particularly small percentage and lightness of the bone. The size and weight of the cross-breds showed marked increase and they inherited from their shorthorn sire the peculiar shorthorn talent for "laying on beef." In all other respects the half-breds followed their dams; they had all the vigour and stoutness of constitution of the Chillingham at its best; they retained the white coat, but the black nose became flesh coloured or mottled, and the fringe of hair on the ear became wider: and they retained all the characteristics of wild cattle in their active gait and their temperament. In short the high antiquity of the white asserted itself most powerfully over the shorthorn influence: to this superior prepotency due to high antiquity and long fixed character, we may perhaps attribute the recurrence of birth of bull calves: the white dam's influence was the stronger and the bull calf was the result. The circumstance that a cow calf was, after six years, dropped by one or more of the white cows, bears out the theory rather than contradicts it: the vitality of the dam would have become impaired with advancing age and also to some extent to her altered existence from freedom to captivity. The half-breds and their descendants it may be added were never allowed to join the herd in Chillingham Park, nor were the three cows selected to lay the foundations of the experiment. Lord Tankerville being guided by the opinions of Rütmeyer and other high authorities who attribute the "deterioration and practical extinction of the wild herds of Great Britain, in other cases, to the injudicious interference of man."

Which suggests that injudicious interference may take more forms than one. If we can conceive such a thing as the sudden disappearance from Great Britain of man and his works in the shape of fences, bolts and bars; whereby the remaining white cattle should find themselves at liberty to intermingle with domestic cattle, what would be the result? From experience gained in Australia we may conclude that it would not be long before the domestic cattle reverted to the feral state and having so reverted might hope to win the goodwill of the breed which has never known servitude. It seems highly improbable that the white cattle would continue jealously to "keep themselves to themselves;" it is only reasonable to suppose that if left for a few generations, our carefully stud bred herds would interbreed with one another and the whites; with the ultimate result that one breed of cattle marked by local variations would in the remote future be found in the British Islands.

It has never been suggested, so far as we are aware, that there ever existed in the British forests two distinct breeds of white wild cattle, one distinguished by black-tipped ears, the other by red. These differences we may well suppose are purely local, though from the fact that when the black tip has been crossed with the red the progeny has the black tip, that is, the original colour. The remaining examples of the white cattle are descendants from a common parent and there can be no objection to crossing members of the Chartley and Chillingham herds from the "purity" point of view. The question that arises is whether it is not now too late: the use of a bull from Chillingham might, by the infusion of sorely needed fresh blood save the Chartley herd from extinction and we trust that a mistaken idea of "purity" may not be pursued till it results in the extinction which would throw the Chillingham and Cadzow herds upon their joint resources. Small herds from which new blood is vigorously excluded must, in course of time, die out.

Special Telegrams.

THE CESAREWITCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES (a handicap)—of 25 sovs each, 10ft, and 5sovs entrance only if declared, with 500 added; lowest weight not less than 6st; winners after the publication of the weights (3rd September) of a race value 450 sovs, 5lbs or of a handicap value 900 sovs, or a weight for age race value 1,200 sovs, 10lbs extra (these penalties only to apply to races of a mile and a furlong or upwards); second to receive 200 sovs. and the third 100 sovs, entrance 5 sovs: the only forfeit for horses struck out by Tuesday, 8th September, Cesarewitch Course (2 miles 2 furlongs). (94 entries). Closed 4th August.

London, *Wednesday, 14th October 1903.*

Mr W Bass's ch h GREY TICK by Father Confessor—Special Wise, aged, 7st Hunter 1
Ld Howard de Walden's ch c ZINFANDEL, by Persimmon—Medora, 3yrs, 8st 4lbs, M. Cannon 2
Mr J Hammond's ch c BURSES, by Childwick—Bendlet, 4yrs, 6st 13lbs, Butchers ... 3
Major Edwards's b h WAVELET'S PRIDE, by Fernandez—Wavelet, 6yrs, 9st 3lbs ... 0
M E Blanc's ch c QUO VADIS, by Winkfield's Pride—Filomena, 3yrs, 8st 4lbs ... 0
Mr F Alexander's b c THROWAWAY, by Rightaway—Theale, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs, ... 0
Mr H E Randall's br g GENIUS, by Sheen—Imogene, 5yrs, 7st 12lbs, ... 0
Mr H J King's br c PRINCE FLORIZEL, by Florizel II—Good Hope, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs, 0
Mr J C Sullivan's b c WINKFIELD'S CHARM by Winkfield—Queen Charming, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs 0
Mr A P Cunliffe's ch c LORD ROSSMORE, by Cherry Ripe—Miss Georgie, 3yrs, 7st 11b, ... 0
Sir G Cassell's b c LOVAT by Love Wisely—Hildesheimer, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs... ... 0
Duke of Portland's b c De WITT by St Simon—Pallas Athene, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs ... 0
Mr T Corns' ch c RIGHTFUL by Rightaway Repletion, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs, ... 0
Ld Ellesmere's b c FIRMILIAN by Zamiel—Travesty, 3yrs, 6st 12lbs 0
M M Caillault's b f SEES by Chesterfield—La Goulone, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs, ... 0
Mr J Buchanan's br c KANO by Trenton—Rabia, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs 0
Mr J F Appleyard's b c LORD BRAND, by Autocrat—Miss Brand, 4yrs, 6st 2lbs, 0
Mr E L Heinemann's ch m VALENZA, by Winkfield—Bellinzona, 5yrs, 8st 3lbs ... 0
Duke of Devonshire's br c CHEERS, by Persimmon—Applause II, 4yrs, 8st 3lbs ... 0
Sir J Miller's ch c PHARISEE, by the Sailor Prince—Perception, 4yrs, 7st 9lbs 0
Mr Ben Bonas's b h FIELD ROSE, by Winkfield—Primrose, 5yrs, 7st 8lbs ... 0
Mr L de Rothschild's b f VENUS, by St Simon—Lady Loverule, 4yrs, 6st 4lbs ... 0
Prince Murat's b c VALPURGIS, by Callistrate—Vindana, 3yrs, 6st 8lbs ... 0
Mr F W Day's ch m LA NAPOULE, by Le Var—Heartsease, 5yrs, 6st 5lbs ... 0
Mr Prentice's br c KARAKOUL, by Wolf's Crag—Valentine, 4yrs, 6st 9lbs ... 0
Major E Loder's b f HAMMERKOP, by Gallinule—Concussion, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs ... 0

(Winner trained by A. Taylor.)

Betting: 20 to 1 agst Grey Tick, 5 to 1 Zinfandel, 50 to 1 Burses.

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1885 Plaisanterie 3y 7st 8lbs (22)	1897 Merman 5y 7st 5lbs (23)
1886 Stone Clink 4y 7st 7lbs (18)	1898 Chalcureux 4y 7st 5lbs (15)
1887 Humewood 3y 7st 6lbs (23)	1899 Scintillant 3y 7st (32)
1888 Tenebreuse 4y 8st 12lbs(23)	1900 Clarehaven 4y 7st 13lbs (21)
1889 Primrose Day 4y 6st 11b(22)	1901 Balsarroch 3y 6st 5lbs (23)
1890 Sheen 5y 9st 2lbs (22)	1902 Black Sand 5y 8st 2lbs (17)
1891 Ragimunde 3y 6st 10lbs(24)	
1892 Barnaby 5y 6st 11lbs (28)	
1893 Red Eyes 4y 7st 10lbs (17)	
Cypria 3y 6st 5lb	
1894 Childwick 4y 7st 9lbs (23)	

THE DUKE OF YORK STAKES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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London, *Saturday, 10th October 1903.*

Mr W Bass's b f SCEPTRE, by Persimmon—Ornament, 4yrs, 9st 4lbs, Madden ... 1
Mr Sleath Skelton's b c HAPPY SLAVE, by St Serf—Good Lady, 4yrs, 6st 11lbs, Butchers 2
Lord Howard de Walden's ch f GLASS JUG, by Isinglass—Amphora, 4yrs, 7st 6lbs, Miller 3
Mr J R Keene's b c FLYING PRINCE, by Ben Brush—Fairy Slipper, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs 0
Mr J B Joel's b f OUR LASSIE by Ayrshire—Yours, 3yrs, 7st 11lbs ... 0
Lord Carnarvon's b c St EMILION, by St Frusquin—La Rose, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs ... 0
Mr A M Singer's ch g O'DONOVAN ROSSA, by Donovan, dam by Barcaldine—Symmetry 6yrs, 7st 8lbs 0
Mr G A Prentice's br c GENERAL CRONJE, by Gallinule—Moira, 3yrs, 7st 6lbs 0
Capt Laing's br c PADLOCK II, by Prisoner—Padua, 5yrs, 7st 5lbs 0
Mr E L Heinemann's ch f GAME HEN, by Gallinull—Cresta, 5yrs, 7st 4lbs ... 0
Major Eustace Loder's b f HAMMERKOP, by Gallinule—Concussion, 3yrs, 7st 3lbs ... 0
Mr Fairie's ch f SOARAWAY, by Ayrshire—Lady Muncaster, 4yrs, 6st 4lbs ... 0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's br f VALVE, by Velasquez—Gas, 3 yrs, 6st 8lbs ... 0
Mr R C Dawson's br f St HYLDA, by St Simon—Darkness, 3 yrs, 6st 6lbs ... 0
Mr J S Crawford's b h CAPTAIN KETTLE, Buccaneer—Comette, 6 yrs, 7st 6lbs... 0

(Winner trained by A. Taylor, at Manton.)

Betting: 13 to 8 on Sceptre, 20 to 1 agst Happy Slave, 25 to 1 Glass Jug.

Won by a head; three lengths between second and third.

Previous Winners.

1882 Miss Dollar 6y 8st 2lbs (22)	1897 Diakka 4y 8st 5lbs (14)
1893 Avington 3y 7st (11)	1898 Sirenia 3y 6st 9lbs (14)
1894 St Florian 3y 7st (18)	1899 Ercildoune 3y 7st 11b (13)
1895 Missal 4y 6st 11lbs (17)	1900 Mount Prospect 6y 8st 9lbs (13)
1896 Chin Chin 5y 6st 7lbs (18)	1901 Revenue 3y 7st 9lbs (21)
	1902 Dundonald 4y 7st 7lbs (13)

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Sporting Notes.

ONCE more has the Bombay Polo Tournament fallen through from paucity of entries. The Bombay fixture lost prestige many years ago, but owing to heroic efforts last year the tournament was revived and some fair play was witnessed. Alas ! this year of four teams which promised to come only one remained on the list. The Baroda team were asked to enter, but as they had played in the Open Tournament at Poona they could not see their way to enter and the support of other teams being nil the Bombay Polo Tournament of 1903 will not appear in the Polo Calendar. Mr. Cook, Honorary Secretary, for Polo, Bombay, is to be sympathized with as he worked hard to get entries.

Mr. J. B. has purchased Malice and Alix and this may be taken as an indication that he intends to still further improve his stud farm stock at Poona. Nobleman is a fine stockgetter and put to Alix who won a number of big races in Australia, the result should be excellent. The C.-B.'s from the Maneck Park stud running at the Poona races this year did not show up, but the younger stock are bound to do well.

Colonel Beaver has purchased the English horse Galley Slave by Prisoner—Grecian Bend. The horse has arrived in Poona and should do well over sprint courses. He has run second at Hurst and Sandown Parks, but his best performance was a dead heat for first place with Mug at Lincoln in the Brocklesby Handicap 5 furlongs on 24th March last. The time records, however, are poor compared to Kelso's 1min. 2secs. for 5 furlongs and Peerage's similar record. Galley Slave's dead heat was 1min. 5secs. and the horses which beat him in the other two races mentioned improved very little on this poor time. Galley Slave, however, may do well in this country as he s only a four-year old and ought to go on iimproving.

Mr. T. L. Roberts, who has for some years been interested in the Bombay mud sports and mounted and athletic meetings, has had the misfortune to lose his fine horse Reminiscence from anthrax. This horse was a splendid looking beast and showed great pace, winning two scurries easily. Mr. Roberts is not one to sit and grieve : he has bought the chestnut Australian Maroney, who is a winner of eight or ten races on the flat and over sticks in the Colonies, and as he is a slashing big horse the investment is likely to prove a good one.

H. E. the Governor of Madras left Ootacamund on the 10th instant on a shooting tour in the Annamalais.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders leave Calcutta to-day by the R. I. M. Steamer *Hardinge* for Bombay whence they proceed to Poona. The 93rd are good fellows and were favourites in Calcutta. Their place will be taken by the Royal Lancaster Regiment which arrived on Tuesday and have been under canvas on the maidan. The new comers look a hard bitten, work-a-day lot and we expect they will show us some sport as soon as they get into their stride.

At the annual half-yearly general meeting of members of the Western India Turf Club held at Poona on the 3rd instant the following gentlemen were present :—Stewards : Major-General Burnett, C. B., C. A. B. Beatty, Esq. and A. D. Younghusband, Esq., I. C. S. Members : H. H. Aga Khan, Aga S. Shah, H. N. Alexander, Esq., Hon. Mr. A. A. Apcar, General Elliot, Major England, Lieutenant-Colonel Hazelton, Major Murray, Pallonjee Nusserwanjee, Esq., J. S. Slater, Esq., Captain Templer and S. A. Wahed, Esq. Major-General Burnett was voted to the chair. The accounts for the year ending 31st March 1903 having been submitted and passed the usual vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.

The appeals entered by certain owners of winners of classic races in Russia against their ruling off by the Stewards of the respective Jockey Clubs for having contravened the Rules of Racing by drugging, or causing to be drugged, horses running in their colours has been heard by the Imperial Stud Book Committee. In the result the opinions of eminent veterinary authorities were not accepted as conclusive, and the owners of the horses in question, well known on the Russian Turf, have been reinstated, while the trainers have had a limit put upon their terms of suspension.

First entries for the First Meeting, Calcutta Races, and Tollygunge Steeplechases close on the 2nd proximo : in regard to this and other matters connected with our big cold weather fixture an advertisement appears in our Turf columns to-day.

The *Sydney Referee* writes :—"Another good 14-1 pony in the four-year old gelding Chieftain (Scots Grey—The Gem) has been sold at a high figure to go to India, his purchaser being a Bombay sportsman. Chieftain is the best of his class racing here now, and has shown himself capable of holding his own with ponies bigger than himself. His performance in a 14-2 handicap at Kensington, when he carried 8st. 2lbs, and cut out 4½ furlongs in 58 secs., being a particularly good one."

Melsom, the jockey, has been punished by the W. I. T. C. Stewards for foul riding at the recent Poona Meeting and his license has been suspended for a couple of months.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—No less enjoyable than its forerunners was the fifth day's racing. Backers started promisingly with a win of that popular combination Aga Shamsudin Shah, Jimmy Robinson and Oriental—a beatifully artistic bit of riding on the jockey's part, quite in that talented professional's best form, and if any of the few croakers who talk of Robinson having lost some of his old brilliancy backed their opinion by laying Oriental they assuredly received a shock to their system. "It was the riding did it" as a celebrated sporting poisoner exclaimed when he received his death sentence on the result of forensic skill on the part of the counsel for the prosecution. It was certainly the riding did it on this occasion.

But the bookies got most of their own again in the next race when a hot favourite in Cocos just went down beaten a neck by Veera after a great finish.

The *cognoscenti* found it hard to spot the winner in the Winners' Handicap and Mr. Cursetjee had certainly set everyone a difficult puzzle. On the face of previous fine performances at the meeting public acclaim was eventually for Mameluke with Hyderi and the gallant little Gallant (going terribly short and snatchy by the way till he warms up) coming next in popular estimation. But Sandow, who in Bleach's knowledgeable care, has become such a vastly improved animal should certainly not have been forgotten in the face of the great form he has shown of late and admirably riddenby A. Hoyt won handsomely with Gallant second and Hyderi third. So the knowing ones were not so far out after all.

In the Oriental Stakes Walgrove was in everyone's mouth and carried a lot of stable and public money with old Tubal Cain, looking wonderfully well, second in estimation and Goldsmith, who ran so good a horse the other day in the big race, third. But it turned out jam for the booking brotherhood, for when it came to a finish Trenton and Ailie had it all to themselves, the former getting the judge's decision by a short head.

Once again, undeterred by the previous knock the intelligent and enlightened public would have nothing but Dr. Bernardo (a by no means fascinating looking roan Englighcolt) on the strength of some dark gallop that had leaked out. The fact that he had to be accompanied to the post by a stable pony could not have added to his backer's confidence and when he eventually got badly left and was seen to receive but little assistance coming down the straight his partizans had to gulp down their grief at another good thing gone astray. Mysore, for by no means the first time at this meeting, provided the winner in the not very elegantly named Gum, who in O'Neil's hands won with comparative comfort.

In the Turf Club Cup, a handicap for country-breds over 1¼ miles the incomparable Gentle Lady, who must have been a bit short of work or wind in her previous efforts and who is, I take it, one of the loveliest as she is assuredly, quite the best country-bred ever seen on an Indian race course, gave the public yet one more taste of her quality as with 10st. 6lbs she won in a nice exercise gallop from Upstart.

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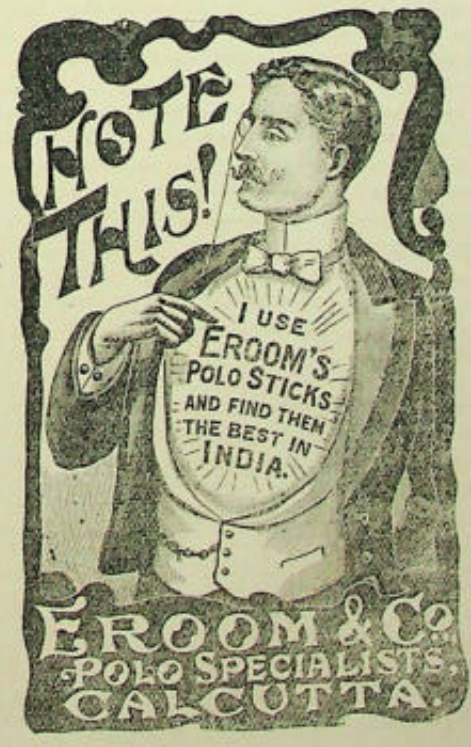

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treated his oft-proved capabilities with contempt he taught a sad lesson, as in a field of a baker's dozen, including such brilliant little Arabs as Achilles, Ptarmigan, Grey Fox and others of that class he won with consummate ease. And then, all too late, the clever contingent wondered how they had come to overlook his claims. A great day for book-makers it must have been.

The last day of the big meeting was an extremely interesting one and the bookies started with a *bonne bouche* in the Lilliput Handicap, Ptarmigan, Governor and other fancied ones going down before the rank outsider of the party Dispute. Then came the Grand Annual Chase wherein the public made no mistake in making Rickshaw favourite, though the honours of the performance undoubtedly rested with old Pope, who before the race passed into the possession of the Madras sportsman, Major Logan Home, and giving 2st. 3lbs. to the winner failed to catch the judge's eye by a short neck only. Veneda with the services of Captain Randall was much fancied, but from the first fence it was apparent that the fetlocks which attracted the attention of the public in the paddock were attracting the attention of the horse in the country. Instead of jumping in the perfect form of which he is capable he messed every fence till he warmed his poor old joints about the seventh fence where he was a long way behind and could never again reach the leaders.

In the pony jump race the public went for Beryl, on what grounds was not apparent, with the useful Patrician in second request, while a few knowing ones remembering Good Boy's excellent show on a previous day and noting his light weight on the present occasion and that same weight being A. Hoyt did not let him run quite loose. To the surprise of all that usually "Patent safety" Patrician taking off a stride too far from the second obstacle pecked very badly on landing after hitting the fence hard and Captain Randall could not get back, Hoyt meanwhile making every use of his nice galloping weight led the field a cracker, Good Boy jumping beautifully and evidently revelling in it and the favourite Beryl was cooked to a turn before reaching the last hurdle on the run in where she took a dive, Good Boy winning with ludicrous ease and pulling double.

The same brilliant little horseman having shown the public how he could perform "over the big fences" next proceeded to assert his supremacy on the flat by winning cleverly on Money Spinner belonging to Colonel Kavanagh of the 10th Hussars and trained by Aga Shamsudin Shah, after which Jack Scott provided the winner of the 5 furlongs Poona Handicap in Forest, very neatly and quietly ridden by Bond, who was taking Ames' place, while the latter jockey's collar bone is undergoing the processing of healing.

In the Commissioners' Purse over 6 furlongs Russley Rose proved once more what a really brilliant little mare she is and if there is a better pony in India at the present moment it can only I take it be Yankee Boy. That astute and very successful trainer Charles Bleach only just failed to work a brilliant coup with Mr. Bass' S. P. Had it come off the bookies would, I believe, have taken a somewhat severe knock.

Here is a good tip for horse owners troubled with flies in the stable or elsewhere—use "So-Bos-So" or Kill Fly, an excellent American preparation to which our attention was recently drawn in Bombay. On the measuring platform it is much used in Western India and is very highly spoken of.

Mr. Goff's Oberon, we regret to hear, died at Poona last Friday of fever following an acute attack of liver. This is a piece of hard luck in which the owner will have general sympathy.

The Polo tournament at Shillong proved very successful and was carried through without a hitch. Four teams entered. The first match was between the Regiment and the Tadpoles, the former winning by 8 goals and 4 subsidiaries to 2 goals. The Regimental team was composed of Captain Ward (back), Majors Row and Murray and Mr. Grant, while Major Moore (back) Major Gurdon and Messrs. Franklin and Reid represented the Tadpoles. The second match between the Butterflies and the Civilians was won by the latter by 5 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 5 goals. Mr. Henniker (back) and Messrs. Kershaw, Donald and Monahan played for the winners and Captain Rushton (back), Messrs Clifford, Carr and Sanders for the Butterflies. In the finals the Civilians beat the Regiment by seven goals to 3 goals and 2 subsidiaries. Mr. Sanders took Captain Ward's place in the Regimental team, the latter having met with a slight accident being unable to play. The match between the visitors and Shillong was won easily by the homesters.

Sir Humphry de Trafford and party will soon arrive in India and hunt, as usual, in Behar during the cold weather. Our London letter gives some details of the recent sale of his horses in England.

Our Bangalore correspondent writes:—Notwithstanding the serious recrudescence of the plague in the capital of the Mysore province, the sporting functions which took place during the Dassera festivities were very successful. H. H. the Maharaja is following the traditions of his house and is a sportsman by instinct as he is clearly showing. That he presented the magnificent polo cup annually competed for at the Bangalore tournament is a matter of history and he has now not only presented another cup which was played for at Mysore lately, but himself played in "A" team of the Imperial Service Lancers and played right well. In the opening rounds of the Dassera tournament Bangalore Gymkhana beat Mysore Gymkhana by three goals to one goal and one subsidiary, "A" team Imperial Service Lancers beat the Carabiniers by three goals and five subsidiaries to *nil*, and "B" team Imperial Service Lancers beat the 1st Durham Light Infantry by 3 goals to 2 goals and 2 subsidiaries. It may be mentioned that H. H. the Maharaja was personally responsible for a goal and a subsidiary, and it was pleasant to see the enthusiastic manner in which the crowd cheered him. That the young ruler of Mysore is a most popular personality with his subjects as well as with European residents in the province, is a "plain unvarnished fact."

In the semi-final the Bangalore Gymkhana, a powerful combination which included three well-known players from the R. E. beat "A" team of the Imperial Service Lancers fairly comfortably, scoring three goals and one subsidiary to their opponents' one goal and one subsidiary, and although the other team of the Lancers made a better fight in the final, the Gymkhana were still too good for them, and won the tournament outright, beating their last opponents by three goals and four subsidiaries to two goals and one subsidiary. The winning team was composed as follows: 1 Mr. Irvine, R. E. 2. Mr. Wagstaffe, R. E. 3. Captain Marshall, R. E., and (back) Major Hayes. The Cup was subsequently presented to the winning team by Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Maconochie, I.C.S., congratulating them on behalf of H. H. the Maharaja, who—said Mr. Maconochie—hoped there would be further competitions next year. His Highness personally called for cheers for the Gymkhana team, and cheers for the Imperial Service Lancers were given in response.

The Bangalore hounds are being resuscitated under the perseverance and energy of Mr. Bernard Hawkins. For several years Mr. Hawkins has gone to considerable expense in this direction, but various mysterious diseases, I believe in the nature of lung complaints have baffled him. At present, however, there are some ten couples in the kennels, Mr. Fisher, A. V. D., hunts them, Captain Adams, 3rd Madras Lancers, acts as whip, and a fair amount of sport is being shown. The great difficulty in Bangalore is that in the dry weather the ground on the plateau is so hard and stony that scent will not lie, whilst now that the rains are just abating and there is a fair amount of moisture about, the crops are so high and extensive that it is next to impossible to get jacks or foxes, for these are the more numerous of the two in the district, to leave cover and give a run. Notwithstanding this there have been several good gallops, and the fields rule fairly large, many ladies gracing the meets with their presence. Amongst other keen and good lady riders here, the names of Mrs. George, Mrs. Hawkins, the Misses Sprot and Mrs. Randall, though the latter lady is at present away, may be mentioned. Mr. Hawkins deserves success for the strenuous pluck with which he has sought to promote sport in the district.

The snipe are "in" as they well may be with the abnormal fall of rain we have had, indeed one or two keen sportsmen got odd birds a month ago. The conditions for "sniping" in Bangalore vary from those in Madras or indeed most other places that I have been in. Once they are in a few birds can always be got, the bags naturally increasing as the season progresses. But during nearly the whole season snipe-shooting here means a good deal of walking, and whilst it is more satisfactory to get the birds up in couples or leashes than to flush them by dozens in the only bit of snipe-ground for miles, it still as aforesaid means exercise. The reason for the above is that there is little or no flat ground in the district—it is all undulating and hence the birds lying on the higher ground when there is a lot of water out gradually descend to lower levels as it dries up. In Madras, on the other hand, when there is much water out it is practically useless to go after the long bills for the ground is all alike and until it dries a bit, there is nowhere for the snipe to lie.

On the 6th instant a bright little Gymkhana race meeting took place in the capital of Mysore, this like the polo tournament being in connection with the Dassera festivities. H. H. the Maharaja gave further proofs of his sporting instincts by presenting two cups and running something in almost every race on the card. The progamme included a lady's nomination race and a race open to officers' chargers of his Highness' Bodyguard. Four times the Maharaja's horses and ponies came home, and twice the young Yuvaraja who is almost as popular in the province as His Highness steered them to victory. A sporting family my masters, a sporting opening to a promising epoch in the history of Mysore. And was there ever a sportsman from the village poacher at home to a Maharaja in India who was not a good fellow?

The Polo tournament was the great attraction during the Maymyo week and large gatherings attended the matches. Seven teams entered. The Waters Babies drawing a bye in the first round. The first game was between the Military Police and the Maymyo Gymkhana. The Police team was a strong quartette and won very easily by 10 goals and 5 subsidiaries to one goal. The winners' team was composed of Captain Purvis, P. Smith, Gordon, and Barnett (back), the Gymkhana being represented by Messrs. Hope, Cuffe, Lloyd and Captain Gabbett (back). The second match was between the Kokine Club and Monywa, a very even game resulting. The Kokine Club put on a goal and a subsidiary in the first chukker and in the next two brought their total to 3 goals and 4 subsidiaries, Monywa made only one goal and the last chukker being pointless the game ended in a win for the club. The teams were: Kokine Club, Messrs. Hutchinson, Fell Shearme and Warwood. Monywa native, MagieKhan, Algie and Harrington. The last match in the first round was between the Royal Fusiliers and Magwe, a good game resulting in a victory for the Fusiliers by 2 goals 6 subsidiaries to 1 subsidiary. Magwe was represented by Messrs. Drurie and Murray and two military policemen, while Captain's Annesley, Johnstone Gordon and Fisher comprised the Fusiliers team.

The marked satisfactory effects of establishing a close time for deer in Ceylon, to which we had occasion to refer a few issues back, are fully corroborated by Mr. Egerton Bracken, an English sportsman who has recently terminated a successful shoot in the island; he mentions that, had it not been for the close time, he could have brought in two cart loads of deer! We cannot sympathise with him in his implied disappointment, but the very observation should induce the authorities to strictly exact the limit of heads one shikari is permitted to acquire.

The latest development in "murderous millinery" is the garnishing of ladies' hats with stuffed bullfinches, the exhibition of which in a Liverpool shop window has called forth a strongly worded but justifiable protest from a correspondent of the London *Standard*, the writer appeals to all the women of England to boycott establishments where such displays of savagery take place. The Act relating to immolation of mere bright plumaged birds wants expanding, or our soberly attired little songsters may share the fate of their more attractive compeers.

Small country authorities are following the lead of the larger Governments in the matter of game preservation, as we read that the powers that be in Watkins country, N. Y. State, have strictly prohibited the shooting of quail and partridge for two whole years, the incessant potting of what we should call the cockney sportsman, threatening the extinction of

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these birds: what about night netting round our cities and big stations during the ensuing cold weather?

To Lane and Madden the contest for leading place in the winning jockey list at the close of the season has been for some time confined and the last-named during the week ending 19th September took a considerable step towards reducing the advantage of his rival. Now that Madden has reached his "century," interest in the doings of the pair will increase, though, with the lead of ten he now possesses, Lane holds a possition able to stand a vigorous assault. The only jockey within hail is Halsey, who is at 82, and Trigg in turn is (with 61) a long way in advance of M. Cannon and Watts. Alterations necessary in the scores of other prominent riders are few as the result of the week's racing, but it may be noted that H. Jones has brought his to 20 as will be seen in the following table.

(Compiled from 23rd March to 18th September.)

	Mounts.	Lost.	Won.
Lane, W	... 523	... 413	... 110
Madden, O	... 561	... 461	... 100
Halsey, W	... 454	... 372	... 82
Trigg, C	... 409	... 348	... 61
Cannon, M	... 279	... 232	... 47
Watts, J E	... 416	... 369	... 47
Martin, J H	... 391	... 346	... 45
Hardy, F W	... 401	... 358	... 43
Maher, D	... 219	... 177	... 42
Cannon, K	... 333	... 291	... 42
Randall, H	... 244	... 204	... 40
Wheatley, E	... 283	... 243	... 40
Murray, J	... 234	... 199	... 35
Lyne, L S	... 183	... 152	... 31
McCall, G	... 239	... 208	... 31
Dillon, B	... 183	... 154	... 29
Miller, T L	... 221	... 196	... 25
Boardman, J E	... 222	... 197	... 25
Heffell, T	... 139	... 115	... 24
Griggs, W	... 300	... 277	... 23
Dalton, J	... 146	... 125	... 21
Jones, H	... 131	... 111	... 20

We find our remarks regarding the extermination of game by the rajah-conducted millionaire shooting parties in certain parts of India echoed in a letter written by "Gaur" to *The Field* which reached us last mail. In concluding an interesting letter on Indian Bison Tracking this correspondent remarks:—

"What possible amusement it can be to drive buffaloes, bison, sambhur, everything, and anything with a huge line of elephants up to guns on other elephants I fail to see. It has been, and is being done on a large scale yearly, by a neighbouring Rajah, who entertains for the purpose guests of all nationalities, often pressed upon him by Government, I believe. Forest Department laws and rules are broken, and the benefit to anybody is small. Big game is more or less exterminated, and rhino, buffalo, and bison are now being protected. Tea garden clearances have a deal to answer for so have many Europeans on them, who not only allow natives to shoot, but often lend a gun for the purpose. Such things are incredible, but perfectly true. Let Government strictly put down the big drives for big game. Let any European be fined who lends guns to natives, and have a close time strictly enjoined; but give passes to those few Europeans who are really keen shikaries—there are very, very few—allowing them to kill, say, two bison a year if they can, or two buffaloes or rhinos. This would encourage these men to protect game and put down the night shooting by natives from *machans*, which goes on over salt-licks and in beds of rivers."

With all this we most cordially agree.

Snipe are very plentiful round and about Calcutta just now. Last week end some good bags were made at Kanchrapara, Mudunpore, Belgatchia and out Budge-Budge way, besides which some respectable stick loads were brought in from stations on the E. I. R. and Bengal Central lines. One local sportsman got 60 couple to his own gun and two guns at Kanchrapara got 80½ couple.

"Lynx" has, we understand, lately been the fortunate recipient of very flattering letters from "Badsworth" and Lord Brougham and Vaux on the subject of his "Bridge Topics." Our Bridge-playing readers need hardly be reminded that "Badsworth," who, by the way, is reputedly one of the finest players in London, was the author of the brilliant treatise which launched Bridge on its marvellous career so that praise from such a quarter is praise indeed and more especialy when it is borne in mind that "Badsworth's" views in several important particulars cannot be in consonance with those of "Lynx." To Lord Brougham belongs the credit of having introduced Bridge to the notice of the Portland Club, at the time the redoubtable stronghold of Whist, and so to Englishmen all the world over. These eulogies invest "Lynx's" work with a conspicuously enviable *cachet* and he should indeed be proud of them. For ourselves, we may say, they are eminently gratifying as irrefutably confirming the very favourable opinion expressed of "Bridge Topics" in these colums last July. We felicitate our reviewer on his judgment and "Lynx" on his success.

Athletic Notes.

TWO more races were sailed at Naini Tal last week. The Ormsby Cup was won by *Spray*, nicely handled by Mr. Barclay in 1hr. 22mins. 40secs. The handsome trophy, presented by that good sportsman, Mr. C. H. Byrne, was brought off on the 7th instant and resulted in a win for *Violet* with *Infant* second.

Our Bombay correspondent writes:—Another programme of mounted sports was successfully carried out in connexion with the Bombay Gymkhana, on Wednesday evening. The competitors were more numerous and the attendance much larger than was the case at the last weekly meeting, when, of course, there was a counter-attraction in the football tournament then in progress. But we have now said "good-bye" to football until the next monsoon, while the cricket season is fast coming to a close. Consequently people are on the look out for something to do of an evening, and these weekly mounted sports are the chief attraction. The programme arranged for Wednesday was of an attractive character, and a keen interest was evinced in most of the events. As usual, the programme opened with the tent-pegging competitions. In that for horses there were five competitors, but Mr. H. S. Symons was the only one to take the two pegs and thus won easily. That for ponies attracted a larger entry and competition was very keen, the form shown being an improvement on recent sports. The final issue was fought out by Messrs T. D. Moore and S. M. McCausland, who were sent down no less than three times before the judges were able to come to a decision, Mr. Moore being placed first. Some half a dozen contested. The Cucumber Cutting competition, which was won by Mr. S. M. McCausland, with Mr. T. D. Moore second. Then came the most amusing event of the evening—the Indian Waterloo Cup (for terriers only), for which a dozen or fifteen terriers of all sorts and conditions lined up. Unfortunately, however, some of them were totally unconcerned at the frantic movements of their owners at the other end of the course, and took matters easily, while a couple paused near the starting post to settle a little private dispute. The winner turned up in Mr. MacLachlan's fox terrier Jock. As usual, the programme wound up with a couple of scurries. In that for horses there were seven starters, and the handicapping produced a good finish between the first three, Mr. A. Sidney Galtrey's mare Under Housemaid (scratch) beating Mr. Pooley's Musty Lass (20 yards start) by a neck, while Mr. Alston's Neptune (scratch) was well up for third place. Quite a big field turned out for the pony scurry which was won by Mr. Henderson Gray's Florican (5 yards start), Mr. F. H. Owen's Banker (25 yards) being second, and Mr. R. F. R. Cooke's Conductor (scratch) third.

During the past week a number of competitions have been carried out in connexion with the Royal Bombay Golf Club—it has been the annual Golf week. The programme arranged was similar to that of previous years. On Monday and Tuesday a scratch competition by Bogey play, on Wednesday and Thursday a scratch and handicap competition combined by medal play, and on Friday and Saturday foursomes by handicap play. The course was rather longer than for some years, and every endeavour was made to utilise such obstacles as existed, while screens were freely brought into play. The results of Monday and Tuesday's play showed that the Bogey score had been fixed somewhat low. On the first day's play Mr. L. Stansfield led, being two down, followed by Mr. Osborne Marshall three down, with three other players four down. On the second day's play Mr. Stansfield and Mr. Marshall were each two down, and the others were more. Mr. Stansfield thus won the first prize, Mr. Marshall the second, and Mr. Carnegie the third prize, the latter being four down on both days. The others who made returns were Messrs. J. Stiven (9 down), Mr. H. S. Jacob (11 down), Mr. D. H. Brand (11 down), and Mr. C. M. Gray (14 down). In view of the fact that there was diversity of opinion with regard to the Bogey score fixed an analysis of the nineteen cards handed in shows some interesting results. In the first place at no hole was Bogey beaten by any player by more than a stroke; not a single player won the 1st, 3rd, 5th or 8th holes, while at the 3rd only on three cards was the hole even halved with Bogey. Bogey had lost the 2nd, 4th and 6th holes only on one card each, while to all the players put together Bogey only lost 11 holes, and 9 of these were won by the three players who came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively. All this would tend to show that the Bogey score was rather too low, as the competitors were quite representative of Bombay golf.

On Wednesday and Thursday the competition was by medal play, with prizes for the best scratch and handicap scores. On the first day Mr. Osborne Marshall led with a score of 43 for the nine holes, closely followed by Messrs Pechey, Gray and Jacob with 44 each. On the second day, although one or two players improved on their Wednesday's play, the scores generally were high. For the scratch event Mr. Osborne Marshall came in first with a score of 90 for the 18 holes, followed by Messrs. Gray and Meikle with 91.

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The last two played off for second place, when Mr. Gray won. For the handicap prize Mr. Jacob returned scores of 44 and 48, which, with his handicap of 4, made him 88 net. Mr. T. W McLachlan, with 51 and 49=100—12=88, tied with Mr. Jacob for the first prize. Messrs. Gray and Meikle tied for the third place, but as they had each taken a prize in the scratch competition they were ineligible for a handicap prize, and the third prize in the handicap consequently fell to Mr. Colin Macfadyen.

The concluding competition took place on Friday and Saturday when play was for foursomes by handicap Bogey play. There was every promise of some good scores being made, considerable attention having been paid to the links, and every effort made to roll out the hoof marks made on Wednesday evening while the mounted sports were in progress. Just as play was about to start, on Friday, however, down came the rain, and in a very short space of time large portions of the links, including several of the greens, were under water and on some of the putting greens putters were at a discount, a mashie being the club most required. On Saturday, however, the course was in nice condition. On the first day Messrs. Miller and Brand led, being one down, followed by Messrs. Pechey and Greig two down: but on the second day the latter couple improved on their play and were one up, while the former couple fell off. Messrs. Pechey and Greig thus took the first prize, and Messrs. Miller and Brand the second. This brought to a close a very successful week, much of the credit for which is due to the genial Honorary Secretary, Mr. Osborne Marshall, who was untiring in his efforts to ensure success. As usual, however, the competitions have only been contested by Bombay players, the efforts of the Committee of the R. B. G. C. to attract golfers from other stations having again proved unsuccessful.

The Bengal Cyclists Association, we believe, will offer no championship events this year. Last year's display in the wheel races, following on the poor exhibitions of the previous year, and the certainty that the public interest in cycle racing has vanished, have influenced this decision quite as much as the fact that the B. C. A. has come to the end of its funds. We believe the P. A. Meeting programme will contain no cycle races next year; these items were only left in last year after much discussion as to the advisability of retaining them, with what result we all know.

The Chakrata week at Mussoorie was a great success. The cricket match was of course the big event, the homesters beating Chakrata by nine wickets—a full account will be found in our Cricket columns. The visitors won both the singles and doubles in the tennis tournament, Capt Dyer and Mr. Chisholm beating Mr. E. M. Ashworth and Captain Turner by two sets to one in the doubles and Captain Dyer beating Mr. Ashworth by two sets to one in the singles. Mussoorie won the rackets doubles, Majors Hobbs and Montresor defeating Messrs Hayhurst and McConaghey by by three sets to love. But in the singles Chakrata won, Hayhurst beating Hobbs by 3 sets to two. The hockey match ended in a draw of 4 goals each. Hayhurst won the Billiards singles, but Mussoorie represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Carey and Mr. Campbell beat Hayburst and Cadogan in the doubles. The week was brought to a conclusion on the 26th with a dinner at the club.

The final in the Harris Football Tournament was played at Poona on the 12th instant, the North Staffordshire Regiment defeating the Cheshires by one goal to *nil*. Details in our Football columns.

The Charity Association Football match at Rangoon was played on the 3rd instant, the contesting teams being the civil and the military. A good game was witnessed, the civilians winning by three goals to two. In spite of bad weather there was a good attendance and the gate realised Rs. 806.

The Dinapore Hockey league began on the 6th instant and is now in full swing. Two games were played off on the opening day. The K.O.S.B's. beat the 73 R. F. A. by a goal to *nil* after a fast and exciting game. The match between the officers 5th B. L. I. and Khagole resulted in a victory for the former by 4 goals to one. On the 9th instant the K.O.S.B's. met the Surreys and a good game ended in a draw of two goals all. The Surreys were leading at half time by two goals to one, but the Borderers put in some hard work in the second half and equalised matters. On the same day the 73rd R. F. A. met the officers 5th B. L. I., the gunners winning by a goal to *nil* after a hard struggle.

The last event on the programme of the Calcutta Rowing Club for this season is the Senior Sculls for the Power Cup; it will probably be contested on the 14th proximo in the new Clasper best boats that have just been landed.

A crew of Calcutta oarsmen stroked by Mr. L. Bagshaw have challenged any one in the C. R. C. to row them half mile in sliding seated tub fours. The challengers will probably be, Messrs. Bagshawe, Maxwell, Crawford, and Landon. We believe a crew composed of Messrs. Green, Tassie, Burke, Jr., and Wilson have accepted the challenge, and the race will probably be rowed on the 31st instant.

At the Midland Automobile Club's hill-climbing competition, held on Sunrising Hill, Warwickshire, Eng., the fastest time was made on two cars owned by Mr. A. J. Holder. Both of the cars were fitted with Dunlop tyres.

The 10 kilometres (6 miles 376 yards) motor cycle championship of the world, held in Paris, was won by Maurice Fournier, riding a four-cylindered machine fitted with Dunlop tyres, the time for the distance being 5 mins. 55⅕secs., over a mile a minute.

A motor-car tour from London to the capital of the Highlands, Inverness, constitutes a run not to be lightly undertaken by the most enthusiastic of motorists. Yet an absolute non-stop run over the 601 miles between these places has to be recorded. This remarkable achievement, which dwarfs anything else in the way of non-stop runs ever before accomplished in England, stands to the credit of Messrs George and William du Cros, who drove a new three-cylinder 8-h. p. Panhard and a new type 10-h. p. Panhard car respectively.

Mr. Loxton Hunter acted as observer, and from the start from the Automobile Club, Piccadilly, on Tuesday morning last week, till the arrival at Inverness on the follwing evening the Panhard engines ran continuously. The weather encountered in the Highlands was shocking, snow and sleet rendering the climbing of the Grampians most difficult.

Two matches played by the English Rugby team touring in South Africa resulted in a defeat and a draw for the Britishers on the 22nd August; they were beaten by the Transvaal by three goals to one and three days afterwards they drew with the representatives of South Africa with two goals each. The English team is composed as follows: E. M. Harrison (back), G. F. Collett, R. T. Skrimshire, L. L. Greig, and G. I. Davidson (three-quarter backs), J. I. Gillespie and P. S. Hancock (half-backs), Mark Morrison, W. P. Scott, F. M. Stout, A. Tedford, T. A. Gibson, W. T. Cave, Joe Wallace, and R. S. Smyth (forwards).

General Notes.

SERGEANT Ward of the 6th Dragoons was found drowned in his bath at Bangalore on the morning of the 7th instant.

During the recent floods in Secunderabad the Boat House, which was one of the sights of the city and had yet to be completed, was completely wrecked.

The new building of the Bahauddin College at Junagadh was struck by lightning during a heavy storm on the 10th instant. One of the walls was damaged and two boys were stunned by the flash.

A heavy storm at Agra on the 9th instant caused much damage. Houses collapsed and the Taj also suffered, the central dome having sprung a leak just above the sarcophagi of Shah Jehan and Moomtaz-i-Mahal.

We have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of a new edition of Messrs. Mason, Hill and Rogers' catalogue, a publication in which our fair readers will find much to interest them in prospect of the coming "season."

His Excellency the Viceroy accompanied by Colonel Baring and Captains Baker-Carr and Keighley arrived in Simla yesterday from their recent trip, the sport during which has proved rather disappointing.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor accompanied by Mr. E. L. Hammond, Private Secretary, arrived in Calcutta last Saturday from Darjeeling. Mr. Bignell, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta and Mr. Walsh, Deputy Commissioner, Darjeeling, came down by the same train.

Captain J. D Allison, Secretary of the Calcutta International Shipmasters' Club since its foundation, 13 years ago, was last Saturday afternoon the recipient of a cheque for Rs. 1,600, as a testimonial for his past services to the club. Mrs. Allison was presented with a silver tea service.

One of the big functions during the Naini Tal week was the marriage of Miss Rothwell, niece of Sir James and Lady Digges La Touche with Mr. E. J. Maldon, I. C. S., which was celebrated on the 5th instant. The wedding was largely attended and was the social event of the season.

At last Calcutta has made a practical effort to get on terms with Bombay in respect of its hackney carriages. Last week 150 gharries of the new pattern required by the recent regulations were presented for licenses and after a very careful scrutiny 50 only were passed. Good! This looks like the thin edge of the wedge of improvement, though we are still a long way behind Bombay with her comfortable rubber-tyred, well horsed victorias and clean clad drivers.

London Week by Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, *Friday, 25th September 1903.*

THE times are quiet and uneventful. We wait for the ministerial situation to straighten itself out with indulgent patience for nobody seems to care much what happens. The *St. James' Gazette* appointed Ministers to fill the vacancies and, the club coterie thought, did it very well: but the King has not been pleased to confirm the appointments made from Whitefriars Street, preferring apparently to see what his Prime Minister has to say on the subject. Meantime, it would seem as though every back door and scullery in Downing Street and Whitehall were haunted by alert reporters, for the comings and goings of messengers betwixt London and Balmoral and the Continent are chronicled with feverish speculation and the air is heavy with rumour and contradiction.

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There are the beginnings of a not very edifying quarrel between Sir Archibald Hunter and Admiral the Hon'ble Hedworth Lambton. The General in his evidence before the Commission on the War spoke contemptuously of the practice made by the naval guns at Ladysmith: it was so bad, he said, that he offered to do better with the assistance of pupils from the Ladysmith girls' school. The Admiral, to whom these remarks were read by one of the Commissioners, retorted that General Hunter merely showed himself excessively ignorant; that a soldier was no judge of naval gun practice, fire with field guns and shrapnel being a totally different thing from fire with the long 4·7 naval gun. He admitted that the carrying power of the naval guns varied as much as 500 or 600 yards between the cool of the morning and the heat of the afternoon owing to the inconstancy of the cordite: but he claimed that the practice was, notwithstanding, brilliant: and he wrote to the Admiralty officially, demanding unreserved apology from General Hunter. General Hunter replies that the Commission asked for opinions and he had given his opinion: and that, so far as he is concerned, is the whole matter.

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No doubt that is the whole matter: but I doubt if it be an end of the matter: the Lambtons are not men who sit down tamely under offence and nobody doubts but there is a good deal more to come before the end is in sight. The Admiral, whose attitude and language are dangerously temperate, attributes General Hunter's criticism to lapse of memory. Sir Archibald's memory certainly plays him tricks; he

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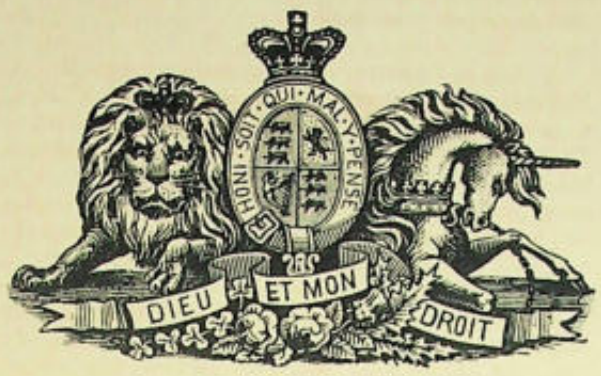

To His Majesty.

DEWAR'S

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said in his evidence that on the occasion of the big fight on 6th January 1900 at Ladysmith Sir George White was ill in bed; a statement which took away the breath of his hearers.

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Some of the remarks and opinions of Mr. Plowden the police magistrate who is "reminiscing" in an evening paper, excite comment. He declares himself opposed to capital punishment on the ground that the maintained annual averages of murders and executions prove its futility. He considers that if death were an effectual punishment it must long ago have stamped out the crime of murder. It is curious reasoning. Is it possible, by fear of consequence to stamp jealousy, cupidity and temper from the complexity of the human character? It appears to me that it would be equally reasonable to object to punishment of every kind on the ground that they have not stamped out the offences for which they are awarded.

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Sir Humphrey de Trafford's sale took place on Wednesday at Leicester. Sir Humphrey is going to spend the winter shooting in India and the sale of his big stud of show horses, hunters and ponies has been looked forward to as he had announced his intention of making a "clean sweep", only two of the lots having a reserve put on them. Red Cloud and Red Ruby, show ring favourites, went for 1,050 and 1,000gs. respectively, but the crowd was more interested in the working hunters. Sir G. Greenal, Master of the Belvoir, got by do means a dear bargain in Raven at 300 gs.; Sir Patterson Nickalls got Light Heart for 260gs. and Mr. Fernie got a nice one in Rifleman for 250gs. The polo ponies sold well and the bidding was brisk in several cases: Pale Face and Grisel brought each 180gs. Snowball 130gs. and Diamond 120gs. There were a tremendous lot of well-known people in the crowd: it reminded one of Lord Lonsdale's sale a while ago.

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It is not very clear to which silence the title of Mr. Haddow Chambers' New play refers to as *Golden*. all the leading characters exercise a silence more or less, but generally less, discreet in course of the four acts. The working out of the plot is not particularly convincing and the piece would not suffer if a good deal of dialogue which does not forward the action were cut out. Randolph Carlingby, artist (Mr. Frank Mills) is in love with Olivia Mills (Miss Jessie Bateman): she is rich and Randolph is poor and he, high-souled man, therefore will not propose. Randolph's brother Tom's wife is Olivia's sister; and Mrs. Tom (Miss Dorothy Grimston) anxious for Olivia to marry, muddles out a plot to make Randolph believe Olivia's fortune has been dissipated by a notorious solicitor. Olivia, albeit, unwillingly agrees to be silent as to the truth (silence No 1). Mrs. Tom Carlingby takes her friend Lady Arlington into confidence, keeping back only the name of the man who wants to marry Olivia (silence No 2). Lady Arlington is all eagerness to forward a scheme for Olivia's happiness, but in the next act she discovers that the man who is to be lured to Olivia's feet is Randolph, and she is "gone on" Randolph herself. She has a husband who deserted her, but Lady Arlington has for long been contemplating an appeal to him not to oppose the proceedings she wishes to take to obtain a decree *nisi* to the end that Randolph may marry her. Of course she has told nobody anything of her affection for the artist (silence No 3). In the third act, Mrs. Tom blunders into success by telling the tea table that Randolph has confessed his passion for Olivia: Lady Arlington drops her teacup with the shock, but determines bravely to stand aside for Olivia's benefit. Randolph has a *tête à tête* with Olivia, but having an "understanding" with Lady Arlington doesn't propose (silence No 4). Eventually Lady Arlington tells Randolph she doesn't care for him and the situation is clumsily smoothed out for the Randolph-Olivia wedding. It is one of those plays which depends for its progress on unnatural omissions on the part of the characters: which would be abruptly cut short in Act I by the briefest access of straight forward-dealing or elementary common sense on the part of one of the principals. Hence its failure to satisfy: and it did not satisfy. The subordinate characters were far more acceptable. Sir Charles Wallford (Mr. Kenneth Douglas) as an empty-headed gilded youth was exceedingly good, and his interview, per telephone, with his formidable mother when he engages himself to a ballet girl was really comical. Randolph's man Patsey Giles (Mr. Webb Darleigh) ex-pugilist with a gift of quip and taste for snatch of song also helped the piece along bravely. Miss Jessie Bateman played Olivia with force when the author gave her a chance.

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Being at the Garrick the appearance of the *Golden Silence* heralded the appearance of a letter from Mr. Bourchier to the press to explain why the *Times* had taken no notice of the play. Mr. A. B. Walkley, you may remember, was refused admittance to that dubious treat *The Whitewashing of Julia* in the spring. When Madame Rejane's manager sent the usual invitation to the *Times* for her series of French plays at the Garrick, when the *Whitewashing of Julia* was finished, the *Times* returned the ticket saying that it would not notice any play at the Garrick so long as that theatre remained under the present management. That is the situation: the Garrick made an outcast of Mr. Walkley, who personifies the dramatic instinct of the *Times* and the *Times* makes an outcast of Mr. Bourchier, who personifies the Garrick. And the world rolls round much as usual.

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I have not been to see the Japanese play at the Tivoli and the account furnished by my authorised agent is a little mixed: whether this be the fault of the agent or the play or both I am unable to say. It appears to hinge upon a bad dream which attacked Mr. Basil Torrington's Japanese wife by reason of her omission to dine one evening: she dreamed that Mr. Torrington was untrue to her and that she stabbed him: and just when the dream is growing unpleasantly realistic Mr. T. comes home whistling the whistle of the just and demands a meal. My agent is not sure whether Miss Pilar Morin who acts O Mat San, otherwise Mrs. Torrington, is Japanese or not; but has no doubt concerning the Japannédness of the scenery, the dress and the stage atmosphere. The piece was very heartily received and my agent, rather huffily, tells me I'd better go myself.

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The Moody-Manners Company's prize of £250 for an opera has been won by a Mr. MacAlpin, organist and choirmaster of a Presbyterian church in the suburbs. The opera was produced at Covent Garden on Tuesday night, and though there were certain minor defects often noticeable on first night of any play, *The Cross and the Crescent* went well and was cordially received by a fairly full house. The story is based on Coppée's *Pour la Couronne* and lacks nothing of dramatic power to commend it to the competent librettist. The Wagnerian influence is rather obvious in much of Mr. MacAlpin's music and where Wagner is not paramount there is much both harmonious and tuneful. I need not, I imagine, say much about the "book;" the scene lies in Bulgaria, time fifteenth century, main theme the slaughter by his son of the father who would betray his Christian country to the unspeakable Turk to the end that he may receive the Bulgarian crown from the Sultan. Son safeguards with silence his father's dishonour and *en route* to the scaffold is stabbed by an adoring Greek girl who then stabs herself. The story in opera, unless it be Gilbert and Sullvian's, does not count for much and I only say thus much of it to afford an idea of the scope Mr. MacAlpin enjoys for dramatic composition. We shall hear of him again I make no doubt.

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It has been a busy week at the theatres. Thursday night saw the production of Mr. J. M. Barrie's *Little Mary* at Wyndhams. The keynote of the piece is something similar to that of *The Admirable Crichton* as its purpose is to convey a lesson to the "Upper Ten" who, Mr. Barrie appears to think, habitually over-eat themselves. Perhaps this is screwing his moral down too closely; but when the "Uncomfortable Play" as the author calls it, came near its end and Moira Loney, whose cures are the talk of the town, told Lord Carlton that "Little Mary" is "Stomach," nobody and nothing else, I felt justified of the opinion that the genial playwright held over indulgence at the table the chief shortcoming of those born in high places. It is a curious play: a sort of "miracle play." The Prologue shows us the back shop of Mr. Terence Reilly, chemist, in a very small way of business. Enter Lord Carlton with a prescription for nervous headache: the Earl introduces himself to Moira Loney, addressed by the children as "mother:" and Moira tells him that Grandpa, Terence Reilly aforesaid, will cure him. Terence is an Irishman who loves the "best set" of English people and pines to work them good. He is writing a book in which he has set out what is the matter with them and the remedies: curtain falls on the completion of said book.

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Act I reveals the court yard of Lady Plumleigh's county house. Her daughter Lady Milly is ill: the best doctors can't cure her and her anxious mother has sent for Moira Loney, who in the seven years which have elapsed since the Prologue has made a great reputation as a quack healer under the soubriquet of the "Stormy Petrel." Lord Carlton is around but doesn't remember the "little mother" of the chemist's back shop: he introduces her to the doctors who have called to see Lady Milly and they insult her as a quack. Act II shows the results of Moira's prescriptions or treatment. Lady Milly is up and about: the school-boy, Earl of Plumleigh, has ceased loafing and works like a brick: Lord Rolfe, son of Earl Carlton, has begun to consider the paternal wishes even to the point of breaking off his engagement with Eleanor Gray the actress. Act III centres on the admission wrung from Moira that the "Little Mary," her invisible aide, is "Stomach," and that her reliance is on Grandpa, the fruits of whose life are written in those three large manuscript folios we saw completed in the Prologue.

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Whether the audience took in the whole moral of the play and approved it: or whether the perpetual play of wit and good-humoured satire won their suffrages. I need not try to decide. I have my own opinion and it is distinctly in favour of the latter. The play was admirably acted. Mr. John Hare had a rapturous welcome when he appeared as Lord Carlton: Mr. Henry Vibart did well as the Irish chemist, but learned his Irish in Glasgow I should guess; Mr. Eric Lewis was very good as Sir Jennings Pyke, the swell doctor. Honours of the evening though distinctly went to Miss Nina Boucicault, who grasped the character of Moira with conspicuous success and made it a real creation.

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It is long since so serious an English mountaineering fatality has occurred as that of Monday afternoon on Scawfell. Mr. R. W. Broadrick, one of the masters at Fettes, Messrs. Stanley Ridsdale, A. E. W. Garrett and H. C. Jupp, it seems tried, under the guidance of the first named, to climb Scawfell Pinnacle by a route never before attempted; other parties attacking the summit by other routes, all intending to meet on the top. How the accident occurred can only be a matter of conjecture, but Messrs. Webb, Slade and Preston, who composed one of the other climbing parties, passed on their return home along the base of the precipice which forms one face of Scawfell Pinnacle and there found 30 or 40 feet from the rocks, Messrs Broadrick, Garrett and Jupp dead and Mr. Ridsdale dying. They were roped together, and the rope was so tangled that it was an undertaking to cut Mr. Ridsdale free from it. The men had fallen, it is supposed, from a height of about 400 feet sheer and were frightfully mangled. Mr. Ridsdale, whose back and legs were broken, survived for about five hours after being found; as far as could be gathered from him, the man who was leading fell, and the jerk produced the inevitable result.

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As I close my letter this week a friend comes in to ask if I have heard that Mr. Barrett, the head man of Pears Soap is going to challenge for the America Cup with a yacht, unbuilt of course, but to be named Bubbles: and have I heard that the "boss" of Bovril, Ld., also contemplates a challenge. I had not heard either rumour nor have I seen it in print: but the suggestion of converting the America Cup race into a means of trade advertisement has nothing improbable in it. The reason why these two eminent firms do not come yet into the open and throw down the glove, is because an unnamed lady in Scotland (rather vague this) is understood to contemplate challenging.

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Review.

'SPORT ON THE BLUE NILE

"TROPHIES including Skulls, Horns of Alligator and Crocodile now in possession of I. C. Johnson, Esq., senior." This promising description of the picture that faces Mr. Johnson, junior's introductory chapter is calculated to whet the appetite of the reviewer: an alligator on the Blue Nile, or the White for that matter, would interest any naturalist: but alligators and crocodiles with horns! Alas: this is only an example of the author's chaotic English: he killed crocodiles it is true, but their horns exist in the author's faulty composition alone: anything to equal Mr. Johnson's 'style" we have never read. The results are sometimes quaint: "the bullet struck home cutting through the spine of the amphibian which woke him up with a start;' why it should be left to the severed spine of the amphibian to wake him up with a start is not clear; nor is it of much account: a shot through the spine which produced no worse consequence than to awaken the victim with a start is a curiosity. There were others, but these are described in another paragraph. Mr. Johnson travelled on the Soudan railway to Khartoum amid curious phenomena: 'Each man had his own bedding, provisions table service candle-stick and personal servants, who circulate in the cars attending to the wants of their respective masters." The bedding, table service, and candle-stick that can not only circulate in cars but can attend to the wants of their respective masters would be simply invaluable in the Soudan or anywhere else: with such competent articles of outfit around we cannot understand why the author had to complain of deficiencies on the part of his Arab servants. Mr. Johnson's distinctions are cut a little fine sometimes: we have been trying to get at the precise meaning of this:—"I fired and the lion ceased to live. It was too sudden a decease to warrant the assertion that the lion died, he simply ceased to live: nor did the detonation which ensued convey a meaning to a brainless mass of prostrate inanimity.' Passing over the nice discrimination between dying and ceasing to live we feel some curiosity concerning the place in the sequence of events of the detonation "which ensued"; and were the brains of the mass of prostrate inanimity blown out? This lion, by the way, had "notorious anthropophagous pridilections:" this is not uncommon in lions, but we do not remember to have heard it put quite that way before. Mr. Johnson has what would seem to be a very real grievance against the Egyptian Government who fined him smartly for trespassing in a game reserve, whereas the official map supplied him was in fault: if he pled his case in the same extraordinary style as he has written his book we can feel no surprise at his failure to procure justice: we are conscious ourselves that the glaring defects of his narrative handicap us in the endeavour to render justice to his achievements as a sportsman.

This trip up the Blue Nile would appear to be the author's maiden expedition after big game: he shot on a license issued by the Egyptian Government, and despite many difficulties, not the least of which was the lack of a competent shikari, he killed all the game his permit sanctioned: his knowledge of species was clearly very crude as he did not know a reed buck until it was identified for him by the authorities who "rubbed in" the information with a mild fine of £1 per head. Mr. Johnson complains that the Government have "reserved" all the best shooting grounds in the Soudan for their own officers; it was certainly tantalising to be encamped in a gameless country and hear on the forbidden side of the river the roar of lions, and the crash of elephants in the jungle; but the fact that the author secured all the trophies allowed by his license should relieve him of any sore feeling on this score. We have our own opinion about the propriety of giving residents preferential opportunities of shikar: the attractions of life in the Soudan, Uganda and kindred lands are not so dazzling that the opulent visitor need complain of the favouritism shown in this regard. The author, by the way, secured what proved to be the record reed buck head—so he was assured by the authorities who examined his trophies for taxation; unfortunately he does not think of giving the measurements of the "champion head" as he calls it. He has the right stuff in him we feel sure, but he is obviously a young hand and has something to learn in sportscraft: thus it is not playing the game to aim at an antelope's forelegs and bring it down with the legs smashed below the knee when a fair shoulder shot might have been put in. Mr. Johnson's idea seems to have been that by thus disabling his quarry he made more certain of it than he could by a sportsmanlike shot with his much vaunted ·303, whereto we suggest that if the '303 cannot be depended to stop an antelope, it were better discarded for a heavier weapon. Nor is it good business to "bring down reed buck at several hundred yards," the range thus vaguely indicated being mentioned in proof that he could kill at a distance whence he could not discern the presence or absence of horns. However Mr. Johnson is not afraid of hard work and does not spare pains to get his game: and he will no doubt subscribe to the more orthodox tenets of the sportsman's creed after a little wider experience. It is not a matter of sporting ethics or expediency; but we suggest that when a young gentleman's "general procedure in cases of nocturnal rowdyism or revelry was the very effective one of putting a rifle bullet into the midst of the revellers which without doing any bodily harm" etc, the young gentleman acts with such criminal recklessness that the authorities would be more than justified in refusing him license to shoot in the country again.

There are some capital reproductions of the author's photographs, though the subjects are not always well chosen: there are also a few very poor plates from the same source.

'Sport on the Blue Nile. By Isaac C. Johnson. H. Banks and Son, London.

Regular frequenters of Brighton Races will not need to be told that the view of the proceedings from the stand is frequently considerably impeded by what is known as a "sea fog." A rather worse visitation than usual occurred on the Cup Day in 1869, when Restitution snatched victory from Morna's grasp after the race had looked at the mare's mercy.

Upon being congratulated on his fine riding, Daley, who rode Restitution, smiled as he replied,—

"Yes; but it was just a bit lucky. I knew Morna must be in front of me somewhere, though I hadn't the least idea where she was."

Those who were present and witnessed this race will doubtless recall to memory the figure of the late Baron Rothschild, and recollect the somewhat undue haste with which he grasped the cup and hurried off to Ryde with it, the trophy decorating the Baroness's dinner-table the same evening.

Shikar.

REMINISCENCES OF SOUTH AFRICAN SHIKAR.

IN the early fifties when I was with my regiment on the frontier of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa, I made the acquaintance, and became on very friendly terms with one of the most celebrated elephant hunters, and who was known there as such.

In those days these hunting fields were considered to be the very best in the world, and no other land could boast of more daring and enthusiastic hunters.

Old Edward Driver was the most successful huntsman of the day. He was a man of indomitable courage, and had served as a volunteer and also in the capacity of a guide in several of the disastrous wars against the Kaffirs, which time after time devastated the country.

I will now proceed to narrate an episode which occurred to this plucky old man, who was after elephants in company with two of his friends—the Thackerays. Driver was going down a deep gorge in one of the kloofs over-looking the great Fish river. He had separated himself from his companions, and suddenly he was assailed by a huge male rhinocerous. This formidable brute, without the slightest provocation, rushed out from a dense thorny bush in which he was concealed and within the twinkling of an eye Driver and his horse were sent flying into the air. Driver luckily fell clear of the horn, and some distance from his mount, still grasping his rifle in his hand. As he was neither stunned nor disabled, he rushed into the nearest cover and concealed himself, and from his lair he witnessed the infuriated rhino trampling and goring his prostate horse. Driver, instantly aiming at the root of the rhino's ear sent a fourounce bullet into its brain killing it dead on the spot. Just at this juncture his companions rejoined him who as well as may be imagined were both pleased and gratified at seeing this famous hunter standing over the carcase of his adversary. The frontal horn of this animal Driver told me was fully four feet in length.

Needless to say Driver's horse was literally cut across with its bowels lying out, and was immediately put out of its misery by a bullet.

Driver, on another occasion, with the same party, was out after a herd of elephants, which in those days swarmed in hundreds in the dense forests known as the Fish River Bush. He was pursued by a bull elephant that one of his comrades had wounded. Jumping off his horse Driver unfortunately fell on his back: of course the horse bolted. In a moment the infuriated pachyderm was on him, and he would have been trampled to death in an instant had it not been for his two companions who very pluckily and intentionally diverted the attention of the angry beast from the prostate Driver.

The elephant was luckily enticed away by Driver's protectors, who shortly afterwards succeeded in shooting this monarch of the forest. Having accomplished this they returned to look for their brave friend, expecting to find a mangled corpse. But it was not so. To their delight and astonishment Driver was found on his legs leaning against a tree, perfectly conscious holding out a mutilated hand, and using very expressive language against all elephants in general, and especially against the one who had so grievously assaulted him.

Driver being an extraordinary tough old customer was after a short period out again in quest of elephants, and it was a well-known fact in South Africa, that this fine old settler and hunter made a very considerable sum of money from the proceeds of his numerous hunting expeditions, for to my knowledge he was able to purchase a very large tract of land in the valley known to this day as Driver's Bush Kloof, and many other parts in that region of South Africa bear his name in the three vernaculars of the country; for instance, some lofty hills are known as "Driver's Kop', "Driver's Berg," "Driver's Vontein" and so forth, showing how this remarkable man had left his his mark all over the country.

It was not only as a mighty hunter that good old Driver was known, but from his remarkable acuteness, and his perfect knowledge of the Kaffir character he always proved himself to be the most valuable and trustworthy guide and instructor any one of our Governors or Commanders-in-Chief ever had in cases of emergency in that land.

To show the pluck and cool determination of Driver he made a bet of a considerable amount with the Commissioner of the district that he would, previous to shooting three of the largest tuskers in a herd, first mark them with a piece of chalk on their hind quarters with his initial "D," and bring them to book afterwards, and this feat he performed to my certain knowledge, and that put thereby £100 into his pocket.

On one occasion when in his capacity as Captain of the Guides, he accompanied British troops under the command of Colonel Harry Smith, who was afterwards well known as the hero of Aliwal in the Sikh War, the then paramount chief of Kaffir land, named Eno, had been captured and held prisoner by Colonel Harry Smith, and when Eno was being conveyed to the nearest British camp, the party had to cross the Raishkamma river. Eno was placed between two cavalry men. Whilst they were fording the river and got half way across it, and almost waist deep swirling over the rocky bed of the river, Eno suddenly plunged forward and dived head long into a deep pool and for a time was lost to sight, to the intense amusement of his guard which included Colonel Harry Smith and Driver. Without a moment's hesitation Driver putting spurs to his horse's dashed into the pool with a horse pistol in hand and descrying Eno's head emerging from the water, some thirty yards off, he urged his mount towards the woolly-headed fugitive, who was swimming desperately to the opposite bank, which, however, he was never fated to reach alive, for one bullet from Driver's pistol pierced the unfortunate wretch's brain: he rolled over and was swept down the stream. Eno's corpse was found very shortly afterwards jammed between the rocks, and was brought into camp and identified.

When the news spread through Kaffir land that the "Great Chief" Eno was no more, it had a most disheartening effect upon all the Kaffir tribes, who had for so many years been hostile to the white man's Government, and in a few weeks the various subordinate Kaffir chiefs sued for peace, which was eventually and gladly granted to them, inasmuch as the closing of this long and desultory war enabled the colonists to return to the farms.

Driver, as reward for his services, was granted a very large tract of land situated in a beautiful valley not far from the bank of the great Fish river and now known as "Driver's Bush."

In subsequent Kaffir wars this grand hunter was always to the front, and without ever demanding the slightest emolument was ever ready to aid the British with his knowledge and experience of the country.

NASTURN.

Shooting.

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

(*Continued from page 539.*)

II.

WHERE TO FIND SNIPE.

EARLY in the season in fine weather snipe will be found in those rice fields in which the water is not too deep for them and in which the mud is of that soft consistence so dear to the snipe-shooter's heart. If the crop is backward, and the cover light, they will shelter under the west and north sides of the ridges between the fields. They avoid very heavy rice as they cannot rise out of it with ease. *Aus dhan* stubbles are excellent finds, especially after the stubbles have sprouted again.

After heavy rain look for the birds on higher land amongst light thatching grass, sugarcane, *airee*, autumn kalai, etc., as the rise of water in the ricefields drives them out. I remember being out once in a shower of over two inches of rain one September. There were numbers of flooded-out snipe flying about in search of drier quarters. They eventually collected into wisps and made off for some thatching grass. In a cyclone the birds get into quite heavy cover.

Early and late in the season, when sun is very hot at midday, the snipe often seek shelter under bushes and tufts of high grass. At such times grass bordering their feeding grounds is always worth beating. There are certain places where snipe are often found on dry ground. These are usually close to beels in which there is no cover but good feeding. The birds retire to grass or crops in the neighbourhood, or to large clods, during the day. On the 1st March of this year, 1903, I was out with a friend on a small beel on laterite soil. There was hardly a bird in the beel and I had almost given up in disgust when I saw a snipe pitch right out in "the dry" on my left. I walked him up and flushed him out of the dry bed of a watercourse under the shade of whose banks he had taken refuge. I took the hint, kept to the banks of the little nullah and picked six and a half couple out of it. My friend who stuck to the beel got only one bird. These birds were about a quarter of a mile from the nearest water or mud.

In the beels it is not of much use looking for snipe where the water is deep unless it carries islands of floating weed with grass or flags growing through it. In this case they are often very plentiful and are best shot from boats. The birds that fall on the floating islands are, however, very difficult to retrieve, and, if no boats or canoes can be had, the walking will be found very heavy. There are many beels where very good snipe shooting can be had from boats, or from two dougas or dug-out canoes fastened together. As one does not get tired one shoots very well from boats once one becomes accustomed to firing from a moving platform. Care should be taken to prevent the cartridges from becoming wet in the water at the bottom of the boat, and also to protect them from the full rays of the sun. Some cartridges after exposure to sunshine for some hours kick like mules.

The round smooth rushes, like marlin spikes, which grow in those parts of beels which are not cultivated, rarely afford good shooting except very late in the season when other parts of the beel are dry. Avoid them therefore unless you are driven to them, like the snipe, because there is nowhere else to go. The snipe always prefer cultivated ground and fallows. Ground that has not been ploughed at some time or other is rarely soft enough for them: probably never, save where there are springs which last make the real bog or morass. Sola, the pith of which is used for hat making, often gives cover to lots of snipe in the middle of the day; and is moist, but not wet, places on the edges of beels I have shot quail in it. Sandy soil is useless for snipe shooting except after heavy rain when, as it dries quickly, the flooded out snipe may have to take to it until their regular quarters again become habitable. On such occasions I have had good sport in places where as a rule snipe are never seen. In beels where the water is too deep in the rains for rice you will sometimes see early in the cold weather, fields full of mud and water, prepared for *boro dhan*, quite free from vegetation, but divided by ridges on which longish grass or even *hogla* grass is growing. These ridges usually hold lots of snipe which are easy to kill as you know whereabouts they will rise, and they are easy to define as

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they fly across the bare fields when the *boro dhan* is planted and growing in February and March fields of it should never be passed over.

An excellent cover for snipe is formed by the straw of the long trailing boel rice which is said to grow as fast as the water rises in the beels. After harvesting, the straw, which is quite useless, is gathered into heaps, and lies thus until it is dry enough to be burnt. In one beel I have had delightful sport amongst these straw heaps, and that not once or twice, but week after week. This was in Rajshahi which is the best district for small game shooting that I know.

I believe that snipe are to be found on the links near the sea coast of Bengal, but I have had no experience there. I have shot them on the beach and amongst rock in Scotland at low tide, and lots of them in pastures near the sea, and no doubt similar localities in Bengal suit them equally well. They may also usually be found under the banks of small streams, especially if the banks be hollow or clothed with flags.

EQUIPMENT AND FINAL HINTS ABOUT SNIPE.

The best gun for a beginner to use at snipe is a cylinder 12 gauge, bored to give a pattern of about 110 pellets in the 30-inch circle at 40 yards with the standard charge of 3 drs. Black powder (or its equivalent in the smokeless powder used) and 1¼oz. of No. 6 shot of 270 pellets to the oz. Such a gun with No. 9 shot will make a pattern at 35 yards that nothing can get through. Some guns do not perform well with certain sizes of shot, so the snipe gun should be tested at the target with Nos. 8 and 9. Both barrels should be bored to shoot alike. Many guns have the left barrel choked, but this only leads to smashing up, or missing, near birds. A cylinder barrel will kill snipe at any reasonable distance and is all that is required. The stock of the gun should be short rather than long. It must be remembered that one's feet are often hard and fast in mud when a bird rises, and that sometimes, in such cases, one has to take a shot to the left rear with the butt against the biceps instead of into the shoulder. You should therefore be able to pull the trigger of the right barrel with the first joint of your forefinger when the butt is in the bend of the elbow. The gun should be light and *must* fit you if you aspire to shoot well. Any good gunmaker can fit you with a gun as well as a tailor can fit you with a coat; but, with guns as with coats, "ready-me-downs" are apt to prove failures. I rather like guns with 28-inch barrels. A gun can be built lighter with them without being in any way weakened, and they are quite long enough to aim with. Guns of very light make are apt to give "gun headache" owing to the vibration set up by the recoil. At one time I used a choke bored 16 gauge gun, for all small game except ducks, loaded with No. 7 shot and Ballistite powder. This combination is good enough for anything, and I have killed many grouse, partridges, and hares with it as well as snipe, but it is not so easy to shoot with as a cylinder 12. I gave it up when I was transferred to a district where there were good shots using scatter guns and a good deal of competition. When I went back to the twelve-bore I changed to Schultze powder as I felt that the standard charge of Ballistite in twelve-bore cartridges was too heavy for comfort. The drawback to Schultze powder is the "blow back." Shooting against the wind this stuff blows back into one's eyes and smarts. "Imperial Schultze" is said to be free from this defect, but I have not tried it. [An ideal powder Ed.] Schultze is very regular in its performance, and so is E. C. No. 3, but this last powder is not easily obtained in Calcutta. No doubt there is some reason for this, but the powder behaves very well at home. No. 9 shot is the best all-round size for snipe, but No. 8 is useful in windy weather. Your cartridge bag should be waterproof.

As far as clothing goes everybody will no doubt please himself. The main point is to have the coat and shirt thick enough to protect one from the sun. Very light upper garments are a mistake. For nether tackle I like khaki regulation pantaloons; long stockings over them, tied above the swell of the calf; and leather boots. This get-up is equally adapted to walking and riding. To ride home in Jodhpore breeches are the most convenient as they enable one to dispense with gaiters or putties. Putties are a nuisance in a beel and nearly always come down. Leather boots will not become hard no matter what your bearer may say, if they are properly dressed with vaseline before use and *just before they become dry*. They will then keep supple enough. They should have two or three eyelets let into them at each side of the instep just above the sole. The holes thus made will let in water it is true, but they will also let it out. Water is bound to get into your boots, so it is well to make arrangements for it to come out again. Squelching about on dry land in boots full of water is far from pleasant. Boots should not have projecting welts, as these lift mud, but the soles should be strong or you will get your feet sadly bruised in walking over hard ground with sodden boots. Veterinary vaseline can be had almost everywhere in 5-lb tins at Rs. 2-10 a tin. It is the best thing going for guns, boots, saddles, belts, and any leather work that is required for use and not show. It darkens leather so should not be used for parade equipment. Mixed with beeswax it makes a good lubricant for rifle cartridges. Melt the mixture, dip the bullets into it, and set them to dry. Mixed with mercurial ointment it makes a first-class grease for rifle barrels, removing leading from the grooves. A 5-lb tin lasts for months.

I do not recommend smoking while shooting. I used to think that I shot better with a pipe in my mouth, and there is no harm in it in a short day, but I think now that it makes one thirsty, and affects one's wind on a long and heavy day.

You must of course drink something if you are out all day, but I strongly recommend that nothing alcoholic be taken until you have changed into your dry clothes and are ready to go home. Then a peg will do you no harm. Always take a change of clothing and a towel with you. You will find the "mohra" I mentioned in Chapter II very useful while changing. Personally I like to have two changes on a long day so as to sit down dry to tiffin. If you decide not to change for tiffin you will find a rug or horseblanket wrapped round your legs a great comfort in cold weather.

Formerly, my instructor in snipe shooting and I always used to take our ponies into the beels, and ride them, in all kinds of places, until we saw lots of birds. If the sport became slow we mounted again until matters improved. In the district where I now live snipe are too scarce for this method, and I dismount whenever I see a likely place. Likely places may be summed up as:—

(1) Any stretch of rice, not too heavy, where the water is not excessive and the mud of the right consistency.

(2) *Especially* any field where the rice looks *both* darker and more straggly than usual.

(3) Any fallow or stubble field is the right sort of soil if the cover is sufficient.

(4) Any thick cover in an open beel except the round rushes.

(5) Any light cover near good feeding grounds on which there is no shelter for the birds.

(6) Any well covered ridges between open fields of mud and water.

(7) Any cover in the vicinity of newly-ploughed land in places which snipe frequent.

Remember, let me repeat, the importance of concentrating all your faculties on your game. For a fraction of a second prior to firing you will be conscious sometimes of an effort muscular and mental, in *forcing* your gun into the line your mind has drawn from your eye to the spot aimed at. I cannot describe what I mean more closely, but it is true that no one can shoot really well without being conscious of this strain at times no matter how effortless the successive "rights and lefts" may seem to the spectator. Avoid ground that feels hard under foot when looking for snipe unless you have particular grounds for thinking that the birds are there. Slimy clay is seldom productive of sport. Do not leave good feeding ground with no cover on it without taking a cast through the adjacent crops and grass.

Do not walk down wind to snipe in a beel. If it is very windy weather, and the birds are very wild, it often pays a good shot to walk straight up wind to them. They are then very hard to hit but you can sometimes get within range of them in this way when you cannot do so in any other. Ordinarily down and across the wind is the best line to take.

When you fire at a snipe and see both his legs drop he will be found dead wherever he pitches, unless he has merely had his legs broken. I can't say that I have ever seen such a case as the last, but I have seen many a snipe with one leg down. It is an authenticated fact that snipe escaping with a broken leg repair the injury with feathers used as splints and bandages. By degrees you will acquire an instinctive knowledge of when a bird is hit. If you have reason to suppose this to be the case mark the bird carefully down and, in mercy, add him to the stick as soon as possible. The best way to kill a wounded bird is to hold it breast upwards in your hand and bring *the back of its head* into sharp contact with the butt of your gun. A smart stroke will kill it instantly; a half-hearted tap is cruel; and a hard smash will send blood and brains all over you.

Pintail snipe are the first to come and the last to go. They are easily distinguished by their richly barred underwing and by the pin feathers in their tails. They have a more compact shape, shorter beaks, and are more easy to shoot than common snipe. They are frequently found alone and often rise silently.

The Jack snipe is a handsome little fellow, very good to eat but very apt to make you score a miss. He jumps up as a rule from thick cover, flickers about for a short distance and pitches again. If you do not realize that he is a Jack you will be very likely to shoot in front of him.

Beware of painted snipe. Until you become acquainted with them you will probably fire at them. They are easy to shoot if you realize what they are; but, like the Jack snipe, are often missed when mistaken for snipe. They are unfit to eat. Their plumage is very handsome, especially that of the hen bird.

Once more let me impress on the young sportsman the necessity of recovering wounded game wherever possible, and of instantly killing winged birds. It is unsportsmanlike, to say the least of it, to leave wounded game about to be torn by kites and hawks—your coolies will never see the necessity of killing the wounded birds they pick up unless you insist upon their doing so. My practice is to have all live birds brought to me at once; and I kill them in the manner above described. It may cause a little disturbance and loss of sport but we owe the snipe much and should avoid needless cruelty in dealing with them.

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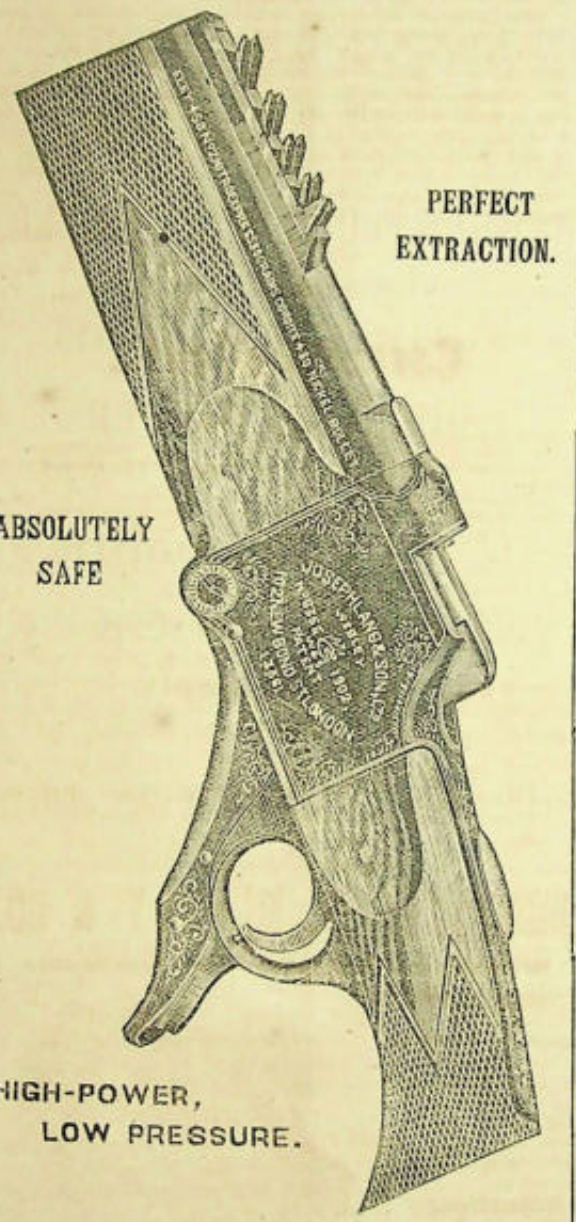

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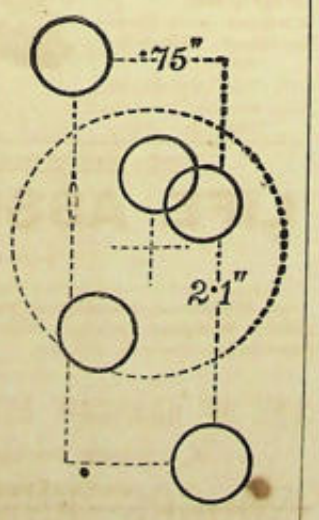

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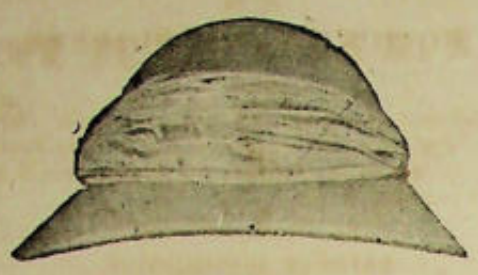

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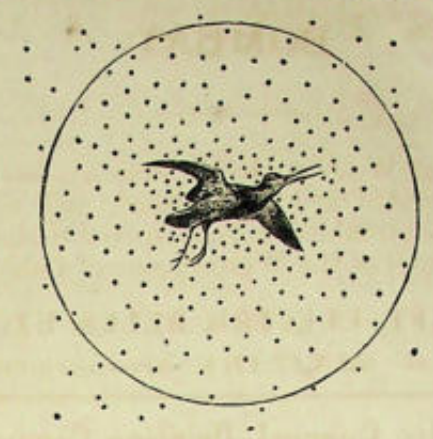

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Name of Races.	Month	Date	For Prospectus see page.
Maymyo Autumn	Oct.	12	
Poona Eleventh Extra	"	17	
" Twelfth "	"	20	
Lucknow Autumn Sky	"	22 & 24	210
Jubbulpore Autumn	"	27 & 29	
Rangoon Autumn	"	27, 29 & 31	
Senepore Gymkhana	Nov.	2, 4 & 6	
Umballa Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	381
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	382
Hyderabad	"	11 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	372
Lucknow Autumn	"	24, 26 & 28	
Karachi Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	454
Bhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Bassein Autumn	"	19 and 21	
Peshore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	382
Calcutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	9, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	11, 13, 15, 17 & [illegible]	
Jorhat	March.	19 and [illegible]	
South Maharatta Autumn	"	29 & 31	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Lucknow Autumn Sky	—	Second	11th Oct
Calcutta First Extra			8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra	—		15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting		First	2nd Nov.
		Second	1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting		First	1st Dec.
		Second	9th Jan.
		Third	16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day		First	2nd Nov.
		Second	1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day		First	2nd Nov.
		Second	1nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup		Fourth	1st Dec.
		Final	20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn		Third	14th Nov.
Terpore		First	1st Nov.
		Second	Day before Races
Umballa Autumn		Third	24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn		First	20th Nov.
		Second	27th Dec.
		Final	29th "
Karachi Autumn		Second	17th Oct.
		Final	24th "
Hyderabad		First	15th Oct.
		Second	4th Nov.
Dinapore Gymkhana		First	15th Oct.
Rangoon Autumn		Second	17th "
		Third	24th "
Senepore Gymkhana		First	1st Nov.
		Second	3rd "
		Third	6th "
Meerut Autumn		Final	3rd "
Lahore Xmas		First	2nd "
Dacca		First	2nd "
Madras Winter		First	2nd "

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

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Cawnpore Tournament	Begins 24th January.
Dacca Tournament	During the Race Week.
Dilkusha Tournament	Begins 9th October.
Delhi Dun Challenge Cup	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament	Begins 11th November.
Mhow Open Tournament	First week in December.
Mhow Junior Tournament	
Neemuch Tournament	Begins 14th December.
Rajputana Tournament	Begins 21st November.
Senepore Tournament	Begins 2nd November.
Meerut Autumn Tournament	11th, 13th & 16 November.

SHOWS.

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SPORTS.

Bombay Gymkhana Athletic and Sporting Meeting	26th and 31st October.

ROWING.

C. R. C. Senior Sculls	14th November.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Middle Park Plate (6 furlongs)	Friday, October 16
Cambridge hire stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct, 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	26th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Caulfield Cup	17th October.
Victoria Derby	31st October.
Melbourne Cup	3rd November.

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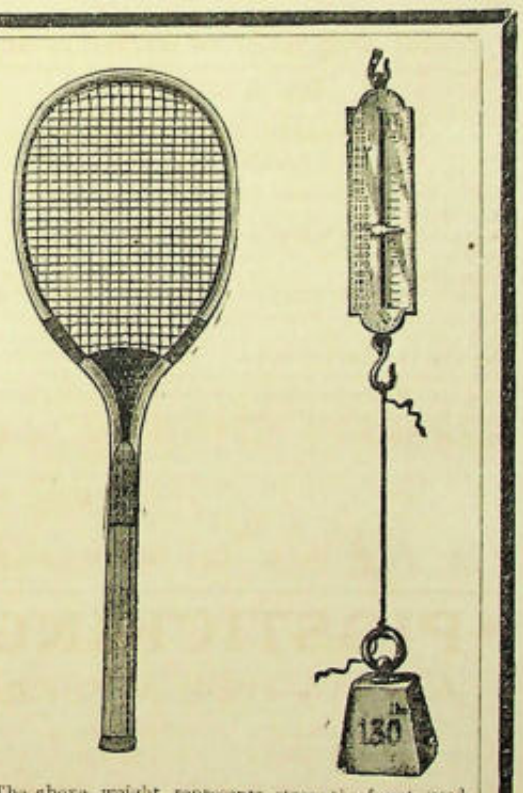

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POONA RACES AND STEEPLECHASES

Sixth Day, Wednesday, 7th October 1903.

THE concluding day of the Poona Races was full of pitfalls for backers. The course was none too springy but bright sunshine prevailed the whole afternoon. The attendance was good but not overflowing and there was at times a general air of staleness amongst backers who on the whole have come off much the worse for their "nodding" more frequently than was wise to the metallicians.

The business of the day opened badly for those who feel it is a sin to allow a good horse to run unbacked. The good thing of the first event was Ptarmigan, but the handicapper had taken excellent care of him and we may take it as a compliment to the adjuster of leads that a ten to one chance rolled home by a neck from a six to oner. Dispute has caused a surprise before to-day, but not as a sprinter. Ptarmigan finished nowhere, and Governor, who was fancied on Monday's running, kept him company; Sir jamal, however, only succumbed to Dispute by the shortest of necks.

The two chases followed and while we try to deceive ourselves into the belief that the illegitimate game has still got some life in it I fear that at Poona, where the steeplechase meeting used once upon a time to be quite a separate programme, the jump game may have to be erased, even as a fillip of sorts, from the prospectus of the Poona Races. The Poona Grand (save the mark!) Annual was contested by a field of four; of these Rickshaw, who was receiving weight all round was expected to finish the course and win easily and he was backed freely. A splendid finish, considering the course was 2¼ miles, was witnessed. Pope who went out at long odds running Rickshaw, who was fast stopping, to a neck. Veneda ran badly. The Ganeshkind Chase, a race for ponies, was considered a gift for Beryl and had she stood up at the last jump there might have been joy in the camp of backers. Patrician, another well fancied one, also fell and Mr. Fischer's Good Boy, who led the others all through by two fields, won in a trot.

Punters took their next fall when they backed Moon or Gallant with some assurance for the Desert Handcap. A splendid race was witnessed, a field of eleven contesting. Up the straight Moon looked a winner and he would certainly have been first past the post but for the zigzag course steered by Heeroo, who was riding one of his head to tail finishes.

Forest won the Newmarket Handicap in Australia four years ago and came out for the Maharajah of Jodhpore. It is a long time since he ran in India and for him to come out and beat sprinters like Malto as he did in the Poona Handicap disposes one to think that he may get back some of his old form. Malto was strongly supported for the event, but it was Wedlock, who had the satisfaction of fully extending Forest who won by a neck, Malto a head off.

Quite the smartest 14-1 pony is undoubtedly Russley Rose. She has earned three brackets and ran second at Poona and the company she has met would be hard to beat even at the Sydney pony meetings. She wins her races a long way from home and in the Commissioner's Purse was cantering from the distance. Mr. Bass's S. P. put in a run at the finish which gives good promise for the future.

This concluded the afternoon's programme. Details :—

THE LILLIPUT HANDICAP.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 13-3 and under. ¼ mile.

Messrs G K and D D's g a h Dispute, 8st 3lbs	Heeroo	1
Mr R R S's b a h Sirjamal, 7st 4lbs. (carried 7st 5lbs)	Noormahomed	2
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Settler, 6st 9lbs (carried 6st 12lbs) ...	O'Neil	3
Lieut-Col J Desaraj Urs' g a h Ptarmigan, 9st 7lbs	A Hoyt	0
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor, 8st 9lbs	Ramsbaw	0
Aga S Shah's ch a h Chester, 7st 2lbs ...	Kamad	0
Mr Abdulla ul Shamian's ch a h Galib, 6st 5lbs	Bennett	0

(*Winner trained by Tregay.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Ptarmigan, 4 to 1 Governor, 6 to 1 each Sirjamal and Galib, 7 to 1 each Chester and Settler, and 10 to 1 Dispute.

Won by a neck; one and a half lengths between second and third. Time—4mins. 16 secs.

THE POONA GRAND ANNUAL.—Rs. 1,800, out of which the second receives Rs. 400 and the third Rs. 200. A handicap steeplechase for horses. About 2¼ miles.

Mr F Reynolds' b aus g Rickshaw, 10st 11b	Williamson	1
Major Logan-Home's bl aus g Pope 12st 4lbs	Morrison	2
Mr Locke's ch aus g Baron II, 10st (carried 10st 11lb)	Mr Barrett	3
Mr J B's b aus h Veneda, 10st 6lbs ...	Capt Randall	0

(*Winner trained by Ferguson.*)

BETTING : Evens Rickshaw, 2 to 1 agst Veneda, 3 to 1 Baron II, and 4 to 1 Pope.

Won by a neck; one and a half lengths between second and third. Time—4mins. 16secs.

THE GANESHKHIND CHASE—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap steeplechase for ponies 14-2 and under. About 2 miles over Pony Steeplechase Course.

Mr Percy Fischer's g aus g Good Boy, 8st 7lbs .. *... ...	A Hoyt	1
Mr J B's br aus m Malice, 11st 12lbs ...	Morrison	2
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Widgeon, 8st (carried 8st 8lbs)	Johnson	3
Lieut-Col Hazelton's b aus g Patrician (fell) 10st 10lbs	Randall	0
Mr R J Hunter's br aus m Beryl, 8st 10lbs, (carried 8st 11lbs)	Williamson	0

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

BETTING : 5 to 4 agst Beryl 3 to 1 Patrician, 5 to 1 each Malice and Good Boy, and 10 to 1 Widgeon.

Won in a trot by twenty lengths. Time—4mins. 2½secs.

THE DESERT HANDICAP—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for Arab ponies 14 hands and under. 1 mile.

Colonel Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 7st (carried 7st 3lbs)	A Hoyt	1
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 7st 5lbs (carried 7st 7lbs)	Heeroo	2
Colonel Eccles' b a h Rocket, 6st 7lbs ...	Bennett	3
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ch a h Gallant, 8st 12lbs	C B Mahomed	0
Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee, 8st 8lbs	Southall	0
Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's b a h Hakum, 8st 11b (carried 8st 1½lbs)	Oomerkhan	0
Mr M Ally's ch a h The Robber 7st 11lbs	Kamad	0
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 7st 7lbs ...	Melsom	0
Captain Benn's g a h Regret, 7st 11b ...	O'Neil	0
Mr George's g a h Alexis, 6st 5lbs (carried 6st 9lbs)	Dhondi	0
Lt-Col J Desaraj Urs' b a h Delight, 6st	Trahan	0

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

BETTING : 4 to 1 each agst Moon and Gallant, 5 to 1 Money Spinner, 6 to 1 Narunjee, 7 to 1 each Regret and Rose, 10 to 1 each Hakum and The Robber, and 20 to 1 the others.

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 54secs.

THE POONA HANDICAP.—Rs. 3,000, out of which the second receives Rs. 400, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for horses. 5 furlongs.

Mr J D Scott's b aus g Forest, 8st 6lbs ...	Bond	1
Mr R R S's ch aus g Wedlock, 7st 7lbs ...	A Hoyt	2
Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's b aus g Malto 8st 3lbs	Bennett	3
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's ch aus h Vigorous, 9st 2lbs	Southall	0
H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman, 8st 9lbs	Robinson	0
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist, 8st 2lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
Messrs M Pestonjee and R Bhikajee's b aus g Kingston, 8st	Williams	0
Captain J Randall's ch rn e g Dr Barnardo, 7st 7lbs	Kamad	0
Mr Lutchmi Kanthara Urs' b aus g Gum, 7st 6lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Victory, 7st 6lbs	Melsom	0
Messrs G K and D D's b aus g Roscommon, 7st 13lbs (carried 8st 7lbs). ...	Heeroo	0

(*Winner trained by J. D. Scott.*)

BETTING : 4 to 1 agst Malto, 5 to 1 each Forest and Kingston, 6 to 1 Vigorous, Beadsman, Harpist, Wedlock, and Roscommon, 7 to 1 Gum, 8 to 1 Dr. Barnardo, and 20 to 1 Victory.

Won by a neck; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 3⅗secs.

THE COMMISSIONER'S PURSE—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 200. A handicap for ponies 14-1 and under. 6 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's b aus m Russley Rose, 9st 7lbs	Oomerkhan	1
Mr Bass's b e m S P, 7st 4lbs	O'Neil	2
Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's br aus m Nautilus 6st (carried 6st 4lbs) ...	Kamad	3
Mr J D Scott's ch aus h Yankee Boy, 10st 4lbs	A Hoyt	0
Mr J C Galstaun's b or br aus h Metalgia, 8st 11b	Robinson	0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b aus m Olga, 7st 12lbs (carried 8st) ..	C B Mahomed	0
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 7st 10lbs (carried 7st 12lbs) ...	C B Mohamed	0
H H the Kour Sahib of Patiala's br aus g Tragedian, 7st 7lbs ...	Bennett	0
Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera, 6st 13lbs (carried 7st 6½lbs)	Heeroo	0
Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Haydn, 6st (carried 6st 3lbs)	Trahan	0
Mr Avasia's ch aus m Western Queen, 6st (carried 6st 12lbs)	Lalla	0

(*Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Russley Rose and Metalgia, 4 to 1 each Yankee Boy and S. P., 6 to 1 each Key West and Veera, 10 to 1 each Olga, Nautilus and Western Queen, and 12 to 1 each Tragedian and Haydn.

Won by three-quarters of a length from S. P.; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 18⅘secs.

THE EXTRA DAY.

Saturday 10th October 1903.

IF the company was not absolutely classy the excellent finishes made up for this. Scattercash who had been showing such improved form won in excellent company in a field of eleven his nearest attendant being Nainava who has been having a rest. When Jolly Roger made his first appearance at Poona he was greatly admired but he did not run up to his looks if anything he was stripped an improved pony, but the other English pony, Golightly, was better fancied Min, despite her heavy impost, being strongly supported. Min appeared to have her field cooked at the distance but Jolly Roger strongly ridden by Robinson snatched the victory by half a length.

That Chungiz has turned rogue or gone off altogether is pretty evident, for he never made my show at all in the Losers Handicap Turkish Flag II in consideration of his light handicap was expected to win and despite a strong challenge from Victory he won somewhat easily. For the Autumn Plate Ayrdale went out a hot favourite, Mr. Apcar's Youngster, Sacristan, being next in demand Gum, the surprise packet from Mysore, led up the straight and managed to win by a neck in the excellent time for seven furlongs of 1 min 31⅖secs.

Most people fancied that the Welter Scurry was a good thing for Money Spinner but as all the money seemed to flow in on Hamilton the public took the hint and profited by it for Hamilton won from pillar to post.

Mr. Fischer's Governor has never been fitter in his life when he is at the present moment and yet he was not fancied for the small Arab Plate which he won by a short head the struggle being a fine one to witness and the time good.

That Nancy Till, a pony, should have beaten such big horses as Dart and Ombree makes them very small beer indeed and the little mare fought out the issue from the distance tooth and nail and won by a head.

THE NEW MAIDEN PLATE.—Winner Rs 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for maiden Arabs 14 hands and under landed since 1st July, 1902. 6 furlongs.

Captain the Hon'ble C F Greville's g a h Scattercash, 9st 5lbs	Hoyt	1
Mr. Ebrahim bin Talib's g a h Nainava, 9st	Heeroo	2
Messrs A A Saif and G H S Mahomed's g a h Mooreed, 8st 12lbs	Southall	3
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Sahib, 8st 5lbs	Robinson	0
Mr Abdulla ul Shamian's ch a h Galib, 8st 2lbs	O'Neil	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's ch a h Deserter, 8st 11b	Oomerkhan	0
Mr Rasheed Shamian's b a h Turn of Luck, 8st 11b	C B Mahomed	0
Mr Mahomed bin Talib's b a m Jaooza, 8st	Noormahomed	0
Mr A W F's g a h Bunder 7st 11lbs ...	Bennet	0
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Salvation, 7st 6lbs...	Jakoo	0
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's b a h Bhaiaji, 6st 10lbs	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Scattercash, 3 to 1 Mooreed, 4 to 1 Kour Sahib, 6 to 1 each Nainava, Galib and Deserter, 12 to 1 the others.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 25½secs.

THE PONY CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for ponies 14-2 and under which have not won race Poona Big Meeting, 1903. 6 furlongs.

Captain F C Stratton's ch e g Jolly Roger, 8st 3lbs	Robinson	1
Mr A W F's b aus m Min, 9st 7lbs ...	Lansdown	2
Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's br aus m Nautilus, 6st 12lbs	Kamad	3
Colonel Baring's b e h Golightly, 8st 13lbs	Bond	0
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 8st 2lbs	Southall	0
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 6st 3lbs (car 6st 4lbs)	Bennett	0

(*Winner trained by Aga S. Shah.*)

BETTING : 5 to 2 agst Golightly, 3 to 1 each Min and Nautilus, 7 to 1 Key West, 8 to 1 Jolly Roger, 10 to 1 Pomfret.

Won by half a length; a length and a half between second and third. Time—1min. 18⅖secs.

THE LOSERS' HANDICAP.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs which have not won race Poona Big Meeting, 1903. 1½ miles.

Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II, 7st 12lbs (car 8st 11b)	Oomerkhan	1
Capt Dunbar's g a h Victory, 7st ...	Bennett	2
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's g a h Galston, 7st 13lbs	Hoyt	3
Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee, 8st 7lbs	C B Mahomed	0
Mr Love's ch a h Silvermane, 8st 3lbs ...	Noormahomed	0
Mr Mustapha bin Talib's g a h Chungiz, 8st 11b	Heeroo	0
Mr Percy Fischer's b a h Talisman, 7st 9lbs (car 7st 12lbs)	Southall	0
Capt Benn's g a h Regret, 7st 3lbs ...	Kamad	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 6st (car 6st 4lbs)	Trahan	0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Turkish Flag II, 5 to 1 Galston, 6 to 1 each Silvermane, Chungiz, Regret and Victory, 8 to 1 each Narunjee and Selim, 10 to 1 Talisman.

Won by a neck; two lengths between second and third. Time—2mins. 25⅘secs.

THE AUTUMN PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for horses which have not won race value Rs. 3,000 or over since 1st April, 1901. 7 furlongs.

Mr Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs' b aus g Gum, 7st 10lbs	O'Neil	1
H H Aga Khan's b r e g Ayrdale, 8st 9lbs	Robinson	2
Mr Noble's b aus g Planet, 7st 5lbs ...	Hoyt	3
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist, 8st 6lbs ...	Oomerkhan	0
H H Aga Khan and Aga S. Shah's br aus g Firecracker, 8st 4lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr Saunders' br aus m Blue Blood, 7st 11lbs (car 7st 11½lbs)	Southall	0
Captain J Randall's ch rn e g Dr. Barnardo, 7st 10lbs	Kamad	0
Mr J D Scott's br nth am m Ritual, 7st 8lbs (car 7st 9lbs)	Bond	0
The Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Sacristan, 7st	Bennett	0

(*Winner trained by Thompson.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst Ayrdale and Sacristan, 4 to 1 each Blue Blood and Harpist, 6 to 1 Gum, 7 to 1 each Ritual and Planet, 10 to 1 Dr. Barnardo, 20 to 1 Firecracker.

Won by half a length; a length between second and third. Blue Blood was fourth. Time—1min. 31⅗secs

THE WELTER SCURRY PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A welter handicap for Arabs 14-1 and under. Closed per Special General Conditions. ¼ mile.

Major Murray and Capt. Lloyd's ch a h Hamilton, 10st 13lbs	Capt Randall	1
Colonel Eccles' b a h Rocket, 10st 11lbs...	Major Edwards	2
Colonel Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner, 11st 12lbs	Capt Casson	3
Colonel Eccles' b a h Sweet William, 9st 7lbs	Johnson	0

(*Winner trained by C. Bleach.*)

BETTING : Evens Hamilton, 2 to 1 agst Rocket, 3 to 1 Money Spinner, 6 to 1 Sweet William.

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Won by a length and a quarter : two lengths between second and third. Time—55secs.

THE SMALL ARAB PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50 A handicap for Arabs 13-3 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor. 8st 12lbs	Robinson	1
Mr Avasia's g a h Farewell, 8st 6lbs ...	Southall	2
Messrs A Mushen and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 7st 11lbs	O'Neil	3
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Malabar, 8st 6lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul 8st 4lbs ...	Robertson	0
Mr Franklin's g a h Firdosi, 8st 1lb	Bennett	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer, 7st 13lbs ...	Hoyt	0
Aga S Shah's ch a h Winchester, 7st 9lbs	Kamad	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Mintoo King, 7st 8lbs	Heeroo	0

(*Winner trained by Fowler.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 each agst. Winchester and Young Taisseer, 4 to 1 each Governor and Farewell, 8 to 1 Clever Boy, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a short head ; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 9⅘secs.

THE AUCTION PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Selling Race for horses which have not won race value Rs. 1,500 since 1st April, 1901 Horses entered for Rs 1,500 to carry 11st. 3lbs. for each Rs. 100 down to Rs 500. Allowance—Maidens, 5lbs.; Ponies 14-2 and under, 5lbs. Landing allowance as per clause 9 of General Conditions. 5 furlongs

Mr A W F's br aus m Nancy Till (Rs. 800) 8st 7lbs	Lansdown	1
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus g Dart (Rs. 700) 8st 4lbs	Southall	2
Mr Anketel Jones b aus g Ombree (Rs. 800) 8st 7lbs	Robinson	3
Capt J Randall's ch aus g De Wet (Rs 1,200), 9st 5lbs	Capt Randall	0

(*Winner trained by Owner.*)

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Ombree, 2 to 1 each Nancy Till and Dart, 5 to 1 De Wet.

Won by a head ; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 4⅕secs.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS POINT-TO POINT MEETING

Thursday, 8th October 1903.

THE above is another of the Poona annual "shows" that it has been my lucky privilege to be present at two years in succession and the little side lights on such events are, all the world over, instructive and amusing to a 'stranger within the gates.' Pray observe the heading to these lines You think I might aptly, more appropriately and with greater brevity have written "Poona and Kirkee Hunt Races"! Perish the suggestion! Did I do so I would probably have infuriated leg hunters chasing me (or possibly you my worthy and innocent Editor) with spears. For there has been I understand a feud (stopping short only at bloodshed) over this vital matter. The Poona Pigstickers declare that they form the Poona "Hunt" and that any use of the latter word by mere fox catchers is an infringement of their copyright. So you see how it behoves me to write circumspectly on this national question. Need I mention too, to any one acquainted however slightly with such matters that the delicate subject of "qualification" caused considerable heartburnings. Had this horse really been out the magic 'ten times'? Had that one been "regularly hunted"! What does "regularly' mean? Does 'regularly" mean hacking to "cover side" sufficiently long to catch the Master's eye and then getting on to the slave when it comes to real business. Is it advisable for any one intending to compete, to have any connection with the selection of the course? For be ye pure as crystal and chaste as the quintessence of all the virtues ye shall not escape calumny. These were among the petty grievances one heard more or less freely discussed and each answered the vexed questions to his own liking. The place selected was the plain between the palace of His Highness the Aga Khan and two twin-like hills known as the "Sisters." Beyond the fact that it was close to Poona I am fraid I cannot offer my congratulations to the committee on their selection, more especially as I am assured (and can readily believe) that many better sites were available. It was certainly with no thrilling excitement that one saw the field start off over a most uninteresting half or three-quarters of a mile of dead level, and never caught a glimpse of them again till they came back into sight over the same uninteresting stretch. Under such circumstances it was difficult to "enthuse," nor did one's pulse throb with any feverish haste when in the first event the winner won by the entire length of this run in Nor was the management of minor details quite without a flaw or two. There was no bell and "competors" had to be warned to get ready by word of mouth ; programmes seemed to run short very early in the day, and the absence of one deprived people not acquainted with the men and horse concerned of much of the interest they could otherwise have felt. A map of the course was thoughtfully enough provided for the use of competitors and would have been doubtless of great advantage to those not previously acquainted with the lie of the land. Unhappily, however, I believe one flag as marked on the map was about half mile out of its bearing with disastrous and disappointing results to more than one hopeless rider who did not fail to express their personal views on return! There was also it was averred one flag at least too many, which led to confusion. All these little details which could with a little forethought have presumably been avoided did not tend to the perfection of organization, that acme ever to be desired but not always attained. But apart from such trivialities a very pleasant afternoon's sport was enjoyed. With one detail at least even the most hypercritical could find no fault and that was with the hospitality of His Highness the Aga who provided an overflowing supply of good things in two large tents and extended characteristic hospitality and kindly greeting to friend and stranger alike. The Cup presented by Colonel Sheringham, the M F. H., was won appropriately enough by his hard riding 1st whip, Mr. Armstrong, on a good looking horse called the Sweep by considerably over half a mile, in a canter

The Honorary Secretary, Major England R. F. A., annexed the prize presented by the officers of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry on his horse Hotspur, just getting home in front of Mr. Howard Smith on Flirt In the third and final event for ponies 14-1 and under for a Cup given by His Highness the Aga a smart looking English pony called the Fizzer was installed a hot favourite at 2 to 1 on, but got the better of his rider, Major England, and bolted (we afterwards heard) into the dim distance. A ding dong finish resulted in Major Geddes, R. F. A., just securing the verdict on Mr Lucas' grey Arab Promise from Captain Hewlett on his waler Coronation, a fine performance on the part of the little desert born and a slight recompense to Mr. Lucas for a nasty accident in a previous race to his mare who fell and cut herself badly. The final scene on such joyous occasions was unfortunately deprived of much of its glamour owing to the fact that of the three prizes only the Cup presented by the Cavalry was ready for presentation. A pleasant afternoon's sport but one would have liked to have seen a little more of the running. Finishes on the dead level we can see to our heart's content on Mr. Gray's beautiful course And so after doing justice—just once more to His Highness' hospitality we rattled back to Poona.

FIRST RACE.—For a Cup presented by Colonel Sheringham, M. F. H., for all horses and ponies that have been regularly hunted not less than ten times with the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds, catch weights, owners up. Ladies' horses, if not ridden by owner, must carry a weight equal to the lady and her saddle. 4½ miles.

Mr Armstrong's br w g Sweep ...	Owner	1
Captain Hewlett's br w g Recluse ...	Owner	2
Mr Smith's b a p Jack	Owner	3

Also ran :—Mr Graham's Old Mortality, Mrs. Lucas' Diana, Major Foster's Zerckiah, Major Brewin's Susannah, and Major England's Auburn.

BETTING : 6 to 4 each agst. Recluse and Sweep, 5 to 4 Old Mortality, 4 to 1 Diana, 5 to 1 Auburn, and 7 to 1 the others.

Won by forty lengths from Recluse ; Jack half a length off.

SECOND RACE.—for a Cup presented by the officers of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry for all horses hunted with the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds, or been pigsticking during the year, catch weights, English and Colonials over 12st. 7lbs. country-breds 11st. 3lbs., Arabs 10st. About 4½ miles.

Major England's ch w g Hotspur ...	Owner	1
Mr Howard Smith's b w m Flirt ...	Owner	2
Mr Gillie's br am g Sandy	Owner	3

Also ran :—Major Geddes' Fox, Mr. Anderson's Tiger, Mr. Slack's Tambourine and Captain Grafton Young's Steri ma-Shah

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Hotspur, 4 to 1 each agst Sandy and Flirt, and 6 to 1 on the others

Won by a length on the post.

THIRD RACE.—For a Cup presented by His Highness the Aga Khan, ladies' nomination, for ponies 14-1 and under, catch weights, English and Colonials 11st. 7lbs., country-breds and Arabs 10st. 7lbs. About 4½ miles.

Mrs Lucas' g a p Promise	Major Geddes	1
Capt Hewlett's br w g Coronation ...	Owner	2
Capt Laing's ch a p Jim	Owner	3

Also ran :—Mr. Graham's The Bear, Major England's Fizzer, Mr Cousen's Spanker, Mr Stanbridge's Useful, Aga Rook Shah's Caddi and Mr Anderson's Pompom.

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Fizzer, 2 to 1 agst Coronation, 4 to 1 Spanker, (fell) 6 to 1 Promise, 8 to 1 Caddi, and longer odds the others

Won by a length : a bad third.

SHILLONG RACES. 1903.

THESE races were brought off on the 1st and 7th instant and were voted a great success. Fair fields and good racing were the order of both days. Captain Ward's stable was most successful gaining six wins of the thirteen races. Fanny won the Cambridgeshire on the 1st and the three and five-furlong handicaps on the second day. Scatters proved himself a good one by coming in twice on the second day. Foxglove, Zoe and Heather each secured two winning brackets, one on each day. Riding honours went to Mr. Holder with six wins. Details :—

First Day. Thursday, 1st October 1903.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.—Catch weights over 12-0, Ladies' nomination. Bracelet presented by Colonel Hobday. 7 furlongs over five flights of hurdles.

Mr Davis' Heather, nominated by Mrs Kershaw	Capt Rushton	1
Capt Ward's Report, Miss Harrison ...	Mr Grant	2
Mr Henniker's Melbourne, Mrs Henniker	Mr Sweet	3

Also ran :—Stamboul Barbara, and Noorkhan.

Won by a neck ; three lengths between second and third.

THE TALLY HO STAKES.—For all ponies 13-1 and under. Ponies 13-1 to carry 11-7 5 furlongs over four flights of hurdles.

Major Row's Zoe, 10st 3lbs	Owner	1
Mr Holder's Sally Horner, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Capt Ward's Scatters, 9st 5lbs ...	Mr Clifford	3

Also ran :—Little Beast, Joan (fell), Jewel (fell) and Lassie (fell).

Won by three lengths ; same between second and third.

THE ST. LEGER.—For ponies 13-3 and under. Catchweights over 11-7. 3 furlongs.

Mr Coleridge's Sceptre	Omar	1
Mr Monahan's Noorkhan	Mr Sanders	2
Mr Donald's Tommy	Owner	3

Also ran :—Potboy and Pickles.

Won by a neck ; two lengths between second and third.

THE DERBY.—For ponies 13-1 and under. Ponies 13-1 to carry 11-7 3 furlongs.

Capt Ward's Tommy, 10st 9lbs ...	Mr C Holder	1
Dr Franklin's Regina, 11st 1lb ...	Mr J Ward	2
Mr Grant's Jess, 11st 1lb	Owner	3

Also ran :—Pig and Jewel.

Won by a length ; same distance between second and third

THE GOODWOOD CUP.—A distance handicap for all *bona fide* hacks and chargers. About 6 furlongs

Mr Kershaw's Foxglove, 10st	Mr Holder	1
Mr Davis' Heather, 15st	Capt Rushton	2
Miss Harrison's Stamboul, scratch ...	Mr Clifford	3

Also ran :—Little Beast, Scatters, Stella, Merry Legs and Pickles.

Won by five lengths ; a neck between second and third.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—A handicap for ponies 13-1 and under. ½ a mile.

Capt Ward's Fanny, 11st 7lbs ...	Mr C Holder	1
Mr Coleridge's Sceptre 9st	Mr Clifford	2
Capt Ward's Clara, 11st 7lbs ...	Mr Ward	3

Also ran :—Joan and Foxglove.

Won by a length and a half ; a head between second and third.

Second Day. Wednesday, 7th October 1903.

HURDLES HANDICAP.—Rs. 49. Rs. 30 to second and Rs. 15 to third. 7 furlongs over 5 flights.

Mr Davis's Heather, 13st 7lbs... ...	Capt Rushton	1
Capt Ward's Report, 12st	Mr Grant	2
Mr Henniker's Melbourne, 11st 7lbs ...	Mr Sweet	3
Major Row's Barbara 10st 7lbs ...	Mr Clifford	0

Major Row's Barbara pecked at the last hurdle but one, throwing her rider but without injury.

Won by a short head.

PONY HURDLES HANDICAP.—Rs. 49. Rs. 30 for second and Rs. 15 for third. 5 furlongs over 5 flights.

Capt Ward's Scatters, 9st	Mr Clifford	1
Mr Phillimore's Lassie, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr Holder's Sally Horner, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	3

Also ran :—Jewel and Zoe.

A very good race. Sally Horner touched the last hurdle and threw her rider, who quickly remounted and gained the third place.

THREE FURLONGS HANDICAP.—Rs. 49. Rs. 30 for second and Rs. 15 for third.

Capt Ward's Fanny, 10st 2lbs... ...	Mr Holder	1
Mr Coleridge's Sceptre, 8st 7lbs ...	Mr Clifford	2
Capt Ward's Clara, 11st	Omar	3

Also ran :—Regina and Noorkhan.

Won by two lengths ; a short head between second and third.

DISTANCE HANDICAP.—About 6 furlongs. Rs. 49. Rs. 30 to second and Rs. 15 to third

Mr Kershaw's Foxglove, scratch ...	Mr Holder	1
Mr Davis's Heather, 25yards ...	Capt Rushton	2
Miss Harrison's Stamboul, 15yds ..	Clifford	3

Also ran :—Little Beast Stella, Hermit and Merry Legs.

Won by four lengths ; one length between second and third.

HALF MILE HANDICAP.—Rs. 49. Rs. 30 to second and Rs. 15 to third.

Major Row's Zoe, 10st	Mr Clifford	1
Mr Donald's Tommy, 11st	Mr Holder	2
Mr Monahan's Noorkhan, 11st 2lbs ...	Omar	3
Mr Phillimore's Hermit, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	0

Also ran :—Hermit, Pickles and Joan

A good race, won by a short neck ; two lengths between second and third

TWO FURLONGS HANDICAP.—Rs. 49. Rs. 30 to second and Rs. 15 to third.

Capt Ward's Scatters, 9st 7lbs ...	Mr Clifford	1
Mr Holder's Sally Horner, 10st 7lbs ...	Owner	2
Mr Franklin's Regina, 11st 7lbs ...	Owner	3
Mr Phillimore's Lassie, 10st ...	Gunny	0

Also ran :—Regina, Jewel, and Lassie.

Won by three quarters of a length, ; two lengths, between second and third.

FIVE FURLONGS HANDICAP.—Rs 49. Rs. 30 to second and Rs. 15 to third.

Capt Ward's Fanny, 10st 3lbs ...	Mr Holder	1
Mr Kershaw's Foxglove, 9st 7lbs ...	Gunny	2
Capt Ward's Clara, 11st	Owner	0
Mr Donald's Tommy, 9st ...	Mr Cavendish	0
Mr Coleridge's Sceptre, 8st 10lbs ...	Mr Clifford	0

Also ran :—Tommy and Sceptre.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

THE A.J. C. SPRING MEETING.

THE A. J. C. DERBY.—A sweepstakes of 25 sovs. each, with 1,000 sovs. added ; second 200 sovs. and third 100 sovs. from the stake. One and a half miles.

Mr J East's bk c Belah, by Havoc—Wilga. 8st 10lbs	Smith	1
Sir Rupert Clarke's br f Sweet Nell by Haut Brion—Novelette II 8st 5lbs ...	R Lewis	2
Mr E Frazer's br c Duke of Grafton, by Grafton—Disgrace, 8st 10lbs ...	J Barden	3
Mr H White's b c Postulate, by Positano—Mirzapore, 8st 10lbs	Bradshaw	0
Mr G Osborne's br c Dumont, by Orxil—Sara, 8st 10lbs	Houseman	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Duke of Grafton 7 to 1 agst each Belah, Sweet Nell, and Dumont, 20 to 1 Postulate.

From a beautiful start Belah was followed by Sweet Nell and Duke of Grafton. At the mile Belah led from Dumont, Sweet Nell, and Duke of Grafton, and this order was maintained all round the back Belah led into the straight from Duke of Grafton, who at the distance challenged the leader, but could not get up, and in the run home he had also to give place to Sweet Nell. Belah won by a length and a quarter, with Duke of Grafton seven lengths away third, then came Postulate four lengths off, with Dumont last. Time—2mins 39⅘secs.

THE METROPOLITAN—Of 20 sovs. each, with 2,000 sovs. added ; second horse 400 sovs. and the third 200 sovs. One and a half miles.

Mr T F Skully's ch m Marvel Loch, by Lochiel—Marvelette, 4yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	Hickey	1
Mr T Marvel's ch g T M S by Correze—Her Ladyship, 5yrs, 6st 13lbs ..	Cornwall	2
Hon W P Crick's b g Ossian, by Grafton—Robina, 5yrs, 6st 7lbs	R W Brennan	3

Other starters—Cyanide, 9st 2lbs. (Barden) ; Sir Leonard, 9 (Gough) ; Air Motor, 8-4 (Osborne) ; Fireclay, 8 (Stanley) ; Nothos, 8 (Clayton) ; Bewitcher, 7-12 (Bracken) ; Florin, 7-9 (B. Carslake) ; Famous, 8 4 including 10lb. penalty (Fielder) ; Ryde, 7-7, (Smith) ; Devilment, including 11b. over (Hewitt) ; Faithful, 7-5 (Bradshaw) ; Sweet Nell, 7-4 (Lewis) ; Bridegroom 7-11 including 7lbs penalty (Stewart) ; St. Modan 7-2 McGee) ; Cin, 7-2 (Jennings) ; P. K., 7-2 (Curtin) ; Lanoline, 6-12 (Courtney) ; Highflyer, 6-12 (Lee) ; Oblivion, 6-11 (Hough) ; Saida, 6-11 (B. Carslake) ; Lord Cardigan, 6-10 (N Godoy) ; Dumont, 6-10 (Golding) ; and Cato, 6-8 (McMahon).

BETTING : 4 to 1 agst Faithful, 10 to 1 each Famous and T.M.S., 12 to 1 Nothos, 14 to 1 St. Modan and Cyanide, 15 to 1 Highflyer, 20 to 1 P. K., Sweet Nell, and Lord Cardigan, 25 to 1 Marvel Loch, Ossian, Ryde, and Air Motor, 33 to 100 to 1 others

Soon after the start Famous led from Lord Cardigan, and T.M.S., Air Motor, and Sir Leonard. Leaving the straight, St. Modan took charge from Highflyer and Cato, and then came Sir Leonard, Bewitcher, Dumont, T.M.S., and Nothos. At the mile St. Modan led from Lord Cardigan, with Bewicther in third place, and then followed Sir Leonard, P. K. Fireclay and Oblivion. Along the back St. Modan was still in possession from Highflyer and P. K. with Air Motor close up and the others clustered, while Cin had her head in front of Marvel Loch St. Modan escorted Marvel Loch into the straight, while P. K, T.M.S. Ossian and Sir Leonard were the most prominent of the others. St. Modan and Marvel Loch were together at the distance, with T.M.S. and Air Motor close up and in the run home Marvel Loch lasted the longest and won by a length from T.M.S. with Ossian a head away third. Air Motor was fourth, Nothos fifth, Sweet Nell sixth, Bridegroom seventh and St. Modan eighth ; the last to finish being Cato and Dumont. Time—2mins. 35secs.

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Entries for Races.

LUCKNOW AUTUMN MEETING, 1903.

First Day, Tuesday, the 24th November.

2nd Entries closed 1st October.

THE PONY HURDLES—1½ miles over 6 flights.

8	Colonel Beaver's	... bk aus m	... Topsy 11-1
9	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ...	... ch aus g	... Funny 11-1
10	Captain Dunbar's	... g a h	... Victory 11-0
11	Captain Greer's	... ch aus g	... Whenan 13-3

THE TRIAL STAKES—6 furlongs.

10	Colonel Beaver's	... b aus g	... Flashpan
11	Messrs Wood and Badger's	b aus g	... Rusty
12	Mr Roy's ...	... ch aus h	... Altamas
13	Major Broadrick's	... b aus m	... Wahine

THE DESERT STAKES—5 furlongs.

9	Colonel Beaver's	... g a h	... Marmion 13-3
10	Captain Wilson's	... g a h	... Greyleg 13-2
11	Mr M Ally's ...	... ch a h	... The Robber 13-3
12	Mr Maydwell's	... g a h	... Titus II 13-3½

THE MEDIUM PLATE—½ mile.

9	Aga S Shah's ...	... g ch m	... Pardon 14-1
10	Mr Roy's ...	... g a h	... Farewell 13-2½

THE CLUB STAKES—5 furlongs.

Nil.

THE NOVICE STAKES—½ mile.

9	Colonel Beaver's	... g a h	... Mabrook 13-2½
	Ditto	... g a g	... Faisal 13-1½

THE CANTONMENT STAKES.—1,000 yards.

12	Mr Harper's ...	... ch aus m	... Western Queen 13-3½

THE OUDH STEEPLECHASE.—2½ miles.

5	Mr G A S Cookson's	... ch aus h	... Sharcholder
6	Major Broadrick's	... b aus m	... Wahine

Second Day, Thursday, the 26th November.

THE ARAB HANDICAP—1,000 yards.

13	Colonel Beaver's	... g a h	... Marmion 13-3
14	Captain Wilson's	... g a h	... Greyleg 13 2
15	Mr Roy's ...	... g a h	... Farewell 13-2½

THE GOOMTEE STAKES—¼ mile.

10	Colonel Beaver's	... ch aus m	... Double Keys 13 3½
11	Aga S Shah's ...	... g ch m	... Pardon 14-1
12	Mr Gilroy's ...	... b aus m	... Armaye 13-3

THE DECEMBER STAKES—7 furlongs.

9	Mr Roy's ...	... ch aus g	... Altamas

THE CHUTTAR MUNZIL STAKES.—6 furlongs.

6	Captain Greer's	... ch aus g	... Whenan 13-3
7	Mr Gilroy's ...	... b aus m	... Armaye 13-3

THE HANDICAP PONY CHASE.—R. C. about 2 miles.

7	Colonel Beaver's	... bk aus m	... Topsy 11-1
8	H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ...	... ch aus g	... Funny 14-1
9	Captain Dunbar's	... g a h	... Victory 14-0

THE MERCHANTS' PLATE.—R. C. about 2 miles.

5	Colonel Beaver's	... ch aus m	... Apricot 13-3½

Third Day Saturday, the 28th November.

THE DESERT HANDICAP—1¼ miles

8	Colonel Beaver's	... ch a h	... Zooraf 13-3½
9	Captain Dunbar's	... g a h	... Victory 14-0
10	Mr M Ally's	... ch a h	... The Robber 13-3
11	Colonel Kavanagh's	... g a h	... Money Spinner 14-0

THE ALUM BAGH STAKES—5 furlongs.

10	Colonel Beaver's	... g a h	... Marmion 13-3
11	Captain Wilson's	... g a h	... Greyleg 13-2
12	Mr Roy's ...	... g a h	... Farewell 13-2½

THE CORINTHIAN STAKES—½ mile.

17	Colonel Beaver's	... g a h	... Broadside 13-3½
18	Major Eustace's	... b a g	... Naseri 13-3

THE CHARBAGH STAKES—1,000 yards.

12	Colonel Beaver's	... ch aus m	... Double Keys 13-3
13	Mr. Gilroy's	... b aus m	... Armaye 13 3

THE FAREWELL STAKES—6 furlongs.

10	Colonel Beaver's	... b aus g	... Diversion
11	Messrs Wood and Badger's	b aus g	... Rusty
12	Mr Roy's	... ch aus g	... Altamas
13	Major Broadrick's	... b aus m	... Wahine

THE LUCKNOW STAKES—5 furlongs.

9	Colonel Beaver's	... bk aus m	... Topsy 14-1
10	Mr Harper's	... ch aus m	... Western Queen 13-3½

THE LAWN STAKES—5 furlongs.

7	Aga S Shah's	... g ch m	... Pardon 14 1

JOHN NORWOOD,
Honorary Secretary, Lucknow Races.

THE ARMY CUP—7 furlongs.

3rd Entries closed 1st October.

34	Colonel Kavanagh's	... g a h	... Money Spinner 14-0
35	Mr J Norwood's	... ch a g	... Kilfane 14-0

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Ponies.

C. T. C. Measurements.

LUCKNOW.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Lucknow, on 24th September 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Pony's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Entitled to run as such height up to.*
Bellevue	b aus m	Mr Ownes Symons	6	14-1	For life.
Bit of Fashion	ch aus m	Mr J E Ruck	Aged	14-1	For life.
Kilfain	ch a g	Mr J Norwood	Aged	14-0	For life.
Lady Evelyn	b aus m	Mr F W Salmon	5	14-0½	31st March 1904.
Mac	b a g	Bdgr-Genl Richardson	Aged	14-0½	For life.
Merry Girl	b aus m	Mr C A Sheridan	Aged	14-1	For life.

MEERUT.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured at Meerut, on 28th and 29th September 1903, by the Official Measurer :—

Card Account	gr ch h	Capt Williams and Mr Johnson	5	13-3½	31st March 1904.
Harmston	sk aus m	Mr R Primrose-Wells	Aged	13-3½	For life.
Lion	b a h	Capt C Battine	Aged	14-1½	For life.
Rajah II	b a g	Lt H E Norton	Aged	14-1½	For life.
Sheeve Bloom	ch a h	Lt the Hon H Prittie	Aged	14-0½	For life.

W. I. T. C. Measurements.

POONA.

THE following ponies were classed, aged and measured, by the Official measurer, W.I.T. Club, at Poona, on the 29th and 30th September, 1903.

Horse's Name.	*Description.*	*Owner's Name.*	*Age.*	*Height.*	*Entitled to run as such height.*
Actor	ch a g	Col J Anderson	Aged	13-3	For life.
Clever Chap	gr a h	Mr A M Shamlan	Five	13-3	Until 31st March, 1904.
Despair	ch a h	Mr Abdool Kadur Haji	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Diamond Rose	gr a h	Mr Hosanjee Jamshedjee	Aged	13-3½	For life.
Famous	ch a h	Mr Reuben	Aged	13-3½	For life.
Filbert	b e m	Mr W Bass	Aged	14-1	For life.
Grey Ghost II	gr a h	Mr Reuben	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Grey Light	gr a h	Mr G H S Mahomed	Aged	14-0½	For life.
Guiding Star	b a h	Ditto	Four	13-2	Until 31st March, 1904.
Harold	b a h	Mr Abdul Latiff-ul-Amani	Six	13-2½	For life.
Kruger	gr a h	Mr A M Amer	Aged	13-2½	For life.
Laureate	gr a h	Mr Toolsidas Tejpal	Aged	13-1	For life
Little Cherry	b a h	Mr A M Amer	Aged	14-0	For life.
Metal	rn a h	Mr Ali bin Talib	Six	13-1½	For life.
Percy	ch a h	Mr Cawasjee Burjorjee	Three	13-3	Until 31st March, 1904
Rising Star	ch a h	Mr Ali bin Talib	Three	14-0½	Until 31st March, 1904.
Senator	gr a h	Mr Abdul Latiff-ul-Amani	Six	13-3	For life.
Socrates	b a h	Mr Brewin	Four	13-2	Until 31st March, 1904.
Superior	b a h	Mr G H Noormahomed	Three	13-2½	Until 31st March, 1904.
The Bean	b a h	Captain Hickman	Six	14-0½	For life.
Wiseman	b a h	Mr S A Wahed	Aged	14-0	For life.
Young Hudhan	b a h	Mr A M Amer	Six	14-0½	For life.
Young Minister	b a h	Ditto	Aged	13-3	For life.
Young Nero	gr a h	Ditto	Aged	13-3	For life.

Sport in England.

(FROM OUR OWN SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 25th September, 1903.*

THE TURF.

ROYAL WINDSOR SEPTEMBER MEETING.

SPORT in the Royal Borough on the 18th instant was above the average. The weather, too, was of a most delightful description, and the company numerous, while fields ruled large, no fewer than seventy-seven competitors being seen out in the first half-dozen events on the card. The last item was reduced to a match, the "purple, straw sleeves" of Lord Durham being carried to victory by King's Limner, who easily disposed of Pericles in the Curfew Plate. The principal event on the programme, the September Handicap, was taken by Papola, who won the August Handicap, at the previous meeting on the Rays. Tin Soldier although he defeated fifteen others in the Park Selling Plate, was retained for 55 guineas, and he will probably win again for Mr. Hibbert. The Queen Anne's Welter fell to Lord Stanley's Mixed Powder, who made the whole of the running, other winners being Col. Fenwick's Iras colt, Mr. Schwind's Grey Girl, and Mr. King's Plombieres. The last-named was at one time the property of His Majesty, but was sold in July for 410 guineas, this being her first outing since changing hands.

THE SEPTEMBER HANDICAP—Of 360 sovs One mile and a quarter.

Mr W M G Singer's ch m Papola, by Tyrant—Poppy, aged, 7st 11lbs ...	Madden	1
Mr C Hibbert's b c Scotch Cherry, 3 yrs, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 10lbs)	Trigg	2
Mr F W Phillips's ch g Swooper, 5 yrs, 7st 12lbs	Griggs	3
Mr Spencer Gollan's Australian Star, aged, 9st	Halsey	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Bowery, 4 yrs, 7st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Mr H T Barclay's Kinrara, 4 yrs, 7st 7lbs.	Hardy	0
Major E Loder's Veneration II, 8 yrs, 6st 8lbs	Butchers	0
Mr J Buchanan's Sankence, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 11lbs)	Compton	0
Mr S Henry's Fleeting Love, 5 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Chapman	0
Mr R W B Jardine's c by Ravensbury—Bruyere, 3 yrs, 6st 4lbs ...	Janek	0
Mr F C Burrough's Sudden Rise, 3 yrs, 6st...	East	0

(*Winner trained by A Taylor.*)

BETTING :—9 to 2 agst Sudden Rise, 5 to 1 Papola, 7 to 1 Scotch Cherry, 8 to 1 each Swooper, Bowery, Kinrara, and Sankence, and 100 to 8 any other (off).

Won easily by two lengths; half a length separated the second and third. Kinrara was fourth, Bowery fifth, Bruyere colt sixth, Sudden Rise seventh, Australian Star eighth, and Fleeting Love last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins. 10secs.

THE CURFEW PLATE—Of 100 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

Lord Durham's br c King's Limner, by Raeburn—The Empress Maud, 4 yrs, 9st...	Watts	1
Mr H J King's br c Pericles, 3 yrs, 8st 5lbs	H Jones	2

(*Winner trained by P Peck.*)

BETTING : 15 to 8 on King's Limner.

The favourite waited on the other to the distance and then challenged and won by three-parts of a length. Time by Benson chronograph, 2mins. 3½secs.

So promising was the weather outlook in the metropolis on the 19th that there was every inducement for those so disposed to patronise the concluding stage of the Windsor Meeting, especially as the programme gave every prospect of furnishing another interesting afternoon's sport. Consequently it was not surprising to find the special trains well patronised, and several putting in an appearance who had been present at the Ayr gathering. The attendance in the Rays was an excellent one all round. The card was to-day confined to half a dozen events, and for each good fields assembled at the post, but, with the exception of the principal race, backers carried all before them, and they must have returned from the meeting with pleasant memories of their visit to it.

THE ROYAL BOROUGH HANDICAP—Of 137 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr J Buchanan's br c Kano, by Trenton—Rabia, 3 yrs, 7st 8lbs	Hardy	1
Mr G A Prentice's br c Karakoul, 4 yrs. 7st 9lbs (inc 5lbs ex)	O Madden	2
Sir J B Maple's br g Childwickbury, aged, 8st 4lbs...	W Lane	3
Mr W Goodchild's Seullion, 5 yrs, 9st ...	Halsey	0
Mr W R Purefoy's Cappa White, 4 yrs, 8st 12lbs	B Dillon	0
Mr Spencer Gollan's Seahorse II, aged, 8st 4lbs	Walkington	0
Mr W C Whitney's Slipthrift, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs	J H Martin	0
Mr R Croker's Liquidator, 4 yrs 7st 6lbs	Boardman	0
Mr H Allison's St Colon, 5 yrs, 6st 11lb ...	J Jarvis	0

(*Winner trained by Major Edwards, Ogbourne.*)

BETTING : 7 to 4 agst Cappa White, 2 to 1 Karakoul, 8 to 1 St. Colon, 10 to 1 Seullion, 10 to 1 each Childwickbury and Liquidator, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won by a length and a half; a head divided the second and third. Cappa White was fourth, Slipthrift fifth, Seullion sixth, Liquidator next, and Seahorse II. last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 55secs

THE SATURDAY SELLING HANDICAP—Of 137 sovs; the winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr F R Hunt's ch g by Clorane or Upstart—Spoil, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	Butcher	1
Mr A M Singer's ch g Kladeradatch, 3yrs, 8st	Boardman	2
Mr C Hibbert's b f Madge Ford, 4yrs, 7st 13lbs	Walkington	3
Mr D J Cullinger's Morecombe Bay, 4yrs, 9st	Hardy	0
Mr W H Schwind's Itinerary, 4yrs, 8st 9lbs	Watts	0
Mr W G Stevens's g by Darnley—Loyse, 3yrs, 8st 6lbs (car 8st 7lbs) ...	K Cannon	0
Mr E Dresden's Bonnie Scot, 3yrs, 8st ...	W Lane	0
Mr C Wilton's Kitty Tar, 3yrs, 7st 12lbs	O Madden	0
Mr J Hare's c by Gangway, dam by Amalfi—Wenlock Edge, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs	East	0

(*Winner trained by Hunt, Jun.*)

BETTING :—2 to 1 agst Kitty Tar, 5 to 1 each Itinerary, Madge Ford, and Spoil gelding 100 to 14 Morecambe Bay, to 1 Bonnie Scot, 10 to 1 Kladeradatch, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).

Won easily by three lengths; a neck separated the second and third. Kitty Tar was fourth, Morecambe Bay fifth, Gangway colt next, and Bonnie Scot last. The winner was purchased by Mr W. Dormer for 210gs.

LINGFIELD PARK CLUB SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Unfortunately for this one day fixture on the 22nd very disagreeable weather prevailed. The attendance, however, was exceedingly good, and large fields were seen under silk. Lord Dunraven's Livia won the Crowborough Nursery Handicap in great style, leaving her fourteen opponents some distance behind. The same owner's Morgendale carried off the Autumn Handicap, just getting the better of Noblesse by a neck. Charivari took the Two-Mile Selling Handicap, but there was no demand for him at the subsequent auction. The Club Welter Plate proved the good thing anticipated for Mr. Bottomley's Lady Voter, and Honours cleverly captured the Effingham Selling Nursery Handicap. The gelding was afterwards bought in for 310 guineas, the surplus of 260 guineas over the conditional selling price being shared by Mr. W. Coventry (whose La Parisienne finished second) and the race fund. Sport concluded when Holme Lacy landed the odds laid on him for the Brasted Highweight Handicap.

THE LINGFIELD AUTUMN HANDICAP—Of 340 sovs. One mile

Lord Dunraven's b c Morgendale, by Kendal—Molly Morgan, 3yrs, 6st 10lbs ...	Griggs	1
Mr W G Langland's b f Noblesse, 4 yrs, 8st 7lbs	Trigg	2
Mr G Edwardes's Country Girl, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs	O Madden	3
Mr A M Singer's O'Donovan Rossa, 6 yrs, 9st 2lbs	Boardman	0
Mr A P Cunliffe's Merry Methodist, aged, 8st 2lbs	B Dillon	0
Mr H T Barclay's Kinrara, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs	Hardy	0
Mr J C Dyre's Sandbag, 5 yrs, 7st 2lbs ...	Walker	0
Mr R Dalgleish's Pitch Dark, 3 yrs. 6st 8lbs	J Jarvis	0
Mr T Worton's Mister, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbs ...	Butchers	0

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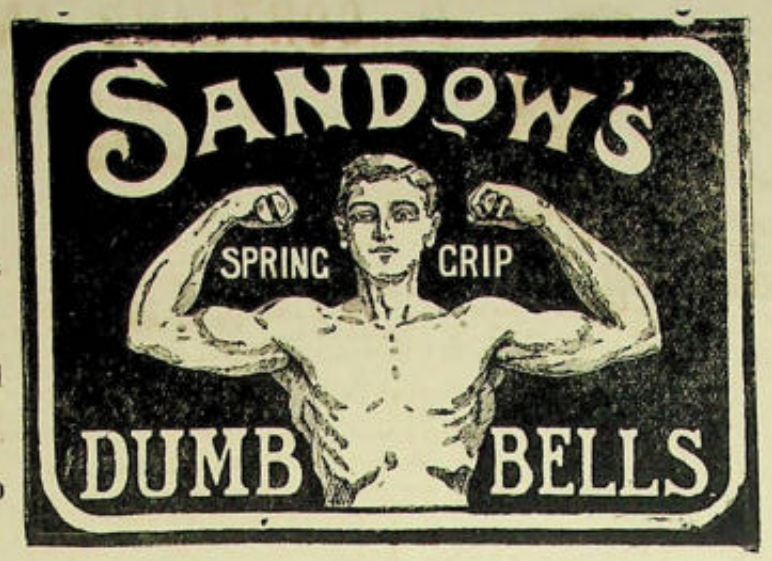

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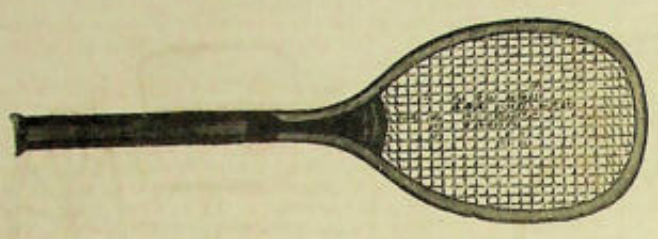

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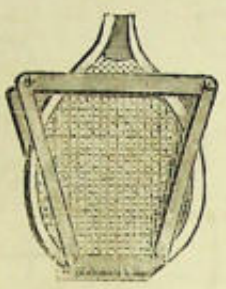

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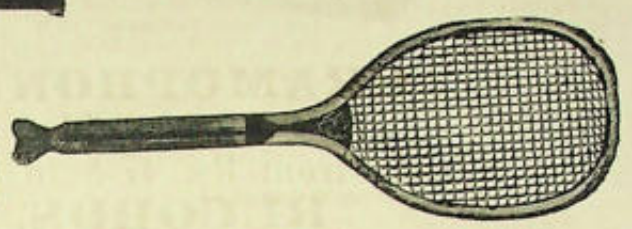

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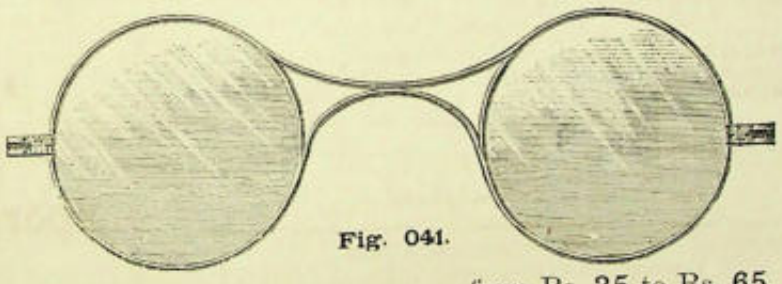

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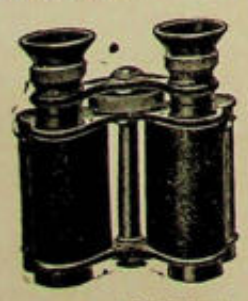

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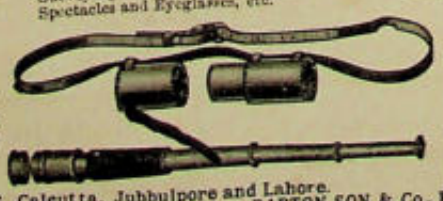

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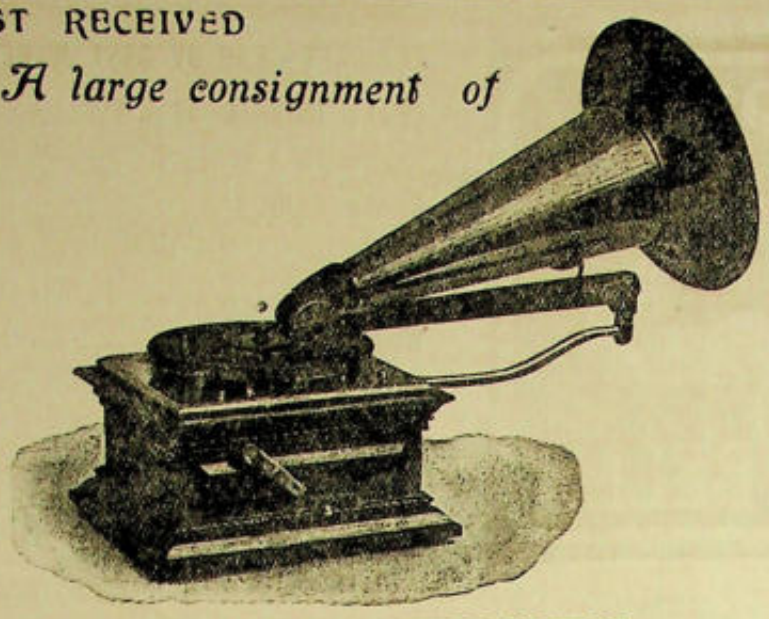

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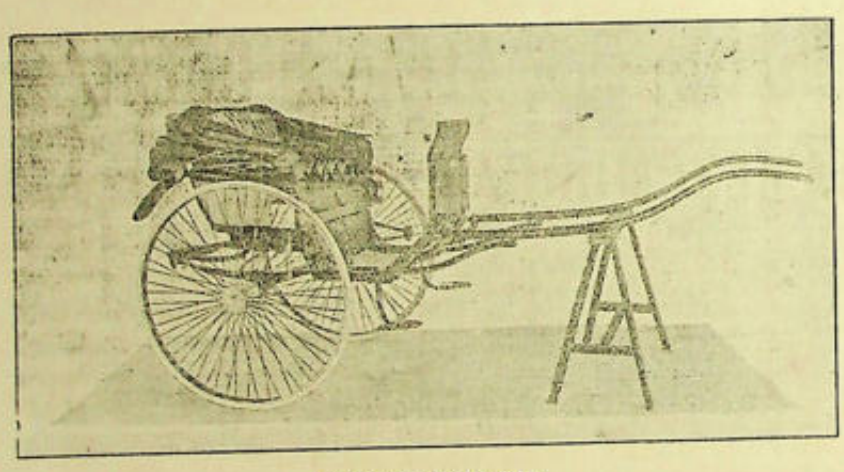

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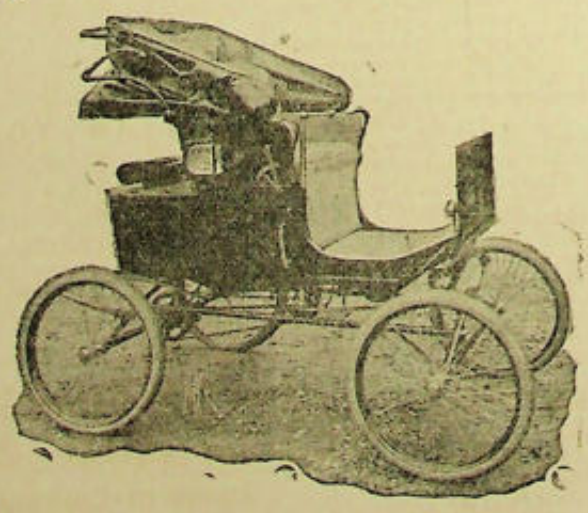

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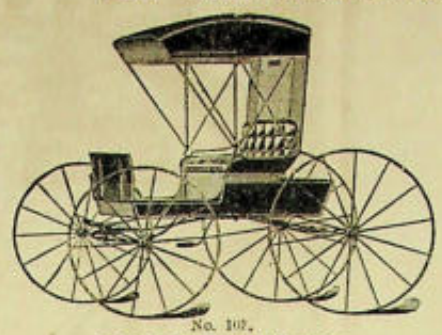

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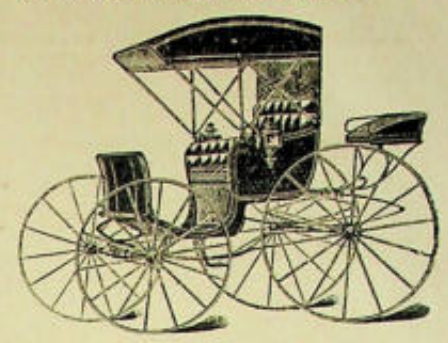

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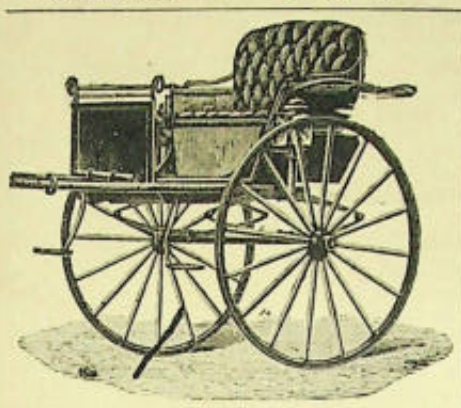

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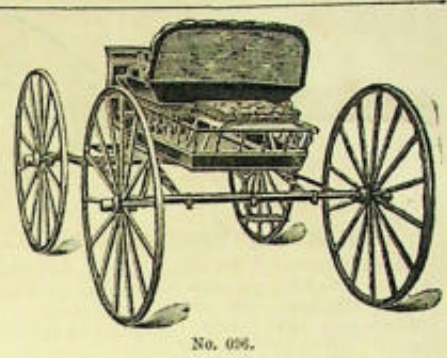

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Won a pretty race by a neck : three lengths between second and third O'Donovan Rossa was fourth, Pitch Dark fifth, Kinrara sixth, Sandbag next, and Mister last throughout.

THE CROWBOROUGH NURSERY HANDICAP—Of 137 sovs. 5 furlongs.

Lord Dunraven's b f Livia, by Sempronius—Rock Pigeon, 7st 7lbs (inc 7lbs ex)	Griggs	1
Mr A Stedall's b f by Orvieto—Orxena, 6st 12lbs	Plant	2
Mr G Edwardes's br g Georgius, 6st 9lbs...	Butchers	3
Mr G Phillips's Cowyard, 8st 11lbs ..	B Lynham	0
Mr H T Barclay's Bridle Road, 7st 12lbs	J Jarvis	0
Mr T W Blenkiron's c by Pride—Pegaway, 8st 11b	Walkington	0
Mr Cobb's Morny, 7st 10lbs ...	Axtell	0
Lord Coward de Walden's c by Marco—Cariola, 7st 10lbs ...	Miller	0
Mr C Newman's Regulus, 7st 9lbs ...	Watts	0
Mr J H [illegible]'s Mountain King, 7st 8lbs	B Dillon	0
Capt Bewicke's Ticket o Leave, 6st 9lbs	Mowatt	0
Mr A Taylor's Nebula, 7st	C Clark	0
Mr J F Hall's Strongbar, 7st ...	Trigg	0
Mr C S Newton's Hermione, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 6lbs)	East	0
Mr H J King's c by Juggler—Loodiana, 6st 5lbs (car 6st 6lbs)	Barnard	0

(*Winner trained by R. Sherwood, at Newmarket.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Mountain King, 7 to 2 Livia, 5 to 1 Strongbar, 10 to 1 each Bridle Road and the Carniola colt, and 100 to 8 any other (off).

Won by three lengths ; a like distance between second and third Loodiana filly was fourth, Carniola colt fifth, Strongbar sixth, Regulus seventh, Pegaway colt eighth, Hermione next, and Cowyard last.

FOLKESTONE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The arrangement by which a single day fixture at Folkestone was set to precede the important Manchester September Meeting proved anything but convenient, especially for Newmarket trainers, the upshot being that only four horses from the headquarters of the Turf fulfilled their engagements at Westenhanger on the 24th instant. The South-country stables were well represented, however, and though the calibre of the competitors left a good deal to be desired the numerical strength of the fields fulfilled anticipations. The holiday element were in fair evidence in the enclosures, and the executive must have been abundantly satisfied with the number of spectators to pass the turnstiles. Pleasant, summerlike conditions prevailed, the temperature being perhaps a little too high for the time of year, but the course yielded excellent galloping, and the light remained good to the finish.

THE GROVE HALL HANDICAP PLATE—Of 185 sovs. One mile and five furlongs.

Mr H S C Smithson's ch f Waveline, by Lauriscope—Waterline, 3yrs, 6st 4lbs	East	1
Mr G Selman's br c by Galloping Lad—Mino, 3yrs, 7st 10lbs	Janek	2
Mr E Foster's ch c Coldrn, 4yrs, 8st 9lbs ...	Jalsey	3
Lord Durham's Mardonius, 5yrs, 9st ...	Vatts	0
Mr F R Fry's Aigrette, 3yrs, 7st 11b ...	E Wheatley	0
Mr D J Jardine's Nestor, 5yrs, 6st 12lbs ...	Heppell	0

(*Winner trained by Marriner, at Middleton*).

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Mardonius, 7 to 2 Nestor, 4 to 1 Waveline, 9 to 2 Aigrette, 6 to 1 Mino, colt, and 7 to 1 Coldrn.

Won by three parts of a length ; a short head divided second and third. Nestor was fourth and Mardonius last.

THE NEWBY NURSERY HANDICAP PLATE—Of 137 sov. Five furlongs.

Mr E Clark's br c Dover by Rightway—Dovey, 7st	Platt	1
Mr M D Peacock's b c Williams Hill, 7st 8lbs	Hemsworth	2
Mr J Ladley's ch c Gridiron, 7st 12lbs ...	G McCall	3
Mr T H Walker's A.R.A., 7st 12lbs ...	E Wheatley	0
Mr J Bell's Sweet Erina, 7st 3lbs ...	Bradshaw	0
Mr G W Carter's Kendal Princess, 7st 3lbs	East	0
Mr T Connor's Royal Tar, 6st 13lbs ...	Blackburn	0
Mr J J Keswick's Troy, 6st 9lbs ...	J McKay	0
Mr R G Heslop's c by Greendawn—Foresight, 6st 9lbs	Janek	0

(*Winner trained by McCall*).

BETTING : 5 to 4 agst Dover, 9 to 2 William's Hill, 5 to 1 A.R.A., 10 to 1 Foresight colt, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won by three lengths ; a neck divided second and third. Foresight colt was fourth, Kendal Princess fifth, Royal Tar sixth, A.R.A. seventh, and Sweet Erina last.

THE ALEXANDRA WELTER HANDICAP PLATE—Of 137 secs. Seven furlongs and 131 yards.

Mr E Clark's br or br c Oroya, by St Issey—Australian Gold, 3 yrs,, 7st 7lb ...	G McCall	1
Mr F Pratt's br f Best Rice, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs	East	2
Mr N H Scott's b g Master Herbert, 6 yrs, 8st 6lbs	Marsh	3
Mr F Wrightson's McMayne, 5 yrs, 9st 8lbs	J McCall	0
Mr Edmund Lamb's Capot, 3 yrs, 8st 13lbs	W Halsey	0
Mr F Langstaff's Blythswood, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs	Heppell	0
Mr S Hill-Wood's Bad News, 5 yrs, 8st 2lbs	E Wheatly	0
Mr W Sanderson's Reaper, aged, 8st 11b ...	Dalton	0
Mr J Shepherd's Unsightly, 5 yrs, 8st ...	Lyne	0

(*Winner trained by Menzies.*)

BETTING : 7 to 2 agst Master Herbert, 4 to 1 Unsightly, 6 to 1 each Capot, McMayne, and Bad News, and 10 to 1 any other.

Won a good race by a head ; a similar distance separated the second and third. Unsightly was fourth, Capot fifth, Bad News sixth, Blythswood next, and McMayne last.

SALE OF SIR HUMPHREY DE TRAFFORD'S STOCK.

Many years elapsed since such an important sale of pedigree hunters and polo ponies took place as that conducted at Hill Crest, Market Harborough, on Wednesday, by Messrs. Warner, Shephard, and Wade. The sale, which also included the whole of Sir Humphrey de Trafford's kennel and sporting dogs, was necessitated by the departure of the owner for India and Japan on a big game shooting expedition, and with two exceptions the horses and dogs were sold without reserve In these circumstances the prices paid for some of the hunters were remarkable, but the stud has for years borne so good a character that there was eager competition for the whole of the lots. There was a large attendance of buyers, the sale having caused an unusual amount of interest in hunting centres owing to it including the famous hunters, Red Cloud and Ruby.

The morning was occupied by the sale of the dogs, and these realised a little over £250, top prices being given for a brace of handsome flat-coated retrievers, Barton Tangle and Barton Joe, both broken and thorough workers They realised 33gs. and 25gs. respectively. Of the large draft of fox terriers Mr. P. G. Hayward (Needham Market) secured a bargin in the wire-haired bitch, Barton Rose, winner at several representative shows this year. She was originally bought for 100gs., but on Wednesday she was sold for 15gs.

After luncheon the hunters, one of the best lots in the country were submitted, and, although reserves were placed on Red Ruby and Red Cloud, all were sold at an aggregate of 7,155gs. Top price was reached for Red Cloud, never beaten in the ring, he having won championships this season at Islington, Nottingham Peterborough, Sheffield, Buxton, and Cardiff in addition to first prizes at many other shows, including Royal Dublin, Lancashire and Richmond. He fell to the bid of the Duke of Bedford at 1,050gs, Mr. Wertheimer being the purchaser of Red Ruby, another big winner in the ring, at 1,000gs. Red Cloud, a chesnut gelding, was bred by Mr. Ronald Barber, of Westerwood, Wooder, Northumberland. He is by Red Eagle his dam being by Prescription.

The prices of the other important lots are appended. Sir Gilbert Greenall, who bought three, being the Master of the Belvoir Hounds.

		Gs.
Golddust	Sir P. Nickalls	230
Blue Berry	Sir J Greenall	220
Double X	Mr. J H. Stokes	150
Rifleman	Mr. C. W. B. Fernie	250
Bayonet	Lord Wodehouse	190
Fox	Mr. J. F. Laycock	270
Brown Stout	Marquis of Cholmondeley	160
Raven	Sir G. Greenall	360
Bright Light	Mr. J. H. Stokes	200
Brampton	Mr. J. F. Laycock	350
Why Not	Mr. R. L. Fenwick	200
Slingsby	Mr. Wertheimer	300
The Monk	Coleman	410
Light Heart ...	Sir P. Nickalls	260
Bay Duchess ...	Count de Madre	210
Buz	Lord Wodehouse	160

There was an exceedingly nice lot of polo ponies, which realised an aggregate of 1,125gs., the chief prices and purchasers being:

Raspet	Count de Madre	110
Pale Face	Mr. Malliner	180
Snowball	Mr. Malliner	130
Grace	Major Neil Haig	95
Grisel	Mr. Mackey	180
Diamond	Mr. W. Hardcastle	120

The brood stock realised 412 gns., these including a number of splendid foals, and Mr. Wertheimer purchased a nice Hackney pony, Sandow, by Fourposter, for 270gs Altogether the pedigree stock reached the fine total of 9,014gs., these, with the sporting dogs, which yielded £452, and the miscellaneous lots, bringing up the aggregate to over £10,000.

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DIVISION I.

NOTTS FOREST *vs.* BLACKBURN ROVERS.—A match, which ended somewhat luckily for Forest, was played on the City ground on Saturday, the 19th before 10,000 spectators. The weather was a little threatening but no rain fell, and the ground was dry, but covered with a very heavy turf, which was one of the reasons why the Foresters, who had been hard worked in friendly matches during the week, were beaten. Another reason was the incapacity of Calvey, and the introduction as his partner of H. Griffiths, late inside left of Reading. Mistakes like this are fatal to any team's success. The Blackburn Rovers, playing against the wind in the first half, had quite as much of the game as their opponents, and no goals were scored before the cross-over. In the second half, the Rovers played the better football, though the shooting at goal was execrable on both sides. The only goal of the match came to the Rovers when Bowman (their centre forward) shot, and Iremonger (full back), in trying to turn the ball aside, put it past Linacre, his goalkeeper, into the net. The forwards on the Forest side, changed places towards the finish of the game. Sugden (centre) and Morris played together on the right wing, with Calvey in the centre, but to no good purpose, and the Forest team will want overhauling before they do much good against really powerful opponents. Blackburn Rovers played a neat and strong game on a ground that might have been thought to favour the Foresters. Result : Blackburn Rovers, one goal ; Notts Forest, *nil*.

DERBY COUNTY *vs.* NOTTS COUNTY.—There was an attendance of 12,000 spectators on the Baseball Ground at Derby on Saturday afternoon, the match between these old rivals being one of the most attractive on the Derby card. Derby, who won the toss, attacked hotly at starting, but Bloomer shot outside, and his example was followed at the other end by Green. There was not a great deal to choose between the teams afterwards, though on one occasion Gee sent the ball into the net when lying in front of goal. The referee at once disallowed the point. The play was of poor quality afterwards, and though each side made repeated efforts to score their shots invariably went wide or struck the legs of opposing players. Ten minutes from the interval Notts secured the lead in rather lucky fashion. Humphrey sent in a low shot at twenty-five yards range, and Whittaker, after jumping out of the way of the ball, failed to recover himself in time to prevent it passing into the net. At the interval Notts were still in possession of the lead, and subsequently Derby redoubled their efforts to get on terms. Their shooting, however, exhibited no improvement, and the Notts backs playing a very vigorous game, knocked them off the ball with ease. There was also a good deal of kicking out, and the standard of play remained at a low level to the end. Notts gained a somewhat lucky victory by one goal to love

STOKE *vs.* SHEFFIELD UNITED.—For their match at Soke on Saturday, the 9th, Sheffield United were at full strength while the potters found it necessary from various causes—including suspensions for disobeying training rules—to make alterations in all lines but goal. The attendance numbered 12000. Stoke started very strongly, and had a couple of goal to their credit before the game was nine minutes old, Whitehouse and Bradley being the scorers. Unfortunately, however, shortly afterwards Burgess, the home left back, sustained an injury to his left knee, and this undoubtedly affected greatly the result of the game. Though he did once reappear, he was not of much use, and he was soon compelled to retire altogether. The result was that at the interval the scoring was even (3-3), and the visitors eventually won by four goals to three. The second moiety was a hard struggle from first to last. The pace was exceedingly fast, and every individual on each side was a worker. It wanted but ten minutes to time when Sheffield obtained their lead, and then Boore completely misjudged a shot from Priest. Stoke were all over the United in the early stages of the game, and they had equally as much of the play as their opponents after Burgess had left the field. Result Sheffield United, four goas ; Stoke three.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Sunderland ...	4	4	0	0	8	15	5
Sheffield Wednesday ...	4	3	1	0	7	9	3
Manchester City ...	3	3	0	0	6	8	3
Sheffield United ...	3	3	0	0	6	9	5
Everton ...	4	3	0	1	6	11	5
Newcastle United ...	4	2	1	1	5	7	7
Derby County ...	4	2	0	2	4	7	5
Notts Forest ...	4	1	2	1	4	7	7
Aston Villa ...	4	1	2	1	4	7	10
Notts County ...	4	2	0	2	4	4	7
Bury ...	4	0	3	1	3	6	9
Blackburn Rovers ...	4	1	1	2	3	4	6
Wivrhmpton Wdrs ...	3	1	0	2	2	3	6
Stoke ...	4	1	0	3	2	8	8
Small Heath ...	5	0	2	3	2	8	15
Middlesbrough ...	3	0	1	2	1	3	7
W Brom. Albion ...	4	0	1	3	1	2	6
Liverpool ...	3	0	0	3	0	3	7

DIVISION II.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL *vs.* BURTON UNITED.—At Plumstead, on Saturday, the 19th, Woolwich Arsenal gained another victory, beating Burton United by eight goals to love The score is no exaggeration of the home team's prowess, for if anything, they were more than that number of goals in front on the day's play. Both against the wind and with it the Plumstead men displayed unmistakable superiority. The day was fine, and quite 12,000 spectators witnessed the play. Burton won the toss, and the Arsenal started against the wind, but Burton had the sun in their faces. Within the first two minutes the Arsenal gained three corner kicks, but nothing resulted. Linward was next responsible for a splendid shot from the left wing, but Bromage saved splendidly. Then the Burton forwards attacked, but Eargreaves shot wide. The Arsenal broke away again, and their beautiful combination evoked general admiration. Linward, who played splendidly throughout, ran finely down on the left and centred to Coleman, who tipped the ball into the net. One up, the Arsenal played harder than ever, but it was not until the game had been in progress twenty-five minutes that their efforts were rewarded, Linward then scoring a second goal after a splendid bout of passing all along the line. This led up to half-time the score then being. Woolwich Arsenal, two goals ; Barton United 0. In the second half the Arsenal simply made hacks of their opponents. Early on Coleman only just missed and a little later Gooing sent in a hot shot which hit the cross-bar and rebounded into play. Bromage was next in evidence with a fine save from the foot of Coleman, but at last Shanks got one past him. From thence the game went all in favour of the Arsenal. Briercliffe scored a lovely goal after a round of passing, in which the whole of the front line had a hand, and he immediately followed it with another from a splendidly-placed corner by Linward. Bromage and Kirkland defended finely, but the home forwards had now got their measure, and Coleman after a round of passing, put on goal number six. Briercliffe followed with a seventh just after, and had the Arsenal taken full advantage of their openings, there is no knowing, where the scoring would have stopped. Coleman shot over with an open goal in front of him, and Shanks failed to score from a penalty kick. Shortly before the close Gooing scored, and the result was : Wolwich Arsenal, eight goals ; Burton United, 0.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst
Woolwich Arsenal ...	3	3	0	0	6	13	0
Preston North End ...	3	3	0	0	6	9	2
Grimsby Town ...	4	3	0	1	6	6	3
Barnsley	3	2	1	0	5	5	1
Bolton Wanderers ...	4	2	1	1	5	6	4
Lincoln City ...	3	1	2	0	4	4	3
Burslem Port Vale ...	3	2	0	1	4	4	3
Burnley ...	4	1	2	1	4	2	1
Bradford	4	2	0	2	4	4	5
Bristol City ...	3	1	1	1	3	7	5
Manchester United ...	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
Gainsboro' Trinity ...	3	1	0	2	2	3	5
Leicester Fosse ...	3	0	2	1	2	3	5
Stockport County ...	3	1	0	2	2	4	7
Burton United ...	4	1	0	3	2	1	15
Chesterfield ...	3	0	1	2	1	1	3
Blackpool ...	3	0	1	2	1	0	5
Glossop	3	0	0	3	0	0	10

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE).

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Brentford ...	5	2	2	1	6	4	3
Southampton ...	3	2	1	0	5	8	2
Reading ...	3	2	1	0	5	6	3
Plymouth Argyle ...	3	2	0	1	4	4	1
Queen's Pk Rngrs. ...	3	2	0	1	4	3	1
Fulham	3	1	2	0	4	1	0
Portsmouth ...	3	2	0	1	4	6	4
Wellingborough ...	3	2	0	1	4	8	4
Millwall ...	3	2	0	1	4	7	5
Luton Town ...	3	1	2	0	4	4	3
West Ham United ...	4	2	0	2	4	7	7
Bristol Rovers ...	3	1	1	1	3	5	5
Swindon Town ...	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Kettering ...	4	1	1	2	3	4	8
Tottenham Hotspur ...	4	0	2	2	2	0	3
Brighton & Hove A ...	3	0	1	2	1	3	6
Northampton ...	3	0	0	3	0	1	5
New Brompton ...	3	0	0	3	0	2	6

OTHER MATCHES.

CASUAL *vs.* LONDON CALENDONIANS.—The season at Tunnell Park was opened last Saturday with the above match. The attendance was satisfactory, but there was very little enthusiasm displayed by the onlookers. Shortly after the start, from an

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attack by the Casuals, Ward put in a neat pass to Tuff, but Robertson cleared. Almost immediately afterwards Simonds missed scoring by barely a foot. Following a fruitless corner, a free kick gave the Calies the advantage, but Wilson fisted out. Even play ruled for a time, the defence on both sides being stronger than the attack. After a clever save by Wilson, Ward had a splendid opening, but Ralston fortunately got up and prevented a shot. The Casuals still continued to hover near their rivals' goal. Following ineffectual shots from both sides, Williamson scored from a pass by Gray, and it was by this goal the Calies led at half-time. After ten minutes' play in the second half, Shaw had to retire owing to a mishap to his knee, and for the rest of the game the Calies played one short. The Calies made strenuous efforts to equalise, but the Scots' defence proved impregnable, and the end came with the score : Caledonians, one goal ; Casuals, nil.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS *vs.* TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.—The Spurs came another "cropper" on Saturday, the 19th, at Kensal Rise, and they have still to open their scoring account in connection with the Southern League tournament They were fairly and squarely beaten by Queen's Park Rangers, and everyone of the 15,000 people present must have gone home with the pure conviction that Tottenham Hotspur is no longer a name to instil fear into everybody. Truly, they had no fewer than six men away—Tart, Morris, Hughes, Woodward, Warner and Walton—but the fact remains that the team at any time so far this season does not possess those powers of scoring which are essential to the winning of matches and the gaining of Southern League points. The 'Spurs can still carry the ball right into the opposition camp as prettily and cleverly as anybody, but, this once accomplished, scarcely anything else is attempted, and on Saturday Collins, the Rangers goalkeeper, was scarcely once seriously called upon. Heaps and heaps of times unnecessary "fiddling about" was indulged in when a shot at goal would have been far more to the point, and in this respect the Spurs suffered much by comparison with their antagonists. Whenever an opportunity occurred the Rangers "let fly" at Williams' charge, and probably Tottenham were fortunate in getting off with only a couple of goals defeat. The West End team is not at all a bad one, and should improve as the season goes along. The defence is all right, but on Saturday there was a weakness at centre forward and outside left. Brown hardly did himself justice, and Cross, at least on his latest performance, is not a worthy substitute for Wilson. The pick of the Rangers on Saturday was Newlands, Bowman, Hitch, Hamilton, Abbott, and McGowan, and a special word of praise must be bestowed upon the latter, who was just about the most prominent man on the field. For the Spurs Watson, Jones, Burton, and McNaught played well, but the forwards, after a promising start, failed to keep together, and combination was subsequently at a premium. The gate was very nearly a record for Kensal Rise, but, even admitting that all the people must have a sight of the game it would be wise of the Queen's Park Rangers executive to guard against breaking in before the finish of a match. There might be trouble some day, and the ground is big enough to keep everybody but officials and players outside the rails. During the first half the visitors kicked with the wind but against the sun and right up to half-time they had considerably the best of the game. Weak shooting, however, killed all their efforts, and the interval arrived without any score by either side. After changing ends the Rangers took up the running, and in nineteen minutes McGowan shot a very clever goal. Eleven minutes later Abbott got through again and beat Williams, Queen's Park Rangers therefore winning by two goals to none.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR *vs.* FULHAM.—The 'Spurs won this match on their own ground on the 21st instant by two goals to one. It was a clever victory, but would have been much more substantial had not the forwards taken several "breathers" in the second half. However the many spells of intermittent brilliancy more than balanced the periods of slackness, and Tottenham thoroughly deserve their win. Williams was very good in goal for them and Erentz and Watson did giant's work at full-back ; but the halves were not the mainstay of the side as they should have been. Cameron is getting something of a veteran now ; but although he lacks some of his old pace, he still possesses his genius for doing the right thing at the right moment, and nothing could have been better than the way he got the first goal. The Fulham forwards put in a lot of pretty work, and their backs and goalkeeper were very good, but their halves were being constantly beaten by the 'Spurs forwards. Both sides had sundry reserve men playing, and Fryer, the ex-Derby County goalkeeper, was still away from Fulham on the injured list. It was a glorious afternoon for football, the 'Spurs ground was in its best order, and there was a crowd of some 4,000 people.

Facing the wind the 'Spurs played the better football, and within the first quarter of an hour Kirwan made an opening for Cameron, who scored with a grand left-foot shot—an impossible thing for any goal-keeper to save. A spell of strong attacking by Fulham followed, and a chance of equalising was offered by a free-kick in the penalty area. Williams stopped Gray's shot very cleverly. Subsequently the 'Spurs had the run of the play. Biggar had many fine shots to save, and ten minutes before change he was beaten by a free-kick by Kirwan, who shot the ball cleverly at a range of twenty-five yards. So Tottenham crossed over with a lead of two goals to none. The 'Spurs slackened their pace in the second half ; their backs and goalkeeper had much hard work from the Fulham forwards, who played with a nice easy finish. There was no incident out of the common until ten minutes from the finish, when a general rush by the Fulham forwards led up to a goal by Hunt. Each side subsequently attacked, but there was no more scoring, the game ending : Tottenham Hotspur, two goals ; Fulham, one.

OTHER RESULTS.

Alexandra ...	...	8	bt	New Chesterton ...	2
Braintree ...	...	2	bt	Chelmsford Swifts ...	1
Chatham ...	...	5	bt	Willesden Town ...	1
Chelmsford ...	...	4	bt	Ipswich	0
Christchurch ...	...	4	bt	Red Company ...	1
Civil Service ...	...	0	dr	Biggleswade ...	0
Civil Service Reserves	...	5	bt	St Leonard	4
Clapton ...	...	8	bt	1st Scots Guards ...	1
Colchester ...	...	4	bt	Coggeshall	1
Colchester Crown	...	0	dr	Bedford Regiment ...	0
Cowdenbeath ...	...	3	bt	Arbroath	1
Dulwich Hamlet	...	3	bt	Chesham Town ...	1
Eltham ...	...	10	bt	Upton	2
Emsworth ...	...	3	dr	Atherley	3
Finchley ...	...	4	bt	City of Westminster ...	2
Gresham ...	...	6	bt	Civil Service ...	0
Hadleigh ...	...	12	bt	Nayland	2
Haverhill ...	...	6	bt	Cambridge St Barnabas	2
Holborn Circus	...	4	bt	Oxford Circus ...	2
H M S Excellent	...	7	bt	Portsmouth Wandrs ...	0
Ipswich (A) ...	...	2	bt	Trinity Old Boys ...	1
Kettering Gram School	...	5	bt	Old Boys	1
King's Cross ...	...	3	bt	Edmonton Minerva ...	1
Leyton ...	...	3	dr	Old Carthusians ...	3
London Caledonians	...	1	bt	Casuals	0
Maidenhead ...	...	5	bt	Old Collegians ...	0
Maidenhead Norfolkians	...	1	dr	Wycombe Trinity ...	1
Market Harborough	...	5	bt	Desborough	4
Milton United...	...	4	bt	Bury	0
Newportonians	...	4	bt	Walthamstow Town ...	2
Oberon ...	...	4	bt	Vulcan	1
Old Tollingtonians	...	3	dr	Hatfield	3
Oxford Athletics	...	2	bt	Quadrant	2
Paisley Academicals	...	3	bt	Irvine	0
Polytechnic ..	...	4	dr	Cowley Athletic ...	2
Portsmouth Northend	...	3	bt	Christchurch Res ...	0
Portsmouth Rangers	...	2	bt	Wesley Central ...	0
Reigate Priory	...	5	bt	Norseman	3
Shepherd's Bush	...	3	bt	Southall	2
Sheringham ...	...	4	bt	Holt	0
Southfields ...	...	6	bt	Honor Oak	0
Stowmarket ...	...	7	bt	Ipswich Y M C A ...	0
Tooting Graveney	...	6	bt	Wimbledn Old Cntrls ...	2
Townly Park ...	...	9	bt	Alleyn	1
Trinity Rovers	...	10	bt	Farham Albions ...	3
West Norwood	...	4	bt	Richmond Associatn ...	2
Windsor and Eton	...	5	bt	Bowes Park ...	4
Wycombe Wanderers	...	3	bt	Upton Park... ...	2

BUGBY.

THE NORTHERN UNION.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.
DIVISION I.

The Yorkshire clubs who occupy positions in the First Division of the Northern Rugby League got their own back, if one may use the term, on Saturday, the 19th. Of the nine matches played, five were inter-county engagements, and of these four resulted in victories for teams representing the broad-acred county. The tit-bit of the day's programme was the meeting of the Hunslet and Runcorn clubs at Hunslet. Runcorn were decidedly the cleverer in the first half, and, as the result of a try by H. Price, from which a goal by Jolly accrued, the Cestrians were leading at the interval. Hunslet, however, turned the tables afterwards, Hannah going over, and Albert Goodthorpe landing a goal from that place, and another from a penalty. Hunslet thus gained a victory after a magnificent game by seven points to five. Some historic battles were recalled by the meeting of Batley and Warrington. The former were the cleverer in combination and gained a well-earned victory by three goals and a try (nine points) to nil. After leading at half-time, Widnes suffered defeat from Leeds, a try by Crumpton and a goal by Grace giving the last-named team the verdict by five points to two. The cup-holders (Halifax) returned to something like their old form and superior forward play against Hull gave them their first win by two goals and a try (seven points) to nil. Keighley also made a great improvement and managed to play Leigh to a pointless draw. Oldham found Huddersfield a hard nut to crack, even though they were on their own ground. In a game which was rather roughly contested and in which several men were injured they just managed to win by a goal (two points) to nothing. Bradford were treated to their first defeat, Hull Kingston Rovers beating them by three tries (nine points) to one try (three points), while Broughton Rangers were handsomely thrashed by Salford, the final scores reading, four goals four tries (twenty points)—two tries (six points) against them. Swinton had a tight game with Wigan, and only managed to win by a try (three points) to nil. Appended is the table of results to date :—

(RECORD TO 19TH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER.)

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.	Points For	Points Agst.
Hunslet ...	3	3	0	0	6	29	5
Hull K R ...	3	3	0	0	6	22	3
Oldham ...	3	3	0	0	6	26	5
Salford ...	3	3	0	0	6	57	11
Bradford ...	3	2	0	1	4	32	14
Runcorn ...	3	2	0	1	4	26	9
Warrington ...	3	2	0	1	4	15	14
Swington... ...	3	2	0	1	4	15	9
Leigh	3	1	1	1	3	15	5
Broughton Rangers ...	3	1	0	2	2	17	26
Leeds	3	1	0	2	2	10	21
Halifax	3	1	0	2	2	7	10
Batley	3	1	0	2	2	12	25
Wigan	3	0	1	2	1	6	17
Widnes	3	0	1	2	1	7	28
Keighley	3	0	1	2	1	4	34
Huddersfield ...	3	0	2	3	0	3	22
Hull	3	0	0	3	0	7	33

DIVISION II.

In the Second Division, Castleford, by good all-round combination kept up their unbeaten record, Birkenhead being defeated by one goal two tries (eight points) nil. Both the Leeds district clubs suffered reverses, Bramley being beaten by Normanton by a try to nil, and Holbeck at the hands and feet of Yakefield, who scored eleven points to nil. Rochdale had a somewhat easy task, and defeated Dewsbury to the extent of nine points to five. Lancaster found the new entrants, to the competition, Pontefract, in good form, and the two played a draw of three points each. Brighouse Rangers had no difficulty in disposing of Morecambe, for they scored eleven points to the latter's two. York also somewhat easily defeated South Shields by ten points to three and St. Helens trounced Barrow to the tune of eighteen points to six. It will thus be seen that out of five inter-county engagements the Yorkshire representatives were victorious in three. Full table of results :—

(RECORD TO 19TH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER.)

	Plyd.	Won	Drn.	Lost	Pts	Points For	Points Agst.
Catleford ...	3	3	0	0	6	18	3
St Helens ...	3	3	0	0	6	50	11
Rochdale Hornets ...	3	3	0	0	6	38	8
Barrow ...	3	2	0	1	4	30	27
Milom ...	2	2	0	0	4	33	14
Wakefield Trinity ...	3	2	0	1	4	33	13
York ...	3	2	0	1	4	19	6
Brighouse Rangers ...	2	2	0	0	4	14	4
Pontefract ...	3	1	1	1	3	14	24
South Shields ...	2	1	0	1	2	6	12
Holbeck ...	3	1	0	2	2	13	30
Normanton ...	3	1	0	2	2	16	16
Lancaster ...	3	0	1	2	1	6	18
Framly ...	3	0	0	3	0	2	24
Birkenhead ...	3	0	0	3	0	0	27
Morecambe ...	3	0	0	3	0	2	26
Dewsbry ...	3	0	0	3	0	10	41

Anyone who takes the trouble to add the figures in the column of points for and against of both tables will find a curious coincidence. All sets of figures when added realise a total of 304.

RUGBY UNION RULES.

	G.	T.		G.	T.
Devonport Albion (5)...	1	0	bt Leicester ...	0	0
Aston Old Edwardians	1	1	bt Burton	0	1
Bath (20)	—		bt Rest of Bath ...	0	0
Gloucester	3	1	bt Coventry ...	0	2
Plymouth	3	6	bt Bridgwater ...	1	0
Redruth	1	2	bt Falmouth ...	1	0
Bridgwater Albion ...	1	1	bt Exeter	0	0
Cheltenham ...	2	3	bt Swindon ...	0	0
Bristol	1	6	bt Taunton	0	0
Cardiff (25) ..	4	3	bt Cardiff District ...	0	0
Swansea (51) ...	—		bt Swansea League ...	0	0
Penarth (13) ...	—		bt Caerphilly (4) ...	—	

BOXING.

THE PRETORIA GYMNASIUM, BIRMINGHAM.

GEORGE PHAILIN *vs.* KID DAVIS.—A big crowd assembled in the Pretoria Gymnasium, Coleshill-street, Birmingham, on the 31st instant, in expectation of seeing a well fought-out fifteen-round contest between George Phailin, of the hardware city, and Kid Davis, a coloured boxer hailing from Denver, U. S. A., who has been winning a lot of events in the ring since he came to this country. They were, however, doomed to disappointment, as, although at periods the men went in for boxing in the true sense of the term, the affair degenerated, after a few rounds had been got through, into a hanky-panky exhibition. In the fifth round the referee plainly told the men that unless boxing was substituted for holding he would retire. For a brief spell better work was shown especially by Davis, who was much the stronger. Then came more holding which necessitated the referee keeping close to the men and frequently parting them. This went on until the eighth round was well on its way, when, so palpably were the men transgressing the rules of boxing by declining to break away that the principal official left the ring, and declared "no contest" a course which was approved of by the majority of those present, especially the better element, who were disgusted at the exhibition. Mr. H. E. Cleveland, the Birmingham boxing representative of the *Sportsman* was referee, Jem Mace timekeeper, and Mr. Gus. Hall M.C.

THE WEASEL.

Cycling.

CYCLING AND MOTORING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, *Friday, 25th September 1903.*

THERE is no disputing the fact that the present day wheelmen do not devote the same care and attention to their machines as riders of the old school were wont to do. A hasty occasional brush over is now considered sufficient attention to give a machine, with the natural result that the plating—especially in awkward corners—soon show signs of rust, and the enamel loses all its lustre. Why is this? We believe the reduction in the price of cycles is largely responsible. Eighteen or even twenty pounds was a lot of money to lay out on a machine and consequently only those who were thoroughly enraptured with the pastime were found amongst the purchasers. This being so, it stands to reason that the cycles came in for a far greater amount of attention ; indeed, it was the pride of the owners to keep their machines in a spick and span conditon. But now, when a really serviceable machine can be bought for ten pounds, a large number of people are only cyclists as a matter of convenience. They occasionally ride to some friends, or to attend the tennis court or cricket ground, and when not in use leave their machines uncleaned and neglected in some shed or lumber room.

Since the time when the reconciliation of cyclists and railway companies took place and the latter reduced their charges for carriage, and accepted libility over ten shillings, we have been anxiously looking for improvements in the facilities for transit promised by the companies So far, beyond the fact that perhaps the porters and guards exercise more care when handling machines, no special accommodation, has been provided in the luggage vans, and cycles are still huddled together, sandwiched between trunks and bags. We had occasion the other week to take our cycles by train and give it into the care of the guard, who placed it in a clear corner of his van. At the next station there was a small party of cyclists, and their machines were put in the same van. Unfortunately we had to leave the train first, and when we came to get our cycle it was packed away behind all the others ; the spokes and pedals proving a regular key puzzle to the guard. To our surprise the machine was not much damaged, although we know for a fact that the same could not be said of those remaining. Special racks are required, and the railway companies should keep to their promise.

The "last" but by no means "least," of the London race meetings was held at the Crystal Palace track, Sydenham, on 19th, September when the Anerley Bicycle Club put forward one of the finest afternoon programmes that it has been our pleasure to witness for many a long day. Their efforts to ensure a successful meeting were rewarded by a fine afternoon, an attendance of some ten thousand people, and capital racing on the part of the competitors. In the five miles scratch race for the Hospital Cup, A. L. Reed was seen at his best, good judgment gaining for him his third consecutive win by two lengths. The most attactive item on the programme, however, was the one mile match between the hitherto unbeaten Polytechnic C.C. team and a team representing the Rest of England. The match was decided in four heats, the team scoring the least number of points winning. The result was as follows :—Heat 1, All England 3, Polytechnic 7. Heat 2 All England 6. Polytechnic 4; respective totals 9 and 11. Heat 3 all England 6. Polytechnic 4 ; respective totals 15 each. Heat 4 All England 4. Polytechnic 6; the Poly. boys thus receiving their first defeat by 2 points Another very interesting event was the five miles pursuit race between the two long distance amateurs—G. A. Olley and

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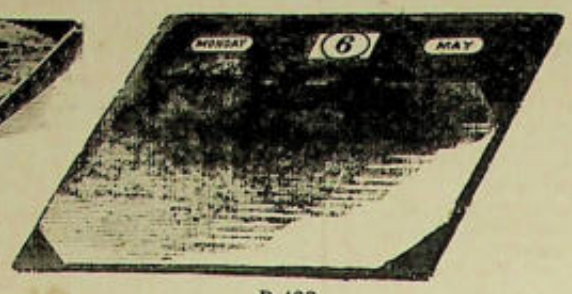

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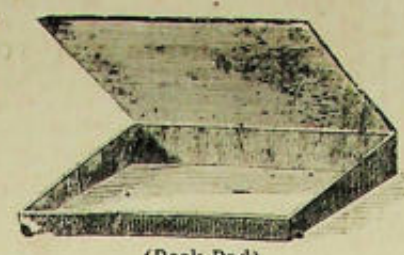

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The annual subscription to a cycling club in the Isle of Wight carries, amongst other benefits, an insurance against accidents to any of the members.

The Motor Volunteer Corps made its first appearance on actual duty in the recent autumn manœuvres of the British Army, and although the work done by the members has escaped notice in the general press, nevertheless their duties were heavy, fatiguing, and, above all, extremely useful. The Commander-in-Chief, Earl Roberts, inspected the corps at the close of the manœuvres and in thanking the members for the work they had done and the generous manner in which they had placed their services at the disposal of the army, said that "without them the work of the umpires would have been impossible." An example of the use of motor cars in the field is given by a ride of Hon. C. S. Rolls. Repairs requiring to be done on one of the Commander-in-Chief's W. O. cars, Captain Rolls was despatched from Marlborough at 10 40 A. M. for Birmingham which he reached at 2-30 P. M. Here the requisite material was procured and Captain Rolls left at 3. 55 P. M. on his return journey, arriving at Marlborough at 7 55 P. M. The repair was done and the car made ready for use by 10-15 A. M

A newly-formed body for the benefit of motorists which is growing rapidly, is the Motor Union, the objects of which are chiefly directed to affording protection to members against injustice and harassing treatment when the new Motor Act comes into practice. Owing to the prejudices of country magistrates and officious constables, it is thought and perhaps correctly, that there will be many cases of flagrant injustice, and the Motor Union will at once take action by defraying the expenses of defendants who have been unjustly treated, and by appeals to a higher court. The subscription is one guinea, and the membership is open to anyone interested in automobilism. A special defence fund is being inaugurated for the purpose of protecting individual motorists, whether car owner or motor cyclist, and also of getting definite legal pronouncements on ambiguous points. All motorists should make a point of supporting the new union.

From the evidence given at an inquest touching the death of a civil engineer, it would appear that the deceased came by his death through the frailty of wooden rims. The machine he was riding at the time of the accident was one of American manufacture, brakeless and fitted with wooden rims, and as the rim of the back wheel was broken when the bicycle was found, it is assumed that when coming in contact with a cross drain in the road the rim gave way under the strain. Apart from the question of rims, one reads with surprise that the machine was brakeless. The foolhardiness of riding a pneumatic shod machine minus a brake, has been so frequently commented upon and wheelmen warned of the risks they run, that in cases of accidents no sympathy can be extended to those who through their foolishness have brought misfortune on their own heads.

Cricket.

CRICKET AT MUSSOORIE.

CHAKRATA *vs.* MUSSOORIE.—This was the big event of the Chakrata week at Mussoorie. The visitors went in first and put up but 80 runs, the homesters responding with 234 to which Mr. W. A. Bailey contributed a fine innings of 93. Chakrata did better in their second venture running their total to 229 before they were all dismissed. The chief scorers were Captain Lloyd 68 not out, Mr. Gannon 67. Mussoorie went in once more and put up 76 for the loss of one wicket, thus winning by nine wickets. Score:—

CHAKRATA.

	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Rev R M Kirwan, b Bromhead ...	7	b Cowley ...	...	12
J R C Gannon, st Staggs, run out ...	0	l-b-w, b Richer	...	67
Capt France Hayhurst, R W F, b Bromhead ...	10	b Richer ...	...	14
Capt Lloyd, R W F, run out ...	21	not out ...	...	68
Capt McConaghey, R S F, c Edmonstone, b Bailey ...	4	c and b Bailey	...	13
Capt Cadogan, R W F.... b Bromhead	15	c Campbell, b Richer ...	...	8
A Chisholm, 15th Hussars, b Richer	8	b Bromhead	...	20
C W Ford, R G A, b Richer...	0	c and b Bailey.	...	0
Lieut-Col Burlton, R A M C, Bromhead	6	b Bromhead	...	4
E M Little, R G A, c Syers, b Richer	5	c Bailey, b Bromhead	...	1
L Lovett Thomas, R E, not out	0	c O'Neil, b Bailey	...	6
Extras	6	Extras ...	...	16
Total	80	Total		229

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	1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
T H Sinclair, l-b-w, b Hayhurst	23	not out ...	...	45
Col O'Neil, R A, b Hayhurst...	1			
F A Richer, st Gannon, b Hayhurst ...	29			
Rev H G Cowley, l-b-w, b Hayhurst	0			
W A Bailey, c Gannon, b Hayhurst	93	not out ...	...	22
Capt Pinhey, run out ...	1			
A G Newcomen l-b-w, b Kirwan	23			
F Edmonstone, st Gannon, b Hayhurst	8			
Capt Bromhead, c Chisholm, b Gannon	6			
I R Syers, b Kirwan ...	17			
J Campbell, not out ...	22	b Lloyd ..	...	6
Extras ...	11	Extras	...	3
Total	234	Total	...	76

INTERESTING CRICKET FACTS GENERALLY UNKNOWN.

ALL who write glibly about tall-scoring and the great ease with which runs may be made in first-class cricket may find food for reflection in the fact that Captain W. L. Foster 1,041; David Denton 1,057; and Relf 1,059 are the only three cricketers who reached a four-figure total in their first season, in first-class cricket. I ignore the existence of W. G. Grace as a batsman never to be mentioned in the same breath with other batsmen. Six batsmen attained "Thousand honours" in their second season *viz.*: Arnold 1,212; C. J Burrup 1,295; F. Bowley (Worcestershire) 1,081; David Denton 1028; G C. B. Llewellyn 1,025; and Major R. M. Poore 1,551, while it was their third year's experience of first-class cricket before the following twenty joined the ranks of scorers of a thousand and over: Bosanquet 1,026; Carpenter 1,087; Cgttell 1,003; S. H. Day 1,011; R. E. Foster 1,073; Hayward 1,169; F. S. Jackson 1,928; C.O. H Sewell 1,114; Kinneir 1.131; Storer 1,110; T. R. Mason 1,149; L. C. H Palairet 1,343; Trott 1,175; P. Perrin 1,073; Tyldesley 1,017; Quaife (W. G.) 1,053; Ranjitsinghji 1,775; W. P. Robertson 1,102; P. F. Warner 1,137 and Capt. E. G Wynyard 1,038

The name of C. I. Thornton, "Buns" to his intimate, is always associated withgigantic sixers and terrific hitting, yet in the whole course of his first-class career this world famous batsman scored only 2,896 runs, a career extending over nineteen seasons. H. B. Daft, a name every cricketer somehow or another invariably associates with the manufacture of runs never scored more than 596 runs in a season and that only in his tenth season, 1,896. A. N. Hornby, who as "Monkey" is known to every cricketer whether he has the honour of his acquaintance or not, scored over a thousand bat twice in his career 1 531 and 1,383 in two successive seasons 1881, 1882. W. Chatterton was playing 14 seasons before he attained the honour. Alec Hearne, the best all-round old stager now playing without a doubt, scored 1 477 in his twelfth season. Lord Hawke who has an average of 21 for Yorkshire for 23 seasons' cricket and an aggregate over 13,000 for the county scored 1,078 in his fifteenth year possibly one reason for the Yorkshire Captain's well-known opinion that it takes three or four seasons of the best cricket to bring out all the cricket in a man, and that one season of county cricket is worth three or four of 'Varsity cricket as regards the same purpose. Any cavil at Alec Hearne's inclusion among the old stager section of cricket is best answered by pointing to the year when he first played for Kent, 1884, when he scored 101 runs with an average of 6·11. Now, in his twentieth year we find him scoring 755 with an average of 21·57. He did not score 1,000 until his twelfth season. Having given a few instances of good scoring it is interesting to note that tried in two seasons for Yorkshire, *viz.*, 1893 and 1894 G. Waller scored but 2 runs that J. Ravenscroft played in two seasons for Cheshire [not a first-class shire but the matches played in were first class] and failed to score, this was in 1888 and 1894 and that one who gets his thousand regularly enough nowadays, E. H Killick, who is very handy on the piano by the way, scored 102 in his first three seasons for Sussex then 1,109 then 274, meagre trial and indifferent health having much to do with such in and out cricket. The great "C. B." played six seasons before reaching four figures with a 1,788 total in 1898. Archie Maclaren 1,104 in 1895 was his first thousand and readers will be surprised to note that R. Peel but once attained the honour with 1,206 in 1896. The late Arthur Shrewsbury's sixth season 1883 saw him cross the 1,000 time for the first time with 1,117 as his total, and the late G. F. Vernon's biggest bag was 856 in 1881. W. Gunn 7; Abel 6; J. T. Brown 6; George Hirst 5; A. O Jones 5; Jessop 4; C. McGahey 4; L. G. Wright 7; S. M J. Woods 9; A. E. Stoddart 7 are among the big names in the cricket world of those who took some time to mature. In part of three seasons did the Old Alleynian F. deL. Solbé play for Kent during which he totalled 14 runs! He at least found runs hard to make.

HOW'S THAT.

Football.

THE HARRIS TOURNAMENT.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE *vs.* YORK AND LANCASTER.—This match was played this evening on the Gymkhana ground in fair weather though the rain which fell the previous days had rendered the ground less hard than some footballers could have wished. In the first half the North and Lancashire team pressed hard from the start. They were, however, soon checked and the ball was driven back into their ground where a hard struggle ensued for some little time, the ball being frequently cornered or driven out of bounds. Play became more even as the game advanced, the ball being repeatedly driven backwards and forwards After several encounters at both ends of the ground and near the goal-keeper's quarters the whistle sounded without either team having been able to put in a goal.

A change was noticeable in the play during the second half time which was all in favour of the York and Lancashire team. The ball hung about their goal and a number of scrimmages took place near it, which always looked dangerous though good play by the backs goal-keeper prevented the Staffords from scoring. At last, however, the ball was driven through the Stafford team thus scoring their first goal. The Lancashire team then displayed a little more dash and carried the ball down the field a couple of times and on one occasion looked very much like scoring. The Staffords, however, proved themselves the stronger in combination and brought the ball back to the quarter of their antogonists making a succession of rushes and putting the goal-keeper at his tent to ward off disaster and prevent further scoring. Nothing more was effected during the remainder of play and the match thus ended in a win for the Staffords by one goal to nil.

10TH HUSSARS *vs.* ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE.—This match was played at Ghorpuri. The Warwick commenced the game and the right wing getting possession well in the centre sent in a fine shot but the goal-keeper drove it off. The Hussars were not very long in retaliating, but the pressure was relieved by kicking out. The Hussars forwards with some clever passing quickly got back again and sent in a shot which went wide. Towards the end of the first period the Warwicks again began to make their presence felt and an attack being well pressed home by their right ended in the left Hussars back accidentally pushing the ball into his own net. The Warwick were again aggressors in the second period but were unable to get through. The Hussars seemed to tire as they failed several times to press home their attacks, but their defance continued strong. When six minutes were left the Warwicks scored again, and the game ended in a win for the Warwicks by two goals to nil.

THE BUFFS *vs.* CHESHIRES.—This match was played on the Gymkhana ground T. Buffs gained some slight advantage at the commencement and gradually got the ball down the field, and after a run down Ablet, the inside right, scored. The Cheshires then woke up and played with great dash and combination, and retaliated, Gaffney scoring; and Dowell, inside left, scored another goal before close of half time.

During the second half the Buffs were sorely pressed. They fought hard, which was the only redeeming feature of what was a one-sided affair. Whitehead, centre forward, scored again for the Cheshires; the match ending in a win for the Cheshirrs by 3 goals to one.

ROYAL SCOTS *vs.* R. F. A.—This match was played at Ghorpuri. The Gunners played a fine game and gave their opponents as much to do as they could to keep them going. They certainly had the best of the exchanges in the first half and only the staying powers of the Scots served them to run out victors in the end. The Scots woke up to their danger in the second period and playing with much of their old verve were able to win. The scores were: Royal Scots 3 goals, R. F. A., Rirkee, 2 goals.

WEST YORKS *vs.* THE WARWICKS.—This match was one of the most stubborn of its kind and was keenly contested from start to finish. The match was a repetition of runs up and down the field, both teams exhibiting fine powers of passing and combination. Some hard fighting ensued mostly towards the centre of the field.

The play during the second half time was of the same even character. Nothing was scored by either side during the period and an extra ten minutes' play was allowed. In two minutes from the resumption of the play the Yorks from the corner kick scored one goal, and within another four minutes put in another goal by a kick from the near centre. Nothing further resulted, the game standing: Yorks two goals. Warwicks nil.

SEMI-FINALS.

ROYAL SCOTS *vs.* NORTH STAFFORDS.—Both teams exhibited fine tactics in passing and played with good combination, but

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there appeared to be a want of dash, and clever rushes along the field were few and far between. The game was uninteresting. Neither side appeared to have an advantage at any part of the play. Under such conditions it was difficult to pick out the better team as to say with any degree of certainty who would prove victorious. The game went along both in the first and the second half time without either party being able to score. The match was replayed on the 11th inst. The game was stubbornly contested, the Cheshires having the best of the exchanges and confining the West Yorks for the greater part of the time to their own territory. Gaffney, of the Cheshires, scored the first point for his side shortly before half time and the second period passing without any addition to the score, they ran out victors by one goal to nil.

Hockey.

THE BECHTLER CUP.

PHILANDER SMITH INST. 2ND TEAM *vs.* MODERN SCHOOL.—This was the first match in the tournament and was brought off on the 5th instant, the Modern School being the favourites. The first half was well contested, both teams doing good work. Just before half time the Modern School scored a goal. In the second period the Philander Smith team worked hard and had the best of matters. Hobbs put on their first goal soon after resuming, Jahans adding another shortly after. The game got very rough towards the end, but the Modern School were unable to add to their score, their opponents winning by two goals to one. Teams :—

P. S. I. 2ND TEAM.—*Goal*, R. Driscoll; *backs*, E. Thurley, V. Eagles; *half-backs*, L. Pringle, C. Cruz, G. Hardy; *forwards*, O. Haupt, S. Smart, P. Jahans, S. Lyttle, C. Campbell.

MODERNS.—*Goal*, Smith; *backs*, Quarry, Ro[illegible] *half-backs*, Brumby, Morton, Smith; *forwards*, Manoslescue-Gose, [illegible]mer, Johnson, Fleming.

OAK GROVE *vs.* Y. M. C. A.—Played on the 5th instant, and resulted in a win for Oak Grove by five goals to one. The game was fast throughout the winners showing that they were good exponents of the game. They pressed hard in the first half and put on three goals, Smith netting two and Reynolds the third. The Young Men played hard and Hill scored their only goal just before half time. They started well in the second half, but did not keep it up and the Oak Grove team playing well together put on two more goals, winning as stated. Teams :—

OAK GROVE.—*Goal*, Wilds; *backs*, Harrier, Whale; *half-backs* Burge, Milchem, Ellison; *forwards*, Jahans, Reynolds, Smith, Hales, Boileau.

Y. M. C. A.—*Goal*, F. Kreiser; *backs*, Scott, Vogel; *half-backs*, C. Kreiser, Smith, R. Gilden; *forwards* E. Gilden, Stenson, Hill, Bowan, Francis.

MANOR HOUSE "A" TEAM *vs.* YORK HOUSE.—These teams met on the 7th instant at Happy Valley. The Manor House team were heavier and stronger and won rather easily by five goals to *nil*. They put on two goals in the first period, and three in the second. The York House team might have been beaten by a larger margin had it not been for the fine play of Orde their goal keeper who saved some good shots. Teams :—

MANOR HOUSE "A" TEAM.—*Goal*, Felose; *backs*, Drake, Warde; *half-backs*, Law, FitzPatrick, Fox for Fitz Patrick; *forwards*, Hagar, Beaty, O'Connell, Meares, McCracker.

YORK HOUSE.—*Goal*, Orde; *backs*, Crakar, Marshall; *half-backs*, Morley, Cones, McGowan; *forwards*, Allison, Hughes, Marshall, McGowan, McMuller.

SURVEY OF INDIA *vs.* PHILANDER SMITH INST. 1ST TEAM.—These teams met on the 8th instant after heavy rain. The game was a very fast one throughout, the Philander Smith team giving a brilliant display. In the first half they scored three goals and all within the first ten minutes then the game settled down and no further scoring took place till the interval. The Survey played hard and scored a goal during the second period, but they were unable to get even, the Philander Smith team ran out victors by three goals to one.

MANOR HOUSE B. TEAM *vs.* DEHRA DUN.—This match was played on the Manor House grounds last Thursday and resulted in a win for the homesters. They were therefore to meet their first team the next day but scratched in their favour.

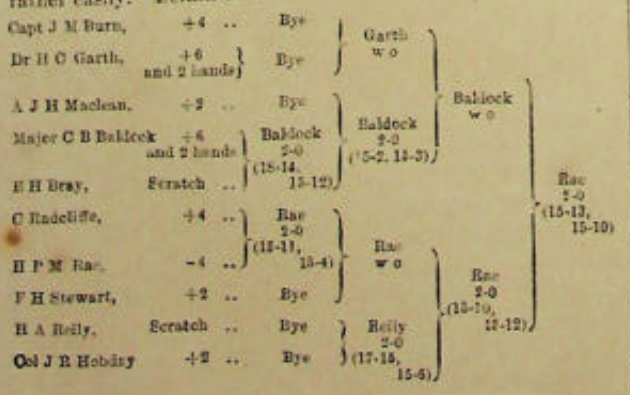
OAK GROVE *vs.* PHILANDER SMITH INST. 2ND TEAM.—Played on the 9th instant at Happy Valley. Oak Grove were a stronger and faster team and won by two goals to one. Towards the end of the first half Oak Grove forced a corner and succeeded in converting it. Their opponents played hard and managed to equalise early in the second period, but it was not long before Oak Grove got away with a fine run and scored their winning goal.

Rackets.

CALCUTTA RACKET CLUB.

THE annual singles handicap was played through last month and, in spite of one or two games falling through owing to illness, proved very successful. The doubles tournament was not so lucky and after a month had passed with only one match played, it was abandoned.

The opposite ends of the handicap met in the final of the singles, and the general opinion was in favour of Major Baldock, who had been steadily improving all through the tournament. With the score 12-4 in his favour in the first game, he looked liked justifying this opinion, but Rae secured the service at this stage, and putting on a somewhat lucky sequence of ten aces which seemed to demoralise his opponent, he won the match rather easily. Details :—



Boxing.

SOUTH INDIA A. A. TOURNAMENT.

THE tournament was brought to a conclusion last week, the finals in the respective classes being fought off. The following are the results :—

BANTAM WEIGHTS UP TO 8ST 4LBS.

Finals.

C. C. Suaris (Madras V. G.) beat Dr. Carne (55th Btty. R. F. A.) The first three rounds were very slow little real fighting being done. Suaris woke up in the fourth round and got in some good ones. The last round was very close, the judges deciding in favour of Suaris.

FEATHER WEIGHTS UP TO 9ST.

Finals.

Pte. Davey (1st Royal Fusiliers) beat Pte. Elliot (1st Leicesters). The first round was very even but Davey had the best of the next three rounds, gaining a lot on points. In the fifth round Elliot got in a hard one but Davie retaliated and gave his man a good deal of punishment the verdict going to the Fusilier.

LIGHT WEIGHT UP TO 10ST.

Pte. Harris (Durham L. I.) beat Lce-Corpl. Sanderson (1st Leicesters). The first bout ended very evenly and Sanderson had the best of the second, but Harris had all the best of the third, fourth and fifth, the judges giving him the decision.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS UP TO 11ST. 4LBS.

Finals.

Pte. Jones (Royal Warwicks) beat Lce-Corpl. McGill (Durham L. I.). Jones who had the advantage of reach and was quicker on his feet fought cautiously and kept McGill off, the latter trying for a knock out. Jones piled on the points and got the verdict.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hall (1st Leicesters) beat Gr. Forsbrey (P. Fatty, R. H. A.) The first round went to Hall, who also had the best of the next round. Forsbrey was trying for a knock out, but though he got in some hard swings he was unable to find this mark and Hall had the best of it all through winning on points.

Sports.

MADRAS POLICE SPORTS.

ANNUALLY after the tedious exams. at the end of the Summer Session the officers of the Madras Police give a round of festivities at the Police Training School in Vellore. This year was no exception to the general rule. Mr. H. A. Waring, the Principal, arranged a most enjoyable entertainment on the night of the 30th, followed the next afternoon by athletic sports. In spite of the slipperiness of the ground caused by the recent heavy rain and on account of which the long distance and hurdle races had to be abandoned the sports were a great success.

Punctually at 4-30 P.M. the starters in the first race faced the line and were despatched immediately. Owing to the length of the programme which consisted of 17 events, the last item took place in semi-darkness, a light which greatly added to its effect. This event deserves special notice. A fort had been constructed on one side of the parade ground, well protected with barrels and sand-bags, it was held by a score or so of brave policemen supported by a dozen dummies. The attacking party began operations at about 100 yards, advancing under cover and firing volleys, the defenders received them with smart independent firing. When the stormers had advanced to within 20 years of their goal, they fixed bayonets, and with a wild cheer charged on the fort and took it after a sharp struggle. The "Fall In" then sounded, the victors lined up outside the fort bringing the prisoners and the dead (dummies) with them. The flashes from the guns added greatly to the effect of this novel item and Mr. Waring who planned it is to be congratulated on its great success. Col-Sergt. Jennings is to be complimented on the way he commanded the storming party.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. E. L. Vaughan, the wife of our Collector, who had come in specially from Chitor to be present at the sports.

Mr. Waring then made a speech thanking everybody for coming. Mr. Vaughan's reply was greatly appreciated by everyone present, especially by the officers, the staff, and the men of the Police school.

The Band of the Madras Railway Volunteers, which had been in attendance during the evening then played God Save the King and the gathering dispersed amid cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan and Mr. Waring. The following are the details of the several events.

JUDGES.—Messrs. Lane, Pelly, and Jones.

STARTERS.—Messrs. Mayne and Atkinson.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—For men in the Station House Officers', Class (Telugus). 1st Mohammed Abdul Hammed, 2nd Ramdass. 20 starters. Won easily by 2 yards.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—For men in the Station House Officers' Class (Tamils). 1st Minnasseh, 2nd G. Srivinivah. 19 starters. Won by a few inches.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—For Head Constables. 1st Raja Gopalar Cherriu, 2nd Suriyanarayana. 9 starters. A very tight finish.

100 YARD FLAT RACE.—For Recruits. 1st Appalasami, 2nd Chocka Singam Pillai Krishna Sami. 14 starters. Won easily. A fine race for second place.

TUG-OF-WAR.—"A" Section *vs.* "B." Section. "1st" pull "B" pulled over "A." 2nd pull "A" pulled over "B." 3rd pull A pulled over B. A most exciting contest. "A" section deserved their win. Although a lighter team their form was splendid.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—For Inspectors. 1st Draviam Koil Pillai, 2nd G. Nana Olivu. 11 starters. Won easily.

GUARDS TURNING OUT.—Men to lie down, with belts and turbans off. Prize to be given to the section, which turns out quickest and best dressed.

Won by "C" section who turned out in 36 seconds. Although "A" section turned out in 32 seconds, they failed to get the prize owing to careless dressing.

100 YARDS SACK RACE.—For Recruits. 1st S. Appalasami, 2nd Krishnasami. 11 starters. G. Nana Shanugam who was leading by 5 yards fell just before he reached the post. A good finish between first and second.

TUG-OF-WAR.—"A" section *vs.* "C" section. 1st pull "A" pulled over "C." 2nd pull "C" pulled over "A." 3rd pull "A" pulled over "C." "A" had great difficulty in winning this event. The last pull lasted over 3 minutes.

VICTORIA CROSS RACE.—Run 150 yds, climb into fort under fire, seize a dummy, and run 50 yards; garrison in fort to catch the intruders if possible. 1st Manasseh, 2nd Rajagopala Cherti. 15 starters. A novel race which caused great excitement. Out of the 15 who entered the fort only 3 returned.

100 YARDS SACK RACE.—For Station House Officers' Class. (Tamils). 1st G. Srinavasa Iyer, 2nd Subramania Iyer. Ten starters. No. 2 would have won easily if he had not fallen just before reaching the post.

100 YARDS THREE LEGGED RACE.—for Inspectors. 1st Rajagopal Iyer and Srinavasamy, 2nd G. Nana Olivu and Subanasinga. 6 pairs. An exciting finish. Won by a yard.

100 YARDS SACK RACE.—For men who had not been punished during the Summer Session. 1st Moideen Sahib 2nd Abdul Hamid, 3rd Abdul Kadir. 22 starters. An exciting finish between 3 Mohammedans. The Hindus were no where.

"THREE-LEGGED RACE.—For Recruits. 1st Nos. 281 and 181, 2nd Nos. 536 and 782. 14 pairs. The firs pair managed to wriggle in a foot or so in front of the second.

TUG-OF-WAR.—Officers and Staff *vs.* "A" section. Owing to the lateness of the evening this event was abandoned. "A" section would have given the Officers and Staff a hard time.

TUG-OF-WAR.—"A" section *vs.* Recruits. Won easily by "A" section who had an invincible team.

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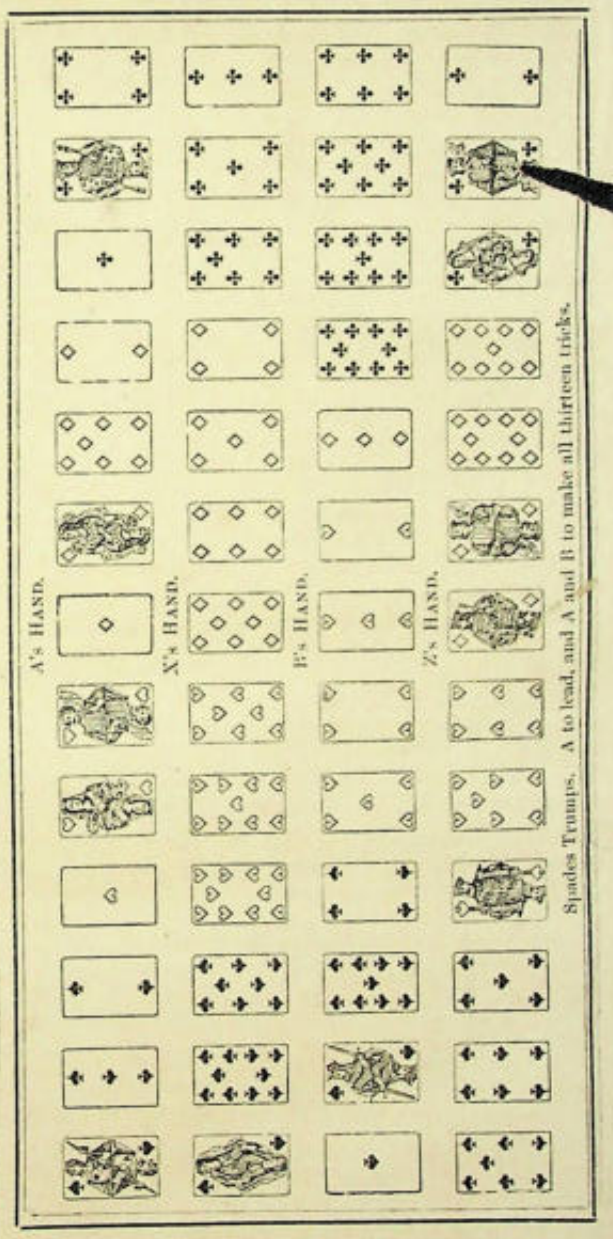

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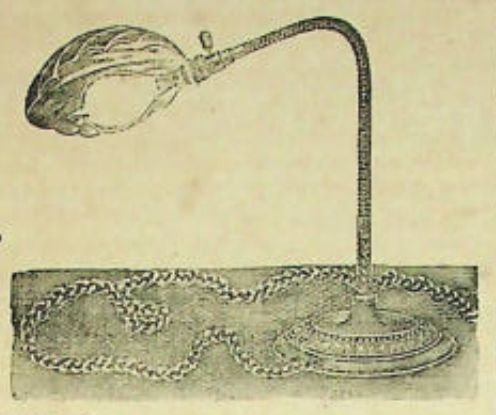

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THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 1903.

FRESH AIR *VS.* HEAT IN MENAGERIES.

WHAT is a curious and an instructive experiment which the management of the Dublin Zoological Gardens have been conducting with lions. The Phœnix Park Zoo has always been successful in its lion breeding operations: a few years ago they had on exhibition lions of the seventh or eighth generation born in captivity, and these were as healthy as any lion ever seen in a menagerie. It is a singular thing, but lions breed more freely in Dublin than in any other town in Europe, so far as our knowledge goes, while on the damp clay of Regent's Park the keepers have never yet succeeded in rearing a cub. Their success in leoculture of recent years had placed the Dublin Society in possession of a much larger stock of lions than they wanted, or could dispose of, the market for lions even of the best stamp being but limited. Just a year ago there were thirty lions, old and young, in the gardens and the Council decided to risk a couple in making an experiment. Accordingly they selected a pair of youngsters,—we are told that they picked out the "weediest," and however that may be, we are safe in assuming that the best examples were not chosen—and housed them in an outdoor cage partially roofed over and containing only a large dog kennel to serve as sleeping quarters. Now the Dublin winter is not a severe one, measured by ordinary home standards, but it is cold enough and wet enough to try the leonine constitution highly; and as it happened, last winter in Dublin was colder than usual. Nevertheless the young lions came through it in perfect health, the only difference being that they grew faster than their brethren indoors and developed longer and thicker coats.

Accepting their survival of the trial of the "outdoor system," the two results mentioned are much what we might have looked for: the accommodation both in the old Dublin Lion house and the new one is by no means on a scale calculated to afford exercise of the muscles to such restless animals: and confinement in a cage on a larger scale could hardly fail to produce a good effect on the growth of youngsters. The increased thickness of coat is also a natural result: the coat of an animal accommodates itself to a change of circumstance whether natural or artificial. A somewhat parallel case occurs to mind in the Pittsburg Cold Storage Warehouses recorded some years ago. The temperature in the cold chambers where meat and other things were stored was maintained at a point a few degrees below freezing: and for some months after the cold storage business came into operation neither rat nor mouse was to be found in the cold chambers. After a few months, however, traces of rats were discovered and the rats themselves when caught arrested notice at once by reason of the length and close texture of their fur: and by degrees the cold rooms in the Pittsburg store houses were made the abiding places of rats who apparently had resolved that cold should not daunt them and who grew warm coats to suit the new climate they had to endure. Then it occurred to some thoughtful person that if rats could thus adapt their attire to special conditions cats might display sufficient catholicity of spirit to do the same. Accordingly a few cats were introduced into the cold rooms and kept there. The experiment did not answer at first: the comfort loving cat objected to

living in an ice house and its protest took the convincing form of dying. Then a cat with fur something closer than the ordinary was selected for experiment: she survived: not only survived, but, entering with commendable zest into the experiment brought forth seven kittens which followed the maternal example and grew close, thick coats suitable for the uncongenial climate of the cold storage room. This family of cold-room cats, it is averred, formed the parent stock of thick-coated cats which in time was distributed throughout the storage houses of Pittsburg.

The ability of the lion to thrive in a climate so much colder than that of his native habitat suggests the propriety of making further experiments in the same direction with other animals. There is practical purpose in making such experiments for the cost of erecting and maintaining the cage-*cum*-hot house building now deemed necessary for tropical beasts is a formidable item in the accounts of every zoological society: also, were it found that the animals can resist the rigours of a European winter we do not doubt that they would be very much healthier and enjoy—or suffer—longer lives in captivity. In making such experiments zoological societies would be doing nothing original. It is a matter of history that Henry I. established a menagerie at Woodstock in a walled park wherein, beside "great store of deer" he had "divers strange beasts kept and nourished such as were brought to him from far countries as lions, leopards, lynxes, porcupines and such other." It is wildly improbable that the zoological keeper of the twelfth century was acquainted with any means of applying artificial heat to the cages in which his charges were housed; and we can only regret that contemporary chroniclers were not moved to record a few particulars of the Royal Menagerie at Woodstock for our guidance at the present day.

The Dublin experiment is an important step in the direction whither modern ideas concerning the best methods of keeping exotic beasts in captivity may eventually lead us. The theory that a high temperature maintained by costly artificial means is the first condition necessary in menageries for the large felidæ and some other beasts, notably the higher apes is being questioned by those who consider the subject in a liberal-minded spirit. The value of fresh air, larger liberty and the greater opportunity for occupation larger liberty affords have been recognised as desirable in American zoological collections and the results we cannot doubt will prove the correctness of the views of those who adopt these methods. After all, the caged lion or tiger does not depend for his existence on a temperature artificially maintained at the level that may be familiar to him during certain hours at certain seasons. Tigers as we know are never more alert, active and hungry than in the cold weather: and we have never heard it suggested that tigers are liable to cold and kindred ills even though the thermometer fall below freezing point. It is permissible to suggest that the spirits of animals have something to do with their health and that a cheerful lion will thrive better than one in state of chronic bored despondency: and we may suggest that if the beasts could choose they would joyfully sacrifice one degree of temperature for every one linear yard of additional space given in exchange for it, to a reasonable point. Exercise, occupation and fresh air are not less necessary to the well-being of animals than an equable warm temperature; and any well-directed experiment, such as the Calcutta Zoological Gardens authorities have recently carried out, which helps forward this theory towards the realm of practice, deserves encouragement.

For the Althorp Park Stakes of 1845 Lord George Bentinck had engaged a filly named Cherokee, who was looked upon as very smart. Cherokee won her trial so easily—by four or five lengths—that his lordship was afraid some of the old horses in the gallop had not run up to their form by reason of the shortness of their preparation. He therefore desired Kent, his trainer, before he left for Northampton, to try My Mary (who was second to Cherokee) over again with the unerring old African, as it was his lordship's intention to stand a good stake on Cherokee for the Althorp Park Stakes, if Kent was able to make out that My Mary, aged three years, was in form.

The second trial came off all right, as My Mary won it easily, making it pretty evident that Cherokee was very smart, as My Mary had won the Prendergast at Newmarket in the preceding autumn. Accordingly Lord George, after arriving at Northampton, gave his chief commissioner, Mr Harry Hill, practically unlimited instructions to back Cherokee for the Althorp Park Stakes.

As Kent was saddling the mare Mr Hill came up to his lordship in great tribulation, stating that he was unable to execute the commission, as they only offered 5 to 4 against Cherokee, although there were ten starters and two or three of the others heavily backed.

"Don't come here to bother me with your fears" exclaimed his lordship testily. "Go back and get on as much money as you can, and you will find 5 to 4 good enough odds when the race is over."

And so it proved, as Cherokee won in a canter by two lengths.

Special Telegrams.

THE MIDDLE PARK PLATE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE MIDDLE PARK PLATE—Of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 30sovs each, 20ft. for two-year-olds; colts 8st. 10lbs., fillies and gelding 8st. 7lbs.; winners of a race value 500 sovs to carry 4lbs., of one value 1,000 sovs 7lbs. extra. The second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the third 100 sovs out of the stakes; entrance 5sovs. Bretby Stakes Course. 115 subs. Closed 4th November 1902.

London, *Friday, 16th October 1903.*

Major Eustace Loder's ch f PRETTY POLLY, by Gallinule—Admiration, W Lane... 1
Mr Leopold de Rothschild's b c ST AMANT, by St Frusquin—Lady Loverule, K Cannon 2
Mr W C Whitney's b c HANDS DOWN, by Meddler—Handspun, J H Martin ... 3
Mr D Baird's b f LEUCADIA, by Martagon Santa Maura 0
Lord Wolverton's b f PERFECT LOVE, by Persimmon—Perfect Dream 0
Mr R H Henning's b c ANDRIA, by Ladas —Abeyance 0
Mr J R Keene's b c LANCASHIRE, by Kingston—Calico... 0

(*Winner trained by P. Gilpin, Newmarket.*)

Betting: 2 to 1 on Pretty Polly, 9 to 2 agst St. Amant, 2 to 1 Hands Down.

Won by three lengths; one length between second and third.

Pedigree of the Winner.

(Pretty Polly 1901).															
Admiratoin (1892)								Gallinule (1884)							
Gaze (1886)				Saraband (1883)				Moorhen (1873)				Isonomy (1875)			
Eyepleaser (1876)		Thuringian Prince (1871)		Highland Fling (1866)		Muncaster (1877)		Sister to Ryshworth (1868)		Hermit (1864)		Isola Bella (1868)		Sterling (1868)	
Wallflower (1860)	Brown Bread (1862)	Eastern Princess (1868)	Thormanby (1857)	Masquerade (1861)	Scottish Chief (1861)	Windermere (1870)	Doncaster (1870)	Vertumna (1860)	Skirmisher (1854)	Seclusion (1857)	Newminster (1848)	Isoline (1860)	Stockwell (1849)	Whisper (1857)	Oxford (1857)
Rataplan (1850) Chaperon (1855)	Weatherbit (1842) Brown Agnes (1857)	Surplice (1845) Tomyris (1851)	Windhound (1847) Alice Hawthorn (1838)	Lambourne (1840) Burlesque (1843)	Lord of the Isles (1852) Miss Ann (1846)	Macaroni (1860) Miss Agnes (1850)	Stockwell (1849) Marigold (1860)	Stockwell (1849) Garland (1838)	Voltigeur (1847) Gardhamare (1843)	Tadmor (1846) Mrs Sellon (1851)	Touchstone (1831) Beeswing (1833)	Ethelbert (1840) Bassishaw (1847)	The Baron (1842) Pocahontas (1837)	Flatcatcher (1845) Silence (1848)	Birdcatcher (1833) Honey Dear (1844)

Winners since 1882.

1883 Busybody 8st 7lbs (7)
1884 Melton 9st 3lbs (13)
1885 Minting 9st 3lbs (9)
1886 Florentine 9st (8)
1887 Friar's Balsam 9st 3lbs (5)
1888 Donovan 9st 3lbs (14)
1889 Signorina 9st (9)
1890 Couverneur 9st (9)
1891 Orme 9st 3lbs (10)
1892 Isinglass 9st 3lbs (14)
1893 Ladas 9st 3lbs (7)
1894 Speedwell 8st 10lbs (10)
1895 St Frusquin 9st 3lbs (12)
1896 Galtee More 9st (5)
1897 Dieudonne 9st [illegible]lbs (14)
1898 Caiman 9st (9)
1899 Democrat 9st (9)
1900 Floriform 8st 10lbs (10)
1901 Minstead 8st 10lbs (9)
1902 Flotsam 9st 7lbs (8)

a Walked over, after a dead heat with Kaiser 8st 13lbs—stakes divided.

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London, *Sunday, 18th October 1903.*

Sir Rupert Clarke's br f SWEET NELL, by Haut Brion—Novelette II, 3yrs, 6st 13lbs 1
Mr J Williams' bk g THE IDLER, by Far Niente—Waiting, 6yrs, 7st 10lbs ... 2
Mr A B Pearsons br h FLAGSHIP, by The Admiral—Leona, 6yrs, 8st 7lbs ... 3

Previous Winners and Placed Horses.

Yr.	First.	Second.	Third.
1879	Newminster 8-10	Levant 1-7	Mountaineer 7-13
1880	Tom Kirk 8-3	Robbie Burns 6-8	Timothy 7-9
1881	Blue Ribbon 7-3	Robbie Burns 7-5	Aspen 8-3
1881	Master Avenal 7-12	Pirate 6-9	....
1882	Little Jack 6-11	Verdure 6-11	Gipsy Cooper 7-11
1883	Calma 8-2	Stockdale 8-7	Anglesea 8-0
1884	Blink Bonny 7-3	Lord Wilton 6-11	Vergy 7 7
1885	Grace Darling 7-10	Britisher 7-3	Coriolanus 8-2
1886	Ben Bolt 7-6	Silvermine 8-0	Britisher 8-2
1887	Oakleigh 6-9	Remus 7-4	Dunlop 9-0
1888	Chicago 7-4	Tradition 7-4	Bravo 8-7
1889	Boz 7-9	The Charmer 7-7	Bravo 8-12
1890	Vengeance 6-13	Loyal Stone 7-1	Enuc 6-8
1891	G'Naroo 7-13	Forest King 7-6	Clonard 8-1
1892	Paris 8-8	Yarran 7-7	Clonard 8-2
1893	Sainfoin 7-13	Oxide 8-8	......
1894	Paris 9-4	Devon 7-12	Bruin 7-12
1895	Waterfall 7-3	Trenchant 8-5	Quiver 8-9
1896	Cremorne 8-9	Straightfire 7-3	Le Var 6-11
1897	Amberite 7-7	Parthenopæus 7-12	Ayrshire 8-9
1898	Hymettus 7 6	Massinissa 7-5	The Chief 9-3
1899	Dewey 6-12	Gauleon 7-12	Ballistite 7-6
1900	Ingliston 7 4	Mora 8-12	Alix 7-0
1901	Hymettus 8 12	Wakeful 9-0	Flagship 6-7
1902	Lieutenant Bill 7-7	Flagship 8-1	Vanity Fair 7-7

Sporting Notes.

THE Calcutta training track will be opened on Monday, the 26th instant: work in connection with the rubbing down sheds and other accessories peculiar to the Calcutta course during the cold weather are either complete or going on apace.

Smallman, the popular Calcutta trainer, has gone to Rangoon for the Autumn Meeting which begins on the 24th instant. Among the horses he took down with him was Amis, recently purchased by Mr. Balthazar of that city.

The Indian Polo Association Annual Championship Tournament, will be held shortly after the Inter-Regimental Tournament, date to be notified hereafter. We draw attention to an advertisement regarding this fixture which appears among our sporting announcements to-day.

We publish with much pleasure the Bombay Shikar Regulations recently issued. The operations of the murderous native shikari and the fish poisoner will thereby be restricted though we would fain have seen more stringest rules for his special benefit in certain respects. Still as a beginning the rules are good, and can operate in no other way than for the benefit of all concerned. The rights of the Forest Officer are not recognised, we see, as paramount, while very wisely the Government have made concessions to wild forest tribes who subsist largely on the products of the chase. Years ago we put in a plea for tiger cubs and the sparing of immature carnivora and even this, we are not sorry to see, has received recognition in the new game rules. When, we wonder, will Bengal fall into line with Burma, Kashmir, the Nilgiris, Ceylon, and Southern India and Bombay and have *proper* rules for the regulation of shooting and the prevention of game extermination in supercession of the effete regulations issued nearly 20 years ago.

With much regret we announce the death of 2nd-Lieutenant Holford, 4th Dragoon Guards, on the 13th October, at Dehra, from injuries sustained in a hurdle race on the 29th September.

The Southern Mahratta Race Meeting comes off at Belgaum on the 29th and 31st instant. The Arab contingent, we believe, will be strongly represented and the entries promise good racing.

It is rumoured that Mr. "Bob" Sievier threatens a descent on India this cold weather.

The well performed French horse Vinicius came by an accident in the Prix Royal Oak at the Paris Meeting, held on the 13th ultimo which will prevent him being trained again; he now goes to the stud.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. A. Apear's string in charge of Watson is expected in Calcutta at the end of this week.

Mr. R. Boteler, the C. T. C. official handicapper, returned to India in the *Maldavia* which arrived in Bombay last Friday; the same vessel brought back Messrs. A. Milton and W. J. Bradshaw of Calcutta.

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Carreewick, late Valento, is a flier that may need watching during the Calcutta cold weather meetings. She is a five-year old bay Australian mare, by Haut Brion—Lady Helena, and is now owned by Aga Shah of Bombay. She is a well-performed one as will be seen from her record which we give below. We observe from the Australasian Turf Register that she was bought for India for £150 and we believe we are right in saying her present owner paid Rs. 8,000 for her, shortly after her arrival in this country. Here is a list of her performances.

CARREEWICK, LATE VALENTO by Haut Brion—Lady Helena. *Orange* J. C. (N. S. W.) 13th March 1901. Trial Stakes £15 W. F. A. 6 furlongs. Valento 6st. 3lbs, third. Time—1min. 18½secs. Canoblas Handicap £20. 6 furlongs. Federal Flutter £20. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st., unplaced. Time—1min. 19secs. *Canterbury Park* (N. S. W.) 16th November 1901. Park Stakes £75-12: second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 6st. 10lbs (car. 6st. 12lbs) unplaced. Time—1min. 16½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 30th November 1901. Kogarah Stakes £73-4: second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 10lbs., unplaced. Time—1min. 19secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 14th December 1901. Granville Stakes £64; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs. third. Time—1min. 17¼secs. *Tatt's Club* (N. S. W.) 28th December 1901. Lady Hopetoun Stakes £136; second £20. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 10lbs., unplaced. Time—1min. 16¾secs *Canterbury Park* (N. S. W.) 4th January 1902. Park Stakes £70-16. second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 8st. 4lbs; first. Time—1min. 17secs. *Warwick Farm* (N. S. W.) 18th January 1902. £62; second £5. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs, second. Time—1min. 16secs. *Canterbury Park*, 8th February 1902, Short's Handicap. £72; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 9st. 6lbs. first. Time—1min. 17½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 15th Feburary 1902. Flying Handicap £73-4; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 8st. Second. Time, 1min. 17½secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 8th March 1902. Camellia Stakes £68-15; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 12lbs. unplaced.—Time 1min. 16½secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.)29th March 1902. High Weight Handicap, £333; second £50. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 15¼secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 10th May 1902. Autumn Stakes £75; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs, unplaced. Time—1min. 15½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 24th May 1902. Flying Handicap £67-4secs snd £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 4lbs, second. Time—1min. 18½secs.

The unbeaten Pretty Polly has won the Middle Park Plate as set forth in our Special Telegram to-day. She has done excellently and if she winters well should show up prominently in some of the classic races next year. She is entered for the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks and the St. Leger.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Turf Club will be held on the 31st instant.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The tenth extra day's racing showed not the slightest diminution in the interest displayed by either owners or the public and so far as keenness in the great game is concerned the season might be beginning instead of drawing nearly to a close. Backers began well when they spotted that game little pony Scattercash for the New Maiden Plate over 6 furlongs, despite his being top weight with 9st. 5lbs. as in Hoyt's masterly hands he really never gave his supporters any anxiety. But the fraternity of book compilers got their own again and a bit over, as they generally do, in the next race as with Golightly, Nautilus, Min and Key West, all backed for money the little fancied Jolly Roger (an English pony imported by Captain Stratton, and admirably ridden by Robinson, won cleverly to the surprise, I believe, of his own stable, his race being apparently considerably in advance of any previous form in his gallops. One more of the good things of life gone awaste.

In the Losers' Handicap for Arabs Ali bin Amir brought back to memory that wonderful little whilom champion Turkish Flag, who in poor Ebrahim's hands did such doughty deeds in days of yore. It is doubtful wisdom passing on an illustrious cognomen to an untried one, but in this case the second of the name did not disgrace it as he secured the Judge's verdict but by a neck only from the by no means smasher Victoria.

The public, astute though they are, often fail to take timely warning or to appreciate a horse's performances even though he thrusts it at them. So was it that in spite of the form already shown at the meeting by Gum, backers fancied at least three horses' chances before his and that very business like looking horse (of the chaser stamp he looks to my eye) showed them how quickly they had under appreciated his capabilities by having the race won on getting inside the distance. In this race appeared Mr. Apear's grand looking colt aptly christened Sacristan by Bill of Portland—Monastery, surely good enough breeding for anything. The colt, one of the big slashing stamp, ran very green through the first part of the race and seemed unable to balance himself into his stride, but I shall be surprised if he does not turn into a good one.

In the Closed Welter Stakes the public in fear and trembling backed the handsome Hamilton, who had sold them more than once, but Captain Randall kept him humming and won all out by a length and a half. A popular win.

In the Small Arab Plate the stable went nap on that great old warrior Governor, certainly one of the staunchest and most reliable Arabs in training

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Carreewick, late Valento, is a flier that may need watching during the Calcutta cold weather meetings. She is a five-year old bay Australian mare, by Haut Brion—Lady Helena, and is now owned by Aga Shah of Bombay. She is a well-performed one as will be seen from her record which we give below. We observe from the Australasian Turf Register that she was bought for India for £150 and we believe we are right in saying her present owner paid Rs. 8,000 for her, shortly after her arrival in this country. Here is a list of her performances.

CARREEWICK, LATE VALENTO by Haut Brion—Lady Helena. *Orange* J. C. (N. S. W.) 13th March 1901. Trial Stakes £15 W. F. A. 6 furlongs. Valento 6st. 3lbs, third. Time—1min. 18½secs. Canoblas Handicap £20. 6 furlongs. Federal Flutter £20. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st., unplaced. Time—1min. 19secs. *Canterbury Park* (N. S. W.) 16th November 1901. Park Stakes £75-12; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 6st. 10lbs (car. 6st. 12lbs) unplaced. Time—1min. 16½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 30th November 1901. Kogarah Stakes £73-4; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 10lbs., unplaced. Time—1min. 19secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 14th December 1901. Granville Stakes £64; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs. third. Time—1min. 17¼secs. *Tatt's Club* (N. S. W.) 28th December 1901. Lady Hopetoun Stakes £136; second £20. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 10lbs., unplaced. Time—1min. 16¾secs *Canterbury Park* (N. S. W.) 4th January 1902. Park Stakes £70-16. second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 8st. 4lbs; first. Time—1min. 17secs. *Warwick Farm* (N. S. W.) 18th January 1902. £62; second £5. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs, second. Time—1min. 16secs. *Canterbury Park*, 8th February 1902, Short's Handicap. £72; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 9st. 6lbs. first. Time—1min. 17½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 15th Feburary 1902. Flying Handicap £73-4; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 8st. Second. Time, 1min. 17½secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 8th March 1902. Camellia Stakes £68-15; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 12lbs. unplaced.—Time 1min. 16½secs. *A. J. C.* (N. S. W.)29th March 1902. High Weight Handicap, £333; second £50. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs. unplaced. Time—1min. 15¼secs. *Rosehill* (N. S. W.) 10th May 1902. Autumn Stakes £75; second £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 5lbs, unplaced. Time—1min. 15½secs. *Moorefield* (N. S. W.) 24th May 1902. Flying Handicap £67-4secs snd £10. 6 furlongs. Valento 7st. 4lbs, second. Time—1min. 18½secs.

The unbeaten Pretty Polly has won the Middle Park Plate as set forth in our Special Telegram to-day. She has done excellently and if she winters well should show up prominently in some of the classic races next year. She is entered for the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks and the St. Leger.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Turf Club will be held on the 31st instant.

Our Poona correspondent writes:—The tenth extra day's racing showed not the slightest diminution in the interest displayed by either owners or the public and so far as keenness in the great game is concerned the season might be beginning instead of drawing nearly to a close. Backers began well when they spotted that game little pony Scattercash for the New Maiden Plate over 6 furlongs, despite his being top weight with 9st. 5lbs. as in Hoyt's masterly hands he really never gave his supporters any anxiety. But the fraternity of book compilers got their own again and a bit over, as they generally do, in the next race as with Golightly, Nautilus, Min and Key West, all backed for money the little fancied Jolly Roger (an English pony imported by Captain Stratton, and admirably ridden by Robinson, won cleverly to the surprise, I believe, of his own stable, his race being apparently considerably in advance of any previous form in his gallops. One more of the good things of life gone awaste.

In the Losers' Handicap for Arabs Ali bin Amir brought back to memory that wonderful little whilom champion Turkish Flag, who in poor Ebrahim's hands did such doughty deeds in days of yore. It is doubtful wisdom passing on an illustrious cognomen to an untried one, but in this case the second of the name did not disgrace it as he secured the Judge's verdict but by a neck only from the by no means smasher Victoria.

The public, astute though they are, often fail to take timely warning or to appreciate a horse's performances even though he thrusts it at them. So was it that in spite of the form already shown at the meeting by Gum, backers fancied at least three horses' chances before his and that very business like looking horse (of the chaser stamp he looks to my eye) showed them how quickly they had under appreciated his capabilities by having the race won on getting inside the distance. In this race appeared Mr. Apcar's grand looking colt aptly christened Saeristan by Bill of Portland—Monastery, surely good enough breeding for anything. The colt, one of the big slashing stamp, ran very green through the first part of the race and seemed unable to balance himself into his stride, but I shall be surprised if he does not turn into a good one.

In the Closed Welter Stakes the public in fear and trembling backed the handsome Hamilton, who had sold them more than once, but Captain Randall kept him humming and won all out by a length and a half. A popular win.

In the Small Arab Plate the stable went nap on that great old warrior Governor, certainly one of the staunchest and most reliable Arabs in training

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who seems to improve with old age and hard work. As the ever trusty Jimmy was entrusted with the steering apparatus everything augured for the best and the good thing came off all right, but with none too much to spare.

In the Auction Plate Ombree and the little mare Nancy Till divided popularity and the race provided a most exciting finish all down the straight, an appropriate winding up to a capital day's racing. Lansdown, Southall and Robinson being all hard at it, the former on Nancy just getting home by the shortest of heads from Dart with Ombree a neck behind.

The afternoon of a race was a somewhat unfortunate time to select for a fashionable wedding, for many distinguished racing men, who would greatly have desired to wish the popular young couple good luck, felt that to leave in the middle of an interesting afternoon's racing was more than could reasonably be expected of frail human nature, while I fear that several warriors who illuminated the first half of the day's sport with their presence in full war paint and whose martial positions in life necessitated their presence at the happy ceremony must have ungallantly wished that circumstances had permitted them to gaze on "silks and satins" elsewhere. To enable G. R's. to get away in time the Closed Welter Handicap for all ponies 14-2 and under was placed first on the card. The public for some unknown reason went for two unknown quantities in Estelle and Friendly undeterred by the handicapper's obvious depreciation of their virtues, possibly fearing lest the accomplished horsemen on them might outride Ena, who was certainly of superior class to the majority of the field. Major England, with a comfortable berth on the rails, never had a moment's anxiety and Ena won as she liked.

Then came a mile handicap for maiden Arabs when that admirably consistent performer Moreed in Hoyt's guiding had no real difficulty in winning, Talisman being the only opponent to make Hoyt move in his saddle for a moment or two.

The real upset of this day was the 6-furlong handicap for 14 hand Arabs, when with such rare good ones as Achilles, Little Joker, Moon and Tigris in the race, Colonel Eccles, who certainly does not win out of his turn, provided the victor in his good looking bay Rocket, on whom little Bennet making full use of his 6st 9lbs. raced away choking his field and just getting home practically unbacked.

A mile handicap for horses which had not won a race of the value of Rs. 1,500 or over since 1st April 1901 brought seven to the post, the public going strong for Misty and Mr. Apcar's colt Sacristan with the pony Min next in demand, but Byramjee the astute served up another out-sider in Planet—greatly improved both in form and manners.

Mosumma, the bottom of a five-furlong handicap with but 6st. 10lbs, won it easily, a quality little pony; and then came the Karjat Plate Handicap for 14-1 ponies with such winners as Key West, Nautilus, Veera, Miss Birnie and Haydn among them. Those who held that the last-named great sprinter could not get the fifth furlong burnt their fingers for their lack of discrimination, as beautifully nursed by Hoyt, he had the race safe every yard of the way.

An uninteresting Arab selling race brought the penultimate day of the Poona racing season to a close and as the ponies past the post a thunderstorm which had been threatening came down and sent every one scurrying to shelter.

The following was the betting on the Melbourne Cup when last advices left :—

10 to 1 v Position	33 to 1 v Sweet Nell
10 to 1 v Abundance	33 to 1 v St Mars
12 to 1 v Belah	33 to 1 v Famous
16 to 1 v Emir	33 to 1 v Bright Beauty
16 to 1 v Sojourner.	33 to 1 v Tatterdemalion
20 to 1 v Ossian	33 to 1 v The Victory
20 to 1 v Wakeful	50 to 1 v Sir Leonard
20 to 1 v Duke of Graf	50 to 1 v Footbolt
20 to 1 v Billali	50 to 1 v Nothos
20 to 1 v Lord Cardigan	50 to 1 v Combat
25 to 1 v F J A	50 to 1 v St Modan
25 to 1 v Scottish King	50 to 1 v Cherson
25 to 1 v Czarovitch	50 to 1 v Jacobite
33 to 1 v Flagship	50 to 1 v Dumont
33 to 1 v T M S	50 to 1 v The Farmer
33 to 1 v Ossian	50 to 1 v Vanity Fair
33 to 1 v Patronus	50 to 1 v Bewitcher
33 to 1 v Macdonovan	50 to 500 to 1 v others

The Dongargarh man-eater continues his criminal career, and for some time no serious attempt has been made to bag him; but with the cessation of the rains we hear of one or two shikar parties who have pledged themselves to compass his death. Good luck to them say we. By the way the Government reward has been increased to Rs. 1,500.

Captain James D. Graham, I.M.S., 4th Bengal Lancers, Allahabad, sends the following account of a unique accident to the *Indian Medical Gazette*. Lieutenant X, who has been under my care, met with the following rather unique accident :—

On coming up with the pig, he stuck it by a lunge movement, the pig being ahead of him. The pig then ran across the pony's front, and the spear shaft striking the pony's off shoulder, was knocked out of the rider's hand. At the same time the weighted end came to the ground well forward, the spear was jerked out of the pig, and its point turning in an upward direction, penetrated the near shoulder of the pony, passed through the chest wall, emerging through the numdah at the corner between the flap and seat of the saddle, having passed between the pony's tenth and eleventh ribs, both of which were partially cut. Force of impact sent it on, and it passed through the left buttock of the rider emerging behind and ultimately coming to rest with the blade in a position behind the left axilla and shoulder-joint. Only the buttock wound was made, the point of entrance being near the middle of the thigh, one inch below fold of the buttock, the point of exit being three inches behind and on a level with left trochanter major, and the distance between being six and-a-half inches. The wound was superficial, missed everything of importance, and is healing well. It was treated with carbolic oil at the time. Only some 1½ inches of shaft were visible between the point of exit from the pony and the entrance buttock wound. The pony stopped dead still, and was held, while the shaft was cut through below the entrance wound. It was then pulled straight through. Nine and a quarter inches of blade, and 1 foot 9¾ inches of shaft passed through the rider, and 1 foot 9 inches of solid shaft and 3 feet of torn bamboo passed through the pony. The pony developed pneumonia and died one week afterwards; but the *post-mortem* revealed no lung perforation. The case is interesting, I think, first, as illustrating the vagaries of a spear in a very few moments, once control over it has been lost by the rider; second, also as showing that such a wound need not become septic if first-aid appliances are at hand.

There is an interesting article in *Munsey's Magazine*, viewing the jockey from the American standpoint.

The writer, Mr. J. F. Marsten, declares that the jockey market is in its present condition because the supply does not meet the demand, and as to the reasons of the incursion of the American jockey into Europe we are told :—In the first place that they are conceded to be the best in the world, and there is a great demand for our riders abroad. The more prominent American stables are fond of racing in England and France. It is only natural for the owners who send their horses abroad to take American jockeys with them. As a result, a goodly number of our best saddle mechanics are riding in foreign lands for foreign or American owners. "Danny" Maher, perhaps the greatest living American jockey, has not ridden in this country for three years, preferring to accept engagements in England, where his success has been great. Lucien Lyne, who came into prominence last year when he piloted Savable to victory in the Futurity Stakes, is now riding in England for the Messrs. James R. and Foxhall P. Keene. "Winnie" O'Connor, one of the most popular riders who ever had the leg up on thoroughbred, deserted his native land this year to ride in France for the Baron de Rothschild. "Jerry" Ranson, who won his spurs on the San Francisco tracks is likewise in France, piloting the horses of William K. Vanderbilt. Nash Turner, Henry Spancer, Fred Taral, George Thompson, and "Skeets" Martin are all well-known American riders who are winning fame and fortune on foreign race-courses.

The "invasion" of American jockeys, as it is termed, is not confined to Great Britain and France. American boys are riding to-day with much success in Austria, Belgium, Russia, and Hungary, while at least one is performing in Chile. Here, then, is one reason why good jockeys are scarce on the American turf this season. There are, however, several other causes. The profession is a dangerous one. Accidents are frequent. Few jockeys are killed, but many are seriously hurt, with the result that they lose their nerve, and their usefulness as riders is ended, permanently or temporarily. Racegoers will recall the case of George Odom, one of our most popular and successful jockeys. Thrown one day in a big field, and barely escaping with his life, the lad lost his courage completely and did not return to his best form for more than two years.

Thoroughbreds have most delicate organisms, and the good rider is the one who understands his mount. Some horses run best when in front. In such cases the rider most know how to send his mount to the front and keep him there, without pumping him all out before the stretch is reached. To trail with a "front runner" is to lose all chance to win the race.

Other horses are slow beginners, and to force these to the front would be suicidal. Some are prone to go wide—that is, to run out on the turns. Others are notorious loafers, and will not run until waked up. The jockey who reaches the top of his profession must know how to deal with all these equine varieties. A jockey must know how to judge pace. He must be able to tell when the horses in front of him are setting such a fast clip that they will drop back to him before the race is over. He will then hold his horse at an even pace and wait for those in front to slacken speed. It often happens that when the spectators think a certain horse is rushing to the front, he is only keeping up a steady pace. The tired animals in the lead are dropping back to the horse, who is running well within himself.

Alertness at the post is another important factor. Many a race is won by getting away from the barrier ahead of the field. This insures getting the rail and covering the shortest route. The jockey must also know just when to make his run, or bid. To get to the front too soon means a tired horse for the final struggle in the stretch. To make the supreme effort too late means that he will not get up in time. Absolute lack of fear is another important qualification of the star rider. He must frequently shoot his mount through the smallest of holes. If the horses in front close in, he must pull up or go over the fence. He must keep out of "pockets"—that is, he must secure clear sailing. Few people realise what a strain it is on the arms of a jockey to ride a race of a mile or more, especially on a heavy-headed horse. It will be seen that upon the rider devolves, in great measure, the responsibility for the victory or defeat of his mount. Sometimes, of course, a horse is so much better than the rest of the field that it would come home in front with the worst kind of a bungler up; but this is the rare exception. In a close finish, the result depends almost entirely on the jockey. Seldom does an apprentice "hook up" with a crack rider in the stretch and beat him out, even if the novice has the better horse under him.

A South African correspondent writes :—

The race for the Johannesburg Spring Handicap of £1,500, was run on 12th September. I give the result below :—

JOHANNESBURG SPRING HANDICAP—Of 1,500 sovs., of which 150 sovs. to the second and 50 sovs. to the third. One mile.

Major J Cooper's br g Spring Meeting by Encounter—Spring Up, 5yrs, 6st 12lbs (car 6st 13lbs).	Garrity	1
Mr B B Allen's b g Caledonia, aged, 6st 12lbs,	Holt	2
Mr J Piccione's gr c Peppermint, 4yrs, 9st 7lbs,	Mr H Powell	3
Mr H Nourse's b m Ocean Gem, 5yrs, 7st 13lbs,	Upcott	0
Mr Abe Bailey's b or br f Eleanor, 4yrs, 8st 11b (car 8st 4lbs),	Trundley	0
Mr Abe Bailey's b c Invasor, 4yrs, 7st 2lbs	Ray	0
Mr J Crocketi's b h Malgo, aged, 7st (car 7st 11b)	Knight	0

(*Winner trained by Garrity.*)

BETTING : 11 to 8 agst Peppermint, 4 to 1 each Ocean Gem and Invasor, 9 to 2 Caledonia, 14 to 1 Malgo, 33 to 1 Spring Meeting, 50 to 1 Eleanor.

Totalisator : Win, £31 18s.; places, £8 1s.; £2 6s., £1 17s.

At the half-distance Spring Meeting challenged, and, gradually overhauling Caledonia, fairly wore him down, and won by a head. Peppermint, who apparently tried to get through in the rails, was three-quarters of a length behind Caledonia. Ocean Gem was placed fourth by the judge, a length further away. Invasor was fifth, Malgo sixth, and Eleanor last. Time.—1min. 43⅘secs.

It will be seen that Barney Allen's Caledonia was second, beaten by a head. Apart from the money part of the matter, and the loss must have been considerable for the horse was always well backed, it must have been a keen disappointment to his genial owner. He expressed himself confident to the last and said to a reporter, "Even now that Pippermint is going I can see nothing to beat me. I think I shall win easily." Pippermint is reputed quite the best horse in South Africa and should, it is said, have won easily, but was badly ridden by an Australian, H. Powell, call it that anyhow; some people say it was rather an artistic performance

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There was a good deal of unpleasantness all round in connection with the horse owing to the idiotic proceedings of the owner, who had another horse in the race called Chinois and seemed to find amusement in backing them both days about alternately, declaring that Chinois was the one that was going, only to change the mind at the last moment and send Pippermint. Backed him heavily too, but it only serves such people right.

Dandy ran in a 6-furlong race on the same day but was nowhere.

The recent horse sales in the New Forest have shown a substantial advance in the prices realized for ponies, due, no doubt, to the improvement in the breed resulting from the policy of the New Forest Pony Association. This is a matter of more than local importance. The small horse is the war horse of the future, and it is fortunate that we have in the United Kingdom several native breeds of ponies which may be made suitable for such work. The little horses of Dartmoor and Exmoor and the New Forest, of Wales and Western Ireland, the Shetlands of the far North, and the Galloways of Southern Scotland may furnish a large supply for military work; and in each district where the ponies are found serious attention is now being given to the problem. It may seem absurd to speak of the "Shelty" as a horse fit for a yeoman or a hussar; but horse-breeders know better. He is the hardiest, most sagacious, and most docile of the horse tribe, cunning yet tractable, and free from vice; sturdy and ready for any work, with a power of endurance no less remarkable than his intelligence. In his native wastes he lives in the open air, making a meal of seaweed, or swimming a voe to find fresh patches of herbage, and he knows well how to open a gate if there be provender on the other side of it. For nearly sixty years the Shetland pony has worked in the coalpits of Durham and Northumberland, and Lord Londonderry has formed a stud of pure Shetlands to maintain the supply. The Shetland is very small and rarely exceeds a height of 9½ hands, but he is all bone and substance, and it is believed that these qualities may be employed to furnish the ideal mount required by the fighting men of the future.

The ponies of Galway and Connemara are even more valuable for this purpose. They are larger than the Shetlands, and they have the same capacity for thriving where more delicately natured creatures would starve. They can make a meal from a gorse bush and even dig up the roots for food. "Surely nowhere in the British Islands," says one authority, "are there ponies with so much stamina as these." They attain to twelve and thirteen hands, are robust and strong, good-tempered, intelligent, and courageous, and the Connemara "hobbies" perform invaluable service to the peasants who are fortunate enough to own them. There has been no attempt in the past to improve or even to maintain the breed of these valuable yellow or dun coloured ponies, but with care and attention it is estimated that at least 1,000 of them could be furnished every year for remount work with advantage both to the army and the poor people in that congested district. The ponies of Wales and the west of England are no less suitable, though the War Office laughed at the idea until a couple of New Forest ponies, standing less than 14 hands, won the first prize at the Military Tournament in the team jumping competitions open to the auxiliary forces. Sir Richard Green Price has said that good ponies beat moderate horses of twice their size, for they have "twice the constitution and thrice the sense." The recognition of this fact will lead to a great development of pony breeding in this country, and the work has already begun.

Although polo is much the same all the world over, the "station game" in India differs considerably from the small local games in England or America observes a writer in the October number of *Baily's Magazine*. For though in Hindustan much excellent match-play is to be seen, the station game is often—according to the local vernacular—of the "bumble puppy" variety. One will sometimes find men who can hardly sit across a pony endeavouring to play. Well-meaning but somewhat incapable Joint Magistrates are *en evidence*. Assistant District Superintendents of Police, semi-black "Opium *wallahs*," Civil Surgeons, and Loco. Superintendents of railways are also among the devotees of the station game.

At the game alluded to one does not play thousand-rupee ponies. In all probability five of the ponies playing might be bought for that sum; some of them have begun life in an ekka (an under-sized cab); whilst others do duty as native infantry adjutant's charger. Nor is the standard of height always very rigidly adhered to. One may thus find a 14-2 galloway competing with a 12-2 "tat," the first-named being owned by the Collector and the latter by his Assistant. A special feature of the station game is the presence among the players of one or two men hailing from small out-stations. They may have ridden or trained many miles to enjoy a few chuckers—such is their keenness. Should they be well-paid Joint Magistrates or Deputy Collectors, they will be well mounted on Arab ponies, for which as much as 800 or 900 rupees apiece may have been given. As to the kit worn by the players, white or coloured shirts of Cawnpore drill, or sweaters, white drill breeches, and black or brown leather boots are patronised. It may, in this connection, be pointed out that the breeches are often of the most atrocious cut. For neither the Anglo-Indian tailor fraternity of Calcutta and Bombay nor the indigenous *durzee* have the remotest notion how to shape breeches. [Bosh.—Ed., *Indian Field*.] They are, almost invariably, too tight in the thigh and too loose round the knee to be comfortable. A few players, on the other hand, have their breeches made in England when returning home on leave of absence. However, since the possessing of well-cut breeches does not necessarily result in good play, it is perhaps immaterial as to whether these garments are properly or improperly made. It should be pointed out that heavily quilted *sola topees* are worn by polo men in India, the occasional native player preferring the turban of the country. As a precaution against damage resulting from a spill the *sola topee* has its uses.

It frequently happens that Indian officers from the native cavalry regiment join in the station game. And exceedingly well some of them play. Blest with a quick eye, good judgment, fine horsemanship and excellent ponies, they play a remarkably good game. Indeed, polo is a strong bond between the black and white inhabitant of our unpleasant Eastern possession. In many of the large stations, such as Meerut, Lucknow, Rawalpindi and Secunderabad fast games may be enjoyed, three or four regimental and one or two station teams putting in an appearance at the polo ground several times a week. At Muttra in the North-West Provinces, where the 9th Lancers are stationed, polo is played every evening, there being practically nothing else to do there.

In some stations but one game a week is indulged in. Such is the lack of interesting general conversation in Anglo-Indian social circles that the excitement in question is discussed for a week before (and after) it has taken place. Just as after a day's hunting men love to ride their line over again so in India does the guileless subaltern or the extra keen Officiating District Superintendent of Police like to discuss the game in all its bearings until the subject is eventually worn to shreds. Indeed, no detail will escape him. Being a small place he will know his neighbour's business and everything concerning him better than he himself does. He will be fully aware that the "Major sahib's" breeches were made by Tautz and that those of the native regiment captain were manufactured by the wife of that economical warrior. He will also have treasured up the information that the Civil Surgeon's saddle was won in a raffle for eight annas and that the Joint Magistrate's brown riding-boots were a present from the local shoe-maker, whose son he has appointed to the police force. Nor are the ladies of the station behind hand in manifesting an interest in the game. The whole half-dozen of them put in an appearance, eagerly discussing the points of the player and of the ponies. And some of them are exceedingly well informed upon the subject of horseflesh. In fact, it is quite a common thing to find an Anglo-Indian lady assisting her spouse to choose a pony. In the most professional manner imaginable she will feel its legs and look at its teeth.

Much disappointment is reported from all parts of the United Kingdom at the paucity of both partridge and pheasant. Many preservers of the latter have decided on closing their coverts for this season, reserving the birds for breeding, the havoc wrought by the abnormally wet summer having thinned out stocks to a most serious extent.

To judge by an auction held in London on the 29th ultimo many owners of motor cars appear to have had enough of them; no less than 50 lots falling to the hammer at prices 60 per cent. under and even lower than the original cost. Steam and petrol-driven cars went for the usual mere song, popular fancy now being pronounced in favour of the electric accumulator.

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The new draft for the Madras Hounds arrived from England on the 17th instant. It consists of fifteen couples, all in first rate condition and these, with three couple from the Poona Hounds will form the pack for the coming season. Major F. C. Logan Home continues as Master—his fourth season—and he will have as whips Captains R. H. Dick Conyngham, A.-D.-C., W., Thompson, R. F. A., and Mr. H. M. Gibson. Weather permitting, a beginning will be made in about a month's time.

Athletic Notes.

THE Northern Circars Racquet Tournament is to be held annually at Christmas at such court as the Committee shall decide. It will be managed by the Stewards of the Waltair Gymkhana and shall be for pairs representing any recognized service or profession, no two players to combine to represent any District, Station or Club, (sporting or otherwise). A trophy, obtained by public subscription, will be presented to the winning pair, to be held by them till the date of the next Tournament. The "rubbers" with the exception of the final, are to be the best of three games and the final is to be the best of five games. We are asked to state that entries are to be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Waltair Gymkhana, on or before the 15th December.

The All India Hockey Tournament will be held at Allahabad this year and will commence on the 18th January 1903. It is open to British Regiments, attached men not to be played in regimental team; Teams of British Officers of any two Native Regiments combined; Batteries R. A. or companies R. G. A. (any two may combine); Station Gymkhana, Police officers' Teams, and Volunteer Teams of the same Corps or Station.

The Calcutta Rowing Club dinner may be held on the 14th proximo after the decision of the Power Cup race.

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That marvellous runner A. Shrubb seems never to go out nowadays without lowering a record. His latest achievement was 6mins. 47⅗secs. for the one mile and a half at the L A C. Autumn Meeting as fully reported in our London Sporting Letter to-day. This eclipses the previous British record and is only 1 second outside the world's amateur record now standing to the credit of T. P. Conneff.

The match between Mr. L. Bagshawe's crew and that stroked by Mr. C. V. Green alluded to in our last issue is "off," owing to a transfer and an accident in the Telegraph boat.

The second series of races for a silver cup subscribed for by the Mosquito Yacht Club in Yokohama and the Canoe and Dinghy Club in Kobe came off on Saturday, 19th September, in Yokohama. The first series of races was held in Kobe in June, as already reported in these columns. The Kobe Club race with small open centreboard boats, of the dinghy type, and at the Kobe Spring Regatta two Yokohama representatives went down to sail against the two chosen Kobe men. The two boats used were identical, and were tossed for by the parties concerned. Kobe won the first race, Yokohama the second and Kobe the decider. The second series of races was sailed in Yokohama, two sister boats of the Yokohama fleet being used. These are much bigger than the Kobe boats, being "race abouts" of about the equivalent of 1½ rater at home. In both races the Yokohama men led from the start, and won all the way, finishing 5 minutes ahead in the first race, and 4 minutes in the second.

We are sorry to learn of the accident to our old cycle champion, Mr. Stanley Oakes of Calcutta. Treating himself for some dog bites with pure carbolic acid has landed him in the General Hospital with a very bad foot and hand, and altogether he is not having a cheerful time. In common with his many friends we hope to see him out ere long and sympathise with him in his hard luck.

The Committee for the scheme to send home a team of Indian cricketers held a meeting in Bombay on the 16th instant. It was resolved that the scheme had advanced so far that the Committee felt they were justified in making arrangements for fixtures at the meeting of County Secretaries at Lord's in December next. Mr. E. H. D. Sewell, of the Essex County Cricket Club, has been asked to take the necessary steps to arrange for these fixtures. It was further resolved to send out printed circulars for subscriptions or guarantee of subscriptions to the public of Bombay and several parts of India generally. From the number of subscriptions and the guarantees promised, the Committee were of opinion that their application would be generously responded to by lovers of sport in this country.

Bicycle polo may be revived in Calcutta this cold weather if the Cycle Corps carries out its present intention of starting a team. This will give us Ballygunge, the Cycle Corps and the B.-N. Railway. team which will be without the services of the redoubtable Ismay who, on his return to India, will be posted to Agra.

We see our friend Mr. F. A. G. Medd of the Calcutta Rowing Club, rowed bow of a winning scratch eight at the L. R. C. regatta held at the end of last month.

The Caledonian Cricket Club, Calcutta, hold their annual dinner at the Trocadero next Saturday.

The Dinapore Hockey League is still in progress, two games were played on the 13th instant. In the first game the Survey beat the Officers 5th B. L. I. by three goals to *nil*. They scored all the goals in the second period, the first half being very even. Khagole beat the 73rd R F. A by a goal to *nil* on the same day after a hard game.

On the 16th instant two more games were played Khagole beat the Survey by 2 goals to one. At half time the Survey were leading by a goal to *nil*, but after the interval Khagole played hard and put on two goals. The other game was between the K. O. S. B.'s and the officers of the B. L. I. The Borderers winning by 2 goals to *nil* after a closely contested game.

The Rangoon Trades Walking Match came off on the 10th instant, the following twelve competitors facing the starter:—Messrs. D. Johnstone, C. Urquhart, J. Towers, J. Johnson, W. J. Fowles, L. F. Bayne, F. R. Graystone, J. Brisbane, J. R Smith, G. S. Clark, W. M. Turner and W. Burns.

They went away at a rare pace, Towers, Johnson Fowels and Turner leading. Towers walked well and leading throught won in 1hr 16mins. 25secs. C. Urquhart second in 1hr. 17mins. 33secs. and the old Calcutta veteran W. M. Turner 1hr. 19mins. 1sec.

Our Bombay correspondent writes :—The weekly Mounted Sports held on Wednesday were again of a very successful character. The programme was of an interesting nature, and most of the events attracted a numerous entry, whilst each and all of them were followed with keen interest by a large crowd of spectators. There were three tent-pegging competitions, the programme opening with that for the Symons' Cup, which was open to members of the Bombay Light Horse only. On the whole the pegging was good, though a triffle slow. The result was a win for Mr. Bryant, who was run very close by Mr. Stansfield. In the open competition for horses, Mr. T. D. Moore was an easy winner ; Mr. H. S. Symons being second. Tent-pegging for ponies was won by Mr. Stovold, with Mr. Graham second. As is usually the case, the jumping competition, which followed, evinced a very keen interest, and some of the jumping was decidedly good. Only the winner (Mr. Alston), however, who was riding Miss Milligan, his own horse, gained points at the rails, which were nicely taken. All the animals took the hurdles well. The Horse Scurry resulted as follows :—Mr. Roberts' Vermouth—20 yards (Mr. S. M. McCausland) 1st. Mr. Atston's Neptune—15 yards (owner) 2nd ; Mr. Campbell's Darius—20 yards (owner) 3rd. Vermouth raced in front throughout, and eventually won easily by two lengths, while a neck separated the second and third. This was followed by the Pony Scurry, for which nine started, Mr. R. F. R. Cooke's Conductor, receiving five yards start, won this in the easiest of fashions, but there was a close race for second place between Mr. O. G. Owen's Banker—20 yards start, and Mr. H. Gray's Florican—scratch. The programme wound up with a mounted infantry race, which was won by Mr. T. D. Moore, with Mr. Campbell second.

General Notes.

THEIR Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon will give a farewell dinner party on Monday, the 26th instant, to Sir Walter and Lady Lawrence.

Delhi is reported to have felt a couple of earthquake shocks at 11 P.M. on the 15th and 2-30 A.M. on the 16th instant. We trust these were not of the kind so delightfully described by "Malvolio" in our Allahabad contemporary some years ago.

The State functions in Calcutta have been fixed for the following dates : The Levées will be held on the 21st December and 4th January, the Drawing Room on Wednesday, December 30th, the State Dinner on Friday, 1st January and the State Ball on Friday, 8th January.

There has been a change ordered in his Excellency the Viceroy's autumn tour. Instead of leaving Simla on the 9th as originally intended, his Excellency will do so on Friday, the 6th proximo and arrive at Patiala on the 7th, Nabha on the 9th and so on, returning after his tour in the Gulf by Rajputana to Calcutta.

A sad accident occurred at Allahabad on the 14th instant. Miss Ruth Howe, B. A., teacher in the local Girls' High School, was riding on her bicycle, when another lady passed her on horseback and the animal in passing Miss Howe kicked her on the head fracturing her skull. A few minutes after the accident she expired.

A copy of Messrs. Cutler Palmer and Co.'s new price list reaches us. It is replete, as to its contents, with details of all that is choice and alluring in wines and spirits, and adorned, as to its cover, with a picture of the late Captain Frank Cutler, R. N., a sailor of the old school who after he left the sea founded the firm whose name is a household word in India.

Mr. Bourdillon, much to Calcutta's regret, comes down from Darjeeling on the 29th instant and makes over charge of Bengal to Sir Andrew Fraser on the 3rd proximo. Possibly our new L. G. will be seen and heard on one of our local pulpits during the ensuing cold weather, for according to all accounts he is fitted by nature more for the *rôle* of the "eminent divine" than that of the Indian satrap. At any rate he has put in some good work in mofussil pulpits we are told.

A curious story reaches us from Agra, where, it is said, a private of the 2nd South Stafford Regiment stationed there has made a voluntary confession to the District Magistrate that before coming to India he was out for a walk with his sweetheart, when there was an altercation between the two and he killed her and threw her body into the Thames. The man is in custody pending the result of inquiries addressed to the police authorities in England as to whether such a murder was actually committed.

The proprietor of the Great Western Hotel, Bombay, continues to justify his claim to keep his hotel well to the fore front. The hotel has just been thoroughly overhauled, re-decorated, and materially improved as to its furnishing and interior economy. Additional dining accommodation has been provided and two hundred residents can now be seated. The kitchens have been refitted with the most modern appliances. The drawing-room has been re-furnished, and the establishment, we believe, will compare to advantage with any hotel in the country.

The Right Rev. James MacArthur, late Bishop of Bombay, left India in the *Caledonia* last week. His popularity was apparent in the large amount of leave taking indulged in by both clergy and laity, a week devoted to farewell demonstrations having been found necessary ; but while he was a good fellow all round, and doubtless a good Bishop [illegible] there are many in Bombay who owe him a grudge for having started the vandal movement for substituting Bombay's grand old historial Cathedral by a more pretentious edifice with a better "frontage."

Mr. T. A. Pearson has vacated the bench of the Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta and his successor sat for the first time yesterday. Poor Mr. Pearson certainly deserved sympathy in his labours, for he was one of those ultra-conscientious beings whose capacity for taking pains makes an hour's hard work of what another might accomplish equally well in ten minutes. Withal he was a worthy man and a man who meant well, and if by comparison with certain of his predecessors he seemed to fall somewhat short of one's ideal of what a police magistrate should be, and though his judgments and methods raised a smile here or a snarl there, we all believe he tried to do his best. Some native pleaders of his court presented him with a certificate of character in the shape of an address last Saturday and we are told Mr. Pearson was "much touched."

London Week by Week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, *Friday, 2nd October 1903.*

THE Cabinet crisis which, unlike mere commonplace crises, appears not to be at all critical, continues ; we are getting quite used to it and await developments with indulgent disinterest. Mr. Balfour, a special correspondent thoughtfully wired on Saturday when he passed through Aberdeen on Saturday on his way from Balmoral "after giving instructions to his valet, walked slowly down the platform with his eyes fixed on the ground, apparently deeply engrossed in thought. He stopped for a few minutes at the station bookstall, and after making a purchase there, proceeded to the Station Hotel." Positively hypnotic in its engrossing character isn't it? Lord Milner arrived in town on Tuesday and "declined to discuss the business which had brought him to England" ; which when one thinks of it was not singular. He has of course been kept under close press observation and we know exactly what time he has called in Downing Street and what hour he came away. Sometimes we even hear by which door he came out, and can draw inferences concerning the prospect of his accepting the Colonial Office from his choice of exit by Downing Street or the Horse Guards parade. The papers vie with one another in heaping fuel (of this kind) on the sinking glow of public interest, but without much result.

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The fogs have come upon us earlier than usual this year, we have not suffered much in town so far—at least those who don't get out of bed too early have not—but in the channel on the east coast and in the Solent traffic has been much delayed. On Saturday last vessels coming round the Wight to Southamptoon had to anchor for hours before they could proceed.

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We were threatened with a big cab strike at the end of last week under circumstances which would have ensured cabby a good deal of sympathy. The Commissioner of Police issued an order which if carried out would have been productive of quite as much inconvenience to the cab-using public as to the cabmen: it forbade empty cabs to pass through Regent Street, Bond Street, Oxford Street, the Strand and Piccadilly; the four streets in London where people most often call hansoms. It was a *bêtise* proceeding and the London cabby not being quite so tame as the motussil ticca gharry wallah, objected. The Cab Drivers' Union took the matter up and succeeded in convincing Scotland Yard of its mistake: for the order has been rescinded in so far as to allow empty cabs to pass along the streets named at a trot. As the cabhorse can trot at about four miles an hour when necessary, this will do.

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"Dolly Varden", who made her *début* at the Avenue last night, is no relation to the eminent locksmith and the lady of the Protestant Manual. She pertains to the eighteen century and seems to be an offshoot of the same family as our tried friend the "Country Girl" or Wycherley's "Country Wife:" somehow, whatever her descent she is bright and sparkling and very full of the tuneful melodies beloved of the unserious playgoer: and was welcomed with acclamation. The main thread of the story is quite strong enough for comic opera. Dolly (Miss Mabelle Gilman) is an heiress and her guardian John Fairfox (Mr. Tom Daniel) is pardonably anxious to wed her himself: most desirable heiress in every way: I sympathised with John Fairfox. To the end that Dolly shall not fall a prey to anyone else, she is allowed to take outdoor exercise only in a bottomless sedan chair: rather a quaint notion that serves well on the stage. John, however, has forgotten that Dolly has beautiful feet and ankles and though the rest of her is securely shut in chaired Captain Belleville sees and falls in love with that end of the lady: dogs her home and adores her important remainder. Follows a game of fence between Dolly and Fairfox, who, of course, is roused to intervene between Belleville and his love: in which game Dolly of course outwits her guardian. The business here is a trifle thin even for comic opera: Dolly might no doubt persuade Fairfox that Bellevelle is really in love with his sister Letitia (Miss Sylvia Sablanc) but when she borrows Letitia's cloak and so disguised (?) obtains the indispensable "leave to marry" from Fairfox, we feel it is asking too much of indulgence. The dialect used by some of the characters is quaint: and the "book" is not brilliant: but the music and the dresses and the dancing cover a multitude of shortcomings and the audience was charmed into indulgence.

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I question whether Mr. A. P. K. S. Carlton's new Farcical Comedy in Three Acts entitled "Dumbbell Daisy" has a career before it. The thing is feeble: its humour is of the "knockabout eccentrics" order and those who discern exquisite drollery in the spectacle of a stout female undressing herself will no doubt be delighted with it. I must confess to a certain vagueness about the plot, and to this hour am far from sure that it has any: the general impression left on my mind is of a large woman: a "strong woman" of the music hall stage who by force of muscle dominates everybody else: of much hiding behind doors and in cupboards: of boxing bouts between "Daisy" the strong woman and small men: and of underwear not commonly exposed to the public eye elsewhere than in shop windows "trimmed with Real Lace, etc., etc. The gallery found the piece much to its liking, and the closer it stiled to improprieties the louder the laughter from above.

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"Mummydom" is the name of the curtain-raiser. It is the handiwork of Mr. Rutland Barrington and Mr. W. Bendall. Three mummies, father, mother and daughter come to life for an hour once in every ten centuries and must return to the grave unless they can find humans to take their places. Three tourists, father, mother and son come along bickering and squabbling, and in the presence of the Rameses family wish they were dead and in the peaceful tomb. Thus the Rameses get a fresh lease of life and have a startling time with the conveniences of civilisation till their return to bed. Some of the music was pretty and tuneful, but the piece was thin even for a curtain-raiser. The Great Queen Street Theatre is the scene of these novelties.

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Loie Fuller is among us again. She appeared at the Palace on Wednesday and is the same Loie Fuller we knew in years agone. She has made some difference in her *mise en scene*: turns her background to better account by draping with gauze curtains, she provides a soft hazy mysterious rainbow effect which enhances the whirling, floating, dazzling figure in front. The result is always beautiful and sometimes quite impressive: her display is divided into four scenes "In Space," "Among the Butterflies," "Water," and I suppose we are to read the "X X X X" on the programme for "Hell." Anyway "X X X X" is startling, almost fearsome, the stage appearing alive with flames. "In Space" may be called a study in weather, or a weather dance: the snow scene was particularly well done. Loie Fuller had a great reception and has a renewed season of success before her.

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There was a lively meeting of the Lyceum Theatre Co. Ld., on Wednesday. The chairman announced that the fourth year of the Company's existence had been most disastrous, and that the directors thought the only way to retrieve its fortunes was to convert the house into a Variety Theatre: an announcement which was received with roars of derisive laughter. A letter from Sir H. Irving was read by Mr. Bram Stoker. Sir Henry naturally deplored the proposition to convert the Lyceum from a house of legitimate drama to a music hall, but wrote that he would not oppose if the majority of shareholders wished it. This letter did a good deal to restore the temper of by no means conciliatory shareholders. There are, it appears, great difficulties of selling the house if a buyer could be found: and after two hours of more or less stormy debate the motion to reconstruct the house and make it into a music hall was carried. *Sic transit*, etc. After all the majority of shareholders are mere ordinary men who do not care to "elevate" the public with remunerative but high-toned drama at their expense: and having regard to the enhanced possibilities opened up by the creation of the new Kingsway and Aldwych hard by they prefer to "go on" and put a little more money into the pit music hall venture. I wonder if the manager will change the name: it ought to be done. Without being one of Sir H. Irving's perfervid admirers I think it would be a pity to associate the name he made famous with music hall entertainments, however good and however pregnant with success.

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By the way writing of music hall business Arthur Roberts is going to return to the London stage after two years' absence.

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There are two books towards which the tail of my eye has been wandering while I write these notes: one is the late M. de Blowitz's "Memoirs" which must wait till the mail goes for perusal: and the other is Kipling's new book of poems "The Five Nations", which I have dipped into. Some of the prices are very familiar, "Recessional" and "The Islanders" for example; but there is much that is new and, as one would expect, much of the new is inspired by the war. The poet's impressions gained in South Africa have been allowed time to resolve and shape themselves and some of the verse-results are worthy of Kipling at his best. One impression produced by reading some of the pieces, takes strengthening clearness in any mind: to wit that Kipling is growing older: he seems to me to strike here and again an even deeper note than is his wont; his passion is more restrained and his tone graver: though in his soldier pieces the old dash, rollicking, cynical, rude but convincing is as youthful as ever. Perhaps it will cover the case if we say he has both broadened and deepened, mentally speaking. You will not have space for much in the shape of quotation and I fear me that I may tread on the heels of your reviewers: but these lines on Cecil Rhodes, in memoriam, appeal to me to set them here:—

"It is his will that he look forth
Across the world he won—
The granite of the ancient North—
Great spaces washed with sun."

This is from one of the best of the soldier poems: it is as good an example of the poet's power of vivid concentration, of sweeping summary as I remember.

"Same tumble down on the same 'idden farm,
Save white-eyed Kaffir 'oo gives the alarm,
"Same shootin' wind at the end o' the night,
Same flyin' tackle an' same messy fight.....
"Same chilly glare in the eye of the sun,
As 'e gets up displeasured to see what was done,
"Same spinsh o' pink on the stoep or the kraal,
An' the same quiet face which 'as finished with all."

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For months the *Times* has been pleading with us almost tearfully to buy the "Ency. Brit." at less than half price and pay even that on the instalment system: and still it has some copies to sell. It seems to have lost its massive temper this week for it came out with a full page advertisement full of warnings very like threats. If you dont buy the Ency. Brit. *at once* for half price, you will have to pay the full price to a bookseller who will make a profit at your expense and so will the *Times*. Do you mean to buy it or not? That is what the *Times* wishes to know. I should really like to have the useful work, but the cost is one consideration and shelf room is another. Had I £30 to spare and a few cubic feet of space to spare I should not hesitate.

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I suppose shoplifting is a common offence in London: and its frequency I suppose will explain the curious little experience which befell a friend the other day. She was in Harrods' Stores; having made a purchase she laid hands on an umbrella on the counter she mistook for her own and was leaving when a stranger claimed the umbrella which my friend surrendered with apologies to recover her own from the shop floor. Her apologies were received with great coolness. The incident reminded her that she wanted presents for two girls, and she was moved to give her generosity the shape of umbrellas. Getting into an omnibus with her three brollies to return home she was astonished by the only other occupant of the 'bus remarking with disagreeable point "So you 've had a pretty good day after all, I see."

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Which reminds me of a little bit of scandal that out of an umbrella; it has been whispered in corners pretty freely of late. A certain soldier, member of one of the service clubs, missed his brella from the stand: it had a plate with name on it and he made known his loss on club notice board, but without result; and a week or ten days he went to the maker ordered another explaining that his own had steriously vanished. The man of brollies smiled riously and said it was very odd; but he had at that moment Colonel——'s missing umbrella in the house: it had been brought in by a gentleman who had ordered the name plate to be removed and replaced by a plate bearing his own. With some difficulty Colonel——wrung the name of the gentleman from the shopman; it was that of a member of his own club. To him Colonel——wrote requiring him to take his name off the member's roll or face exposure; the umbrella thief took the former alternative with expedition.

ONLOOKER.

Old John Day was a strict observer of the Sabbath, never exercising his horses on that day, and he used to tell a story in support of his principle. One Sunday morning Mr. Padwick came down with a party of friends to see his Derby favourite, Belgrade, at exercise. It would make thousands of pounds difference to him, he said, if his friends could see his horse at exercise, and his beautiful action when extended, instead of merely seeing him in the stable.

"Belgrade is your horse," Old John replied, "and so are the others, and you can do what you like with them: if you take them out Goater may go with them, if he likes, but you must excuse me."

Mr. Padwick accepted the compromise, and Belgrade and a few more were taken on to the Downs. While galloping with the older stable companion Belgrade suddenly became frightened at nothing—or, at least, nothing could be seen. The horse generally of a most docile disposition he became quite unmanageable, dashing off at a furious pace down a steep hill which was almost a precipice, while the boy who was riding him threw himself off in affright. In vain did Goater on a hack and Padwick in his carriage give chase. Belgrade soon out-distanced them, after saddle, bridle, and every particle of his clothing had been sent flying.

Nothing more was seen or heard of him that night; but early the next morning, just as John Day was about to set out to scour the country, a man called at Danebury to inquire if a horse were missing, as one was caught in his yard late the night before, and was then at the end of the barn, tied up with a halter. A lad was despatched at once. It proved to be the missing horse, and the truant was brought back in a most terrible plight, and though, as has been intimated, he was at the time first favourite for the Derby, strange to say, after that eventful Sunday gallop he was never good for anything again.

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Review.

A CRICKETER IN INDIA.

IT is a curious fact that those "globe trotters" who set themselves the task of writing a book on their travels without intention to instruct almost invariably contrive to give a very much better and truer picture of Indian life, as they see it, than the conscientious but mistaken visitor whose book aims at the enlightenment of his, or her, brethren at home. Mr. Cecil Headlam's book is a case in point. The author enjoys this advantage that he was a member of the Oxford Authentics team which toured India and Burma last cold season: his name is therefore familiar to us as a cricketer, more particularly as a very smart wicket keeper: and this amusing and at the same time sensible and discriminating book proves that he is as alert in seizing impressions of men and things as he showed himself behind the bails. His qualifications for writing a book are manifest in the circumstance that cricket, the purpose which brought him hither, falls into its proper place in his pages: he gives it no undue prominence; his book is not the book of a cricketer pure and simple but of an observant and intelligent man of the world with eyes for all interests and phases of life; and if we give prominence to his remarks on cricket it is to be understood that we are dealing with only one phase, and that a very subordinate phase of the book

Mr. Headlam was impressed with the increasing interest taken by natives in cricket, the growing appreciation of the game as he aptly says "is one of those striking and significant facts which are never recorded in Blue Books" We do not think that the importance as an influence for good in moulding native character is exaggerated; it is the cricketer who writes the following passages, but the [illegible]racy and point cannot we think be gainsaid "—but cricket unit[illegible] . . the rulers and the ruled. It also provides a moral trainin[illegible] an education in pluck and nerve and self-restraint far more [illegible]ble to the character of the ordinary native than the mere learn[illegible] by heart of a play of Shakespeare or an essay of Macaulay which is reckoned education in India." Mr. Headlam, by the way, is unsparing and incisive in his criticism of the so-called education provided at enormous cost for the baboo. He recognises the excellence of the ideal; but he thinks and few sensible people will not agree with him, that the authorities are "endeavouring to compass this aim by the worst system of so-called education ever devised by the wit of man. The mistake . . . . has been made of supposing that examination in lessons learned by rote is the instigator and the test of that moral and intellectual training which should be the meaning of the word Education." Mr Headlam holds cricket a far more valuable discipline than cram-book schooling and we most cordially agree with him. Some of the passages in his book will open the eyes of people at home. He was astonished in Bombay to behold young India at every street corner batting and bowling with the utmost keenness. He deplores the fact that Britishers do not play more regularly and more generally, but he recognises that the superior attractions of polo and shikar are in some measure accountable for this: also, he realises that cricket out here is not the same thing as cricket in the old country. The voice of experience speaks in the following extract:—

"...if, as at Bombay, you play in the monsoon, the wickets, baked by a hot sun after heavy daily rain, are just a bit of glue, and give the batsman no fun, while the bowlers feel the effect of th[illegible] burning, exhausting sun, and quickly modify their run, los[illegible] sting, and, as the phrase goes, soon bowl only twelve an[illegible] the rupee. If, on the other hand, you play in the cold w[illegible] you cannot without very great expense and trouble in wa[illegible] provide a tolerable grass wicket at all."

The fact that the majority of us have work to do, and p[illegible] of it, militates against regular play: it is not everyone w[illegible] give up the necessary time to the game, Polo is a game w[illegible] among its other great merits, does not make such large de[illegible] u, on the short leisure of busy men; and this Mr. Headlam [illegible] recognises. There is another passage of which we can a prec[illegible] the force better than those for whose enlightenment it [illegible] written:—

You go out on to the ground to play, and you get at once yo[illegible] first and probably most lasting impression of cricket in India. It is an impression of sun, dazzling, exhausting, baking, cooking, deceptive sun. It is not till you have seen it and played in it that you realise why it is that every team on tour, visiting India or Australia, plays always, at any rate at first, a little below par, twelve annas to the rupee. Some players indeed it suits, but they are not many. For this sun is not the sun which we know at home. It is different not only in degree, but in kind from the sun which we know and love in Europe. In England the sun is a thing to be thankful for and to bask in: in India it is a thing to curse and to dread. Build your houses so that the sun cannot get into them dress yourself so that the deadly rays cannot injure you, and order your life so that you may keep within doors in the hot weather between nine and four. That is a different sort of power from that of the sun which we welcome at home. And it feels different.

That the sun "helps you to raise a thirst" is one of its minor advantages, which the author gratefully acknowledges. It is fortunate that the disadvantages under which cricket is played in this country are less apparent to the native than to the Anglo-Indian. The value of sports and games in bringing the different races together on a common footing of interest is acknowledged; there is no other means whereby the ruling race and the ruled can hope to approach mutual the understanding; and we are glad that the importance of cricket as an "Imperial factor" should have been set out by a hand so competent as Mr. Headlam's.

Space forbids us to refer to the many other attractive features of this book at the length their very real merits deserve; but we can heartily recommend it to our readers as a mine of amusement so ably wrought that it affords the thoughtful much food for reflection. The illustrations are numerous and very good.

* *Ten Thousand Miles through India and Burma.* By Cecil Headlam. Dent & Co., London.

A PRINCE OF SINNERS.

A PRETTILY told story somewhat recalling one of the earlier efforts of Besant is this up-to-date novel by G. Phillips Oppenheim, author of "The Survivor," "A Millionaire of Yesterday," etc. The plot it is scarcely fair to reveal, so much of the interest of the book depending on the methods by which it is worked out, a "prince of sinners" finally giving place to a "prince of good fellows." As in "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" the reader is given more than a superficial peep at the dens of poverty, misery, iniquity and vice; but, on the other hand, this does not prevent the author from portraying with distinct success a couple of charming women characters who live and move and have their being in *la monde l'on on s'amuse*, and with no less effect the vulgar but good hearted and right principled moneyed middle class man, with his pretentious impossible daughters who act as a splendid foil to their pretty and refined cousin. The hero, in spite of his being a trifle priggish we feel more than ordinarily drawn to, and his character is consistent throughout. We can scarcely say the same for the heroine—the pretty conscientious hard-working cousin. For would any girl of Mary's style have so far sacrificed it as to have made that involuntary confession to the man so undeniably *not* her lover, as she did on the evening of the *tête-à-tête* tea-party when "she stumbled to her feet, and suddenly stooping down, laid her burning cheeks against his," though it is easy to believe the hero too priggish to have made the least deviation from the line he had mapped out for himself because of it. Perhaps the pretty cousin is not the less interesting because of her unexpected weakness. Certainly she is not the less puzzling and woman, as we know, has ever held the right of being, to the opposite sex, at least, a delightful problem. How it all works out, will doubtless be of far more interest to the reader of the well told story if instead of giving him any clue we leave him to find out for himself.

A Prince of Sinners by E. Phillips Oppenheim; illustrations by Wilson. London; Ward Lock and Co., Ld.; New York and Melbourne 1903.

THE GOLD WOLF.

"ONE of Ourselves" might almost as appropriately have been the title of Max Pemberton's new book, for in this high pressure, twentieth century existence of ours when a passion for grabbing and grubbing seems to be the key note of existence, which of us does not cherish a secret fondness for the "Gold Wolf"? The volume lying before us gives the history of a man who paid nearly with his life for disregarding nature's warning for many months, a man so engrossed in his money-gaining transactions that he gradually became a slave, body and soul, to the "Gold Wolf." For some time "he had known that which he would have confessed to no living man. The wonderful brain, the surpassing gift of concentration were failing him surely. He had drawn heavy cheques upon the mind's bank, and the balance shrank every day. He knew that nature had sounded a warning bell for him—not once, but many times; and he had neglected it..........He did not dare to rest. Riches, fame, the honour of his financial house forbade it...........Let him draw back, and thousands might fall in that tremendous catac ysm. Such was the state of mind of the man who, in the supreme moment when he realized that the Doctor's verdict was true, and that nature would sound no more warning bells, (for if he did not stop and rest and take breath, as it were, there would be no more breath to take) had no woman's love and sympathy to support him. For he had married titled poverty, just as the woman to whom he had given his name had married common-place wealth. Lady Hermione's sudden and wholly unexpected death forms the mystery that in some three hundred odd pages is elucidated, and the story of *The Gold Wolf* ' ends not unlike the fairy tales of one's childhood, in this respect at least, that the chief dramatis personæ are left "married to live happy ever after." Profusely illustrated by Maurice Griffenhagen, and with such incidents as "May Races" at the universities, the theft of some famous rubies—the discovery of which finally track the author of Lady Hermione's death—skilfully introduced, Max Pemberton's latest story is readable enough.

The Gold Wolf by Max Pemberton, author of Kronstadt, etc., etc. London Ward Lock & Co., Ld, 1903.

COUNT ZARKA.

[illegible]E spirited Hungarian romance to which the author gives [illegible]he name of his hero, has in it all the elements of the [illegible]ble, and the unreal—and yet withal is fascinating enough [illegible]e the reader's attention from start to finish. A Magyar [illegible]ne of the richest and most influential of the great [illegible] nobles owning large domains on the outskirts of [illegible] kidnapped under the very noses of the authorities, [illegible]ed in a dungeon belonging to the hero. Thence he [illegible]fter some thrilling adventures, which include a duel [illegible]vo girls, adventures with wild boars, and numerous [illegible]dth escapes. The hero-villain is comfortably disposed [illegible] the timely rush of an avalanche, the kidnapped prince restored to his own, valour rewarded and beauty consoled—all after the most approved methods. In capital binding and delightfully clear print the volume is just such a one as is handy when journeying by rail or boat, and the perusal of its pages will doubtless wile away a weary hour.

Count Zarka—a romance by Sir William, Magnay Bart. Author of "The Red Chancellor." "The Fall of a Star," etc. London Ward Lock & Co., Ld New York and Melbourne 1903.

Shikar.

A SPORTING HERD.

IT was the darkest hour of the night—the hour preceding dawn—as we left the Swiss chalet-like wooden bungalow, situated picturesquely by the side of a small winding stream at the foot of the——hills, and started out in search of a herd of bison reported to be in the neighbourhood. The bright silvery face of the Lady of the Night was hidden behind thick banks of clouds which had welled up from the sea-board the evening before and a thick wet river mist enveloped everything, the trees standing up out of it like dark wakeful sentinels keeping watch and ward over the marches of the animal world. The effluvia rising from the damp sodden jungle would have made the most rabid amongst the disciples of the anopheles creed change his views as to the sole source of the malaria fiend.

For an hour and more we plodded on in the darkness, floundering through mire or stumbling into the deep imprints left by wild elephants, bison and animals of the many descriptions which comprised the fauna of this sportsman's paradise. Such one thought, must have been the state of the water-sodden globe when the animals issued from the Ark at the bidding of the greatest of mythological animal tamers.

The dawn broke slowly, almost unwillingly, and the light struggled fitfully through the dense mist. This latter, however, lightened perceptively, as one got further and further away from the stream and as daylight dissipated the gloom we could see that we had entered a dense bamboo forest, the ground beneath our feet being more or less of a morass. Less than a mile of this and we got into the open scrub again and to our right the hills appeared towering up amongst the masses of slowly writhing cloud. The effects given by the play of the morning light upon this panorama of hill and slowly rolling vapor were very beautiful.

To me
High mountains are a feeling, but the hum of
human cities torture.

We had now picked up the tracks of the herd, not the small one of eight we had come out to seek but of a much larger one known to comprise some 30 animals, amongst which was a good old bull, which had been seen in the locality a few days before. These tracks were quite fresh evidently made during the night and we held on our way in the utmost silence. Owing to the sodden state of the jungle stalking was by no means difficult, but every now and then a twig drier than the rest would get beneath one's feet and go off like a pistol shot and the large thorns of the slender side branches of the giant bamboo were a never-ending source of annoyance. Did one stoop ever so low, even to assuming the derogatory position of all fours, a sharp-pointed spike would be sure to be ready to catch one exactly in the centre of the back and it required considerable self-restraint not to give vent to audible maledictions. Or an unusually deep swampy part of the forest would be reached, to be lightly passed over by the trackers, but in which, being in thick shooting boots and loaded with a heavy rifle, one sunk to the knees. To get out absolutely silently was an impossibility and the look upon the shikari's face at the slightest noise made one feel as if the lot of a condemned man upon the scaffold with the rope round his neck was by comparison quite an enviable one. Another painful experience accompanying tracking, which in its intensity becomes almost agony, is the intense desire to cough which often assails one. This disagreeable experience must I am sure be common to many. One struggles against it, remembers that the wish is quite unusual, one never ordinari[illegible] this idiotic desire, that it is only necessary to think about something else to forget all about it—it is of no use; after breathing deeply, breathing lightly, breathing through the nose, and not breathing at all, which results in semi-suffocation, one has to give in and then—the shikari's hopeless look of surprise and pain!!

All the above experiences were gone through as we cautiously followed on the trail of the slowly moving herd. Fresher and fresher had become the indications that they were not far off and for some fifteen minutes we had been moving forward, the conditions being unusually favourable, without a sound to break the harmony of the proceedings. Suddenly the silence is broken. A short sharp snappy bark-like roar cleaves the air, a short rush in the forest on our left flank, and we know that we are up to the herd and that it has winded us. See us they could [illegible] nor we them, as we had entered a giant bamboo fo[illegible] interspersed with tall trees and a thick growth of hi[illegible] grass. Intense silence succeeded for a few seconds [illegible]oken only by the twittering of a few small birds in a neighbouring tree. Then followed the well known and intensely thrilling rush of heavy animals in heavy jungle as the herd closed up, apparently uncertain as to which point to look for the danger. As animal after animal took fright the sounds increased to a crashing roar and as the leader at last made up its mind the roar bore down in our direction with a deafening sound, as of some great mountain stream in turbulent flood. No time had we for thought. Action was imperative A hurried whisper from Anacondu (the head shikari) which was scarcely necessary, even if I could have understood the gibberish which took the place with him of a Christian language (his English was limited to "elephan," "bisn," "samur,' mine, of the wild sounds he produced, nil), and we closed up to a big bamboo clump which happened to be handy. I waited, muscles braced to their utmost tension, nerves and heart playing hide and seek throughout my anatomy after the fashion of a young lady's when the harmless *Mus communis* makes its uninvited appearance, on the floor of the boudoir and finger on trigger. It was a wildly exciting moment and would have long marked the day with a white corner stone had not one even more enlivening occurred later in the day. It was short lived however, as suddenly the herd, swerving to their left front as one, went crashing away through the forest like a tornado. The foremost bison were within 15 to 20 yards as they turned but not one did we see owing to the thick cover. Relief was written over the faces of my companions and I am sure it must have been very legibly imprinted upon mine. So sudden had been the rush that the whole thing could only have lasted a minute and yet one had lived a life in that short space of time! Whilst the herd were trampling a broad line through the forest, the roar gradually decreasing to a faint far off murmer,—like a Calcutta Nor-Easter blowing itself out—we held a hurried consultation, the trackers in words, I in forcible pantomim. Anacondu lit a match (he had matches of his own on him, but I noticed he used mine which I had given him to carry along with my tobacco pouch—a small point but one so characteristic of the native. Would we were all as careful. We'd all make our fortunes!) and the slight air moving showed how the herd had winded us. They had doubled in their tracks slightly to their left and were on our left flank as we came up.

We now took up the trail again and for a short time silence was not so absolutely essential. We had scarcely moved forward when a fine sambur stag broke from a bamboo clump on our right. He was within a few yards and I

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just got a snap-shot view of him as he bounded away. He need not have troubled as we were in search of lordlier game than he. The direction in which the bison had proceeded soon took us out of the heavy cane jungle in which we had put them up so unwittingly and unwillingly and but for the swampyness of the forest hereabouts the going would have been comparatively easy. My excitement grew as we got out into the more open jungle as one now had some hopes of being able to see one's game, hide and seek with a herd of bison in thick forest being a form of pastime a trifle trying even to the best of nerves. Cold and wet and dirt (between heavy mist, tropical showers and miry bogs I was by now in a sorry plight as regards appearance, but who thinks of that when the game is afoot and when that game is the bison!) and the worries of bugs and thorns, not to omit friend anopheles all passed unnoticed now as we stole onwards, searching carefully every portion of the forest. It must have been well over an hour later when we again came up with the herd. There was a slight fall in the ground, the forest being of fairly open character A little distance ahead was one of those partial openings or natural clearings, consisting of heavy boggy soil covered with a crop of coarse 8-foot high grass and scattered clumps of bushes, which were common to the forests of this part of India. The bison were grazing near the far end of this clearing, the forest beyond having much the same character as that we were in. It could be seen that the herd was very considerably scattered and the wary animals were evidently not aware of our presence, but caution was nevertheless imperative as should the bison wind or see us again they would certainly not give me another chance. Moving forward with the utmost care I strove to make out the big bull I had been told was present in the herd, but search failed to show him to me. Some outlying cows away to the right were evidently beginning to get suspicious and uneasy and one suddenly turned and fronted us, standing stock still with ears thrown forward to catch the slightest sound, head well up and nostrils agape to catch the slightest taint in the breeze. It was evident that she had not seen us; but that instinct of self preservation so strong in the jungle denizen and developed to a marvellous degree in the great hulking brutes before me evidently told her that there was something unusual about and told me that I had no time to lose if I wished to secure a reward for a heavy morning's work. Glancing again over the heads I could see from my position I singled out what appeared to be a fair-sized bull and let fly. The bullet struck him true and he turned and made off in a line dead away from us, entering the forest behind the clearing almost at once. Instant confusion and turmoil arose and we dashed forward, half right as a glance showed that the herd was closing hope of up in that direction, and as quick as the awful state of the ground would permit, in the making out and getting a shot at the big bull. The herd had all collected in the open clearing and as we reached the edge of the forest and dashed or rather stumbled into the mazy boggy opening—it could not be called a sylvan glade—we pulled up short in sheer amazement and wonder at the most remarkable sight it has ever fallen to my lot to witness. A hurried glance at Anacondu's face informed me that he was equally surprised, if not equally interested and enthusiastic! For there, less than 50 yards away, was the herd—a herd of some 30 bison closed up together in battle array—a serried seething mass of wildly tossing, brightly gleaming, yellow horns and waving uplifted tails. I have said that the herd appeared to be, closing up on the right as we started to rush forward but I had imagined it was only due to their all taking the same direction in flight. Of course to make progress at all in such abominable going one's eyes had to be fixed upon one's feet and therefore the movements of the herd could not be seen during our short forward rush. The point we had aimed for and reached would, we had thought, take them in a diagonal line away from us and across our front. After closing up they had, however, turned and the direction they appeared to be taking, for they were moving forward in short sharp steps, evidently a very enraged herd, would bring them diagonally just past on right front. Did they swerve but slightly in their charge, for there could be little doubt about their amiable intentions, they would be over us. We were both in the open and there was no clump of bushes of any size near us that the herd could not go right through. I shall probably never see such a sight again nor will it be ever effaced from my memory. The bison at all times in his native jungles is a magnificent beast. With black glossy gleaming back and flanks, clean snow-white stockings and massive head. What a picture he makes when, turned to bay and really angry, he stands quivering with rage and fury before his wild onslaught on to his foe. Such I had seen before and for such I was prepared. But to see the picture multiplied by 30. It was stupendous! I had never seen but had often read about and also heard of authentic cases of a herd closing up *en masse* to get rid of the too pressing attentions of a tiger, but I was unaware of the existence of a herd sporting enough to close up to charge a man. The position and sight, although of the nature to set the blood dancing through one's veins at the double, was too serious and urgent, however, for more than the most hasty study and reflection on points of natural history, especially as there appeared every likelihood of the notes never being recorded for the benefit of sportsmen The herd did not care about natural history, but it evidently did care, and care very much, about its breakfast and intended to dispute the possession of that, to it, luscious steamy bog clearing. The distance between us had already perceptibly diminished, for they had not stopped their forward movement, but with loud snortings had edged closer and closer in their endeavour to see exactly what the danger was before the leader sounded the charge. Matters had now therefore become more exciting than pleasant. Our only chance was to turn them but even at this juncture I made one more last effort to pick out the big bull (and Anacondu I learnt afterwards had tried to do the same) but in that sea of tossing horns it was impossible and so, as there was little time to waste, I picked out what I hoped would be a bull and let drive at it. There was a waver, I thought—I hoped—and as I fired my last barrel the herd broke from a smart trot to a lumbering gallop, swerved to their left and went off though the forest with that well-known crashing roar of sound. Music sweeter than their retreating footsteps I have rarely heard and though music was not in the thoughts of my companions, for the two other trackers emerged from somewhere behind, solid content was expressed on their countenances. The herd had crashed off, but not all. Two angry bellows proclaimed the fact that they had left one of their number behind and we at once proceeded to move cautiously forward in the direction from which the sounds emanated. A few yards from where the herd had advanced in battle array the forest commenced again and just within this we saw a bison down, struggling in its death agony. Stealing forward finger on trigger I crept to within fifteen paces. The beast, with a short bellow, tried to rise but it was too far spent: a couple of groans and a deep sigh and its sporting spirit had departed to the happy hunting lands. After making sure the bison was dead we went up to it and to my intense chagrin I found that it was an old cow. At the time of firing in my attempt to turn the herd I of course knew that the chances were rather in favour of my hitting a cow but with the brutes showing such a determined front and aggressiveness the risk had to be taken if I ever wished to fire another shot —the rules of sport and the forest notwithstanding. The fates willed that I should have bad luck! I turned away with a feeling of annoyance and commenced to look for the blood of the bull I had first wounded. My disgust was increased by the demeanour of the men who, to my surprise, answered my enquiries as to where the bull had stood when I fired by stating and showing that they did not think I had hit it. Hit or not every inch of that ground was going to be carefully searched, to that I at once made up my mind. Some distance from the cow we came upon some blood. This they at once put down as being the the cow's. I was too certain, however, about my shot to give in and I took a wide cast in the direction I believed the bull had gone. After some search, only half heartedly joined in by the men, I found some blood on some tall grass. I pointed it out triumphantly to Anacondu. The mixed look of pity and amusement on his face as he stooped to pick some of the blades was good to see and so was the rapid transfiguration which would on his finding blood, fresh blood, upon his fingers. All listlessness vanished now. With a wounded bull about no time to skulk and they all set to work with a vengement Cautiously and carefully we followed the tracks and we came upon a mass of clotted frothy blood which was sufficient proof that the animal had met its death blow and that it was only a matter of time as to where it dropped. For the next two hours we followed the trail, the blood never ceasing and over and over again did the rifle come up to the shoulder at the snap of a bamboo or twig. It is nerve-stretching work walking up a wounded bison in thick jungle and the wounded bull took us through some of the nastiest places we had seen that morning, progression being often only possible on hands and knees And those bamboo thorns! Every bamboo clump, each patch of tall grass, big tree or thick bush might shelter the wounded and doubtless enraged brute and the spirit which animated this most sporting of herds led me to anticipate a vicious charge should we be spotted as we approached and he be still capable of making it. After some two and a half hours we reached a small hill on which the forest was of a more open nature. The blood trail took us over this and disappeared into what proved to be a large stretch of bamboo jungle on the far side. After satisfying myself that this was so and sending a couple of men to see that the bull was not in the immediate vicinity I had reluctantly to relinquish further search My time was up, my resting place for that night was the bungalow of a friend many miles distant and on the morrow I had to start for the far North. It was a sad blow as I wanted to look upon that bull. There was little doubt that its trophy, which from the size of the tracks there was every reason to even then think would be a good one, would take its place amongst many another hardly earned one, but I wished to see it in its native wilds. However there was no help for it. An eight mile tramp through swampy boggy forests followed by another eight miles on the pad of an elephant lay between me and my night's halting place, and there was no time to lose if I wanted to get there before dark. Leaving two men to continue the search, for Anakondu was certain the bull would drop that day, with the hope of liberal *bakshesh* as a reward for success, I started on one of the worst eight miles it has ever been my lot to have to accomplish. The excitement of the tracking being now absent there was nothing to keep one's attention off the vileness of the ground we covered, and to add to the discomfort the rain of one of the wettest months of the year commenced falling with that steady persistence which means that it has set in for good. But what are such minor trifles and disagreeables in comparison to such a day as I had had. Shall I ever see such a sight as that closed up herd again—those wildly tossing, gleaming yellow horns and stiffened, erect, waving tails. Shall I ever watch it determinedly making up its mind to charge and, with blood wildly coursing through my veins, shall I realize that that charge is meant for me! Yes I shall see it, nay, I have seen it—but it was in shadow land, in that land in which, locked in the arms of Morpheus, one re hopes one's hopes and re-fights one's battles o'er again.

THE VAGRANT.

BOMBAY SHIKAR RULES.

THE current *Bombay Government Gazette* contains the following:—

It is officially notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 25, clause (i), Section 31, clause (j), and Section 75 clause (d), of the Indian Forest Act, 1878 (VII of 1878), and in supersession of Government Notification No. 6254, dated the 25th July, 1894, his Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, to prescribe the following rules to regulate hunting, shooting, poisoning of water, and the use of traps or snares in the Reserved and Protected Forests of the Bombay Presidency excluding Sind.

1. The following acts are absolutely prohibited in all Reserved and Protected Forests:—

(a) the poisoning of rivers or other water, and the explosion of dynamite therein for the purpose of killing or catching fish;

(b) the setting of spring guns;

(c) the taking, wounding or killing of big game, other than tiger, panther, wolf, hyæna, wild dog, pig or bear, over water or salt licks;

(b) wounding or killing the females of deer, antelope, or bigon;

(c) wounding or killing any game birds or hares during close season fixed in the Appendix.

2. The setting of snares or traps is prohibited in all Reserved and Protected Forests except with the written permission of the Divisional Forest Officer.

3. (a) In any Reserved or Protected Forest or portions of Reserved or Protected Forest to which the Local Government may, for the purpose of strict conservation, or for the preservation of animals which are becoming rare, or for both of these purposes, apply this and the following rules by a Notification published in the *Bombay Government Gazette* hunting and shooting are prohibited except under a license to be obtained from the Conservator of Forests.

(b) Every license issued under clause (a) of this rule shall permit the holder only to hunt and shoot and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of its grant in any Reserved or Protected Forest in the Presidency to which these rules are made applicable under clause (a) subject to the condition that before it has effect in any Forest division in which the licensee does not reside or exercise jurisdiction, it must be countersigned by the Divisional Forest Officer.

(c) No such license shall entitle the holder to hunt or shoot more than two stags or bulls of each species of animal to be specified in the license, according to a list to be prepared for each Forest Division by the Conservator of Forests.

4. Licenses shall not be refused except for special reasons to be stated in writing.

5. Wounded game may be pursued into the forest of the Division adjoining that for which the license is valid or into a forest closed under Rule 8.

6. A license granted under these rules shall not be transferable

7. Every person to whom a license has been granted under these rules, and who is found hunting, shooting, snaring or trapping in any forest to which these rules apply shall on demand by any Forest, Police or Revenue Officer, produce his license.

8. The Conservator may on the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer and the Collector, declare that any particular forest or part of a forest is wholly closed for a term of years or annually for a specified season. He may also prohibit the taking, wounding or killing of any particular species of animal in any specified tract of forest with a view to the preservation of such species, but any such order shall be subject to revision by the Commissioner. To such forests the validity of licenses granted under these rules does not extend or is modified accordingly, provided the gazetted officers whose jurisdiction extends to such forests, or persons holding licenses on which the Divisional Forest Officer has endorsed special permission to that effect, may kill pig, tiger and other dangerous or a destructive animals in such forests. Such special permission shall not be given for a longer period than one month in any case.

9. If any person to whom permission under Rule 2 or a license under Rule 3 has been granted commits a breach of any provision of the Indian Forest Act, 1878 (VII of 1878) as amended by the Forest Act, 1890 (V of 1890), or of any rules made thereunder, he shall be liable to the penalty of having the permission or license as the case

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may be cancelled by the Divisional Forest Officer in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable under the Indian Forest Act, 1878 (VII of 1878) or otherwise. An appeal against the cancellation of the permission of the license by the Divisonal Forest Officer shall lie to the Collector, and a second appeal in case of dismissal of the appeal by the Collector to the Commissioner whose decision shall be final.

10. In any case where the Divisonal Forest Officer or Conservator thinks it advisable, he may direct that a Forest Guard or other person shall accompany the camp of any license-holder hunting or shooting in forests, with the object of seeing that Forest rules are not infringed by camp followers.

11. The word hunting as used in these rules includes tracking for the purpose of discovering the lie of wild animals, provided that any person holding a license is not prohibited from employing any number of trackers.

12. Nothing in these rules shall be taken to exempt any person from liability in respect of any offence by injury to the Forest or its produce or of any other offence punishable under the Indian Forest Act, 1878 (VII of 1878) as amended by the Forest Act, 1899 (V of 1890).

13. Nothing in these rules shall be taken to cancel any privileges granted to resident wild tribes except by the express order of the Collector, or to preclude the grant of special permission by the Divisonal Forest Officer or Collector to resident villagers on special occasions.

(*N. B.*—Forests in which wild tribes have been given the privilege of hunting will not generally be notified under rule 3.)

The game birds referred to in Rule 1 (e) are as follow, and the close season is fixed as follows :—

	For	Close Season.
Sand-grouse ...	Pterocles faciatus ... Pterocletus exustus ...	1st April to 30th Sept.
Pea-fowl ...	Pavo cristatus ...	Do. Do.
Jungle-fowl ...	Gallus sonnerati ...	Do. Do.
Spur-fowl ...	Galloperdix padicea ... Galloperdix lunulata ...	Do.
Partridge ...	Francolinus vulgaris ... Francolinus pictus .. Ortygornis or Francolinus Pondicerianus ...	1st April to 30th Sept.
Rain-quail ...	Coturnix coromandelea ...	Do. do.
Bush-quail ...	Perdicula argoondah or argunda Perdicula asiatica Microperdix erythrorhynchus	Do. do.
Bustard-quail ...	Turnix pugnax ... Turnix gondera, or tanki ... Turnix cussumieri ...	Do. do.
Bustard ...	Eupodotis edwardsi ...	Do. do.
Lik-florican ...	Sypheotides or sypheotis aurita ...	Do. do.
Whistling-teal ...	Dendrocygna arcuata or javanica ...	1st June to 30th Sept.
Cotton-teal ...	Nettopus coromandelianus ...	Do. do.
Comb-duck ...	Sarcidiornis melanonotus ...	Do. do.
Spot-bill-duck ...	Anas poecilorhyncha ...	Do. do.

The close season for Hare is 1st April to 30th Sept.

Fishing.

SUCCESS IN ANGLING.

THE success of an angler depends largely on the amount of common sense exercised.

The hunter when in quest of game exerts all his cunning which consists of careful forethought coupled with good judgment. If the game is wary, he takes into consideration the direction of the wind and how he can best approach with the least possible noise or lure the game to it without being seen until the quarry is within range.

It is quite probable that fish are possessed of as much instinct or intelligence regarding their self-preservation as most birds and animals; certainly they are as quick to discern any unnatural movement and take instant fright, and when in this state they have no idea of taking food.

It is very rarely the case that the angler gives the proper attention and careful consideration necessary to get within fishing range. The two senses which are most prominent in the organization of fishes are those of feeling and seeing. Most anglers of experience take heed of the latter sense, but the former as a rule is not given due consideration. A heavy jar of any kind in the vicinity of the bank of lake or stream is communicated to the water, and fish will frequently take greater alarm from an unseen disturbance than something that can be detected by vision, as in one case the nature of the foe is unknown, while in the other their instinct has taught them the ways and means to best protect themselves from threatening danger. While it is undoubtedly true that fish will become accustomed to the presence of an angler if he remain quiet, and will return to their usual quarters after a time, still, much time is lost through lack of careful approach before they will again resume feeding. The skill of an angler in hooking or landing a fish or the fineness of equipment is of no avail provided they are not in a state of perfect tranquility when the lure is presented.

In the art of angling there is scarcely a limit to the amount of skill that can be displayed in all the details necessary for success. It matters little how much time or study one has devoted to the subject, there is constantly some new fact presenting itself or something of an interesting nature to be learned. In the preparation of selection of the tackle the skill of one angler over another is really a question of common sense. Eliminate all the scarecrows possible, have your tackle as fine as you can to answer the purpose: give the fish credit for at least enough intelligence not to take anything which exhibits the fraud too prominently; always keep as close to nature as the component parts of your tackle will permit, and use the same caution you would in creeping on a flock of ducks around a bend in the river or any other game that one has to exercise great care and forethought to outwit.

It is a common saying with many anglers that they can sit all day with rod in hand in perfect contentment without getting even a nibble. While there is no question but that to the overwrought mind the refreshing breezes and delightful scenery is invigorating and restful, after months of hard labour amidst the humdrum and clatter of city life, and the sense of relaxation is more than pleasant to contemplate, nevertheless the enjoyment must be infinitely more keen and both mind and body receive greater benefit when a feeling of enthusiasm pervades the system and a desire to excel in this, one of the noblest of sports.

Even among the most indifferent, the sensation of a sharp tug on the line and the bend of the rod will set the blood tingling and awaken the dormant energy to a strong desire and determination to win the fight if possible, and land the fish which is bravely and heroically putting forth all his strength and resources to escape from his unknown and unseen foe. When the capture has been effected and the beauty lies before you, one cannot help but admire the pluck and endurance of the vanquished, and almost wish that he had been the victor.

The common sense fisherman will tell you that when fishing from a boat he throws his bait as far as possible in order to avoid being seen, and also that the conditions surrounding the fish may not be disturbed; he will tell you that he endeavours to present the lure in life-like and appetizing manner, and give it a motion approaching nature to the best of his ability. The tackle will be fine, and the hook so well concealed that the fish sees nothing but the bait. The following taken from an unrecalled writer on angling topics aptly illustrates this common-sense principle :—

"By observation you will soon know that you must not show yourself to the intended capture, and therefore you must not be too close to the water's edge; if it is necessary for casting your fly, you must make yourself as little visible as possible."

After all these points have been taken into consideration it will be seen that while skill in the manipulation of rod and reel is desirable, and only long years of experience can attain this, that the most important factor and the one which was responsible and contributed most to the weight of the basket on the homeward march was allopathic doses of horse sense applied when and where most needed.

Shooting.

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

V.

PARTRIDGES AND QUAILS.

The Grey Partridge.

GREY partridges are very wily. It is almost impossible to get them on the wing without a gang of coolies. In the early morning and evening they run and run till they break the hearts of any dogs you may use to them. In the middle of the day they lie very close in heavy and thorny cover and leave little or no scent. The dogs get knocked up by the heat, and if some coolie is not lucky enough to push a bird out of a bush on the end of his *lathi* you see nothing of them. The coolies should thrust their *lathi* well into the middle of the bushes and stir them well up. The partridges do not much mind a blow on the top of the bush they are in.

In extensive and continuous cover these birds can hardly be shot at all. Still sport of a sort can be got with them in the following classes of cover :—

(1) Narrow but long strips of cover out of which the birds cannot run without being seen.

(2) Detached clumps of thorny bushes near crops, or similarly situated fields of high sugarcane.

(3) High crops early and late in the day.

In cover of the first kind, if not so full of thorns as to be unbeatable by the practically naked coolies, you can get these birds on the wing by cutting rides and putting out coolies to act as stops. Two rides should be cut across a narrow part of the cover, near to the end and towards them the birds should be driven. The first of these transverse rides should be cut some twelve feet wide. Some yards further on should be the second, a regular clearance of 40 feet at least. Twenty yards between the rides is about the correct distance for thatching grass covers. If the jungle is of thick thorns they should be much nearer together. At the far side of the second clearance two or three stops should be posted to head the running birds back. They should show themselves, and may talk, but not make a great noise. The birds, running on ahead of the beaters, will halt in the space between the two rides on seeing the stops. When the beaters arrive the guns should take up positions commanding the patch in which the birds are and the beaters, in close and even line, should be sent in. One of two men should remain in the narrower ride to see that the birds do not run back. The beaters may make as much noise as they like early in the beat to get the birds on the run. As they approach the end they should move more quietly and should not shout lest they should flush the birds prematurely.

The second class of cover affords pleasanter and less wearisome sport, specially in a quail year. Every bush should be beaten and stirred up as the line comes to it, and all thatching grass should be beaten in line. It is of the greatest importance that the line be straight and the gaps between the beaters as equal as possible. If there are wide gaps, or if men straggle behind, the partridges will dodge behind the line and squat until they have a clear chance, when they will run back at about eight miles an hour. In cover of this class I have had pretty mixed bags of partridge and quails, with perhaps a hare or two, and a few snipe from "soft" bits. I have always enjoyed this form of shooting immensely, but it is not worth much in a year when the quails do not come down.

The third class of cover is of course the feeding ground of the birds. If the crops are in detached fields the birds rise out of them when disturbed. This form of shooting is very uncertain and you will seldom find enough birds to make it worth your while.

The best bag of grey partridges I ever helped to make was eleven brace, but such bags are rare. It was in cover of the second class.

The grey partrige is faster on the wing than a snipe, and carries a lot of shot, so you must aim well forward to kill. It is mud-coloured and generally skims away over the clods—indefinable—after having carefully ascertained which direction gives it the best chance of escape.

I shall leave them at this point. They can be shot, but a man must be hungry to eat them, except in very cold weather when they are well fed on ripe rice and can be hung for three or four days. Even then they are inferior to the domestic *murghi*.

No. 5 or 6 shot is the best for these birds, but I have killed plenty with No. 9. A runner is rarely recovered without a dog, unless it falls in the open; and even in that case it will give the coolies a good run before they catch it. Grey partridges should only be shot from September to 15th February.

The Black Partridge.

This is a bird of the more Northern and Eastern districts of Bengal. I have only found it in two places west of the Bhagirathi river. On the left bank of the Ganges it is common in suitable places and affords good sport.

Compared with greys black partridges are easy to find. I have found them in the shooting season, *i.e.*, from October to 1st March, usually near water, in jha jungle, grass, and crops. We easily got on terms with them, and I have had great sport with mixed bags of "black" quail, snipe, and hares. The worst of the black partridge is that he is far too easy to shoot. The cock is easier to shoot than the hen on account of his colour, which makes him very easy to see against any background. I have flushed and shot them in beels, in a couple of inches of water, when snipe shooting, and numbers of them are sometimes flushed when beating grass for larger game. No. 5 or 6 shot are the best, but I have killed them with No. 9. The plumage of the cock bird is very beautiful. Some people consider them good eating.

Quails.

I am afraid that every rains a lot of nesting birds come to grief under the name of rain quails. For this reason I never go after them now, though I shot a lot before I found out that they were nesting. The rain quail is nearly as big a bird as the grey quail which is the bird I mean by my heading, and is found amongst them in the cold weather in its duller winter plumage.

The grey quail has one fault. It does not come to Lower Bengal every cold weather. If crops are bad in Behar it deigns to visit us. If it gets enough to eat in the North-West it stays there. As regards shooting quails there is little to be said except "Don't be in a hurry." The whirr with which they rise, sometimes at one's very feet, is often disconcerting to beginners. In a "quail year" they are everywhere. All the *khal* crops hold them, as do stubbles, sugarcane, light thatching grass tufts of *binna* grass, and the cultivated parts of beels which are too dry for snipe. They love sandy churs. They are easy to flush once, but after one flight they lie very close, and afford good sport with well broken dogs. They are delicious to eat, and easy to shoot when one is accustomed to the sport; though men who are accustomed only to snipe shooting sometimes find them difficult at first. When in practice at them you should not miss many. The snipe gun and No. 9 shot are the most suitable. And February perhaps the best month. There are a great many varieties of the quail shot in the cold weather in Bengal which are not fully described in any book I know.

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SWEYTOWN.

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THE DWARFING OF HORSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "INDIAN FIELD."

SIR,—Mr. Christopher W. Wilson, whose hypothesis is endorsed by Professor Cossar Ewart, asserts and certainly to a great extent proves by his own experiments, that it is quite as possible to diminish the size of horses by restricting diet during foalhood as by selection of stock, and it must be conceded that this well-known breeder of polo ponies in the border counties has been so far successful, but the process can hardly be recommended for this country now that native breedess have been stimulated into raising nags. The method at first blush is certainly opposed to all preconceived notions, but the Cumberland breeder points to results, leaving to his more erudite colleague physiological deductions. The professor contends that nature will adapt itself to circumstances, so that, when nutriment is limited development is retarded in proportion; certainly when we look at the smaller animals in our villages and bustees there is undeniable evidence of this for the *dhobie's* donkeys and wretched little pack tats stand out prominently as examples, though we should prefer to substitute the term deterioration for that employed by Mr. Ewart. No doubt on a well conducted breeding farm or ranche where constant supervision can be exercised any pronounced inimical effects of the process could be promptly rectified as soon as manifested, but the stinting of young stock during foalhood and even up to the third year, would be

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so likely to appeal to the ingrained ideas of economy inherent in the native mind as to lead to the entire neglect of all youngsters during the two years the system recommend they should be left to shift for themselves, with, to our mind, the result we have alluded to. The prevailing idea either with plants or animals is to lay a good foundation for stamina at the outset, yet we must remember that the Japs and Chinese have for centuris produced diminished models without sacrifice of robustness though neither to our knowledge have applied their process to horses. The Shelties are brought to notice by the two authorities to emphasise their arguments and this assertion has already provoked controversy, some contending that breed and climate alone are responsible for these shaggy specimens of the horse, the opposition pointing out that arrest of growth is entirely due to the semi-starvation the little creatures are subjected to until taken up for training. The demand on the horse line in future, as you recently had occasion to show, will be for the old fashioned galloway type, but if Messrs. Wilson and Ewart's system is to be introduced for reducing our spindle-shanked country-breds to a more compact form I hope the initiative will be strictly entrusted to the Government studs or only to such breeders intelligent enough to comprehend the latter gentleman's scientific deductions, though I much fear they will prove rather abstruse problems for the average run of unprofessional breeders to digest. Once the idea got into the native breeder's noddle that the proverbial straw a day was sufficient for all young stock, it most certainly would not conduce to the success we wish to attain, but rather the reverse. With all due deference therefore to the authorities mentioned I am rather inclined to adhere to the old order of breeding; sticking strictly to selection.

O. W.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN FIELD."

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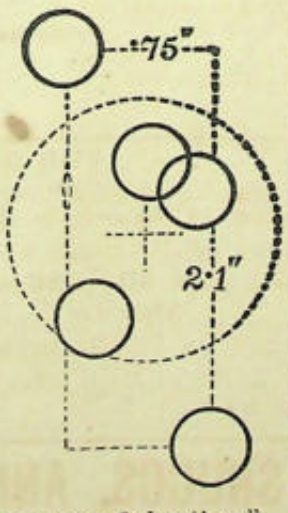

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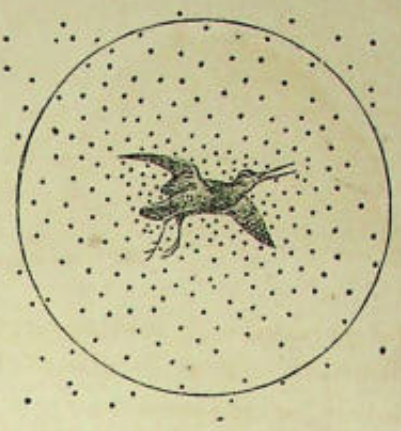

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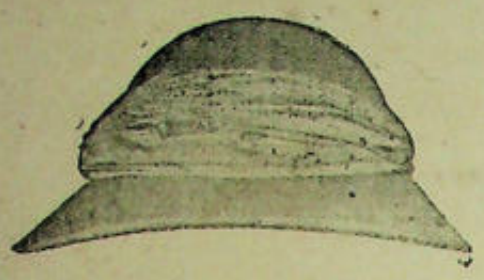

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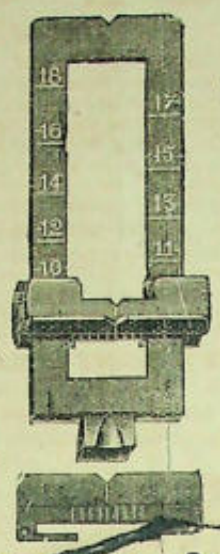

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INDIAN RACING FIXTURES

Name of Races.	Month	Date.	For Prospectus see page.
Lucknow Autumn Sky	Oct.	22 & 24	210
Jubbulpore Autumn	"	27 & 29	
Rangoon Autumn	"	27, 29 & 31	
South Maharatta Autumn	"	29 & 31	
Sonepore Gymkhana	Nov.	2, 4 & 6	
Umballa Autumn	"	3, 5 & 7	381
Lucknow Autumn (Army Cup)	"	26	382
Hyderabad	"	12 & 14	
Meerut Autumn	"	12, 14 & 17	378
Lucknow Autumn	"	24 & 28	
Karachi Autumn	"	3 & 7	454
Mhow Races	"	4 and 6	
Baseein Autumn	"	19 and 21	
Terpore	Dec.	1, 3 & 5	
Calcutta First Extra	"	12	
" Second Extra	"	19	
" First Meeting	"	24, 26, 29 & 31	
Lahore Xmas	"	26, 29 & 31	
Rawalpindi Autumn	Jan.	5 & 7	
Calcutta Second Meeting	"	16 & 23	
Tollygunge Steeplechases	"	2 & 9	
Dacca	"	7, 9 & 12	355
Madras Winter	"	19, 21 & 23	382
Cuncutta Third Extra	"	30	
" Fourth "	Feb	6	
Dibrugarh	"	2, 4 & 6	
Lucknow Spring	"	2, 4 & 6	
Bombay	"	10, 13, 15, 17 & 20	
Jorhat	March.	10 and 12	

CLOSING DATES OF ENTRIES.

Calcutta Flat Extra			8th Dec.
Calcutta Second Extra			15th Dec.
Calcutta Races First Meeting	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		1st Dec.
Calcutta Races Second Meeting	First		1st Dec.
	Second		9th Jan.
	Third		16th Jan.
Tollygunge Steeplechases First Day	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		1st Dec.
Tollygunge Steeplechases Second Day	First		2nd Nov.
	Second		1nd Jan.
Civil Service Cup	Fourth		1st Dec.
	Final		20th Jan.
Lucknow Autumn	Third		14th Nov.
Tezpore	First		1st Nov.
	Second		Day before Races
Umballa Autumn	Third		24th Oct.
Rawalpindi Autumn	First		20th Nov.
	Second		12th Dec.
	Final		28th ,,
Karachi Autumn	Final		24th ,,
Hyderabad	Second		2nd Nov.
Rangoon Autumn	Third		24th ,,
Sonepore Gymkhana	First		1st Nov.
	Second		3rd ,,
	Third		5th ,,
Meerut Autumn	Final		3rd ,,
Lahore X'mas	First		2nd ,,
Dacca	First		2nd ,,
Madras Winter	First		2nd ,,

INDIAN SPORTING FIXTURES.

POLO.

Cawnpore Tournament	Begins 28th [illegible]
Dacca Tournament	During the Race [illegible]
Dilkusha Tournament	Begins 19th October.
Dehra Dun Challenge Cup	Begins 16th November.
Ezra Challenge Cup (Calcutta)	Begins 11th January.
Hyderabad Tournament	Begins 16th November.
Mhow Open Tournament	First week in December.
Mhow Junior Tournament	
Neemuch Tournament	Begins 14th December.
Rajputana Tournament	Begins 21st November.
Sonepore Tournament	Begins 2nd November.
Meerut Autumn Tournament	11th, 13th & 16 November.

SHOWS.

Tollygunge Horse and Dog Show	1st January 1904
Ahmednagar Horse Show	6th, 6th and 7th November
Lucknow Horse Show	During Sky Meeting week.

GOLF.

Amateur Golf Championship of India and the East (Calcutta)	From 24th 26th December.

RACKETS.

Northern Strears Tournament (Wallan)	Xmas week.

HOCKEY.

Aga Khan Tournament	Begins 26th October.
All India Tournament Allahabad	Begins 15th Jan.

SPORTS.

Bombay Gymkhana Athletic and Sporting Meeting	26th and 31st October.
F. Co. C. V. R.	Xmas Day.

ROWING.

C. R. C. Senior Sculls	14th November.

ENGLISH RACING FIXTURES.

Cambridgeshire Stakes (1 mile 1 furlong)	Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dewhurst Plate (7 furlongs)	Thursday, Oct. 29
Lincoln Autumn Handicap (1½ miles)	Tuesday, November 10
Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 mile 3 furlongs)	Friday, Nov. 13
Manchester November Handicap (1½ miles)	Saturday, Nov. 28

ENGLISH SPORTING FIXTURES.

Stanley Cycle Show	26th November.
Cattle Show (Agr. Hall)	7th December.

AUSTRALIAN RACING FIXTURES.

Victoria Derby	31st October.
Melbourne Cup	3rd November

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POONA ELEVENTH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 17th October 1903.

THERE was a visible diminution in the attendance at this meeting and the betting was also somewhat crampel. Undesirable rain had fallen overnight and this interfered with the chances of the topweights to some considerable extent. In the first race friendly with the services of Hoyt was looked upon as the winner, but there were several knowing ones who thought The Dane was good enough to do the trick and backed him accordingly. Ena, however, was not neglected, and brought joy to the hearts of backers by "waiting in front" from start to finish.

The forward running of Mooreed in the earlier part of the season caused him to be well supported for the Chinchwad Plate. He is a game little pony, and, drawing clear at the bend, won comfortably, his immediate attendant being Talisman and not Silvermane as was expected.

Rocket had the best of the run in the Lanowli Plate and got a four lengths break at the start, whereas Moon was left and though Heeroo brought Moon wide at the bend he only failed in his attempt to catch Rocket by half a length.

On the running displayed by Sacristan the other day it seemed impossible for this youngster of Mr. Apcar's to lose the Kirkee Plate; but Misty and Min were expected to stretch him. Planet, who have been off form, however, provided a surprise by winning from Min by a length. Mosumma accounted for the Khandalla Plate and has not won out of time. In this event the Prophets and Know-Alls were put to confusion.

In the Karjat Plate Haydn had to fight his way to the front from the distance and he did so gamely and finished a length in front of Key West, his rival Veera being beaten into third place. The biggest upset of the day was when Bukhtawar ran away with the Arab Selling Stakes and was not claimed. Details:—

A WELTER PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50 A Welter Handicap for all Ponies 14-2 and under. Closed as per Special General Conditiitns. 1 mile.

Major England's bl aus m Ena, 11st 7lbs...	Owner	1
Mr Preston's ch aus m The Dane, 11st 9lbs, Capt. Casson		2
Mr L C Swifte's b e m Pinwire, 10st 8lbs, Mr Macdonald		3
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Pomfret, 11st 12lbs Mr Fischer		0
Colonel Eccles' b aus g Widgeon, 10st 6lbs Johnson		0
Captain Benn's ch aus m Estelle, 9st 8lbs Capt. Randall		0
Mr Balderston's br aus m Friendly, 9st 3lbs A Hoyt		0

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Friendly, 4 to 1 each Ena, The Dane, and Estelle, 5 to 1 Pinwire, 6 to 1 Widgeon, 8 to 1 Pomfret.

Won easily by a length; a head between second and third. Time—53⅕secs.

THE CHINCHWAD PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Maiden Arabs. 1 mile.

Messrs G H S Mahomed and A F Saif's g a h Mooreed, 7st 10lbs	Hoyt	1
Mr Percy Fischer's b a h Talisman, 8st 10lbs	Southal	2
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Duldul, 8st 3lbs (car 8st 4½lbs)	Robertson	3
Mr Love's ch a h Silvermane, 9st 3lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Magtoom, 8st 13lbs	Heeroo	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 6st 11lbs	Bennett	0
Mr Cowasjee's b a hOriginal, 6st 7lbs	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Mooreed and Silvermane, 5 to 1 Magtoom, 8 to 1 each Duldul and Selim, 10 to 1 Talisman, 12 to 1 Original.

Won rather easily by a length and a quarter; two and a half lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 57⅖secs.

THE LANOWLI PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. 6 furlongs.

Colonel Eccles' b a h Rocket, 6st 9lbs	Bennett	1
Mr. Ali bin Talib's b a h Moon, 8st 11b (car 8st 2lbs)	Oomerkhan	2
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker, 8st 4lbs	Hoyt	3
Aga S Shah's g a h Achilles, 9st 9lb	Robinson	0
Messrs G K & D D's g a h Dispute, 8st 3lbs	G B Mahomed	0
Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris, 7st 7lb	Heeroo	0
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Salvation, 6st [illegible]bs	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained [illegible]cately.*)

BETTING: Evens Moon, 5 to 2 agst Achilles, 4 to 1 Little Joker, 6 to 1 Dispute, 10 to 1 Rocket and others.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a head between second and third. Time—1min. 23⅖secs.

THE KIRKEE PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 1,500 or over since 1st April, 1901. 1 mile.

Mr Noble's b aus g Planet, 8st 7lbs	Oomerkhan	1
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 7st 13lbs	Hoyt	2
Mr Mills' bl e h Misty, 8st 3lbs	Robinson	3
Major Vans Agnew's b aus g Corrie Roy, 9st	Capt Randall	0
Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Sacristan, 7st 4lbs	Bennett	0
Messrs G K and D D's bl aus m Overture, 6st 9lbs	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained by Byramjee.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 each agst Misty and Sacristan, 3 to 1 Min 4 to 1 Planet, 5 to 1 each Corrie Roy and Overture.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time—1 min. 47secs.

THE KHANDALLA PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Maiden Arabs 13-3 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma, 6st 10lbs (car 7st 11b)	Kunai	1
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Sahib, 8st 3lbs	Robinson	2
Mr Abdulla-ul-Shamlan's ch a h Galib, 7st 6lbs	Heeroo	3
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed, 8st 6lbs	Southall	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Malabar 8st 2lbs	Williams	0
Mr M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar, 7st 11lbs	Native	0
Messrs A Mosben and M Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy, 7st 9lbs	O'Neil	
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer, 7st 6lbs	Hoyt	0
Aga S Shah's ch a h Winchester, 7st 3lbs	Kamad	0

(*Winner trained by owner.*)

BETTING: 2 to 1 agst Clever Boy, 3 to 1 Kour Sahib, 4 to 1 Young Taisseer, 5 to 1 Mosumma, 6 to 1 each Winchester and Mooreed, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by two lengths; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 9⅕secs.

THE KARJAT PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Handicap for Ponies 14-1 and under. 5 furlongs.

Mr R J Hunter's ch aus g Handy, 7st 5lbs	Hoyt	1
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus m Key West, 9st 4lbs	Southall	2
Mr G K and D D's ch aus m Veera, 8st 2lbs	Heeroo	3
Mr J B's b aus m Pet Girl, 9st 6st	O'Neil	0
Mr W J Goode's br aus m Wakeful, 8st 10lbs	Bennett	0
Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's br aus m Nautilus, 8st 5lbs	Oomerkhan	0
Mr Noble's b aus m Miss Birnie, 6st 8lbs	Kamad	0

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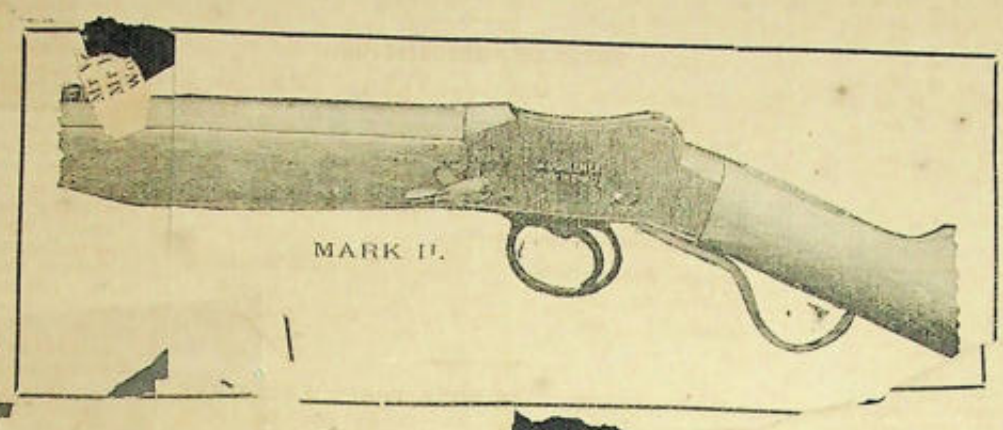

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BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Veera, 7 to 2 Pet Girl, 4 to 1 each Key West and Haydn, 6 to 1 the others.

Won by a length and a half ; a length between second and third. Time—1min. 4⅘secs.

THE ARAB SELLING PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Selling race for Arabs. Horses entered for Rs. 1,500 to carry 10st. Ponies 14 hands and under, new measurement, entered for Rs. 1,500 to carry 9st. 10lbs, W. I. 3lbs allowed for each Rs. 100 down to Rs. 500. Allowance—Maidens 4lbs. not won three Rs. 150 or over 7lbs. (not accumulative). Landing allowance as per clause 9, General Conditions 5 furlongs.

Mr M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar (Rs. 800) 7st 11lbs	Native	1
Mr S A Wahed's g a g Sweetlips (Rs 600), 7st 7lb	Kamad	2
Mr A A Amer's b a h Fakir II (Rs 900), 8st 6lbs	Native	3
Messrs J Antony and A A Saif's g a h Purser (Rs. 900), 7st 11lbs ...	Hoyt	0

BETTING : 5 to 4 agst Sweetlips, 6 to 4 Fakir II., 3 to 1 Purser ; 6 to 1 Bukhtawar.

Won by three lengths ; half a length between second and third. Time—1min. 9⅘secs. There was no bid for the winner.

POONA TWELFTH EXTRA MEETING.
Tuesday, 20th October, 1903.

(By Special Telegram).

The wind up of the meeting produced small fields and, on the whole, poor racing. The attendance was small and there was a general air of listlessness about the proceedings. Details:—

THE LITTLE COMERS' HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs 100 ; third, Rs. 50.

A Handicap for Maiden Arabs 13 3 and under landed since 1st July, 1902. 5 furlongs.

Mr Garda's br a h Kour Sahib, 9st ...	Robinson	1
Mr Saif Rasheed's b a h Nusser ...	O'Neil	2
Messrs Moshen and Shamlan's g a h Clever Boy	Noormahomed	3
Mr Abdoola Shamlan's ch a h Galib 8st 6lbs	.....	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Minting King. 7st 13lbs	.....	0
Colonel Anderson's g a h Surhan, 6st 9lbs (car 6st 11lbs)	.....	0

BETTING:—2 to 1 agst Nusser, 5 to 2 Kour Sahib and 6 to 1 the rest.

Won by a head ; same distance between second and third. Time—1min. 9secs.

THE ARAB PONY CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second Rs. 100 ; third, Rs 50.

A Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under which have not won a race value Rs. 150 or over since 1st April, 1903. 5 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's ch a h Winchester 7st 12lbs	Kamad	1
Messrs Saif and Rasheed's b a h Young Taisser 8st	Heeroo	2
Mr Wahed's b a h Salvation 7st 10lbs ...	Jakoo	3
Messrs Saif and Rasheed's g a h Najeed, 9st	.....	0
Mr George's Alexis, 8st 6lbs	.....	0
Mr Artin Essaye's ch a h Deserter 8st 3½lbs	.....	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Deserter, 4 to 1 each Winchester and Najeed, 5 to 1 each Alexis and Young Taisser, and 6 to 1 Salvation.

Won by a length easily; a neck between second and third. Time—1min. 9secs.

ALL HORSE PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third Rs. 50, 7 furlongs

Mr Saunders' Blue Blood, 8st 4lbs ...	O'Neil	1
Mr Mills' Misty, 7st 4lbs	Bennett	2
Mr Leslies Spark, 6st 13lbs	Robinson	3
Mr Kelsos' Harpist, 9st 4lbs	.....	0
Mr Noble's Fitzeros, 8st 11lbs	.....	0
Mr A W P's Fitzeros, 6st 13lbs ...	.....	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Spark, 5 to 2 Harpist, 5 to 1 each Blue Blood, Misty and Fitzeros, 6 to 1 Planet.

Won by one and a half lengths ; three-quarters of a length between second third. Time—1 min 32⅕secs.

THE DEVALI PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50.

A Handicap for Arabs. 1¼ miles.

Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee, 8st 7lbs	Robinson	1
Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag 11, 9st 11b	Nama	2
Mr bli rin Talib's b ah Magtoom 7st 11lbs	Heeroo	3
Mr H J Grisewood's b a h Wandering Jew, 8st 6lbs	.....	0
Mr Lowe's ch a h Silvermane, 8st 4lbs ...	.....	0
Mr M Ally's ch a h The Robber, 7st 12lbs	.....	0
Mr Percy Fischer's b a h Talisman, 7st 8lbs	.....	0
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim, 6st 4lbs (car 6st 5lbs)	.....	0

BETTING : 3 to 2 agst Narunjee, 3 to 1 Talisman, 5 to 1 The Robber, 6 to 1 each Turkish Flag, Silverman and Magtoom, 8 to 1 the others.

Won by a length and three-quarters ; of three-quarters a length between second and third. Time.—2min. 26secs.

THE HORSE CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50.

A Handicap for Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 150 or over since 1st April, 1903. 6 furlongs.

Mr Anketell Jones' b a wg Ombree, 6st 7lbs (car 6st 9lbs)	Dhondi	1
Mr A W P's b aus g Fando, 7st 3lbs ...	O'Neil	2
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus g Dart, 7st 12lbs	Kamad	3
Mr Clarke's br aus g Richmond Hill, 7st 4lbs	.....	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Fando, 6 to 4 agst. Richmond Hill 3 to 1 Dart, 4 to 1 Ombree.

Won by a neck ; two and a half lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 17⅘secs.

ARAB PONY PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's Achilles, 9st 7lbs ...	Robinson	1
Mr Ali bin Talib's Moon, 8st 10lbs ...	Heeroo	2
Mr Artin A Essaye's Little Joker, 8st 5lbs	Oomerkhan	3
Messrs G H S Mahomed and Saif's Mooreed, 8st 4lbs	.....	0
Mr B D Jewell's Shaiboob, 8st 11b ...	.....	0
Mr A S Omar's Fortune, 7st 11lbs ...	.....	0
Capt Benn's Rejoice (late Regret), 7st 9lbs	.....	0
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's Mosumma, 7st 7lbs...	.....	0
Mr Abdulla Shamlan's Galib, 6st 10lbs ...	.....	0

BETTING : 2 to 1 each agst. Achilles and Little Joker, 4 to 1 Moon 6 to 1 each Mooreed, Shaiboob and Sahib, 8 to 1 the others.

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Won by a head on the post ; Little Joker a neck off Time—1min. 23secs.

THE ALL PONY CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50.

A Handicap for Ponies 14 2 and under which have not won a race value Rs 150 or over since 1st April, 1903. 6 furlongs.

Mr Hajibhoy Visram's br aus m Nautilus 6st 7lbs	Kamad	1
Mr A W P's b aus m Min, 9st 12lbs ...	Robinson	2
Mr W J Goode's Wakeful, 7st 7lbs ...	O'Neil	3
Mr R S Cheney's b aus m Alma 7st 10lbs (car 7st 11½lbs)	.....	0
Mr Preston's b aus m The Dane, 7st 6lbs	.....	0

BETTING : 6 to 4 agst Min, 2 to 1 agst Nautilus, 4 to 1 each Alma and the Dane, 8 to 1 Wakeful.

Won by a neck ; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1min. 9secs.

THE LITTLE SELLING PLATE.—Winner Rs. 200 ; second, Rs. 100 ; third, Rs. 50.

A Selling race for Maiden Arabs 14 hands and under which have not won a race value Rs. 150 or over since 1st April, 1903. 5 furlongs. 14 hands entered for Rs 1,500 to carry 10st. W. I. 3lbs. for each Rs. 100 down to Rs. 500.

Allowance:—Ponies not won a race Rs. 150 or over 4lbs. Landing allowance as per clause 9, General Conditions ¼ mile.

Mr Wahed's g a g Sweetlips (Rs. 600), 8st 10lbs	Heeroo	1
Mr Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar (Rs 800), 7st 9lbs	Kamad	2
Messrs Saif and Rasheed's b a h Settler (Rs. 1,100), 7st	O'Neil	3
Mr Sassoon Ezekiel's Kyam (Rs. 1,400), 8st 8lbs	.....	0
Mr Rasheed Shamlan's b a h Turn of Luck (Rs. 800), 7st 11lbs	.....	0
Mr R R S's b a h Better Days (Rs. 800), 7st 5lbs	.....	0
Mr A W P's g a h Bunder (Rs. 700), 6st 7lbs (car 6st 8½lbs)	.....	0
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h Sincerity (Rs. 500), 6st 4lbs (car 7st 1½lbs)	.....	0
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Guinea Fowl (Rs. 800), 6st 11b (car 6st 11lbs) ...	.....	0

BETTING : Evens Moon, 4 to 1 each agst. Bukhtawar and Settler, 6 to 1 each Bunder, Sincerity, Better Days, and Guinea Fowl, 7 to 1 each Kyam and Sweetlips.

Won by half a length ; a neck between second and third. Time—51secs.

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First Day, Tuesday, 13th October 1903.

THE racing on the opening day was first class and the proceedings throughout were very successful. Mr. S. J. S. won three of the races and Mr. Pawson two. Riding honours went to Mr Barrett with three wins, Mr. Pawson coming next with two. Details :—

HURDLE RACE—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For maiden Arabs and C.-B. ponies 14-2 and under and others 14-1 and under. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-2 to carry 11-10; others 14-1 carry 12-0. W.

1. Penalties :—Winners once 4lbs; twice 7lbs; oftener 10lbs extra. Allowances :—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 50 allowed 7lbs. 1¼ miles over 6 flights of hurdles.

Mr J J Pawson's b aus m Manette, 11st 3lbs ... ... Owner 1
Mr Lutchmi Narain's ru aus g Grig, 9st 11lbs ... ... Capt Gaussen 2

There was no betting on this race.
Won by a length comfortably. Time—2mins. 37secs.

CLUB CUP.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to second. For all ponies 14-1 and under. Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 11-0; others 14-1 to carry 12 7. W. I. Penalties :—Winners once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 10lbs. extra. Allowances.—Ponies that have never won a race value Rs. 10 or over allowed 7lbs. One mile.

Col Beaver's ch aus m Double Keys, 10st 5lbs. ... ... Hon Mr Bingham 1
Mr Charde's br aus m Ruth, 12st ... Mr Barrett 2
Mr J J Pawson's blk aus m Busy Bee, 10st 12lbs ... ... Owner 3

BETTING : Evens each Double Keys and Busy Bee, and 2 to 1 agst Ruth.
Won by three-quarters of a length; two lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 58⅘secs.

ARAB HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to second. For Arab ponies 14-2 and under. 1,500 yards.

Mr S J S's ch a h Volcano, 10st 12lbs .. Mr Barrett 1
Capt F C Stratton's g a h Gannett, 9st 9lbs Hon Mr Bingham 2
Mr Lutchmi Narain's g a g Grafton, 9st 9lbs ... ... Capt Gaussen 3
Col Beaver's g a h Punchbowl, 6st 5lbs (car 7-3) ... ... Native 0

Won by a length; 2 to 1 on Gannet, evens each Volcano and Punchbowl. Time—1 min. 47⅘secs. A length between second and third.

NOVICE STAKES.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to second. For Arabs and C.-B.'s 14-1 and under and other maiden ponies, Arabs under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over, and 14-1 to carry 11-7, C.-B.s 14-1 and others 13-3½ to carry 12-0. W. I. Penalties :—Winners since 1st January 1903 of Gymkhana amounting to Rs. 50 to carry 5lbs extra. 1,000 yards.

Mr S J S's b ch h Ring Faulka by Ringmaster—Faulka, 10st 13lbs. ... Mr Barrett 1
Mr J J Pawson's b aus m Manette, 12st ... Owner 2
Col Beaver's g a h Julmood, 9st 2lbs (car 9st 3lbs) ... ... Hon'ble Mr Bingham 3
Mr F Q M S Owen's g a h Hussar (late Mayfly), 10st 12lbs ... Pte Bott 0
Capt F C Stratton's b a h Birdcatcher, 8st 10lbs (car 8st 13lbs) ... ... Paichan 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Ring Faulka, evens Manette, and 2 to 1 each agst Julmood, Hussar, and Birdcatcher.
Dead heat on the post, two and half lengths in front of Julmood. Time—1min. 5secs.
As Manette did not weigh out for the run off, the race was awarded to Ring Faulka with Manette second.

DEBUT STAKES.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race or Gymkhana. Arabs 14-1 to carry 11-7; C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 12-0 W. I. Half a mile.

Mr S J S's b ch m Labby Annie by Labby—Annie, 9st 12lbs ... Mr Barrett 1
Col Beaver's g a h Marbrook, 9st 2lbs (car 9st 8lbs) ... ...Hon Mr Bingham 2
Capt Williams and Mr Johnson's g ch p Card Account, 9st 12lbs (car 10st 5lbs) Mr Johnson 3
Mr H W Bell's ch ch m Liquid Amber, 11st 3lbs ... ... Mr Bennett 0
Hon F R D Prittie's ch a p Sleeve Bloom 10st 12lbs ... .Mr Whitehead 0
Capt Gaussen's ch ch g Gulala, 10st 7lbs... Owner 0
Mr Primrose Wells' b ch g Solace, 10st 4lbs ... ... Owner 0

BETTING : 3 to 1 on Labby Annie, evens Gulala, 2 to 1 agst. Marbrook, 8 to 1 Card Account, and 10 to 1 the rest.
Won by a length; a bad third. Time—56⅘secs.

HORSE RACE.—Rs 49 and Rs. 10 to second. For maiden horses. C W. A. and C. raised 2st. Penalties :—Winners once 4lbs.; twice 7lbs.; oftener 10lbs. Allowances:—Horses that have never won allowed 5lbs. Ponies 14-2 and under allowed 12lbs. Six furlongs.

Mr J J Pawson's ch e g Idleness, 10st ... Owner 1
Mr S J S's b e g Redlight, 9st 13lbs ... Mr Barrett 2
Mr Steele's b aus m Sunflower, 9st 12lbs Owner 3

BETTING : 3 to 1 on Redlight, 2 to 1 agst. Idleness and 10 to 1 Sunflower.
Won by a length; a bad third. Time—1 min. 21secs.

Second Day, Thursday, 15th October 1903.

A large attendance witnessed the concluding day's sport which proved very successful. There were fair fields and good finishes in nearly all of the six events on the card. The Hon. Mr. Bingham rode three winners and Colonel Beaver's stable secured two brackets. Details:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For maiden ponies 14-1 and under. Six furlongs.

Mr Lutchmi Narain's ru aus g Grig 9st 11lb Pursun 1
Col Beaver's ch aus m Double Keys, 9st 2lbs (car 10st 7lbs) ... ... Hon Mr Bingham 2
Mr Charde's br aus m Ruth, 11st ... Mr Barrett 3
Mr J J Pawson's b aus m Manette, 10st 4lbs Owner 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Ruth, evens agst Double Keys, and 3 to 1 each Grig and Manette.
Won by a neck : three lengths between second and third. Time—1 min. 22⅘secs.

NOVICE HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 and Rs 10 to the second. For Arab and C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race value Rs. 50 or over. Half a mile.

Col Beaver's g a h Marbrook, 9st 4lb ... Hon Mr Bingham 1
Mr S J S's b c h Ring Faulka, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr Barrett 2
Capt Williams and Mr Johnson's g ch p Card Account, 9st 11b ... ... Native 3
The Hon F R D Prittie's ch a p Sleeve Bloom, 9st 4lbs ... ... Whitehead 0
Mr Primrose Wells' b ch g Solace, 8st 10lbs (car 9st 3lbs) ... ... Owner 0
Mr H W Bell's ch ch m Liquid Amber, 8st 7lbs ... ... Mr Southey 0

BETTING : 6 to 4 on Ring Faulka, evens agst Marbrook, 3 to 1 Card Account, 4 to 1 Liquid Amber, and 5 to 1 each Sleeve Bloom and Solace.
Won by a short head; three lengths between second and third. Time—56⅘secs.

POLO SCURRY.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For all *bonâfide* Polo ponies played up to time of entry (Certificates required) that have not won a race of Rs. 50 or over. Arabs 14-1 to carry 11-7, C.-B.'s 14-1 to carry 12-0, others 14-1 to carry 12-7. W. I. Two and a half furlongs.

Major Lecky's b aust m The Dove, 11st 9lbs ... ... Hon Mr Bingham 1
Capt Gaussen's ch ch g Gulala, 10st 7lbs... Owner 2
Mr Conway's-Gordon's ch m g Firebrand, 11st 7lbs ... ... Mr Bennett 3
Mr Prittie's b aust g Benjamin, 12st 7lbs Mr Southey 0
Mr W G Vyvyan's ch a g Mascot, 10st 9lbs Johnson 0
Capt Hamilton's b a g Danegeld, 10st 7lbs Mr Wilson 0
Mr Marsh's g a h Gondolier, 10st 9lbs ... Owner 0
Mr Primrose Wells' ch a g Blue Ruin, 10st 9lbs ... ... Owner 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 The Dove, 6 to 4 agst Gulala, 3 to 1 each Firebrand and Benjamin 4 to 1 each Mascot and Blue Ruin, 5 to 1 Danegeld and 6 to 1 Gondolier.
Won by two lengths ; three lengths between second and third. Time—34secs.

OWNERS' HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For all ponies 14-2 and under. Three furlongs.

Mr Pawson's ch e g Idleness, 12st 2lbs ... Owner 1
Mr S J S's ch ch m Labby Gown, 10st 9lbs Mr Barrett 2
Mr Pawson's blk aus m Busy Bee, 9st 11b Mr Wells 3
Mr Steele's b aus m Sunflower, 9st 11lbs Owner 0
The Hon J D Y Bingham's m ch m Ruby, 8st 12lbs (car 9st 3lbs) ... ... Owner 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 Ruby, 3 to 1 Busy Bee, 5 to 1 Sunflower.
Won by five lengths : a length between second and third. Time—38secs.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For all Arabs 14-1 and under. Half a mile.

Col Beaver's g a h Broadside, 9st 5lbs ... Hon'ble Mr Bingham 1
Mr Lutchmi Narain's g a g Grafton, 9st ... Pursun 2
Mr S J S's ch a h Volcano, 10st 12lbs ... Mr Barrett 3
Col Beaver's g a h [illegible], 8st 5lbs ... Native 0
Mr Capdor's ch a [illegible]cher, 7st 10lb (car. 6st 12lbs) ... ... Paichan 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Broadside, evens [illegible]s Volcano 3 to 1 Birdcatcher, 5 to 1 Julmood, 6 to 1 each Grafton and Mango.
Won by half a length easily ; a length between second and third. Time—56⅘secs.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—Rs. 49 and Rs. 10 to the second. For all ponies 14-2 and under that have run at the meeting and not won. Three furlongs.

Mr Charde's br aus m Ruth, 11st 10lbs ... Mr Barrett 1
Mr Pawson's bk aus m Busy Bee, 10st ... Owner 2
Capt Williams and Mr Johnson's g ch p Card Account, 7st 7lbs ... ... Native 3
Mr Steele's b aus m Sunflower, 10st ... Owner 0

BETTING : 2 to 1 on Ruth, evens agst. Busy Bee, 3 to 1 Sunflower, 4 to 1 Card Account.
Won by a length and a half ; a length between second and third. Time—[illegible]secs.

PACHMARHI GYMKHANA RACES.

First Day, Monday, 12th October 1903

The meeting originally fixed for the 8th and 10th opened to-day was carried through most successfully. There were six races on the card and a large attendance was present. Favourites rolled home in four of the events. Mr. Smith rode three winners. Details :—

THE PACHMARHI HURDLES.—A Cup value Rs. 49. One mile over six flights.

Major Berryman's Guilt, 9st 8lbs ... Mr Smith 1
Mr Charrington's Dangerous, 10st 11lbs ... Owner
Mr Gage's Fish, 10st 10lbs ... Owner
Mr Wade's Bolt, 10st, 11st 2lbs ... Mr Hunter
Also started : Sister Sue, who ran out.
BETTING : 2 to 1 on Guilt.
Guilt won easily by two lengths, Fish being a bad third.

THE POLO PONY SCURRY.—Value Rs. 49. For Arabs and C.-B's 14-1 and under. 3 furlongs.

Capt Koe's Gibraltar ... ... Mr Smith 1
Mr Wade's Babylon ... ... Mr Wynn 2
Also ran : Naseem, Abundance, and Mohawk.
BETTING : 6 to 4 on Babylon.
Won easily by two lengths.

THE UTILITY STAKES.—Value Rs 49. 4 furlongs.

Capt Haig's Chogo, 11st 7lbs ... Maj Doksl Singh 1
Mr R A Wynn's Pep. ercorn, 9st 9lbs ... Mr Smith 2
Also ran : Accepted and Sir Phillip.
BETTING : 2 to 1 on Chogo, evens Peppercorn.

THE OPEN RACE.—Value Rs. 49 5 furlongs.

Mr R A Wynn's Howitzer, 10st 9lbs, (car 11st 7lbs) ... ... Owner 1
Mr Smith's Tight Rope, 11st 11b ... Owner 2
Mr Corsellis' Muskerry, 8st ... ... Native 3
Mr Morris' Gypsy, 11st ... ... Owner 0
BETTING : 2 to 1 on Tight Rope, 3 to 1 agst Howitzer.
Won easily by two lengths.

ALL COMERS' POLO SCURRY. Value Rs. 49. 3 furlongs.

Mr Smith's Dewdrop, 12st 7lbs .. Owner 1
Captain Koe's Gibraltar, 9st 11b ... Native 2
Mr Wade's Babylon 11st, (car 11st 2lbs.) ... Mr Wynn 3
Also ran : Sir Phillip.
BETTING : 2 to 1 on Dewdrop.
Won by two lengths ; three lengths between second and third.

THE ARAB CUP.—Value Rs. 49. A Cup presented by the Hon'ble Mr. J. P. Hewett for maiden ponies 14-1 and under. Six furlongs.

Mr Blair's Treacle, 10st 6lbs ... Mr Smith 1
Mr R A Wynn's Peppercorn, 11st 9lbs ... Owner 2
Also ran : Blue Moon.
BETTING : 6 to 3 on Treacle.
Won by two lengths.

Second Day, Wednesday, 14th October.

The second day's proceedings again proved most successful, six races and a couple of matches were brought off, Mr. Smith having a regular day out, steering five horses first past the post. Details :—

THE STICK STAKES.—Value Rs. 49. 1 mile.

Mr Smith's Tight Rope, 11st 7lbs ... Owner 1
Mr. Gage's Mohawk II. 9st 7lbs ... Native 2
Mr Gage's Fish, 10st ... Mr Lamb 3
Also ran : Sister Sue, which fell.
BETTING : 2 to 1 on Tight Rope.
Won easily; bad third.

THE NOVICE STAKES.—Value Rs. 49. 5 furlongs.

Captain Haig's Chogo, 10st 2lbs ... Mr Smith 1
Mr. Charrington's Dangerous, 12st 4lbs ... Owner 2
Also ran : Gypsy and Accepted.
BETTING : 6 to 4 on Chogo.
Won by a length ; remainder did not finish.

THE OPEN HANDICAP.—Value Rs. 49. 6 furlongs.

Capt Koe's Gibraltar, 8st ... ... Native 1
Mr Smith's Tight Rope, 11st 5lbs ... Owner 2
Mr R A Wynn's Howitzer, 12st (car 12st 2lbs) ... ... Owner 3
Mr Corsellis' Muskerry, 8st 7lbs ... Mr Hunter 0

BETTING : 5 to 1 agst Gibraltar, 6 to 4 on Tight Rope, evens Howitzer.
Won easily; bad third.

A MATCH. Value Rs. 49. 3 furlongs.

Mr Blair's Treacle ... ... Mr Smith 1
Capt Koe's Gibraltar ... ... Native 2

THE PACHMARHI SCRAMBLE.—Value Rs. 49. 2 furlongs.

Captain Paley's Eileen ... ... Owner 1
Mr Wade's Babylon ... ... Owner 2
Mr Nicholls' Abundance ... ... Owner 3
Also ran : Accepted, Blue Moon, Music, Commander, Fish Robert and Vegetable.
Won by a length ; half a length between second and third.

A MATCH.—Value Rs. 49. 3 furlongs.

Mr Wade's Babylon, 11st 7lbs ... Mr Smith 1
Mr R A Wynn's Peppercorn, 11st 7lbs ... Owner
Won by a nose.

THE LADIES' PURSE.—Value Rs. 49. 1 mile.

Major Berryman's Guilt, 10st 2lbs ... Mr Smith 1
Mr Charrington's Dangerous, 11st 12lbs ... Owner 2
Mr Wynn's Howitzer, 12st 6lbs ... Owner 3
Also ran : Mohawk, Fish, and Muskerry.
BETTING : 6 to 4 on Guilt, evens Howitzer, 5 to 1 remainder.
Won easily ; a neck between second and third.

THE CONSOLATION RACE.—Value Rs. 49. 3 furlongs.

Mr R A Wynn's Sister Sue ... ... Owner 1
Mr Nicholls' Abundance, ... Mr Smith ½ dead
Mr Morles' Gypsy, ... Owner ½ heat
Also ran : Blue Moon and Robert.
BETTING : 5 to 1 on Sister Sue.
Won easily.

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THE MANCHESTER SEPTEMBER MEETING.

A SPLENDID programme was set for decision at Castle Irwell on the 25th ultimo, and it was unfortunate that brighter weather did not prevail. Fields, too, were exceedingly poor for this course, considering the handsome value of the stakes, though in the case of the Autumn Breeders' Foal Plate which was reduced to a match, the reason for the absence of the opposition is easily explained by the presence of the unbeaten Pretty Polly, who evidently frightened the remaining forty-nine acceptors away. She won in a common canter from Don Paez, odds of 25 to 1 being laid on the filly, who thus gained her fifth successive bracket. The Manchester Trafford Handicap attracted the only Irish-trained Cesarewitch candidate to the post, viz., Winkfield's Charm, and his very easy success will doubtless bring the colt into greater prominence in connection with the more important race to be decided 14th October, for which his weight is 7st. 5lbs. Otto Madden again did well, riding three winners in five mounts.

THE LANCASTER NURSERY HANDICAP—Of 437 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr J W Larnach's br f by Oberon—Pintail, 6st 13lbs ... ... J Jarvis 1
Mr W C Whitney's br c Cossid, 7st 10lbs... J Martin 2
Mr T Phillips's b g White Berry, 6st 9lbs Jarvis 3
Sir T R Dewar's St George's Lass, 8st 9lbs ... ... Lyne 0
Sir E Cassel's Wise Duchess, 8st 8lbs Halsey 0
Mr H J King's Fanfare, 8st 7lbs ... H Jones 0
Sir E Vincent's Orgueil, 8st 3lbs ... W Lane 0
Lord Dunraven's Tamasha, 8st 2lbs (inc 5lbs ex) ... ... Croft 0

(*Winner trained by W. Sanderson.*)

BETTING : 2 to 1 agst Cossid, 100 to 30 Tamasha, 7 to 1 Pintail filly, 8 to 1 each Fanfare and White Berry, 10 to 1 Wise Duchess, and 100 to 8 any other (offered).
Won by a length ; a neck between second and third. Orgueil was fourth, St. George's Lass fifth, Wise Duchess sixth, and Tamasha last throughout.

THE AUTUMN BREEDERS' FOAL PLATE.—of 888 sovs. for two-year olds. Five furlongs.

Major E Loder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiration, 9st 5lbs .. W Lane 1
Sir E Vincent's br c Don Paez, 8st 9lbs ... Lyne 2

(*Winner trained by Mr. Gilpin.*)

BETTING : 25 to 1 on Pretty Polly
Pretty Polly waited on Don Paez till approaching the distance, where she drew to the front and won, hard held, by three parts of a length. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 3⅘secs.

THE DE TRAFFORD HANDICAP—Of 437 sovs. One mile and a half.

Mr J C Sullivan's b c Winkfield's Charm, by Winkfield—Queen Charming, 4 yrs, 9st... ... ... Rose 1
Mr C Hibbert's b c Scotch Cherry, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs ... ... Trigg 2
Lord Ellesmere's br c Gower, 3 yrs, 8st 11lbs ... ... Halsey 3
Lord Derby's St Levan, 5 yrs, 8st 13lbs ... D Maher 0
Mr Lauderdale's Golden Bay, 6 yrs, 7st 11lbs ... ... J Jarvis 0
Mr B Gottschalk's Emily Melton, 6 yrs, 7st 9lbs ... ... O Madden 0
Mr L J Shirley's Yab, 4 yrs 7st 7lbs ... Griggs 0

(*Winner trained in Ireland, and bred by owner.*)

BETTING : 3 to 1 agst Scotch Cherry, 9 to 2 Emily Melton, 5 to 1 each Winkfield's Charm and St. Levan, 11 to 2 Gower, 7 to 1 Yab, and 100 to 8 Golden Bay (offered).

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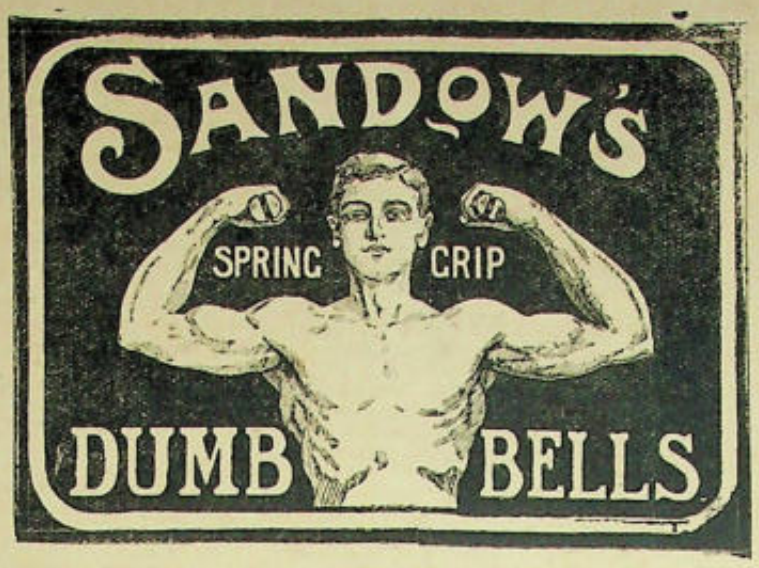

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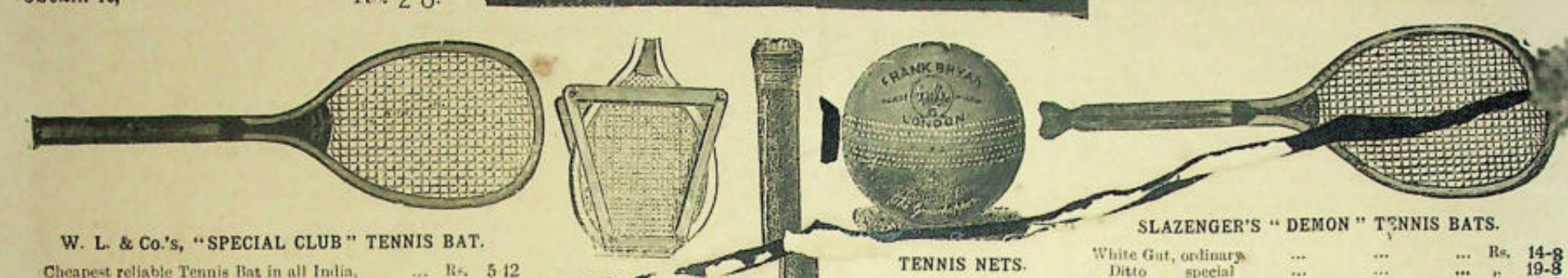

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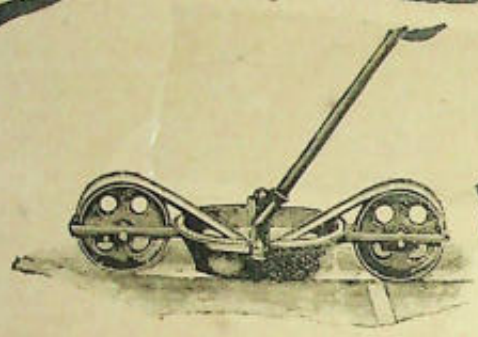

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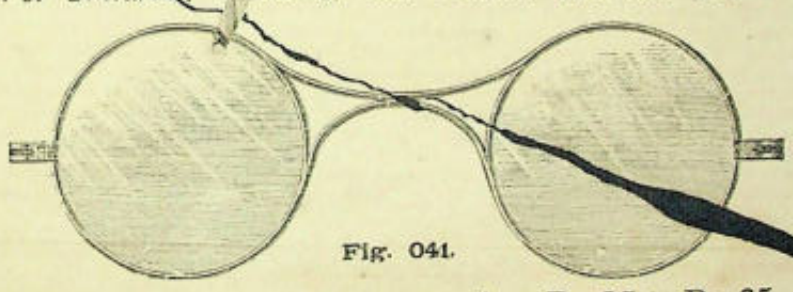

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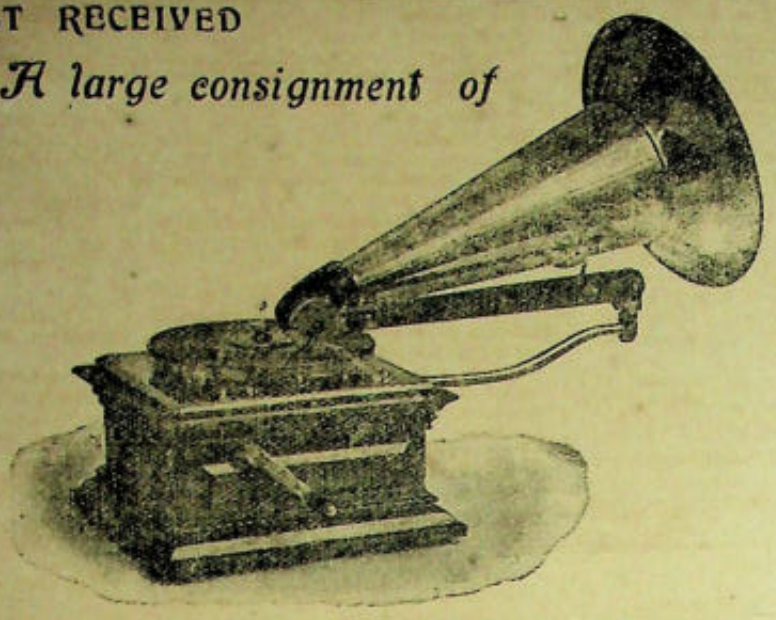

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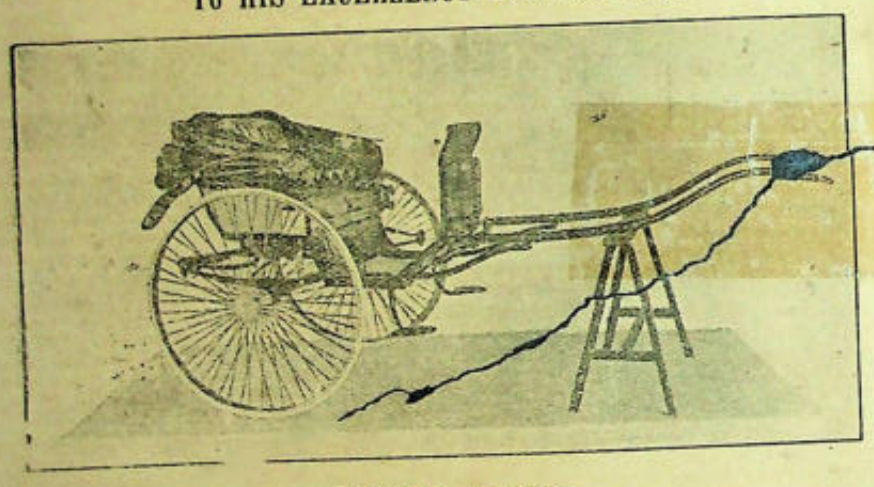

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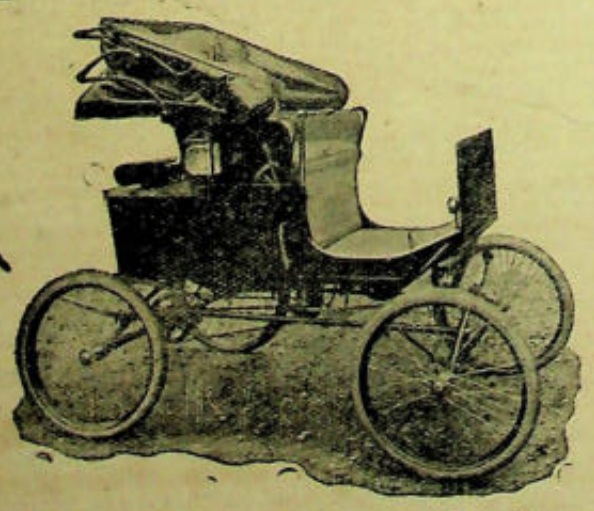

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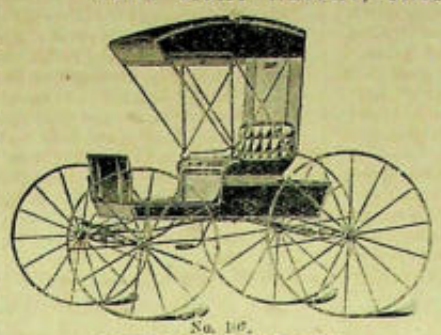

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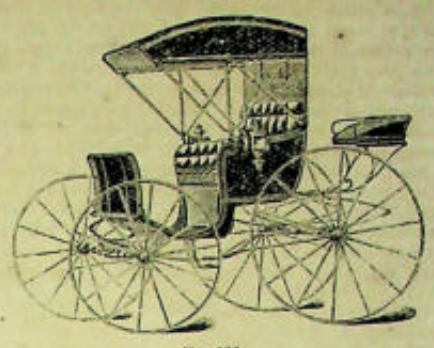

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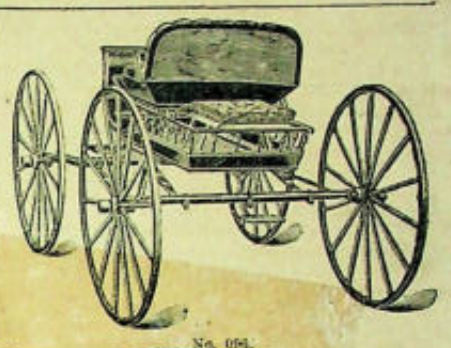

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The conditions for the concluding afternoon's sport at Castle Irwell on Saturday, the 26th ultimo, were a vast improvement over those prevailing on the first day, and the attendance showed a corresponding increase. Fields were larger and racing went with a much better swing than on Friday, there being nearly twice as many runners as sported silk on the previous afternoon. The principal item down for decision was the Prince Edward Handicap of 2,000 sovs, which attracted a dozen good class animals to the post, including three Cesarewitch candidates. Favouritism rested with Maori Chieftain, who had not previously been seen out this season, but all the placed horses sprang from the outside division, Wet Paint defeating Kano by a head for first place, with Gardenhurst a somewhat bad third. The result was thus pretty much on the lines of a year ago, when Mormon got the better of Volodyovski. Saturday's winner was bred by H. M. the King, when Prince of Wales, who presented him to Lord Marcus Beresford, and at the last Kempton Park Christmas Meeting he carried the colours of his present owner to victory in a hurdle race.

THE MICHAELMAS PLATE—Of 442 sovs, for two-year olds. five furlongs.

Mr J R Keene's b c Sweeper, by Ben Brush—Fairy Slipper, 8st 7lbs ...	Lyne	1
Mr J Russell's ch c Orme Shore, 8st 12lbs	Madden	2
Duke of Devonshire's ch f Lady Angela, 8st 9lbs	Halsey	3
Mr W C Whitney's Mary Belle, 8st 4lbs	Martin	0

(*Winner trained by M. Allen.*)

BETTING: 7 to 4 agst Orme Shore, 9st to 4 Lady Angela, 5 to 2 Sweeper, and 10 to 1 Mary Belle (offered).

Won by a length and half; two lengths divided the second and third. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 6secs.

THE PRINCE EDWARD HANDICAP—Of 1,670 sovs. One and a quarter.

Lord M Beresford's br g Wet Paint, by St Frusquin—Red Enamel, 4yrs, 6st 7lbs	J Jarvis	1
Mr J Buchanan's br c Kano, by Trenton—Rabia, 3yrs, 7st 3lbs (car 7st 4lbs) ...	F Hardy	2
Mr D J Jardine's b g Gardenhurst, by Tarporley—Shocking, 5yrs, 7st 1lb ...	T Heppell	3
Mr W H Brice's Eminent, by Amphion—Nestling, 3yrs, 6st 11lbs	G Butchers	0
Mr C T Pulley's Fariman, by Gallinule—Bellinzona, 3yrs 7st 13lbs ...	J H Martin	0
Mr Ben Bong's ... 7st 10lbs ...Winkfield	[illegible]	0
Sir E Vincent's Countermark, by Worcester—Assay, 3yrs, 7st 8lbs	W Lane	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Imperious, by Tarporley—Imperialism, 3yrs, 7st 7lbs	T L Miller	0
Mr S B Joel's Maori Chieftain, by Amphion—New Zealand, 4yrs, 7st 5lbs (car 7st 6lbs)	O Madden	0
Sir W Ingram's Cottager, by Common—Marguerite II, 5yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J W East	0
Mr F Bibby's Pain Bis by Bread Knife—Pansy, 3yrs 6st 7lbs	B Janek	0
Duke of Devonshire's Alp, by St Angelo—Queen of the Meadows 3yrs, 6st 4lbs	W Griggs	0

(*Winner trained by Leach.*)

BETTING: 5 to 2 agst Maori Chieftain, 11 to 2 Imperious, 6 to 1 Pain Bis, 100 to 1 Alp, 13 to 1 Gardenhurst, 100 to 8 Field Rose, 100 to 8 Kano, 100 to 8 Cottager, 100 to 8 Wet Pain, 100 to 7 any other (offered.)

Gardenhurst was the first to leave the paddock, and he was followed in the parade by Maori Chieftain, Imperious, Cottager, Eminent, Countermark. Pain Bis, Field Rose, Wet Paint, and Kano, Fariman being led to the post without taking part in the preliminaries. They cantered in the same order, and the white flag was hoisted at twenty minutes past three. Two minutes later a capital start was effected, the first to show in front being Cottager, Field Rose Imperious, and Pain Bis, with Wet Paint last, and, on settling down at the first turn, Cottager held a clear lead of Imperious, Field Rose, and Eminent, these being followed in Indian file by Alp, Pain Bis, Countermark, and Maori Chieftain, the whipper-in still being Wet Paint. So they ran to the straight, where Eminent drew out with a slight lead of Kano, Alp, and Gardenhurst, with Wet Paint working his way into fifth place, but below the distance Kano and Wet Paint singled themselves out, and a grand set-to resulted in favour of Wet Paint by a head; five lengths between second and third. Eminent was placed fourth, Pain Bis was fifth, Countermark sixth, Alp seventh Cottager eighth, Imperious ninth, Field Rose next, and Fariman last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 2mins 11⅕secs.

THE PALATINE HANDICAP.—Of 437 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr J S Colton Fox's b g The De'il, by El Diablo—Strathardle, 4 yrs, 6st 4lbs (car 6st 5lbs)...	Janek	1
Mr W H Schwind's br h Castlewise, 6 yrs, 7st 10lbs	Watts	2
Major J D Edward's br g Robino, 6 yrs, 7st 1lb	Compton	3
Mr A Cohen's Master Willie, aged, 9st ...	Boardman	0
Mr T Pilkington's Verus, 4 yrs, 7st 10lbs ...	O Madden	0
Sir Eldon Gorst's Pansy Masters, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs	W Lane	0
Mr F Hardy's Wild Night Again, 4 yrs 7st 6lbs	Hardy	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Altnabreac, 5 yrs, 7st 6lbs, (inc 5lbs ex) ...	Miller	0
Mr G Thursby's Indian Corn, 6yrs, 7st 4lbs	Triggs	0
Mr E Clark's c by Sempronius—Lady Smith, 3yrs, 7st 2lbs	Griggs	0
Mr R Hamilton Stubber's Pursuit, 3yrs, 7st 1lb, (car 7st 2lbs)	Higgs	0

(*Winner trained by Braime.*)

BETTING: 7 to 2 agst Lady Smith colt, 4 to 1 Indian Corn, 6 to 1 The De'il, 7 to 1 Castlewise, 8 to 1 each Verus and Pursuit, 10 to 1 each Robino and Wild Night Again, and 100 to 8 any other.

Won easily by three lengths; a length separated the second and third. Lady Smith colt was fourth, Wild Night Again fifth, Pursuit sixth, Master Willie seventh, Altnabreac next and Verus last throughout.

NEWMARKET FIRST OCTOBER MEETING.

The weather was none too promising when the "First October" Meeting was ushered in on the 28th ultimo, though after the decision of the opening item on the card the sun appeared and the conditions improved considerably. There was not a large attendance, but this was only in keeping with custom on the first afternoon. Sport ruled fairly interesting until the concluding item on the card which resulted in a double *fiasco*, and will be found referred to elsewhere. The most important race down for decision was the Great Foal Stakes, but the scratching of Rock Stand late on Monday took from the event a good deal of interest. The colt was expected to take his final galloping in this event prior to meeting Sceptre in the Jockey Club Stakes tomorrow, and in his absence odds were laid on Sir E. Cassel's Lovat. They were, however, rudely upset, the daughter of Love Wisely not being placed in a field of four The victor, Prince Royal (late Louis William), had never previously secured a bracket, and he was of course little supported. Another competitor to gain a maiden victory was Flower Seller in the Two-Year Old Race. It was the colt's first race, the son of Florizel II. acquitting himself well. Nothing could be found to oppose Venus in the Triennial Produce Stakes, other winners being the Miss Archer filly, Hymeneus, Henry the First, and Fosco.

THE GREAT FOAL STAKES.—Of 820 sovs, for three-years olds; colts 8st 12lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 9lbs, with penalties and allowances. A. F. (one mile and two furlongs).

Mr L W Humby's b c Prince Royal, by Royal Sovereign—Juno (h-b) 7st 6lbs	W Lane	1
Mr W C Whitney's b c Pan Michael, 8st 4lbs	J H Martin	2
Mr Douglas Baird's b or br c Arion, 7st 13lbs	H Aylin	3
Sir E Cassel's Lovat, 8st 4lbs ...	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by Russell.*)

BETTING:—11 to 8 on Lovat 9 to 2 agst Pan Michael 6 to 1 Prince Royal 6 to 1 Arion.

Won by two lengths; six lengths divided the second and third.

THE BUCKENHAM STAKES—Of 1,050 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies 8st 11lbs. Five furlongs 134 yards.

Mr J Musker's br c Henry the First, by Melton—Simena, 9st	O Madden	1
Mr L Brassey's b c Merryman, 9st ...	K Cannon	2
Duke of Portland's b c The Scribe, 9st ...	M Cannon	3

(*Winner trained by Gilbert.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 on Henry the First, 7 to 4 agst. The Scribe and 100 to 8 Merryman (offered.)

Won in a canter by two lengths; a bad third.

THE FIFTH-FOURTH TRIENNIAL PRODUCE STAKES.—Of 511 sovs, for four-year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs with penalties and allowances. T. M. M. (two miles).

Mr. L de Rothschild's b f Ve[illegible] Simon—Lady Lo[illegible] 8st 11lbs ...	K Cannon	w o

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe.*)

T[illegible]TOR'S PLATE (welter handicap) of—137 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr L de Rothschild's ch g Fosco, by Juggler—Merrie Lassie, aged, 7st 5lbs	Hardy	1
" E[illegible]ton's b g Mug, 5[illegible], 7st 4lbs...	Griggs	2
" [illegible]vy's b m La Uruguaya, aged 7st 6lbs	J H Martin	3
" H J King's Mimicry, 4 yrs, 8st 9lbs...	H Jones	0
" S Platt's Sizergh, 3 yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	O Madden	0
" J W Horsman's Goldrush 4 yars, 7st 4lbs	East	0
Lord Howard de Walden's Centre Board, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs ...	Miller	0
Mr A Stedall's Exaltation, 5 yrs, 6st 12lbs	J Jarvis	0

The following did not go to the post a second time, but must be considered starters for the race:—

Sir J Blundell Maple's Ardeer, 6 yrs, 9st 7lbs	W Lane	0
Mr H Heasman's Broadway 4 yrs, 8st 2lbs	Halsey	0
Sir E Vincent's Clairetta, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs	Janek	0
Mr A Cohen's Brownist, 3 yrs 8st 11lbs ...	Boardman	0
Mr L Brassey's Arabi, 3 yrs, 7st 11lbs ...	Lyne	0
Lord Stanley's Mixed Powder, 3 yrs, 7st 10lbs	H Aylin	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe.*)

In the first and second instances the race was declared no start; consequently, it had to be run over again, and there were eight runners both on the second and third occasions. The first prices rule the betting, and there is therefore no occasion to allude to the subsequent wagering.

BETTING: 4 to 1 agst Mixed Powder, 5 to 1 Exaltation, 8 to 1 Goldrush, 10 to 1 each Mimicry, La Uruguaya and Centre Board, 100 to 8 each Ardeer, Sizergh, and Mug, and 100 to 6 any other (offered).

The running was made by Clairetta, in the centre, from Goldrush, Mimicry, Ardeer and Mixed Powder, with Centre Board and La Uruguaya in close attendance for half the journey, when Goldrush dashed out clear of La Uruguaya and Mimicry, and won by half a length; a neck between second and third, Clairetta was fourth, Mixed Powder fifth, Sizergh sixth, Brownist seventh, Exaltation eighth, Centre Board ninth, Ardeer next, and Mug, who was left at the post, last. The runners broke through the tapes and it was no race, but the starter's assistant failed to recall them. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 3⅖ secs.

On going to the post a second time, there were only eight runners, but there was another breakaway Exaltation, Mimicry, and Goldrush galloping the course, though only the first-named was ridden out, and he passed the post two lengths ahead of the pulling-up Mimicry. The race was then started by the flag, but after a couple of breaksaway, Mimicry and Exaltation were practically left behind. Goldrush made play from Mug and Sizergh, with Centre Board next in, advance of Fosco, Mimicry and Exaltation being the whippers-in to the Dip, where Fosco drew out, followed by Mug, and won by a length; a head seperated the second and third. Sizergh was placed fourth, Goldrush was fifth, Centre Board sixth, and Exaltation last, Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 4⅕ secs.

A lot of rain fell at Newmarket during Tuesday night, but a welcome change took place on the 29th ult., and when racing was resumed the conditions were almost perfect, the sun shining with considerable warmth. The attendance did not reach large proportions, but a considerable improvement in this respect may be looked for to-day, when Rock Sand and Sceptre will fight their battle over again in the valuable Jockey Club Stakes. There was nothing of particular interest on the card yesterday, and in the majority of races field ruled small. The chief item, the Great Eastern Railway Handicap, however, brought a dozen to the post, favouritism resting with Chacornac, for whom Mr. H. J. King paid 480 guineas at the recent sale of horses the property of Mr. J. R. Keene. The gelding had not previously earned a bracket this season, but yesterday he gained an easy verdict. Mr. King won the corresponding race last year with Orchid, the same jockey being up. Henry the First followed up his success on the first day in the Buckenham Stakes by landing the odds laid on him for the Boscawen Stakes, and Sir E. Cassel's Love Charm took the Triennial Produce Stakes easily. Other winners were Court Belle, Riverside II., Mousqueton, and Joshua. Otto Madden gained a couple of brackets, and, as W. Lane failed to score, Sir J. Blundell Maple's jockey only leads by two points.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY HANDICAP (a sweepstakes—Of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr H J King's b g Chacornac, by Juvenal—Laetitia, 6 yrs, 7st 13lbs ...	H Jones	1
Lord Dunraven's b g Salute, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb	Griggs	2
Mr W C Whitney's b f Ballantrae, 4 yrs 7st 11lbs	J H Martin	3
Sir E Cassel's Sermon, 3 yrs, 7st 7lbs ...	Watts	0
Mr Sydney Loder's Mandalay, 5 yrs, 7st 2lb	Janek	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Vidame, 5 yrs, 7st	W Lane	0
Mr J R Keene's Whitechapel, 3 yrs, 7st 6lbs (car 7st 7lbs)	O Madden	0
Lord Stanley's Pellisson, 6 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	Rollason	0
Mr Jersey's Smilax, 3 yrs, 6st 13lbs ...	Plant	0
Prince Soltykoff's Vulpio, 6 yrs, 6st 3lbs (car 6st 5lbs)	Butchers 0	0
Mr A James's Achaicus, 4 yrs 6st 2lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Duke of Devonshire's Devoniensis 3 yrs, 5st 9lbs	Hunter	0

(*Winner trained by Leach.*)

BETTING: 3 to 1 agst Chacornac, 4 to 1 Vidame, 9 to 2 Mandelay, 180 to 12 Smilax, 100 to 8 each Ballantrace, Sermon, and Salute, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won by three-quarters of a length; half a length separated the second and third. Devoniensis was fourth, Mandalay fifth, Vidame sixth, Achaicus seventh, Whitechapel eighth, Vulpio next and Sermon last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min. 16⅖secs.

THE HOPEFUL STAKES.—Of 580 sovs, for two year olds; colts 8st 10lbs, fillies and geldings 8st 7lbs; with penalties a[nd] allowances. The last five furlongs of Ab. M.

Mr Douglas Baird's b c Mousqueton by Carbine—Musa, 9st 5lbs ...	H Aylin	
Mr W C Whitney's b c Hands Down, 9st 2lbs	J H Martin	
Mr R Sherwood's b f by Isinglass—Sweet Duchess, 8st 7lbs	Croft	
Sir E Cassel's Love Potion, 8st 7lbs ...	Halsey	
Mr Jersey's Vergia, 8st 10lbs	O Madden	
Mr F Gretton's f by Ayrshire—Melona 8st 7lbs ...	M Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by Enoch.*)

BETTING: 6 to 4 agst Vergia, 5 to 2 Hands Down, 6 to 1 Sweet Duchess filly, 100 to 12 Mousqueton, and 100 to 7 each Lo[illegible] and Melona filly.

Won a fine race by a short head; two lengths separated the second and third. Love Potion was fourth and Vergia last. Time by Benson's chronograph, 1min 4⅕sec.

THE BOSCAWEN (POST) STAKES—Of 900 sovs, for two-year olds; colts 9st, fillies and geldings 8st 11lbs. Five furlongs 134 yards.

Mr J Musker's br c Henry the First, by Melton—Simena 9st	O Madden	1
Mr Douglas Baird's b c Islesman, 9st ...	H Aylin	2
His Majesty's br c Perchant, 9st ..	H Jones	3
Duke of Portland's Bradazon, 9st ...	M Cannon	0
Duke of Devonshire's Burgundy, 8st 11lbs	Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by Gilbert.*)

BETTING: 11 to 4 on Henry the First, 5 to 1 agst Islesman, and 100 to 7 any other (offered).

Won cleverly by a neck; six lengths divided the second and third. Brabazon was fourth.

The Jockey Club Stakes differs essentially from its sister event, the Princess of Wales' Stakes, inasmuch as three-year olds, which are now rigorously debarred from competing in the mammoth stake decided behind the Ditch, are here afforded an opportunity of measuring strides against their elders. A glance at the past records of the race serves to show that it has been the gainer by their presence, the strength of the opposition being materially enhanced thereby. Furthermore, the younger generation have justified their inclusion in no uncertain manner, for so far only two of the ten winners, Isinglass and Love Wisely to wit, have emanated from the ranks of the four-year olds. Never since its inauguration has the issue been narrowed down within so small a compass as this year the scantiest field hitherto associated with the contest being the seven who tried conclusions in the year of its institution; but partisanship ran high between the respective adherents of Sceptre and Rock Sand, and it was in the presence of a much larger and more representative gathering that a brisk day's sport was decided. The scene which followed Sceptre's victory was such as has seldom been witnessed on the classic Heath, and it will long remain green in the memory of those privileged to witness it. The weather remained fine until the decision of the big race, after which it turned showery and unpleasant, but the going was in splendid order.

THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES—Of 10,000 sovs; the second received 1 500 sovs, the third 1,000 sovs, the nominator of the winner 400 sovs, and the nominator of the second 200 sovs, weight for age, &c. Last mile and three-quarters of Cesarewitch Course.

Mr W Bass's b f Sceptre, by Persimmon—Ornament, 4yrs, 10st ...	F Hardy	1
Sir J Miller's br c Rock Sand, by Sainfoin—Roquebrune, 3yrs, 8st 13lbs	D Maher	2
Mr W B Purefoy's b g Cappa White, by Buckingham—Elvir, 4yrs, 8st 7lbs ...	[illegible]	3
Mr J Musker's William Rufus, by Melton—Simena, 3yrs, 8st 13lbs	O Madden	0
Duke of Devonshire's Cheers, by Persimmon . Applause II 4yrs, 10st ...	W Halsey	0

(*Winner trained by A Taylor, at Manton.*)

BETTING: 11 to 10 on Rock Sand, 5 to 4 agst Sceptre. 20 to 1 Cappa White, 50 to 1 William Rufus, 100 to 1 Cheers (offerd).

Neither Sceptre, Cappa White, nor Cheers was on view in the paddock and William Rufus cantered down to the post in front of Rock Sand. The white flag was hoisted at 3-10, the lot being despatched to a capital start a minute later, Cappa White showing the way to Rock Sand and William Rufus, with Cheers whipping in. There was no change whatever till about six furlongs from home, when Sceptre took third place, and, gradually improving her position, she drew to the front after passing the Bushes, at which point Maher began to be uneasy on the favourite, who was lying second, with Cappa White next Thence-forward the race resolved itself into a procession, Sceptre maintaining her lead and won easily amidst a scene of the wildest enthusiasm by four lengths; two lengths divided the second and third. Cheers was last throughout Time by Benson's chronograph, 3mins 10secs. Value of the stakes £7,185.

Though somewhat gusty the weather was bright for the concluding stage of the Newmarket Meeting. Very few people were present to witness the sport, which, however, turned out fairly interesting. A good start was made with 11 runners, out of the 16 entries for the Two-Year-Old Selling Race, and Glandore, who got well away, made the whole of the running and beat several more fancied candidates. The huge field of 21 started

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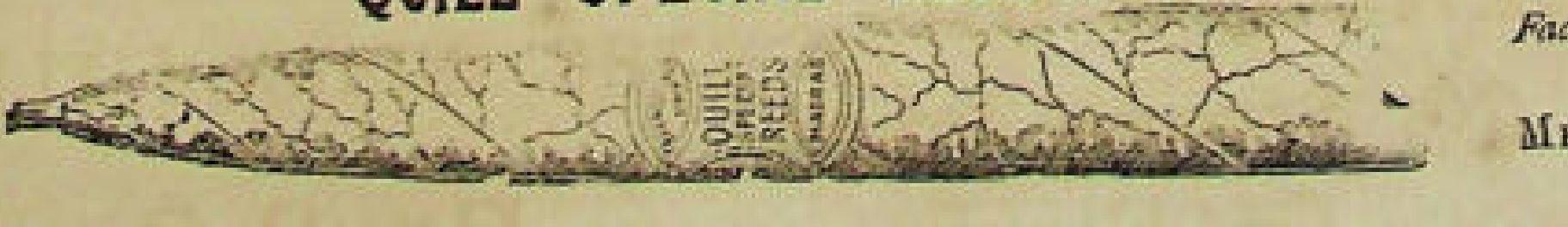

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for the Ditch Mile Nursery Handicap, and Bessie Brown, who ran third to Livia at Great Yarmouth, was always favourite at 7 to 2, with good money forthcoming for Whinbloom at 5 to 1. The latter held the lead from start to finish, and won easily.

THE NEWMARKET OCTOBER HANDICAP—Of 500 sovs, by subscription of 15 sovs each, 10 ft, or 5 sovs only if declared, second to receive 50 sovs. Last mile and a half of Cesarewitch Course.

Mr L de Rothschild's Gourgaud, by Sir Visto— Gagoul, 3 yrs, 6st ...	Murray	1
Mr H Sleath Skelton's Happy Slave, 4 yrs, 6st 9lbs	Butchers	2
Lord Howard de Walden's St Maclou, 5 yrs, 9st	Cain	3
Mr J R Keene's Flying Prince, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs	O Madden	0
Mr H J King's Whistling Crow, 3 yrs, 7st 4lbs	F Morgan	0
Mr T Corns's Rightful, 4 yrs, 6st 9lbs ...	J Jarvis	0
Mr J Hammond's Burses, 4yrs, 6st 12lbs ...	Miller	0
Lord Dunraven's Morganatic, 4yrs, 6st 10lbs	Griggs	0
Sir J Blundell Maple's Intimidater, aged, 6st 8lbs	Janek	0
Mr F W Day's La Napoule, 5 yrs, 6st 5lbs	Plant	0
Mr J F Appleyard's Lord Brand, 4 yrs, 5st 12lbs	Hunter	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe.*)

BETTING: 4 to 1 each agst Flying Prince and Happy Slave, [illegible] Rightful, 8 to 1 Gourgaud, 10 to 1 each St. Maclu, Whistling Crow, Burses, and Lord Brand, 100 to 7 any other (offered). Won by a neck; a length and a half between the second and third, [illegible] Napoule was fourth, Burses fifth, Rightful sixth Lord Brand [illegible] Morganatic last. Time— 2mins, 37 2sec.

THE ROUS MEMORIAL STAKES—Of [illegible] sovs each, 10ft, or 5 sovs entrance only if declared, with 400 sovs added for the owner and 100 sovs for the nominator of the winner: for two-year olds; second to receive 50 sovs. Rous Course (five furlongs).

Mr L de Rothschild's St Amant, by St Frusquin—Lady Loverule, 9st 3lbs ...	K Cannon	1
Mr Douglas Baird's Leucadia 9st ...	H Aylin	2
Lord Derby's f by St Frusquin—Bridget, 8st 7lbs	D Maher	3
Mr J H Houldsworth's Lochryan, 8st 10lbs	M Cannon	0

(*Winner trained by Hayhoe.*)

BETTING: 9 to 4 on St. Amant, 9 to 2 agst Leucadia, 8 to 1 Lochryan, 100 to 8 the Bridget filly.

Won in good style by two lengths; three lengths divided the second and third.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION RULES.

†THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

DIVISION 1.

ASTON VILLA *vs.* EVERTON.—This match was played at Aston on Saturday, the 26th ultimo before 30,000 spectators. Both sides were representative, the visitors playing the same eleven that won such a big victory over Newcastle United, and the Villa merely substituting Johnson for Bache in the front line the latter suffering from a throat affection. In glorious weather, and with the turf in fine condition, the game was fought out at a tremendous pace. The visitors showed beautiful combination, their half-backs in particular playing delightful football Fortunately for the Villa, their backs were steadiness itself, Noon in particular playing better than he has done this season, and, with George at his best, the Everton attack met with no success. On the rare occasions they broke away, the Villa were always dangerous, McLuskie once missing a rare chance when he drove the ball at short range right against Kitchen's legs. George tipped over the bar a lovely drive from Booth, and just missing a rare chance when he drove the ball at Short who centred beautifully for Johnson to head into the net. The Villa thus led at half-time by one to none. In the second half the Villa were clearly the more aggressive side, staying the pace better and being generally dangerous when in front of goal. McLuskie scored the second point from a pretty combined movement and Wilkes added a third, despite Kitchen's effort to divert the course of the ball, which went into the top corner of the net. Everton made a big effort at the finish, and after Young had scored with one clever shot, that only just missed at a second attempt. It was a great game full of clever football, the result being: Aston V[illegible] three goals; Everton, one.

SHEFFIELD UNITED [illegible] [D]ERBY COUNTY.—The meeting of these clubs at Bram[all Lane on] Saturday took place in glorious weather and attr[acted] 20,000 people. The ground was in capital con[dition] the teams were quite at full strength. The game [illegible] first, with United facing a glaring sun, and Derby made most of the early running. At the end of fifteen minutes Davis scored through the ball glancing off Thickett, and thus deceiving Lewis who would otherwise have saved the shot. Up to the interval things were even, but there was no more scoring. United crossing a goal to the bad. In the second half United's early dash was sent back, and, after a lot of mid-field play, Richards rounded Thickett cleverly, and shot a surprise goal close in, the County thus securing a two-goal lead after ten minutes' play. This set United going, and the rest of the game saw a brilliant display of football from them. At the end of twenty-five minutes Bennett, who had previously had hard luck, beat Whittaker with a superb drive in the corner of the goal, and the equaliser came from Priest's head from a corner. Thus, with a quarter of an hour remaining, the score was level, and, with United still keeping up the tremendous pressure, a third goal came from Common just in time. Result: Sheffield United, three goals; Derby County, two goals

BURY *vs.* SUNDERLAND.—These teams met on Saturday at Bury, in beautiful weather, before 15,000 people. Lindsay again appeared in the home team, whilst his namesake represented Day in goal for Sunderland. Sunderland started and faced the sun, and almost immediately got through, Gemmell missing narrowly with a header. At the other end McCombie sailed in and spoiled a fine effort by Leeming. The ball travelled quickly but from a breakaway Wood netted with a low shot after seven minutes play. Still Bury pressed, and twice more the visitors' goal escaped miraculously. But Sagar and Wood got away, and the former beat Lindsay again before the game was seventeen minutes old. This further success squared the visitors' forwards who were smart and active, but met with a stubborn defence, whilst the home attack wasted no time and shot desperately. Ten minutes before the interval Bury again pressed, and Sagar beat Lindsay, the ball being hooked out of the net by Watson but Mr. Lewis granted the point, and at half-time, Bury led by three goals to love. On resuming Bury still held the upper hand, although Sunderland were several times dangerous The backs at both ends were prominent, but after fifteen minutes Hogg registered the first goal for Sunderland after a fine individual effort, the same player sending a lightning shot just over the bar soon after. The visitors pressed for a time and were extremely dangerous, but the home team rallied, failing, however, to penetrate the defence. Just before the close Wood looked certain to score, but Watson averted danger in the nick of time. Final score Bury, three goals; Sunderland, one.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE).

		Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Manchester City	...	4	4	0	0	8	11	3
Sheffield United	...	4	4	0	0	8	12	7
Sheffield Wednesday	...	5	3	2	0	8	9	3
Sunderland	...	5	4	0	1	8	16	8
Newcastle United	...	5	3	1	1	7	8	7
Everton	...	6	3	0	2	6	12	8
Aston Villa	...	5	2	2	1	6	10	11
Bury	...	5	1	3	1	5	9	10
Wlvrhmpton Wdrs	...	4	2	0	2	4	6	8
Derby County	...	5	2	0	3	4	9	8
Notts Forest	...	5	1	2	2	4	9	10
Blackburn Rovers	...	5	1	2	2	4	4	6
Notts County	...	5	2	0	3	4	4	10
Middlesbrough	...	4	1	1	2	3	6	8
W Brom. Albion	...	5	1	1	3	3	5	7
Stoke	...	5	1	0	4	2	8	9
Small Heath	...	6	0	2	4	2	9	18
Liverpool	...	4	0	0	4	0	4	10

DIVISION. I[I].

BRISTOL CITY *vs.* WOOLWICH ARSENAL.—At Bristol on Saturday, the 26th ultimo, the Arsenal representatives accomplished another fine performance, beating the Western club by four goals to nil. The weather was fine and the game attracted 12,000 people. Both teams were strongly represented. The home side gave another trial to Hangett, a local man, who did very well at Bradford last week. In the Arsenal team, Sands played centre half in place of Pratt. The game opened in sensational manner, Gooing and Coleman scoring in the first five minutes, and it was by these goals the visitors led at half-time. After capital play between Coleman and Briercliffe, the [illegible] was given off side. The second half opened keenly, but from a [illegible] [illegible] added the third goal for the Arsenal [illegible] and the result was: Woolwich Arsenal, [illegible] none.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTE[MBER] (INCLUSIVE).

		Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Woolwich Arsenal	...	4	4	0	0	8	[illegible]	0
Preston North End	...	4	4	0	0	8	11	2
Grimsby Town	...	5	3	1	1	7	6	3
Barnsley ...	...	4	2	2	0	6	6	2
Bolton Wanderers	...	5	2	2	1	6	6	4
Lincoln City	...	4	1	3	0	5	4	3
Burslem Port Vale	...	4	2	1	1	5	5	4
Manchester United	...	5	2	1	2	5	9	6
Burnley	...	5	1	2	2	4	2	3
Bradford ...	...	5	2	0	3	4	5	8
Bristol City	...	4	1	1	2	3	7	7
Blackpool	...	4	1	1	2	3	4	6
Gainsboro' Trinity	...	4	1	1	2	3	3	5
Leicester Fosse	...	4	0	3	1	3	3	5
Burton United	...	5	1	1	3	3	2	14
Stockport County	...	4	1	0	3	2	5	11
Chesterfield	...	4	0	2	2	1	1	3
Glossop ...	...	4	0	1	3	1	1	[illegible]

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

RECORD TO SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE).

		Plyd.	Won	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Luton Town	...	5	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	5	3
Millwall	...	5	3	1	1	7	10	7
Plymouth Argyle	...	4	3	0	1	6	6	1
Wellingborough	...	4	3	0	1	6	9	4
Reading	...	4	2	2	0	6	7	4
Southampton	...	5	2	2	1	6	10	5
Brentford	...	6	2	2	2	6	4	4
West Ham United	...	6	2	2	2	6	8	8
Kettering	...	5	2	1	2	5	5	8
Queen's Pk Rngrs.	...	4	2	0	2	4	3	2
Fulham ...	...	4	1	2	1	4	1	1
Portsmouth	...	4	2	0	2	4	6	7
Swindon	...	5	1	2	2	4	4	5
Brighton & Hove A	...	4	1	1	2	3	6	[illegible]
Bristol Rovers	...	4	1	1	2	3	6	7
Northampton	...	4	1	0	3	2	3	10
Tottenham Hotspur	...	5	0	2	3	2	0	5
New Brompton	...	4	0	1	3	1	1	7

IMPORTANT RESULTS.

THE MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Sheffield United Reserves...	5	bt	Derby County Res ...	0
Sheffield Wedy, Reserves	7	bt	Gainsbro' Trin, Res ...	1
Worksop ...	7	bt	Denaby United ...	2
Chesterfield Resrves ...	1	dr	Doncaster Rovers ...	1
Newark ...	5	bt	Gresley Rovers ...	4
Hinckley ...	5	bt	Thornhill ...	1
Barnsley Reserves ...	5	bt	Whitwick Wht Cross ...	1
Rotherham ...	2	bt	Grimsby Town Res ...	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—DIVISION 1.

Glasgow Rangers ...	5	bt	Queen's Park ...	0
St. Mirren ...	2	bt	Dundee ...	0
Celtic ...	1	bt	Hibernians ...	0
Heart of Midlothian ...	2	bt	Kilmarnock ...	1
Port Glasgow Athletic ...	1	bt	Greenock Morton ...	0
Airdrieonians ...	2	bt	Motherwell ...	1

DIVISION 2.

Falkirk ...	5	bt	Leith Athletic ...	1
Ayr ...	2	bt	East Stirlingshire ...	1
Albion Rovers ...	4	bt	St. Bernards ...	0

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OTHER MATCHES.

Athenians ...	4	bt	Connaught ...	1
Bocking ...	2	bt	Kelvedon ...	3
Bexhill ...	9	bt	Tunbridge Wells Res ...	2
Consolidated Goldfields ...	9	bt	African Banks ...	1
Clapton ...	7	bt	Northern Nomads ...	1
Casuals ...	6	bt	Richmond Associatn ...	2
Colchester Crown ...	3	bt	Royal Engineers ...	2
City Albion Reserves ...	10	bt	Mariners Reserves ...	1
Chesham Generals ...	1	bt	Maidenhd, Nrfolkns ...	0
Dreham ...	5	bt	Attleborough ...	0
Dulwich Hamlet ...	2	bt	Townley Park ...	1
Eastern Telegraph School...	8	bt	Sidcup (A) ...	0
Ealing A ...	0	dr	Old Citizens... ...	0
Ealing ...	6	bt	Limehouse Town ...	1
Eastbourne ...	1	bt	Newportonians ...	0
Finchley ...	4	bt	Cowley Athletic ...	3
Guildhall ...	4	bt	Raveley ...	...
Gresham ...	4	bt	Clapton Reserves ...	0
Grange, Walthamstow ...	6	bt	Lea Rangers ...	2
Hastings and St Leonards...	2	bt	Hampstead	0
Halstead ...	5	bt	Cambridge S Barnabas	3
Haddow ...	4	bt	Braintree	0
Haverhill Rovers ...	4	bt	St Mary's ...	0
Harwich ...	3	bt	Ipswich	1
Lloyds Bank ...	5	bt	National Bank ...	3
London Welsh ...	2	bt	Weybridge ...	0
London Caledonians ...	5		Crouch End Vampirs ...	2
Leiston ...	3	bt	Ipswich (A) ...	0
Lincoln Regiment ...	7	bt	Colchester	1
London County Council ...	4	bt	Ealing Swifts ...	2
London Welsh ...	2	bt	Weybridge ...	1
Malden ...	1	dr	Teddington ...	1
Manningtree ...	2	bt	Bentley	0
Melford ...	4	bt	Saffron Walden ...	0
Norwich City ...	7	bt	Lynn Swifts ...	0
Newportonians ...	1	dr	Eastbourne ...	1
Norwich Chuch ...	6	bt	West Ham Garfield ...	0
Norfolk ...	7	bt	Suffolk	2
New Chesterton ...	3	bt	Grantchester ...	0
Occident ...	2	bt	Grove Park... ...	1
Olympic ...	4	bt	London Devonians ...	3
[illegible] Reserves ...	2	bt	Southampton Freemntle	1
[illegible] ...	2	bt	Whiteheads ...	1
Royal Fusiliers ...	5	bt	Aldershot Town ...	0
[illegible] Priory Reserves ...	5	bt	Hamstead Reserves ...	0
[illegible] St George's ...	4	bt	Daneville	3
[illegible] Town ...	5	bt	Westgate	0
Reigate Priory Reserves	5	bt	Hampstead Rese. ...	1
Southampton Reserves ...	7	bt	Swindon Reserves ...	[illegible]
St Leonards ...	4	bt	Eastbourne Swifts ...	1
South West Ham ...	2	dr	Watford Reserves ...	2
Saxmundham ...	7	bt	Knodeshall ...	0
Sheppey United ...	3	bt	Tunbridgewells R ...	0
Selborne ...	6	bt	Christ Church ...	3
Sunderland Park ...	4	bt	West Wickham ...	1
Wingfield ...	3	bt	Lee	0
West Norwood ...	7	bt	Luton Amateurs ...	1
Windsor and Eton ...	7	bt	Kensington Town ...	2
Woodford Ferndale ...	9	bt	G E R Juniors ...	0

RUGBY RULES.

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS *vs.* HARLEQUINS.—Glorious summerlike weather, but far too hot for Rugby football, prevailed at Richmond on Saturday, when, in the presence of a fair company, the above clubs opened their season on the Old Deer Park ground. On just such a day a twelvemonth ago the same teams provided a remarkable game on Wandsworth Common, which ended in a draw of sixteen points each. The O.M.T. obtained two goals and two tries in the first half, and their opponents secured the same score in the second half. There was no repetition of this draw, but none the less a very keen well-contended match was seen, one, moreover, fought at a fine sustained pace taking the heat into consideration. The Taylors won, and deservedly, for, on the general run of play they were the smarter fifteen. With regard to the sides, both were very strong, the most notable absentees being G. W. Dillon, on tour with the Kent cricket team in America, V. Cartwright (Harlequins), and N. C. Fletcher (Old Merchant Taylors) The last-named, it may be stated, is expected to play but very little this season. The Taylors began very strongly, for, after Fox had kicked off down the slope, their forwards, by superior footwork, soon forced the ball well into the Quins' territory. At first Newton relieved with a neat run to the centre, but the invaders soon returned, and Cockell, getting his quarters going, a nice round of passing ended in Walters being pulled down well in the "25." A forward rush gained the visitors some relief, but a clever kick by Cockell placed the Quins on the defensive. Soon a favourable opening was presented to Waters, and he scored wide out, the kick taken by Raphael failing. On resuming the old boys continued to press: the forwards were certainly the smarter set, while at half Cockell and Buck were very effective, especially the first-named. If the Harlequins were rarely dangerous, they were able to prevent their line being crossed again, consequently when the interval arrived the home side held the lead. Very soon after restarting, a fine bout of passing, in which Waters, Raphael and Harding participated, was only checked in the nick of time. This was followed by a free kick in the visitors' "25." Raphael essaying a place kick that failed. Immediately afterwards, however, the international had a nice opening made for him by Cockell and Buck, and, threading his way cleverly through host of opponents, he grounded behind the posts. Draper took the shot and goaled, thus giving his side an eight-point advantage. This revers stimulated the Harlequins, and by a series of short rushes they reached the home "25." Here Newton, Stoop Smith, and Bourdas all made fruitless attempts to break through the last-named once being exceedingly well collared by Harding However, out of a loose pack near the half-way line, Stoop picked up, and by a really brilliant individual run got over amid hearty cheers, Fox placing an easy goal. Only ten minutes remained, and in this period the Quins never looked like adding to their score, the end coming with the Old Marchant Taylors winners by one goal and one try (8 points) to one placed goal (5 points)

BLACKHEATH *vs.* ROSSLYN PARK.—The Rugby season in the Metropolitan district opened on Saturday, the 26th ultimo in beautifully fine weather; in fact, the heat was far and away too great for the players, who, of course, just now are dead out of condition. But the agreeable surroundings were appreciated to the full by a large gathering of spectators, numbering, it was estimated, something like a couple of thousand. The ground, too, was in capital order. Capt. R O H Livesay, the International, appeared at half-back. He is only a few days back from South Africa, and it is a noteworthy fact that he never had a day's illness in the whole three years, whilst his prowess was rewarded with a D.S.O. He played really well in the game under notice, but it was a case of "bellows to mend" with most

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of them before the interval was reached—the captains wisely decided to play two thirties, with a view to getting fit. Kendall, the Cheshire and international half-back, was seen in a new rôle viz. as centre three-quarter back, and his try was a neat piece of work. Rosslyn Park used their feet well in the open, and, all round, were very little behind their victors, the difference lying in the combination of the two sets of backs. The home lot were making more use of their opportunities, what time Rosslyn Park, by faulty passing and indifferent work in attack failed ... of the game ... Hobbs score till the last ... Hartley (who led the team ...) Skrimshire, Rogers were seen to advantage in the club forward rank, and Brown, at the base of the scrummage was invariably good. Kendall was the best of the third line, and quite the feature of the match was the display of Russell, the London Irish man in the last line of defence. He tackled soundly and kicked well, his only error being a couple of aggravating misfields, each of which he subsequently recovered. Jefferson, Parker, and Tennant were conspicuous in the loose for the losers, but Lowrens and Davies gave their line few decent passes, King-Stephens was best of the three-quarters. Again must attention be called to the late start. The game was advertised for 3-15, and it was nearly half an hour later when it was started. The Heathens won the toss, and play settled in mid-field. Passing along the home line almost enabled Brown to get through. Rogers was then just wide from a penalty free, and a little later Pinckney in-passed to Brown, who scored the opening try for the club, which Rogers failed to improve upon. Rosslyn Park had a turn pressing and a try seemed a certainty for them, King-Stephens losing a splendid opportunity. Whetham injured his knee, and was compelled to retire. Porter from the pack, ...ing three-quarter instead. The pace became slow from this point, and the football was of a slovenly, featureless description. After a nice bout of handling, Kendall, feinting to pass to his wing, completely beat Treloar, and scored a try which failed an improvement, so that at half time Blackheath led by two tries (6 points) to nil. The game was very even in the second moiety, Blackheath again utilising every opportunity that came their way and Livesay and ... making some excellent openings, which Kendall and Pinckney and Ballingall supplemented. From one of these Pinckney received from Livesay, via Brown and got in at the corner, though he appeared to have been held up outside. The kick again failed. Shortly after, from a forward rush, Rogers dribbled to the line for Hobbs to score a further unconverted try. In the last minute of the game the pluck of the visitors was rewarded, the ball going across the three-quarter line and King-Stephens scoring. Jefferson, allowed a "no charge," landed a good goal. The result, therefore, was a comfortable win for the home fifteen, as follows: Blackheath, four tries (12 points); Rosslyn Park, one goal (5 points.)

	G.	T.		G.	T.
Glamorgan (11) ...	1	2	bt Yorkshire (3) ...	0	1

OTHER MATCHES.

Blackheath (12) ...	0	4	bt Rosslyn Park (5) ...	1	0
Blackheath (A) (10) ...	2	0	bt Beckenham (3) ...	0	1
Birkenhead Park (20 ...	—		bt Liverpool ...	0	0
Bristol (8) ...	1	1	bt Bridgwater ...	0	0
Civil Service (15) ...	3	0	bt Hampstead Wrs (5) ...	1	0
Cardiff (14) ...	1	3	bt Penarth (3) ...	0	1
Clifton (5) ...	1	0	bt Gloucester (3) ...	0	1
Coventry (39) ...	3	8	bt Burton ...	0	0
Catford Bridge (6) ...	0	2	bt Park House ...	0	0
Civil Service (A) (14) ...	1	3	bt Hampstead Wdrs ...	0	0
Catford (A) (14) ...	1	3	bt Park House (A) (8)	1	1
Dollar (6) ...	0	2	bt Perthshire ...	0	0
Devonport Albion (30)	3	5	bt Pontypridd (6) ...	0	2
Durham City (28) ...	—		bt Percy Park (5) ...	1	0
Exeter	0	0	dr Plymouth ...	0	0
EasternTelegraphSch(51)	—		bt Hmpstd Wdrs (4th) ...	0	0
Five Ways Old Edwardians (41) ...	—		bt Nottingham (11) ...	1	2
Glasgow Acad'cals (6) ...	0	2	bt Hawick ...	0	0
Hartlepool Rovers (6) ...	0	2	bt Rockcliff (5) ...	1	0
Hartlepool O. B (18) ...	3	1	bt Tudhoe ...	0	0
Hull & E Riding (31) ...	5	2	bt Batley (3) ...	0	1
Kendal (22) ...	2	6	bt Coniston (3) ...	0	1
L. & W. Bank (3rd) (16)	—		bt Three Bks (2nd) (8)	1	1
Lennox (?) (2?) ...	—		bt Hmpstd Wdrs (2nd)...	0	0
Lennox (3rd) (31) ...	5	3	bt Sheen ...	0	0
Lennox (A) (28) ...	2	6	bt Harlequins (A) ...	0	0
Lond & Westm. Bk. (46)	—		bt Three Banks ...	0	0
Leytonstone (B) (8)	1	1	bt Streatham (2nd) (3)	0	0
Newport (15) ...	0	5	bt London Welsh (8)...	1	1
Neath	3	4	bt Pontardawe ...	0	0
Northampton (9) ...	2	0	bt Handsworth (3) ...	0	1
New Brighton (16) ...	2	2	bt Liverpool O B (8) ...	1	1
North Durham (5) ...	1	0	bt Walker ...	0	0
Old Mercht Taylors (8)...	1	1	bt Harlequins (5) ...	1	0
Old Charltonians (12) ...	—		bt Streatham (A) ...	0	0
Old Whitgifns (2nd) (8)	1	1	bt Leytonstne (A) (5)...	1	0
Old Edwardians (3) ...	1	0	bt Nuneaton (3) ...	0	0
Rugby (9)	0	3	bt Camp Hill ...	0	1
Sunderland (19) ...	2	1	bt Northern (5) ...	1	0
Swansea (36) ...	6	2	bt Bridgend ...	0	0
Surbiton (A) (12) ...	—		bt L. & W. Bk (2nd (11)	—	
Skipton (8)	1	1	bt Bradford Wndrs (3)	0	1
Taunton (13) ...	2	1	bt Bath	0	0
Tredegar (3) ...	0	1	bt Aberdare ...	0	0
Waterloo (25) ...	—		bt Kersal (11) ...	1	2
Weston-super-Mare (6) ...	0	2	bt Roath	0	0
West Hartlepool (3) ...	1	1	bt Leicester (7) ...	1	1
Wakefield (5)... ...	1	0	bt OldDewsbrians (3)	0	1

ATHLETICS.

L. A. C. AUTUMN MEETING.

Not for many a long day has a m... ... London Athletic Club received the patronage accorded the fixture decided at the Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham, on Saturday the 26th ult The surroundings carried one back to the early "eighties" when pretty nearly as many thousand spectators lined the railings and filled the stand as hundreds attend nowadays. Certainly there was every inducement to attract the sport-loving public to the enclosure which will soon know the premier club no more. The weather was of a most delightful character indeed, absolutely perfect, while the programme put forward included two items important enough in themselves to arouse interest, that might, with the near approach of the end of the legitimate season, be on the wane. A gathering four thousand strong may appear a trifle to some who remember the palmy days of old "Lillie," when this number could have been multiplied by five, but bearing in mind the "empty benches" so frequently seen of late years at headquarters one has reason to feel thankful for smaller mercies. The splendid attendance secured recently at Kennington Oval by the South London H. and the success achieved in the fixture under notice go to prove that it is only necessary to introduce something with a spice of novelty about it, and put forward the best goods in the market, to revive the public interest, which has flagged somewhat of late years. Although walking races have often been taken as a source of amusement, not to say merriment it was a happy idea of the executive of the L. A. C. to issue invitations to the Stock Exchange. In May last the members of the "House" started the craze, and, though walks and wobbles followed thick and fast, nothing reached in interest the struggle decided on the Brighton road between the men from Capel court As an additional attraction that wonderful runner. Alfred Shrubb, was prevailed upon to again attack the Mile-and-a half record and with the Press giving extensive and kindly advertisements, and the weather, as stated, of a charming character, the meeting was favoured in every way. Great care had been taken by the ground custodian, Charles Perry, and with hardly a breath of wind blowing and the track in splendid condition, the critics were confident that something out of the common would be accomplished during the afternoon.

THREE-MILE CHALLENGE CUP.

Best performance. 15min 6⅗secs, by H. A Heath, 1892. (In connection with this event a "Yacht" handicap was decided, competitors receiving time allowances as stated below.)

E. S. Ward, allowed 15secs ...	1
E. R. Small, 50secs	2
J. H Bessell, 10secs	0
W. L. Cribb, 1min 20secs ...	0

Cribb made the running, followed by Bessell, Ward, and Small in the order named. At half a mile Bessell took the lead, but two laps later he stopped, and Ward taking command drew away and won pulling up by thirty yards. Time, 15mins 58⅗sec Small's time, 16min 1⅘sec. Only two finished.

100 YARDS HANDICAP.

(Handicap represents A F Duffy, Amateur Champion, at scratch. First in each heat to start in final.)

Heat 1: L F Tremeer, LAC, 1 yard start, 1; A Goodall, LAC 7½ 2; H O Whibley, SLH, 5½, 0; H Miller, LAC, 7½ 0; F Hayes LAC, 8, 0; M P S. White, Blackheath, 9¾, 0. Tremeer got well away and won by two yards. Time, 10⅕secs. Heat 2: J W. Morton, S L H, 1 yard start, 1; G F. Crump, Blackheath H., 10, 2; R S. Paine, L A C., 5¼, 0; P. W. Smith, Finchley H., 7½, 0. Won in fine style by a yard. Time, 1? ⅖sec. Heat 3: R. E. Wright, L. A. C., 8½ yards start, 1; J. A. Miller, L.A.C., 3½, 2; J. B. Densham, L.A.C., 5¼, 0; J. Metcalfe, jun., Blackheath H., 7½, 0; W. J. Basan, Blackheath H, 10, 0. Won by a foot. Time, 10⅗ secs. Heat 4; J Froggatt, Finchley H., 8 yards start, 1; J A Wells, Ware Excelsior F. C. 6, 2; R. G. Macpherson, York C.S.F.C., 3½, 0; H. F. Woodgate, Ranelagh H, 9, 0; C. M. Hole, L.A.C., 10½, 0. A close finish, won by a foot. Times 1? ⅖secs. Heat 5; L. J. de B. Reed, Finchley H., 6½ yards start, 1; E. H. Clube, S.L.H, 3½, 2; J. J. O Flynn, Haddington H., 8, 0; R. T. Beasley, Finchley H., 9½, 0; J. S Mayne, Vale of Aylesbury A.C, 12½, 0. Won by half a yard, Time, 10 sec. Heat 6; L. Newton, Reading A.C., 5 yards start, 1; F. W. Harmer, L.A.C., 7, 2; C. F. Mitchell, Highgate H., 8, 0; E. H. Flatt, L.A.C., 9¾, 0; J. E. Perrett, S. L. H. 10½, 0. Newton got up close home and won by a foot. Time 10⅗secs

FINAL HEAT.

J. W. Morton, 1 yard start ...	1
L. F. Tremeer, 1 ...	2
J. Froggatt, 8 ...	3
L. J. de B. Reed, 6½ ...	4
L. Newton, 5 ...	0
R. E. Wright, 8½ ...	0

Morton going at a great pace left Tremeer at the half distance, and finishing very strongly he won by a long half yard; a foot dividing second and third. Time—10secs.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.

(Handicap represents B. J. Blunden, Amateur Champion, at scratch.)

P. C. Crump, Blackheath H., 57 yards start ...	1
E. F. Franklin, Railway Clearing House A. C., 72 ...	2
H. W E. Sercombe, Blackheath H., 72 ...	3
P B. Dodd, S. L. H., 19	4
M. P. S White, Blackheath H., 38 ...	5

Also started: E. S. Ward, L A C, 27 yards start; J B Densham, L A C and S L H, 27; B B Cowley, S L H, 28; M P Sandeville, Blackheath H, 42; F Hayes L A C 45; C W B King, L A C, 47; J A Wells, Ware Excelsior F C, 50; H Miller, L A C, 5?; A Ausconb City Dolphin F. C., 50; A. Goodall, L.A.C., 52; G. S. Small, Bromley Conservative A. C., 62; R. H. Watson, L. A. C., 65; F. E. Dickinson, L. A. C., 70; E. R. Small, Blackheath H., 85; C. H. Spendlove, Ranelagh H., 136.

Spendlove was passed in the first lap and turning into the straight Franklin held the lead Halfway down the straight Crump joined the Clearing House man, and getting the better of a fine finish he won by three yards; two yards divided second and third, with the fourth man close up. Time, 1min, 54secs. Dodds time, 1min. 56secs.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE WALK (7 miles).

Three prizes each for level race and sealed handicap. First prize for level race presented by Mr. W. G. H. Bramson; first prize for sealed handicap presented by Mr. R. N. Basan; second prizes presented by Mr. W. J. M. Coath.

Psn.		M. S.
1	T E Hammond (3) ...	59 52⅖
2	P J Bellingham (†) ...	59 55⅕
3	H N Duke (9) ...	60 27
4	A Hare-Duke (34) ...	60 29⅖
5	S E Knights (14) ...	61 27⅖
6	J T Jull (13) ...	63 0⅖
7	W J Passmore (30) ...	64 6
8	C Nickalls, jun (18) ...	65 55⅖
9	Percy Wood (57) ...	66 6⅕
10	J Ide (16) ...	67 31
11	G Hoare (11) ...	67 31⅘
12	R H Darke (17) ...	69 19⅖
13	E Pennell (21) ...	73 10⅘

E F. Broad (1), E. Denton (10), Francis Fry (†), W. A. Steward (†), and H. Gilmour Thompson (12) also competed.

The figures in parenthesis denote the order of finishing in the Brighton Walk Those marked (†) did not take part in that event.

Directly the pistol was fired Jull jumped off with the lead, closely followed by H. N. Duke, Hammond, Hoare, and Ide, Steward bringing up the rear. Before the men had gone a hundred yards cautions were thrown out broadcast. Then the field settled down to better form, but before half a mile had been covered Fry retired. At the end of the first mile the order of the leading division was: H. N. Duke, Hammond, Jull, Bellington, Hare-Duke, and Knights, with Broad lying ninth, and Steward a long way behind last. A little later the latter was lapped, and Bellingham putting on the pace came to the front with a rattle, Hammond and the two Dukes being next. Completing two miles H. N. Duke was leading just ahead of Hammond Bellingham, and Hare-Duke with Knights fifteen yards away. Thus early the race was left to the competitors mentioned, Broad, who had been losing ground steadily, was very short and jilty in his stride at this stage and terribly ... just after making two miles and a half was disqualified for trotting. Three miles found Hare-Duke, Hammond ... H. N. Duke almost together, Knights still hanging on ... now about twenty yards away. The half distance was covered in 30mins. 0⅘sec. and at 4 miles H. N. Duke was showing the way. Knights now began to find the pace too hot, but the two Dukes, Hammond and Bellingham were battling along within a yard or two of each other. Hammond was going in splendid form, easy and graceful evidently with something in hand Just after five miles had been covered Hare-Duke and Hammond spurted away from H. N. Duke and Bellingham. The two last named answered the spurt however, and then just as the race became most exciting Hare-Duke was pulled out by G. P. Beckley. This left Hammond with a good lead, and though Duke was sent on again the bungle cost him about 100 yards. Bellingham now went after Hammond, and at six miles he was close up with the leader, H. N. Duke being seventy yards away third, and his brother half that distance behind fourth. Two laps from home Bellingham, amid much excitement, took command once more, and when the bell rang for the last circuit he was two yards ahead of Hammond. Just after passing the pavilion, however, Hammond drew level. There was a brief struggle for supremacy on the far side, but Hammond had the foot of his man, and though Bellingham recovered some ground down the straight, he was beaten, after a fine race, by eight yards. H. N. Duke was 120 yards away third, and Hare-Duke another ten yards away fourth.

The mile times were:

Mls.		M. S.	Mls.		M. S.
1	H. N. Duke ...	8 11⅕	5	A. Hare-Duke ...	42 58⅗
2	H. N. Duke ...	16 16⅕	6	Hammond ...	51 27⅖
3	A. Hare-Duke ...	25 33	7	Hammond ...	59 52⅖
4	H. N. Duke ...	34 21⅕			

Going into figures it was found that the following was the result of

THE SEALED HANDICAP.

Psn.		Start allowed M. S.	H'cap time. M. S.
1.	H. N. Duke ...	3 45 ...	58 42
2.	P. J Bellingham ...	2 30 ...	57 25⅕
3.	W J. Passmore ...	6 30 ...	57 36
4.	S E Knights ...	3 15 ...	58 12⅖

T. E. Hammond was the scratch man.

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200 YARDS HANDICAP.

(First two in each heat to start in final.)

Heat 1: L. Newton. Reading A. C., 10 yards start. 1; L. F Treemer, L. A. C., scratch, 2; R. G. Macpherson, York C.S.F C., 4, 0; P. B. Dodd, S.L.H., 8, 0; J. J. O'Flynn. Haddington H., 11, 0; H. Miller, L.A.C., 13, 0; G. F Crump, Blackheath H. 17, 0; E. H. Flatt, L.A.C., 17½, 0. Won by a yard. Time, 20⅕secs. Heat 2: J. W. Morton. S.L.H., scratch, 1; R. S. Paine L.A.C., 8½ yards start, 2; R. B. Cowley, S.L.H., 4, 0; P. C. Crump, Blackheath H., 10, 0; P. W. Smith, Finchley H., 12, 0; A. Goodall, L.A.C., 12½, 0; R. E. Wright, L.A.C, 14, 0; J. Binks, Highgate H., 15, 0 The scratch man won cleverly by two yards. Time, 20⅕secs. Heat 3: H. O. Whibley, S.L.H., 8½ yards start, 1; L. J. de B. Reed Finchley H, 11, 2; J. A. Miller, L.A.C., 4, 0; E. H. Clube, S.L.H., 5 0; F. W. Harmer, L.A.C., 0; E. H Nicass, Polytechnic H., 14, 0; W. J. Basan, Blackheath H., 18, 0; C. M. Hole, L.A.C., 19 0; T F. Cox, Metropolitan Police A.C., 17½, 0. Won by two feet. Time, 20⅕secs.

FINAL HEAT.

Newton, 10 yards start ...	...	...	1
de B Reed 11 ...	...	...	2
Morton, scratch ...	...	...	3
Treemer, scratch ...	...	...	0
Paine, 8½ ...	...	...	0
Whibley, 8½ ...	...	...	0

A splendid race, Newton got in front of Reed a score from home and stying well he won after a grand finish by a foot, rather more separated second and third. Time, 20secs.

ONE MILE AND A HALF HANDICAP.

Amateur record: 6min. 51secs. made by C. Bennett, Finchley at Stamford Bridge, 24th June 1899. Professional and world's record, 6min. 45⅕secs. by W. Cummings, at Preston, April 17th, 1880.

A Shrubb, S L H scratch ...	...	1
W G Collins, Essex B, 138 yards ...	...	2
E F Judson, Blackheath H 140	...	3

Also started: J. Binks, Highgate H. 50 yards start; E. S. Ward. L. A. C. 110; F. J. Spencer, S. L. H., 135; A. E. Vodgall, Kent A. C., 165; B. Hillyard, Thames H. and H., 170; J. Thieleman, Polytechnic H., 180; C. P. Jones, S. L. H., 190; F.D. Ashby, Blackheath H., 190; and E. E. Small, L.A.C. and Blackheath H., 195.

Small soon gave way to Thieleman and Jones, and at the half distance Shrubb, running in grand style, had got close to Binks When a thousand yards had been covered the champion was level with the Highgate harrier, and then spinning along he caught Ward, who at once pulled up. At the mile Judson was leading with Shrubb thirty yards away sixth. Here Binks joined in and paced the little South Londoner who was leading, closely followed by Collins, Ward now helped Shrubb along for a short distance, and Binks, taking him in hand down the straight, Shrubb ran all out a winner by a hundred yards in the record time of 6min 47⅗secs. His laps were covered as follows:

	M. S.		M. S.
¼ Mile ...	0 59½	1 Mile ...	4 28
½ Mile ...	2 6⅕	1¼ Mile ...	5 40⅕
¾ Mile ...	3 16⅘	1½ Mile ...	6 47⅗

Shrubb ran his 2000 yards in 5min. 7⅕secs. Record for the distance.

600 YARDS CHALLENE CUP.

Best Performance. 1min. 11⅕secs. by E. C. Bredin, 1892.

J. B. Densham	1
E. S. Ward	2
C. W. B King	3

King made the running for half the distance, but turning into the straight Densham came along at his best pace, and drawing away he won as he liked in 1min. 17⅕secs.

FIVE MILE HEAVY MARCHING ORDER RACE.

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Pte. E. S. Woodward, 2nd Herts V. B. Beds. Regt. ...	1
Pte. G. W. Coombes, 20 Middlesex (Artists) R. V. ...	2
Pte. H. W. Horton, 3rd London R. V. ...	3

The winner led all the way, but only won after a tough struggle in the last lap with Coombes, by two yards. Time, 52mins 15⅕secs.

VOLUNTEER CYCLISTS COMPETITION.

Teams to ride half a-mile, dismounting and lifting over six hurdles and firing two volleys at each set of hurdles.

3rd V.B. Essex Regiment (Team No. 2)—Corpl. Wise, Cyclists Thompson, Taylor and Kerr 1

26th Middlesex (Cyclists) R.V. (Team No. 2)—Col.-Sergt. ... Lance-Sergt. ... Cyclists A. G. Paul and E. W. 2

... Regiment (Cyclists Co.) (Team No. 1)—Sergt ... Cyclists Dunn, Saunders, and King 0

Middlesex (Cyclists) R. V. (Team No. 1)—Lance-Sergt. Hackwell, Lce-Corpl. Pettigrew Cyclist E Hunt, Bugler Aldridge 0

GOLF.

ROYAL AND ANCIENT G.C., ST. ANDREWS.

On the 1st instant the members of the Royal and Ancient G.C. held their autumn medal competition over the St. Andrews links. The meeting was almost a record one as regards numbers, 158 players having entered the list, including most of the best players of the club, amongst others Mr. R Maxwell, the amateur champion, Mr. S. Mure Ferguson, Mr. H. Ferrier Kerr, Mr Leslie Balfour Melville and Mr. Herbert Fowler. The conditions under which play was conducted were favourable for low scoring. In the early part of the day it was very threatening and heavy showers fell, but as the day advanced it brightened up and the rain kept off. The greens at first were a trifle heavy, but after a time they were all that could be wished. Play started at nine o'clock, Sir R. B. Finlay, the new captain, striking off the first ball. Despite the early hour there was a good muster of members and their friends. The medals under competition were King William IV. medal, the club gold medal, and the Glennie medal for the best aggregate score at the spring and autumn meetings. Last year Leslie Balfour Melville, who perhaps has carried off more medals than any other man, won with the then lowest recorded medal score of 77, Mr. Robert Maxwell being next at 79. Much interest was manifested in the play yesterday, and several of the couples were accompanied by a goodly retinue of onlookers. Mr. Edward Blackwell was the first to return with a fairly good card, his score being 80. Mr. Herbert Fowler, Mr. C. K. Hutchison, and Mr. J. E. Laidlay being next with 82. Much was expected from Mr. R. Maxwell, the amateur champion, and he certainly did not disappoint expectations. Starting with a 5, his score out was simply perfect, and his total was 36. Homeward he kept up his fine game, his only high figure being 6 at the Holecross, where a five might have been taken. He came home in 40, giving a total of 76, and beating the Medal record of Mr. Balfour Melville by a stroke. Mr. Maxwell's figures were:

Out: 5 4 3 5 5 4 3 3 4—36.
Home: 5 3 4 6 5 4 4 5 4—40—76.

Mr. Maxwell was warmly congratulated on his splendid score. Following two couples behind came Mr. Leslie Balfour Melville. Mr. Melville was looked upon to make a good fight, but it was not anticipated that he could improve upon his last year's performance. As usual, he played a good all-round game. He, however, took 40 to go out; homeward he improved on this by a stroke, and the score showed a 79, and he took second place. Mr. Balfour Melville's figures were:—

Out: 5 5 4 6 5 4 4 3 4—40.
Home: 4 2 4 5 5 4 5 6 4—39—79.

With Mr Balfour Melville's arrival the best of the players had returned, and although thirty-nine couples had yet to return, the interest in the competition was practically at an end. As anticipated, none of the remaining players came within sight, and Mr. Maxwell accordingly carried off the King William IV. medal with 77 and Mr. Leslie Balfour Melville the club's gold medal at 79 Mr. Maxwell again secured the George Glennie medal at 158 for both meetings. The next best scores were: Edward Blackwell, 80; W. Herbert Fowler, 82; C. K. Hutchison, 82; J. E. Laidlay, 82; J. S. Paton, 83; C. E. Gilroy, 83; Spencer H. Gollan, 84; B. B. Sharp, 84; S. Mure Fergusson, 84; Ernley Blackwell, 84; H. G. L. Simson, 85; W. Norman Bonse, 85; G. H. Aitken, 85; Rev. A. H. Cochrane, 86; F. M. Orr, 86; A. Maitland, 86; Walter R. Cook, 87; W. E. Fairlie, 87; G. M. Rutherford, 87; N. S. Sandeman, 87; R. Herbert Johnston, 87; H. Ferrier Kerr, 87; G. Scratton, jun, 87; A. G. Tait, 87; J. P. Jopp, 88; A. E.Orr, 88; G. P. Elwes, 88; A. F. Macfie, 88; J. E. Balfour Melville, 88; John Fairlie, 88; W. T. Armour. 88; Capt. A. Wolf Murray, 89; Dr. J. Goff, 89; David Anderson, 89; H. S. Ellis, 89; C. Maitland, 89; Ian Macintyre, 89; J. J. Balfour Melvile, 89; and Fred C. Tillis, 89.

THE WEASEL.

Hunting.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOXHOUNDS.

THE brilliant season of this illustrious Hunt was brought to an appropriate close by a complimentary dinner to the Master, [illegible] and all sporting Poona and his wife turned up to show their appreciation of the most excellent sport he afforded from first to last. After drinking in all loyalty to the health of the first gentleman and sportsman alive, His Majesty the King-Emperor, the toasts of the Master and Whips and of Sir Robert Low, a staunch supporter of the Hunt were drunk with musical honours. The Master made a speech, chiefly a statement of hunting affairs and a most satisfactory and encouraging statement it must have been to the members of the Hunt, while admirable speeches were made by Sir Robert and Lieut.-Colonel Bull who had lately returned from long leave. So ended the Hunting season of 1903. It was with the utmost diffidence that I accepted the proffered honour of recording its incidents. I felt that inexperience of local men and places would make my task a difficult one but if I have in my humble lines afforded a slight interest to good sportsmen who unhappily were from one cause or another unable to personally partake of the joys of the great sport my efforts will have been more than fully repaid. It is impossible to estimate all that the members of the Hunt owe to Colonel Sheringham through whose probably unique knowledge of Indian hunting they owe so wonderfully good a season nor should one I gather forget the able assistance rendered him by his whips, Mr. Armstrong and Major Chesney and the Honorary Secretary Major England, to whose unremitting interest the satisfactory financial state of affairs must to a great extent be due

SCARAMOUCH.

THE OOTACAMUND HUNT.

THE meet on the 12th inst. was at Sandy Nullah Toll Bar and the morning's sport proved most enjoyable A couple of jacks were first viewed below Rocky and hounds were soon on their line. They made for Waterfall but kept along the ghats to the Toda Cathedral, where they separated—hounds also dividing. One was hunted to Brooklands from where he climbed the hill to Rocky and going through the cover broke on the Waterfall Stream, then he ran along stream to Waterfall Shola, where he crossed, hounds losing him in Dunsandle. The remainder of the pack followed the other jack back to Rocky, where he went to ground in a nullah below. The old Pykara Road covers were next drawn blank but hounds started on a line near the junction of the old and new roads, the jack led them towards Dartmoor Vale where they threw up.

Another jack was started below Wapshare's Hare Shola and gave the field a good run. Through Wenlock, and Khed Shola along the Road where the hounds lost the scent, but they hold and picked it up again. The quarry went past the Pykara Plague Camp and running parallel to the River was lost above the falls.

Cycling.

CYCLING AND MOTORING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, *Friday, 2nd October 1903.*

IN the Motor Car Bill which comes into operation on 1st January next, no distinction beyond the registration fee is drawn between motor cycles and motor cars, and it is only natural that the owners of the former are anxious that some limit should be fixed as to how far the Act will apply to them. A conference has been held between the Auto-Cycle Club, the National Cyclists' Union and the Cyclists' Touring Club, on the matter, and they have decided to invite motor cyclists to give their views on the points arrived at by the conference. It is generally accepted that the cycle and the car should not be classed under the same category, and it is the intention of the interested bodies to lay suggestions before the Local Government Board at an early date. The question whether motor quads and the like, should be classed with motor bicycles or cars, is one to be decided.

When there is ground for complaining, by all means complain, or else the grievance will never be remedied. Cyclists have frequently referred to the selfish behaviour of certain motorists on the road, and, since we know for a fact that they have good cause for so doing, we trust that the offenders will take the hint to heart and amend their ways. But now it is the motorist's turn to complain about the thoughtlessness of cyclists. The Automobile Club have recently held a series of reliability trials for motor cars; fixtures of considerable importance to the trade and pastime alike, and sandwiched with the out and home runs were one or two hill-climbing tests. On occasion of the tests up Westerham Hill, the officials of the club were considerably inconvenienced by cyclists who would insist upon riding down the hill while the tests were on. Apart from the foolishness of riding down such a steep hill as Westerham, however powerful one's brakes may be, it was bad form of the wheelmen to interfere in this way. True they had a perfect right to use the hill, but it would have done more towards securing the consideration they desire, if they were to have shown like consideration on the above occasion.

Another council is grappling with the dust question, and are scarrying out experiments with the view of discovering som system of road making that will overcome the existing nuisance caused by the clouds of dust which rise on a windy day, or when a fast travelling motor car passes along. The council showing such enterprise is the Wandsworth Borough Council, and in the north-west corner of Wandsworth Common they have laid a long stretch of specially prepared roadway. First a three-inch layer of tarred granite broken to a fairly large gauge, is well rolled in by a steam-engine. Then another layer of 1½-inch gauge is put down and rolled, and a final layer of ½ inch metal completes the job. One would think that a road so prepared would last well and create but little dust. Its wearing will be watched with interest.

There was only one race at Canning Town track on 26th September, and that a 2 kilometre event (1 mile 427 yards), and in which but two competitors took part. Yet it was a race meeting in itself, full of intense excitement, and characterised with one of the greatest struggles that it has ever been our lot to witness. The occasion was the decision of the final heat of the World's Amateur Championship, which was declared void when run at Copenhagen on an appeal by A. L. Reed, against Ellemann the German, who then won. Ellemann objected to the decision of the Danish officials, and refused to start in the re-run final, so only A. L. Reed and J. S. Benyon competed. At the start Benyon took the lead, with Reed close up, the positions remaining unaltered until half the last lap was completed. Then Reed sprinted and drew level with his opponent, and a grand struggle took place up the finishing straight, resulting in a win for Reed by half a wheel. The crowd then jumped the fence, and in the mad stampede Benyon was knocked over, receiving a nasty leg wound and a sprained wrist.

Some boys in the district of Reading have been amusing themselves by placing nails with the points upwards on the roadway and then hiding behind a hedge, waiting to see how many cyclists would sustain a puncture. No doubt the boys thought the sport a less risky one than placing the nails on the schoolmaster's chair, but they were mistaken, for information of their "larks" was given to a police constable, who captured the lot. At the police court the fathers of the youngsters promised such conduct would not occur again, and no doubt somewhat forcibly impressed the fact on the boys at a later and more opportune moment. A small fine only was imposed.

The Washington cycle police on search for furious riding cases, have [illegible] to resort to a [illegible] to substantiate their statements, but [illegible] sixpenny cyclometer provided with speed indicators of a reliable type. These indicators are tested by a commission from police headquarters, and when found accurate are officially sealed and numbered. If the police in this country who lay themselves out for capturing offending motorists and cyclists, were mounted on motor bicycles with speed indicators attached, we would be nearer obtaining a correct statement as to speed in furious driving cases. But even then, some of the country police would be adding 10 per cent. to the speed registered to allow for any shortcomings of the indicator.

When one considers how many facilities are afforded the ready and resourceful thief, it is marvellous that cycle thefts are not more rife than they are. It is nothing to the credit of many thoughtless wheelmen that crime does not stalk rampant throughout the length and breadth of the land. Cyclists seem to have an unbounded belief in the integrity of their fellow countrymen. Would a sane person leave his watch on the mantel-piece of a coffee room at a hotel, or his change on a counter for any space of time? Then why should he leave a valuable cycle unattended in a public roadway? If a cycle is left for any length of time a chain and padlock should be used for cycle thieves will run but little risk, and as soon as they notice the chain they will leave the machine alone

A well-known oculist has been giving his opinions on goggles which is of interest to all classes of motorists because the form and quality of spectacles is a question of the utmost importance. A glass shield in front of a motor car is insufficient protection, as producing a strong draught, it whirls in the dust and other things at the side of the car. Therefore, goggles are absolutely necessary. For the lenses good clear glass free from imperfections of any kind is recommended, but is superior to either mica, celluloid, or gelatine. The edges of mica crumble away, its layers come apart, and it also loses its transparency. Celluloid and gelatine become dark with age. After exhaustive experiments [illegible] shaped periscope glass with the same refractive power at the centre as at the periphery, has been found the best, and it should have a very wide field of vision. For strong sunlight the lenses may be smoked, with carefully prepared surfaces, divergent or convergent, but neutral tint is preferable. The goggles must fit firmly, but without pressure. In spite of what has been urged to the contrary, ventilation must be provided for; and for this purpose eyelets or a wire gauze with a fine mesh should be fitted at the sides. The inner surface of the gauze as also of the goggle frame, should be black, and for those portions of the shields in contact with the skin, chamois leather covering is the most suitable.

When old stagers are asked as to the best animal they ever knew, not a few of them will mention Virago, whose career as a three-year-old was one of almost unexampled brilliancy.

She was purchased for Mr. Padwick by John Day privately from Mr. Stephenson, when a yearling, for £360, but had to go through the sale-ring at Doncaster, when he once more ostensibly became her owner at this figure or thereabouts The Danebury trainer said, before he bought her, that he had seen the finest yearling in the world, and that he should buy her for Mr. Padwick, cost what she might. He did and she turned out the best three-year-old in England, or indeed, in the world.

Virago was by Pyrrhus the First out of Virginia, by Rowton. She was a beautiful, rich, but rather dark coloured chestnut, with a little white on her off-hind pastern standing about sixteen hands high, very powerful and lengthy She had a small and generous head, with a short straight neck, but stood a little upright on her forelegs; was very quiet, and had a fine temper. Take her all in all she was a splendid mare, and quite as good as she looked.

She ran only once as a two-year-old, at the Shrewsbury Autumn Meeting. The winner was entered to be sold for £80, and Virago was unplaced. In those days it was only the winner that could be bought or claimed, or she would not have run, as her merits were too well known at the time to her party to run the least risk of losing her.

As a three-year-old she commenced her victorious career by winning the City and Suburban and Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom, a thing never done before or since on the same day. In the latter she beat Muscovite, a five-year-old, at 21lb, and he won the Cesarewitch Stakes easily, carrying 8st 3lb. The same year, at York, she won both the Great Northern and Flying Dutchman Handicaps, the One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket, the Grodwood Cup and Nassau Stakes, the Yorkshire Oaks, the Warwick and Doncaster Cup [illegible] ing ten stakes out of eleven, of the collective value of £9,750, beating seventy-five horses, and being herself only beaten in one race (T. Y. C.) by Ellermire a two-year-old and very fast, at York August meeting.

During the winter she turned roarer, and, though she was kept in training the following season, it was with indifferent success, and she was soon afterwards sent to the stud, where, however, she proved a failure.